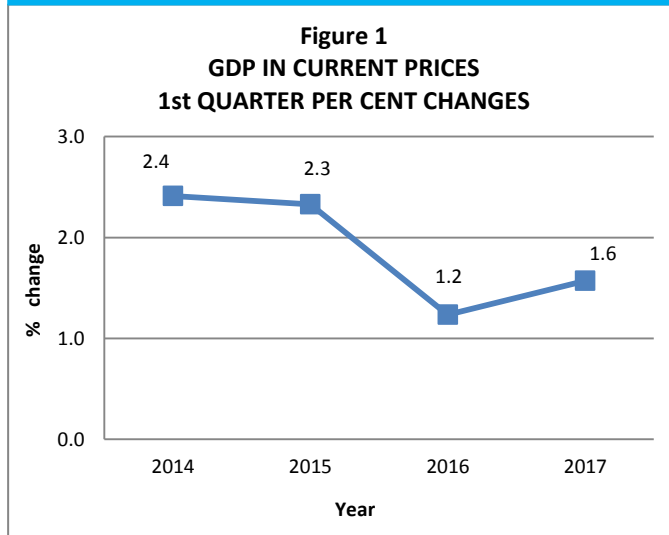


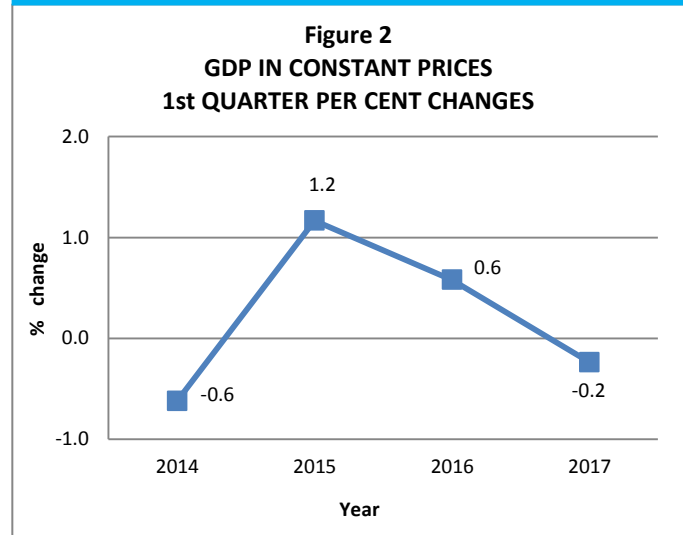


QUARTERLY GROWTH SUMMARY

CURRENT GDP UP 1.6%



CONSTANT GDP DOWN 0.2%



GDP GROWTH RECORDED FOR 1st QTR 2017

During the first quarter 2017, quarterly GDP at current prices was estimated at \$1,693.6 million. This represented a 1.6 per cent increase year-over-year (Figure 1; Table 1). The main driver was a \$27.8 million increase in gross capital formation.

After adjusting for inflation, real GDP fell 0.2 per cent (Figure 2; Table 2). Overall inflation for the 1st quarter, as measured by the implicit price index, increased 1.8 per cent.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Household final consumption increased to \$810.2 million (Table 1) reflecting increased expenditure on accommodation and catering services. After adjusting for inflation, household consumption rose 0.3 per cent (Table 2).
- Government consumption increased 1.8 per cent due mostly to higher expenditure on goods and services (Table 1). After adjusting for inflation, government consumption grew 0.7 per cent (Table 2).
- Gross capital formation (i.e. investment in fixed assets) increased \$27.8 million or 14.3 per cent (Table 1) reflecting higher investment in machinery and equipment such as transport equipment. In real terms, gross capital formation advanced 15.7 per cent (Table 2).
- The net surplus on trade in goods and services decreased \$23.7 million or 5.3 per cent (Table 1), due primarily to higher payments for imports of goods and services. Imports of goods and services, which have a downward effect on GDP growth, rose \$36.6 million reflecting higher payments for imported goods as well as increased outlays for professional and management consultancy services. In contrast, receipts from the exports of goods and services rose \$12.9 million due partly to increased tourist expenditure and revenue collected for government services provided to non-resident companies. In real terms, the net surplus on trade in goods and services decreased 9.5 per cent (Table 2).

QUARTERLY GDP BY EXPENDITURE

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

	2016R Q1	2016R Q2	2016R Q3	2016 Q4	2017 Q1
FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	1,027.4	1,011.7	1,040.4	1,057.9	1,049.5
Household Final Consumption	792.4	773.7	788.1	820.9	810.2
Government Final Consumption	235.0	238.0	252.3	237.0	239.3
GROSS CAPITAL FORMATION	193.8	190.8	182.0	193.5	221.6
Construction	115.0	104.6	94.1	104.2	111.3
Machinery and Equipment	78.9	86.1	87.9	89.3	110.4
EXTERNAL BALANCE OF GOODS AND SERVICES	446.2	234.0	144.1	192.8	422.5
Exports of goods and services	887.6	728.1	649.0	682.9	900.5
Exports of goods	3.8	4.6	5.0	4.6	4.5
Exports of services	883.7	723.5	644.0	678.4	896.0
Imports of goods and services	441.4	494.1	504.8	490.2	478.0
Imports of goods	203.5	238.5	221.8	224.0	235.4
Imports of services	237.9	255.5	283.0	266.2	242.6
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT	1,667.4	1,436.5	1,366.6	1,444.2	1,693.6
Percentage changes ⁽⁴⁾ (%)					
	2016R Q1	2016R Q2	2016R Q3	2016 Q4	2017 Q1
FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	+3.6	-0.6	+1.7	+0.6	+2.1
Household Final Consumption	+4.1	-0.1	+0.7	+1.3	+2.2
Government Final Consumption	+1.8	-2.3	+5.2	-1.7	+1.8
GROSS CAPITAL FORMATION	+8.5	+3.2	+11.0	+13.9	+14.3
Construction	+27.1	+4.5	+4.6	-0.6	-3.2
Machinery and Equipment	-10.6	+1.7	+18.7	+37.1	+39.9
EXTERNAL BALANCE OF GOODS AND SERVICES	-6.4	+16.5	-20.1	-11.9	-5.3
Exports of goods and services	-1.0	+5.7	-2.6	+1.7	+1.5
Exports of goods	-24.1	-22.6	-12.4	-3.9	+17.7
Exports of services	-0.9	+5.9	-2.5	+1.8	+1.4
Imports of goods and services	+5.2	+1.2	+3.8	+8.3	+8.3
Imports of goods	+5.3	-1.8	+3.3	+10.1	+15.7
Imports of services	+5.1	+4.2	+4.2	+6.8	+2.0
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT	+1.2	+2.3	0.0	+0.3	+1.6

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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 – CONSTANT PRICES (BD\$ millions) ^(1,2,3)
(2006=100)

	2016R Q1	2016R Q2	2016R Q3	2016 Q4	2017 Q1
FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	808.8	791.8	812.3	823.1	812.0
Household Final Consumption	627.9	609.7	620.4	643.0	630.0
Government Final Consumption	180.9	182.1	191.9	180.0	182.1
GROSS CAPITAL FORMATION	171.4	169.8	162.7	172.3	198.4
Construction	94.3	85.5	76.7	84.7	90.2
Machinery and Equipment	77.1	84.3	86.0	87.6	108.2
EXTERNAL BALANCE OF GOODS AND SERVICES	348.9	163.0	83.3	126.4	315.7
Exports of goods and services	725.6	578.9	510.9	543.2	721.7
Exports of goods	3.4	3.7	4.1	3.7	3.6
Exports of services	722.2	575.2	506.8	539.5	718.1
Imports of goods and services	376.7	415.9	427.6	416.8	406.0
Imports of goods	175.5	203.4	189.5	192.2	203.5
Imports of services	201.1	212.5	238.1	224.6	202.5
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT	1,329.2	1,124.7	1,058.3	1,121.7	1,326.1
Percentage changes ⁽⁴⁾ (%)					
	2016R Q1	2016R Q2	2016R Q3	2016 Q4	2017 Q1
FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	+2.3	-1.8	+0.2	-1.4	+0.4
Household Final Consumption	+2.7	-1.5	-0.8	-0.8	+0.3
Government Final Consumption	+0.9	-3.1	+3.7	-3.3	+0.7
GROSS CAPITAL FORMATION	+6.6	+2.9	+11.1	+14.7	+15.7
Construction	+25.5	+3.3	+3.3	-2.2	-4.4
Machinery and Equipment	-10.0	+2.4	+19.1	+37.8	+40.3
EXTERNAL BALANCE OF GOODS AND SERVICES	-5.6	+18.4	-27.7	-14.6	-9.5
Exports of goods and services	-0.5	+5.7	-3.0	+1.7	-0.5
Exports of goods	-25.8	-22.8	-11.1	-5.7	+7.0
Exports of services	-0.3	+5.9	-2.9	+1.7	-0.6
Imports of goods and services	+4.9	+1.4	+3.9	+7.9	+7.8
Imports of goods	+5.0	-1.4	+3.6	+10.2	+16.0
Imports of services	+4.7	+4.3	+4.2	+6.0	+0.7
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT	+0.6	+1.4	-1.3	-1.0	-0.2

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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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