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# Balance of Payments, UK: Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2015

A measure of cross-border transactions between the UK and rest of the world. Includes trade, income, capital transfers and foreign assets and liabilities.



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# 1 . Main points

- The United Kingdom's (UK) current account deficit was £26.5 billion in Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2015, down from a revised deficit of £28.9 billion in Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2014. The deficit in Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2015 equated to 5.8% of gross domestic product (GDP) at current market prices, down from 6.4% in Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2014
- The narrowing of the current account deficit was due to a narrowing in the deficit on the secondary income account and the primary income account, partially offset by a widening in the deficit on the trade account
- The secondary income deficit narrowed to £5.5 billion in Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2015, from £7.7 billion in Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2014. This was mainly due to the deficit in general government narrowing by £2.0 billion, to £4.5 billion in Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2015
- The trade deficit widened to £7.5 billion in Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2015, from £6.9 billion in Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2014. This was due to a slight widening in the trade in goods deficit, and a slight narrowing in the trade in services surplus
- The financial account recorded net inward investment of £24.3 billion during Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2015
- The international investment position recorded UK net liabilities of £289.3 billion at the end of Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2015

## 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.

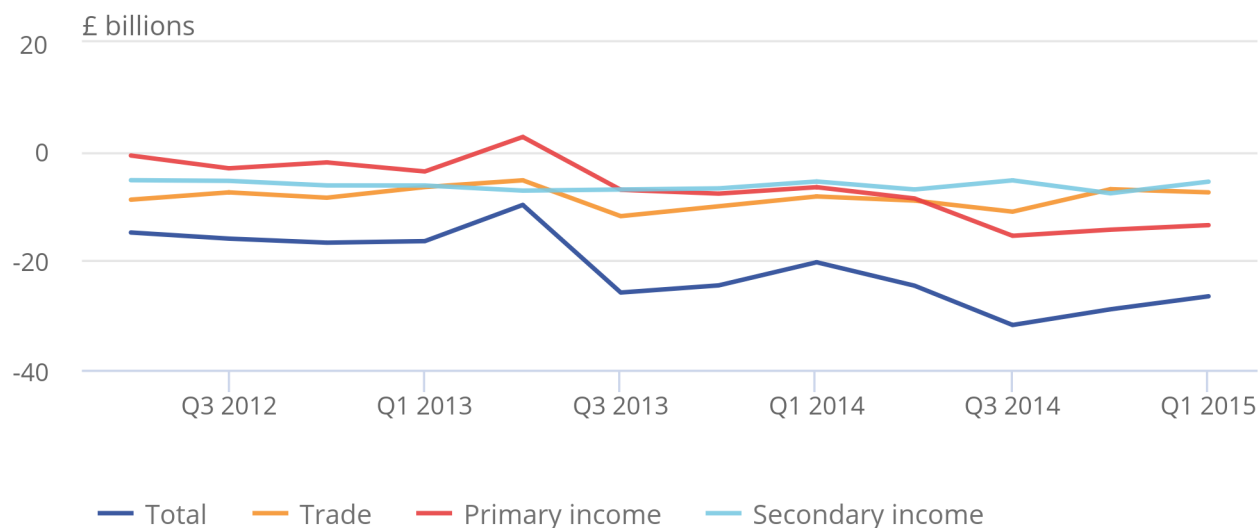
The current account comprises the trade in goods and services account, the primary income account and secondary income account. The difference in the monetary value of these accounts is known as the current account balance. A current account balance is in surplus if overall credits exceed debits, and 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 2012 to Quarter 1 2015**

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## Quarter 1 2015 overview

In Quarter 1 2015, the UK was a net borrower of £26.4 billion, down from £28.4 billion in Quarter 4 2014. This was due to the total secondary income and total primary income deficits narrowing by £2.1 billion and £0.8 billion respectively. Slightly offsetting this was a widening in the deficit on total trade of £0.6 billion.

The narrowing in the total secondary income deficit was mainly due to a fall of £2.0 billion in the general government deficit, from £6.5 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to £4.5 billion in Quarter 1 2015.

The decrease in the total primary income deficit was mainly due to the total investment income deficit narrowing by £0.8 billion, from £14.0 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to £13.2 billion in Quarter 1 2015.

The widening in the total trade deficit was due to a widening of £0.3 billion in the trade in goods deficit and a narrowing of £0.2 billion in the trade in services surplus. The widening in the trade in goods deficit was due to exports falling by £2.2 billion and imports falling by just £1.9 billion. The narrowing in the trade in services surplus was due to imports rising by £0.5 billion and exports rising by just £0.2 billion.

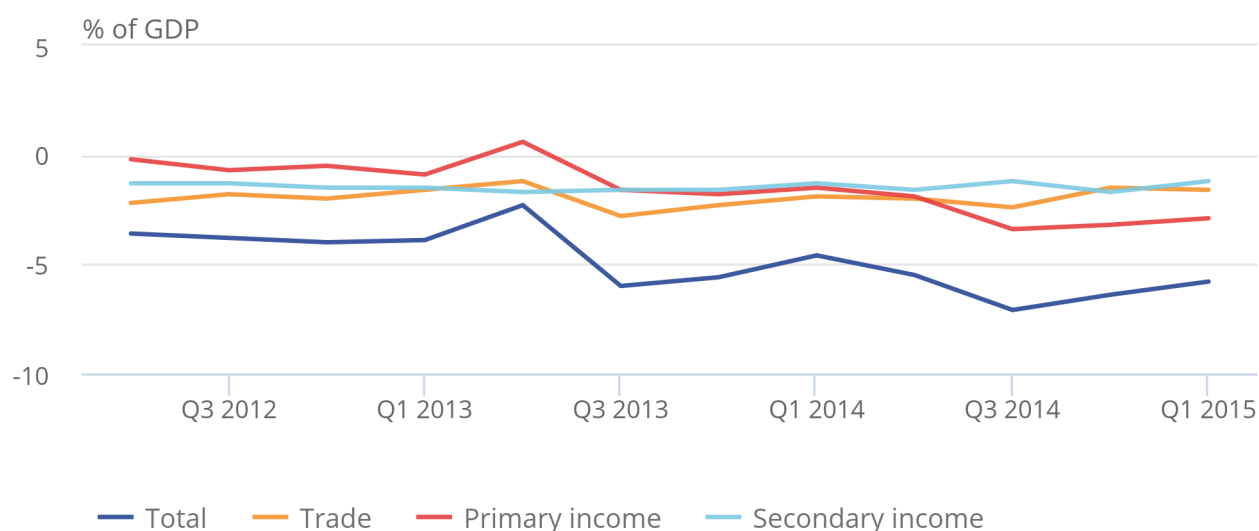
## Notes for Summary:

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

**Figure 2: UK balances as percentage of GDP, Quarter 2 2012 to Quarter 1 2015**

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The current account deficit equated to 5.8% of gross domestic product (GDP) at current market prices in Quarter 1 2015, compared with 6.4% in Quarter 4 2014. The deficit on trade in goods and services was equivalent to 1.6% of GDP in Quarter 1 2015, compared with 1.5% in Quarter 4 2014. The deficit on primary income equated to 2.9% of GDP in Quarter 1 2015, compared with a deficit equivalent to 3.2% in Quarter 4 2014. The deficit on secondary income equated to 1.2% of GDP in Quarter 1 2015, compared with 1.7% in Quarter 4 2014.

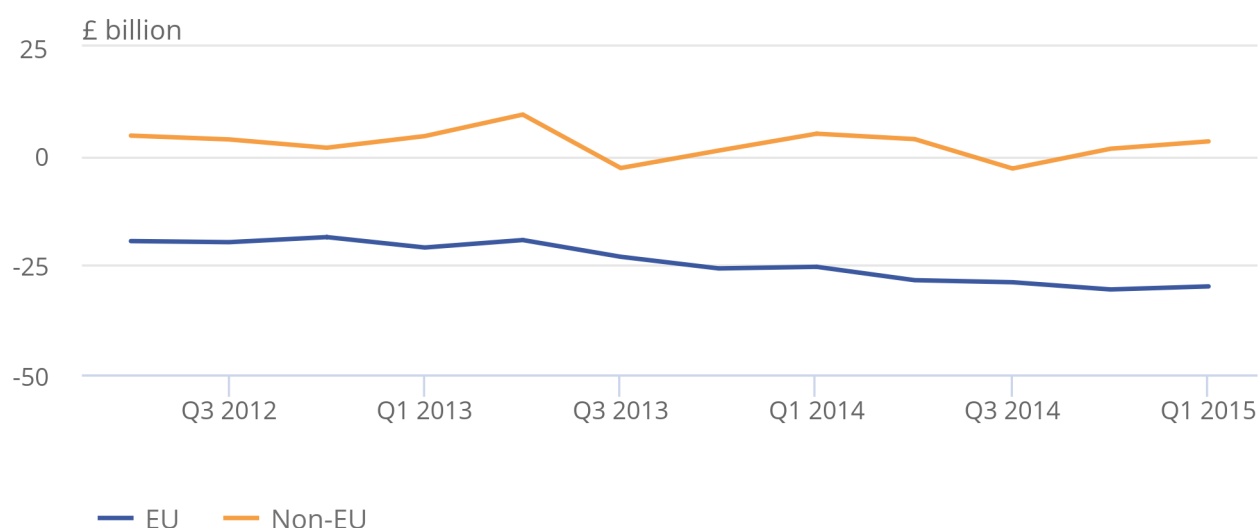
## Notes for Current account balances as percentage of GDP

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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 2012 to Quarter 1 2015**

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A deficit of £29.9 billion was recorded with the EU in Quarter 1 2015, compared with a deficit of £30.6 billion in Quarter 4 2014. This decrease was mainly due to a narrowing in the deficit on the primary and secondary income balances, these were slightly offset by a widening in the deficit on the total trade balance. The current account surplus with non-EU countries in Quarter 4 2014 of £1.6 billion widened to £3.3 billion in Quarter 1 2015. The widening was mainly due to the deficit on secondary income narrowing and the surplus on total trade widening. Slightly offsetting these was a widening in the deficit on the primary income balance.

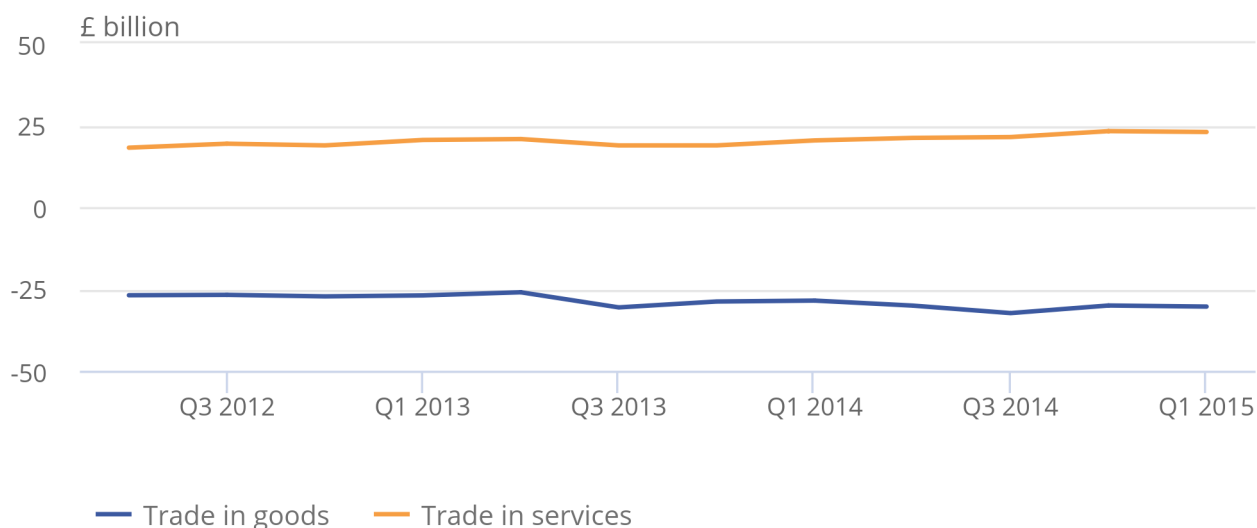
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## 5 . Trade in goods (Table E) and services (Table F)

Figure 4: UK trade in goods and services balances (seasonally adjusted), Quarter 2 2012 to Quarter 1 2015

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**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 2015 was £30.4 billion, compared with £30.1 billion in Quarter 4 2014. The widening in the deficit was due to exports falling by £2.2 billion while imports fell by just £1.9 billion.

The deficit on finished manufactured goods widened by £0.9 billion to £17.2 billion, and that on other fuels widened by £0.3 billion to £1.5 billion between Quarter 4 2014 and Quarter 1 2015. These were partially offset by the deficit on semi-manufactured goods narrowing by £0.5 billion to £3.7 billion, and the surplus on unspecified goods rising by £0.2 billion to £0.6 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 £22.9 billion in Quarter 1 2015, a decrease of £0.2 billion from Quarter 4 2014. Exports were £0.2 billion higher than Quarter 4 2014, at £55.2 billion, with increases mainly in the transport services, personal, cultural and recreational services, and financial services of £1.0 billion, £0.4 billion and £0.4 billion respectively. Partially offsetting these was a decrease in the other business services of £1.5 billion.

Imports increased by £0.5 billion to £32.3 billion, mainly due to increases in intellectual property services, financial services, and manufacturing and maintenance services of £0.3 billion, £0.3 billion and £0.2 billion respectively. Partially offsetting these was a decrease in government services of £0.5 billion.

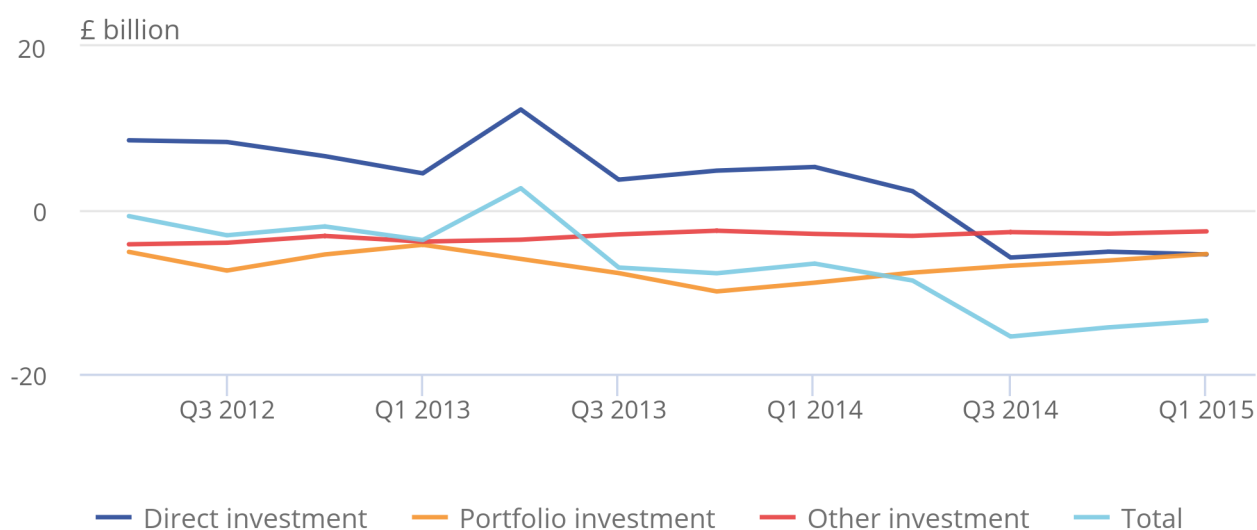
## Notes for Trade in goods (Table E) and services (Table F)

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## 6 . Primary income account (Table G)

**Figure 5: UK primary income account balances (seasonally adjusted), Quarter 2 2012 to Quarter 1 2015**

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The **primary income account** (previously titled 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 from £14.3 billion in Quarter 4 2014, to £13.5 billion in Quarter 1 2015. In terms of functional categories, the decrease was mainly due to the deficit on portfolio investment narrowing, from £6.2 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to £5.4 billion in Quarter 1 2015. Partially offsetting this was a widening in the direct investment deficit of £0.3 billion, from £5.1 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to £5.4 billion in Quarter 1 2015.

The deficit on **compensation of employees** narrowed in Quarter 1 2015 to £50 million, from £156 million in Quarter 4 2014.

The deficit on **direct investment** income widened from £5.1 billion in Quarter 4 2014, to £5.4 billion in Quarter 1 2015. The widening was due to receipts falling while payments were virtually unchanged. Payments were £16.9 billion in Quarter 1 2015, £0.3 billion lower than in Quarter 4 2014. The fall was mainly due to UK private non-financial corporations and UK monetary financial institutions recording a decrease in profits of £0.8 billion and £0.4 billion in Quarter 1 2015, to £11.4 billion and £0.8 billion respectively. Partially offsetting this, insurance companies recorded an increase in profits of £1.0 billion in Quarter 1 2015, to £1.6 billion. Receipts showed very little movement between Quarter 4 2014 and Quarter 1 2015, as the movement within the sectors offset each other. Foreign-owned UK private non-financial corporations recorded a decrease in profits from £17.2 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to profits of £15.3 billion in Quarter 1 2015. Offsetting this, foreign-owned UK other financial intermediaries, foreign-owned UK monetary financial institutions and foreign-owned UK insurance companies all recorded increases in profits of £1.2 billion, £0.5 billion and £0.2 billion respectively in Quarter 1 2015.

The **portfolio investment** income deficit narrowed between Quarter 4 2014 and Quarter 1 2015, with the deficit narrowing to £5.4 billion from £6.2 billion. This was due to a narrowing in the deficit of debt securities, partially offset by a widening in the equity securities deficit. UK earnings on portfolio investment abroad increased by £0.5 billion, this was mainly due to an increase of £0.6 billion in earnings on debt securities. This was partially offset by a slight decrease of £0.1 billion in the earnings of equity securities. Foreign earnings on portfolio investment in the UK decreased by £0.3 billion, this was mainly due to a fall of £0.7 billion in foreign earnings on UK debt securities. Partially offsetting this was an increase in foreign earnings on UK equity securities rising by £0.3 billion.

The deficit on earnings from other investment narrowed by £0.3 billion to £2.6 billion in Quarter 1 2015. UK earnings from other investment abroad decreased by £0.6 billion to £5.1 billion, while foreign earnings on other investment in the UK decreased by £0.9 billion to £7.7 billion.

The deficit on other primary income was £0.2 billion in Quarter 1 2015, virtually unchanged from Quarter 4 2014.



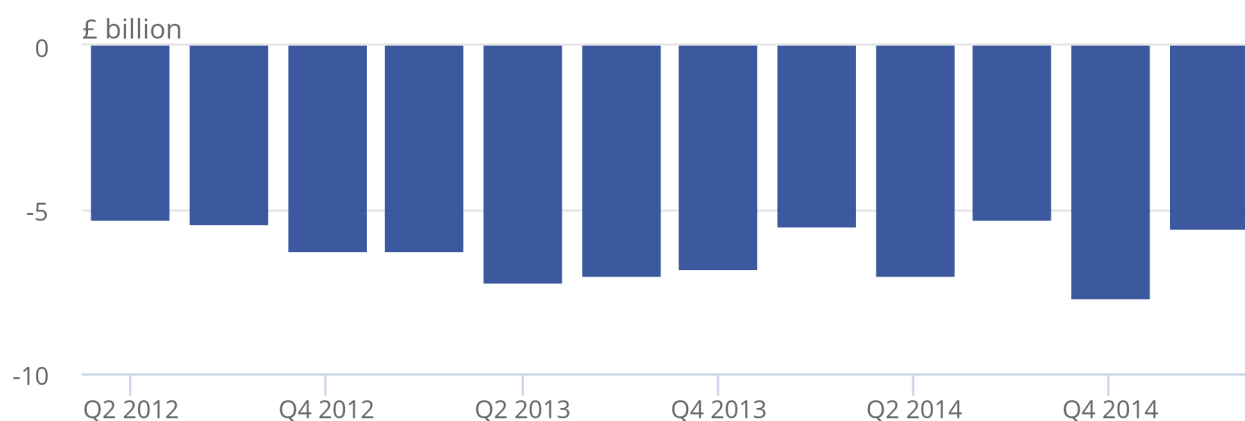
## Notes for Primary income account (Table G)

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## 7 . Secondary income account (Table H)

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**Secondary income** (previously titled current transfers) 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 by £2.1 billion, from £7.7 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to £5.5 billion in Quarter 1 2015. This was primarily due to a decrease in payments and a small increase in 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)

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## 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.

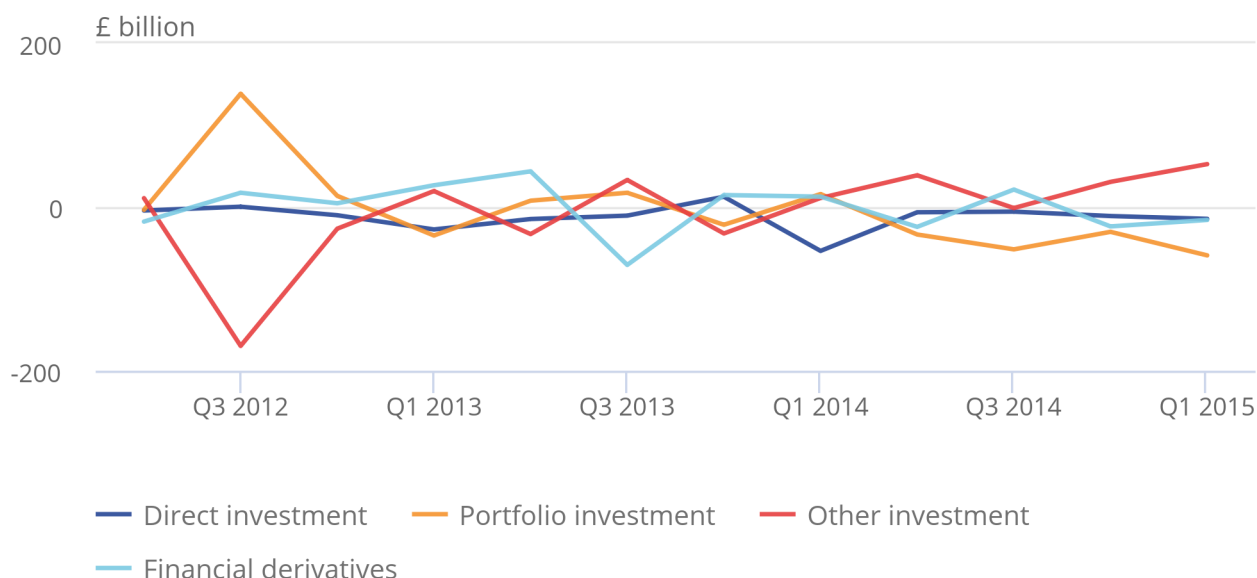
The **sale or purchase of non-produced, non-financial assets** covers intangibles such as patents, copyrights, franchises, leases and other transferable contracts, and goodwill. It also covers transactions involving tangible assets that may be used or needed for the production of goods and services but 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 £0.1 billion in Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2015, a decrease from a surplus of £0.5 billion in Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2014.

## 9 . Financial account (Table J)

Figure 7: UK financial account balances (not seasonally adjusted), Quarter 2 2012 to Quarter 1 2015

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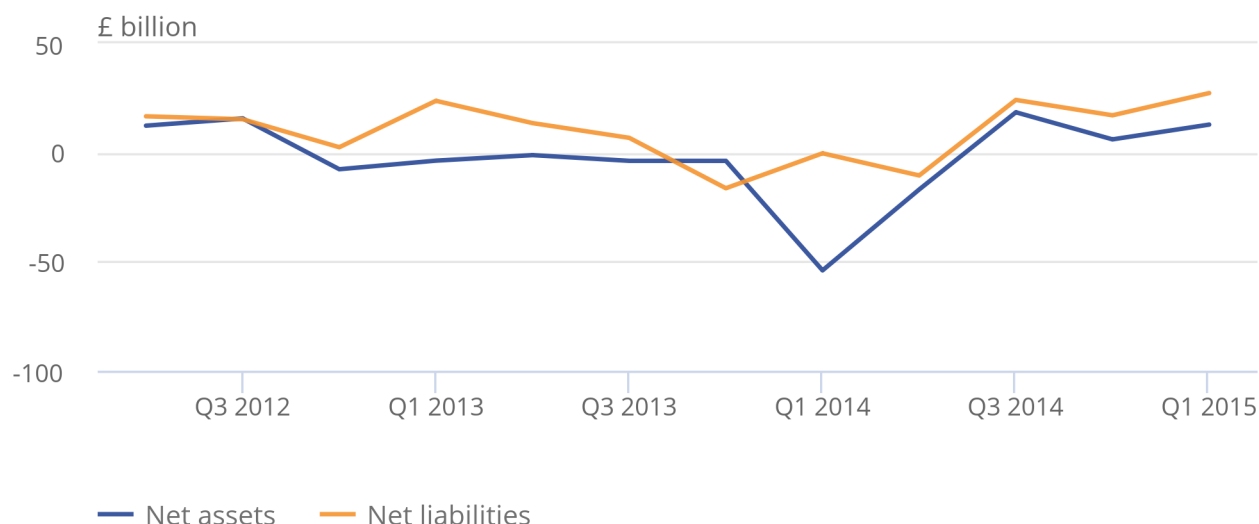
The **financial account** covers transactions that result in a change of ownership of financial assets and liabilities between UK residents and non-residents, for example, the acquisitions and disposals of foreign shares by UK residents.

The **financial account** showed a net inflow (that is, more money flowing into the UK) of £24.3 billion in Quarter 1 2015, compared with a net inflow of £30.1 billion in Quarter 4 2014. UK investment abroad switched from net disinvestment (net selling of assets abroad) of £35.8 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net investment (net buying of assets abroad) of £77.4 billion in Quarter 1 2015. Investment in the UK switched from net disinvestment (net selling of UK assets) of £5.7 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net investment (net buying of UK assets) of £101.7 billion in Quarter 1 2015.

**Direct investment** recorded a net inflow (that is, more money flowing into the UK) of £14.5 billion in Quarter 1 2015, compared with a net inflow of £11.0 billion in Quarter 4 2014. For further information on the impact of foreign direct investment acquisitions and disposals, please see background notes, section 3, part 2 interpreting the data.

**Figure 8: UK financial account: direct investment (not seasonally adjusted), Quarter 2 2012 to Quarter 1 2015**

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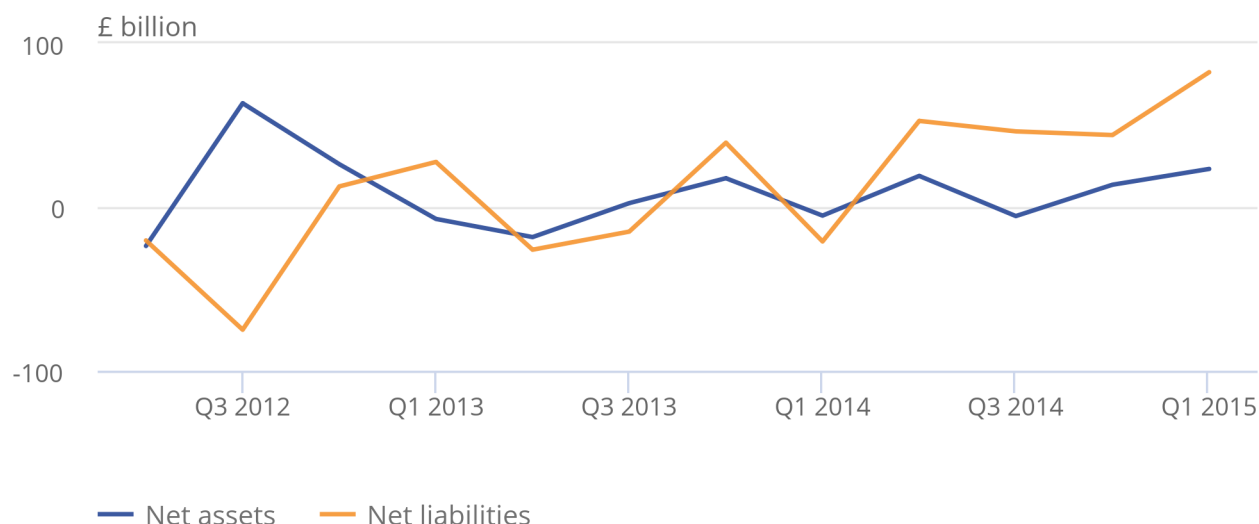
**Direct investment abroad** increased from net investment of £6.0 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net investment of £12.8 billion in Quarter 1 2015. The increase was due to investment in reinvested earnings switching from net disinvestment of £5.5 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net investment of £7.5 billion in Quarter 1 2015. Offsetting this was a decrease in net investment of equity capital from net investment of £9.4 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net investment of £4.5 billion in Quarter 1 2015. On a sector basis, the increase was mainly due to private non-financial corporations recording an increase in net investment from £4.4 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net investment of £10.0 billion in Quarter 1 2015. Additionally, other financial intermediaries increased from net investment of £2.6 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net investment of £4.4 billion in Quarter 1 2015. These were partially offset by insurance companies increasing net disinvestment from £0.8 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net disinvestment of £1.6 billion in Quarter 1 2015.

**Direct investment in the UK** increased from net investment of £17.0 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net investment of £27.2 billion in Quarter 1 2015. The increase was due to a rise in net investment in reinvested earnings and debt instruments from net investment of £4.5 billion and £6.8 billion in Quarter 4 2014, to net investment of £10.5 billion and £11.9 billion in Quarter 1 2015 respectively. On a sector basis, the increase in net investment was due to investment in UK private non-financial corporations increasing from net investment of £11.9 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net investment of £23.4 billion in Quarter 1 2015. Partially offsetting this was a decrease in UK insurance companies from net investment of £1.7 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net investment of £0.7 billion in Quarter 1 2015.

**Portfolio investment** recorded a net inflow (that is, more money flowing into the UK) of £59.1 billion in Quarter 1 2015, an increase from a net inflow of £30.4 billion in Quarter 4 2014. The increase was due to non-residents increasing their portfolio investment in UK more than UK residents increased their portfolio investment abroad.

**Figure 9: UK financial account: portfolio investment (not seasonally adjusted), Quarter 2 2012 to Quarter 1 2015**

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**Portfolio investment abroad** showed net investment of £23.3 billion in Quarter 1 2015, an increase from net investment of £13.6 billion in Quarter 4 2014. The increase was due to investment in debt securities increasing from net investment of £11.9 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net investment of £37.0 billion in Quarter 1 2015. Partially offsetting this was a switch in UK equity and investment fund shares from net investment of £1.7 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net disinvestment of £13.8 billion in Quarter 1 2015.

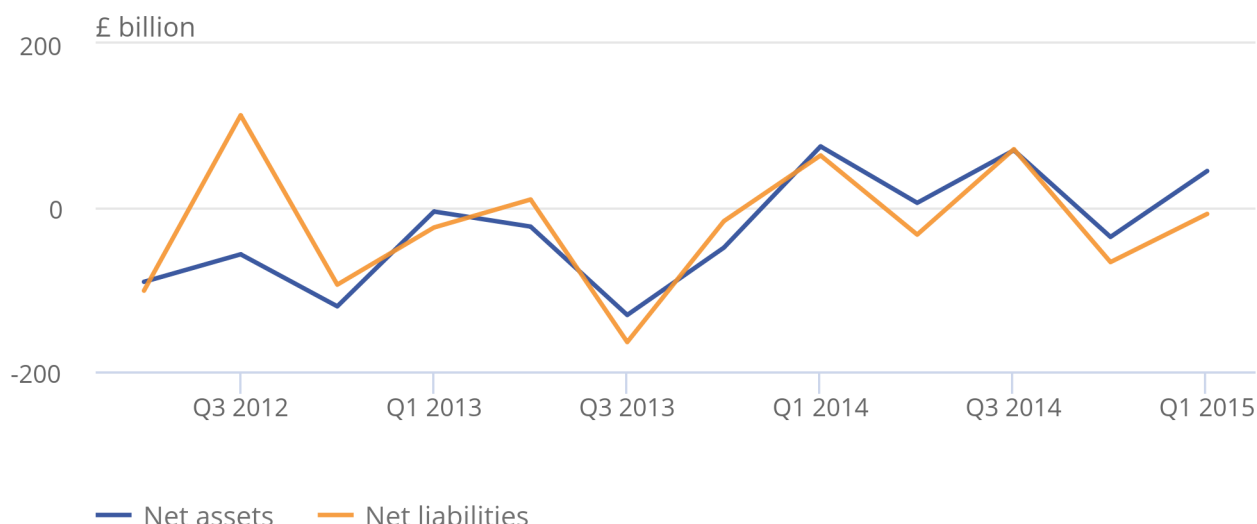
**Portfolio investment in the UK** showed net investment of £82.4 billion in Quarter 1 2015, an increase from net investment of £44.0 billion in Quarter 4 2014. This was mainly due to increased net investment in debt securities from net investment of £25.4 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net investment of £65.0 billion in Quarter 1 2015. Partially offsetting this was a small decrease in net investment in equity and investment fund shares from £18.5 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net investment of £17.4 billion in Quarter 1 2015.

**Financial derivatives and employee stock options** showed net settlement payments of £15.8 billion in Quarter 1 2015, following net settlement payments of £23.7 billion in Quarter 4 2014.

**Other investment** in Quarter 1 2015 recorded net outflow (that is, more money flowing from the UK) of £52.4 billion, compared with net outflow of £30.7 billion in Quarter 4 2014.

**Figure 10: UK financial account: other investment (not seasonally adjusted), Quarter 2 2012 to Quarter 1 2015**

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**Other investment abroad** showed a switch from net disinvestment of £36.0 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net investment of £44.6 billion in Quarter 1 2015. The switch was mainly due to UK residents switching from making net withdrawals of deposits of £46.1 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to making net deposits abroad of £7.9 billion in Quarter 1 2015. This was mainly due to other UK financial corporations switching from making net withdrawals of £14.6 billion in Quarter 4 2014, to net deposits of £26.3 billion in Quarter 1 2015. Also, the net withdrawals by UK monetary financial institutions narrowed from £38.0 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to £20.5 billion in Quarter 1 2015. Additionally, there was an increase in the net advances of short-term loans by UK monetary financial institutions from £8.8 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to £38.5 billion in Quarter 1 2015.

**Other investment in the UK** showed a decrease in net disinvestment, from net disinvestment of £66.6 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net disinvestment of £7.8 billion in Quarter 1 2015. The decrease was mainly due to a switch in non-resident deposits with UK monetary financial institutions from net withdrawals of £18.2 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to net deposits of £25.5 billion in Quarter 1 2015. Additionally, the net repayment of short-term loans extended to UK residents decreased from net repayments of £50.2 billion in Quarter 4 2014 to £32.8 billion in Quarter 1 2015.

**Reserve assets** showed net investment of £12.6 billion in Quarter 1 2014, compared with net investment of £4.2 billion in Quarter 4 2014.

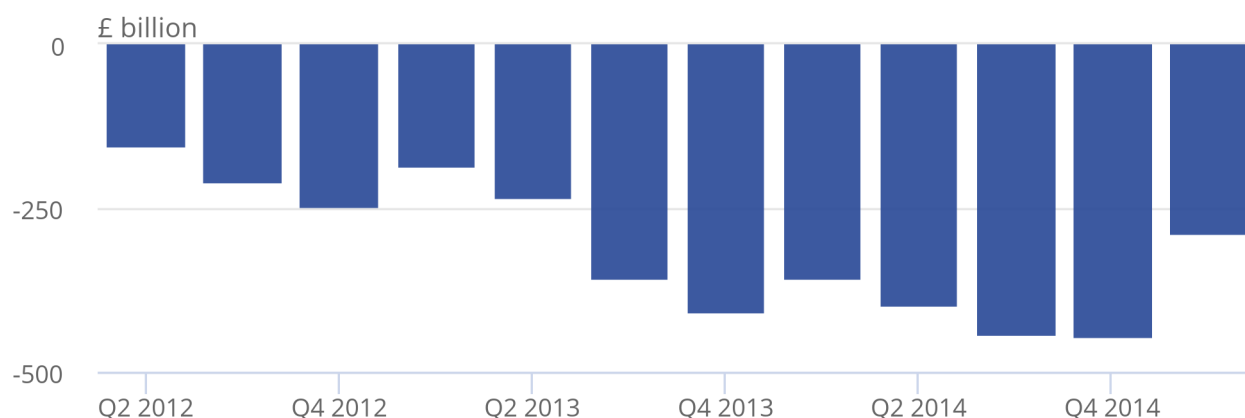
## Notes for Financial account (Table J)

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## 10 . International investment position (Table K)

**Figure 11: UK net international investment position (not seasonally adjusted), Quarter 2 2012 to Quarter 1 2015**

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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 £289.3 billion at the end of Quarter 1 2015, compared with net external liabilities of £444.5 billion at the end of Quarter 4 2014. UK external assets abroad increased by £314.3 billion from the end of Quarter 4 2014, to a level of £10,561.5 billion at the end of Quarter 1 2015. The increase in the stock of UK external assets in Quarter 1 2015 was mainly due to an increase in the stock of financial derivatives and employee stock options, portfolio investment and other investment. UK external liabilities increased by £159.1 billion in Quarter 1 2015, to a level of £10,850.8 billion. The increase in UK external liabilities in Quarter 1 2015 was mainly due to an increase in the stock of financial derivatives and employee stock options and portfolio investment, partially offset by a decrease in direct investment.

## Notes for International investment position (Table K)

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## 11 . Revisions since the last balance of payments statistical bulletin (Table R1, R2 and R3)

Data in this release have been revised from **Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2014**. Revisions tables are included in the balance of payments reference tables (Tables R1, R2 and R3).

**Trade in goods** – Revisions from Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2014 reflect revised data from HM Revenue & 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 2015 statistical bulletin](#).

**Trade in services** – Revisions from Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2014 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) 2014 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.

## Revisions to the current account balance

The quarterly pattern of current account revisions throughout 2014 is as follows:

The current account balance for Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2014 has been revised up by £0.3 billion (or as a % of nominal gross domestic product (GDP) from -4.7% to -4.6%). This was mainly due to an upward revision to trade in goods exports (+£0.2 billion) and a downward revision to trade in goods imports (-£0.4 billion). A downward revision to the balance of portfolio investment balance was the main offsetting revision.



The current account balance for Quarter 2 (Apr to Jun) 2014 has been revised down by £0.2 billion (or as a % of nominal GDP, from -5.4% to -5.5%). This was mainly due to an upward revision to trade in goods imports (+£0.5 billion) exceeding an upward revision to trade in goods exports (+£0.2 billion).

The current account balance for Quarter 3 (Jul to Sep) 2014 has been revised down by £4.1 billion (or as a % of nominal GDP, from -6.1% to -7.1%). This was mainly due to an upward revision to foreign earnings on direct investment in the UK (+£2.9 billion) and a downward revision to earnings on direct investment abroad (-£1.1 billion). Revisions were due to late survey data replacing non-response estimates. A downward revision to trade in goods exports (-£0.5 billion) and an upward revision to trade in goods imports (+£0.4 billion), also have a downward impact on the current account balance, with downward revisions to foreign earnings on portfolio investment (-£0.7 billion) providing a partial offset.

Current account balance for Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2014 has been revised down by £3.6 billion (or as a % of nominal GDP, from -5.6% to -6.4%). This was mainly due to an upward revision to foreign earnings on direct investment in the UK (+£2.0 billion) and a downward revision to earnings on direct investment abroad (-£1.8 billion). Revisions were due to late survey data replacing non-response estimates. A downward revision to trade in goods exports (-£0.5 billion) and an upward revision to trade in goods imports (+£0.4 billion) also have a downward impact on the current account balance, with downward revisions to foreign earnings on portfolio investment (-£1.1 billion) providing a partial offset.

## 12. Background notes

### 1. What's new?

#### **This quarter**

In accordance with the National Accounts revisions policy, the current revision period is open from Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2014.

We have not been able to apply the 2013 annual benchmark data from the Foreign Direct Investment survey at this time, due to the revisions window only being open for 2014. We apologise for the inconvenience and aim to process the 2013 data as soon as possible.

The Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2014 Balance of Payments dataset contains revised Trade in Services estimates compared with those published in the UK Trade bulletin on 9 June 2015. The minor revisions are due to late data returns and the balancing process applied during the compilation of the gross domestic product (GDP) estimates. The trade in goods estimates are unchanged.

We previously announced a delay in the updating of historic data covering 1987 to 1996 for the Financial Account and International Investment Position. We have now been able to implement the changes relating to the move to the Balance of Payments Manual sixth edition with this release.

#### **Future revision period**

The next Balance of Payments release for Quarter 2 (Apr to June) 2015 will potentially contain revisions from Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 1997. The data in the release will be consistent with that published in UK Balance of Payments Pink Book due to be released on 30 October 2015.

#### **Future format of the United Kingdom Balance of Payments – The Pink Book**

User consultation was sought on the content of the Pink Book chapter text and consensus was to maintain some form of value added descriptive commentary. Our recommendations are as follows:

- chapter 1 (summary) – the commentary will cross cut the various chapters, focusing on interesting topics and main messages
- chapters 2 to 10 – the focus will be descriptive commentary based on the most recent time periods

## 2. Code of Practice for Official Statistics

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## 3. Understanding the data

### 1. Short guide to Balance of Payments

A [brief introduction to the United Kingdom balance of payments \(92.1 Kb Pdf\)](#) provides an overview of the concepts and coverage of the UK balance of payments using the Balance of Payments Manual sixth edition. A short [video](#) explaining the current account is also available.

### 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 \(131 Kb Pdf\)](#) was published on 9 July 2003. A [report on further research into MTIC fraud \(137.3 Kb Pdf\)](#) 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 \(51.5 Kb Pdf\)](#) 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.

In order to comply with Regulation (EC) No 184/2005, we supply Eurostat and the European Central Bank with current account data for trade in services and investment income unadjusted for FISIM, for example,

FISIM will not be included in trade in services but will remain in investment income. Additionally, a detailed geographical and product breakdown of trade in services is supplied to Eurostat to comply with the same regulation.

### 3. Definition and explanation

[A glossary \(125.6 Kb Pdf\)](#) 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.

### 5. Use of the data

Balance of payments estimates are used by the Bank of England and the Treasury to inform decisions on monetary and fiscal policy. The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills also uses balance of payments estimates to identify international trade partners. International users include the Statistical Office for the European Union (Eurostat) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Eurostat uses UK figures to compile aggregate EU accounts and the IMF collate data as a means of ensuring financial stability and sustainability.

Government departments and others use balance of payments estimates for the following:

- in providing ministerial briefing on the headline Balance of Payments and Trade statistics pre-release
- feeding data into their own regular analyses of the macro economy, and also into more ad-hoc and in-depth analyses. For example, importance of trade with particular countries or groups of countries, importance of trade in different commodities, and or services, identifying comparative advantage, changes in import and export prices, economic contribution from trade and primary income, and looking at inward and outward investment. These analyses and briefings are aimed to inform ministers and decision makers of the current and historical situation, and provide evidence for the policy debate
- balance of payments data are also of interest to a wider range of user groups, including the media, researchers and other regional, national and international policymakers. Some users focus primarily on the developments in the current account and their financing, including the sustainability of the current account imbalances in the longer term and the need for policy adjustments. Others focus on an analytic presentation, classifying its standard components of balance of payments and their relationship to other components (for example trade and direct investment, and foreign direct investment and productivity). The balance of payments allows a sector breakdown of the financial account and their relationship to domestic sources of finance

Further details on use of the data can be found in the [results of the balance of payments user engagement survey \(81.8 Kb Pdf\)](#).

## 4. 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.

## 5. 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 \(117.6 Kb Pdf\)](#) 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 1 covers estimates first published in the balance of payments from September 2007 (Quarter 2 (Apr to June) 2007) to June 2012 (Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2012).

**Table 1: Balance of Payments revisions analysis**

Current account (seasonally adjusted)

			£ million
	Value in latest period	Revisions between first publication and	
		Average over the last five years	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revisions)
Credits (HBON)	166,274	5,404*	6,002*
Debits (HBOO)	192,822	3,277*	4,668*
Net (HBOP)	-26,548	2,126*	2,824*

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 \(720.1 Kb Pdf\)](#) on our website.

[An article analysing balance of payments current account revisions \(340.2 Kb Pdf\)](#) was published in the May 2007 edition of Economic and Labour Market Review.

## 6. 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.

## 7. 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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The United Kingdom Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:

- meet identified user needs
- are well explained and readily accessible
- are produced according to sound methods
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest

Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed.

## Summary of statistics for Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2015

billion

	Latest quarter	Record since	Record highest	Record lowest
<b>Current account (net)</b>				
Trade in goods	-£30.4	Largest deficit since 2014 Q3	£1.6 (1981 Q1)	-£32.4 (2014 Q3)
Trade in services	£22.9	Largest surplus since 2014 Q4	£23.2 (2014 Q4)	£0.0 (1965 Q3)
Primary income	-£13.5	Largest deficit since 2014 Q4	£10.0 (2005 Q2)	-£15.5 (2014 Q3)
Secondary income	-£5.5	Largest deficit since 2014 Q4	£0.3 (1982 Q1)	-£7.7 (2014 Q4)
Current balance	-£26.5	Largest deficit since 2014 Q4	£2.7 (1981 Q1)	-£31.8 (2014 Q3)
<b>Capital account (net)</b>				
Capital balance	£0.1	Largest surplus since 2014 Q4	£0.8 (2014 Q2)	-£1.2 (2006 Q2)
<b>Financial account (net)</b>				
Direct Investment	-£14.5	Largest net inflow since 2014 Q1	£98.8 (2000 Q1)	-£61.7 (2005 Q3)
Portfolio investment	-£59.1	Largest net inflow since 2008 Q4	£138.4 (2012 Q3)	-£123.3 (2008 Q4)
Financial derivatives	-£15.8	Largest net payments since 2014 Q4	£63.3 (2008 Q1)	-£70.8 (2013 Q3)
Other investment	£52.4	Largest net investment since 2010 Q1	£65.8 (2006 Q3)	-£169.7 (2012 Q3)
<b>Reserve assets</b>	<b>£12.6</b>	<b>Largest net investment recorded</b>	<b>£12.6 (2015 Q1)</b>	<b>-£2.6 (2001 Q1)</b>
<b>International investment position (net)</b>				
Direct investment	-£24.2	Largest net liability since 2014 Q4	£431.3 (2008 Q4)	-£117.7 (2014 Q4)
Portfolio investment	-£92.1	Largest net liability position since 2014 Q4	£162.9 (1993 Q4)	-£590.4 (2010 Q3)
Financial derivatives	-£37.6	Largest net liability position since 2007 Q1	£138.1 (2009 Q1)	-£37.6 (2007 Q1)
Other investment	-£215.9	Largest net liability position since 2014 Q4	-£1.1 (1987 Q1)	-£419.4 (2002 Q2)
<b>Reserve assets</b>	<b>£80.4</b>	<b>Largest net asset position recorded</b>	<b>£80.4 (2015 Q1)</b>	<b>£1.1 (1970 Q3)</b>

Note:

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 Summary of balance of payments Balances (net transactions)

£ million

		2013	2014	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>												
<b>Current account</b>												
Trade in goods and services												
Trade in goods	BOKI	-112 599	-121 215	-27 010	-26 046	-30 671	-28 872	-28 586	-30 123	-32 414	-30 092	-30 419
Trade in services	IKBD	78 866	85 991	20 478	20 756	18 811	18 821	20 338	21 109	21 372	23 172	22 923
Total trade	IKBJ	-33 733	-35 224	-6 532	-5 290	-11 860	-10 051	-8 248	-9 014	-11 042	-6 920	-7 496
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	IJAJ	-325	-443	-90	-71	-75	-89	-78	-89	-120	-156	-50
Investment income	HBOM	-14 964	-43 882	-3 470	2 840	-6 812	-7 522	-6 385	-8 356	-15 164	-13 977	-13 221
Other primary income	MT5X	-471	-651	-108	-106	-140	-117	-91	-179	-175	-206	-238
Total primary income	HBOJ	-15 760	-44 976	-3 668	2 663	-7 027	-7 728	-6 554	-8 624	-15 459	-14 339	-13 509
Secondary income												
General government	FNSV	-23 077	-21 103	-5 170	-6 204	-5 959	-5 744	-4 360	-6 062	-4 146	-6 535	-4 508
Other sectors	FNTC	-4 085	-4 348	-1 070	-971	-1 019	-1 025	-1 145	-908	-1 159	-1 136	-1 035
Total secondary income	IKBP	-27 162	-25 451	-6 240	-7 175	-6 978	-6 769	-5 505	-6 970	-5 305	-7 671	-5 543
<b>Current balance</b>	HBOP	<b>-76 655</b>	<b>-105 651</b>	<b>-16 440</b>	<b>-9 802</b>	<b>-25 865</b>	<b>-24 548</b>	<b>-20 307</b>	<b>-24 608</b>	<b>-31 806</b>	<b>-28 930</b>	<b>-26 548</b>
<b>Capital balance</b>	FNVQ	<b>737</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>-107</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>-219</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>149</b>
<b>Not seasonally adjusted</b>												
<b>Current account</b>												
Trade in goods and services												
Trade in goods	LQCT	-112 599	-121 215	-27 186	-26 007	-31 267	-28 139	-28 693	-29 415	-33 913	-29 194	-30 859
Trade in services	KTMS	78 866	85 991	20 668	21 115	16 726	20 357	19 563	22 709	18 979	24 740	23 891
Total trade	KTMY	-33 733	-35 224	-6 518	-4 892	-14 541	-7 782	-9 130	-6 706	-14 934	-4 454	-6 968
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	KTMP	-325	-443	-117	-44	-88	-76	-108	-70	-119	-146	-75
Investment income	HMBM	-14 964	-43 882	-2 270	2 302	-8 580	-6 416	-4 476	-9 131	-17 471	-12 804	-11 620
Other primary income	MT5W	-471	-651	-81	-59	-199	-132	-67	-131	-231	-222	-208
Total primary income	HMBP	-15 760	-44 976	-2 468	2 199	-8 867	-6 624	-4 651	-9 332	-17 821	-13 172	-11 903
Secondary income												
General government	FJUQ	-23 077	-21 103	-7 146	-4 549	-5 180	-6 202	-5 904	-4 531	-3 444	-7 224	-5 827
Other sectors	FJUR	-4 085	-4 348	-1 059	-982	-1 014	-1 030	-1 135	-914	-1 159	-1 140	-1 028
Total secondary income	KTNF	-27 162	-25 451	-8 205	-5 531	-6 194	-7 232	-7 039	-5 445	-4 603	-8 364	-6 855
<b>Current balance</b>	HBOG	<b>-76 655</b>	<b>-105 651</b>	<b>-17 191</b>	<b>-8 224</b>	<b>-29 602</b>	<b>-21 638</b>	<b>-20 820</b>	<b>-21 483</b>	<b>-37 358</b>	<b>-25 990</b>	<b>-25 726</b>
<b>Capital balance</b>	FKMJ	<b>737</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>-112</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>Financial account<sup>1</sup></b>												
Direct investment	-MU7M	-40 078	-76 759	-27 417	-14 668	-10 539	12 546	-53 654	-6 416	-5 655	-11 034	-14 451
Portfolio investment	-HHZD	-31 408	-99 904	-34 824	7 708	17 400	-21 692	15 786	-33 600	-51 738	-30 352	-59 102
Financial derivatives (net)	-ZPNN	13 973	-13 955	26 589	43 559	-70 763	14 588	12 701	-24 256	21 312	-23 712	-15 807
Other investment	-HHYR	-12 875	79 210	19 505	-33 083	33 053	-32 350	11 028	38 762	-1 285	30 705	52 393
Reserve assets	-LTCV	4 961	7 113	2 828	874	766	493	2 709	825	-665	4 244	12 638
<b>Net financial transactions</b>	-HBNT	<b>-65 427</b>	<b>-104 295</b>	<b>-13 319</b>	<b>4 390</b>	<b>-30 083</b>	<b>-26 415</b>	<b>-11 430</b>	<b>-24 685</b>	<b>-38 031</b>	<b>-30 149</b>	<b>-24 329</b>
<b>Net errors and omissions<sup>2</sup></b>	HHDH	<b>10 491</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>3 904</b>	<b>12 168</b>	<b>-631</b>	<b>-4 950</b>	<b>9 502</b>	<b>-3 983</b>	<b>-473</b>	<b>-4 624</b>	<b>1 259</b>

<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.

<sup>2</sup> 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

		2013	2014	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1
<b>Credits</b>												
Exports of goods and services												
Exports of goods	BOKG	306 765	292 204	75 880	79 549	76 592	74 744	73 996	73 151	71 324	73 733	71 490
Exports of services	IKBB	209 127	215 020	51 895	53 176	52 234	51 822	53 715	53 067	53 283	54 955	55 189
Total exports of goods and services	IKBH	515 892	507 224	127 775	132 725	128 826	126 566	127 711	126 218	124 607	128 688	126 679
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	IJAH	1 097	1 074	258	287	269	283	279	266	272	257	275
Investment income	HBOK	157 675	140 930	37 578	45 852	38 162	36 083	37 157	36 385	33 079	34 309	33 854
Other primary income	MT5T	2 455	2 309	604	617	617	617	617	564	564	564	564
Total primary income	HBOH	161 227	144 313	38 440	46 756	39 048	36 983	38 053	37 215	33 915	35 130	34 693
Secondary income												
Central government	FHDM	4 259	5 032	984	1 116	1 075	1 084	1 283	1 378	953	1 418	1 224
Other sectors	FHIB	15 037	14 618	3 521	4 019	3 752	3 745	3 643	4 002	3 537	3 436	3 678
Total secondary income	IKBN	19 296	19 650	4 505	5 135	4 827	4 829	4 926	5 380	4 490	4 854	4 902
<b>Total</b>	<b>HBOH</b>	<b>696 415</b>	<b>671 187</b>	<b>170 720</b>	<b>184 616</b>	<b>172 701</b>	<b>168 378</b>	<b>170 690</b>	<b>168 813</b>	<b>163 012</b>	<b>168 672</b>	<b>166 274</b>
<b>Debits</b>												
Imports of goods and services												
Imports of goods	BOKH	419 364	413 419	102 890	105 595	107 263	103 616	102 582	103 274	103 738	103 825	101 909
Imports of services	IKBC	130 261	129 029	31 417	32 420	33 423	33 001	33 377	31 958	31 911	31 783	32 266
Total imports of goods and services	IKBI	549 625	542 448	134 307	138 015	140 686	136 617	135 959	135 232	135 649	135 608	134 175
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	IJAI	1 422	1 517	348	358	344	372	357	355	392	413	325
Investment income	HBOL	172 639	184 812	41 048	43 012	44 974	43 605	43 542	44 741	48 243	48 286	47 075
Other primary income	MT5V	2 926	2 960	712	723	757	734	708	743	739	770	802
Total primary income	HBOI	176 987	189 289	42 108	44 093	46 075	44 711	44 607	45 839	49 374	49 469	48 202
Secondary income												
Central government	FLUD	27 336	26 135	6 154	7 320	7 034	6 828	5 643	7 440	5 099	7 953	5 732
Other sectors	FLUZ	19 122	18 966	4 591	4 990	4 771	4 770	4 788	4 910	4 696	4 572	4 713
Total secondary income	IKBO	46 458	45 101	10 745	12 310	11 805	11 598	10 431	12 350	9 795	12 525	10 445
<b>Total</b>	<b>HBOO</b>	<b>773 070</b>	<b>776 838</b>	<b>187 160</b>	<b>194 418</b>	<b>198 566</b>	<b>192 926</b>	<b>190 997</b>	<b>193 421</b>	<b>194 818</b>	<b>197 602</b>	<b>192 822</b>
<b>Balances</b>												
Trade in goods and services												
Trade in goods	BOKI	-112 599	-121 215	-27 010	-26 046	-30 671	-28 872	-28 586	-30 123	-32 414	-30 092	-30 419
Trade in services	IKBD	78 866	85 991	20 478	20 756	18 811	18 821	20 338	21 109	21 372	23 172	22 923
Total trade in goods and services	IKBJ	-33 733	-35 224	-6 532	-5 290	-11 860	-10 051	-8 248	-9 014	-11 042	-6 920	-7 496
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	IJAJ	-325	-443	-90	-71	-75	-89	-78	-89	-120	-156	-50
Investment income	HBOM	-14 964	-43 882	-3 470	2 840	-6 812	-7 522	-6 385	-8 356	-15 164	-13 977	-13 221
Other primary income	MT5X	-471	-651	-108	-106	-140	-117	-91	-179	-175	-206	-238
Total primary income	HBOJ	-15 760	-44 976	-3 668	2 663	-7 027	-7 728	-6 554	-8 624	-15 459	-14 339	-13 509
Secondary income												
Central government	FNSV	-23 077	-21 103	-5 170	-6 204	-5 959	-5 744	-4 360	-6 062	-4 146	-6 535	-4 508
Other sectors	FNTC	-4 085	-4 348	-1 070	-971	-1 019	-1 025	-1 145	-908	-1 159	-1 136	-1 035
Total secondary income	IKBP	-27 162	-25 451	-6 240	-7 175	-6 978	-6 769	-5 505	-6 970	-5 305	-7 671	-5 543
<b>Current balance</b>	<b>HBOP</b>	<b>-76 655</b>	<b>-105 651</b>	<b>-16 440</b>	<b>-9 802</b>	<b>-25 865</b>	<b>-24 548</b>	<b>-20 307</b>	<b>-24 608</b>	<b>-31 806</b>	<b>-28 930</b>	<b>-26 548</b>
<b>Balances as a percentage of GDP<sup>1</sup></b>												
Trade in goods and services												
Trade in goods	D28J	-6.6	-6.8	-6.4	-6.1	-7.1	-6.6	-6.5	-6.7	-7.2	-6.6	-6.6
Trade in services	D28K	4.6	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.7	5.1	5.0
Total trade in goods and services	D28L	-2.0	-2.0	-1.6	-1.2	-2.8	-2.3	-1.9	-2.0	-2.4	-1.5	-1.6
Total primary income	D28M	-0.9	-2.5	-0.9	0.6	-1.6	-1.8	-1.5	-1.9	-3.4	-3.2	-2.9
Total secondary income	D28N	-1.6	-1.4	-1.5	-1.7	-1.6	-1.6	-1.3	-1.6	-1.2	-1.7	-1.2
Current balance as percentage of GDP	AA6H	-4.5	-5.9	-3.9	-2.3	-6.0	-5.6	-4.6	-5.5	-7.1	-6.4	-5.8

<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

		2013	2014	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1
<b>Transactions with the European Union <sup>1,2,3</sup></b>												
<b>Credits</b>												
Exports of goods	L87S	154 579	147 293	38 531	38 662	40 301	37 085	37 332	37 878	35 946	36 137	33 563
Exports of services	L854	76 319	79 003	19 038	19 364	19 092	18 825	19 409	19 751	19 705	20 138	20 631
Total exports of goods and services	L84Y	230 898	226 296	57 569	58 026	59 393	55 910	56 741	57 629	55 651	56 275	54 194
Primary income	L872	62 755	51 048	14 145	17 411	15 830	15 369	15 566	11 014	12 356	12 112	12 136
Secondary income	L84S	7 715	8 278	1 786	2 019	1 970	1 940	2 098	2 343	1 724	2 113	2 101
<b>Total</b>	L873	301 368	285 622	73 500	77 456	77 193	73 219	74 405	70 986	69 731	70 500	68 431
<b>Debits</b>												
Imports of goods	L87U	223 712	225 852	54 608	54 960	56 945	57 199	56 115	56 530	56 320	56 887	55 346
Imports of services	L868	64 534	62 989	15 673	16 096	16 491	16 274	16 461	15 402	15 596	15 530	16 011
Total imports of goods and services	L864	288 246	288 841	70 281	71 056	73 436	73 473	72 576	71 932	71 916	72 417	71 357
Primary income	L874	81 432	90 787	18 636	20 133	21 346	21 317	22 160	22 100	22 847	23 680	22 054
Secondary income	L85W	20 770	19 309	5 549	5 531	5 498	4 192	5 054	5 401	3 883	4 971	4 889
<b>Total</b>	L875	390 448	398 937	94 466	96 720	100 280	98 982	99 790	99 433	98 646	101 068	98 300
<b>Balances</b>												
Trade in goods	L87Q	-69 133	-78 559	-16 077	-16 298	-16 644	-20 114	-18 783	-18 652	-20 374	-20 750	-21 783
Trade in services	L86M	11 785	16 014	3 365	3 268	2 601	2 551	2 948	4 349	4 109	4 608	4 620
Total trade in goods and services	L86I	-57 348	-62 545	-12 712	-13 030	-14 043	-17 563	-15 835	-14 303	-16 265	-16 142	-17 163
Primary income	L876	-18 677	-39 739	-4 491	-2 722	-5 516	-5 948	-6 594	-11 086	-10 491	-11 568	-9 918
Secondary income	L86E	-13 055	-11 031	-3 763	-3 512	-3 528	-2 252	-2 956	-3 058	-2 159	-2 858	-2 788
<b>Total</b>	L877	-89 080	-113 315	-20 966	-19 264	-23 087	-25 763	-25 385	-28 447	-28 915	-30 568	-29 869
<b>Transactions with non-EU countries <sup>4,5</sup></b>												
<b>Credits</b>												
Exports of goods	L87M	152 186	144 911	37 349	40 887	36 291	37 659	36 664	35 273	35 378	37 596	37 927
Exports of services	L855	132 808	136 017	32 857	33 812	33 142	32 997	34 306	33 316	33 578	34 817	34 558
Total exports of goods and services	L84Z	284 994	280 928	70 206	74 699	69 433	70 656	70 970	68 589	68 956	72 413	72 485
Primary income	L87D	98 472	93 265	24 295	29 345	23 218	21 614	22 487	26 201	21 559	23 018	22 557
Secondary income	L84T	11 581	11 372	2 719	3 116	2 857	2 889	2 828	3 037	2 766	2 741	2 801
<b>Total</b>	L87E	395 047	385 565	97 220	107 160	95 508	95 159	96 285	97 827	93 281	98 172	97 843
<b>Debits</b>												
Imports of goods	L87O	195 652	187 567	48 282	50 635	50 318	46 417	46 467	46 744	47 418	46 938	46 563
Imports of services	L869	65 727	66 040	15 744	16 324	16 932	16 727	16 916	16 556	16 315	16 253	16 255
Total imports of goods and services	L865	261 379	253 607	64 026	66 959	67 250	63 144	63 383	63 300	63 733	63 191	62 818
Primary income	L87F	95 555	98 502	23 472	23 960	24 729	23 394	22 447	23 739	26 527	25 789	26 148
Secondary income	L85X	25 688	25 792	5 196	6 779	6 307	7 406	5 377	6 949	5 912	7 554	5 556
<b>Total</b>	L87G	382 622	377 901	92 694	97 698	98 286	93 944	91 207	93 988	96 172	96 534	94 522
<b>Balances</b>												
Trade in goods	L87K	-43 466	-42 656	-10 933	-9 748	-14 027	-8 758	-9 803	-11 471	-12 040	-9 342	-8 636
Trade in services	L86N	67 081	69 977	17 113	17 488	16 210	16 270	17 390	16 760	17 263	18 564	18 303
Total trade in goods and services	L86J	23 615	27 321	6 180	7 740	2 183	7 512	7 587	5 289	5 223	9 222	9 667
Primary income	L87H	2 917	-5 237	823	5 385	-1 511	-1 780	40	2 462	-4 968	-2 771	-3 591
Secondary income	L86F	-14 107	-14 420	-2 477	-3 663	-3 450	-4 517	-2 549	-3 912	-3 146	-4 813	-2 755
<b>Total</b>	L87I	12 425	7 664	4 526	9 462	-2 778	1 215	5 078	3 839	-2 891	1 638	3 321

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/ons/search/index.html?newquery=ukeya>

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

		2013	2014	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1
<b>Investment abroad</b>												
International Investment Position												
Direct investment	N2V3	1 228.2	1 289.0	1 330.8	1 309.3	1 234.7	1 228.2	1 235.2	1 229.3	1 298.0	1 289.0	1 278.2
Portfolio investment	HHZZ	2 403.5	2 510.0	2 440.7	2 407.5	2 357.7	2 403.5	2 392.1	2 400.4	2 427.2	2 510.0	2 607.8
Financial derivatives	JX96	2 424.4	2 828.6	3 088.1	2 915.7	2 580.6	2 424.4	2 230.7	2 170.1	2 462.6	2 828.6	2 990.2
Other investment	HLXV	3 491.8	3 551.9	3 874.0	3 874.4	3 586.6	3 491.8	3 538.8	3 460.6	3 554.8	3 551.9	3 604.9
Reserve assets	LTEB	61.4	67.7	66.4	64.2	62.8	61.4	64.2	64.0	63.3	67.7	80.4
Total	HBQA	9 609.3	10 247.2	10 800.0	10 571.2	9 822.4	9 609.3	9 460.9	9 324.4	9 805.9	10 247.2	10 561.5
Financial Account transactions <sup>1</sup>												
Direct investment	-N2SV	-12.7	-46.6	-3.8	-1.2	-3.8	-3.9	-54.0	-17.0	18.4	6.0	12.8
Portfolio investment	-HHZC	-5.7	21.8	-7.3	-18.4	2.4	17.6	-5.3	19.0	-5.5	13.6	23.3
Financial derivatives (net)	-ZPNN	14.0	-14.0	26.6	43.6	-70.8	14.6	12.7	-24.3	21.3	-23.7	-15.8
Other investment	-XBMM	-208.4	114.2	-4.9	-23.3	-131.2	-49.0	74.6	5.7	69.9	-35.9	44.6
Reserve assets	-LTCV	5.0	7.1	2.8	0.9	0.8	0.5	2.7	0.8	-0.7	4.2	12.6
Total	-HBNR	-207.9	82.6	13.5	1.5	-202.7	-20.2	30.7	-15.7	103.4	-35.8	77.4
Investment income earnings												
Direct investment	N2QP	84.5	72.3	18.3	26.6	20.1	19.5	19.9	19.0	15.4	17.9	16.1
Portfolio investment	HLXK	47.0	44.8	10.9	13.7	11.5	10.9	10.1	12.9	11.1	10.7	11.2
Other investment	ATOP	25.5	23.2	6.6	6.8	6.2	5.8	5.7	6.2	5.6	5.7	5.1
Reserve assets	HHCB	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	HMBN	157.7	140.9	36.0	47.3	38.0	36.3	35.9	38.3	32.2	34.5	32.5
<b>Investment in the UK</b>												
International Investment Position												
Direct investment	N2UG	1 261.7	1 406.7	1 192.1	1 261.2	1 239.4	1 261.7	1 277.2	1 304.0	1 385.8	1 406.7	1 302.4
Portfolio investment	HLXW	2 516.8	2 630.4	2 571.9	2 518.0	2 488.1	2 516.8	2 497.1	2 522.3	2 590.2	2 630.4	2 699.9
Financial derivatives	JX97	2 376.7	2 806.5	3 034.9	2 804.3	2 542.6	2 376.7	2 171.4	2 129.1	2 422.1	2 806.5	3 027.8
Other investment	HLXD	3 862.1	3 848.2	4 185.0	4 220.4	3 907.5	3 862.1	3 871.4	3 767.8	3 851.1	3 848.2	3 820.8
Total	HBQB	10 017.3	10 691.7	10 983.9	10 803.9	10 177.5	10 017.3	9 817.1	9 723.2	10 249.2	10 691.7	10 850.8
Financial Account transactions												
Direct investment	N2SA	27.4	30.2	23.7	13.4	6.7	-16.4	-0.4	-10.5	24.1	17.0	27.2
Portfolio investment	HHZF	25.7	121.7	27.5	-26.1	-15.0	39.3	-21.0	52.6	46.2	44.0	82.4
Other investment	XBMM	-195.5	35.0	-24.4	9.8	-164.3	-16.6	63.6	-33.1	71.2	-66.6	-7.8
Total	HBNS	-142.4	186.9	26.8	-2.9	-172.6	6.2	42.1	9.0	141.5	-5.7	101.7
Investment income												
Direct investment	N2Q4	59.2	75.6	14.2	13.7	16.4	14.9	15.4	16.1	21.6	22.6	22.3
Portfolio investment	HLZC	74.9	74.3	13.8	20.3	21.1	19.7	16.5	21.5	19.9	16.4	14.2
Other investment	HLZN	38.5	34.9	10.3	10.9	9.1	8.1	8.5	9.8	8.2	8.4	7.6
Total	HMBQ	172.6	184.8	38.3	45.0	46.6	42.7	40.4	47.4	49.7	47.3	44.2
<b>Net investment</b>												
International Investment Position												
Direct investment	MU7O	-33.4	-117.7	138.8	48.1	-4.7	-33.4	-42.0	-74.7	-87.8	-117.7	-24.2
Portfolio investment	CGNH	-113.2	-120.4	-131.2	-110.4	-130.4	-113.2	-105.0	-121.9	-163.0	-120.4	-92.1
Financial derivatives	JX98	47.7	22.1	53.2	111.4	38.0	47.7	59.3	41.0	40.6	22.1	-37.6
Other investment	CGNG	-370.3	-296.3	-311.0	-346.0	-320.9	-370.3	-332.6	-307.2	-296.3	-296.3	-215.9
Reserve assets	LTEB	61.4	67.7	66.4	64.2	62.8	61.4	64.2	64.0	63.3	67.7	80.4
Net investment	HBQC	-407.9	-444.5	-183.9	-232.8	-355.1	-407.9	-356.2	-398.8	-443.3	-444.5	-289.3
Financial Accounts transactions <sup>1</sup>												
Direct investment	-MU7M	-40.1	-76.8	-27.4	-14.7	-10.5	12.5	-53.7	-6.4	-5.7	-11.0	-14.5
Portfolio investment	-HHZD	-31.4	-99.9	-34.8	7.7	17.4	-21.7	15.8	-33.6	-51.7	-30.4	-59.1
Financial derivatives	-ZPNN	14.0	-14.0	26.6	43.6	-70.8	14.6	12.7	-24.3	21.3	-23.7	-15.8
Other investment	-HHYR	-12.9	79.2	19.5	-33.1	33.1	-32.3	11.0	38.8	-1.3	30.7	52.4
Reserve assets	-LTCV	5.0	7.1	2.8	0.9	0.8	0.5	2.7	0.8	-0.7	4.2	12.6
Net transactions	-HBNT	-65.4	-104.3	-13.3	4.4	-30.1	-26.4	-11.4	-24.7	-38.0	-30.1	-24.3
Investment income earnings												
Direct investment	MU7E	25.3	-3.3	4.1	12.9	3.8	4.6	4.5	3.0	-6.2	-4.6	-6.2
Portfolio investment	HLZX	-27.9	-29.5	-2.8	-6.6	-9.6	-8.8	-6.3	-8.7	-8.8	-5.7	-3.0
Other investment	CGNA	-13.0	-11.7	-3.7	-4.1	-2.9	-2.3	-2.8	-3.6	-2.6	-2.6	-2.5
Reserve assets	HHCB	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Net earnings	HMBM	-15.0	-43.9	-2.3	2.3	-8.6	-6.4	-4.5	-9.1	-17.5	-12.8	-11.6

<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.

# E Trade in goods

Seasonally adjusted

£ million

		2013	2014	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1
<b>Exports</b>												
Food, beverages and tobacco	BOPL	20 248	19 012	4 937	5 059	5 314	4 938	4 675	4 890	4 672	4 775	4 658
Basic materials	BOPM	7 646	6 988	2 035	1 985	1 790	1 836	1 775	1 681	1 792	1 740	1 616
Oil	ELBL	39 292	32 899	10 526	9 614	10 009	9 143	9 479	8 934	7 359	7 127	5 067
Other fuels	BOQI	3 586	3 179	810	1 050	963	763	728	930	874	647	536
Semi-manufactured goods	BOPO	80 809	76 767	20 149	21 175	19 817	19 668	19 035	18 703	19 082	19 947	20 182
Finished manufactured goods	BOPP	146 667	147 256	35 625	37 555	36 589	36 898	36 493	36 717	36 292	37 754	37 891
Unspecified goods	BOQL	8 517	6 103	1 798	3 111	2 110	1 498	1 811	1 296	1 253	1 743	1 540
<b>Total</b>	<b>BOKG</b>	<b>306 765</b>	<b>292 204</b>	<b>75 880</b>	<b>79 549</b>	<b>76 592</b>	<b>74 744</b>	<b>73 996</b>	<b>73 151</b>	<b>71 324</b>	<b>73 733</b>	<b>71 490</b>
<b>Imports</b>												
Food, beverages and tobacco	BQAR	38 893	38 563	9 555	9 753	9 840	9 745	9 553	9 669	9 598	9 743	9 647
Basic materials	BQAS	12 477	11 744	3 101	3 181	3 066	3 129	3 036	2 936	2 904	2 868	2 744
Oil	ENXO	49 300	43 023	11 911	12 955	12 848	11 586	10 931	10 899	11 450	9 743	7 575
Other fuels	BPBI	12 401	8 714	3 336	3 598	2 790	2 677	2 421	2 267	2 112	1 914	2 060
Semi-manufactured goods	BQAU	97 676	96 342	25 651	24 201	24 180	23 644	23 361	24 508	24 357	24 116	23 836
Finished manufactured goods	BQAV	203 716	210 254	48 446	50 452	52 922	51 896	52 070	52 107	52 063	54 014	55 070
Unspecified goods	BQAW	4 901	4 779	890	1 455	1 617	939	1 210	888	1 254	1 427	977
<b>Total</b>	<b>BOKH</b>	<b>419 364</b>	<b>413 419</b>	<b>102 890</b>	<b>105 595</b>	<b>107 263</b>	<b>103 616</b>	<b>102 582</b>	<b>103 274</b>	<b>103 738</b>	<b>103 825</b>	<b>101 909</b>
<b>Balances</b>												
Food, beverages and tobacco	ELBE	-18 645	-19 551	-4 618	-4 694	-4 526	-4 807	-4 878	-4 779	-4 926	-4 968	-4 989
Basic materials	ELBF	-4 831	-4 756	-1 066	-1 196	-1 276	-1 293	-1 261	-1 255	-1 112	-1 128	-1 128
Oil	ENXQ	-10 008	-10 124	-1 385	-3 341	-2 839	-2 443	-1 452	-1 965	-4 091	-2 616	-2 508
Other fuels	ENIW	-8 815	-5 535	-2 526	-2 548	-1 827	-1 914	-1 693	-1 337	-1 238	-1 267	-1 524
Semi-manufactured goods	ELBH	-16 867	-19 575	-5 502	-3 026	-4 363	-3 976	-4 326	-5 805	-5 275	-4 169	-3 654
Finished manufactured goods	ELBI	-57 049	-62 998	-12 821	-12 897	-16 333	-14 998	-15 577	-15 390	-15 771	-16 260	-17 179
Unspecified goods	BQKX	3 616	1 324	908	1 656	493	559	601	408	-1	316	563
<b>Total</b>	<b>BOKI</b>	<b>-112 599</b>	<b>-121 215</b>	<b>-27 010</b>	<b>-26 046</b>	<b>-30 671</b>	<b>-28 872</b>	<b>-28 586</b>	<b>-30 123</b>	<b>-32 414</b>	<b>-30 092</b>	<b>-30 419</b>

# F Trade in services

Seasonally adjusted

£ million

		2013	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
<b>Exports</b>												
Manufacturing and maintenance services	MTN7	3 921	3 016	1 215	1 004	930	772	890	759	748	619	956
Transport	FKOA	23 121	23 585	5 553	5 841	5 804	5 923	5 080	6 268	7 134	5 103	6 130
Travel	FAPQ	26 244	27 877	6 612	6 579	6 467	6 586	6 795	7 026	7 058	6 998	6 396
Construction	FDSG	2 249	1 790	613	580	591	465	407	467	510	406	387
Insurance and pension services	FDTF	22 039	20 950	4 398	6 569	5 611	5 461	4 884	4 832	4 908	6 326	6 143
Financial	FDYI	47 705	47 519	12 294	12 074	11 228	12 109	10 810	11 735	12 235	12 739	13 133
Intellectual property	FEBA	10 942	12 158	2 884	2 758	2 730	2 570	2 695	2 928	3 260	3 275	3 377
Telecommunication, computer and information services	FDYQ	15 196	14 933	3 710	3 888	3 963	3 635	3 909	3 712	3 586	3 726	4 065
Other business	FEHH	50 909	58 272	12 901	12 166	13 128	12 714	16 898	13 992	12 707	14 675	13 197
Personal, cultural and recreational services	FGXJ	4 236	2 328	1 156	1 114	1 124	842	784	640	517	387	793
Government	FGZA	2 565	2 592	559	603	658	745	563	708	620	701	612
<b>Total</b>	<b>IKBB</b>	<b>209 127</b>	<b>215 020</b>	<b>51 895</b>	<b>53 176</b>	<b>52 234</b>	<b>51 822</b>	<b>53 715</b>	<b>53 067</b>	<b>53 283</b>	<b>54 955</b>	<b>55 189</b>
<b>Imports</b>												
Manufacturing and maintenance services	MTN6	1 224	1 162	460	278	313	173	356	272	320	214	401
Transport	FHME	23 792	24 562	5 528	5 928	6 125	6 211	6 186	6 058	6 086	6 232	6 363
Travel	APQL	33 741	34 578	7 841	8 607	8 634	8 659	8 837	8 389	8 491	8 861	8 752
Construction	FIOU	1 456	1 246	443	316	327	370	333	254	279	380	384
Insurance and pension services	FIPT	1 121	1 194	279	282	284	276	291	296	300	307	296
Financial	FITY	9 386	9 599	2 242	2 141	2 232	2 771	2 317	2 381	2 429	2 472	2 797
Intellectual property	FIVX	6 736	6 670	1 650	1 720	1 870	1 496	1 685	1 813	1 685	1 487	1 826
Telecommunication, computer and information services	FIUG	8 992	8 792	2 226	2 185	2 287	2 294	2 211	2 153	2 222	2 206	2 388
Other business	FIWF	36 256	33 674	8 820	9 066	9 453	8 917	9 343	8 581	8 085	7 665	7 539
Personal, cultural and recreational services	FLQJ	3 519	3 233	909	894	878	838	817	799	811	806	829
Government	FLSA	4 038	4 319	1 019	1 003	1 020	996	1 001	962	1 203	1 153	691
<b>Total</b>	<b>IKBC</b>	<b>130 261</b>	<b>129 029</b>	<b>31 417</b>	<b>32 420</b>	<b>33 423</b>	<b>33 001</b>	<b>33 377</b>	<b>31 958</b>	<b>31 911</b>	<b>31 783</b>	<b>32 266</b>
<b>Balances</b>												
Manufacturing and maintenance services	MTN8	2 697	1 854	755	726	617	599	534	487	428	405	555
Transport	FLYS	-671	-977	25	-87	-321	-288	-1 106	210	1 048	-1 129	-233
Travel	FNGY	-7 497	-6 701	-1 229	-2 028	-2 167	-2 073	-2 042	-1 363	-1 433	-1 863	-2 356
Construction	FNJM	793	544	170	264	264	95	74	213	231	26	3
Insurance and pension services	FNKF	20 918	19 756	4 119	6 287	5 327	5 185	4 593	4 536	4 608	6 019	5 847
Financial	FNLQ	38 319	37 920	10 052	9 933	8 996	9 338	8 493	9 354	9 806	10 267	10 336
Intellectual property	FNMR	4 206	5 488	1 234	1 038	860	1 074	1 010	1 115	1 575	1 788	1 551
Telecommunication, computer and information services	FNLY	6 204	6 141	1 484	1 703	1 676	1 341	1 698	1 559	1 364	1 520	1 677
Other business	FNMZ	14 653	24 598	4 081	3 100	3 675	3 797	7 555	5 411	4 622	7 010	5 658
Personal, cultural and recreational services	FNRB	717	-905	247	220	246	4	-33	-159	-294	-419	-36
Government	FNRU	-1 473	-1 727	-460	-400	-362	-251	-438	-254	-583	-452	-79
<b>Total</b>	<b>IKBD</b>	<b>78 866</b>	<b>85 991</b>	<b>20 478</b>	<b>20 756</b>	<b>18 811</b>	<b>18 821</b>	<b>20 338</b>	<b>21 109</b>	<b>21 372</b>	<b>23 172</b>	<b>22 923</b>

# G Primary income

Seasonally adjusted

£ million

		2013	2014	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1
<b>Credits</b>												
Compensation of employees	IJAH	1 097	1 074	258	287	269	283	279	266	272	257	275
Investment income												
Earnings on direct investment abroad	MTX2	84 516	72 290	18 978	26 385	20 198	18 955	20 636	18 376	16 102	17 176	16 863
Earnings on portfolio investment abroad												
Earnings on equity securities	CGDT	20 647	22 490	5 019	5 100	5 211	5 317	5 649	5 246	5 652	5 943	5 889
Earnings on debt securities	CGDU	26 384	22 293	6 783	7 384	6 348	5 869	5 009	6 372	5 613	5 299	5 849
Total portfolio investment	CGDV	47 031	44 783	11 802	12 484	11 559	11 186	10 658	11 618	11 265	11 242	11 738
Earnings on other investment abroad	CGDW	25 479	23 211	6 633	6 818	6 241	5 787	5 709	6 234	5 551	5 717	5 070
Earnings on reserve assets	HHCC	649	646	165	165	164	155	154	157	161	174	183
Total investment income	HBOK	157 675	140 930	37 578	45 852	38 162	36 083	37 157	36 385	33 079	34 309	33 854
Other primary income	MT5T	2 455	2 309	604	617	617	617	617	564	564	564	564
<b>Total</b>	<b>HBOH</b>	<b>161 227</b>	<b>144 313</b>	<b>38 440</b>	<b>46 756</b>	<b>39 048</b>	<b>36 983</b>	<b>38 053</b>	<b>37 215</b>	<b>33 915</b>	<b>35 130</b>	<b>34 693</b>
<b>Debits</b>												
Compensation of employees	IJAI	1 422	1 517	348	358	344	372	357	355	392	413	325
Investment income												
Foreign earnings on direct investment in the UK	MTU7	59 237	75 633	14 501	14 105	16 487	14 144	15 377	16 075	21 914	22 267	22 289
Foreign earnings on portfolio investment in the UK												
Earnings on equity securities	HGOT	33 197	30 382	6 554	8 249	8 628	9 766	8 131	8 057	7 164	7 030	7 375
Earnings on debt securities	CGDX	41 726	43 911	9 501	10 213	10 638	11 374	11 406	11 213	10 909	10 383	9 733
Total portfolio investment	CGDZ	74 923	74 293	16 055	18 462	19 266	21 140	19 537	19 270	18 073	17 413	17 108
Earnings on other investment in the UK	CGEB	38 479	34 886	10 492	10 445	9 221	8 321	8 628	9 396	8 256	8 606	7 678
Total investment income	HBOL	172 639	184 812	41 048	43 012	44 974	43 605	43 542	44 741	48 243	48 286	47 075
Other primary income	MT5V	2 926	2 960	712	723	757	734	708	743	739	770	802
<b>Total</b>	<b>HBOI</b>	<b>176 987</b>	<b>189 289</b>	<b>42 108</b>	<b>44 093</b>	<b>46 075</b>	<b>44 711</b>	<b>44 607</b>	<b>45 839</b>	<b>49 374</b>	<b>49 469</b>	<b>48 202</b>
<b>Balances</b>												
Compensation of employees	IJAJ	-325	-443	-90	-71	-75	-89	-78	-89	-120	-156	-50
Investment income												
Direct investment	MU7F	25 279	-3 343	4 477	12 280	3 711	4 811	5 259	2 301	-5 812	-5 091	-5 426
Portfolio investment												
Earnings on equity securities	CGEC	-12 550	-7 892	-1 535	-3 149	-3 417	-4 449	-2 482	-2 811	-1 512	-1 087	-1 486
Earnings on debt securities	CGED	-15 342	-21 618	-2 718	-2 829	-4 290	-5 505	-6 397	-4 841	-5 296	-5 084	-3 884
Total portfolio investment	CGEE	-27 892	-29 510	-4 253	-5 978	-7 707	-9 954	-8 879	-7 652	-6 808	-6 171	-5 370
Other investment	CGFF	-13 000	-11 675	-3 859	-3 627	-2 980	-2 534	-2 919	-3 162	-2 705	-2 889	-2 608
Reserve assets	HHCC	649	646	165	165	164	155	154	157	161	174	183
Total investment income	HBOM	-14 964	-43 882	-3 470	2 840	-6 812	-7 522	-6 385	-8 356	-15 164	-13 977	-13 221
Other primary income	MT5X	-471	-651	-108	-106	-140	-117	-91	-179	-175	-206	-238
<b>Total</b>	<b>HBOJ</b>	<b>-15 760</b>	<b>-44 976</b>	<b>-3 668</b>	<b>2 663</b>	<b>-7 027</b>	<b>-7 728</b>	<b>-6 554</b>	<b>-8 624</b>	<b>-15 459</b>	<b>-14 339</b>	<b>-13 509</b>

# H Secondary income

Seasonally adjusted

£ million

		2013	2014	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1
<b>Credits</b>												
General government												
Receipts from EU Institutions:												
Abatement	FKKM	3 675	4 416	846	989	927	913	1 143	1 234	761	1 278	1 101
Other EU receipts	GTTA	81	70	3	2	25	51	9	4	56	1	2
Other receipts	CGDN	503	546	135	125	123	120	131	140	136	139	121
Total general government	FHDM	4 259	5 032	984	1 116	1 075	1 084	1 283	1 378	953	1 418	1 224
Other sectors												
Receipts from EU Institutions:												
Social fund	H5U3	247	221	4	103	62	78	6	213	—	2	111
ECSC Grant	FHHS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other receipts	CGDO	14 790	14 397	3 517	3 916	3 690	3 667	3 637	3 789	3 537	3 434	3 567
Total other sectors	FHIB	15 037	14 618	3 521	4 019	3 752	3 745	3 643	4 002	3 537	3 436	3 678
<b>Total</b>	IKBN	<b>19 296</b>	<b>19 650</b>	<b>4 505</b>	<b>5 135</b>	<b>4 827</b>	<b>4 829</b>	<b>4 926</b>	<b>5 380</b>	<b>4 490</b>	<b>4 854</b>	<b>4 902</b>
<b>Debits</b>												
General government												
Payments to EU institutions												
GNI: own resource	MUV7	15 875	14 472	4 156	4 782	4 315	2 622	3 887	4 462	2 684	3 439	3 820
GNI adjustments	MUV8	591	1 678	1	—	—	590	—	—	—	1 678	—
Other	FLMT	—15	—3	20	—	—	—35	—	—	—	—3	—
Other payments	CGDP	10 885	9 988	1 977	2 538	2 719	3 651	1 756	2 978	2 415	2 839	1 912
Total general government	FLUD	27 336	26 135	6 154	7 320	7 034	6 828	5 643	7 440	5 099	7 953	5 732
Other sectors												
Payments to EU institutions	CGDR	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other payments	CGDS	19 122	18 966	4 591	4 990	4 771	4 770	4 788	4 910	4 696	4 572	4 713
Total other sectors	FLUZ	19 122	18 966	4 591	4 990	4 771	4 770	4 788	4 910	4 696	4 572	4 713
<b>Total</b>	IKBO	<b>46 458</b>	<b>45 101</b>	<b>10 745</b>	<b>12 310</b>	<b>11 805</b>	<b>11 598</b>	<b>10 431</b>	<b>12 350</b>	<b>9 795</b>	<b>12 525</b>	<b>10 445</b>
<b>Balances</b>												
General government	FNSV	—23 077	—21 103	—5 170	—6 204	—5 959	—5 744	—4 360	—6 062	—4 146	—6 535	—4 508
Other sectors	FNTC	—4 085	—4 348	—1 070	—971	—1 019	—1 025	—1 145	—908	—1 159	—1 136	—1 035
<b>Total</b>	IKBP	<b>—27 162</b>	<b>—25 451</b>	<b>—6 240</b>	<b>—7 175</b>	<b>—6 978</b>	<b>—6 769</b>	<b>—5 505</b>	<b>—6 970</b>	<b>—5 305</b>	<b>—7 671</b>	<b>—5 543</b>
Of which: EU institutions <sup>1</sup>	GTTB	—12 448	—11 440	—3 324	—3 688	—3 301	—2 135	—2 729	—3 011	—1 867	—3 833	—2 606

<sup>1</sup> For a complete picture of UK official transactions with institutions of the EU, the balance of other primary income -£651 million, a credit of £741 million for export of services (UK charges for collection duties) and a capital account credit of approximately £1,169 million should be included giving a 2014 balance of approximately £10,181 million.

# Capital account

Seasonally adjusted

£ million

		2013	2014	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 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	297	1 137	49	73	122	53	27	769	20	321	278
Agricultural fund for regional development	FHJF	620	341	75	237	153	155	94	137	110	–	–
Other capital transfers	EBGO	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total EU institutions	GTTY	917	1 478	124	310	275	208	121	906	130	321	278
Total other sectors	FHJB	917	1 478	124	310	275	208	121	906	130	321	278
Total capital transfers	FHIT	917	1 478	124	310	275	208	121	906	130	321	278
Disposal of non-produced, non-financial assets	FHJL	1 388	888	292	353	346	397	100	106	238	444	398
<b>Total</b>	FHLD	<b>2 305</b>	<b>2 366</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>1 012</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>Debits</b>												
Capital transfers												
Central government												
Debt forgiveness	FLWD	186	82	93	–	–	93	82	–	–	–	12
Other capital transfers (project grants)	FLWH	203	355	55	74	56	18	86	60	72	137	81
Total central government	FLWB	389	437	148	74	56	111	168	60	72	137	93
Other sectors												
Debt forgiveness												
Monetary financial institutions	FLWL	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Public corporations	HMLY	10	40	–	–	10	–	40	–	–	–	1
Total debt forgiveness	JCWM	10	40	–	–	10	–	40	–	–	–	1
Other capital transfers	FLWQ	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total other sectors	FLWI	10	40	–	–	10	–	40	–	–	–	1
Total capital transfers	FLWA	399	477	148	74	66	111	208	60	72	137	94
Acquisitions of non-produced, non-financial assets	FLWT	1 169	955	285	162	422	300	120	194	515	126	433
<b>Total</b>	FLYL	<b>1 568</b>	<b>1 432</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>527</b>
<b>Balances</b>												
Capital transfers												
Central government												
Debt forgiveness	FNTM	–186	–82	–93	–	–	–93	–82	–	–	–	–12
Other capital transfers	FNTN	–203	–355	–55	–74	–56	–18	–86	–60	–72	–137	–81
Total central government	FNTL	–389	–437	–148	–74	–56	–111	–168	–60	–72	–137	–93
Other sectors												
Debt forgiveness	FNTQ	–10	–40	–	–	–10	–	–40	–	–	–	–1
Other capital transfers	FNTR	917	1 478	124	310	275	208	121	906	130	321	278
Total other sectors	FNTO	907	1 438	124	310	265	208	81	906	130	321	277
Total capital transfers	FNTK	518	1 001	–24	236	209	97	–87	846	58	184	184
Non-produced, non-financial assets	FNTS	219	–67	7	191	–76	97	–20	–88	–277	318	–35
<b>Total</b>	FNVQ	<b>737</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>–17</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>–107</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>–219</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>149</b>



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

Not seasonally adjusted

£ million

		2013	2014	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1
<b>UK investment abroad</b>												
(Net acquisition of financial assets)												
Direct investment abroad												
Equity capital other than reinvestment of earnings	-HJYM	-19 206	-62 432	-6 369	-7 456	-365	-5 016	-76 161	1 058	3 237	9 434	4 535
Reinvestment of earnings	-HDNY	8 440	-9 871	3 197	12 109	3 431	-10 297	7 280	-13 778	2 078	-5 451	7 485
Debt instruments	-N2RN	-1 934	25 696	-588	-5 886	-6 915	11 455	14 836	-4 245	13 099	2 006	740
Total direct investment abroad	-N2SV	-12 700	-46 607	-3 760	-1 233	-3 849	-3 858	-54 045	-16 965	18 414	5 989	12 760
Portfolio investment abroad												
Equity and investment fund shares	-HBVI	-22 783	-17 349	-16 041	-7 630	-3 631	4 519	-9 398	-3 808	-5 842	1 699	-13 759
Debt securities	-XBMW	17 073	39 170	8 752	-10 754	5 999	13 076	4 143	22 812	305	11 910	37 022
Total portfolio investment abroad	-HHZC	-5 710	21 821	-7 289	-18 384	2 368	17 595	-5 255	19 004	-5 537	13 609	23 263
Financial derivatives & employee stock options	-ZPNN	13 973	-13 955	26 589	43 559	-70 763	14 588	12 701	-24 256	21 312	-23 712	-15 807
Other investment abroad	-XBMM	-208 401	114 244	-4 911	-23 300	-131 206	-48 984	74 595	5 679	69 899	-35 929	44 554
Reserve assets	-LTCV	4 961	7 113	2 828	874	766	493	2 709	825	-665	4 244	12 638
<b>Total</b>	-HBNR	<b>-207 877</b>	<b>82 616</b>	<b>13 457</b>	<b>1 516</b>	<b>-202 684</b>	<b>-20 166</b>	<b>30 705</b>	<b>-15 713</b>	<b>103 423</b>	<b>-35 799</b>	<b>77 408</b>
<b>Investment in the UK</b>												
(Net incurrence of liabilities)												
Direct investment in the UK												
Equity capital other than reinvestment of earnings	HJYR	23 880	16 019	5 773	4 279	4 796	9 032	6 007	1 087	3 204	5 721	4 745
Reinvestment of earnings	CYFV	9 120	13 187	1 231	1 734	5 619	536	4 114	-5 997	10 590	4 480	10 539
Debt instruments	N2R7	-5 622	946	16 653	7 422	-3 725	-25 972	-10 512	-5 639	10 275	6 822	11 927
Total direct investment in the UK	N2SA	27 378	30 152	23 657	13 435	6 690	-16 404	-391	-10 549	24 069	17 023	27 211
Portfolio investment in the UK												
Equity and investment fund shares	XBLW	31 875	25 590	2 393	7 137	13 209	9 136	-27 869	21 621	13 314	18 524	17 366
Debt securities	XBLX	-6 177	96 135	25 142	-33 229	-28 241	30 151	6 828	30 983	32 887	25 437	64 999
Total portfolio investment in the UK	HHZF	25 698	121 725	27 535	-26 092	-15 032	39 287	-21 041	52 604	46 201	43 961	82 365
Other investment in the UK	XBMM	-195 526	35 034	-24 416	9 783	-164 259	-16 634	63 567	-33 083	71 184	-66 634	-7 839
<b>Total</b>	HBNS	<b>-142 450</b>	<b>186 911</b>	<b>26 776</b>	<b>-2 874</b>	<b>-172 601</b>	<b>6 249</b>	<b>42 135</b>	<b>8 972</b>	<b>141 454</b>	<b>-5 650</b>	<b>101 737</b>
<b>Net transactions</b>												
(net assets /less net liabilities)												
Direct investment												
Equity capital other than reinvestment of earnings	-HBWN	-43 086	-78 451	-12 142	-11 735	-5 161	-14 048	-82 168	-29	33	3 713	-210
Reinvestment of earnings	-HBWT	-680	-23 058	1 966	10 375	-2 188	-10 833	3 166	-7 781	-8 512	-9 931	-3 054
Debt instruments	-MU7L	3 688	24 750	-17 241	-13 308	-3 190	37 427	25 348	1 394	2 824	-4 816	-11 187
Total net direct investment	-MU7M	-40 078	-76 759	-27 417	-14 668	-10 539	12 546	-53 654	-6 416	-5 655	-11 034	-14 451
Portfolio investment												
Equity and investment fund shares	-HBWV	-54 658	-42 939	-18 434	-14 767	-16 840	-4 617	18 471	-25 429	-19 156	-16 825	-31 125
Debt securities	-HBWX	23 250	-56 965	-16 390	22 475	34 240	-17 075	-2 685	-8 171	-32 582	-13 527	-27 977
Total net portfolio investment	-HHZD	-31 408	-99 904	-34 824	7 708	17 400	-21 692	15 786	-33 600	-51 738	-30 352	-59 102
Financial derivatives & employee stock options	-ZPNN	13 973	-13 955	26 589	43 559	-70 763	14 588	12 701	-24 256	21 312	-23 712	-15 807
Other investment	-HHYR	-12 875	79 210	19 505	-33 083	33 053	-32 350	11 028	38 762	-1 285	30 705	52 393
Reserve assets	-LTCV	4 961	7 113	2 828	874	766	493	2 709	825	-665	4 244	12 638
<b>Total</b>	-HBNT	<b>-65 427</b>	<b>-104 295</b>	<b>-13 319</b>	<b>4 390</b>	<b>-30 083</b>	<b>-26 415</b>	<b>-11 430</b>	<b>-24 685</b>	<b>-38 031</b>	<b>-30 149</b>	<b>-24 329</b>

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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

		2013	2014	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1
<b>UK Assets</b>												
Direct investment abroad												
Equity and investment fund shares	CGMO	976.1	958.6	1 055.9	1 034.7	1 002.8	976.1	946.1	937.4	960.7	958.6	949.1
Debt instruments	N2TT	252.1	330.4	274.9	274.6	231.9	252.1	289.2	291.9	337.3	330.4	329.1
Total direct investment abroad	N2V3	1 228.2	1 289.0	1 330.8	1 309.3	1 234.7	1 228.2	1 235.2	1 229.3	1 298.0	1 289.0	1 278.2
Portfolio investment abroad												
Equity and investment fund shares	HEPX	1 072.9	1 119.8	1 026.0	1 009.0	1 018.9	1 072.9	1 077.0	1 089.1	1 080.8	1 119.8	1 151.9
Debt securities	HHZX	1 330.6	1 390.2	1 414.7	1 398.5	1 338.8	1 330.6	1 315.1	1 311.2	1 346.4	1 390.2	1 455.9
Total portfolio investment abroad	HHZZ	2 403.5	2 510.0	2 440.7	2 407.5	2 357.7	2 403.5	2 392.1	2 400.4	2 427.2	2 510.0	2 607.8
Financial derivatives & employee stock options	JX96	2 424.4	2 828.6	3 088.1	2 915.7	2 580.6	2 424.4	2 230.7	2 170.1	2 462.6	2 828.6	2 990.2
Other investment abroad	HLXV	3 491.8	3 551.9	3 874.0	3 874.4	3 586.6	3 491.8	3 538.8	3 460.6	3 554.8	3 551.9	3 604.9
Reserve assets	LTEB	61.4	67.7	66.4	64.2	62.8	61.4	64.2	64.0	63.3	67.7	80.4
<b>Total</b>	HBQA	<b>9 609.3</b>	<b>10 247.2</b>	<b>10 800.0</b>	<b>10 571.2</b>	<b>9 822.4</b>	<b>9 609.3</b>	<b>9 460.9</b>	<b>9 324.4</b>	<b>9 805.9</b>	<b>10 247.2</b>	<b>10 561.5</b>
<b>UK Liabilities</b>												
Direct investment in the UK												
Equity and investment fund shares	HBUY	904.9	959.8	788.3	830.2	842.9	904.9	868.9	887.9	964.1	959.8	916.1
Debt instruments	N2TD	356.8	446.9	403.8	431.0	396.5	356.8	408.3	416.1	421.7	446.9	386.2
Total direct investment in the UK	N2UG	1 261.7	1 406.7	1 192.1	1 261.2	1 239.4	1 261.7	1 277.2	1 304.0	1 385.8	1 406.7	1 302.4
Portfolio investment in the UK												
Equity and investment fund shares	HLXX	1 019.3	1 017.1	914.1	899.6	990.6	1 019.3	978.7	982.3	1 003.5	1 017.1	1 068.8
Debt securities	HLXY	1 497.5	1 613.3	1 657.9	1 618.3	1 497.6	1 497.5	1 518.4	1 540.0	1 586.7	1 613.3	1 631.1
Total portfolio investment in the UK	HLXW	2 516.8	2 630.4	2 571.9	2 518.0	2 488.1	2 516.8	2 497.1	2 522.3	2 590.2	2 630.4	2 699.9
Financial derivatives & employee stock options	JX97	2 376.7	2 806.5	3 034.9	2 804.3	2 542.6	2 376.7	2 171.4	2 129.1	2 422.1	2 806.5	3 027.8
Other investment in the UK	HLXD	3 862.1	3 848.2	4 185.0	4 220.4	3 907.5	3 862.1	3 871.4	3 767.8	3 851.1	3 848.2	3 820.8
<b>Total</b>	HBQB	<b>10 017.3</b>	<b>10 691.7</b>	<b>10 983.9</b>	<b>10 803.9</b>	<b>10 177.5</b>	<b>10 017.3</b>	<b>9 817.1</b>	<b>9 723.2</b>	<b>10 249.2</b>	<b>10 691.7</b>	<b>10 850.8</b>
<b>Net International Investment Position</b>												
Direct investment												
Equity and investment fund shares	HBSH	71.2	-1.2	267.7	204.5	159.9	71.2	77.1	49.5	-3.5	-1.2	33.0
Debt instruments	MU7N	-104.7	-116.5	-128.9	-156.4	-164.6	-104.7	-119.1	-124.2	-84.4	-116.5	-57.1
Total net direct investment	MU7O	-33.4	-117.7	138.8	48.1	-4.7	-33.4	-42.0	-74.7	-87.8	-117.7	-24.2
Portfolio investment												
Equity and investment fund shares	CGNE	53.6	102.7	112.0	109.4	28.4	53.6	98.3	106.9	77.2	102.7	83.0
Debt securities	CGNF	-166.9	-223.1	-243.2	-219.8	-158.8	-166.9	-203.3	-228.8	-240.3	-223.1	-175.2
Total net portfolio investment	CGNH	-113.2	-120.4	-131.2	-110.4	-130.4	-113.2	-105.0	-121.9	-163.0	-120.4	-92.1
Financial derivatives & employee stock options	JX98	47.7	22.1	53.2	111.4	38.0	47.7	59.3	41.0	40.6	22.1	-37.6
Other investment	CGNG	-370.3	-296.3	-311.0	-346.0	-320.9	-370.3	-332.6	-307.2	-296.3	-296.3	-215.9
Reserve assets	LTEB	61.4	67.7	66.4	64.2	62.8	61.4	64.2	64.0	63.3	67.7	80.4
<b>Total</b>	HBQC	<b>-407.9</b>	<b>-444.5</b>	<b>-183.9</b>	<b>-232.8</b>	<b>-355.1</b>	<b>-407.9</b>	<b>-356.2</b>	<b>-398.8</b>	<b>-443.3</b>	<b>-444.5</b>	<b>-289.3</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

		2013	2014	2012 Q4	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>												
<b>Current account</b>												
Trade in goods and services												
Trade in goods	BOKI	–	–1 610	–	–	–	–	–	562	–306	–918	–948
Trade in services	IKBD	–	128	–	–	–	–	–	44	33	55	–4
Total trade	IKBJ	–	–1 482	–	–	–	–	–	606	–273	–863	–952
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	IJAJ	–	–3	–	–	–	–	–	–1	–	–1	–1
Investment income	HBOM	–	–6 135	–	–	–	–	–	–341	73	–3 263	–2 604
Other primary income	MT5X	–	–84	–	–	–	–	–	7	–30	–28	–33
Total primary income	HBOJ	–	–6 222	–	–	–	–	–	–335	43	–3 292	–2 638
Secondary income												
General government	FNSV	–	–38	–	–	–	–	–	2	–4	2	–38
Other sectors	FNTC	–	11	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	–
Total secondary income	IKBP	–	–27	–	–	–	–	–	2	–4	13	–38
<b>Current balance</b>	HBOP	–	<b>–7 731</b>	–	–	–	–	–	<b>273</b>	<b>–234</b>	<b>–4 142</b>	<b>–3 628</b>
<b>Capital balance</b>	FNVQ	–	<b>309</b>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	<b>309</b>
<b>Not seasonally adjusted</b>												
<b>Current account</b>												
Trade in goods and services												
Trade in goods	LQCT	–	–1 610	–	–	–	–	–	32	–97	–734	–811
Trade in services	KTMS	–	128	–	–	–	–	–	72	5	23	28
Total trade	KTMY	–	–1 482	–	–	–	–	–	104	–92	–711	–783
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	KTMP	–	–3	–	–	–	–	–	–7	–	5	–1
Investment income	HMBM	–	–6 135	–	–	–	–	–	–24	267	–2 643	–3 735
Other primary income	MT5W	–	–84	–	–	–	–	–	–	–28	–28	–28
Total primary income	HMBP	–	–6 222	–	–	–	–	–	–31	239	–2 666	–3 764
Secondary income												
General government	FJUQ	–	–38	–	–	–	–	–	–	–1	1	–38
Other sectors	FJUR	–	11	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	9	–
Total secondary income	KTNF	–	–27	–	–	–	–	–	2	–1	10	–38
<b>Current balance</b>	HBOG	–	<b>–7 731</b>	–	–	–	–	–	<b>75</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>–3 367</b>	<b>–4 585</b>
<b>Capital balance</b>	FKMJ	–	<b>309</b>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	<b>309</b>
<b>Financial account<sup>1</sup></b>												
Direct investment	–MU7M	–	3 384	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 449	935
Portfolio investment	–HHZD	–	2 459	–	–	–	–	–	208	1 625	701	–75
Financial derivatives (net)	–ZPNN	–	935	–	–	–	–	–	72	31	299	533
Other investment	–HHYR	–	–17 618	–	–	–	–	–	–2 850	1 189	–11 728	–4 229
Reserve assets	–LTCV	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Net financial transactions</b>	–HBNT	–	<b>–10 840</b>	–	–	–	–	–	<b>–2 570</b>	<b>2 845</b>	<b>–8 279</b>	<b>–2 836</b>
<b>Net errors and omissions<sup>2</sup></b>	HHDH	–	<b>–3 418</b>	–	–	–	–	–	<b>–2 645</b>	<b>2 699</b>	<b>–4 912</b>	<b>1 440</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

		2013	2014	2012 Q4	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4
<b>Credits</b>												
Exports of goods and services												
Exports of goods	BOKG	–	–663	–	–	–	–	–	192	177	–526	–506
Exports of services	IKBB	–	164	–	–	–	–	–	–21	39	71	75
Total exports of goods and services	IKBH	–	–499	–	–	–	–	–	171	216	–455	–431
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	IJAH	–	–3	–	–	–	–	–	–1	–	–1	–1
Investment income	HBOK	–	–3 133	–	–	–	–	–	–350	–90	–972	–1 721
Other primary income	MT5T	–	–84	–	–	–	–	–	–	–28	–28	–28
Total primary income	HBOH	–	–3 220	–	–	–	–	–	–351	–118	–1 001	–1 750
Secondary income												
Central government	FHDM	–	–43	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–44
Other sectors	FHIB	–	28	–	–	–	–	–	19	5	20	–16
Total secondary income	IKBN	–	–15	–	–	–	–	–	19	5	21	–60
<b>Total</b>	<b>HBON</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–3 734</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–161</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>–1 435</b>	<b>–2 241</b>
<b>Debits</b>												
Imports of goods and services												
Imports of goods	BOKH	–	947	–	–	–	–	–	–370	483	392	442
Imports of services	IKBC	–	36	–	–	–	–	–	–65	6	16	79
Total imports of goods and services	IKBI	–	983	–	–	–	–	–	–435	489	408	521
Primary income												
Compensation of employees	IJAI	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Investment income	HBOL	–	3 002	–	–	–	–	–	–9	–163	2 291	883
Other primary income	MT5V	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–7	2	–	5
Total primary income	HBOI	–	3 002	–	–	–	–	–	–16	–161	2 291	888
Secondary income												
Central government	FLUD	–	–5	–	–	–	–	–	–2	4	–1	–6
Other sectors	FLUZ	–	17	–	–	–	–	–	19	5	9	–16
Total secondary income	IKBO	–	12	–	–	–	–	–	17	9	8	–22
<b>Total</b>	<b>HB00</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>3 997</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–434</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>2 707</b>	<b>1 387</b>
<b>Balances</b>												
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Secondary income												
Central government	FNSV	–	–38	–	–	–	–	–	2	–4	2	–38
Other sectors	FNTC	–	11	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	–
Total secondary income	IKBP	–	–27	–	–	–	–	–	2	–4	13	–38
<b>Current balance</b>	<b>HBOP</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–7 731</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>–234</b>	<b>–4 142</b>	<b>–3 628</b>
<b>Balances as a percentage of GDP<sup>1</sup></b>												
Trade in goods and services												
Trade in goods	D28J	–	–0.1	–	–	–	–	–	0.1	–	–0.2	–0.2
Trade in services	D28K	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total trade in goods and services	D28L	–	–0.1	–	–	–	–	–	0.1	–	–0.1	–0.2
Total primary income	D28M	–	–0.3	–	–	–	–	–	–0.1	–	–0.7	–0.6
Total secondary income	D28N	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Current balance as percentage of GDP	AA6H	–	–0.4	–	–	–	–	–	0.1	–0.1	–1.0	–0.8

<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

		2013	2014	2012 Q4	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4
<b>Investment abroad</b>												
International Investment Position												
Direct investment	N2V3	–	37.8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34.8	37.8
Portfolio investment	HHZZ	–	–10.1	–	–	–	–	–	30.6	8.5	–1.2	–10.1
Financial derivatives	JX96	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other investment	HLXV	–	–38.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–31.7	–38.0
Reserve assets	LTEB	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	HBQA	–	–10.2	–	–	–	–	–	30.6	8.4	1.9	–10.2
Financial Account transactions <sup>1</sup>												
Direct investment	-N2SV	–	16.2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	10.2	6.0
Portfolio investment	-HHZC	–	–2.3	–	–	–	–	–	–0.6	–	–0.1	–1.6
Financial derivatives (net)	-ZPNN	–	0.9	–	–	–	–	–	0.1	–	0.3	0.5
Other investment	-XBMM	–	2.1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1.1	–0.7	1.7
Reserve assets	-LTCV	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	-HBNR	–	16.9	–	–	–	–	–	–0.5	1.1	9.6	6.7
Investment income earnings												
Direct investment	N2QP	–	–2.9	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–0.5	–2.4
Portfolio investment	HLZX	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other investment	AIOP	–	–0.2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–0.1	–	–0.1
Reserve assets	HHCB	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	HMBN	–	–3.1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–0.1	–0.5	–2.5
<b>Investment in the UK</b>												
International Investment Position												
Direct investment	N2UG	–	105.1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	74.6	105.1
Portfolio investment	HLXW	–	–0.8	–	–	–	–	–	–0.9	–2.5	–0.6	–0.8
Financial derivatives	JX97	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other investment	HLXD	–	–24.6	–	–	–	–	–	3.0	3.0	–21.6	–24.6
Total	HBQB	–	79.6	–	–	–	–	–	2.1	0.5	52.5	79.6
Financial Account transactions												
Direct investment	N2SA	–	12.8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7.7	5.1
Portfolio investment	HHZF	–	–4.8	–	–	–	–	–	–0.8	–1.6	–0.8	–1.5
Other investment	XBMM	–	19.7	–	–	–	–	–	2.9	–0.1	11.0	6.0
Total	HBNS	–	27.8	–	–	–	–	–	2.1	–1.7	17.9	9.5
Investment income												
Direct investment	N2Q4	–	5.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2.7	2.3
Portfolio investment	HLZC	–	–2.0	–	–	–	–	–	–0.1	–0.3	–0.6	–1.0
Other investment	HLZN	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.1	–	–	–0.1
Total	HMBO	–	3.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–0.4	2.1	1.3
<b>Net investment</b>												
International Investment Position												
Direct investment	MU7O	–	–67.2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–39.8	–67.2
Portfolio investment	CGNH	–	–9.2	–	–	–	–	–	31.5	10.9	–0.6	–9.2
Financial derivatives	JX98	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other investment	CGNG	–	–13.4	–	–	–	–	–	–3.0	–3.0	–10.1	–13.4
Reserve assets	LTEB	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Net investment	HBQC	–	–89.9	–	–	–	–	–	28.5	7.9	–50.6	–89.9
Financial Accounts transactions <sup>1</sup>												
Direct investment	-MU7M	–	3.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2.4	0.9
Portfolio investment	-HHZD	–	2.5	–	–	–	–	–	0.2	1.6	0.7	–0.1
Financial derivatives	-ZPNN	–	0.9	–	–	–	–	–	0.1	–	0.3	0.5
Other investment	-HHYR	–	–17.6	–	–	–	–	–	–2.8	1.2	–11.7	–4.2
Reserve assets	-LTCV	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Net transactions	-HBNT	–	–10.8	–	–	–	–	–	–2.6	2.8	–8.3	–2.8
Investment income earnings												
Direct investment	MU7E	–	–7.9	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–3.2	–4.7
Portfolio investment	HLZX	–	2.0	–	–	–	–	–	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.9
Other investment	CGNA	–	–0.3	–	–	–	–	–	–0.1	–0.1	–	–
Reserve assets	HHCB	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Net earnings	HMBM	–	–6.1	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.3	–2.6	–3.7

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