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# Balance of Payments: Jan to Mar 2016

Trade in goods and services, income, current and capital transfers, transactions in UK external assets and liabilities, and levels of identified assets and liabilities.



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# 1. Main points

The United Kingdom's (UK) current account deficit was £32.6 billion in Quarter 1 (January to March) 2016, down from a revised deficit of £34.0 billion in Quarter 4 (October to December) 2015. The deficit in Quarter 1 (January to March) 2016 equated to 6.9% of gross domestic product (GDP) at current market prices, down from 7.2% in Quarter 4 (October to December) 2015, which remains the largest proportion since quarterly records began in 1955.

The narrowing in the current account deficit was mainly due to a narrowing in the deficits on secondary income and primary income, partially offset by a slight widening in the total trade deficit.

The total trade deficit widened to £12.0 billion in Quarter 1 (January to March) 2016, from £11.6 billion in Quarter 4 (October to December) 2015. This was due to the trade in services surplus narrowing by £0.5 billion, partially offset by a slight narrowing in the trade in goods deficit (£0.1 billion).

The primary income deficit narrowed slightly to £14.9 billion in Quarter 1 (January to March) 2016, from £15.1 billion in Quarter 4 (October to December) 2015. The small narrowing was mainly due to a narrowing in the deficits on portfolio investment and other investment. These were partially offset by a widening in the deficit on direct investment.

The deficit on secondary income narrowed by £1.6 billion, from £7.3 billion in Quarter 4 (October to December) 2015 to £5.7 billion in Quarter 1 (January to March) 2016. This was due to payments decreasing more than receipts.

The financial account recorded a net inflow of £33.9 billion during Quarter 1 (January to March) 2016.

The international investment position recorded UK net liabilities of £127.8 billion at the end of Quarter 1 (January to March) 2016.

## 2. Summary

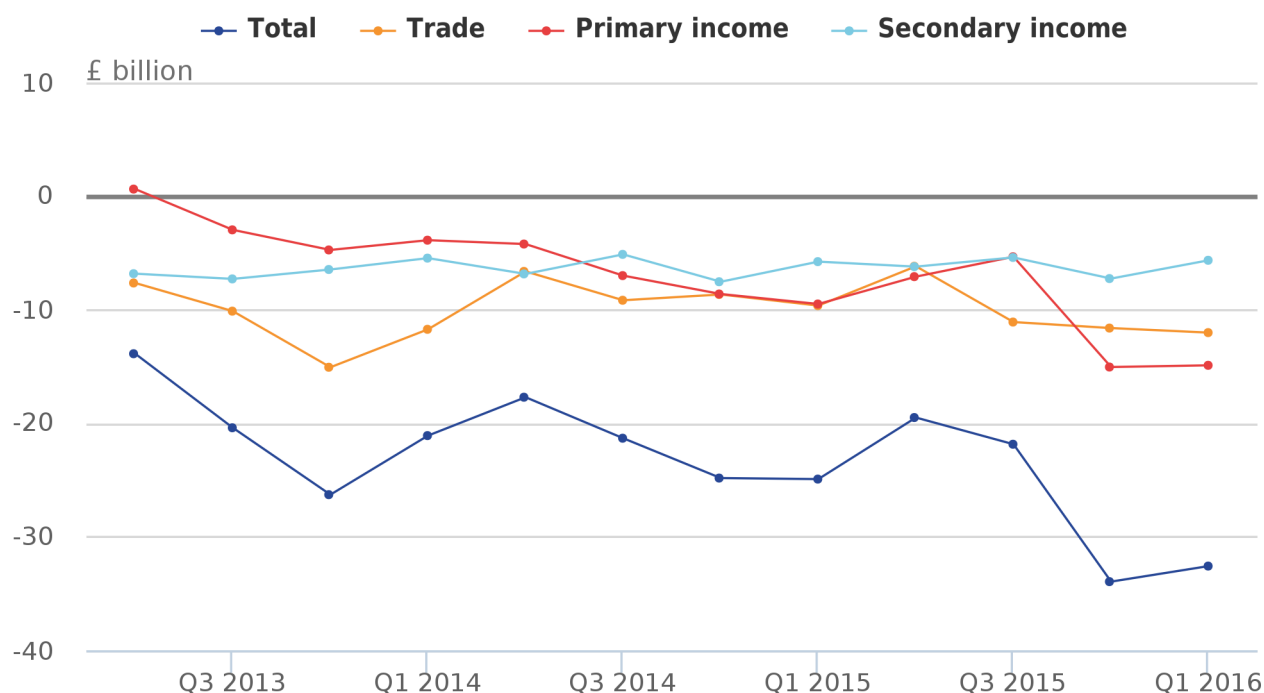
The balance of payments summarises the economic transactions of the UK with the rest of the world. These transactions can be broken down into 3 main accounts: the current account, the capital account and the financial account.

The current account comprises the trade in goods and services account, the primary income account and secondary income account. The difference in the monetary value of these accounts is known as the current account balance. A current account balance is in surplus if overall credits exceed debits, and in deficit if overall debits exceed credits.

The sum of the current and capital account balances are equal to the balance of the financial account. As the capital account is relatively small in comparison, the current account and financial account can be said to be counterparts.

The current account balance plus the capital account balance measures the extent to which the UK is a net lender (that is, in surplus) or net borrower (that is, in deficit). The UK has run a combined current and capital account deficit in every year since 1983, and every quarter since Quarter 3 1998.

**Figure 1: UK current account balances (seasonally adjusted), Quarter 2 (Apr to June) 2013 to Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2016**



Source: Office for National Statistics

#### Notes:

1. Q1 refers to Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar), Q2 refers to Quarter 2 (Apr to June), Q3 refers to Quarter 3 (July to Sept) and Q4 refers to Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec).

## Quarter 1 2016 overview

In Quarter 1 2016, the UK was a net borrower of £32.4 billion, down from £34.4 billion in Quarter 4 2015. This was due to the narrowing in the current account deficit of £1.4 billion and a switch in the capital account from a deficit of £0.5 billion in Quarter 4 2015 to a surplus of £0.2 billion in Quarter 1 2016.

The £0.4 billion widening in the total trade deficit was mainly due to a narrowing of £0.5 billion in the trade in services surplus, as exports decreased by £0.5 billion and imports remained virtually unchanged from Quarter 4 2015. Partially offsetting this was a slight narrowing in the deficit on trade in goods of £0.1 billion. The narrowing in the trade in goods deficit was due to exports increasing by £0.9 billion while imports rose by £0.8 billion.

The £0.2 billion narrowing in the total primary income deficit from Quarter 4 2015 was mainly due to the narrowing in the deficits on portfolio investment and other investment of £0.8 billion and £0.3 billion respectively. Partially offsetting the improvement in the portfolio investment and other investment balances in Quarter 1 2016 was a further deterioration in the balance on income of direct investment of £1.0 billion.

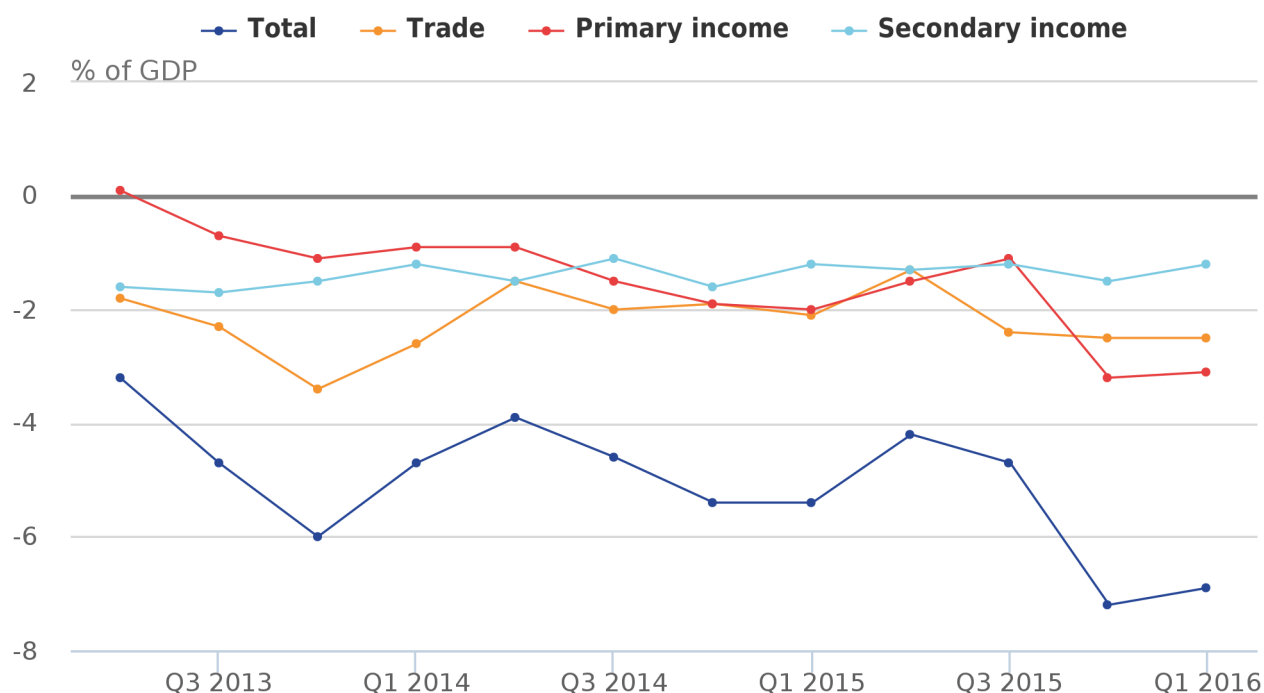
The £1.6 billion narrowing in the secondary income deficit in Quarter 1 2016 to £5.7 billion was due to payments decreasing more than receipts.

## Notes for Summary

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### 3. Current account balances as percentage of GDP

Figure 2: UK balances as percentage of GDP, Quarter 2 (Apr to June) 2013 to Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2016



Source: Office for National Statistics

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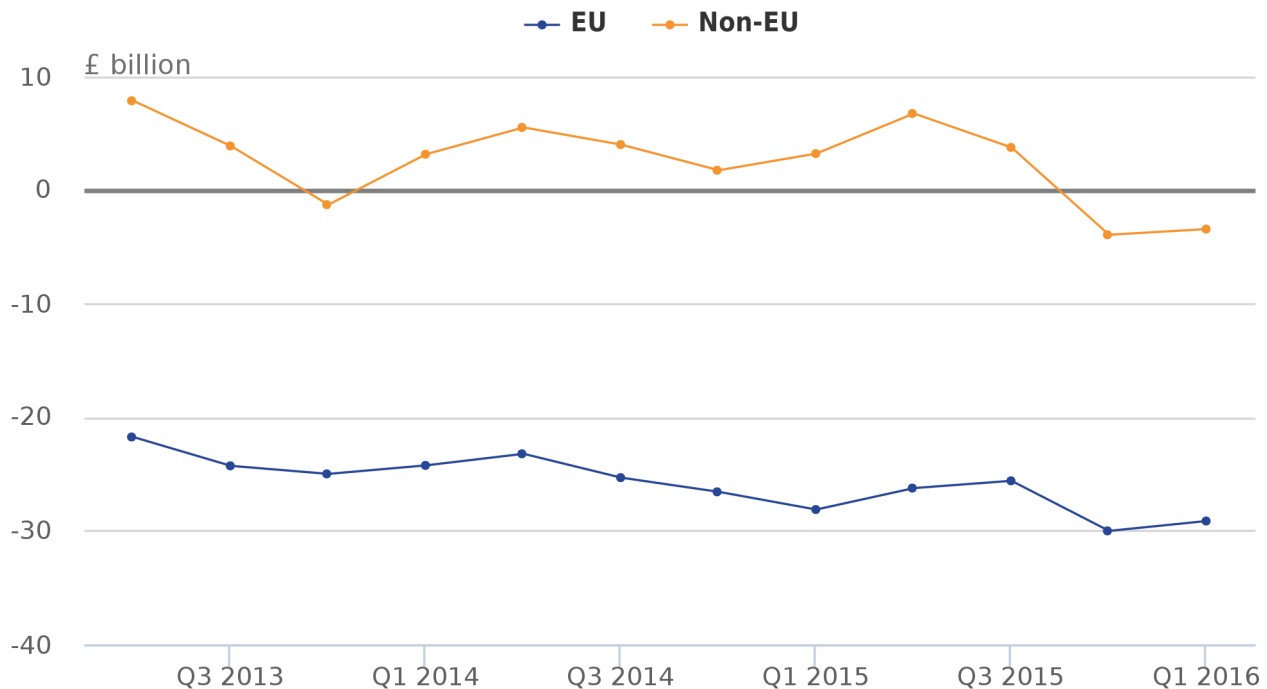
The current account deficit equated to 6.9% of gross domestic product (GDP) at current market prices in Quarter 1 2016, compared with 7.2% in Quarter 4 2015. The deficit on trade in goods and services was equivalent to 2.5% of GDP in Quarter 1 2016, unchanged from Quarter 4 2015. The deficit on primary income equated to 3.1% of GDP in Quarter 1 2016, compared with a deficit equivalent to 3.2% in Quarter 4 2015. The deficit on secondary income equated to 1.2% of GDP in Quarter 1 2016, compared with 1.5% in Quarter 4 2015.

#### Notes for Current account balances as percentage of GDP

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## 4. Current account with EU and non-EU countries (Table C)

**Figure 3: UK current account balances with EU and non-EU countries (seasonally adjusted), Quarter 2 (Apr to June) 2013 to Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2016**



Source: Office for National Statistics

**Notes:**

1. Q1 refers to Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar), Q2 refers to Quarter 2 (Apr to June), Q3 refers to Quarter 3 (July to Sept) and Q4 refers to Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec).

A current account deficit of £29.2 billion was recorded with the EU in Quarter 1 2016, compared with a deficit of £30.0 billion in Quarter 4 2015. This was mainly due to the deficit on secondary income narrowing from £3.6 billion in Quarter 4 2015 to £2.6 billion in Quarter 1 2016. Additionally, the deficit on total trade narrowed from £18.1 billion in Quarter 4 2015 to £17.6 billion in Quarter 1 2016. Partially offsetting these was a slight widening in the deficit on primary income from £8.3 billion in Quarter 4 2015 to £9.0 billion in Quarter 1 2016.

The current account deficit with non-EU countries also narrowed from £4.0 billion in Quarter 4 2015 to a deficit of £3.4 billion in Quarter 1 2016. This was mainly due to the primary income deficit narrowing from £6.7 billion in Quarter 4 2015 to a deficit of £5.9 billion in Quarter 1 2016. Additionally, the deficit on secondary income narrowed from £3.7 billion in Quarter 4 2015 to £3.1 billion in Quarter 1 2016. Partially offsetting these was a narrowing in the surplus on total trade from £6.5 billion in Quarter 4 2015 to £5.6 billion in Quarter 1 2016.

### Notes for Current account with EU and non-EU countries (Table C)

1. Throughout this release Quarter 1 refers to January to March, Quarter 2 refers to April to June, Quarter 3 refers to July to September, and Quarter 4 refers to October to December.

## 5. Trade in goods (Table E) and services (Table F)

**Figure 4: UK trade in goods and services balances (seasonally adjusted), Quarter 2 (Apr to June) 2013 to Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2016**



**Source:** Office for National Statistics

**Notes:**

1. Q1 refers to Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar), Q2 refers to Quarter 2 (Apr to June), Q3 refers to Quarter 3 (July to Sept) and Q4 refers to Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec).

Trade in goods covers transactions in general merchandise for which changes of ownership occur between UK residents and the rest of the world. General merchandise (with some exceptions) refers to moveable goods.

The trade in goods deficit in Quarter 1 2016 was £34.3 billion, slightly narrower than the £34.4 billion deficit recorded in Quarter 4 2015. The slight narrowing in the deficit in Quarter 1 2016 was due to exports rising by £0.9 billion while imports rose by £0.8 billion.

The increase in exports was mainly attributed to a £0.8 billion increase in chemicals and a £0.4 billion increase in cars. These increases were partially offset by a £0.5 billion decrease in exports of oil.

The increase in imports was primarily due to a £1.3 billion rise in mechanical machinery. There were also rises in miscellaneous manufactures (£0.8 billion) and unspecified goods (£0.6 billion). These increases were partially offset by falls in imports of oil (£1.3 billion) and food and live animals (£0.7 billion).

Trade in services covers the provision of services by UK residents to non-residents and vice versa. It also covers transactions in goods which are not freighted out of the country in which transactions take place, for example, purchases for local use by foreign forces in the UK, or by UK forces abroad and purchases by tourists. Transactions in goods which are freighted into or out of the UK are included under trade in goods.

The trade in services surplus was £22.3 billion in Quarter 1 2016, a decrease of £0.5 billion from Quarter 4 2015. Exports fell by £0.5 billion from Quarter 4 2015, to £57.9 billion, with imports almost unchanged from Quarter 4 2015, at £35.6 billion.

The fall in exports was mainly due to a fall in the export of other business services of £3.1 billion. Partially offsetting this was a rise in the export of most other types of services such as telecommunication, computer and information services rising by £0.8 billion, transport services rising by £0.7 billion and manufacturing and maintenance services rising by £0.6 billion.

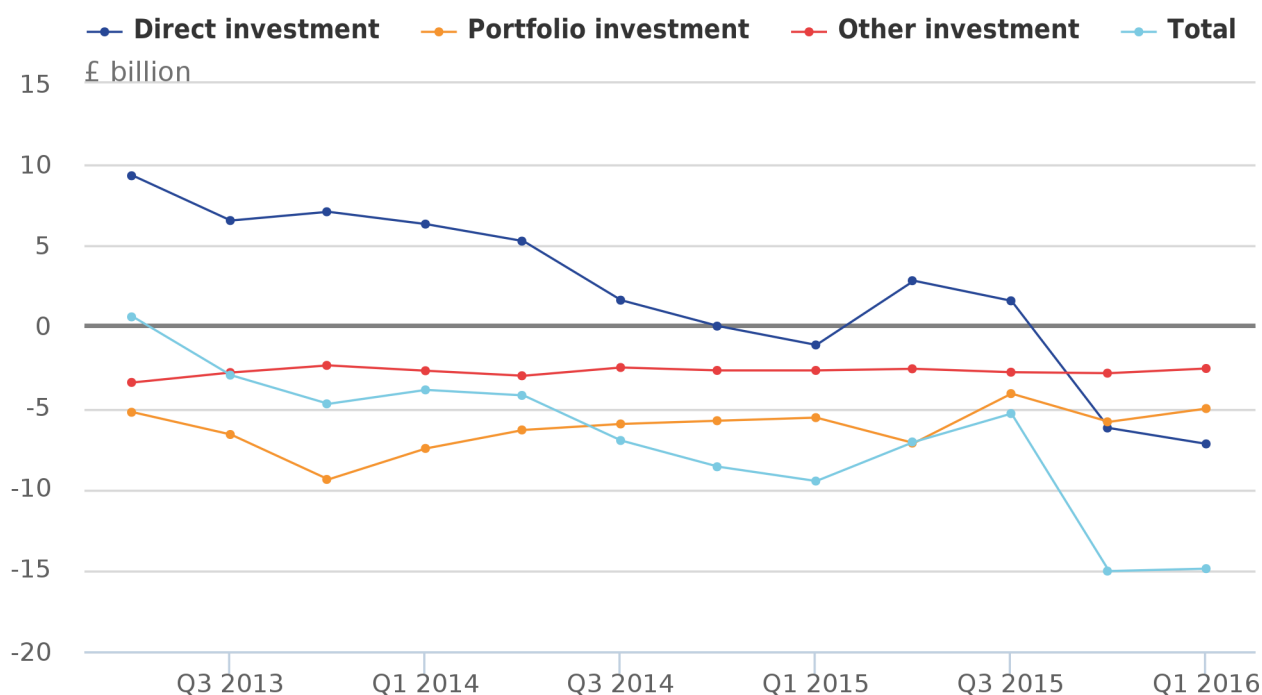
While total imports of services remained almost unchanged there were offsetting increases and decreases within the components, the most notable movement being a decrease of £1.4 billion in the import of travel services. This decrease was offset by smaller increases in most services such as an increase of £0.6 billion in the imports of other business services.

## Notes for Trade in goods (Table E) and services (Table F)

1. Throughout this release Quarter 1 refers to January to March, Quarter 2 refers to April to June, Quarter 3 refers to July to September, and Quarter 4 refers to October to December.

## 6. Primary income account (Table G)

**Figure 5: UK primary income account balances (seasonally adjusted), Quarter 2 (Apr to June) 2013 to Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2016**



Source: Office for National Statistics

### Notes:

1. Q1 refers to Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar), Q2 refers to Quarter 2 (Apr to June), Q3 refers to Quarter 3 (July to Sept) and Q4 refers to Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec).

The primary income account is comprised of compensation of employees, investment income and other primary income.

Compensation of employees presents remuneration in return for the labour input into the production process contributed by an individual. In the international accounts, compensation of employees is recorded when the employer (the producing unit) and the employee are resident in different economies.

Investment income covers earnings (for example, profits, dividends and interest payments and receipts) arising from foreign investment in financial assets and liabilities. Credits are the earnings of UK residents from their investments abroad and other foreign assets. Debits are the earnings of foreign residents from their investments in the UK and other UK liabilities. The flow of investment in the financial account is recorded separately from earnings, although reinvested earnings of companies with foreign affiliates are a component of both. The total value of UK assets and liabilities held at any time is also recorded separately under the international investment position.

Other primary income covers earnings from rent and taxes, and subsidies on production and on the import of goods. Under the Balance of Payments Manual fifth edition, taxes and subsidies on production and on the import of goods were classified to secondary income (previously titled current transfers). The recording of rent was previously classified to other investment income.

The primary income deficit narrowed slightly from £15.1 billion in Quarter 4 2015, to £14.9 billion in Quarter 1 2016.

The balance on compensation of employees recorded a deficit of £43 million in Quarter 1 2016, a narrowing from a deficit of £73 million in Quarter 4 2015.

The balance on direct investment income widened from a deficit of £6.2 billion in Quarter 4 2015, to a deficit of £7.2 billion in Quarter 1 2016. The widening was due to receipts falling £2.7 billion from Quarter 4 2015 to £10.2 billion in Quarter 1 2016, while payments only fell £1.7 billion from Quarter 4 2015 to £17.4 billion in Quarter 1 2016.

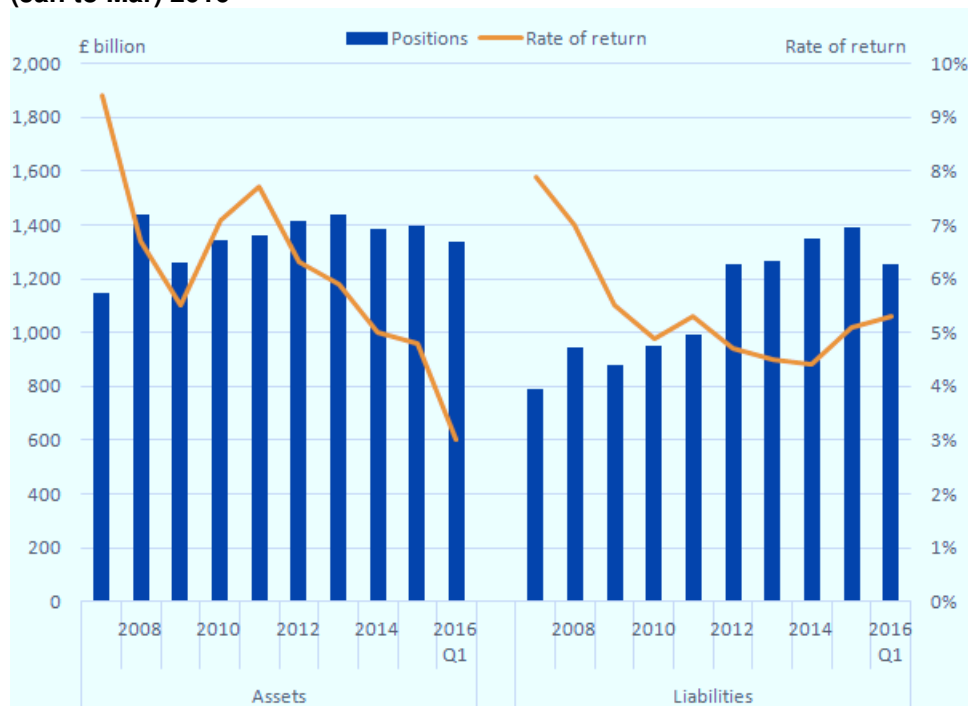
The fall in total UK receipts from direct investment abroad during Quarter 1 2016 (£2.7 billion) was broad-based with all sectors recording a decrease in earnings except for monetary financial institutions which recorded a small increase (£0.2 billion). The largest decreases in receipts were reported by private non-financial corporations (£2.2 billion) and insurance companies (£0.7 billion).

Apart from UK monetary financial institutions all other UK sectors recorded decreased payments to their foreign direct investors in Quarter 1 2016, notably private non-financial corporations (£0.6 billion) and other financial intermediaries (£0.5 billion).

The deterioration in Quarter 1 2016 of the balance on direct investment income reflects a recent downward trend. On an annual basis, the value of the stock of UK foreign direct investment (FDI) assets rose to £1,397 billion in 2015, up £13 billion on the 2014 level. Despite the rise in assets, the value of credits continued to follow a downward trend in 2015, falling by £5 billion to £66 billion. This marks the fourth consecutive decline since 2011, when credits were £105 billion.



**Figure 6: UK direct investment positions and rates of return (non-seasonally adjusted), 2007 to Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2016**



The decline in credits over this period largely reflects continuing deteriorations in rates of return, which have fallen from a peak of 7.7% in 2011 to 5.0% in 2014, and have fallen further in 2015 to 4.8%. Annualised rates of return for Quarter 1 2016 indicate a further decline in the rate of return, having fallen to an estimated 3.0%.

The value of the stock of UK FDI liabilities in 2015 recorded a further rise of £40 billion to £1,390 billion. The value of debits also recorded a further increase, rising by £12 billion to £69 billion. The rise in debits since 2011 has been largely driven by increases in the level of UK liabilities as the indicative rates of return have fallen over the same period from 5.3% in 2011 to 4.4% in 2014. This fall was smaller when compared to the fall in the rate of return on assets. In contrast to assets, the rate of return on liabilities has improved in recent quarters, and increased to 5.1% in 2015.

Annualised earnings estimates for Quarter 1 2016 suggest that rates of return have increased further, rising to 5.3% for the first quarter.

In this publication we have implemented the foreign direct investment annual benchmark data, please see background notes, “What’s new? This quarter” for further information.

The portfolio investment income deficit narrowed by £0.8 billion between Quarter 4 2015 and Quarter 1 2016, to £5.0 billion. This was due to a narrowing in the deficit in both equity securities and debt securities of £0.3 billion and £0.5 billion respectively.

The deficit on earnings from other investment also narrowed slightly (£0.3 billion), to £2.6 billion in Quarter 1 2016.

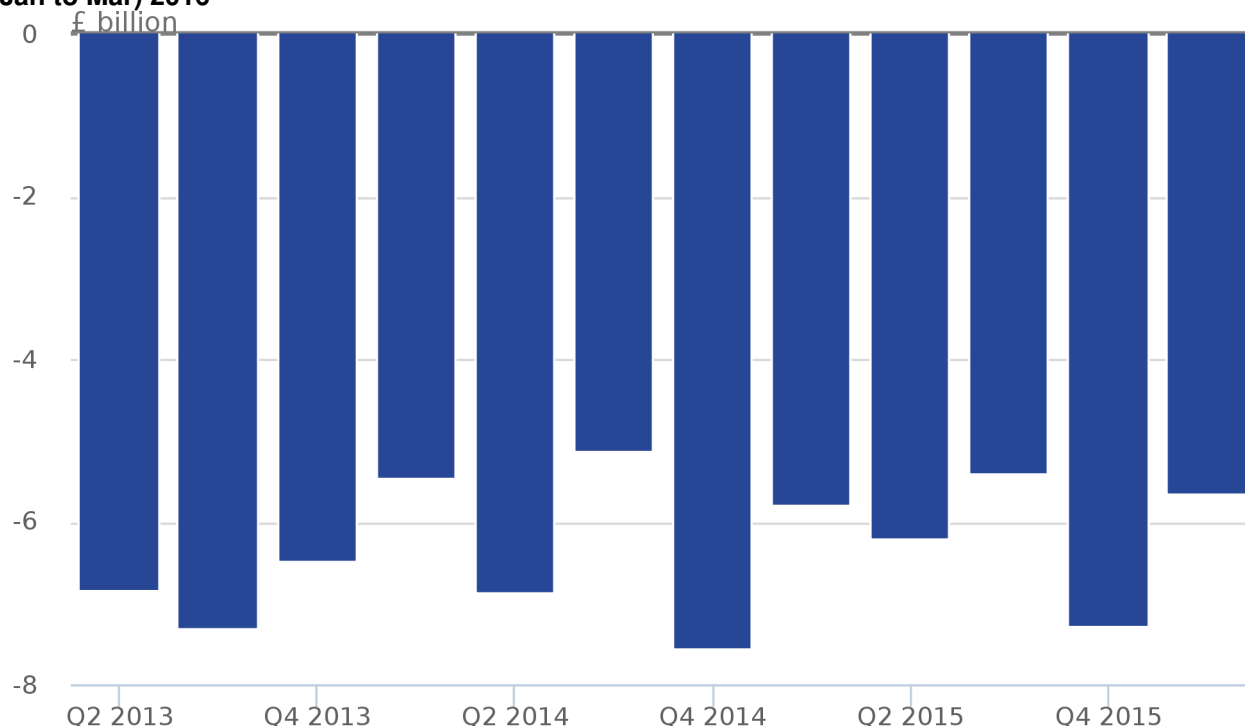
The deficit on other primary income was £0.3 billion in Quarter 1 2016, virtually unchanged from Quarter 4 2015.

## Notes for Primary income account (Table G)

1. Throughout this release Quarter 1 refers to January to March, Quarter 2 refers to April to June, Quarter 3 refers to July to September, and Quarter 4 refers to October to December.

## 7. Secondary income account (Table H)

**Figure 7: UK secondary income balance (seasonally adjusted), Quarter 2 (Apr to June) 2013 to Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2016**



**Source:** Office for National Statistics

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Secondary income represents the provision (or receipt) of an economic value by one party without directly receiving (or providing) a counterpart item of economic value. In plain terms, this is a transaction representing “something for nothing” or without a quid pro quo. Transfers can be in the form of money or of goods or services provided without the expectation of payment. General government transfers include receipts, contributions and subscriptions from or to European Union (EU) institutions and other international bodies, bilateral aid and military grants.

The deficit on secondary income narrowed from £7.3 billion in Quarter 4 2015 to £5.7 billion in Quarter 1 2016. This was due to payments decreasing more than receipts.

It should be noted that the quarterly path of net contributions to EU institutions can be erratic due to the timing of payments.

### Notes for Secondary income account (Table H)

1. Throughout this release Quarter 1 refers to January to March, Quarter 2 refers to April to June, Quarter 3 refers to July to September, and Quarter 4 refers to October to December.

## 8. Capital account (Table I)

The capital account comprises 2 components: capital transfers and the acquisition or disposal of non-produced, non-financial assets.

Under BPM6, there is no longer a requirement to record migrant transfers. The manual clarifies that the change in the residence does not involve a transaction between 2 entities but a change in status.

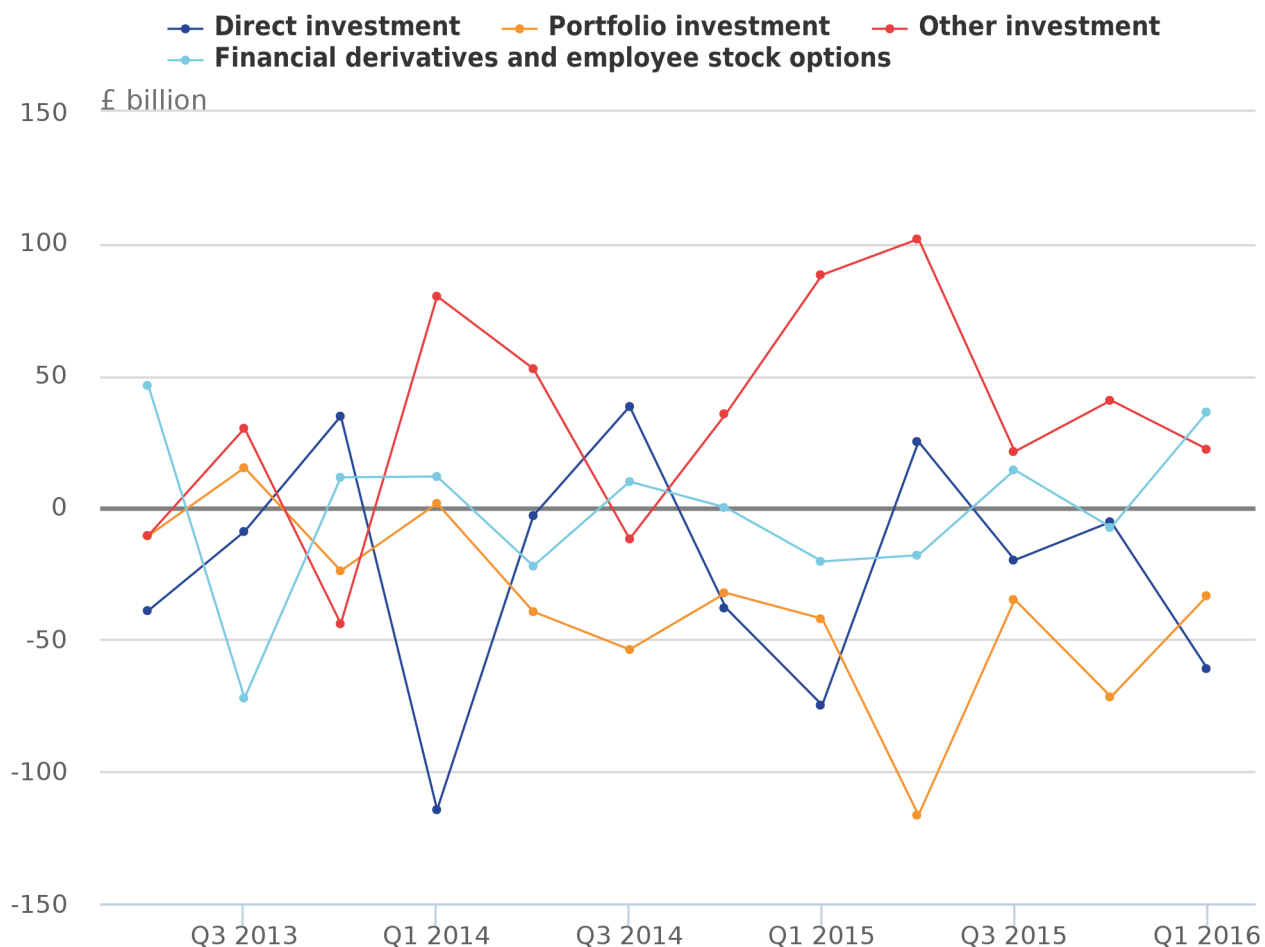
Capital transfers are those involving transfers of ownership of fixed assets, transfers of funds associated with the acquisition or disposal of fixed assets, and cancellation of liabilities by creditors without any counterparts being received in return. As with current transfers, they can be subdivided into general government transfers and other sectors transfers. The main sources of information are government departments (Department for International Development and HM Treasury) and the Bank of England. Compensation payments from the EU are also included here, for example, payments related to the destruction of animals to combat BSE and foot and mouth disease.

The sale or purchase of non-produced, non-financial assets covers intangibles such as patents, copyrights, franchises, leases and other transferable contracts, and goodwill. It also covers transactions involving tangible assets that may be used or needed for the production of goods and services but have not themselves been produced, such as land and sub-soil assets. The use of such assets is recorded under trade in services as royalties and license fees; only the outright purchase or sale of such assets is recorded in the capital account.

The capital account recorded a surplus of £0.2 billion in Quarter 1 (January to March) 2016, a switch from a deficit of £0.5 billion in Quarter 4 (October to December) 2015.

## 9. Financial account (Table J)

**Figure 8: UK financial account balances (not seasonally adjusted), Quarter 2 (Apr to June) 2013 to Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2016**



**Source:** Office for National Statistics

**Notes:**

1. Q1 refers to Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar), Q2 refers to Quarter 2 (Apr to June), Q3 refers to Quarter 3 (July to Sept) and Q4 refers to Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec).

The financial account covers transactions that result in a change of ownership of financial assets and liabilities between UK residents and non-residents, for example, the acquisitions and disposals of foreign shares by UK residents.

The total financial account showed a net inflow (that is, more money flowing into the UK) of £33.9 billion in Quarter 1 2016, compared with a net inflow of £42.0 billion in Quarter 4 2015.

Direct investment recorded a net inflow (that is, more money flowing into the UK) of £61.0 billion in Quarter 1 2016, compared with a net inflow of £5.4 billion in Quarter 4 2015.

For further information on the impact of foreign direct investment acquisitions and disposals, please see background notes, understanding the data, part 2 interpreting the data. In this publication we have implemented the foreign direct investment annual benchmark data, please see background notes, "What's new? This quarter" for further information.

Portfolio investment recorded a net inflow (that is, more money flowing into the UK) of £33.4 billion in Quarter 1 2016, a decrease from a net inflow of £71.8 billion in Quarter 4 2015. The decreased inflow in portfolio investment was mainly due to non-residents switching from net investment of £77.2 billion in Quarter 4 2015 to net disinvestment of £11.9 billion in Quarter 1 2016. UK residents also switched from net investment of £5.4 billion to net disinvestment of £45.4 billion over the same time period.

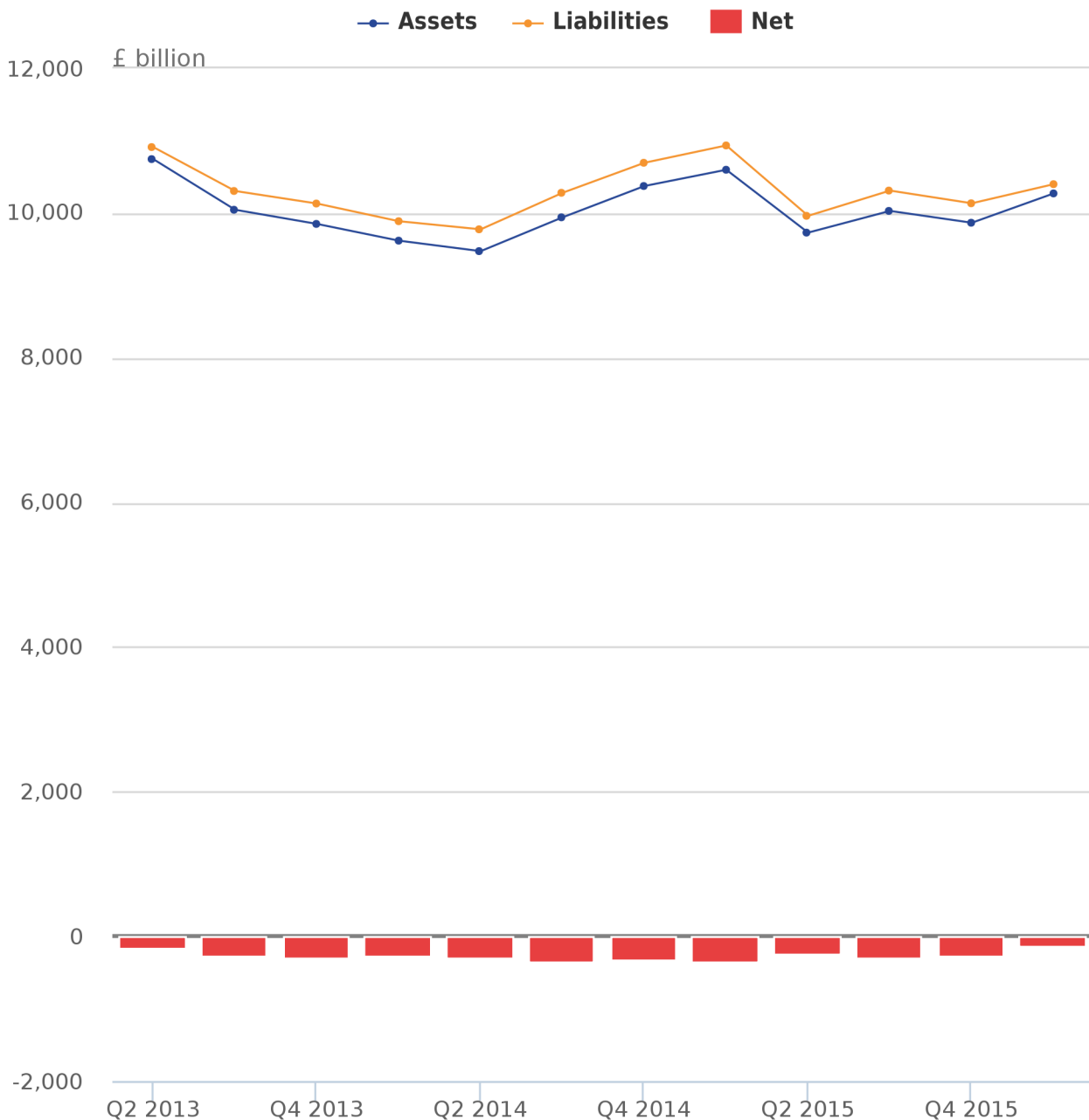
Financial derivatives and employee stock options showed net settlement receipts of £36.2 billion in Quarter 1 2016, following net settlement payments of £7.5 billion in Quarter 4 2015.

Other investment in Quarter 1 2016 recorded a net outflow (that is, more money flowing from the UK) of £22.1 billion, compared with a net outflow of £40.6 billion in Quarter 4 2015.

Reserve assets showed net investment of £2.3 billion in Quarter 1 2016, a slight increase from net investment of £2.1 billion in Quarter 4 2015.

## 10. International investment position (Table K)

**Figure 9: UK net international investment position (not seasonally adjusted), Quarter 2 (Apr to June) 2013 to Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2016**



**Source: Office for National Statistics**

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The international investment position brings together the available estimates of the levels of identified UK external assets (foreign assets owned by UK residents) and identified UK external liabilities (UK assets owned by foreign residents) at the end of each calendar period.

The international investment position showed net external liabilities (that is, liabilities exceed assets) of £127.8 billion at the end of Quarter 1 2016, compared with net external liabilities of £269.1 billion at the end of Quarter 4 2015.

UK external assets abroad increased by £405.5 billion from the end of Quarter 4 2015, to a level of £10,272.1 billion at the end of Quarter 1 2016. The increase in the stock of UK external assets in Quarter 1 2016 was mainly due to an increase in the stock of financial derivatives and employee stock options, portfolio investment and other investment. Partially offsetting these was a decrease in the stock of direct investment.

UK external liabilities increased by £264.2 billion in Quarter 1 2016, to a level of £10,399.9 billion. The increase in UK external liabilities in Quarter 1 2016 was mainly due to an increase in the stock of financial derivatives and employee stock options, portfolio investment and other investment in the UK. Partially offsetting these was a decrease in the stock of direct investment.

## Notes for International investment position (Table K)

1. Throughout this release Quarter 1 refers to January to March, Quarter 2 refers to April to June, Quarter 3 refers to July to September, and Quarter 4 refers to October to December.

## 11. Summary of revisions

Data in this release have been revised from Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 1997. Revisions tables are included in the balance of payments reference tables (Tables R1, R2 and R3). A [detailed assessment of indicative changes to the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position](#) annually for 1997 to 2014 can be found in an article published on 7 June 2016.

The changes and improvements implemented in this release and set out in the impact article can be split into 2 categories:

1. improvements as a result of adhering to European System of Accounts 2010 (ESA10) international standards, which have been incorporated into this release and are consistent with the National Accounts and Balance of Payments in Blue Book 2016 and Pink Book 2016
2. other regular improvements, methodological changes and corrections

Table 1 summarises the impact of these changes on 2015.

**Table 1: Summary of impact by change on 2015**

Change	Summary of change	Impact 2015
Current account impacting changes		
Improvements to the method for estimating the value of imputed rental on second homes in the UK and abroad.	Improvements to the value of imputed rental on second homes in the UK impacted the value of inward imputed rental and outward imputed rental.	Current account impacts: Trade balance Revision of £0.7 billion
UK listed shares and mutual funds and bonds.	An issue was identified with the levels of shares, mutual funds and bonds. These levels are under-reported in most periods from 2011 onwards. This issue also affects unlisted shares (minimal impact) and the level of dividend and bond interest receipts between sectors.	Current account impacts: Primary income balance Revision of -£2.4 billion Other impacts: Financial account and International Investment Position

Source: Office for National Statistics

In addition to changes highlighted above which are due to improvements, methodological changes and corrections, which have carried through to Quarter 1 2016, revisions are also due to:

Trade in goods – Revisions from Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2015 reflect revised data from HM Revenue and Customs and other data suppliers, revised estimates of trading associated with VAT Missing Trader Intra-Community (MTIC) fraud, revised survey data on trade prices and a reassessment of seasonal factors. Further information on trade is available in the [UK Trade April 2016 statistical bulletin](#).

Trade in services – Revisions from Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2015 are due to updated transport survey information and administrative sources and a reassessment of seasonal factors.

Secondary income account – Revisions to the secondary income account are due to revised source data for transfers involving the UK government, the use of the latest data for various ONS surveys and a reassessment of seasonal factors.

Capital account – Revisions to the capital account are attributable to revised source data from HM Treasury and the ONS International Trade in Services survey.

Primary income, financial account and international investment position – Revisions from Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2015 reflect new and revised survey data, a reassessment of coverage adjustments to data from the Bank for International Settlements and a reassessment of seasonal factors. Revisions also reflect new estimates from the Bank for International Settlements.

Quarterly revisions to the current account balance as a percentage of GDP – Revisions to the current account balance as a percentage of GDP in this release may be due to revisions to the current account detailed above and / or changes to nominal GDP.

Table 2 provides revisions to the current account balance as a percentage of GDP annually between 2012 to 2015 and quarterly between Quarter 1 2013 to Quarter 4 2015.



**Table 2: UK Balance of Payments revisions to current account balance as a percentage of GDP, Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2016**

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Period	Current account balance as a percentage of GDP previously published	Current account balance as a percentage of GDP latest estimate	Total current account balance as a percentage of GDP revisions (percentage points)	
2012	-3.3	-3.7	-0.4	
2013	-4.5	-4.4	0.1	
2014	-5.1	-4.7	0.4	
2015	-5.2	-5.4	-0.2	
2013 Q1	-4.2	-3.7	0.5	
2013 Q2	-3.2	-3.2	0.0	
2013 Q3	-4.6	-4.7	-0.1	
2013 Q4	-6.0	-6.0	0.0	
2014 Q1	-4.5	-4.7	-0.2	
2014 Q2	-4.1	-3.9	0.2	
2014 Q3	-5.5	-4.6	0.9	
2014 Q4	-6.2	-5.4	0.8	
2015 Q1	-5.3	-5.4	-0.1	
2015 Q2	-4.1	-4.2	-0.1	
2015 Q3	-4.3	-4.7	-0.4	
2015 Q4	-7.0	-7.2	-0.2	

Source: Office for National Statistics

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## 12. Background notes

### What's new?

#### This quarter

In accordance with the National Accounts revisions policy, the current revision period is open from Quarter 1 (January to March) 1997.

The Quarter 1 (January to March) 2016 Balance of Payments dataset contains revised Trade in Services estimates compared with those published in the [UK Trade bulletin on 9 June 2016](#). The minor revisions are due to methodological changes, late data returns and the balancing process applied during the compilation of the gross domestic product (GDP) estimates. The [trade in goods estimates have also been revised, due to methodological changes](#) outlined in an article published on 7 June 2016.

The Balance of Payments utilises information from our quarterly Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) survey and annual FDI survey to produce estimates of FDI. In the short term, the quarterly survey is used within the Balance of Payments and then later revised when the more comprehensive annual survey data become available, known as the FDI benchmark process. This benchmark process is an annual reconciliation between the quarterly and annual surveys utilised in the production of FDI data. The quarterly survey for outward and inward FDI has 680 and 970 sampled enterprise groups respectively; these increase to 2,100 and 3,500 enterprise groups respectively on an annual basis. The increased sample size and responses being taken from audited annual accounts, rather than quarterly management accounts, can result in revisions. This annual process ensures that the Balance of Payments and Annual Foreign Direct Investment publications are coherent.

We carry out the FDI benchmarking process on an annual basis and at the earliest opportunity. We published annual estimates for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) on 3 December 2015 - FDI bulletin for 2014; the release included the first estimates for 2014 from the annual FDI survey and revised estimates for 2013. Within this release we have incorporated the 2013 and 2014 FDI benchmarks.

#### Future revision period

The next Balance of Payments release for Quarter 2 (April to June) 2016 will potentially contain revisions from Quarter 1 (January to March) 2015.

#### Review of the contents of the Pink Book 2016

Following a review of the changes to the Pink Book 2015 format we will be introducing further changes to the Pink Book 2016, due for release on 29 July 2016. Instead of describing key events in each individual chapter the accompanying text will bring together and link events across each of the accounts.

### Understanding the data

#### 1. Short guide to Balance of Payments

A [brief introduction to the United Kingdom balance of payments](#) provides an overview of the concepts and coverage of the UK balance of payments using the Balance of Payments Manual sixth edition.

## 2. Interpreting the data

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) acquisitions and disposals impact on numerous parts of the Financial Account and International Investment Position (IIP). A corporate deal between a UK company and a non-UK company would feature in the equity capital component of the Financial Account and IIP. Other categories of the accounts would also be impacted depending on how any such deal was financed. In some cases equity securities would form the payment and impact on Portfolio Investment. In other cases cash would be used and impact on Other Investment, while some deals would use a combination of equity and cash. It should be noted that as elements of a corporate deal filter through the accounts the impacts would be smaller and potentially dwarfed by other transactions.

Following a review conducted by the Bank of England, we now presents estimates of income from Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for all sectors of the economy on a current operating performance basis from 1999. Prior to this, estimates for monetary financial institutions will be on an all inclusive basis which means that holding gains and losses are still included.

Import figures for Trade in Goods include adjustments to allow for the impact of trade associated with VAT MTIC fraud. The adjustments were introduced for the first time in the UK Trade May 2003 First Release published on 9 July 2003. The adjustments are added to the EU import estimates derived from Intrastat returns.

An article [explaining MTIC fraud and the impact on the trade figures](#) was published on 9 July 2003. A report on [further research into MTIC fraud](#) was published on 17 February 2005, which summarises the work carried out to review the estimates of the impact on the trade figures.

Changes to the pattern of trading associated with MTIC fraud can make it difficult to analyse trade by commodity group and by country, as changes in the impact of activity associated with this fraud affect both imports and exports. Originally, most carousel chains only involved EU member states. From 2004 in particular, some carousel chains included non-EU countries, for example, Dubai and Switzerland. However, the MTIC trade adjustments are added to the EU import estimates derived from Intrastat returns, as it is this part of the chain that is not generally recorded. In particular, adjustments affect trade in capital goods and intermediate goods - these categories include mobile phones and computer components, which are still the most widely affected goods.

Figures for total exports and imports less adjustments for trade associated with VAT MTIC fraud are given in the [monthly UK Trade Statistical Bulletin](#).

From Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2010, we have included financial derivatives business of UK securities dealers in both the UK's financial account (flows) and the international investment position (stocks). The inclusion of this data improves the sector coverage of financial derivatives which previously included only data on financial derivatives business of UK banks.

An article detailing the [improvements to the coverage of derivatives within the United Kingdom Economic Accounts](#) was published on 25 October 2011.

Figures for the most recent periods are provisional and subject to revision in light of: (a) late and corrected responses to surveys; (b) revisions to seasonal adjustment factors which are re-estimated annually; and (c) annual benchmarking of surveys.

## 3. Definition and explanation

A [glossary of terms used in the UK balance of payments](#) is available on our website and includes new terms used within BPM6.

## 4. Special events

An [article outlining our policy on special events](#) can be found on our website.

## Methods

More detailed [methodological notes for the UK balance of payments](#) are available on our website.

## 1. Composition of the data

Table C provides an EU/non-EU breakdown of the current account and is presented on an EU28 basis.

International investment position statistics are based on recording direct investments at book values, and other assets and liabilities at estimated market values. These estimates are likely in some respects to be deficient in scope and coverage. Quarterly estimates tend to be less reliable because they are largely based on cumulated flows and not reported levels.

In theory, every credit entry should be matched by a corresponding debit so that total current, capital and financial account credits should be equal to, and therefore offset by, total debits. In practice there is a discrepancy termed net errors and omissions. The net errors and omissions are shown on Table A.

## 2. Seasonal adjustment

Current and capital accounts are seasonally adjusted. Financial account and international investment position data are not seasonally adjusted.

When compiling the geographic breakdown of primary income, secondary income and trade in services, the EU countries are seasonally adjusted. The non-EU seasonally adjusted figure is calculated by subtracting the seasonally adjusted EU total from the seasonally adjusted world total. Both EU and non-EU data are seasonally adjusted for trade in goods; these are aggregated to form the world total.

## 3. Applying annual benchmark data

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) statistics are collated using a combination of data from the quarterly and annual surveys, both for outward and inward investment. The quarterly survey for outward and inward FDI has 680 and 970 sampled enterprise groups respectively, these increase to 2,100 and 3,500 enterprise groups on the annual survey. Quarterly data are used in the short term to estimate FDI statistics and these data are updated each year through an annual benchmarking process.

The larger annual sample size and responses - taken from audited annual accounts, rather than quarterly management accounts - can result in revisions. A range of methods are used to benchmark the various FDI variables and their constituent components. For earnings and flows, the difference is allocated evenly or proportionately according to the data from the quarterly FDI survey, across the quarters of the year being benchmarked. For the investment position, otherwise referred to as the stock of investment, Quarter 4 is constrained to the investment position data from the annual survey. The quarterly path for Quarter 1 to Quarter 3 is determined by data from the quarterly survey, so that the movements are maintained, but the values reflect the pre-determined values in Quarter 4.

# Quality

## 1. Basic quality information

Common pitfalls in interpreting series are the following:

- expectations of accuracy and reliability in early estimates are often too high
- revisions are an inevitable consequence of the trade off between timeliness and accuracy
- early estimates are based on incomplete data

Very few statistical revisions arise as a result of “errors” in the popular sense of the word. All estimates, by definition, are subject to statistical “error”, but in this context the word refers to the uncertainty inherent in any process or calculation that uses sampling, estimation or modelling. Most revisions reflect either the adoption of new statistical techniques, or the incorporation of new information which allows the statistical error of previous estimates to be reduced. Only rarely are there avoidable “errors” such as human or system failures, and such mistakes are made quite clear when they do occur.

## 2. Summary Quality Report

The [balance of payments Statistical Bulletin Summary Quality Report](#) is available on our website.

### 3. National Accounts revisions policy

The data in this statistical bulletin are subject to revisions following our [National Accounts Revision policy](#).

Estimates for the most recent quarters are provisional and, as usual, are subject to revision in light of updated source information. We provide analysis of past revisions in the Balance of Payments and other statistical bulletins which present time series.

### 4. Revision triangles

Revisions to data provide one indication of the reliability of main indicators. The table shows summary information on the size and direction of the revisions which have been made to the data covering a 5 year period. A statistical test has been applied to the average revision to find out if it is statistically significantly different from zero. An asterisk (\*) shows that the test is significant.

Table 3 covers estimates first published in the balance of payments from September 2008 (Quarter 2 (April to June) 2008) to June 2013 (Quarter 1 (January to March) 2013).

**Table 3: UK Balance of Payments revisions analysis**

Current account (seasonally adjusted)			£ million
	Value in latest period	Revisions between first publication and estimates three years later	
		Average over the last 5 years	Average over the last 5 years without regard to sign (average absolute revisions)
Credits (HBON)	162,104	5,469*	6,068*
Debits (HBOO)	194,697	4,212*	5,525*
Net (HBOP)	-32,593	1,257*	2,468*

Source: Office for National Statistics

[Spreadsheets giving revisions analysis \(real time databases\) of estimates from 1996 to date and the calculations behind the averages in the table](#) are available on our website.

An [article analysing balance of payments current account revisions](#) was published in the May 2007 edition of Economic and Labour Market Review.

## Publication policy

Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from our Media Relations Office. Also available is a [list of the organisations given pre-publication access](#) to the contents of this bulletin.

## Accessing data

The complete run of data in the tables of this statistical bulletin is available to view and download in electronic format through ONS Time Series Data. Users can download the complete bulletin in a choice of zipped formats, or view and then download their own sections of individual series. The [Time Series Data](#) can be accessed on our website.

Further balance of payments data is available online in our quarterly publication [United Kingdom Economic Accounts \(UKEA\)](#).

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## Summary of statistics for Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2016

£ billion

	Latest quarter	Record since	Record highest	Record lowest
<b>Current account (net)</b>				
Trade in goods	-£34.3	Largest deficit since 2015 Q4	£1.6 (1981 Q1)	-£34.4 (2015 Q4)
Trade in services	£22.3	Largest surplus since 2015 Q4	£24.4 (2014 Q4)	£0.0 (1965 Q3)
Primary income	-£14.9	Largest deficit since 2015 Q4	£10.9 (2005 Q2)	-£15.1 (2015 Q4)
Secondary income	-£5.7	Largest deficit since 2015 Q4	£0.3 (1982 Q1)	-£7.5 (2014 Q4)
Current balance	-£32.6	Largest deficit since 2015 Q4	£2.7 (1981 Q1)	-£34.0 (2015 Q4)
<b>Capital account (net)</b>				
Capital balance	£0.2	Largest surplus since 2015 Q1	£0.5 (2007 Q4)	-£1.6 (2006 Q2)
<b>Financial account (net)</b>				
Direct Investment	-£61.0	Largest net inflow since 2015 Q1	£98.5 (2000 Q1)	-£114.5 (2014 Q1)
Portfolio investment	-£33.4	Largest net inflow since 2015 Q4	£135.9 (2012 Q3)	-£122.7 (2008 Q4)
Financial derivatives	£36.2	Largest net settlement receipts since 2013 Q2	£63.3 (2008 Q1)	-£72.2 (2013 Q3)
Other investment	£22.1	Largest net investment since 2015 Q4	£101.8 (2015 Q2)	-£171.3 (2012 Q3)
Reserve assets	£2.3	Largest net investment since 2015 Q3	£12.6 (2015 Q1)	-£2.6 (2001 Q1)
<b>International investment position (net)</b>				
Direct investment	£79.2	Largest net asset position since 2015 Q2	£494.2 (2008 Q4)	£6.9 (2015 Q4)
Portfolio investment	-£318.8	Largest net liability position since 2015 Q4	£162.9 (1993 Q4)	-£590.4 (2010 Q3)
Financial derivatives	£24.6	Largest net asset position since 2014 Q3	£138.1 (2009 Q1)	-£37.6 (2007 Q1)
Other investment	-£8.6	Largest net liability position since 2015 Q4	-£3.2 (1987 Q1)	-£424.9 (2002 Q2)
<b>Reserve assets</b>	<b>£95.9</b>	<b>Largest net asset position recorded</b>	<b>£95.9 (2016 Q1)</b>	<b>£1.1 (1970 Q3)</b>

# A Summary of balance of payments Balances (net transactions)

£ million

		2014	2015	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>												
<b>Current account</b>												
Trade in goods and services												
Trade in goods	BOKI	-122 575	-126 331	-28 953	-29 399	-31 165	-33 058	-33 793	-26 289	-31 838	-34 411	-34 305
Trade in services	IKBD	86 352	87 763	17 210	22 763	21 988	24 391	24 145	20 103	20 738	22 777	22 273
Total trade	IKBJ	-36 223	-38 568	-11 743	-6 636	-9 177	-8 667	-9 648	-6 186	-11 100	-11 634	-12 032
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	IJAJ	-470	-203	-76	-89	-139	-166	-47	-100	17	-73	-43
Investment income	HBOM	-22 642	-35 756	-3 730	-3 950	-6 700	-8 262	-9 226	-6 722	-5 095	-14 713	-14 551
Other primary income	MT5X	-654	-1 057	-87	-187	-175	-205	-234	-280	-271	-272	-312
Total primary income	HBOJ	-23 766	-37 016	-3 893	-4 226	-7 014	-8 633	-9 507	-7 102	-5 349	-15 058	-14 906
Secondary income												
General government	FNSV	-20 844	-20 478	-4 362	-5 960	-4 055	-6 467	-4 708	-5 061	-4 490	-6 219	-4 517
Other sectors	FNTC	-4 165	-4 199	-1 106	-899	-1 082	-1 078	-1 069	-1 160	-918	-1 052	-1 138
Total secondary income	IKBP	-25 009	-24 677	-5 468	-6 859	-5 137	-7 545	-5 777	-6 221	-5 408	-7 271	-5 655
<b>Current balance</b>	HBOP	<b>-84 998</b>	<b>-100 261</b>	<b>-21 104</b>	<b>-17 721</b>	<b>-21 328</b>	<b>-24 845</b>	<b>-24 932</b>	<b>-19 509</b>	<b>-21 857</b>	<b>-33 963</b>	<b>-32 593</b>
<b>Capital balance</b>	FNVQ	<b>-415</b>	<b>-1 129</b>	<b>-123</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>-352</b>	<b>-281</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-331</b>	<b>-373</b>	<b>-485</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Not seasonally adjusted</b>												
<b>Current account</b>												
Trade in goods and services												
Trade in goods	LQCT	-122 575	-126 331	-29 039	-27 847	-32 520	-33 169	-34 200	-25 371	-32 979	-33 781	-34 885
Trade in services	KTMS	86 352	87 763	17 067	23 459	19 827	25 999	24 027	21 159	17 551	25 026	21 781
Total trade	KTMY	-36 223	-38 568	-11 972	-4 388	-12 693	-7 170	-10 173	-4 212	-15 428	-8 755	-13 104
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	KTMP	-470	-203	-103	-71	-143	-153	-92	-95	78	-94	-87
Investment income	HMBM	-22 642	-35 756	-1 912	-5 167	-8 532	-7 031	-7 314	-8 552	-6 266	-13 624	-12 438
Other primary income	MT5W	-654	-1 057	-67	-132	-232	-223	-210	-229	-330	-288	-290
Total primary income	HMBP	-23 766	-37 016	-2 082	-5 370	-8 907	-7 407	-7 616	-8 876	-6 518	-14 006	-12 815
Secondary income												
General government	FJUQ	-20 844	-20 478	-5 904	-4 430	-3 350	-7 160	-5 751	-4 117	-3 626	-6 984	-5 660
Other sectors	FJUR	-4 165	-4 199	-1 097	-905	-1 081	-1 082	-1 053	-1 161	-941	-1 044	-1 122
Total secondary income	KTNF	-25 009	-24 677	-7 001	-5 335	-4 431	-8 242	-6 804	-5 278	-4 567	-8 028	-6 782
<b>Current balance</b>	HBOG	<b>-84 998</b>	<b>-100 261</b>	<b>-21 055</b>	<b>-15 093</b>	<b>-26 031</b>	<b>-22 819</b>	<b>-24 593</b>	<b>-18 366</b>	<b>-26 513</b>	<b>-30 789</b>	<b>-32 701</b>
<b>Capital balance</b>	FKMJ	<b>-415</b>	<b>-1 129</b>	<b>-128</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>-333</b>	<b>-318</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>-293</b>	<b>-359</b>	<b>-546</b>	<b>248</b>
<b>Financial account<sup>1</sup></b>												
Direct investment	-MU7M	-117 367	-75 220	-114 526	-3 069	38 296	-38 068	-74 901	24 991	-19 916	-5 394	-61 045
Portfolio investment	-HHZD	-124 067	-265 391	1 567	-39 467	-53 825	-32 342	-42 151	-116 581	-34 899	-71 760	-33 427
Financial derivatives (net)	-ZPNN	-589	-31 783	11 773	-22 186	9 826	-2	-20 419	-18 064	14 243	-7 543	36 179
Other investment	-HHYR	156 321	251 859	80 077	52 621	-11 900	35 523	88 217	101 776	21 233	40 633	22 079
Reserve assets	-LTCV	7 113	21 079	2 709	825	-665	4 244	12 638	1 101	5 260	2 080	2 328
<b>Net financial transactions</b>	-HBNT	<b>-78 589</b>	<b>-99 456</b>	<b>-18 400</b>	<b>-11 276</b>	<b>-18 268</b>	<b>-30 645</b>	<b>-36 616</b>	<b>-6 777</b>	<b>-14 079</b>	<b>-41 984</b>	<b>-33 886</b>
<b>Net errors and omissions<sup>2</sup></b>	HHDH	<b>6 824</b>	<b>1 934</b>	<b>2 783</b>	<b>3 453</b>	<b>8 096</b>	<b>-7 508</b>	<b>-12 092</b>	<b>11 882</b>	<b>12 793</b>	<b>-10 649</b>	<b>-1 433</b>

1 When downloading data from the Pink Book dataset users should reverse the sign of series that have an identifier that is prefixed with a minus sign.

2 This series represents net errors and omissions in the balance of payments accounts. It is the converse of the current and capital balances (HBOG and FKMJ) and net financial account transactions (HBNT) and is required to balance these three accounts, not seasonally adjusted.



# B Current account

Seasonally adjusted

£ million

		2014	2015	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1
<b>Credits</b>												
Exports of goods and services												
Exports of goods	BOKG	292 894	284 855	73 109	73 463	72 324	73 998	71 500	74 209	70 129	69 017	69 949
Exports of services	IKBB	218 760	225 485	52 974	55 116	54 374	56 296	58 137	53 936	55 013	58 399	57 908
Total exports of goods and services	IKBH	511 654	510 340	126 083	128 579	126 698	130 294	129 637	128 145	125 142	127 416	127 857
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	IJAH	1 080	1 295	276	267	277	260	308	316	411	260	284
Investment income	HBOK	139 005	136 331	35 731	36 009	32 916	34 349	37 119	35 764	33 841	29 607	28 848
Other primary income	MT5T	2 306	2 030	617	563	563	563	563	489	489	489	489
Total primary income	HBOH	142 391	139 656	36 624	36 839	33 756	35 172	37 990	36 569	34 741	30 356	29 621
Secondary income												
Central government	FHDM	5 086	5 503	1 287	1 377	967	1 455	1 524	1 228	986	1 765	1 009
Other sectors	FHIB	14 161	13 509	3 582	3 890	3 458	3 231	3 441	3 243	3 529	3 296	3 617
Total secondary income	IKBN	19 247	19 012	4 869	5 267	4 425	4 686	4 965	4 471	4 515	5 061	4 626
<b>Total</b>	<b>HBOH</b>	<b>673 292</b>	<b>669 008</b>	<b>167 576</b>	<b>170 685</b>	<b>164 879</b>	<b>170 152</b>	<b>172 592</b>	<b>169 185</b>	<b>164 398</b>	<b>162 833</b>	<b>162 104</b>
<b>Debits</b>												
Imports of goods and services												
Imports of goods	BOKH	415 469	411 186	102 062	102 862	103 489	107 056	105 293	100 498	101 967	103 428	104 254
Imports of services	IKBC	132 408	137 722	35 764	32 353	32 386	31 905	33 992	33 833	34 275	35 622	35 635
Total imports of goods and services	IKBI	547 877	548 908	137 826	135 215	135 875	138 961	139 285	134 331	136 242	139 050	139 889
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	IJAI	1 550	1 498	352	356	416	426	355	416	394	333	327
Investment income	HBOL	161 647	172 087	39 461	39 959	39 616	42 611	46 345	42 486	38 936	44 320	43 399
Other primary income	MT5V	2 960	3 087	704	750	738	768	797	769	760	761	801
Total primary income	HBOI	166 157	176 672	40 517	41 065	40 770	43 805	47 497	43 671	40 090	45 414	44 527
Secondary income												
Central government	FLUD	25 930	25 981	5 649	7 337	5 022	7 922	6 232	6 289	5 476	7 984	5 526
Other sectors	FLUZ	18 326	17 708	4 688	4 789	4 540	4 309	4 510	4 403	4 447	4 348	4 755
Total secondary income	IKBO	44 256	43 689	10 337	12 126	9 562	12 231	10 742	10 692	9 923	12 332	10 281
<b>Total</b>	<b>HBOO</b>	<b>758 290</b>	<b>769 269</b>	<b>188 680</b>	<b>188 406</b>	<b>186 207</b>	<b>194 997</b>	<b>197 524</b>	<b>188 694</b>	<b>186 255</b>	<b>196 796</b>	<b>194 697</b>
<b>Balances</b>												
Trade in goods and services												
Trade in goods	BOKI	-122 575	-126 331	-28 953	-29 399	-31 165	-33 058	-33 793	-26 289	-31 838	-34 411	-34 305
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Other sectors	FNTC	-4 165	-4 199	-1 106	-899	-1 082	-1 078	-1 069	-1 160	-918	-1 052	-1 138
Total secondary income	IKBP	-25 009	-24 677	-5 468	-6 859	-5 137	-7 545	-5 777	-6 221	-5 408	-7 271	-5 655
<b>Current balance</b>	<b>HBOP</b>	<b>-84 998</b>	<b>-100 261</b>	<b>-21 104</b>	<b>-17 721</b>	<b>-21 328</b>	<b>-24 845</b>	<b>-24 932</b>	<b>-19 509</b>	<b>-21 857</b>	<b>-33 963</b>	<b>-32 593</b>
<b>Balances as a percentage of GDP<sup>1</sup></b>												
Trade in goods and services												
Trade in goods	D28J	-6.7	-6.9	-6.5	-6.5	-6.8	-7.2	-7.3	-5.6	-6.8	-7.3	-7.2
Trade in services	D28K	4.7	4.7	3.9	5.0	4.8	5.3	5.2	4.3	4.4	4.8	4.7
Total trade in goods and services	D28L	-2.0	-2.1	-2.6	-1.5	-2.0	-1.9	-2.1	-1.3	-2.4	-2.5	-2.5
Total primary income	D28M	-1.3	-2.0	-0.9	-0.9	-1.5	-1.9	-2.0	-1.5	-1.1	-3.2	-3.1
Total secondary income	D28N	-1.4	-1.3	-1.2	-1.5	-1.1	-1.6	-1.2	-1.3	-1.2	-1.5	-1.2
Current balance as percentage of GDP	AA6H	-4.7	-5.4	-4.7	-3.9	-4.6	-5.4	-5.4	-4.2	-4.7	-7.2	-6.9

<sup>1</sup> Using series YBHA: GDP at current market prices

# **C** Current account: Transactions with the European Union (EU) and with non-EU countries Seasonally adjusted

£ million

		2014	2015	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1
<b>Transactions with the European Union <sup>1,2,3</sup></b>												
<b>Credits</b>												
Exports of goods	L87S	145 472	133 524	37 060	37 266	35 728	35 418	33 478	33 983	33 458	32 605	33 623
Exports of services	L854	84 439	88 909	20 265	21 188	21 269	21 717	22 312	21 593	21 805	23 199	23 451
Total exports of goods and services	L84Y	229 911	222 433	57 325	58 454	56 997	57 135	55 790	55 576	55 263	55 804	57 074
Primary income	L872	47 955	50 662	12 503	11 584	11 305	12 563	13 043	12 832	13 069	11 718	11 448
Secondary income	L84S	8 330	8 814	2 116	2 302	1 903	2 009	2 452	1 919	2 035	2 408	1 835
<b>Total</b>	L873	286 196	281 909	71 944	72 340	70 205	71 707	71 285	70 327	70 367	69 930	70 357
<b>Debits</b>												
Imports of goods	L87U	224 734	222 992	55 757	55 998	56 044	56 935	56 377	54 788	55 005	56 822	57 166
Imports of services	L868	63 323	67 977	17 313	15 355	15 595	15 060	16 797	16 851	17 215	17 114	17 512
Total imports of goods and services	L864	288 057	290 969	73 070	71 353	71 639	71 995	73 174	71 639	72 220	73 936	74 678
Primary income	L874	76 972	80 211	18 054	19 012	19 376	20 530	20 797	20 101	19 258	20 055	20 439
Secondary income	L85W	20 555	20 740	5 072	5 202	4 516	5 765	5 455	4 832	4 495	5 958	4 394
<b>Total</b>	L875	385 584	391 920	96 196	95 567	95 531	98 290	99 426	96 572	95 973	99 949	99 511
<b>Balances</b>												
Trade in goods	L87Q	-79 262	-89 468	-18 697	-18 732	-20 316	-21 517	-22 899	-20 805	-21 547	-24 217	-23 543
Trade in services	L86M	21 116	20 932	2 952	5 833	5 674	6 657	5 515	4 742	4 590	6 085	5 939
Total trade in goods and services	L86I	-58 146	-68 536	-15 745	-12 899	-14 642	-14 860	-17 384	-16 063	-16 957	-18 132	-17 604
Primary income	L876	-29 017	-29 549	-5 551	-7 428	-8 071	-7 967	-7 754	-7 269	-6 189	-8 337	-8 991
Secondary income	L86E	-12 225	-11 926	-2 956	-2 900	-2 613	-3 756	-3 003	-2 913	-2 460	-3 550	-2 559
<b>Total</b>	L877	-99 388	-110 011	-24 252	-23 227	-25 326	-26 583	-28 141	-26 245	-25 606	-30 019	-29 154
<b>Transactions with non-EU countries <sup>4,5</sup></b>												
<b>Credits</b>												
Exports of goods	L87M	147 422	151 331	36 049	36 197	36 596	38 580	38 022	40 226	36 671	36 412	36 326
Exports of services	L855	134 321	136 576	32 709	33 928	33 105	34 579	35 825	32 343	33 208	35 200	34 457
Total exports of goods and services	L84Z	281 743	287 907	68 758	70 125	69 701	73 159	73 847	72 569	69 879	71 612	70 783
Primary income	L87D	94 436	88 994	24 121	25 255	22 451	22 609	24 947	23 737	21 672	18 638	18 173
Secondary income	L84T	10 917	10 198	2 753	2 965	2 522	2 677	2 513	2 552	2 480	2 653	2 791
<b>Total</b>	L87E	387 096	387 099	95 632	98 345	94 674	98 445	101 307	98 858	94 031	92 903	91 747
<b>Debits</b>												
Imports of goods	L87O	190 735	188 194	46 305	46 864	47 445	50 121	48 916	45 710	46 962	46 606	47 088
Imports of services	L869	69 085	69 745	18 451	16 998	16 791	16 845	17 195	16 982	17 060	18 508	18 123
Total imports of goods and services	L865	259 820	257 939	64 756	63 862	64 236	66 966	66 111	62 692	64 022	65 114	65 211
Primary income	L87F	89 185	96 461	22 463	22 053	21 394	23 275	26 700	23 570	20 832	25 359	24 088
Secondary income	L85X	23 701	22 949	5 265	6 924	5 046	6 466	5 287	5 860	5 428	6 374	5 887
<b>Total</b>	L87G	372 706	377 349	92 484	92 839	90 676	96 707	98 098	92 122	90 282	96 847	95 186
<b>Balances</b>												
Trade in goods	L87K	-43 313	-36 863	-10 256	-10 667	-10 849	-11 541	-10 894	-5 484	-10 291	-10 194	-10 762
Trade in services	L86N	65 236	66 831	14 258	16 930	16 314	17 734	18 630	15 361	16 148	16 692	16 334
Total trade in goods and services	L86J	21 923	29 968	4 002	6 263	5 465	6 193	7 736	9 877	5 857	6 498	5 572
Primary income	L87H	5 251	-7 467	1 658	3 202	1 057	-666	-1 753	167	840	-6 721	-5 915
Secondary income	L86F	-12 784	-12 751	-2 512	-3 959	-2 524	-3 789	-2 774	-3 308	-2 948	-3 721	-3 096
<b>Total</b>	L87I	14 390	9 750	3 148	5 506	3 998	1 738	3 209	6 736	3 749	-3 944	-3 439

1 EU presented on an EU28 basis.

2 Includes transactions with European Union institutions.

3 A quarterly breakdown of the UK's current account with the Euro area (as a whole) is published in table B6 of United Kingdom Economic Accounts (UKEA) at <http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/uksectoraccounts/d>

4 Includes transactions with international organisations other than European Union institutions.

5 A quarterly geographic breakdown of the UK's current account with the USA, Japan, Canada, Switzerland, Brazil, China, Hong Kong, India and Russia is also available and is published in table B6B of UKEA (see note 3).

# Summary of international investment position, financial account and investment income

Not seasonally adjusted

£ billion

		2014	2015	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1
<b>Investment abroad</b>												
International Investment Position												
Direct investment	N2V3	1 383.9	1 396.7	1 373.2	1 354.0	1 409.2	1 383.9	1 363.6	1 422.4	1 422.6	1 396.7	1 333.9
Portfolio investment	HHZZ	2 546.9	2 549.9	2 405.7	2 419.2	2 454.1	2 546.9	2 645.9	2 500.6	2 432.9	2 549.9	2 586.0
Financial derivatives	JX96	2 828.6	2 430.8	2 230.7	2 170.1	2 462.6	2 828.6	2 957.5	2 384.5	2 647.7	2 430.8	2 728.7
Other investment	HLXV	3 547.3	3 401.6	3 545.4	3 466.6	3 552.3	3 547.3	3 552.3	3 345.5	3 441.8	3 401.6	3 527.6
Reserve assets	LTEB	67.7	87.5	64.2	64.0	63.3	67.7	80.1	77.3	85.3	87.5	95.9
Total	HBQA	10 374.4	9 866.6	9 619.1	9 473.9	9 941.5	10 374.4	10 599.3	9 730.2	10 030.2	9 866.6	10 272.1
Financial Account transactions <sup>1</sup>												
Direct investment	-N2SV	-73.1	-42.0	-57.5	-22.2	30.7	-24.1	-35.3	-7.0	-3.6	3.9	-22.7
Portfolio investment	-HHZC	7.2	-24.4	-5.3	11.1	-9.5	10.8	22.5	-53.7	1.4	5.4	-45.4
Financial derivatives (net)	-ZPNN	-0.6	-31.8	11.8	-22.2	9.8	-	-20.4	-18.1	14.2	-7.5	36.2
Other investment	-XBMM	110.8	-107.1	70.8	5.4	70.2	-35.6	28.2	-71.5	-9.7	-54.1	-11.5
Reserve assets	-LTCV	7.1	21.1	2.7	0.8	-0.7	4.2	12.6	1.1	5.3	2.1	2.3
Total	-HBNR	51.5	-184.2	22.4	-26.9	100.6	-44.6	7.7	-149.2	7.6	-50.2	-41.0
Investment income earnings												
Direct investment	N2QP	71.2	66.5	18.5	18.4	15.7	18.6	19.2	18.9	14.9	13.5	9.3
Portfolio investment	HLXV	44.3	48.5	10.0	12.7	11.0	10.6	11.2	13.4	13.1	10.8	12.2
Other investment	ATOP	22.9	20.5	5.7	6.2	5.5	5.5	5.1	5.3	4.9	5.1	5.6
Reserve assets	HHCB	0.6	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Total	HMBN	139.0	136.3	34.3	37.5	32.4	34.9	35.7	37.8	33.2	29.6	27.3
<b>Investment in the UK</b>												
International Investment Position												
Direct investment	N2UG	1 349.7	1 389.8	1 276.1	1 291.4	1 363.5	1 349.7	1 354.1	1 330.6	1 349.6	1 389.8	1 254.7
Portfolio investment	HLXW	2 715.7	2 871.7	2 593.6	2 625.0	2 670.3	2 715.7	2 872.5	2 785.9	2 791.2	2 871.7	2 904.9
Financial derivatives	JX97	2 806.5	2 441.7	2 171.4	2 129.1	2 422.1	2 806.5	2 961.1	2 401.4	2 652.2	2 441.7	2 704.1
Other investment	HLVD	3 823.9	3 432.5	3 846.9	3 730.1	3 824.8	3 823.9	3 747.7	3 444.3	3 518.4	3 432.5	3 536.2
Total	HBQB	10 695.8	10 135.7	9 888.0	9 775.6	10 280.7	10 695.8	10 935.4	9 962.2	10 311.4	10 135.7	10 399.9
Financial Account transactions												
Direct investment	N2SA	44.3	33.2	57.0	-19.1	-7.6	14.0	39.6	-32.0	16.3	9.3	38.3
Portfolio investment	HHZF	131.3	241.0	-6.8	50.6	44.3	43.2	64.7	62.9	36.3	77.2	-11.9
Other investment	XBMM	-45.5	-358.9	-9.3	-47.2	82.1	-71.1	-60.0	-173.3	-30.9	-94.7	-33.5
Total	HBNS	130.0	-84.7	40.8	-15.7	118.8	-14.0	44.3	-142.4	21.7	-8.2	-7.1
Investment income												
Direct investment	N2Q4	57.9	69.4	12.6	12.7	14.1	18.4	21.4	14.9	13.1	20.0	17.6
Portfolio investment	HLZC	69.9	71.2	15.3	20.3	18.8	15.5	13.9	23.3	18.6	15.5	14.0
Other investment	HLZN	33.9	31.4	8.3	9.6	8.0	7.9	7.7	8.3	7.7	7.8	8.1
Total	HMBO	161.6	172.1	36.2	42.7	40.9	41.9	43.0	46.4	39.5	43.3	39.8
<b>Net investment</b>												
International Investment Position												
Direct investment	MU7O	34.2	6.9	97.1	62.6	45.6	34.2	9.4	91.8	73.0	6.9	79.2
Portfolio investment	CGNH	-168.7	-321.8	-187.9	-205.7	-216.3	-168.7	-226.6	-285.3	-358.3	-321.8	-318.8
Financial derivatives	JX98	22.1	-10.9	59.3	41.0	40.6	22.1	-3.6	-16.9	-4.6	-10.9	24.6
Other investment	CGNG	-276.6	-30.9	-301.5	-263.5	-272.5	-276.6	-195.3	-98.8	-76.7	-30.9	-8.6
Reserve assets	LTEB	67.7	87.5	64.2	64.0	63.3	67.7	80.1	77.3	85.3	87.5	95.9
Net investment	HBQC	-321.3	-269.1	-268.9	-301.7	-339.2	-321.3	-336.1	-231.9	-281.2	-269.1	-127.8
Financial Accounts transactions <sup>1</sup>												
Direct investment	-MU7M	-117.4	-75.2	-114.5	-3.1	38.3	-38.1	-74.9	25.0	-19.9	-5.4	-61.0
Portfolio investment	-HHZD	-124.1	-265.4	1.6	-39.5	-53.8	-32.3	-42.2	-116.6	-34.9	-71.8	-33.4
Financial derivatives	-ZPNN	-0.6	-31.8	11.8	-22.2	9.8	-	-20.4	-18.1	14.2	-7.5	36.2
Other investment	-HHYR	156.3	251.9	80.1	52.6	-11.9	35.5	88.2	101.8	21.2	40.6	22.1
Reserve assets	-LTCV	7.1	21.1	2.7	0.8	-0.7	4.2	12.6	1.1	5.3	2.1	2.3
Net transactions	-HBNT	-78.6	-99.5	-18.4	-11.3	-18.3	-30.6	-36.6	-6.8	-14.1	-42.0	-33.9
Investment income earnings												
Direct investment	MU7E	13.3	-2.9	5.9	5.7	1.5	0.2	-2.1	4.0	1.8	-6.5	-8.3
Portfolio investment	HLZX	-25.6	-22.7	-5.3	-7.6	-7.8	-4.9	-2.7	-9.8	-5.5	-4.7	-1.9
Other investment	CGNA	-10.9	-10.9	-2.6	-3.4	-2.4	-2.5	-2.6	-2.9	-2.8	-2.6	-2.5
Reserve assets	HHCB	0.6	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Net earnings	HMBM	-22.6	-35.8	-1.9	-5.2	-8.5	-7.0	-7.3	-8.6	-6.3	-13.6	-12.4

<sup>1</sup> When downloading data from the Pink Book dataset users should reverse the sign of series that have an identifier that is prefixed with a minus sign.

# Trade in goods

Seasonally adjusted

£ million

		2014	2015	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1
<b>Exports</b>												
Food, beverages and tobacco	BOPL	18 649	18 095	4 629	4 682	4 615	4 723	4 546	4 646	4 441	4 462	4 788
Basic materials	BOPM	6 960	6 086	1 765	1 665	1 802	1 728	1 613	1 549	1 479	1 445	1 445
Oil	ELBL	32 902	21 084	9 656	8 845	7 649	6 752	5 221	5 954	5 244	4 665	4 203
Other fuels	BOQI	3 215	3 097	741	938	878	658	586	814	949	748	368
Semi-manufactured goods	BOPO	75 602	78 715	18 718	18 339	18 842	19 703	19 975	20 851	19 477	18 412	19 244
Finished manufactured goods	BOPP	146 395	149 918	36 227	36 303	36 277	37 588	37 804	38 239	36 653	37 222	37 924
Unspecified goods	BOQL	9 171	7 860	1 373	2 691	2 261	2 846	1 755	2 156	1 886	2 063	1 977
<b>Total</b>	<b>BOKG</b>	<b>292 894</b>	<b>284 855</b>	<b>73 109</b>	<b>73 463</b>	<b>72 324</b>	<b>73 998</b>	<b>71 500</b>	<b>74 209</b>	<b>70 129</b>	<b>69 017</b>	<b>69 949</b>
<b>Imports</b>												
Food, beverages and tobacco	BQAR	38 483	38 558	9 570	9 669	9 564	9 680	9 169	9 251	9 807	10 331	9 262
Basic materials	BQAS	11 719	10 687	3 028	2 938	2 896	2 857	2 860	2 773	2 520	2 534	2 714
Oil	ENXO	42 862	29 343	10 842	10 791	11 498	9 731	7 551	8 178	6 877	6 737	5 414
Other fuels	BPBI	10 109	8 931	2 563	2 493	2 424	2 629	2 849	2 059	2 152	1 871	1 870
Semi-manufactured goods	BQAU	95 401	94 772	23 233	24 073	23 956	24 139	24 276	23 940	23 117	23 439	23 832
Finished manufactured goods	BQAV	209 598	218 500	51 643	51 925	52 141	53 889	55 696	53 140	54 099	55 565	57 596
Unspecified goods	BQAW	7 297	10 395	1 183	973	1 010	4 131	2 892	1 157	3 395	2 951	3 566
<b>Total</b>	<b>BOKH</b>	<b>415 469</b>	<b>411 186</b>	<b>102 062</b>	<b>102 862</b>	<b>103 489</b>	<b>107 056</b>	<b>105 293</b>	<b>100 498</b>	<b>101 967</b>	<b>103 428</b>	<b>104 254</b>
<b>Balances</b>												
Food, beverages and tobacco	ELBE	-19 834	-20 463	-4 941	-4 987	-4 949	-4 957	-4 623	-4 605	-5 366	-5 869	-4 474
Basic materials	ELBF	-4 759	-4 601	-1 263	-1 273	-1 094	-1 129	-1 247	-1 224	-1 041	-1 089	-1 269
Oil	ENXQ	-9 960	-8 259	-1 186	-1 946	-3 849	-2 979	-2 330	-2 224	-1 633	-2 072	-1 211
Other fuels	ENIW	-6 894	-5 834	-1 822	-1 555	-1 546	-1 971	-2 263	-1 245	-1 203	-1 123	-1 502
Semi-manufactured goods	ELBH	-19 799	-16 057	-4 515	-5 734	-5 114	-4 436	-4 301	-3 089	-3 640	-5 027	-4 588
Finished manufactured goods	ELBI	-63 203	-68 582	-15 416	-15 622	-15 864	-16 301	-17 892	-14 901	-17 446	-18 343	-19 672
Unspecified goods	BQKX	1 874	-2 535	190	1 718	1 251	-1 285	-1 137	999	-1 509	-888	-1 589
<b>Total</b>	<b>BOKI</b>	<b>-122 575</b>	<b>-126 331</b>	<b>-28 953</b>	<b>-29 399</b>	<b>-31 165</b>	<b>-33 058</b>	<b>-33 793</b>	<b>-26 289</b>	<b>-31 838</b>	<b>-34 411</b>	<b>-34 305</b>

# F Trade in services

Seasonally adjusted

£ million

		2014	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2016
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
<b>Exports</b>												
Manufacturing and maintenance services	MTN7	4 115	3 355	1 077	1 132	1 041	865	1 052	671	886	746	1 382
Transport	FKOA	24 599	24 100	6 129	6 169	6 170	6 131	6 158	6 021	5 968	5 953	6 696
Travel	FAPQ	28 283	29 758	6 966	7 032	7 197	7 088	7 187	7 380	7 763	7 428	7 133
Construction	FDSG	2 732	1 574	573	752	812	595	354	416	437	367	401
Insurance and pension services	FDTF	19 080	12 907	4 389	4 678	4 409	5 604	3 050	2 953	2 926	3 978	3 995
Financial	FDYI	46 221	50 769	10 633	11 787	11 544	12 257	13 424	12 347	12 225	12 773	12 864
Intellectual property	FEBA	12 048	11 480	2 663	2 914	3 308	3 163	2 738	2 807	2 915	3 020	3 376
Telecommunication, computer and information services	FDYQ	16 342	15 893	4 255	4 103	3 811	4 173	3 847	3 848	4 114	4 084	4 866
Other business	FEHH	60 814	70 527	15 088	15 385	14 983	15 358	19 017	16 216	16 401	18 893	15 786
Personal, cultural and recreational services	FGXJ	2 059	2 505	646	492	516	405	689	623	692	501	830
Government	FGZA	2 467	2 617	555	672	583	657	621	654	686	656	579
<b>Total</b>	<b>IKBB</b>	<b>218 760</b>	<b>225 485</b>	<b>52 974</b>	<b>55 116</b>	<b>54 374</b>	<b>56 296</b>	<b>58 137</b>	<b>53 936</b>	<b>55 013</b>	<b>58 399</b>	<b>57 908</b>
<b>Imports</b>												
Manufacturing and maintenance services	MTN6	1 021	949	282	248	283	208	346	226	249	128	273
Transport	FHME	18 404	21 739	4 283	4 582	5 247	4 292	5 291	5 287	5 516	5 645	5 929
Travel	APQL	38 045	41 415	7 407	9 723	13 245	7 670	9 929	10 155	10 420	10 911	9 529
Construction	FIOU	1 964	1 154	549	383	449	583	352	343	247	212	566
Insurance and pension services	FIPT	2 269	151	552	545	587	585	34	28	42	47	141
Financial	FITY	11 989	8 695	2 901	3 176	2 883	3 029	2 151	2 104	2 216	2 224	2 386
Intellectual property	FIVX	6 318	8 132	1 789	1 727	1 504	1 298	1 819	2 036	2 070	2 207	2 049
Telecommunication, computer and information services	FIUG	9 830	9 248	2 613	2 315	2 497	2 405	2 228	2 280	2 381	2 359	2 324
Other business	FIWF	34 481	40 411	13 427	7 767	3 596	9 691	10 338	9 881	9 813	10 379	11 018
Personal, cultural and recreational services	FLQJ	3 664	3 208	954	895	901	914	815	777	784	832	759
Government	FLSA	4 423	2 620	1 007	992	1 194	1 230	689	716	537	678	661
<b>Total</b>	<b>IKBC</b>	<b>132 408</b>	<b>137 722</b>	<b>35 764</b>	<b>32 353</b>	<b>32 386</b>	<b>31 905</b>	<b>33 992</b>	<b>33 833</b>	<b>34 275</b>	<b>35 622</b>	<b>35 635</b>
<b>Balances</b>												
Manufacturing and maintenance services	MTN8	3 094	2 406	795	884	758	657	706	445	637	618	1 109
Transport	FLYS	6 195	2 361	1 846	1 587	923	1 839	867	734	452	308	767
Travel	FNGY	-9 762	-11 657	-441	-2 691	-6 048	-582	-2 742	-2 775	-2 657	-3 483	-2 396
Construction	FNJM	768	420	24	369	363	12	2	73	190	155	-165
Insurance and pension services	FNKF	16 811	12 756	3 837	4 133	3 822	5 019	3 016	2 925	2 884	3 931	3 854
Financial	FNLQ	34 232	42 074	7 732	8 611	8 661	9 228	11 273	10 243	10 009	10 549	10 478
Intellectual property	FNMR	5 730	3 348	874	1 187	1 804	1 865	919	771	845	813	1 327
Telecommunication, computer and information services	FNLY	6 512	6 645	1 642	1 788	1 314	1 768	1 619	1 568	1 733	1 725	2 542
Other business	FNMZ	26 333	30 116	1 661	7 618	11 387	5 667	8 679	6 335	6 588	8 514	4 768
Personal, cultural and recreational services	FNRB	-1 605	-703	-308	-403	-385	-509	-126	-154	-92	-331	71
Government	FNRU	-1 956	-3	-452	-320	-611	-573	-68	-62	149	-22	-82
<b>Total</b>	<b>IKBD</b>	<b>86 352</b>	<b>87 763</b>	<b>17 210</b>	<b>22 763</b>	<b>21 988</b>	<b>24 391</b>	<b>24 145</b>	<b>20 103</b>	<b>20 738</b>	<b>22 777</b>	<b>22 273</b>

# G Primary income

Seasonally adjusted

£ million

		2014	2015	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1
<b>Credits</b>												
Compensation of employees	IJAH	1 080	1 295	276	267	277	260	308	316	411	260	284
Investment income												
Earnings on direct investment abroad	MTX2	71 164	66 499	19 078	18 140	16 163	17 783	20 078	18 129	15 439	12 853	10 162
Earnings on portfolio investment abroad												
Earnings on equity securities	CGDT	22 239	24 045	5 525	5 202	5 610	5 902	5 892	5 524	6 884	5 745	6 275
Earnings on debt securities	CGDU	22 039	24 438	5 269	6 288	5 453	5 029	5 897	6 564	6 354	5 623	6 520
Total portfolio investment	CGDV	44 278	48 483	10 794	11 490	11 063	10 931	11 789	12 088	13 238	11 368	12 795
Earnings on other investment abroad	CGDW	22 917	20 494	5 705	6 222	5 529	5 461	5 069	5 349	4 939	5 137	5 614
Earnings on reserve assets	HHCC	646	855	154	157	161	174	183	198	225	249	277
Total investment income	HBOK	139 005	136 331	35 731	36 009	32 916	34 349	37 119	35 764	33 841	29 607	28 848
Other primary income	MT5T	2 306	2 030	617	563	563	563	563	489	489	489	489
<b>Total</b>	<b>HBOH</b>	<b>142 391</b>	<b>139 656</b>	<b>36 624</b>	<b>36 839</b>	<b>33 756</b>	<b>35 172</b>	<b>37 990</b>	<b>36 569</b>	<b>34 741</b>	<b>30 356</b>	<b>29 621</b>
<b>Debits</b>												
Compensation of employees	IJAI	1 550	1 498	352	356	416	426	355	416	394	333	327
Investment income												
Foreign earnings on direct investment in the UK	MTU7	57 873	69 427	12 746	12 865	14 523	17 739	21 202	15 289	13 840	19 096	17 379
Foreign earnings on portfolio investment in the UK												
Earnings on equity securities	HGOT	29 877	33 197	8 075	7 776	7 097	6 929	7 795	9 489	7 881	8 032	8 240
Earnings on debt securities	CGDX	40 045	38 031	10 221	10 074	9 957	9 793	9 591	9 766	9 474	9 200	9 592
Total portfolio investment	CGDZ	69 922	71 228	18 296	17 850	17 054	16 722	17 386	19 255	17 355	17 232	17 832
Earnings on other investment in the UK	CGEB	33 852	31 432	8 419	9 244	8 039	8 150	7 757	7 942	7 741	7 992	8 188
Total investment income	HBOL	161 647	172 087	39 461	39 959	39 616	42 611	46 345	42 486	38 936	44 320	43 399
Other primary income	MT5V	2 960	3 087	704	750	738	768	797	769	760	761	801
<b>Total</b>	<b>HBOI</b>	<b>166 157</b>	<b>176 672</b>	<b>40 517</b>	<b>41 065</b>	<b>40 770</b>	<b>43 805</b>	<b>47 497</b>	<b>43 671</b>	<b>40 090</b>	<b>45 414</b>	<b>44 527</b>
<b>Balances</b>												
Compensation of employees	IJAJ	-470	-203	-76	-89	-139	-166	-47	-100	17	-73	-43
Investment income												
Direct investment	MU7F	13 291	-2 928	6 332	5 275	1 640	44	-1 124	2 840	1 599	-6 243	-7 217
Portfolio investment												
Earnings on equity securities	CGEC	-7 638	-9 152	-2 550	-2 574	-1 487	-1 027	-1 903	-3 965	-997	-2 287	-1 965
Earnings on debt securities	CGED	-18 006	-13 593	-4 952	-3 786	-4 504	-4 764	-3 694	-3 202	-3 120	-3 577	-3 072
Total portfolio investment	CGEE	-25 644	-22 745	-7 502	-6 360	-5 991	-5 791	-5 597	-7 167	-4 117	-5 864	-5 037
Other investment	CGFF	-10 935	-10 938	-2 714	-3 022	-2 510	-2 689	-2 688	-2 593	-2 802	-2 855	-2 574
Reserve assets	HHCC	646	855	154	157	161	174	183	198	225	249	277
Total investment income	HBOM	-22 642	-35 756	-3 730	-3 950	-6 700	-8 262	-9 226	-6 722	-5 095	-14 713	-14 551
Other primary income	MT5X	-654	-1 057	-87	-187	-175	-205	-234	-280	-271	-272	-312
<b>Total</b>	<b>HBOJ</b>	<b>-23 766</b>	<b>-37 016</b>	<b>-3 893</b>	<b>-4 226</b>	<b>-7 014</b>	<b>-8 633</b>	<b>-9 507</b>	<b>-7 102</b>	<b>-5 349</b>	<b>-15 058</b>	<b>-14 906</b>

# H Secondary income

Seasonally adjusted

£ million

		2014	2015	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1
<b>Credits</b>												
General government												
Receipts from EU Institutions:												
Abatement	FKKM	4 416	4 913	1 143	1 234	761	1 278	1 371	1 083	806	1 653	874
Other EU receipts	GTTA	126	77	16	10	64	36	24	6	48	-1	16
Other receipts	CGDN	544	513	128	133	142	141	129	139	132	113	119
Total general government	FHDM	5 086	5 503	1 287	1 377	967	1 455	1 524	1 228	986	1 765	1 009
Other sectors												
Receipts from EU Institutions:												
Social fund	H5U3	236	533	-1	207	35	-5	103	14	289	127	67
ECSC Grant	FHHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other receipts	CGDO	13 925	12 976	3 583	3 683	3 423	3 236	3 338	3 229	3 240	3 169	3 550
Total other sectors	FHIB	14 161	13 509	3 582	3 890	3 458	3 231	3 441	3 243	3 529	3 296	3 617
<b>Total</b>	<b>IKBN</b>	<b>19 247</b>	<b>19 012</b>	<b>4 869</b>	<b>5 267</b>	<b>4 425</b>	<b>4 686</b>	<b>4 965</b>	<b>4 471</b>	<b>4 515</b>	<b>5 061</b>	<b>4 626</b>
<b>Debits</b>												
General government												
Payments to EU institutions												
GNI: own resource	MUV7	14 472	15 651	3 888	4 460	2 685	3 439	4 077	4 009	2 614	4 951	3 768
GNI adjustments	MUV8	1 678	854	-	-	-	1 678	248	-	66	540	-469
Other	FLMT	-3	1	-	-	-	-3	-	1	-	-	-
Other payments	CGDP	9 783	9 475	1 761	2 877	2 337	2 808	1 907	2 279	2 796	2 493	2 227
Total general government	FLUD	25 930	25 981	5 649	7 337	5 022	7 922	6 232	6 289	5 476	7 984	5 526
Other sectors												
Payments to EU institutions	CGDR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other payments	CGDS	18 326	17 708	4 688	4 789	4 540	4 309	4 510	4 403	4 447	4 348	4 755
Total other sectors	FLUZ	18 326	17 708	4 688	4 789	4 540	4 309	4 510	4 403	4 447	4 348	4 755
<b>Total</b>	<b>IKBO</b>	<b>44 256</b>	<b>43 689</b>	<b>10 337</b>	<b>12 126</b>	<b>9 562</b>	<b>12 231</b>	<b>10 742</b>	<b>10 692</b>	<b>9 923</b>	<b>12 332</b>	<b>10 281</b>
<b>Balances</b>												
General government	FNSV	-20 844	-20 478	-4 362	-5 960	-4 055	-6 467	-4 708	-5 061	-4 490	-6 219	-4 517
Other sectors	FNTC	-4 165	-4 199	-1 106	-899	-1 082	-1 078	-1 069	-1 160	-918	-1 052	-1 138
<b>Total</b>	<b>IKBP</b>	<b>-25 009</b>	<b>-24 677</b>	<b>-5 468</b>	<b>-6 859</b>	<b>-5 137</b>	<b>-7 545</b>	<b>-5 777</b>	<b>-6 221</b>	<b>-5 408</b>	<b>-7 271</b>	<b>-5 655</b>
Of which: EU institutions <sup>1</sup>	GTTB	-11 369	-10 983	-2 730	-3 009	-1 825	-3 805	-2 827	-2 907	-1 537	-3 712	-2 342

1 For a complete picture of UK official transactions with institutions of the EU, the balance of other primary income -£1,057 million, a credit of £772 million for export of services (UK charges for collection of duties) and a capital account credit of approximately £915 million should be included giving a 2015 balance of approximately -£10,353 million.

# Capital account

Seasonally adjusted

£ million

		2014	2015	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1
<b>Credits</b>												
Capital transfers												
Central government												
Debt forgiveness	FHIV	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other capital transfers	FHJA	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total central government	FHIU	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other sectors												
Debt forgiveness	FHJD	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
EU Institutions:												
Regional development fund	GTTX	1 054	454	27	685	20	322	279	31	50	94	9
Agricultural fund for regional development	FHJF	567	461	94	222	110	141	60	253	128	20	–
Other capital transfers	EBGO	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total EU institutions	GTTY	1 621	915	121	907	130	463	339	284	178	114	9
Total other sectors	FHJB	1 621	915	121	907	130	463	339	284	178	114	9
Total capital transfers	FHIT	1 621	915	121	907	130	463	339	284	178	114	9
Disposal of non-produced, non-financial assets	FHJL	585	762	66	71	157	291	51	83	179	449	629
<b>Total</b>	FHLD	<b>2 206</b>	<b>1 677</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>638</b>
<b>Debits</b>												
Capital transfers												
Central government												
Debt forgiveness	FLWD	82	92	82	–	–	–	12	80	–	–	12
Other capital transfers (project grants)	FLWH	1 614	1 803	82	478	153	901	186	453	271	893	144
Total central government	FLWB	1 696	1 895	164	478	153	901	198	533	271	893	156
Other sectors												
Debt forgiveness												
Monetary financial institutions	FLWL	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Public corporations	HMLY	40	1	40	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–
Total debt forgiveness	JCWM	40	1	40	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–
Other capital transfers	FLWQ	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total other sectors	FLWI	40	1	40	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–
Total capital transfers	FLWA	1 736	1 896	204	478	153	901	199	533	271	893	156
Acquisitions of non-produced, non-financial assets	FLWT	885	910	106	159	486	134	131	165	459	155	246
<b>Total</b>	FLYL	<b>2 621</b>	<b>2 806</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>1 035</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>1 048</b>	<b>402</b>
<b>Balances</b>												
Capital transfers												
Central government												
Debt forgiveness	FNTM	–82	–92	–82	–	–	–	–12	–80	–	–	–12
Other capital transfers	FNTN	–1 614	–1 803	–82	–478	–153	–901	–186	–453	–271	–893	–144
Total central government	FNTL	–1 696	–1 895	–164	–478	–153	–901	–198	–533	–271	–893	–156
Other sectors												
Debt forgiveness	FNTQ	–40	–1	–40	–	–	–	–1	–	–	–	–
Other capital transfers	FNTR	1 621	915	121	907	130	463	339	284	178	114	9
Total other sectors	FNTO	1 581	914	81	907	130	463	338	284	178	114	9
Total capital transfers	FNTK	–115	–981	–83	429	–23	–438	140	–249	–93	–779	–147
Non-produced, non-financial assets	FNTS	–300	–148	–40	–88	–329	157	–80	–82	–280	294	383
<b>Total</b>	FNVQ	<b>–415</b>	<b>–1 129</b>	<b>–123</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>–352</b>	<b>–281</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>–331</b>	<b>–373</b>	<b>–485</b>	<b>236</b>



# Financial account<sup>1,2</sup>

Not seasonally adjusted

£ million

		2014	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2016
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
<b>UK investment abroad</b>												
(Net acquisition of financial assets)												
Direct investment abroad												
Equity capital other than reinvestment of earnings	-HJYM	-72 261	-53	-80 976	-72	1 450	7 337	174	9 134	-2 211	-7 150	-2 269
Reinvestment of earnings	-HDNY	-15 901	-3 194	5 084	-15 591	945	-6 339	-60	-4 917	1 677	106	1 791
Debt instruments	-N2RN	15 079	-38 771	18 373	-6 491	28 290	-25 093	-35 372	-11 227	-3 110	10 938	-22 218
Total direct investment abroad	-N2SV	-73 083	-42 018	-57 519	-22 154	30 685	-24 095	-35 258	-7 010	-3 644	3 894	-22 696
Portfolio investment abroad												
Equity and investment fund shares	-HBVI	-23 423	-25 422	-10 827	-5 098	-7 817	319	-8 123	-18 944	-14 130	15 775	-33 817
Debt securities	-XBMW	30 607	1 024	5 549	16 228	-1 663	10 493	30 635	-34 778	15 519	-10 352	-11 554
Total portfolio investment abroad	-HHZC	7 184	-24 398	-5 278	11 130	-9 480	10 812	22 512	-53 722	1 389	5 423	-45 371
Financial derivatives & employee stock options	-ZPNN	-589	-31 783	11 773	-22 186	9 826	-2	-20 419	-18 064	14 243	-7 543	36 179
Other investment abroad	-XBMM	110 833	-107 076	70 757	5 439	70 194	-35 557	28 189	-71 526	-9 676	-54 063	-11 467
Reserve assets	-LTCV	7 113	21 079	2 709	825	-665	4 244	12 638	1 101	5 260	2 080	2 328
<b>Total</b>	-HBNR	<b>51 458</b>	<b>-184 196</b>	<b>22 442</b>	<b>-26 946</b>	<b>100 560</b>	<b>-44 598</b>	<b>7 662</b>	<b>-149 221</b>	<b>7 572</b>	<b>-50 209</b>	<b>-41 027</b>
<b>Investment in the UK</b>												
(Net incurrence of liabilities)												
Direct investment in the UK												
Equity capital other than reinvestment of earnings	HJYR	17 812	26 065	7 022	2 072	2 574	6 144	4 089	6 133	7 450	8 393	50 153
Reinvestment of earnings	CYFV	9 976	22 209	4 643	-5 669	6 573	4 429	11 454	4 767	3 484	2 504	8 528
Debt instruments	N2R7	16 496	-15 072	45 342	-15 488	-16 758	3 400	24 100	-42 901	5 338	-1 609	-20 332
Total direct investment in the UK	N2SA	44 284	33 202	57 007	-19 085	-7 611	13 973	39 643	-32 001	16 272	9 288	38 349
Portfolio investment in the UK												
Equity and investment fund shares	XBLW	17 804	74 334	-29 065	17 917	11 320	17 632	20 275	32 000	7 162	14 897	-32 250
Debt securities	XBLX	113 447	166 659	22 220	32 680	33 025	25 522	44 388	30 859	29 126	62 286	20 306
Total portfolio investment in the UK	HHZF	131 251	240 993	-6 845	50 597	44 345	43 154	64 663	62 859	36 288	77 183	-11 944
Other investment in the UK	XBMN	-45 488	-358 935	-9 320	-47 182	82 094	-71 080	-60 028	-173 302	-30 909	-94 696	-33 546
<b>Total</b>	HBNS	<b>130 047</b>	<b>-84 740</b>	<b>40 842</b>	<b>-15 670</b>	<b>118 828</b>	<b>-13 953</b>	<b>44 278</b>	<b>-142 444</b>	<b>21 651</b>	<b>-8 225</b>	<b>-7 141</b>
<b>Net transactions</b>												
(net assets /less net liabilities)												
Direct investment												
Equity capital other than reinvestment of earnings	-HBWN	-90 073	-26 118	-87 998	-2 144	-1 124	1 193	-3 915	3 001	-9 661	-15 543	-52 422
Reinvestment of earnings	-HBWT	-25 877	-25 403	441	-9 922	-5 628	-10 768	-11 514	-9 684	-1 807	-2 398	-6 737
Debt instruments	-MU7L	-1 417	-23 699	-26 969	8 997	45 048	-28 493	-59 472	31 674	-8 448	12 547	-1 886
Total net direct investment	-MU7M	-117 367	-75 220	-114 526	-3 069	38 296	-38 068	-74 901	24 991	-19 916	-5 394	-61 045
Portfolio investment												
Equity and investment fund shares	-HBWV	-41 227	-99 756	18 238	-23 015	-19 137	-17 313	-28 398	-50 944	-21 292	878	-1 567
Debt securities	-HBWX	-82 840	-165 635	-16 671	-16 452	-34 688	-15 029	-13 753	-65 637	-13 607	-72 638	-31 860
Total net portfolio investment	-HHZD	-124 067	-265 391	1 567	-39 467	-53 825	-32 342	-42 151	-116 581	-34 899	-71 760	-33 427
Financial derivatives & employee stock options	-ZPNN	-589	-31 783	11 773	-22 186	9 826	-2	-20 419	-18 064	14 243	-7 543	36 179
Other investment	-HHYR	156 321	251 859	80 077	52 621	-11 900	35 523	88 217	101 776	21 233	40 633	22 079
Reserve assets	-LTCV	7 113	21 079	2 709	825	-665	4 244	12 638	1 101	5 260	2 080	2 328
<b>Total</b>	-HBNT	<b>-78 589</b>	<b>-99 456</b>	<b>-18 400</b>	<b>-11 276</b>	<b>-18 268</b>	<b>-30 645</b>	<b>-36 616</b>	<b>-6 777</b>	<b>-14 079</b>	<b>-41 984</b>	<b>-33 886</b>

1 When downloading data from the Pink Book dataset users should reverse the sign of series that have an identifier that is prefixed with a minus sign.

2 Further detail of the quarterly financial account is published in tables B8 to B13 of United Kingdom Economic Accounts at <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/search/index.html?newquery=ukeya>

# K International investment position<sup>1</sup>

Balance sheets valued at end of period: Not seasonally adjusted

£ billion

		2014	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2016
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
<b>UK Assets</b>												
Direct investment abroad												
Equity and investment fund shares	CGMO	1 076.7	1 105.1	1 056.5	1 051.0	1 076.7	1 076.7	1 072.1	1 138.3	1 135.7	1 105.1	1 115.8
Debt instruments	N2TT	307.2	291.5	316.6	302.9	332.5	307.2	291.5	284.1	286.9	291.5	218.1
Total direct investment abroad	N2V3	1 383.9	1 396.7	1 373.2	1 354.0	1 409.2	1 383.9	1 363.6	1 422.4	1 422.6	1 396.7	1 333.9
Portfolio investment abroad												
Equity and investment fund shares	HEPX	1 154.5	1 126.5	1 085.8	1 106.8	1 106.7	1 154.5	1 193.3	1 139.0	1 014.5	1 126.5	1 116.6
Debt securities	HHZX	1 392.4	1 423.4	1 319.9	1 312.4	1 347.3	1 392.4	1 452.5	1 361.5	1 418.4	1 423.4	1 469.4
Total portfolio investment abroad	HHZZ	2 546.9	2 549.9	2 405.7	2 419.2	2 454.1	2 546.9	2 645.9	2 500.6	2 432.9	2 549.9	2 586.0
Financial derivatives & employee stock options	JX96	2 828.6	2 430.8	2 230.7	2 170.1	2 462.6	2 828.6	2 957.5	2 384.5	2 647.7	2 430.8	2 728.7
Other investment abroad	HLXV	3 547.3	3 401.6	3 545.4	3 466.6	3 552.3	3 547.3	3 552.3	3 345.5	3 441.8	3 401.6	3 527.6
Reserve assets	LTEB	67.7	87.5	64.2	64.0	63.3	67.7	80.1	77.3	85.3	87.5	95.9
<b>Total</b>	HBQA	<b>10 374.4</b>	<b>9 866.6</b>	<b>9 619.1</b>	<b>9 473.9</b>	<b>9 941.5</b>	<b>10 374.4</b>	<b>10 599.3</b>	<b>9 730.2</b>	<b>10 030.2</b>	<b>9 866.6</b>	<b>10 272.1</b>
<b>UK Liabilities</b>												
Direct investment in the UK												
Equity and investment fund shares	HBUY	880.9	962.0	767.8	801.2	891.2	880.9	899.0	882.3	911.9	962.0	908.9
Debt instruments	N2TD	468.8	427.8	508.3	490.2	472.4	468.8	455.2	448.3	437.7	427.8	345.8
Total direct investment in the UK	N2UG	1 349.7	1 389.8	1 276.1	1 291.4	1 363.5	1 349.7	1 354.1	1 330.6	1 349.6	1 389.8	1 254.7
Portfolio investment in the UK												
Equity and investment fund shares	HLXX	1 075.7	1 160.0	1 039.6	1 047.6	1 053.5	1 075.7	1 155.0	1 156.1	1 103.1	1 160.0	1 142.7
Debt securities	HLXY	1 640.0	1 711.7	1 554.0	1 577.4	1 616.8	1 640.0	1 717.5	1 629.8	1 688.1	1 711.7	1 762.2
Total portfolio investment in the UK	HLXW	2 715.7	2 871.7	2 593.6	2 625.0	2 670.3	2 715.7	2 872.5	2 785.9	2 791.2	2 871.7	2 904.9
Financial derivatives & employee stock options	JX97	2 806.5	2 441.7	2 171.4	2 129.1	2 422.1	2 806.5	2 961.1	2 401.4	2 652.2	2 441.7	2 704.1
Other investment in the UK	HLXD	3 823.9	3 432.5	3 846.9	3 730.1	3 824.8	3 823.9	3 747.7	3 444.3	3 518.4	3 432.5	3 536.2
<b>Total</b>	HBQB	<b>10 695.8</b>	<b>10 135.7</b>	<b>9 888.0</b>	<b>9 775.6</b>	<b>10 280.7</b>	<b>10 695.8</b>	<b>10 935.4</b>	<b>9 962.2</b>	<b>10 311.4</b>	<b>10 135.7</b>	<b>10 399.9</b>
<b>Net International Investment Position</b>												
Direct investment												
Equity and investment fund shares	HBSH	195.8	143.1	288.8	249.8	185.5	195.8	173.1	256.0	223.8	143.1	206.9
Debt instruments	MU7N	-161.6	-136.3	-191.7	-187.3	-139.9	-161.6	-163.7	-164.2	-150.8	-136.3	-127.7
Total net direct investment	MU7O	34.2	6.9	97.1	62.6	45.6	34.2	9.4	91.8	73.0	6.9	79.2
Portfolio investment												
Equity and investment fund shares	CGNE	78.8	-33.5	46.2	59.2	53.2	78.8	38.3	-17.1	-88.6	-33.5	-26.0
Debt securities	CGNF	-247.6	-288.3	-234.1	-264.9	-269.5	-247.6	-264.9	-268.2	-269.7	-288.3	-292.8
Total net portfolio investment	CGNH	-168.7	-321.8	-187.9	-205.7	-216.3	-168.7	-226.6	-285.3	-358.3	-321.8	-318.8
Financial derivatives & employee stock options	JX98	22.1	-10.9	59.3	41.0	40.6	22.1	-3.6	-16.9	-4.6	-10.9	24.6
Other investment	CGNG	-276.6	-30.9	-301.5	-263.5	-272.5	-276.6	-195.3	-98.8	-76.7	-30.9	-8.6
Reserve assets	LTEB	67.7	87.5	64.2	64.0	63.3	67.7	80.1	77.3	85.3	87.5	95.9
<b>Total</b>	HBQC	<b>-321.3</b>	<b>-269.1</b>	<b>-268.9</b>	<b>-301.7</b>	<b>-339.2</b>	<b>-321.3</b>	<b>-336.1</b>	<b>-231.9</b>	<b>-281.2</b>	<b>-269.1</b>	<b>-127.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Further detail of the quarterly international investment position is published in tables B14 to B19 of United Kingdom Economic Accounts at <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/search/index.html?newquery=ukeya>

# R1 Summary of revisions since last Balance of Payments Statistical Bulletin

## Balances (net transactions)

£ million

		2014	2015	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>												
<b>Current account</b>												
Trade in goods and services												
Trade in goods	BOKI	568	-981	-1 592	188	-221	642	-41	-227	456	-58	-1 152
Trade in services	IKBD	-2 389	-914	-682	-2 656	-83	-343	693	1 371	-1 905	-2 103	1 723
Total trade	IKBJ	-1 821	-1 895	-2 274	-2 468	-304	299	652	1 144	-1 449	-2 161	571
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	IJAJ	-	-	-2	-3	-3	10	-4	7	-7	-11	11
Investment income	HBOM	9 135	-2 013	2 481	1 106	1 564	3 556	2 909	-1 659	1 048	499	-1 901
Other primary income	MT5X	-	-228	-	8	-4	-1	-3	7	-76	-79	-80
Total primary income	HBOJ	9 135	-2 241	2 479	1 111	1 557	3 565	2 902	-1 645	965	409	-1 970
Secondary income												
General government	FNSV	14	-38	-87	226	-339	113	14	64	-57	19	-64
Other sectors	FNTC	143	140	-6	40	10	32	61	-8	-1	-13	162
Total secondary income	IKBP	157	102	-93	266	-329	145	75	56	-58	6	98
<b>Current balance</b>	<b>HBOF</b>	<b>7 471</b>	<b>-4 034</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>-1 091</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>4 009</b>	<b>3 629</b>	<b>-445</b>	<b>-542</b>	<b>-1 746</b>	<b>-1 301</b>
<b>Capital balance</b>	<b>FNVQ</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-28</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-55</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-178</b>
<b>Not seasonally adjusted</b>												
<b>Current account</b>												
Trade in goods and services												
Trade in goods	LQCT	568	-981	-1 604	192	48	117	211	-255	-14	-110	-602
Trade in services	KTMS	-2 389	-914	-425	-2 389	-478	66	412	1 102	-1 795	-2 359	2 138
Total trade	KTMJ	-1 821	-1 895	-2 029	-2 197	-430	183	623	847	-1 809	-2 469	1 536
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	KTMP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1	1	-
Investment income	HMBM	9 135	-2 013	2 446	397	1 838	3 590	3 310	-2 684	1 522	804	-1 655
Other primary income	MT5W	-	-228	-	-	-	-	-	-	-76	-76	-76
Total primary income	HMBP	9 135	-2 241	2 446	397	1 838	3 590	3 310	-2 684	1 445	729	-1 731
Secondary income												
General government	FJUQ	14	-38	8	6	-2	6	4	-31	-71	33	31
Other sectors	FJUR	143	140	-7	38	9	36	60	-5	-5	-11	161
Total secondary income	KTNF	157	102	1	44	7	42	64	-36	-76	22	192
<b>Current balance</b>	<b>HBOG</b>	<b>7 471</b>	<b>-4 034</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>-1 756</b>	<b>1 415</b>	<b>3 815</b>	<b>3 997</b>	<b>-1 873</b>	<b>-440</b>	<b>-1 718</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>Capital balance</b>	<b>FKMJ</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-28</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-43</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-194</b>
<b>Financial account<sup>1</sup></b>												
Direct investment	-MU7M	-35 767	-9 128	20 944	-59 130	5 385	42 956	-24 978	-13 691	10 451	9 547	-15 435
Portfolio investment	-HHZD	-9 332	3 881	-1 076	-17 457	5 771	1 304	1 050	15 888	-897	-11 944	834
Financial derivatives (net)	-ZPNN	14 152	1 295	-3 184	-927	2 034	-11 813	24 858	3 116	7 754	-4 789	-4 786
Other investment	-HHYR	53 339	-1 725	-11 621	69 354	700	-15 565	-1 150	-16 303	-3 829	18 655	-248
Reserve assets	-LTCV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net financial transactions</b>	<b>-HBNT</b>	<b>22 392</b>	<b>-5 677</b>	<b>5 063</b>	<b>-8 160</b>	<b>13 890</b>	<b>16 882</b>	<b>-220</b>	<b>-10 990</b>	<b>13 479</b>	<b>11 469</b>	<b>-19 635</b>
<b>Net errors and omissions<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>HHDH</b>	<b>14 921</b>	<b>-1 615</b>	<b>4 645</b>	<b>-6 404</b>	<b>12 475</b>	<b>13 067</b>	<b>-4 217</b>	<b>-9 074</b>	<b>13 724</b>	<b>13 173</b>	<b>-19 438</b>

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2 This series represents net errors and omissions in the balance of payments accounts. It is the converse of the current and capital balances (HBOG and FKMJ) and net financial account transactions (HBNT) and is required to balance these three accounts, not seasonally adjusted.

# R2 Current account revisions since last Balance of Payments Statistical Bulletin

Seasonally adjusted

£ million

		2014	2015	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4
<b>Credits</b>												
Exports of goods and services												
Exports of goods	BOKG	-845	-669	-653	-82	-293	-78	-392	16	-181	-131	-373
Exports of services	IKBB	-929	-538	-183	-841	166	-599	345	1 738	-2 016	-2 064	1 804
Total exports of goods and services	IKBH	-1 774	-1 207	-836	-923	-127	-677	-47	1 754	-2 197	-2 195	1 431
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	IJAH	-	3	-2	-3	-3	10	-4	8	-5	-11	11
Investment income	HBOK	-1 523	6 736	2 386	-1 291	-457	159	66	1 476	2 030	1 493	1 737
Other primary income	MT5T	-	-228	-1	-	-	-	-	-	-76	-76	-76
Total primary income	HBOH	-1 523	6 511	2 383	-1 294	-460	169	62	1 484	1 949	1 406	1 672
Secondary income												
Central government	FHDM	14	20	7	35	55	-102	26	80	-32	10	-38
Other sectors	PHIB	-25	-566	162	3	-4	-5	-19	-134	-160	-172	-100
Total secondary income	IKBN	-11	-546	169	38	51	-107	7	-54	-192	-162	-138
<b>Total</b>	<b>HBON</b>	<b>-3 308</b>	<b>4 758</b>	<b>1 716</b>	<b>-2 179</b>	<b>-536</b>	<b>-615</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3 184</b>	<b>-440</b>	<b>-951</b>	<b>2 965</b>
<b>Debits</b>												
Imports of goods and services												
Imports of goods	BOKH	-1 413	312	939	-270	-72	-720	-351	243	-637	-73	779
Imports of services	IKBC	1 460	376	499	1 815	249	-256	-348	367	-111	39	81
Total imports of goods and services	IKBI	47	688	1 438	1 545	177	-976	-699	610	-748	-34	860
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	IJAI	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
Investment income	HBOL	-10 658	8 749	-95	-2 397	-2 021	-3 397	-2 843	3 135	982	994	3 638
Other primary income	MT5V	-	-	-1	-8	4	1	3	-7	-	3	4
Total primary income	HBOI	-10 658	8 752	-96	-2 405	-2 017	-3 396	-2 840	3 129	984	997	3 642
Secondary income												
Central government	FLUD	-	58	94	-191	394	-215	12	16	25	-9	26
Other sectors	FLUZ	-168	-706	168	-37	-14	-37	-80	-126	-159	-159	-262
Total secondary income	IKBO	-168	-648	262	-228	380	-252	-68	-110	-134	-168	-236
<b>Total</b>	<b>HBOO</b>	<b>-10 779</b>	<b>8 792</b>	<b>1 604</b>	<b>-1 088</b>	<b>-1 460</b>	<b>-4 624</b>	<b>-3 607</b>	<b>3 629</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>4 266</b>
<b>Balances</b>												
Trade in goods and services												
Trade in goods	BOKI	568	-981	-1 592	188	-221	642	-41	-227	456	-58	-1 152
Trade in services	IKBD	-2 389	-914	-682	-2 656	-83	-343	693	1 371	-1 905	-2 103	1 723
Total trade in goods and services	IKBJ	-1 821	-1 895	-2 274	-2 468	-304	299	652	1 144	-1 449	-2 161	571
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Investment income	HBOM	9 135	-2 013	2 481	1 106	1 564	3 556	2 909	-1 659	1 048	499	-1 901
Other primary income	MT5X	-	-228	-	8	-4	-1	-3	7	-76	-79	-80
Total primary income	HBOJ	9 135	-2 241	2 479	1 111	1 557	3 565	2 902	-1 645	965	409	-1 970
Secondary income												
Central government	FNSV	14	-38	-87	226	-339	113	14	64	-57	19	-64
Other sectors	FNTC	143	140	-6	40	10	32	61	-8	-1	-13	162
Total secondary income	IKBP	157	102	-93	266	-329	145	75	56	-58	6	98
<b>Current balance</b>	<b>HBOP</b>	<b>7 471</b>	<b>-4 034</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>-1 091</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>4 009</b>	<b>3 629</b>	<b>-445</b>	<b>-542</b>	<b>-1 746</b>	<b>-1 301</b>
<b>Balances as a percentage of GDP<sup>1</sup></b>												
Trade in goods and services												
Trade in goods	D28J	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-	-0.1	0.1	-	-	0.1	-	-0.2
Trade in services	D28K	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	-	-0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.5	0.3
Total trade in goods and services	D28L	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.5	0.1
Total primary income	D28M	0.5	-0.1	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.6	-0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.4
Total secondary income	D28N	-	-	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	-	0.1
Current balance as percentage of GDP	AA6H	0.4	-0.2	-	-0.2	0.2	0.9	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2

<sup>1</sup> Using series YBHA: GDP at current market prices

# R3 Revisions to international investment since last Balance of Payments Statistical Bulletin

Not seasonally adjusted

£ billion

		2014	2015	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4
<b>Investment abroad</b>												
International Investment Position												
Direct investment	N2V3	157.0	20.1	170.0	195.4	183.7	171.7	157.0	57.3	114.9	55.3	20.1
Portfolio investment	HHZZ	0.2	-23.1	-4.5	0.5	0.7	-0.1	0.2	0.3	2.5	-8.2	-23.1
Financial derivatives	JX96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment	HLXV	23.7	-40.8	0.5	19.8	21.2	21.7	23.7	-0.7	-0.3	-0.1	-40.8
Reserve assets	LTEB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	HBQA	180.9	-43.8	166.0	215.7	205.6	193.3	180.9	56.9	117.2	46.9	-43.8
Financial Account transactions <sup>1</sup>												
Direct investment	-N2SV	-19.7	-13.6	34.4	-2.1	-3.6	14.1	-28.1	-7.0	-0.4	0.4	-6.6
Portfolio investment	-HHZC	-0.2	-9.6	-1.2	-0.2	-	-	-	0.3	0.4	-10.7	0.3
Financial derivatives (net)	-ZPNN	14.2	1.3	-3.2	-0.9	2.0	-11.8	24.9	3.1	7.8	-4.8	-4.8
Other investment	-XBMM	-3.2	-36.9	2.1	-3.7	0.1	0.6	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-36.8
Reserve assets	-LTCV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-HBNR	-8.9	-58.8	32.1	-6.9	-1.5	2.9	-3.4	-3.4	7.7	-15.2	-47.9
Investment income earnings												
Direct investment	N2QP	-1.5	6.8	2.6	-1.5	-0.7	0.2	0.5	0.7	2.3	1.6	2.2
Portfolio investment	HLVX	-	-0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.1
Other investment	ATOP	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserve assets	HCCB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	HMBN	-1.5	6.7	2.6	-1.5	-0.7	0.2	0.4	0.7	2.3	1.7	2.1
<b>Investment in the UK</b>												
International Investment Position												
Direct investment	N2UG	-25.2	67.7	52.4	27.5	17.2	9.2	-25.2	14.2	-5.6	-5.0	67.7
Portfolio investment	HLXW	92.2	138.4	106.0	104.7	77.6	72.1	92.2	146.4	135.7	156.9	138.4
Financial derivatives	JX97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment	HLVD	3.8	-46.8	45.4	-13.4	-13.8	2.5	3.8	5.4	5.9	-9.2	-46.8
Total	HBQB	70.7	159.3	203.8	118.7	81.0	83.9	70.7	166.0	136.1	142.7	159.3
Financial Account transactions												
Direct investment	N2SA	16.1	-4.5	13.5	57.0	-9.0	-28.8	-3.1	6.6	-10.8	-9.1	8.8
Portfolio investment	HHZF	9.1	-13.5	-0.2	17.3	-5.8	-1.3	-1.1	-15.6	1.3	1.2	-0.5
Other investment	XBMM	-56.5	-35.2	13.7	-73.0	-0.6	16.1	1.0	16.5	3.7	-18.8	-36.6
Total	HBNS	-31.3	-53.1	27.0	1.3	-15.3	-14.0	-3.2	7.6	-5.8	-26.7	-28.3
Investment income												
Direct investment	N2Q4	-12.8	6.2	-0.6	-2.5	-3.0	-3.8	-3.4	2.6	0.3	0.3	3.1
Portfolio investment	HLZC	2.2	2.4	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6
Other investment	HLZN	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	-
Total	HMBO	-10.7	8.7	0.1	-1.9	-2.5	-3.4	-2.9	3.4	0.8	0.8	3.7
<b>Net investment</b>												
International Investment Position												
Direct investment	MU7O	182.2	-47.6	117.6	167.9	166.5	162.5	182.2	43.1	120.5	60.3	-47.6
Portfolio investment	CGNH	-92.0	-161.5	-110.5	-104.2	-76.9	-72.2	-92.0	-146.1	-133.2	-165.1	-161.5
Financial derivatives	JX98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment	CGNG	19.9	6.0	-44.9	33.2	35.0	19.1	19.9	-6.1	-6.2	9.1	6.0
Reserve assets	LTEB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net investment	HBQC	110.1	-203.2	-37.8	96.9	124.6	109.4	110.1	-109.1	-18.9	-95.7	-203.2
Financial Accounts transactions <sup>1</sup>												
Direct investment	-MU7M	-35.8	-9.1	20.9	-59.1	5.4	43.0	-25.0	-13.7	10.5	9.5	-15.4
Portfolio investment	-HHZD	-9.3	3.9	-1.1	-17.5	5.8	1.3	1.0	15.9	-0.9	-11.9	0.8
Financial derivatives	-ZPNN	14.2	1.3	-3.2	-0.9	2.0	-11.8	24.9	3.1	7.8	-4.8	-4.8
Other investment	-HHYR	53.3	-1.7	-11.6	69.4	0.7	-15.6	-1.1	-16.3	-3.8	18.7	-0.2
Reserve assets	-LTCV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net transactions	-HBNT	22.4	-5.7	5.1	-8.2	13.9	16.9	-0.2	-11.0	13.5	11.5	-19.6
Investment income earnings												
Direct investment	MU7E	11.3	0.6	3.1	1.1	2.3	4.0	3.8	-1.9	2.0	1.3	-0.8
Portfolio investment	HLZX	-2.2	-2.5	-0.8	-0.7	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.7	-0.5	-0.5	-0.8
Other investment	CGNA	-	-0.1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.1
Reserve assets	HCCB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net earnings	HMBM	9.1	-2.0	2.4	0.4	1.8	3.6	3.3	-2.7	1.5	0.8	-1.7

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