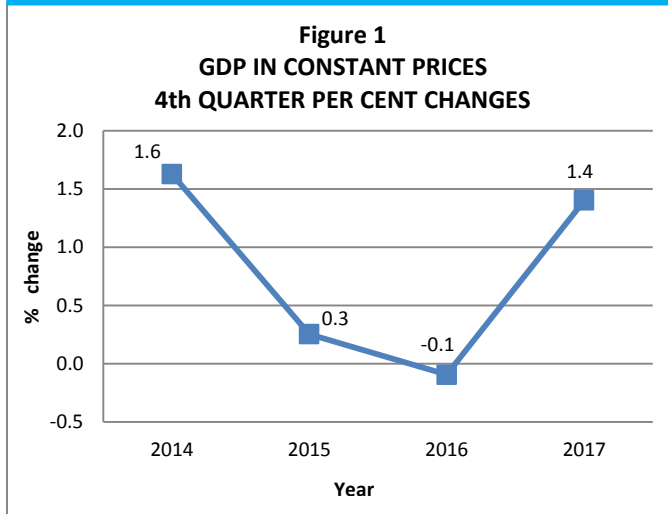


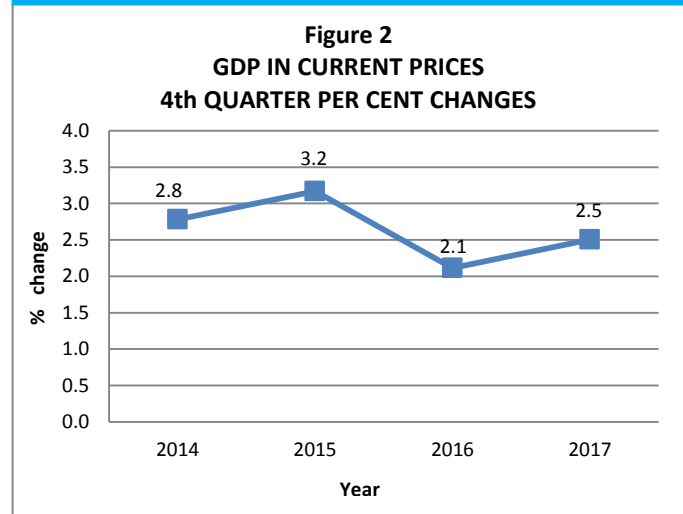


QUARTERLY GROWTH SUMMARY

CONSTANT GDP UP 1.4%



CURRENT GDP UP 2.5%



GDP GROWTH RECORDED FOR 4TH QTR 2017

During the fourth quarter 2017, quarterly GDP at constant prices was estimated at \$1,141.2 million (Table 1). This represented a 1.4 per cent increase year-over-year (Figure 1). The main driver was a \$7.7 million increase in final consumption expenditure.

In current prices, nominal GDP rose 2.5 per cent (Figure 2; Table 2). Overall inflation for the 4th quarter, as measured by the implicit price index, increased 1.1 per cent.

HIGHLIGHTS (CONSTANT PRICES)

- After adjusting for inflation, household final consumption increased by 1.4 per cent to \$651.7 million (Table 1). Increased expenditure on accommodation and catering services were offset by lower consumption of electricity and air transport services.
- Government consumption decreased 0.7 per cent during the fourth quarter (Table 1).
- Gross capital formation (i.e. investment in fixed assets) increased \$1.6 million or 0.9 per cent (Table 1) reflecting greater investment in machinery and equipment such as automobiles and industrial machinery. In contrast, capital formation related to construction registered a 1.0 per cent decline during the period.
- The net surplus on trade in goods and services increased \$6.5 million or 5.2 per cent (Table 1), due to the combined effect of a rise in the exports of goods and services and a fall in the imports of goods and services. Receipts from the exports of goods and services rose \$5.2 million due mostly to increased tourist expenditure. Imports of goods and services, which have a downward effect on GDP growth, fell by \$1.3 million reflecting lower payments for imported goods that offset a rise in the imports of services.

QUARTERLY GDP BY EXPENDITURE

Table 1 : GDP by Expenditure – CONSTANT PRICES (BD\$ millions) ^(1,2,3)
(2006=100)

	2016R Q4	2017R Q1	2017R Q2	2017R Q3	2017 Q4
FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	824.6	806.8	796.0	816.2	832.3
Household Final Consumption	642.7	626.1	605.5	621.0	651.7
Government Final Consumption	181.9	180.7	190.5	195.2	180.6
GROSS CAPITAL FORMATION	175.9	198.4	223.9	162.9	177.5
Construction	88.3	88.8	101.1	82.4	87.4
Machinery and Equipment	87.6	109.6	122.7	80.5	90.0
EXTERNAL BALANCE OF GOODS AND SERVICES	124.9	307.3	121.7	127.6	131.4
Exports of goods and services	511.7	691.9	571.6	519.5	516.9
Exports of goods	3.9	3.8	3.4	3.7	3.6
Exports of services	507.8	688.2	568.2	515.8	513.3
Imports of goods and services	386.8	384.7	449.9	391.9	385.5
Imports of goods	192.0	200.0	250.4	190.3	183.1
Imports of services	194.9	184.6	199.5	201.6	202.5
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT	1,125.4	1,312.5	1,141.5	1,106.8	1,141.2
Percentage changes ⁽⁴⁾ (%)					
	2016R Q4	2017R Q1	2017R Q2	2017R Q3	2017 Q4
FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	+0.1	+0.7	+0.7	+0.3	+0.9
Household Final Consumption	+1.0	+1.2	-0.3	+0.3	+1.4
Government Final Consumption	-3.3	-1.2	+4.0	+0.4	-0.7
GROSS CAPITAL FORMATION	+16.3	+18.6	+28.4	-4.7	+0.9
Construction	+4.5	-1.6	+16.3	-1.7	-1.0
Machinery and Equipment	+31.3	+42.3	+40.4	-7.6	+2.8
EXTERNAL BALANCE OF GOODS AND SERVICES	-17.4	-7.2	-10.2	+44.2	+5.2
Exports of goods and services	-1.4	+0.7	+7.4	+6.0	+1.0
Exports of goods	+0.2	+6.2	-13.0	-14.4	-9.0
Exports of services	-1.4	+0.6	+7.5	+6.2	+1.1
Imports of goods and services	+5.2	+7.9	+13.4	-2.4	-0.3
Imports of goods	+9.3	+13.7	+22.6	+0.4	-4.6
Imports of services	+1.5	+2.3	+3.6	-5.0	+3.9
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT	-0.1	+1.0	+3.8	+3.1	+1.4

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3. Numbers may not add due to rounding
4. All percentage changes refer to the corresponding quarter of the previous year

QUARTERLY GDP BY EXPENDITURE

Table 2 : GDP by Expenditure – CURRENT PRICES (BD\$ millions) ^(1,2,3)
(2006=100)

	2016R Q4	2017R Q1	2017R Q2	2017R Q3	2017 Q4
FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	1,060.5	1,042.4	1,030.7	1,059.5	1,083.2
Household Final Consumption	820.1	804.0	778.6	800.4	843.3
Government Final Consumption	240.4	238.4	252.1	259.1	239.9
GROSS CAPITAL FORMATION	198.0	221.4	250.9	185.0	201.4
Construction	108.7	109.6	125.5	102.5	109.0
Machinery and Equipment	89.3	111.8	125.3	82.4	92.4
EXTERNAL BALANCE OF GOODS AND SERVICES	223.8	476.2	253.5	250.5	234.7
Exports of goods and services	677.2	928.4	790.1	718.3	692.5
Exports of goods	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.9	4.7
Exports of services	672.4	923.7	785.7	713.5	687.8
Imports of goods and services	453.5	452.2	536.7	467.8	457.8
Imports of goods	223.9	231.7	293.8	226.3	216.3
Imports of services	229.6	220.5	242.8	241.5	241.4
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT	1,482.2	1,740.0	1,535.0	1,495.0	1,519.4

Percentage changes ⁽⁴⁾ (%)

	2016R Q4	2017R Q1	2017R Q2	2017R Q3	2017 Q4
FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	+2.0	+2.4	+1.9	+1.5	+2.1
Household Final Consumption	+3.0	+3.0	+0.9	+1.6	+2.8
Government Final Consumption	-1.4	+0.2	+4.8	+0.9	-0.2
GROSS CAPITAL FORMATION	+16.0	+17.2	+28.2	-3.6	+1.7
Construction	+6.3	-0.5	+18.0	-0.3	+0.3
Machinery and Equipment	+30.7	+42.0	+40.3	-7.4	+3.5
EXTERNAL BALANCE OF GOODS AND SERVICES	-7.2	-4.2	+2.8	+30.1	+4.9
Exports of goods and services	+0.9	+1.5	+10.2	+7.9	+2.3
Exports of goods	+2.1	+16.8	-7.9	-7.2	-3.6
Exports of services	+0.9	+1.5	+10.3	+8.0	+2.3
Imports of goods and services	+5.4	+8.4	+14.0	-1.2	+0.9
Imports of goods	+9.2	+13.4	+22.6	+1.9	-3.4
Imports of services	+1.9	+3.5	+5.0	-3.9	+5.2
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT	+2.1	+2.1	+5.6	+4.6	+2.5

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DEFINITIONS AND NOTES

Household Consumption

Household final consumption expenditure consists of the expenditure incurred by resident households on individual consumption goods and services including those sold at prices that are not economically significant. Household consumption in this publication represents “actual final consumption of households” since it includes goods and services as social transfers in kind from general government and non-profit institutions serving households. Household consumption also includes indirect estimates of consumption such as the imputed rent of residents living in their own dwellings.

Government Consumption

Government consumption expenditure consists of expenditure incurred by general government on both individual consumption goods and services and collective consumption services. Individual consumption includes expenditure used for the direct satisfaction of individual needs like health and education. Collective consumption includes expenditure used to satisfy the collective needs of members of the community like defence and environmental protection.

Gross Capital Formation

Gross fixed capital formation consists of net acquisitions (acquisitions less disposals) of fixed assets. Capital assets are goods that intended for use in a production process and that are expected to last for more than one year. Examples of capital assets are machinery and equipment.

Exports of goods and services

This category includes merchandise exports, re-exports of goods such as the sales of fuel to foreign airlines, exports of services and direct purchases in the domestic market by non-residents.

Imports of goods and services

This category includes merchandise imports, imports of services and direct purchases abroad by residents.

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- **Annual:** introduction of annual data following the release of the latest annual national accounts each year; annual updating of the weights used to combine component series to totals, and subsequent chaining.
- **Irregular:** for example, methodological changes. However, note that revisions of this nature are, as far as possible, incorporated to coincide with the annual cycle of revisions outlined above.

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