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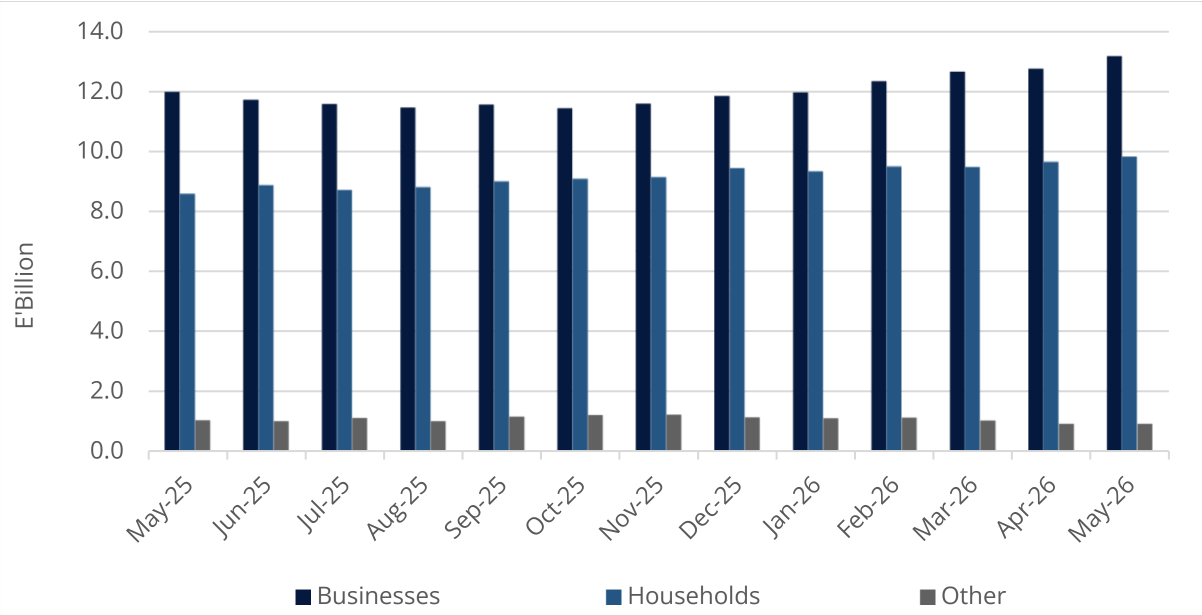
HIGHLIGHTS ON MAJOR MONETARY AGGREGATES	MONTHLY % CHANGE	ANNUAL % CHANGE
Credit extended to the private sector increased by 2.5 per cent month-on-month and 10.6 per cent year-on-year to reach E23.9 billion in May 2026.	+2.5%	+10.6%
Broad money supply (M2) amounted to E26.5 billion in May 2026, reflecting a decline of 0.7 per cent month-on-month and growth of 11.3 per cent year-on-year.	-0.7%	+11.3%
Domestic liquid assets stood at E8.7 billion in May 2026, lower by 4.3 per cent month-on-month but higher by 22.1 per cent year-on-year.	-4.3%	+22.1%
Provisional gross official reserves declined by 7.2 per cent month-on-month and 1.3 per cent year-on-year to close at E8.1 billion in June 2026.	-7.2%	-1.3%
Reserves' import cover fell from 2.0 months in May 2026 to 1.9 months in June 2026.	**June 2026** 1.9 months	**May 2026** 2.0 months
	PER CENT	
Discount rate: The discount rate was at 6.75 per cent in June 2026.	6.75	
Prime lending rate: Commercial banks' prime lending rate was at 10.25 per cent in June 2026.	10.25	

DOMESTIC CREDIT

Credit extended to the private sector

At the end of May 2026, credit to the private sector rose to E23.9 billion, reflecting month-on-month and year-on-year increases of 2.5 per cent and 10.6 per cent, respectively. The improvement was supported by increased lending to businesses and households & nonprofit institutions serving households (NPISH), while credit to other domestic sectors declined.

Figure 1: Credit to the Private Sector: May 2025 to May 2026



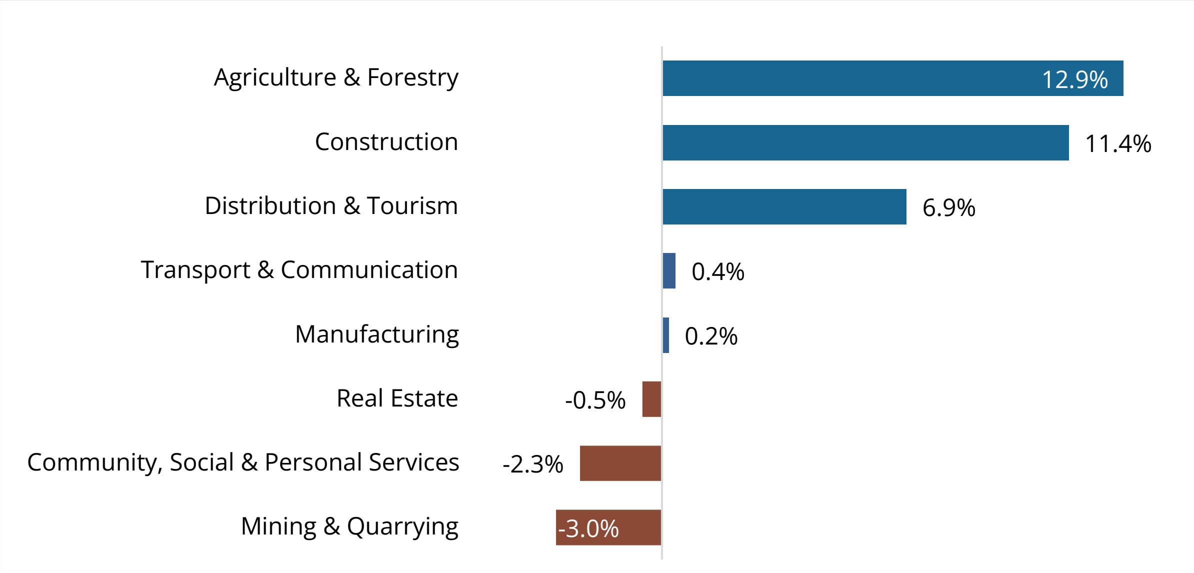
Source: Central Bank of Eswatini and Other Depository Corporations

Credit to businesses rose by 3.2 per cent month-on-month and 9.8 per cent year-on-year to reach E13.2 billion in May 2026. The expansion was driven by higher lending to agriculture & forestry (12.9 per cent), construction (11.4 per cent), distribution & tourism (6.9 per cent), transport & communications (0.4 per cent), and manufacturing (0.2 per cent) subsectors. These increases were partly offset by declines in credit to mining & quarrying (-3.0 per cent), community, social & personal services (-2.3 per cent), and real estate (-0.5 per cent) subsectors.

A breakdown of credit to businesses by enterprise size showed mixed performance. Credit to large enterprises rose by 7.3 per cent month-on-month and 9.0 per cent year-on-year to E9.0 billion, accounting for 68.5 per cent of total credit to businesses. On the other hand, credit to SMEs decreased by 4.7 per cent month-on-month but grew by 11.6

per cent year-on-year, accounting for the remaining 31.5 per cent of total credit to businesses.

Figure 2: Growth in Credit to Businesses by Industry; May 2026



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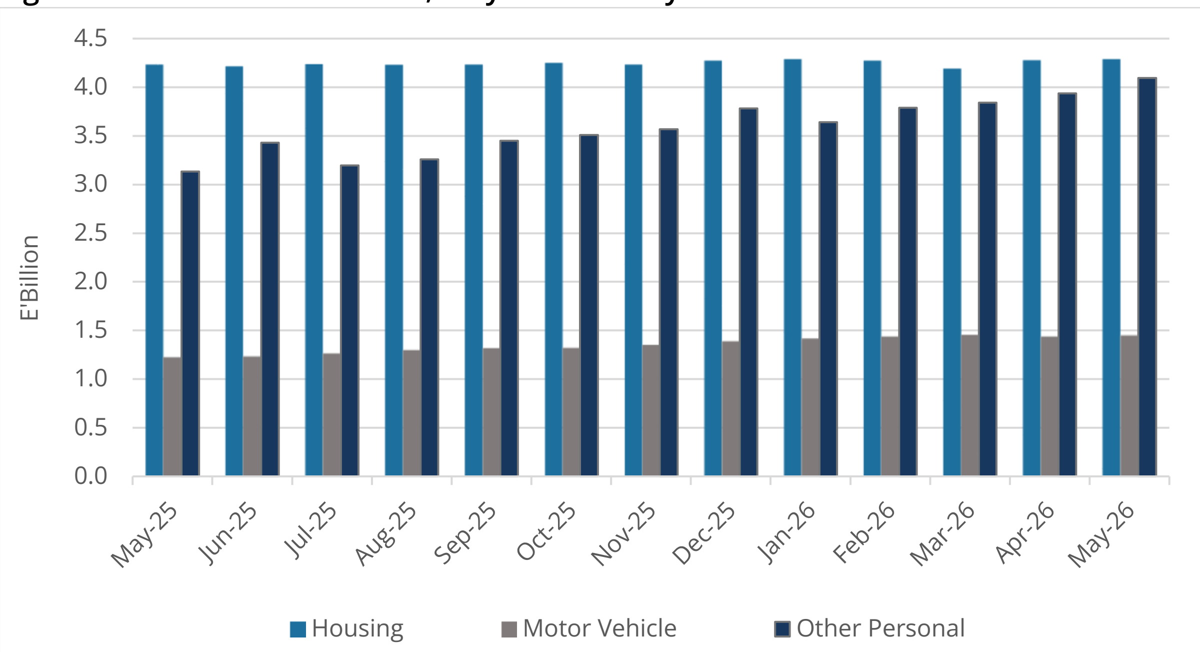
Credit to households and NPISH increased by 1.9 per cent month-on-month and 14.4 per cent year-on-year to E9.8 billion in May 2026. The growth was broad-based across all household credit categories, led by other personal (unsecured) loans, which increased by 4.0 per cent to E4.1 billion. This was followed by motor vehicle loans, which rose by 0.8 per cent to E1.4 billion, and housing loans, which grew by 0.3 per cent to E4.3 billion.

Figure 3: Credit to Households; May 2025 to May 2026



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Credit to other sectors of the domestic economy declined for the third consecutive month in May 2026, falling by 0.2 per cent month-on-month and 11.6 per cent year-on-year to E903.2 million. The decline was driven by reduced lending to other financial corporations, which fell by 0.5 per cent to E420.0 million, and public enterprises, where credit decreased by 0.1 per cent to E399.4 million. In contrast, credit extended to local government rose by 0.7 per cent to E83.9 million.

Government balances (net)

Net claims on government more than doubled from E1.0 billion in April 2026 to E2.1 billion in May 2026. The increase was primarily driven by a 14.3 per cent rise in claims on government to E8.4 billion, following an advance from the Central Bank. Although government deposits also increased during the review month, the growth was relatively modest at 0.3 per cent, reaching E6.4 billion.

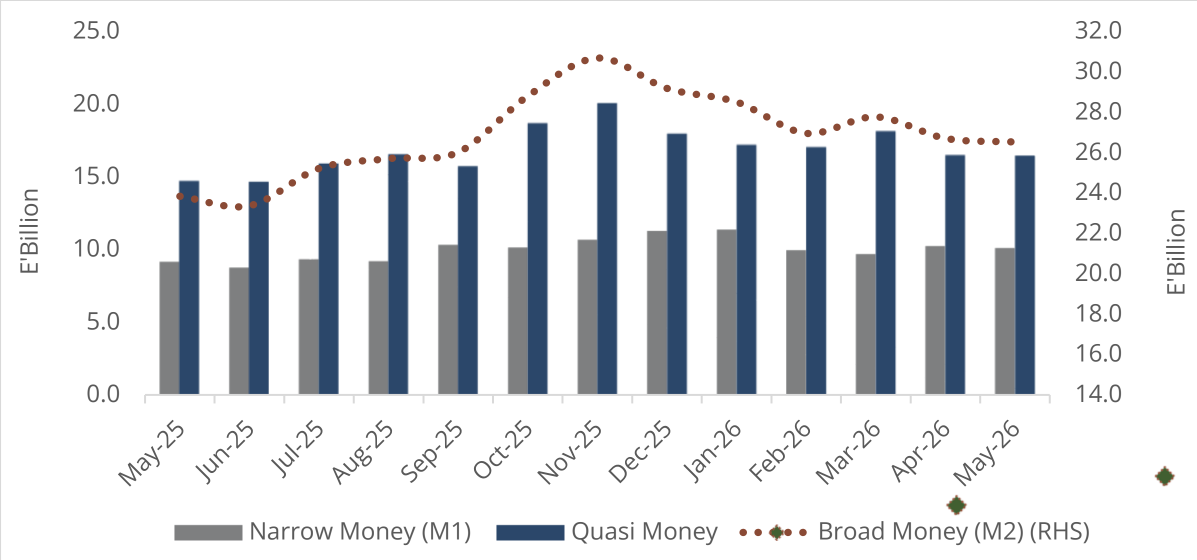
Broad money supply

Broad money supply (M2) amounted to E26.5 billion in May 2026, representing a month-on-month decline of 0.7 per cent but an increase of 11.3 per cent year-on-year. The month-on-month reduction in M2 was attributable to contractions in both narrow money supply (M1) and quasi money supply.

M1 contracted by 1.2 per cent month-on-month but grew by 10.4 per cent year-on-year to E10.1 billion in May 2026. The month-on-month decline was driven by a 1.6 per cent fall in transferable (demand) deposits to E9.1 billion. Meanwhile, Emalangeni in circulation improved by 2.3 per cent to E951.4 million during the month under review.

Quasi money supply stood at E16.4 billion in May 2026, reflecting a modest month-on-month decline of 0.3 per cent alongside a year-on-year increase of 11.8 per cent. The month-on-month decrease reflected declines in both savings deposits, which fell by 0.6 per cent to E2.3 billion, and time deposits, which declined by 0.3 per cent to E14.2 billion.

Figure 4: Money Supply; May 2025 to May 2026

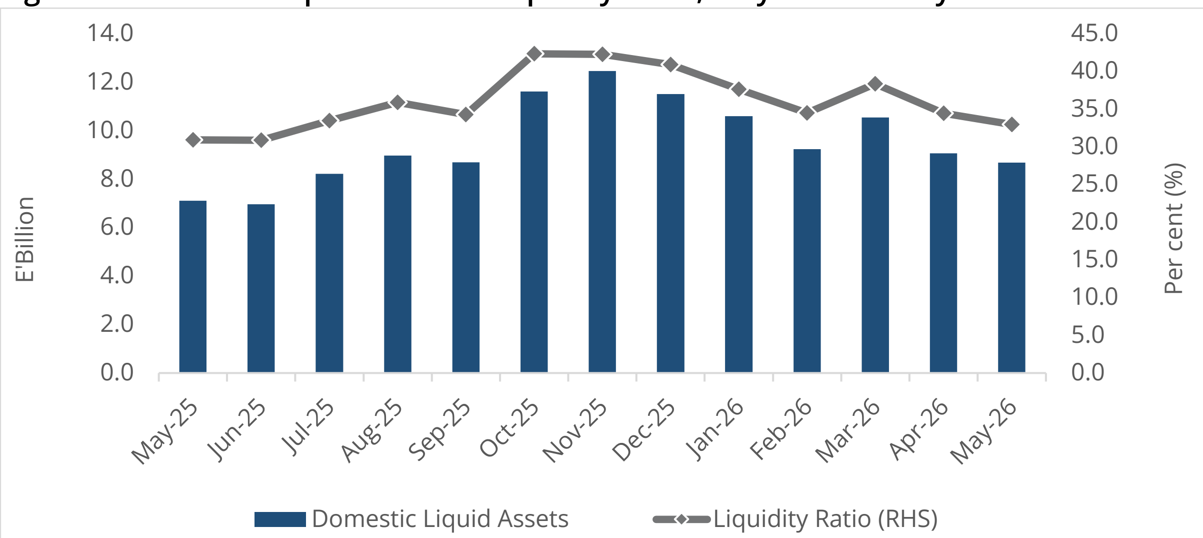


Source: Central Bank of Eswatini & Other Depository Corporations

The liquidity position of the banking industry

The banking sector's liquidity contracted by 4.3 per cent month-on-month but expanded by 22.1 per cent year-on-year to reach E8.7 billion in May 2026. The month-on-month decline was primarily driven by a significant reduction in the banks' balances held with the Central Bank, coupled with a slight decrease in vault cash holdings. Consequently, the liquidity ratio fell to 33.0 per cent in May 2026 from 34.5 per cent in April 2026.

Figure 5: Domestic Liquid Assets & Liquidity Ratio; May 2025 to May 2026

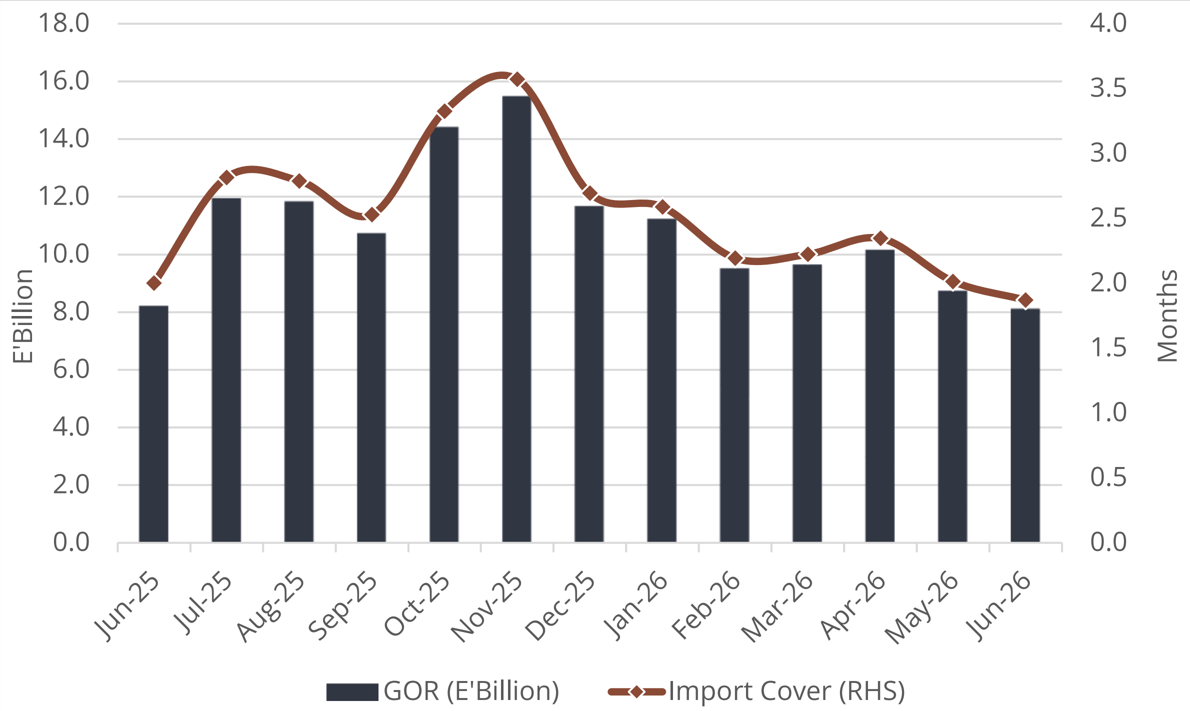


Source: Central Bank of Eswatini & Other Depository Corporations

Provisional gross official reserves

Provisional[1] gross official reserves decreased from E8.7 billion in May 2026 to E8.1 billion in June 2026, reflecting a month-on-month fall of 7.2 per cent and a year-on-year decrease of 1.3 per cent. The contraction was attributed to net Rand outflows arising from trades with local banks, coupled with the settlement of Government fiscal obligations during the month under review. As a result, the reserves' import cover declined from 2.0 months in May 2026 to 1.9 months in June 2026. Measured in special drawing rights (SDR), the reserves fell by 7.2 per cent month-on-month but rose by 8.6 per cent year-on-year to close at SDR365.3 million at the end of June 2026.

Figure 6: Gross Official Reserves & Import Cover; June 2025 to June 2026



Source: Central Bank of Eswatini

[1] Provisional reserves pending the official closure of CBE accounts.

ITEM	May-26 Amount (E'000)		Apr-26 Amount (E'000)	May-25 Amount (E'000)	
CENTRAL BANK OF ESWATINI					
Claims on Non-residents	***10,340,782***		***11,818,791***	***11,145,061***	
Claims on Domestic Economy	***2,920,284***	*	***1,946,512***	***3,527,444***	
Government	2,836,924		1,864,323	3,452,246	
Other Depository Corporations	2,082		2,082	2,082	
Other Resident Sectors	81,279		80,107	73,116	
Other Assets	***1,820,431***		***1,718,541***	***810,281***	
Total Assets/Liabilities	***15,081,497***		***15,483,843***	***15,482,787***	*
OTHER DEPOSITORY CORPORATIONS					
Cash and Deposits with CBS	***3,414,878***		***3,893,494***	***2,642,479***	
Net Balances with Banks Outside Eswatini	***600,272***		***919,413***	***1,056,944***	
Loans and advances	***23,759,432***		***23,165,869***	***21,327,154***	
Government Securities	***5,386,372***	*	***5,312,465***	***4,628,492***	
Treasury Bills	1,395,377		1,371,413	1,343,258	
Government Bonds	3,990,994		3,941,052	3,285,234	
Other	0		0	0	
Total Deposits	***28,267,310***		***28,473,118***	***24,808,051***	*
Transferable/Demand	9,660,624		9,829,177	8,778,740	
Savings	2,337,174		2,345,602	2,071,044	
Time	16,269,512		16,298,339	13,958,268	
Capital and Reserves	***5,807,785***		***5,792,799***	***5,568,046***	
Total Assets/Liabilities	***39,737,156***		***39,705,831***	***35,592,560***	
Total Liquid Assets (Banks only)	***8,680,558***		***9,074,459***	***7,109,556***	
Required Liquidity (Banks only)	**5,751,940**		**5,755,166**	***5,023,151***	
Surplus/ Deficiency (-) (Banks only)	**2,928,618**		**3,319,293**	**2,086,405**	
RATIOS (%)					
Actual Liquidity to Domestic Liabilities (Banks Only)	***33.0***		***34.5***	***30.9***	
Loans and Advances to Deposits	***84.1***		***81.4***	***86.0***	

DEPOSITORY CORPORATIONS SURVEY	May-26		Apr-26		May-25	
Net Foreign Assets (E)	***6,702,897***		***8,435,799***		***7,477,770***	
Net Official Assets	***5,921,763***		***7,303,366***		***6,317,508***	*
Foreign Assets - Central Bank of Eswatini	10,340,782		11,818,791		11,171,304	
Foreign Liabilities - Central Bank of Eswatini	4,419,019		4,515,425		4,853,797	
Net Other Depository Corporations Foreign holdings (ODC)	***781,134***	*	***1,132,433***		***1,160,263***	*
Foreign Assets - ODC	4,114,021		4,455,047		4,079,347	
Foreign Liabilities - ODC	3,332,886		3,322,614		2,919,085	
Net Foreign Assets (SDR)	***301,631***		***366,957***		***306,589***	
Net Domestic Claims	**25,945,532**		**24,322,473**		**23,814,248**	
Net Claims on Government	***2,053,733***		***1,018,053***		***2,218,967***	
Claims on Central Government	8,441,642		7,386,905		8,286,076	
Government Deposits	6,387,909		6,368,852		6,067,109	
Claims on other sectors	***23,891,799***	*	***23,304,420***	*	***21,595,281***	*
Other nonfinancial corporations (Industry)	13,164,208		12,754,079		11,985,611	
Other resident sectors (Households &NPISH)	9,824,402		9,645,250		8,587,769	
Other sectors	903,188		905,090		1,021,902	
Broad Money Supply (M2)	***26,526,149***		***26,706,505***		***23,838,767***	
Narrow Money Supply (M1)	***10,089,982***	*	***10,215,001***	*	***9,140,441***	*
Currency outside depository corporations (E)	951,363		929,795		777,400	
Transferable (Demand) deposits	9,138,620		9,285,207		8,363,042	
Quasi Money	***16,436,167***		***16,491,504***		***14,698,326***	
Savings Deposits	2,264,645		2,277,845		1,998,999	
Time Deposits	14,171,522		14,213,659		12,699,327	
Shares and Other Equity	***7,851,236***		***7,481,242***		***7,940,021***	
Central Bank Of Eswatini	***1,434,421***		***1,083,550***		***1,766,876***	
Other Depository Corporations	***6,416,815***		***6,397,692***		***6,173,144***	
Other Items (net)	***(1,728,956)***		***(1,429,476)***		***(486,770)***	

GROSS OFFICIAL RESERVES		Jun-26 Amount (E'000)	May-26 Amount (E'000)	Apr-26 Amount (E'000)	May-25 Amount (E'000)	Jun-25 Amount (E'000)
Total Official (Gross)	***- Emalangeni E***	***8,116,893***	***8,742,156***	***10,165,040***	***9,390,471***	***8,221,619***
	Special Drawing Rights (SDR)	***365,261***	***393,397***	***442,179***	***385,010***	***336,264***
Import Cover (Reserves to months of estimated imports)		***1.9***	***2.0***	***2.3***	***2.3***	***2.0***
Net Bank Holdings			781,134	1,132,433	1,160,263	1,000,878

NOTES:

1.Data supplied in this Monthly Release represent an abstract of those provided regularly in the Central Bank's Quarterly Review.

2.This Release is issued every month.

3.All figures shown are subject to revision.

4.For definitions of concepts used reference should be made to the relevant notes in the Central Bank's Quarterly Review.

5.Import cover figures are subject to revision as import figures used have a 3 month lag.

6.* Owing to the rounding of figures , the sum of separate items will sometimes differ in the final digit from the total shown.

7. *The figures of total assets/liabilities reflected in this table includes all assets/liabilities however, only selected assets/liabilities are listed in the table above.