

Container Registrations

September 2014

Release date: 11th November 2014

	Sep 14	Aug 14	Jul 14	Jun 14
Total	684	612	560	855
Business	477	338	346	487
Private	207	274	214	368

Business container rebounding

The total number of container registrations rose further by 11.8 % over September. It is also 14.0 % higher than containers registered over September 2013. The increase was due to a rebound of 41.1 % in business container registrations after having declined in the last few months. The lift was offset slightly by a decline of 24.5% in private container registrations.

In year-ended terms total container registrations rose 12.3 per cent, due mostly to a strong rise in private container registrations. This partly suggests a rise in the informal distribution sector. Business container registrations rose but only slightly over the year.

As a partial indicator, strong imports data suggest growth in the distribution sector. Banks' foreign transaction data to date supports similar growth.

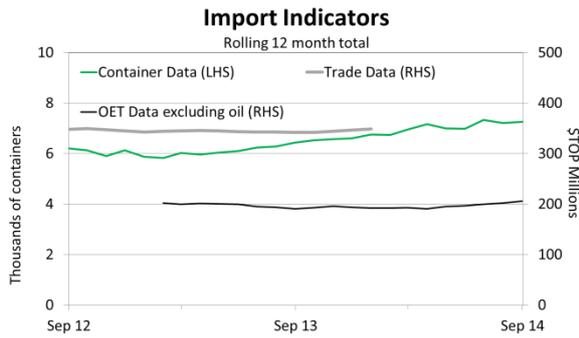
The developments in this release are exerting very limited pressure on the NRBT's foreign reserves position. Therefore NRBT will retain its current monetary policy stance.

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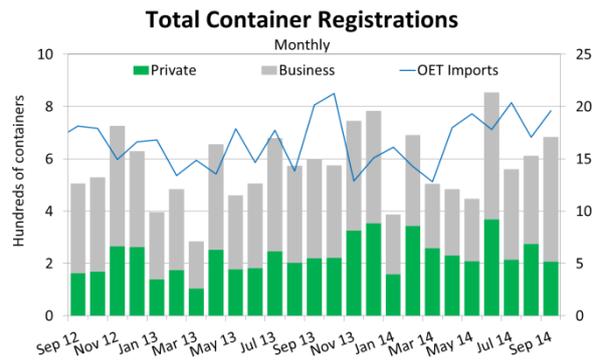
Total Number of Containers

	Month ended			Sep 13	Year ended		Share of total Sample ave.
	Sep 14	Aug 14	Jul 14		Sep 14	Sep 13	
Total containers	684	612	560	600	7331	6530	100
Business	477	338	346	380	4167	4134	57
Private	207	274	214	220	3164	2396	43

Source: Tonga Ports Authority



* Break in 2012 due to introduction of foreign exchange dealer reporting
Sources: Banking System, Foreign Exchange Dealers, Statistics Department, Tonga Ports Authority



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