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Lesotho: Basic Data 1/

Area, population, and income

Area (thousand sq. km)	30,355
Population (1999; in millions)	2.1
Annual demographic growth rate (1995-99; in percent)	2.2
GNP per capita (1999; in constant 1995 U.S. dollars)	658

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
National accounts (In millions of maloti, unless otherwise specified)					
GDP at current market prices	4,216.3	4,770.0	5,081.8	5,733.4	6,377.2
<i>Of which:</i> agriculture	667.4	711.5	808.7	894.9	975.7
manufacturing	609.7	706.9	787.5	844.8	929.4
GNP at current market prices	5,627.1	6,311.2	6,491.8	7,247.7	7,941.0
Real GDP growth (percent)	9.5	4.8	-3.0	2.4	3.2
Real GNP growth (percent)	8.1	3.5	-6.0	1.4	1.7
Prices					
Consumer price index (percent change; end of period)	8.8	7.3	8.9	6.3	7.0
Employment (In thousands)					
Migrant mine workers 2/	101.2	101.2	101.2	101.2	102.2
Central government finance (In millions of maloti)					
Revenue	2,034.6	2,247.0	2,173.6	2,312.8	2,626.6
<i>Of which:</i> SACU 3/	1,006.0	1,172.7	1,034.4	1,183.1	1,126.1
Total expenditure and net lending	2,052.7	2,342.1	2,438.4	3,373.4	2,897.9
Current	1,179.0	1,473.8	1,942.7	2,318.5	2,382.6
Capital	873.7	868.3	495.7	479.9	515.3
Overall balance before grants	-18.1	-95.1	-264.8	-1,060.6	-271.3
Grants from abroad	203.4	178.7	120.0	130.0	125.6
Overall balance after grants	185.3	83.6	-144.8	-930.6	-145.7
Foreign financing (net)	347.2	345.5	18.1	-70.9	-221.9
Domestic financing (net)	-503.5	-474.3	181.6	1,048.0	390.2
Residual	-29.0	45.2	-54.9	-46.5	-22.6
Monetary survey (In millions of maloti; end of period)					
Foreign assets (net)	2,393.1	3,169.9	3,754.1	3,583.1	3,670.0
Domestic credit	-753.6	-929.2	-881.2	53.8	424.1
Government (net)	-1,631.1	-2,044.5	-1,952.8	-937.8	-579.2
Rest of the economy	877.5	1,115.3	1,071.7	991.7	1,003.3
Money and quasi money	1,326.0	1,640.2	1,753.4	1,717.2	1,822.4
Other items (net)	313.6	600.4	1,119.6	1,919.7	2,271.8
Balance of payments (In millions of U.S. dollars, unless otherwise specified)					
Current account deficit (-)	-284.6	-312.8	-218.9	-208.2	-144.7
<i>Of which</i>					
Exports, f.o.b.	191.1	197.3	191.5	188.4	221.6
Imports, f.o.b.	-989.4	-1,019.3	-781.4	-796.4	-705.2
<i>Of which:</i> LHWP 4/	-121.9	-146.6	-214.0	-50.6	-34.2
Miners' remittances	299.7	316.0	231.1	224.0	193.7
Unrequited transfers	185.9	201.7	139.5	155.9	128.3
Capital and financial account	257.7	283.7	253.9	214.6	179.4
Capital account	47.2	37.9	16.4	21.1	18.7
Financial account	210.5	245.8	237.5	193.5	160.7
Direct investment	250.6	297.7	217.0	153.9	119.7
Other investment	73.3	28.1	-16.4	-42.7	-38.5
Change in reserve assets (minus sign indicates increase)	-113.4	-80.0	37.0	82.3	79.4
Errors and omissions	26.9	29.1	-35.1	-6.4	-34.6
Gross official reserves (in months of imports of goods and services)	5.8	8.7	7.9	7.5	7.4
External debt					
Disbursed and outstanding	573.1	599.9	639.0	630.6	546.7
Debt-service ratio (as percent of exports of goods and services, and factor income)	4.5	4.0	6.6	8.1	13.2
Exchange rate (maloti per U.S. dollar; end of period)	4.4	5.0	6.2	6.6	8.0

Sources: Lesotho authorities; World Bank; and staff estimates.

1/ Fiscal year is April-March.

2/ Average number employed in South Africa; data refer to calendar years.

3/ Southern African Customs Union.

4/ Lesotho Highlands Water Project.

Table 1. Lesotho: Gross Domestic Product by Sector (at constant 1995 prices), 1996/97-2000/01 1/ 2/

(In millions of maloti)

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
Primary sector	618.1	625.2	646.9	664.4	654.7
Crops	414.8	399.9	383.9	392.5	427.8
Livestock	169.9	189.9	229.1	241.1	197.3
Agricultural services	33.4	35.4	34.0	30.7	29.6
Secondary sector	1,312.7	1,421.8	1,312.9	1,424.7	1,577.3
Mining and quarrying	3.1	3.3	2.6	2.8	3.2
Manufacturing and handicraft	541.5	555.9	541.5	545.7	565.3
Electricity and water	130.9	225.1	182.8	224.5	223.2
Construction	319.2	389.3	357.9	513.4	669.8
LHWP construction 3/	318.1	248.3	228.1	138.3	115.7
Tertiary sector	1,366.0	1,434.6	1,449.1	1,450.9	1,453.1
Wholesale and retail	304.2	319.7	305.6	291.0	282.5
Hotel and restaurants	47.4	47.8	42.9	44.2	54.8
Transport and storage	75.5	76.7	71.8	71.9	76.7
Post and telecommunications	50.5	59.2	61.0	69.0	73.7
Financial intermediation *	113.2	103.1	107.2	135.8	186.4
Owner-occupied dwellings	156.6	159.8	163.0	166.2	169.1
Other real estate and business services	64.4	77.4	67.7	60.9	59.2
Public administration	247.5	261.6	282.0	276.7	273.2
Education	285.7	300.8	310.3	318.8	318.2
Health and social work	62.4	62.5	72.7	73.4	64.7
Community, social, and personal services	40.6	41.1	41.7	42.3	42.8
Less: financial services indirectly measured	-82.0	-75.1	-76.5	-99.2	-148.1
GDP at producers' prices	3,296.8	3,481.6	3,408.9	3,539.9	3,685.0
Plus: taxes on products	499.7	495.6	448.9	412.2	393.9
GDP at purchasers' prices	3,796.4	3,977.1	3,857.8	3,952.1	4,079.0
Plus: net factor income from abroad	1,269.2	1,266.3	1,070.5	1,043.8	1,000.2
Gross national income at purchasers' prices	5,065.7	5,243.5	4,928.3	4,995.9	5,079.1

Sources: Lesotho Bureau of Statistics; Central Bank of Lesotho; Lesotho Highlands Development Authority; and staff estimates.

1/ Fiscal year begins April 1.

2/ Fiscal year estimates based on sectoral calendar-year data compiled by the Bureau of Statistics.

3/ Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP).

Table 2. Lesotho: Gross Domestic Product by Sector (at current prices), 1996/97-2000/01 1/ 2/

(In millions of maloti)

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
Primary sector	667.4	711.5	808.7	894.9	975.7
Crops	454.7	454.3	495.3	545.0	645.9
Livestock	174.2	210.4	263.0	299.7	279.3
Agricultural services	38.5	46.8	50.4	50.2	50.5
Secondary sector	1,497.3	1,766.3	1,807.4	2,178.6	2,529.7
Mining and quarrying	3.1	3.7	4.1	5.6	8.0
Manufacturing and handicraft	609.7	706.9	787.5	844.8	929.4
Electricity and water	171.2	291.6	249.6	321.2	327.9
Construction	339.6	439.1	446.7	768.4	967.4
LHWP construction 3/	373.6	325.0	319.5	238.7	297.0
Tertiary sector	1,543.4	1,777.9	1,960.6	2,122.1	2,275.0
Wholesale and retail	342.8	397.7	412.4	447.7	524.4
Hotel and restaurants	53.0	58.1	58.2	68.0	82.0
Transport and storage	96.4	107.8	105.3	108.0	112.3
Post and telecommunications	48.6	55.3	61.5	77.2	83.4
Financial intermediation	127.3	127.3	136.3	173.0	242.7
Owner-occupied dwellings	170.1	177.8	187.2	191.0	197.5
Other real estate and business services	68.5	94.3	87.3	86.2	98.5
Public administration	284.8	346.6	418.7	452.2	466.4
Education	329.8	377.4	435.7	473.3	488.9
Health and social work	69.9	79.8	102.4	110.4	104.2
Community, social, and personal services	44.9	50.0	54.6	59.1	63.6
Less: financial services indirectly measured	-92.7	-94.3	-98.8	-123.9	-188.8
GDP at producers' prices	3,708.1	4,255.7	4,576.7	5,195.5	5,780.5
Plus: taxes on products	508.2	514.3	505.1	537.9	596.8
GDP at purchasers' prices	4,216.3	4,770.0	5,081.8	5,733.4	6,377.2
Plus: net factor income from abroad	1,410.9	1,541.2	1,410.1	1,514.3	1,563.7
Gross national income at purchasers' prices	5,627.1	6,311.2	6,491.8	7,247.7	7,941.0

Sources: Lesotho Bureau of Statistics; Central Bank of Lesotho; Lesotho Highlands Development Authority; and staff estimates.

1/ Fiscal year begins April 1.

2/ Fiscal year estimates based on sectoral calendar-year data compiled by the Bureau of Statistics.

3/ Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP).

Table 3. Lesotho: Gross Domestic Product by Expenditure, 1996/97-2000/01 1/ 2/

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
	(In millions of maloti)				
Gross domestic product	4,216.3	4,770.0	5,081.8	5,733.4	6,377.2
Net factor income from abroad	1,410.9	1,541.2	1,410.1	1,514.3	1,563.7
Gross national product	5,627.1	6,311.2	6,491.8	7,247.7	7,941.0
Unrequited transfers	833.5	951.6	811.0	961.2	938.9
Gross national disposable income 3/	6,460.6	7,262.7	7,302.8	8,208.9	8,879.9
Consumption	5,324.1	6,249.3	6,187.9	7,473.7	7,802.6
Government consumption	1,112.7	1,383.8	1,814.2	2,135.1	2,123.2
Private consumption	4,211.4	4,865.5	4,373.7	5,338.6	5,679.4
Gross national savings 4/	1,136.5	1,013.4	1,114.9	735.2	1,077.3
Public savings 5/	921.9	863.2	359.4	177.7	503.4
Private savings 6/	214.6	150.2	755.5	557.5	573.9
Investment	2,412.6	2,489.2	2,386.9	2,018.3	2,136.8
Gross fixed capital formation	2,418.5	2,547.9	2,471.0	2,105.0	2,270.5
Government	873.7	868.3	495.7	479.9	515.3
Private	506.3	647.4	807.0	929.3	1,101.0
LHWP 7/	1,038.5	1,032.2	1,168.3	695.8	654.2
Change in stocks	-5.9	-58.7	-84.1	-86.7	-133.7
Gross national savings less investment 8/	-1,276.1	-1,475.8	-1,272.0	-1,283.2	-1,059.5
	(In percent of GDP)				
Gross domestic product	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Net factor income from abroad	33.5	32.3	27.7	26.4	24.5
Gross national product	133.5	132.3	127.7	126.4	124.5
Unrequited transfers	19.8	19.9	16.0	16.8	14.7
Gross national disposable income 3/	153.2	152.3	143.7	143.2	139.2
Consumption	126.3	131.0	121.8	130.4	122.4
Government consumption	26.4	29.0	35.7	37.2	33.3
Private consumption	99.9	102.0	86.1	93.1	89.1
Gross national savings 4/	27.0	21.2	21.9	12.8	16.9
Public savings 5/	21.9	18.1	7.1	3.1	7.9
Private savings 6/	5.1	3.1	14.9	9.7	9.0
Investment	57.2	52.2	47.0	35.2	33.5
Gross fixed capital formation	57.4	53.4	48.6	36.7	35.6
Government	20.7	18.2	9.8	8.4	8.1
Private	12.0	13.6	15.9	16.2	17.3
LHWP 7/	24.6	21.6	23.0	12.1	10.3
Change in stocks	-0.1	-1.2	-1.7	-1.5	-2.1
Gross national savings less investment 8/	-30.3	-30.9	-25.0	-22.4	-16.6

Sources: Lesotho authorities; and staff estimates.

1/ Fiscal year beginning in April.

2/ Fiscal year estimates based on calendar-year estimates compiled by the Bureau of Statistics.

3/ Gross national product plus unrequited transfers.

4/ Gross national disposable income less consumption.

5/ Government revenues plus grants less government current expenditures (excluding interest payments).

6/ Estimated as a residual.

7/ Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP).

8/ Equivalent to the external current account balance.

Table 4. Lesotho: Consumer Price Indices, January 1997 - July 2001
(April 1997 = 100, unless otherwise indicated)

	Weights	1997				1998				1999				2000				2001		
		Jan.	Apr.	July	Oct.	Jan.	Apr.	July	Oct.	Jan.	Apr.	July	Oct.	Jan.	Apr.	July	Oct.	Jan.	Apr.	July
Consumer price index (CPI) 1/	100.0	97.2	100.0	102.1	103.1	104.9	107.3	109.1	112.5	115.1	116.9	119.2	120.1	122.3	124.3	125.8	127.3	129.6	133.0	135.4
Food, beverages, and tobacco	43.1	96.2	100.0	102.3	102.8	104.5	108.2	110.5	114.1	115.7	117.2	119.9	120.0	122.3	124.8	125.8	125.6	127.8	132.5	135.3
Bread and cereals	19.3	97.0	100.0	101.0	101.2	101.1	105.1	107.0	109.4	110.4	110.6	114.0	113.5	116.0	116.8	116.6	115.3	115.8	122.3	123.6
Meat and meat products	4.1	96.3	100.0	99.2	102.2	107.1	109.5	111.0	113.2	115.3	115.3	116.3	118.0	119.8	120.0	121.1	121.3	128.2	132.1	135.6
Fruits and vegetables	4.0	94.7	100.0	105.0	107.2	114.2	119.7	123.8	129.8	136.6	138.5	142.6	144.7	149.8	151.5	155.1	160.7	168.4	173.8	177.0
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	8.1	93.3	100.0	101.9	102.0	103.6	107.5	109.9	114.6	114.9	120.6	123.7	124.4	125.9	133.7	134.8	136.4	157.2	142.3	143.3
Food and drinks	7.6	97.7	100.0	102.3	105.9	107.3	109.9	112.5	118.0	119.2										
Clothing and footwear	15.8	99.3	100.0	102.2	104.7	106.8	108.9	110.7	114.9	118.2	120.8	121.7	122.8	124.7	125.4	126.4	129.1	130.7	133.0	135.3
Blankets	3.3	101.8	100.0	102.4	105.0	105.0	107.3	109.7	111.5	114.2	114.4	113.6	113.6	112.9	114.3	117.1	123.3	123.4	124.8	126.1
Other clothing	6.3	97.5	100.0	102.3	104.4	106.3	109.3	110.9	112.7	116.1	119.9	122.3	122.3	123.6	123.9	125.1	127.2	128.9	131.5	133.3
Footwear	6.2	100.8	100.0	101.8	105.9	108.2	109.3	111.0	119.1	122.0	124.6	125.1	128.3	131.4	132.1	132.1	133.7	135.7	138.4	141.7
Gross rent, fuel, and power 2/	3.9	95.7	100.0	100.3	101.2	104.1	104.5	107.2	109.5	110.3	109.7	109.8	110.1	112.3	113.4	115.9	120.6	126.0	128.4	131.0
Gross rent and water charges 2/	0.6	103.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.5	101.5
Fuel and power	3.3	95.3	100.0	100.4	101.4	104.6	105.3	108.4	111.1	111.6	110.9	111.1	111.5	113.9	115.0	117.7	123.1	129.2	131.9	134.9
Furniture and household operations	18.1	98.5	100.0	102.4	104.3	107.1	108.1	109.1	113.6	118.0	120.9	124.0	126.2	128.6	128.8	131.3	134.5	136.3	138.5	140.0
Transport and communications	8.4	101.1	100.0	100.9	101.6	103.0	103.3	103.9	106.2	108.3	109.6	111.8	114.4	117.3	125.3	128.4	132.5	134.6	140.0	144.8
Other goods and services	10.5	98.1	100.0	101.3	101.8	103.9	104.2	105.5	106.3	109.4	110.7	112.5	113.3	114.5	115.7	116.6	116.6	119.5	120.3	121.5
Memorandum item:																				
Annual CPI inflation rates (in percent; end of period)		8.6	8.8	8.9	7.8	7.9	7.3	6.8	9.1	9.7	8.9	9.3	6.8	6.3	6.3	5.5	6.0	6.0	7.0	7.6

Source: Lesotho Bureau of Statistics.

1/ Covers all households in six lowland towns, including Maseru.

2/ Since January 1994, rent has been excluded from CPI calculations because of data collection problems.

Table 5. Lesotho: Basic Monthly Minimum Wages, 1996-2001 1/

	1996 Nov.	1997 Oct.	1998 Dec.	1999 Oct.	2000 3/ Oct.	2001 4/ Sep.
	(In maloti)					
Copy typist	419.5	457.3	508.0	554.0	593.0	631.0
Driver						
Car and light van	487.1	530.9	589.0	642.0	687.0	732.0
Medium-sized vehicle	533.9	581.9	646.0	704.0	753.0	802.0
Heavy vehicle	683.6	745.2	827.0	901.0	964.0	1026.0
Operator (hammer mill)	355.3	387.3	430.0	469.0	502.0	535.0
Junior clerk	419.5	457.3	508.0	554.0	593.0	631.0
Machine operator	487.1	530.9	589.0	642.0	687.0	732.0
Messenger	355.3	387.3	430.0	430.0	502.0	535.0
Machine attendant	419.5	457.3	508.0	554.0	593.0	631.0
Receptionist	419.5	457.3	508.0	554.0	593.0	631.0
Shop assistant	391.7	426.9	474.0	517.0	553.0	589.0
Telephone operator	419.5	457.3	508.0	554.0	593.0	681.0
Ungraded artisan (heavy physical work)	452.6	493.4	548.0	597.0	639.0	681.0
Unskilled labor						
Heavy physical work	391.7	426.9	474.0	517.0	553.0	589.0
Light physical work	355.3	387.3	430.0	469.0	502.0	535.0
Waiter	402.8	439.1	487.0	531.0	568.0	605.0
Watchman	495.2	539.7	599.0	653.0	699.0	714.0
Weaver						
Training (six months)	355.3	387.3	430.0	469.0	502.0	535.0
Trained	372.6	406.2	451.0	492.0	528.0	560.0
Sewing machine operator						
Training (six months)	355.3	387.3	430.0	469.0	502.0	535.0
Trained	372.6	406.2	451.0	492.0	526.0	560.0
Small business	242.0	263.8	293.0	319.0	341.0	363.0
Domestic servant	121.0	131.9	146.0	159.0	170.0	181.0
	(Annual percentage change)					
Memorandum items:						
General increase 2/	11.0	9.0	11.1	9.1	6.9	6.5
Exception: watchman	11.0	9.0	11.0	9.0	7.0	6.4

Source: Ministry of Labor.

1/ Based on legal notices issued in July 1995, October 1996, September 1997, December 1998, and October 1999.

2/ Rate of increase for all categories unless specified as exception.

3/ Based on Labour Code Wages (Amendment) Order, 2000.

4/ Based on Labour Code Wages (Amendment) Order, 2001.

Table 6. Lesotho: Public Service Employment, 1996/97-2001/02 1/

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02
Established civil service 2/						
Professional and administrative	1,649	1,748	2,004	2,030	2,008	2,061
Executive	3,407	3,453	3,639	3,667	4,203	4,299
Clerical	13,442	13,540	14,822	14,993	13,346	13,375
Total	18,498	18,741	20,465	20,690	19,557	19,735
Actual employment						
Civil service 2/	17,685	18,436	18,436	18,271	16,567	14,473
Defense and public order	4,942	4,942	6,394	6,288	4,677	5,572
Teachers	9,868	10,116	10,209	10,425	10,686	11,292
Total	32,495	33,494	35,039	34,984	31,930	31,337

Source: Ministry of Public Service.

1/ Fiscal year is April-March.

2/ The established civil service posts exclude teachers, members of armed forces, and daily paid workers, but include chiefs, parliamentarians, senators, and statutory positions.

Table 7. Lesotho: Central Government Operations, 1996/97-2000/01 1/

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
	(In millions of maloti)				
Revenue	2,034.6	2,247.0	2,173.6	2,312.8	2,626.6
Tax revenue	1,553.8	1,794.9	1,694.7	1,888.8	1,941.9
Customs revenue	1,006.0	1,172.7	1,034.4	1,183.1	1,126.1
Noncustoms tax revenue	547.8	622.2	661.3	705.7	815.8
Income taxes	299.0	340.1	387.0	419.5	468.8
Sales tax	193.9	223.5	233.3	238.0	279.8
Oil levy	46.0	47.4	35.9	43.6	62.0
Other tax revenues	8.9	11.2	5.1	4.6	5.2
Nontax revenue	480.8	452.1	478.9	424.0	684.7
Water royalties	142.8	83.3	120.0	138.3	135.0
Interest received	150.7	177.7	222.9	76.0	63.2
Other nontax revenues	187.3	191.1	136.0	209.7	486.5
Total expenditure and net lending	2,052.7	2,342.1	2,438.4	3,373.4	2,897.9
Current expenditure	1,179.0	1,473.8	1,942.7	2,318.5	2,382.6
Wages and salaries	604.4	721.3	837.6	835.9	921.8
Interest payments	66.3	90.0	128.5	183.4	259.4
Of which: external interest	36.6	59.9	96.2	101.6	148.3
Goods, services, and transfers	508.3	662.5	976.6	1,299.2	1,201.4
Goods and services	268.2	323.6	653.8	1,028.8	924.0
Transfers and subsidies	240.1	338.9	322.8	270.4	277.4
Capital expenditure and net lending	873.7	868.3	495.7	479.9	515.3
Domestically funded	252.3	247.4	233.2	250.0	275.0
Of which: Development Fund	86.5	33.0	55.8	51.0	47.7
Externally funded	621.4	620.9	262.5	229.9	240.3
Grant funded	193.4	178.7	120.0	130.0	125.6
Loan funded	428.0	442.2	142.5	99.9	114.7
Overall balance before grants	-18.1	-95.1	-264.8	-1,060.6	-271.3
Grants from abroad	203.4	178.7	120.0	130.0	125.6
Overall balance after grants	185.3	83.6	-144.8	-930.6	-145.7
Total financing	-185.3	-83.6	144.8	930.6	145.7
Financing abroad	347.2	345.5	18.1	-70.9	-221.9
Loan drawings	428.0	442.2	142.5	99.9	149.9
Amortization	-80.8	-96.7	-124.4	-170.8	-371.8
Domestic financing	-503.5	-474.3	130.7	1,048.0	390.2
Bank	-527.7	-507.7	116.2	1,025.3	366.9
Nonbank	24.2	33.4	14.5	22.7	23.3
Residual	-29.0	45.2	-4.0	-46.5	-22.6
	(In percent of GDP, unless otherwise indicated)				
Revenue	48.3	47.1	42.8	40.3	41.2
Customs revenue	23.9	24.6	20.4	20.6	17.7
Noncustoms tax revenue	13.0	13.0	13.0	12.3	12.8
Nontax revenue	11.4	9.5	9.4	7.4	10.7
Total expenditure and net lending	48.7	49.1	48.0	58.8	45.4
Current expenditure	28.0	30.9	38.2	40.4	37.4
Wages and salaries	14.3	15.1	16.5	14.6	14.5
Other expenditure	13.6	15.8	21.7	25.9	22.9
Capital expenditure and net lending	20.7	18.2	9.8	8.4	8.1
Overall balance before grants	-0.4	-2.0	-5.2	-18.5	-4.3
Grants from abroad	4.8	3.7	2.4	2.3	2.0
Overall balance after grants	4.4	1.8	-2.8	-16.2	-2.3
Financing abroad	8.2	7.2	0.4	-1.2	-3.5
Domestic bank financing	-12.5	-10.6	2.3	17.9	5.8
Memorandum item:					
GDP at market prices (in millions of maloti)	4,216.3	4,770.0	5,081.8	5,733.4	6,377.2

Sources: Ministry of Finance; and staff estimates.

1/ Fiscal year is April-March.

Table 8. Lesotho: Government Revenue and Grants, 1996/97-2000/01 1/

(In millions of maloti)

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
Taxes on net income and profits	299.0	340.1	387.0	419.5	468.8
Company tax	52.6	69.7	65.0	58.5	126.3
Income tax (pay as you earn)	204.6	221.7	278.0	306.5	314.7
Gaming tax	2.9	3.0	1.7	3.8	2.7
Withholding tax	23.4	26.7	28.8	40.2	21.1
Other income and profit taxes	15.5	19.0	13.5	10.5	4.0
Taxes on goods and services	241.6	273.3	270.9	283.2	343.6
Sales tax	193.9	223.5	233.3	238.0	279.8
Trade licenses	1.7	2.4	1.7	1.6	1.8
Petrol levy	46.0	47.4	35.9	43.6	62.0
Taxes on international trade and transactions	1,006.0	1,172.7	1,034.4	1,183.1	1,126.1
Customs duties	1,006.0	1,172.7	1,033.4	1,183.1	1,126.1
Livestock import levy	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Export duties on diamonds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other taxes	7.2	8.8	2.4	3.0	3.4
Stamp duty	2.0	2.1	0.6	0.9	1.6
Other taxes	5.2	6.7	1.8	2.1	1.8
Total tax revenue	1,553.8	1,794.9	1,694.7	1,888.8	1,941.9
Administrative fees, charges, and nonindustrial sales	82.0	106.9	67.8	142.7	162.4
Attestation fees	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.4
Fines and forfeits	3.2	4.3	3.9	6.4	5.1
Property and other income	395.1	340.1	403.6	274.3	516.8
Interest on deposits	150.7	177.7	222.9	76.0	63.2
Water royalties	142.8	83.3	120.0	138.3	135.0
Rand monetary compensation	64.7	34.6	43.0	42.0	66.0
Dividends	15.6	14.6	9.1	2.4	174.8
Other property income	21.3	29.9	8.6	15.6	77.8
Total nontax revenue	480.8	452.1	478.9	424.0	684.7
Total revenue	2,034.6	2,247.0	2,173.6	2,312.8	2,626.6
Grants	203.4	178.7	120.0	130.0	125.6
Total revenue and grants	2,238.0	2,425.7	2,293.6	2,442.8	2,752.2

Sources: Ministry of Finance; and staff estimates.

1/ Fiscal year is April-March.

Table 9. Lesotho: Southern African Customs Union (SACU) Operations, 1996/97-2000/01

Revenue Year 1/ Data Year 2/	1996/97 1994/95	1997/98 1995/96	1998/99 1996/97	1999/00 1997/98	2000/01 1998/99
	(In percent)				
Basic rate 3/	8.0	7.5	6.5	6.2	6.3
Revenue ("compensation") rate 4/	11.4	10.7	9.2	8.7	9.0
Stabilization factor 5/	4.3	4.7	5.4	5.7	5.5
Stabilized rate (calculated) 6/	15.7	15.3	14.6	14.4	14.5
Stabilized rate (actual) 7/	17.0	17.0	17.0	17	17.0
	(In millions of maloti, unless otherwise specified)				
Dutiable base 8/	4,787.3	5,561.6	5,433.0	6,260.5	6,021.1
Growth rate (in percent)	13.3	16.2	-2.3	15.2	-3.8
First estimate (payment) 9/	813.8	945.5	923.6	1,064.3	1,023.6
First adjustment (payment) 10/	192.2	227.3	109.8	118.8	100.0
Final adjustment (payment) 11/	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Actual receipts 12/	1,006.0	1,172.7	1,033.4	1,183.1	1,126.2
Growth rate (in percent)	11.0	16.6	-11.9	14.5	-4.8
Memorandum item:					
First estimate based on basic rate only 13/	383.0	417.1	353.1	388.2	381.6

Sources: Department of Customs and Excise; and staff estimates.

1/ Fiscal year (April-March) in which indicated revenue payments are received.

2/ Fiscal year of data on which calculations are based (rates and dutiable base).

3/ Customs and excise revenues as percent of dutiable base (imports and excisable production, and duties) for Southern African Customs Union as a whole (data year).

4/ Basic rate multiplied by 1.42, as initial compensation for disadvantages to smaller members.

5/ One-half of difference between 20 percent and revenue (compensation) rate.

6/ Revenue (compensation) rate plus stabilization factor.

7/ At least 17.0 percent and no more than 23.0 percent; the calculated stabilized rate applies if it falls between 17 percent and 23 percent. In recent years, the lower limit of 17.0 percent has been the operative rate applied to the dutiable base.

8/ Lesotho's imports (c.i.f. and duty paid, adjusted to include electricity, estimated border shopping, etc.), excisable goods produced and consumed, and duties collected in the data year.

9/ Stabilized rate (actual) times dutiable base. Referred to as "accrued receipts" of data year.

10/ Stabilized rate (actual) times increase in dutiable base from two years earlier (as allowance for growth in dutiable base to revenue year).

11/ Minor adjustments made to account for revisions in base data, usually of previous data year. Calculated here as a residual.

12/ As reported in government revenue data.

13/ Basic rate times dutiable base. Referred to as "accrued receipts based on basic rate only."

Table 10. Lesotho: Economic Classification of Government Expenditure, 1996/97-2000/01 1/

(In millions of maloti)

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
Current expenditure	1,179.0	1,473.8	1,942.7	2,318.5	2,382.6
Goods and services	872.6	1,044.9	1,341.7	1,864.7	1,845.8
Wages and salaries	604.4	721.3	837.6	835.9	921.8
Other purchases	268.2	323.6	504.1	1,028.8	924.0
Interest payments	66.3	90.0	128.5	183.4	259.4
External	36.6	59.9	96.2	101.6	148.3
Domestic	29.7	30.1	32.3	81.8	111.1
Subsidies and transfers	240.1	338.9	472.6	270.4	277.4
Pensions	29.8	22.9	53.7	53.7	53.7
Subventions and transfers	210.3	316.0	418.9	418.9	418.9
<i>Of which : social safety net</i>	6.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Capital expenditure and net lending	873.7	868.3	495.7	1,054.9	515.3
Acquisition of assets	846.6	830.3	360.7	325.1	445.1
Transfers and subventions	27.1	38.0	135.0	154.8	70.2
Net lending	0.0	0.0	0.0	575.0	0.0
Total expenditure and net lending	2,052.7	2,342.1	2,438.4	3,373.4	2,897.9

Sources: Ministry of Finance; and staff estimates.

1/ Fiscal year is April-March.

Table 11. Lesotho: Functional Classification of Government Expenditure, 1996/97-2000/01 1/

(In millions of maloti)

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
Current expenditure	1,179.0	1,473.8	1,942.7	2,318.5	2,382.6
General public service	369.1	550.0	801.4	957.3	882.8
Public order, safety, and defense	203.0	303.7	390.9	469.1	395.4
<i>Of which: defense</i>	109.8	143.4	159.8	160.6	195.2
Other services	166.1	246.3	410.5	488.2	487.4
Health, social security, and welfare	131.3	151.2	210.3	200.4	273.4
Education and community services	370.9	453.6	532.2	585.8	570.9
Economic services	214.7	260.0	219.0	281.3	255.2
Agriculture and rural development	107.8	129.2	80.2	99.0	101.1
Commerce, tourism, and industry	19.8	21.2	29.0	34.1	38.0
Water, energy, and mining	15.5	20.4	24.0	40.4	29.0
Roads	55.8	74.5	69.7	66.2	51.7
Other transport and communication	15.8	14.7	16.1	41.6	35.4
Unallocable and other purposes 2/	93.0	59.0	179.8	293.7	400.3
Capital expenditure and net lending	873.7	868.3	495.8	1,054.9	515.3
General public service	119.1	123.4	34.7	666.6	2.0
Public order, safety, and defense	17.2	23.2	3.7	20.7	2.0
<i>Of which: defense</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.9	2.0
Other services	101.9	100.2	31.0	645.9	0.0
Health, social security, and welfare	73.1	39.2	17.2	43.5	13.0
Education and community services	101.7	70.6	120.4	108.5	29.7
Economic services	577.2	635.1	323.5	236.3	47.8
Agriculture and rural development	115.6	104.3	45.2	52.7	7.1
Commerce, tourism, and industry	0.9	8.1	20.4	17.2	1.5
Water, energy, and mining	266.2	202.5	97.7	99.2	1.1
Roads	116.7	291.2	158.6	50.7	36.1
Other transport and communication	77.8	29.0	1.6	16.5	2.0
Unallocable and other purposes 2/	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	422.9
Total expenditure and net lending	2,052.7	2,342.1	2,438.5	3,373.4	2,895.8
General public service	488.2	673.4	836.1	1,623.9	884.8
Public order, safety, and defense	220.2	326.9	394.6	489.8	397.4
<i>Of which: defense</i>	109.8	143.4	159.8	174.5	197.2
Other services	268.0	346.5	441.5	1,134.1	487.4
Health, social security, and welfare	204.4	190.4	227.5	243.9	286.4
Education and community services	472.6	524.2	652.6	694.3	600.6
Economic services	791.9	895.1	542.5	517.6	303.0
Agriculture and rural development	223.4	233.5	125.4	151.7	108.2
Commerce, tourism, and industry	20.7	29.3	49.4	51.3	39.5
Water, energy, and mining	281.7	222.9	121.7	139.6	30.1
Roads	172.5	365.7	228.3	116.9	87.8
Other transport and communication	93.6	43.7	17.7	58.1	37.4
Unallocable and other purposes 2/	95.6	59.0	179.8	293.7	823.2

Sources: Ministry of Finance; and staff estimates.

1/ Fiscal year is April-March.

2/ Calculated as a residual.

Table 12. Lesotho: Outstanding Government Domestic Debt
by Instrument and Holder, 1996-2000

(In millions of maloti)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
	March 31				
Commercial banks					
Gross lending 1/	65.8	63.5	58.8	36.0	584.1
Long term	6.2	4.1	3.6	3.9	287.7
Bonds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	287.7
Loans	6.2	4.1	3.6	3.9	0.0
Short term	59.6	59.4	55.2	32.1	296.4
Loans	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Treasury bills	59.5	59.4	55.2	32.1	296.4
Government deposits (-)	-37.5	-50.9	-48.6	-66.4	-74.4
Net total	28.3	12.6	10.2	-30.4	509.7
Central bank					
Gross lending 1/	233.3	152.0	61.4	71.1	150.4
Long term	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bonds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Loans	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Short term	232.8	152.0	61.4	71.1	150.4
Loans	184.2	124.8	63.4	64.7	142.9
Treasury bills	48.6	27.2	-2.0	6.4	7.5
Government deposits (-)	-1,441.7	-1,873.5	-2,231.6	-2,086.2	-1,694.9
Net total	-1,208.4	-1,721.5	-2,170.2	-2,015.1	-1,544.5
Nonbank 2/					
Long term	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bonds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Short term	43.3	67.5	100.9	115.5	138.2
Treasury bills	46.0	67.5	100.9	115.5	138.2
Compulsory savings	-2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Promissory notes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total nonbank	43.3	67.5	100.9	115.5	138.2
Total domestic debt, net	-1,136.8	-1,641.4	-2,059.1	-1,930.0	-896.6
Gross debt outstanding	342.4	283.0	221.1	222.6	872.7
Government deposits (-)	-1,479.2	-1,924.4	-2,280.2	-2,152.6	-1,769.3

Source: Central Bank of Lesotho.

1/ Data differ slightly in coverage from banking statistics and may not fully reflect revisions made there.

2/ The nonbank sector includes insurance, bank pension schemes, public servants' promissory notes and compulsory savings, and public enterprises, as well as the general public.

Table 13. Lesotho: Monetary Survey, March 1997-December 2001

	1997	1998	1999				2000				2001			
	March	March	March	June	Sep.	Dec.	March	June	Sep.	Dec.	March	June	Sep.	Dec.
(In millions of maloti; stocks at end of period)														
Foreign assets (net)	2,393.1	3,169.9	3,754.1	3,472.6	3,454.8	3,436.0	3,583.1	3,438.1	3,688.0	3,585.2	3,670.0	3,717.2	4,148.1	4,596.2
Central bank	2,163.7	2,916.2	3,330.7	3,101.6	3,109.3	2,971.9	3,003.8	2,804.2	3,160.4	3,100.7	3,074.9	3,176.3	3,539.5	3,930.2
Commercial banks 1/	229.3	253.7	423.4	371.0	345.6	464.1	579.3	633.9	527.6	484.5	595.1	540.9	608.6	666.0
Domestic credit	-753.6	-929.2	-881.2	-814.7	-106.0	-20.2	53.8	262.0	-129.7	228.7	424.1	236.6	202.8	356.3
Claims on government (net)	-1,631.1	-2,044.5	-1,952.8	-1,949.8	-1,282.4	-982.9	-937.8	-722.2	-1,085.5	-733.5	-579.2	-732.5	-765.1	-631.3
Central bank	-1,641.5	-2,054.3	-1,926.6	-1,899.7	-1,873.5	-1,492.2	-1,447.4	-1,240.2	-1,553.6	-1,199.5	-1,066.5	-1,081.7	-1,164.5	-1,261.9
Commercial banks	10.4	9.8	-26.2	-50.1	591.1	509.3	509.6	517.9	519.5	517.8	487.3	349.2	399.3	630.6
Credit to the economy	877.5	1,115.3	1,071.7	1,135.1	1,176.4	962.8	991.7	984.2	955.8	962.2	1,003.3	969.1	968.0	987.6
Claims on official entities	134.3	133.9	243.4	289.6	105.3	109.5	90.6	92.2	45.1	79.2	48.1	43.2	42.9	46.4
Claims on private sector	857.6	982.2	891.6	886.8	857.5	882.1	877.4	867.0	950.3	883.0	955.2	925.8	925.0	941.2
Claims on other financial inst.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Money and quasi money	1,326.0	1,640.2	1,753.4	1,719.9	1,642.1	1,677.8	1,717.2	1,682.3	1,657.9	1,700.9	1,822.4	1,877.9	1,890.7	2,009.4
Narrow money	632.1	831.3	988.0	998.6	918.3	957.3	992.2	949.6	960.6	1,036.0	1,144.7	1,208.6	1,221.3	1,309.0
Maloti with public	85.8	90.6	126.1	116.3	126.0	122.7	111.1	121.4	123.9	139.3	142.6	140.3	139.9	163.9
Demand and call deposits	539.4	730.0	852.7	870.1	781.9	821.3	871.5	818.7	814.5	873.7	802.5	873.4	886.2	939.0
Quasi money	693.9	808.9	765.4	721.3	723.8	720.5	725.1	732.7	697.3	664.9	677.7	669.3	669.4	700.4
Time and savings deposits	693.9	808.9	765.4	721.3	723.8	720.5	725.1	732.7	697.3	664.9	677.7	669.3	669.4	700.4
Other items (net)	-313.6	-600.4	-1,119.6	-938.0	-1,706.7	-1,737.9	-1,919.7	-2,017.7	-1,900.5	-2,113.0	-2,271.8	-2,075.9	-2,460.2	-2,974.2
Memorandum items:	(Annual percentage change)													
Broad money	17.2	23.7	6.9	3.4	1.7	-5.1	-2.1	-2.2	1.0	1.4	6.1	11.6	14.0	18.1
Net foreign assets	27.7	32.5	18.4	1.7	-4.5	-5.8	-4.6	-1.0	6.7	4.3	2.4	8.1	12.5	28.2
Total domestic credit	115.6	23.3	-5.2	-9.3	-89.2	-97.8	-106.1	-132.2	22.3	-1,233.7	687.9	-9.7	-256.4	55.8
Credit to government (net)	49.1	25.3	-4.5	-3.2	-37.3	-51.0	-52.0	-63.0	-15.4	-25.4	-38.2	1.4	-29.5	-13.9
Credit to the economy	17.8	27.1	-3.9	1.7	10.6	-9.7	-7.5	-13.3	-18.8	-0.1	1.2	-1.5	1.3	2.6
(Changes as a percentage of opening period broad money)														
Net foreign assets	45.9	58.6	35.6	3.5	-10.0	-11.9	-9.8	-2.0	14.2	8.9	5.1	16.6	27.8	59.4
Total domestic credit	-35.7	-13.2	2.9	5.0	54.2	51.9	53.3	62.6	-1.4	14.8	21.6	-1.5	20.1	7.5
Credit to government (net)	-47.4	-31.2	5.6	3.9	47.2	57.8	57.9	71.4	12.0	14.9	20.9	-0.6	19.3	6.0
Credit to the economy	11.7	17.9	-2.7	1.1	7.0	-5.9	-4.6	-8.8	-13.4	0.0	0.7	-0.9	0.7	1.5

Source: Central Bank of Lesotho.

1/ Includes rand notes and coins.

Table 14. Lesotho: Assets and Liabilities of the Central Bank of Lesotho, March 1996-December 2001

(In millions of maloti; end of period)

	1996	1997	1998	1999				2000				2001			
		March		March	June	Sep.	Dec.	March	June	Sep.	Dec.	March	June	Sep.	Dec.
Foreign assets	1,933.5	2,447.1	3,188.0	3,687.0	3,489.2	3,486.9	3,349.3	3,368.7	3,191.0	3,539.0	3,486.1	3,475.0	3,572.3	4,015.6	5,095.3
Claims on government	372.5	293.3	194.0	201.8	161.5	144.3	110.4	247.7	130.0	111.3	105.0	108.8	124.4	143.0	246.5
Claims on private sector	8.6	9.4	10.4	11.2	11.5	12.0	12.2	13.1	13.3	13.5	13.9	13.8	13.5	13.6	13.7
Unclassified assets	51.9	82.9	140.2	47.5	64.5	66.0	63.3	49.2	51.0	120.7	47.0	71.9	86.3	73.8	36.3
Total assets = total liabilities	2,366.6	2,832.7	3,532.6	3,947.4	3,726.7	3,709.1	3,535.2	3,678.8	3,385.4	3,784.6	3,652.1	3,669.6	3,796.4	4,246.1	5,391.8
Reserve money	245.1	254.8	414.6	530.6	473.9	491.0	717.3	603.6	547.2	580.3	669.8	748.6	860.4	454.3	515.1
Maloti in circulation	90.4	106.2	107.3	147.3	134.8	144.9	148.7	129.8	137.7	140.5	172.6	160.2	163.7	165.9	204.3
Bankers' deposits	139.7	135.0	289.3	368.8	319.7	329.3	545.9	458.3	395.0	412.4	459.0	384.3	498.4	85.2	94.5
Private and public deposits	8.8	7.0	10.7	9.2	12.2	10.3	13.4	9.6	9.5	22.2	22.9	199.7	194.9	195.2	206.0
Rand notes and coins	6.3	6.7	7.3	5.3	7.2	6.4	9.3	5.9	5.1	5.2	15.4	4.4	3.5	8.1	10.3
Foreign monetary liabilities	271.2	276.7	264.6	351.0	380.4	371.2	368.1	359.0	381.8	373.4	370.1	395.6	392.6	468.1	514.9
Government deposits	1,493.8	1,934.7	2,248.3	2,128.4	2,061.2	2,017.8	1,602.6	1,695.2	1,370.1	1,716.3	1,356.4	1,175.4	1,206.0	1,307.5	1,508.4
Capital accounts	278.6	303.3	449.0	846.6	726.8	777.9	805.4	917.0	944.2	1,114.3	1,209.0	1,296.2	1,251.2	1,667.9	2,752.8
Capital and reserves	256.8	280.4	423.8	815.2	696.6	746.7	773.8	883.9	910.4	1,079.1	1,172.1	1,258.4	1,213.6	1,624.5	2,697.1
Allocation of SDRs	21.7	22.9	25.1	31.4	30.1	31.2	31.6	33.0	33.9	35.2	36.9	37.8	37.6	43.3	55.6
Unclassified liabilities	77.9	63.1	156.2	90.9	84.4	51.2	41.7	104.0	142.0	0.4	46.8	53.8	86.2	348.3	100.6

Source: Central Bank of Lesotho.

Table 15. Lesotho: Assets and Liabilities of Commercial Banks, March 1996-December 2001

(In millions of maloti; end of period)

	1996	1997	1998	1999				2000				2001			
		March		March	June	Sep.	Dec.	March	June	Sep.	Dec.	March	June	Sep.	Dec.
Reserves	151.3	146.6	316.2	385.6	347.6	346.0	573.7	491.5	415.1	423.2	506.8	372.1	504.3	117.6	127.1
Maloti on hand	15.7	20.4	16.7	21.2	18.5	18.9	26.1	18.7	16.3	16.6	33.2	17.7	23.3	26.0	40.4
Rand on hand	6.3	6.7	7.3	5.3	7.2	6.4	9.3	5.9	15.1	5.2	15.4	4.4	3.5	8.1	10.3
Balances with central bank	129.4	119.5	292.2	359.1	322.0	320.6	538.3	466.9	393.8	401.4	458.2	350.0	477.5	83.6	76.4
Foreign assets	272.2	256.0	301.6	466.0	411.3	391.4	494.7	655.1	677.3	566.4	609.1	638.1	594.9	722.4	789.6
Claims on government	64.4	61.2	57.2	35.2	21.6	655.7	586.4	584.1	587.4	591.0	586.2	559.3	412.7	458.3	693.9
Claims on statutory bodies	92.8	166.6	130.4	237.5	243.4	289.6	105.3	109.5	84.6	92.7	79.2	48.1	43.2	42.9	46.4
Claims on private sector	643.3	701.5	974.5	822.9	880.2	874.9	845.3	869.0	886.3	849.6	869.1	941.4	912.4	911.4	927.4
Unclassified assets	407.4	323.0	200.0	325.7	425.1	407.3	441.0	933.4	992.5	251.1	234.7	334.0	268.9	613.0	323.8
Total assets = total liabilities	1,631.5	1,655.0	1,980.0	2,272.9	2,329.2	2,964.7	3,046.3	3,642.6	3,643.1	2,773.9	2,885.2	2,893.0	2,736.3	2,865.7	2,908.2
Demand and call deposits 1/	422.9	539.4	730.0	852.7	870.1	781.9	821.3	871.5	818.7	814.5	873.7	802.5	873.4	886.2	939.0
Savings and time deposits 1/	625.1	693.9	808.9	765.4	721.3	723.8	720.5	725.1	732.7	697.3	664.9	677.7	669.3	669.4	700.4
Savings deposits	441.2	473.9	569.0	554.6	519.8	516.2	527.5	521.0	529.2	520.8	506.4	516.9	514.3	534.5	521.8
Time deposits	183.9	220.0	239.9	210.8	201.5	207.7	193.0	204.0	203.5	176.5	158.5	160.8	154.9	134.9	178.6
Foreign liabilities	61.2	33.4	55.3	47.9	47.4	52.3	39.9	81.7	48.4	44.0	140.0	47.4	57.4	121.9	102.8
Government deposits	37.4	50.9	47.4	61.4	71.6	64.5	77.1	74.4	69.4	71.5	68.4	72.0	63.5	59.0	63.3
Capital accounts	39.1	44.5	-127.2	-42.3	-467.9	170.4	209.9	264.7	274.4	308.6	318.9	346.5	147.3	165.9	279.2
Unclassified liabilities	445.8	293.0	465.7	588.0	1,086.6	1,171.7	1,177.6	1,625.2	1,699.5	837.9	819.2	947.0	925.4	963.4	823.5

Source: Central Bank of Lesotho.

1/ Excludes Miners' Deferred Pay Fund and nonresidents' deposits.

Table 16. Lesotho: Principal Aggregates of Commercial
Banks' Operations, March 1995-December 2001

(In millions of maloti, unless otherwise specified; end of period)

	Deposits 1/	Loans and Advances 2/	Credit- Deposit Ratio 3/	Liquid Assets 4/	Liquidity Ratio 5/
1995					
March	947.6	772.9	81.6	178.8	18.9
June	888.7	806.4	90.7	195.2	22.0
September	933.4	831.1	89.0	198.9	21.3
December	999.6	817.6	81.8	233.3	23.3
1996					
March	1,004.4	807.7	80.4	209.5	20.9
June	1,076.8	748.8	69.5	247.5	23.0
September	1,088.2	786.8	72.3	198.8	18.3
December	1,191.8	808.2	67.8	316.5	26.6
1997					
March	1,182.0	868.1	73.4	203.8	17.2
June	1,233.0	865.6	70.2	234.0	19.0
September	1,282.1	908.3	70.8	304.6	23.8
December	1382.6	1106.9	80.1	487.6	35.3
1998					
March	1491.0	1105.0	74.1	642.1	43.1
June	1499.3	1105.6	73.7	665.2	44.4
September	1430.9	1052.8	73.6	702.1	49.1
December	1582.4	1055.2	66.7	930.1	58.8
1999					
March	1580.9	1060.4	67.1	845.5	53.5
June	1559.1	1123.6	72.1	742.3	47.6
September	1469.6	1164.4	79.2	1287.8	87.6
December	1506.8	950.6	63.1	1607.7	106.7
2000					
March	1548.4	978.5	63.2	1685.2	108.8
June	1502.6	970.9	64.6	1635.7	108.9
September	1469.4	942.3	64.1	1571.7	107.0
December	1500.5	948.3	63.2	1522.2	101.4
2001					
March	1434.9	960.7	66.9	1240.3	86.4
June	1500.2	968.0	64.5	1204.2	80.3
September	1513.1	954.3	63.1	999.4	66.1
December	1599.3	973.8	60.9	1328.7	83.1

Source: Central Bank of Lesotho.

1/ Excludes Miners' Deferred Pay Fund and deposits of nonresidents.

2/ Excludes loans and advances to nonresidents.

3/ Loans and advances as a percentage of deposits.

4/ Cash reserves, call or demand deposits with banks in the Common Monetary Area, and short-term government securities.

5/ Liquid assets as percentage of deposits.

Table 17. Lesotho: Sectoral Distribution of Commercial Bank Credit to the Private Sector and Statutory Bodies, September 1997-December 2001 1/

(In millions of maloti, end of period)

	1997		1998				1999				2000				2001			
	Sep.	Dec.	March	June	Sep.	Dec.	March	June	Sep.	Dec.	March	June	Sep.	Dec.	March	June	Sep.	Dec.
Agriculture	15.5	18.9	22.3	22.5	15.2	14.1	15.0	4.4	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mining and quarrying	0.8	1.2	5.2	1.7	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	68.7	72.7	73.6	77.9	80.4	73.8	82.7	67.4	54.2	58.2	54.2	58.8	58.3	63.4	36.5	42.7	47.7	23.3
Electricity, gas, and water	72.7	77.4	98.6	81.7	90.5	110.6	88.4	32.5	123.8	69.6	46.6	48.9	42.7	28.5	7.4	5.3	5.3	5.4
Construction	181.5	179.8	208.6	103.9	164.6	153.1	199.2	277.7	189.5	75.8	78.6	53.1	52.6	56.3	74.5	75.9	80.0	119.3
Trade, hotels, and restaurants	52.0	61.9	58.6	68.9	66.6	58.2	69.1	49.2	62.7	57.5	65.0	80.1	80.9	80.5	18.5	16.5	17.2	19.7
Transport, storage, and communications	52.8	58.2	67.9	60.6	55.5	55.0	58.5	36.0	98.4	83.0	87.3	92.9	100.9	96.0	8.4	4.7	4.2	6.3
Nonbank financial institutions, real estate, and business services	58.7	66.8	63.3	58.3	54.7	63.4	54.7	121.4	31.9	39.8	39.7	31.4	20.8	20.4	5.7	1.7	3.8	3.4
Community, social, and personal services	140.4	76.8	66.0	89.4	61.4	67.9	57.7	58.7	74.2	64.6	58.9	63.8	64.2	60.6	8.9	9.1	7.6	6.3
Personal loans	362.2	415.6	415.1	421.2	422.3	377.3	385.4	411.2	408.7	408.7	430.0	424.9	413.2	429.2	148.2	151.6	143.0	155.4
Other 2/	32.2	-0.8	-52.7	41.0	-38.5	1.7	-30.0	-14.6	10.8	-9.6	15.2	14.0	5.9	10.7	561.1	525.2	525.0	514.3
Total claims on the economy	1037.6	1028.3	1026.3	1027.0	973.6	976.1	981.5	1044.7	1056.0	849.5	877.4	869.8	841.2	847.3	869.7	835.3	833.8	853.3
Private sector	911.7	900.7	895.9	893.1	814.3	750.5	744.0	801.2	766.4	744.2	767.9	785.2	748.5	768.0	821.6	792.1	790.9	806.9
Business enterprises	549.5	485.1	480.8	471.9	392.0	373.2	358.6	390.0	357.8	335.5	337.9	360.4	335.3	338.9	673.4	640.5	647.9	651.5
Personal loans	362.2	415.6	415.1	421.2	422.3	377.3	385.4	411.2	408.7	408.7	430.0	424.9	413.2	429.2	148.2	151.6	143.0	155.4
Statutory bodies	125.9	127.6	130.4	133.9	159.3	225.5	237.5	243.4	289.6	105.3	109.5	84.6	92.7	79.2	48.1	43.2	42.9	46.4

Sources: Central Bank of Lesotho, *Quarterly Reviews* and *Annual Reports*; and staff estimates.

1/ Does not include investments and certain securities.

2/ Calculated as residual.

Table 18. Lesotho: Interest Rates Paid by the Central Bank
on Commercial Bank Deposits, March 1995-December 2001

(In percent per annum; end of period)

	Call	31 Days	88 Days	6 Months	1 Year
1995					
March	10.3	10.9	12.1	12.7	13.6
June	11.0	11.5	12.8	13.2	14.5
September	11.0	11.5	12.8	13.2	14.5
December	11.0	11.5	12.8	13.2	14.5
1996					
March	11.0	11.5	12.8	13.2	14.5
June	13.8	14.2	15.3	15.5	15.4
September	13.6	13.9	14.1	14.1	14.0
December	15.0	15.3	15.5	15.4	15.2
1997					
March	15.0	15.3	15.5	15.4	15.2
June	13.6	14.2	14.5	14.5	14.5
September	13.6	14.0	13.9	13.9	13.9
December	13.2	13.6	13.7	13.5	13.5
1998					
March	12.6	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.7
June	14.2	16.8	16.9	15.0	14.5
September	19.3	19.7	20.5	20.6	20.6
December	16.0	16.3	16.3	16.2	15.8
1999					
March	13.1	13.2	13.1	12.7	13.9
June	11.4	11.7	11.7	11.7	12.0
September	9.4	9.7	9.7	10.1	10.5
December	8.9	9.3	9.6	9.7	10.1
2000					
March	7.9	8.3	8.5	8.7	9.6
June	7.9	8.6	8.9	9.3	10.5
September	8.0	8.7	8.8	9.0	9.5
December	7.9	8.9	9.1	9.4	9.8
2001					
March	9.9	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.4
June	8.8	8.2	8.4	8.5	8.8
September	8.8	7.8	8.2	8.3	8.4
December	8.8	7.8	8.2	8.3	8.4

Source: Central Bank of Lesotho.

Table 19. Lesotho: Interest Rates at Commercial Banks, March 1996-December 2001

(In percent per annum; end of period)

	1996				1997				1998				1999				2000				2001			
	March	June	Sep.	Dec.	March	June	Sep.	Dec.	March	June	Sep.	Dec.	March	June	Sep.	Dec.	March	June	Sep.	Dec.	March	June	Sep.	Dec.
Lending rates 1/																								
Minimum	16.5	16.5	18.0	18.5	18.5	18.1	18.1	17.1	17.1	18.5	23.5	22.0	19.6	19.3	18.5	17.7	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	16.7	16.3	16.3
Maximum	26.5	29.0	28.0	28.5	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.1	27.1	28.5	33.5	32.0	25.3	29.3	29.0	28.0	27.0	25.3	24.5	24.5	25.3	25.0	24.7	24.7
Deposit rates																								
Savings deposits 2/	6.2	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.5	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Time deposits																								
31 days	10.3	11.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.6	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.6	12.0	11.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
1 year	13.6	13.8	11.5	11.3	11.3	10.6	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	12.0	10.4	6.9	6.9	6.9	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Memorandum items:																								
South African rates																								
Prime overdraft	18.5	20.5	19.3	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3	19.3	19.3	22.3	25.5	22.0	20.0	18.0	16.5	15.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	13.8	13.0	...
Deposit rates																								
Notice (31 days)	14.3	15.8	15.3	17.0	16.3	15.5	15.5	14.5	13.0	18.0	20.9	17.8	14.8	13.0	11.0	10.3	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.8	8.8	...
Fixed (12 months)	13.5	15.1	14.9	16.0	15.4	14.8	14.1	14.0	12.6	15.8	21.0	17.4	13.7	12.8	11.4	11.4	10.5	10.5	9.8	10.3	10.3	9.6	8.8	...

Sources: Central Bank of Lesotho, *Quarterly Review*; and South African Reserve Bank, *Quarterly Bulletin*.

1/ Minimum and maximum lending rates are not statutory rates; they simply indicate the range of interest rates reported by banks.

2/ Minimum deposit rates; from December 1999, they are maximum deposit rates.

Table 20. Lesotho: Comparative Money Market Rates, March 1995-September 2001

(In percent per annum; end of period)

	Discount Rate		Treasury Bills	
	CBL 1/	SARB 2/	Lesotho	South Africa
1995				
March	13.5	14.0	10.4	12.8
June	15.5	15.0	12.3	14.1
September	15.5	15.0	13.0	14.0
December	15.8	15.0	13.0	14.2
1996				
March	15.8	15.0	13.0	14.2
June	15.8	16.0	15.5	15.7
September	16.0	16.0	14.3	15.1
December	17.0	17.0	14.3	16.1
1997				
March	17.0	17.0	15.7	15.8
June	16.0	17.0	15.2	15.2
September	16.6	17.0	14.2	14.7
December	15.6	16.0	13.9	14.7
1998				
March	15.6	16.0	13.1	12.9
June	17.0	16.0	17.2	18.8
September	21.0	21.9	20.7	20.1
December	19.5	19.3	16.6	17.0
1999				
March	19.5	16.5	15.5	14.4
June	19.0	15.5	12.6	12.9
September	19.0	12.6	10.5	10.8
December	19.0	12.0	9.9	10.7
2000				
March	19.0	11.8	9.1	9.8
June	19.0	11.8	9.1	10.4
September	19.0	11.8	9.1	10.2
December	15.0	11.8	9.3	10.3
2001				
March	15.0	12.0	9.3	10.3
June	15.0	11.0	9.4	9.7
September	13.0	9.5	8.5	8.9

Source: Central Bank of Lesotho.

1/ Central Bank of Lesotho.

2/ South African Reserve Bank.

Table 21. Lesotho: Balance of Payments, 1996/97-2000/01 1/

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
	(In millions of U.S. dollars)				
Trade balance	-798.3	-822.0	-589.9	-608.0	-483.6
Exports	191.1	197.3	191.5	188.4	221.6
Imports, f.o.b.	-989.4	-1019.3	-781.4	-796.4	-705.2
Services (net)	13.2	-19.2	-11.1	-1.8	-3.0
Receipts	69.3	47.8	39.9	45.6	41.4
Payments	-56.1	-67.0	-51.0	-47.4	-44.4
Income (net)	314.6	326.7	242.6	245.7	213.6
Labor income (net)	301.0	318.5	238.6	244.7	215.7
Receipts	359.9	377.4	284.5	278.2	243.2
<i>Of which: miners' wages</i>	299.7	316.0	231.1	224.0	193.7
Payments	-58.9	-58.8	-45.9	-33.5	-27.6
Investment income (net)	13.7	8.1	4.0	1.0	-2.1
Receipts	67.7	68.6	64.8	44.1	34.0
Payments	-54.1	-60.4	-60.8	-43.1	-36.0
<i>Of which: interest on debt</i>	-13.3	-14.2	-17.8	-17.4	-20.5
Unrequited transfers	185.9	201.7	139.5	155.9	128.3
Official	183.3	199.4	136.9	153.9	125.8
Southern African Customs Union nonduty receipts	154.5	177.7	115.2	135.7	109.4
Other grants	18.3	11.9	11.6	8.1	7.5
Private	2.6	2.3	2.7	2.1	2.4
Current account (including official transfers)	-284.6	-312.8	-218.9	-208.2	-144.7
Capital and financial account	257.7	283.7	253.9	214.6	179.4
Capital account (transfers received)	47.2	37.9	16.4	21.1	18.7
<i>Of which: LHWP 2/</i>	14.5	8.0	2.4	0.0	0.0
Financial account	210.5	245.8	237.5	193.5	160.7
Direct investment	250.6	297.7	217.0	153.9	119.7
Other investment	73.3	28.1	-16.4	-42.7	-38.5
Assets	3.5	-59.6	18.3	-30.7	2.0
Liabilities	69.8	87.7	-34.7	-12.0	-40.4
Loans	76.1	79.7	5.7	-12.9	-30.4
General government	77.4	80.5	5.8	-12.7	-30.0
Disbursements	95.4	93.7	26.1	15.0	20.8
Repayments	-18.0	-13.2	-20.3	-27.7	-50.8
Private loans (net)	-1.3	-0.8	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4
Other liabilities	-6.3	8.0	-40.4	0.9	-10.0
Change in reserve assets (minus sign indicates increase)	-113.4	-80.0	37.0	82.3	79.4
Errors and omissions	26.9	29.1	-35.1	-6.4	-34.6
Memorandum items:	(In percent of GDP, unless otherwise indicated)				
Current account (excluding official transfers)	-49.8	-50.7	-40.7	-35.0	-31.1
Current account (including official transfers)	-30.3	-30.9	-25.0	-22.4	-16.6
Gross official reserves (in millions of U.S. dollars)	523.6	604.6	552.1	470.1	393.4
Gross off. reserves (in months of imports) 3/	6.8	11.1	8.9	7.6	7.4
Stock of external debt (in millions of U.S. dollars)	573.1	599.9	639.0	630.6	546.7
Stock of external debt	61.0	59.3	73.1	67.8	62.8
Debt service ratio (in percent of exports, services, and factor income)	4.5	4.0	6.6	8.1	13.2
Export growth (in percent) 4/	28.0	4.1	2.3	-1.8	17.1
Import growth (in percent) 4/ 5/	5.7	0.0	-27.8	31.5	-1.7
Exchange rate (maloti per U.S. dollar, average)	4.5	4.7	5.8	6.2	7.3

Sources: Central Bank of Lesotho; and staff estimates.

1/ Fiscal year beginning in April.

2/ Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP).

3/ Based on next year's imports and excludes LHWP.

4/ In real terms.

5/ Excludes LHWP imports.

Table 22. Lesotho: Balance of Payments, 1996/97 - 2000/01 1/

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
	(In millions of maloti)				
Trade balance	-3,579.7	-3,877.8	-3,428.5	-3,747.7	-3,540.4
Exports	856.8	931.0	1,112.8	1,161.1	1,622.4
Imports, f.o.b.	-4,436.5	-4,808.8	-4,541.3	-4,908.8	-5,162.8
Services (net)	59.3	-90.7	-64.5	-11.0	-21.8
Receipts	310.7	225.4	232.0	281.1	303.2
Payments	-251.5	-316.1	-296.5	-292.1	-325.0
Income (net)	1,410.9	1,541.2	1,410.1	1,514.3	1,563.7
Labor income (net)	1,349.7	1,502.9	1,387.0	1,508.1	1,578.8
Receipts	1,613.7	1,780.5	1,653.7	1,714.6	1,780.6
<i>Of which: miners' wages</i>	1,343.7	1,490.9	1,343.4	1,380.5	1,418.1
Payments	-264.1	-277.6	-266.6	-206.5	-201.8
Investment income (net)	61.2	38.3	23.0	6.2	-15.1
Receipts	303.7	323.5	376.5	271.8	248.8
Payments	-242.5	-285.1	-353.5	-265.5	-263.9
<i>Of which: interest on debt</i>	-59.6	-67.1	-103.2	-107.0	-149.8
Unrequited transfers	833.5	951.6	811.0	961.2	938.9
Official	821.9	940.6	795.5	948.5	921.3
Southern African Customs Union nonduty receipts	692.6	838.3	669.7	836.5	800.5
Rand compensation	47.1	46.1	58.3	62.2	66.1
Other grants	82.2	56.2	67.5	49.8	54.7
Private	11.6	11.0	15.5	12.7	17.7
Current account (including official transfers)	-1,276.1	-1,475.8	-1,272.0	-1,283.2	-1,059.5
Capital and financial account	1,155.4	1,139.5	1,234.0	1,139.0	1,000.8
Capital account (transfers received)	211.5	178.7	95.6	130.0	137.0
<i>Of which: LHWP 2/</i>	65.1	37.7	14.1	0.0	0.0
Financial account	943.9	960.8	1,138.4	1,009.0	863.8
Direct investment	1,123.6	1,404.4	1,261.0	948.5	876.2
Other investment	328.7	159.4	-44.7	-323.2	-231.2
Assets	15.7	-281.3	106.2	-189.1	14.3
Liabilities	313.0	440.7	-150.9	-134.1	-245.5
Loans	341.4	375.8	33.2	-79.3	-222.6
General government	347.2	379.7	33.7	-78.0	-219.6
Disbursements	428.0	442.2	151.9	92.6	152.3
Repayments	-80.8	-62.5	-118.2	-170.6	-371.8
Private (net)	-5.8	-3.9	-0.5	-1.3	-3.0
Other liabilities	-28.4	64.9	-184.1	-54.8	-22.9
Change in reserve assets 3/	-508.4	-724.5	-369.6	320.8	-107.8
Valuation changes on reserves (gains +)	0.0	121.5	291.6	62.8	326.6
Errors and omissions	120.7	336.3	38.0	144.2	58.7
Memorandum items:	(In percent of GDP, unless otherwise indicated)				
Current account (including official transfers)	-30.3	-30.9	-25.0	-22.4	-16.6
Net official reserves (in millions of maloti)	2,310.3	3,034.0	3,284.7	2,987.8	3,084.2
Net official reserves (in months of imports)	6.7	11.0	8.6	7.3	7.1
Stock of external debt	61.0	59.3	73.1	67.8	62.8
Debt service ratio (in percent of exports, services, and factor income)	4.5	4.0	6.6	8.1	13.2

Sources: Central Bank of Lesotho (CBL); and Fund staff estimates and projections.

1/ Financial year is April-March.

2/ Lesotho Highlands Water Project.

3/ Transaction-based data, excluding the effects of exchange rate changes; a minus sign indicates an increase in reserves.

Table 23. Lesotho: Services and Income Account, 1996/97-2000/01 1/

(In millions of maloti)

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
Nonfactor services (net)	59.3	-90.7	-64.5	-11.0	-21.8
Credit	310.7	225.4	232.0	281.1	303.2
Shipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other transportation	7.5	11.9	5.7	3.9	3.8
Travel	114.2	104.5	109.2	154.9	165.5
Sales of water (and power)	152.2	67.3	76.6	79.9	90.3
Other official	35.9	37.1	40.8	44.3	47.5
Other private	0.9	-4.6	-0.3	-1.9	-3.8
Debit	-251.5	-316.1	-296.5	-292.1	-325.0
Shipment	-167.6	-186.8	-175.8	-190.3	-200.7
Other transportation	-17.7	-16.2	-17.0	-21.0	-21.9
Travel	-58.9	-61.9	-83.2	-69.3	-67.8
Other official	-3.3	-43.6	-16.4	-12.3	-28.6
Other private	-4.0	-7.6	-4.1	0.7	-5.9
Factor incomes (net)	1,410.9	1,541.2	1,410.1	1,514.3	1,563.7
Credit	1,917.4	2,103.9	2,030.2	1,986.4	2,029.4
Investment income	303.7	323.5	376.5	271.8	248.8
Interest earned by commercial banks	242.6	295.5	348.7	242.9	209.2
Interest earned by the central bank	61.1	27.9	27.9	28.9	39.7
Labor income	1,613.7	1,780.5	1,653.7	1,714.6	1,780.6
Debit	-506.6	-562.7	-620.1	-472.1	-465.7
Investment income	-242.5	-285.1	-353.5	-265.5	-263.9
Dividends and profits	-183.0	-218.1	-250.3	-158.6	-114.1
Interest	-59.6	-67.1	-103.2	-107.0	-149.8
Labor income	-264.1	-277.6	-266.6	-206.5	-201.8
Total services and income (net)	1,470.1	1,450.5	1,345.6	1,503.3	1,541.9

Source: Central Bank of Lesotho.

1/ Financial year is April-March.

Table 24. Lesotho: Lesotho Miners in South Africa, 1997-2001

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total average number employed (in thousands)	95.9	80.9	68.6	64.9	59.9
Annual percentage change	-5.7	-15.7	-15.2	-5.4	-7.7
<i>Of which: employed through TEBA 1/</i>					
Average number (in thousands)	78.8	66.2	55.4	51.7	49.9
Annual percentage change	-7.9	-16.1	-16.4	-6.7	-3.5
Employed through TEBA/total employed (in percent)	82.2	81.8	80.7	79.6	83.4
Average annual earnings (in maloti) 2/	21,193.0	24,678.0	27,657.0	30,231.0	...
Annual percentage change	10.5	16.4	12.1	9.3	...
Total earnings (in millions of maloti)	2,032.7	1,996.2	1,897.4	1,962.0	...
Annual percentage change	4.1	-1.8	-4.9	3.4	...
Miners' remittances (in millions of maloti) 3/	1,321.2	1,217.7	1,157.4	1,196.0	...
Miners' remittances (as percentage of total earnings)	65.0	61.0	61.0	61.0	...
Miners' remittances (annual percentage change)	-13.7	-25.0	-4.8	-4.9	...

Sources: Central Bank of Lesotho; Department of Labor; and the Employment Bureau for Africa.

1/ The Employment Bureau for Africa, an agency of the South African Chamber of Mines.

2/ Average for Lesotho miners, including overtime payments and repatriation allowances, as reported by the South African Chamber of Mines.

3/ Estimated by the Central Bank of Lesotho as approximately 71 percent of total earnings, except for 1997 and 1998, which are based on incomplete data of the Department of Labor published in the the Central Bank's *Quarterly Review*.

Table 25. Lesotho: Composition of Recorded Exports, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
(In millions of maloti, unless otherwise indicated)					
Foodstuffs, etc.	33.5	43.8	75.5	119.3	111.7
Cereals	9.2	18	23.8	36.2	28.0
Beans, peas, and other vegetables	1.3	4.9	4.9	2.3	1.1
Animal feed	8.1	15.7	4.2	2.3	3.8
Beverages and tobacco	0.5	0.1	38.7	73.4	63.9
Other foodstuffs	14.4	5.1	3.9	5.1	14.9
Live animals	1.6	2.3	10.9	10.0	8.1
Cattle	1.6	2.3	3.1	3.0	4.9
Sheep and goats	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pigs	0.0	0.0	3.9	3.5	1.6
Poultry	0.0	0.0	3.9	3.5	1.6
Livestock materials	32.9	29.2	18.8	15.6	37.0
Wool	22.7	23.5	16.7	14.6	32.2
Mohair	9.4	4.9	1.2	0.9	4.1
Hides and skins	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.1	0.7
Crude materials	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Diamonds	1.6	1.3	0.4	0.7	1.7
Manufactures	741.7	826.6	857.9	631.7	1,105.7
Chemicals and petroleum	24.7	16.6	6.6	5.8	6.5
Leather products	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3
Wood products	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.0
Yarn and textiles, etc.	3.2	6.3	5.6	2.4	1.4
Road vehicles	18.5	32.7	15.5	4.8	11.3
Furniture and parts	10.8	11.3	4.9	5.9	9.5
Clothing, etc.	368.8	403.4	415.4	612.5	953.2
Footwear	153.1	177.4	253.6	...	...
Other manufactures	162.0	178.9	155.8	...	123.5
Unclassified	0.5	0.7	150.1	280.3	205.8
Total value	811.8	903.9	1113.6	1057.6	1470.0
Change (in percent)	39.9	11.3	22.8	-0.5	39.3
(Volume as indicated)					
Wool (in metric tons)	2,082.5	1,861.3	950.8	...	...
Mohair (in metric tons)	373.7	258.5	1,999.2	...	...
Diamonds (in thousands of carats)	1.2	0.6	0.4	...	...
Value per carat (in maloti)	169.5	136.1	164.1	...	...

Source: Central Bank of Lesotho.

Table 26. Lesotho: Direction of Trade, 1996 - 2000 1/

(In millions of maloti)

	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
World	4,465.6	753.0	5,253.5	904.0	5,199.9	1,071.1	5,288.8	1,054.1	5,050.5	1,453.3
Africa	4,113.3	514.6	4,704.3	584.0	4,615.7	691.9	4,737.7	556.0	4,316.2	592.5
Common customs area	4,086.8	511.3	4,703.2	583.4	4,614.9	690.6	4,736.4	554.4	4,309.3	591.8
Other Africa	26.5	3.3	1.1	0.6	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.6	6.9	0.7
Europe	74.8	41.6	98.8	12.0	119.9	6.0	97.8	2.1	45.8	1.8
European Union	57.0	41.4	88.0	11.7	105.7	6.0	83.7	1.9	42.7	1.8
Belgium	4.4	0.1	7.5	0.1	2.7	0.0	4.1	0.2	1.4	0.2
Denmark	1.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.3	0.0	1.5	0.4	0.8	0.0
France	13.3	40.0	27.8	0.0	5.1	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.4	0.0
Germany	14.1	0.0	4.0	10.5	49.0	5.2	23.7	1.2	6.4	0.7
Italy	1.4	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	17.5	0.0	5.5	0.0
Netherlands	1.1	0.7	1.3	0.0	16.4	0.0	1.7	0.0	3.1	0.0
United Kingdom	20.6	0.6	43.2	0.7	31.1	0.5	27.6	0.1	14.1	0.9
Spain	0.6	0.0	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	6.7	0.0
Portugal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0
Other Europe	17.8	0.2	10.8	0.3	14.2	0.3	14.1	0.2	3.1	0.0
North America 2/	23.7	196.6	52.6	307.3	70.1	371.6	50.0	494.9	104.8	858.3
Canada	12.2	3.0	33.9	12.7	45.1	3.8	41.9	5.7	97.2	22.5
United States	11.5	193.6	18.7	294.6	25.0	367.8	8.1	489.2	7.6	835.8
Asia	253.0	0.3	394.9	0.7	370.9	1.6	372.4	0.2	526.0	0.6
Japan	23.0	0.0	24.7	0.0	56.2	0.0	23.3	0.0	34.6	0.0
Hong Kong S.A.R.	15.1	0.0	24.0	0.1	22.2	0.0	31.0	0.1	70.3	0.0
China	17.6	0.3	40.3	0.2	0.6	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Taiwan Province of China	154.2	0.0	192.1	0.4	203.1	0.2	192.2	0.0	294.6	0.6
Israel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	43.1	0.0	113.8	0.0	88.8	0.0	125.7	0.0	126.5	0.0
Oceania	0.8	0.0	2.9	0.0	23.3	0.0	30.9	0.9	57.7	0.1

Source: Central Bank of Lesotho.

1/ Imports are c.i.f., duty exclusive, and excluding donated food; exports are f.o.b.

2/ Almost all of these exports are to the United States.

Table 27. Lesotho: Public and Publicly Guaranteed External Debt Outstanding, 1996/97-2000/01 1/

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
	(In millions of U.S. dollars)				
Multilateral sources	439.2	442.2	449.7	440.1	415.0
World Bank Group	157.0	163.7	178.7	184.3	180.9
African Development Bank	13.6	12.5	9.4	7.8	6.1
African Development Fund	153.8	154.0	144.0	142.1	152.4
European Union	39.5	34.1	30.4	27.7	26.6
IMF	32.0	26.1	19.7	14.4	12.9
Other	43.3	51.8	67.5	63.8	36.2
Bilateral sources	73.2	73.6	98.8	99.4	57.3
Commercial	60.7	84.1	90.5	91.1	74.4
Commercial banks	28.8	42.3	44.2	43.0	33.3
Export credits	11.3	9.6	12.6	14.8	15.3
Other	20.6	32.2	33.7	33.3	25.8
Total	573.1	599.9	639.0	630.6	546.7
	(As percent of total debt, unless otherwise indicated)				
Multilateral	76.6	73.7	70.4	69.8	75.9
Bilateral	12.8	12.3	15.5	15.8	10.5
Commercial	10.6	14.0	14.2	14.4	13.6
	(As percent of GDP)				
Multilateral	46.7	43.7	51.4	47.3	47.6
Bilateral	7.8	7.3	11.3	10.7	6.6
Commercial	6.5	8.3	10.4	9.8	8.5
Total	61.0	59.3	73.1	67.8	62.8
Memorandum items:					
External debt/GDP ratio (in percent)	61.0	59.3	73.1	67.8	62.8
GDP (in millions of maloti)	4,216.3	4,770.0	5,081.8	5,733.4	6,377.2
Maloti per U.S. dollar (period average)	4.5	4.7	5.8	6.2	7.3

Sources: External Debt Unit, Ministry of Finance; and staff estimates.

1/ End of fiscal year (April-March).

Lesotho: Summary of the Tax System, February 2002

(All amounts in maloti)

Tax	Nature of Tax	Exemptions and Deductions	Rates
1. Taxes on net income and profits			
1.1 Taxes on companies, corporations, or enterprises			
1.1.1 Income tax Income Tax Act 1993, Order No. 9 of 1993 (this act repeals the 1981 Income Tax Act); Income Tax (Amendment) Act 1994; and Income Tax (Amendment) Act 1996.	A tax on the current year's income from all geographical sources (in the case of resident companies) including on specified fringe benefits to employees. Dividends paid by a resident company to a resident shareholder are exempt but advance corporate tax applies.	Deductions include normal operating costs, expenditures for repair and maintenance, and depreciation of plant and machinery. Expenditure on the training of Basotho workers is deductible up to 125 percent of actual expenditure incurred. The income of pension funds, life insurance companies, and charitable institutions is exempt.	For all sectors of activity other than manufacturing, 35 percent; a reduced rate (15 percent) is applicable to all manufacturing companies other than those approved for Pioneering Industries benefits before August 3, 1990 (see Item 6, below). For nonresident companies, 25 percent.
1.1.2 Gambling levy The Casino Act, No. 26 of 1969; Legal Order No. 42 of 1971. Casino Order No. 4 of 1989.	A levy on gross profits of gambling casinos.		15 percent

Lesotho: Summary of the Tax System, February 2002

(All amounts in maloti)

Tax	Nature of Tax	Exemptions and Deductions	Rates
1.2 Taxes on individuals	A tax on the current year's income from all geographical sources (in the case of residents).	Exempt incomes include: the first M 500 of interest from savings; income from subsistence farming; scholarships; and foreign-source property income of expatriate taxpayers.	Residents marginal rate (%) First M 30,000 25 percent Over M 30,000 35 percent
1.2.1 Income tax Income Tax Act 1993.	Gross income includes incomes in kind, except for benefits subject to fringe benefits tax.	Deductions include expenses of deriving income.	Nonresidents marginal rate (%) All chargeable Income 25 percent
	Tax is withheld at source at a rate of 10 percent on interest paid (in excess of the exempt amounts) and at 5 percent on payments made by government to Lesotho resident contractors and subcontractors. Such amounts are a credit against the final amount of tax assessed for the recipient.	A uniform personal tax credit of M 2,640 per taxpayer was introduced in April 1996.	
1.2.2 Withholding tax Income Tax Act 1993.	A tax on income from dividends, interest, royalties, natural resource payments, management charges, or services contracts earned within Lesotho by nonresidents.	Dividends from manufacturing companies are exempt.	Withholding tax is 25 percent. For royalties from nonmanufacturing companies, 15 percent. On service contracts earned within Lesotho by nonresidents, 10 percent.

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Tax	Nature of Tax	Exemptions and Deductions	Rates
1.2.3 Income Tax (Amendment Act, 1999)	A tax on farm income		Rated at 15%
1.2.4 Income Tax (Amendment Act, 2000)	Taxation of Lesotho Highlands Development Authority (LHDA) activities in terms of Protocol V to the Lesotho Highlands Water Treaty	Exemptions as specified in Protocol V to the Lesotho Highlands Water Treaty between Lesotho and South Africa	Differential rates applied to companies contracted by LHDA
2. Taxes on property			
2.1 Property rates Valuation and Rating Act 1980; Urban Government Act 1993; and Legal Notice No. 10 of 1997.	Taxes on urban land and improvements based on capital value of property, as assessed periodically. Improvements valued on basis of depreciated replacement value.	These taxes are currently applied only within Maseru, Teyateyaneng, and Mafeteng. Government property is subject to a grant in lieu.	Rates of 0.25 percent on residential property; 2.0 percent on commercial property; and 2.75 percent on industrial property.
2.2 Ground rents Land Act No. 17 of 1979; Land Regulations, Legal Notice No. 15 of 1980; and Legal Notice No. 131 of 1991.	A fee for use right to occupy land. Charged according to area of land and location.	Owner-occupiers are exempted.	M 0.05-0.10 per annum per square meter for residential land; M 0.25-0.30 per annum per square meter for commercial land. Levy of 5 percent for late payment.

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2.3 Death taxes			
2.3.1 Estate duty Proclamation No. 20 of 1935 as amended.	A duty paid by the estate in respect of property passing on the death of the person who owned the property at the time of death.	Any amount received under an insurance policy is not subject to tax.	Three ten thousandths M 2 for every M 200 or part thereof, subject to a maximum rate of M 0.67 per M 2. A rebate of M 600 is deducted from the amount of duty calculated.
2.3.2 Succession duty Proclamation No. 20 of 1935 as amended.	A duty levied on all successions accruing to any person.	Successions accruing to a surviving spouse, to the Lesotho government, and to nonprofit public institutions within Lesotho are exempt.	A rate of duty varying according to the degree of relationship of the successor from 3 percent to 12 percent of the dutiable amount. A 1 percent surcharge is levied on dutiable successions exceeding M 20,000.
2.4 Transfer duty Transfer Duty Act, 1965, No. 7 of 1966; Transfer Duty Order, 1972, Order No. 1 of 1972.	A duty levied on the transfer of immovable property (including lease contracts for at least ten years and any rights to minerals).	The following are exempt: the Lesotho government and its departments, the Lesotho Electricity Corporation, the Lesotho Bank, the Lesotho Airways Corporation, the Lesotho National Development Corporation; local authorities; nonprofit public institutions and public hospitals; and a surviving spouse for the estate of a deceased spouse.	A duty of 3 percent on the first M 10,000 of value and 4 percent on the excess value.

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Tax	Nature of Tax	Exemptions and Deductions	Rates										
3. Taxes on goods and services	<p>A sales tax imposed on every taxable supply in Lesotho and on every import of goods and services. The act provides for the imposition of a single-stage sales tax at retail level. It also provides for a credit for certain taxes paid on goods on hand at the time a person becomes registered. The act provides for voluntary and compulsory registrations by the Commissioner. Where the vendor has been registered, the Commissioner is obliged to issue a sales tax registration certificate. The act provides a criteria to be followed for the exemption certificate to be issued, e.g. fixed plan for abode, keeping proper books of accounts.</p>	<p>Under Section 6(2) the act exempts from sales tax imports of goods prescribed in Schedule II (diplomatic purchases, passengers' baggage, household furniture and effects of new residents, relief and supplies, temporary imports, etc.). It further exempts the goods acquired by the vendor as raw materials for use in manufacturing or for re-supply in substantially the same state, and capital goods supplied to, or imported by, a manufacturer. The following sales or supplies are also exempted: goods as part of the transfer of an enterprise; goods to, or imports by, an employee of a foreign government or public international organization seconded to Lesotho; water; public postal services; passenger transport by road or air; medical and dental services; specified financial services; insurance services; and educational services. Government purchases are exempt.</p>	<p>Rates are prescribed by the minister by notice in the official gazette. The existing rates are:</p>										
<p>3.1 General Sales Tax Sales Tax Act 1995, No. 14 of 1995, published April 29, 1996, implemented from August 31, 1996 (this act repealed the Sales Tax Act 1982 except for certain transitional administrative arrangements).</p>			<table> <thead> <tr> <th>Goods</th> <th>Rate (in percent)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>General</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Liquor</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Telecommunications</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>And electricity</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Exports</td> <td>nil</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Goods	Rate (in percent)	General	10	Liquor	15	Telecommunications		And electricity	5
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Tax	Nature of Tax	Exemptions and Deductions	Rates
<p>3.2 Excise taxes Customs and Excise Consolidated Act, No. 10 of 1982.</p>	<p>A tax on certain goods manufactured and imported into Lesotho, including beer, spirits, wines, matches, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, petroleum oils, motor vehicles, tractors and electronic products such as televisions.</p>	<p>Exports and purchases by charitable organizations are exempt.</p>	<p>Both specific and ad valorem rates.</p>
<p>3.3 Trade licenses Trading Enterprise Order, 1993; and Order No. 11 of 1997</p>	<p>Payable by traders carrying on business.</p>	<p>Charitable, religious, and nonprofit institutions are exempt.</p>	<p>Ranging from M 20 to M 500 depending on the type and size of establishment.</p>
<p>3.4 Petrol levy Fuel and Service Control Act 1983, No. 23 of 1983. Section 3(d) empowers the Minister to impose and collect a levy on fuel. Amended by Legal Notice No. 63, August 1988.</p>	<p>A levy on petrol of all grades or distillate supplied by any person.</p>	<p>Paraffin (kerosene) is exempt.</p>	<p>Rates are 43 lisente per liter on petrol sold to public for private cars, and 37 lisente per liter for diesel used in industry, agriculture, and public buses. In addition, there is an Equalization Fund levy of 3 lisente per liter.</p>

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4. Taxes on international trade and transactions			
4.1 Customs duties Customs and Excise Act, No. 10 of 1982.	A duty on all goods imported into Lesotho. A three-column tariff scheduled based on the Customs Cooperation Council (CCC) nomenclature with fiscal, general, and most-favored nation (MFN) rates of duty used. Goods originating from countries enjoying MFN status pay the fiscal and customs duties. There is no preferential rate of duty.	There are free-trade agreements with Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, and Swaziland.	Ad valorem duties charged on the domestic value of the goods at varying rates.
Customs Union Agreements, Legal Notice No. 71 of 1969 (effective March 1, 1970).	A duty collected by the Republic of South Africa and other partners (at port of arrival) and contributed to a common customs union pool held with Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, and Swaziland. Lesotho's share is calculated according to a fixed formula which is presently being reviewed.		

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	Tax	Nature of Tax	Exemptions and Deductions	Rates
4.2	Livestock importation levy Legal Notice No. 196 of 1991.	A duty collected by the Ministry of Agriculture when the import permits are issued.		For private persons: M 30 and M 15 for each head of large and small stock, respectively. For licensed butchers: M 7.50 and M 3.75 for each head of large and small stock, respectively.
4.3	Sand and stones levy	A tax on the use of sand and stones for commercial purposes.		M 1 per ton.
4.4	Diamond sales tax Precious Stones Order 1970, No. 24 of 1970.	A sales tax on the value of every diamond found in Lesotho and exported therefrom.	Diamonds exported solely for exhibition or display purposes are exempt.	15 percent of the true market value of every diamond.
5.	Other taxes			
5.1	Attestation fees	Fees on registration of migrant Basotho workers in South African mines.		M 10.15 per contract of 120 to 270 working days, payable at the time of worker's departure for mines.
5.2	Stamp duty Proclamation 16/07 as amended: Stamp Duties (Amendment) Order No. 20 of 1972; and Legal Notice No. 58 of 1988.	Duties levied on a range of instruments, including arbitrations and awards, bills of exchange, bonds, acts or deeds of donation, leases, transfers, and insurance policies.	The Lesotho government and its departments, the Lesotho Electricity Corporation, and the Lesotho Bank, are exempt.	Rates of duty varying depending on the nature of the instrument, the matter to which it relates, and its value.

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5.3 Toll gate fees Toll Gate Act of 1976. Legal Notice No. 18 of 1988; and Legal Notice No. 1 of 1992.	Fees levied on vehicles leaving Lesotho.	Ministers on duty, His Majesty, ambulances, and South African Railway vehicles are exempt.	M 2 for cars, M 6 for trucks, applied each time leaving Lesotho.
6. Pioneer Industries Pioneer Industries Encouragement Act, 1969, No. 19 of 1969, as amended.	Applicable to manufacturers and related industries and building companies establishing their operations in Lesotho that had already been approved for tax benefits to encourage pioneering industries by August 3, 1990.	Approved manufacturers may opt for ten years' exemption from income tax, with five more years carry-forward of assessed losses or a package of tax allowances, which can be extended for approved expansion. An approved existing manufacturer or a hotel or casino-keeper is limited to the package of allowances. The incentives can be revoked, varied, or extended according to the performance of the approved manufacturer, with the approval of the Minister of Trade.	Option for companies approved for tax benefits (mentioned in adjoining column) by August 3, 1990 of surrendering such benefits and immediately switching over to the 15 percent company tax rate or of retaining these benefits and paying the tax rate of 35 percent upon expiry of existing tax holidays. Most tax holiday companies already exercised this option—even before the report of the Pioneering Industries Encouragement Act.

Source: Ministry of Finance.

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Subject Measure	Existence	Description
I. Status Under IMF Articles of Agreement		
Date of membership		July 25, 1968.
1. Article VIII	Yes	Date of acceptance: March 5, 1997.
2. Article XIV	No	
II. Exchange Arrangements		
1. Currency	Yes	The currency of Lesotho is the Lesotho loti.
Other legal tender	Yes	The South African rand is also legal tender.
2. Exchange rate structure	-	
a. Unitary	Yes	
b. Dual		
c. Multiple		
3. Classification	-	
a. Exchange rate, no separate legal tender		
b. Currency board arrangements	n.a.	
c. Conventional pegged arrangement	Yes	The loti is pegged to the South African rand at M 1 per R 1.
d. Pegged exchange rate within bands		
e. Crawling peg		
f. Crawling band		
g. Managed floating, no preannounced path		
h. Independently floating		
4. Exchange tax	No	
5. Exchange subsidy	No	
6. Forward exchange market	Yes	Authorized dealers are permitted to conduct forward exchange operations through their correspondent banks abroad at rates quoted by the latter. Forward exchange cover, however, is not common in Lesotho.

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Subject Measure	Existence	Description
Official coverage	n.a.	
III. Arrangements for Payments and Receipts		
1. Prescription of currency requirements	Yes	Settlements by or to residents of the Common Monetary Area (CMA) with all countries outside the CMA may be made in rand to and from a nonresident account and in any foreign currency.
2. Payments arrangements	Yes	
a. Bilateral payment agreement	No	
(1) Operative	No	
(2) Inoperative	No	
b. Regional arrangement	Yes	As Lesotho is part of the CMA, payments within the CMA are unrestricted and unrecorded except for statistical and customs purposes. In its relations with countries outside the CMA, Lesotho applies exchange controls that are largely similar to those applied by South Africa, Swaziland and Namibia.
c. Clearing agreement	No	
d. Barter agreement and open accounts	No	
3. Administration of control	Yes	The Central Bank of Lesotho (CBL) controls foreign exchange transactions and delegates to commercial banks the authority to approve certain types of current payments up to established limits. Permits are issued by the Department of Customs and Excise based on the recommendation of the Department of Trade and Industry. Licenses for financial institutions accepting deposits and insurance companies, brokers, and agents are issued by the CBL.
4. International security restrictions	No	
a. In accordance with Executive Board decision No. 144(52/51)	No	
b. According to UN Sanctions	No	
5. Payment arrears	No	
a. Official	No	
b. Private	No	
6. Controls on trade in gold (coins/bullions)	Yes	

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Subject Measure	Existence	Description
a. On domestic ownership/trade	Yes	Only authorized dealers may trade in gold, but anyone may hold gold.
b. On external trade	Yes	Exports of gold from the CMA are prohibited.
7. Controls on banknotes	Yes	
a. On exports	Yes	
(1) Domestic currency	Yes	Exports of currency from Lesotho are prohibited.
(2) Foreign currency	Yes	Exports of foreign currency from the CMA by residents are prohibited; visitors may reexport the unspent portion of foreign currency brought into the country.
b. On imports	No	
(1) Domestic currency	No	
(2) Foreign currency	No	
IV. Resident Accounts		
1. Foreign exchange accounts permitted	Yes	Banks may hold foreign exchange accounts abroad.
a. Held domestically	Yes	
Approval required	Yes	
b. Held abroad	Yes	Only banks may hold these accounts.
Approval required	Yes	
2. Accounts in domestic currency convertible in foreign currency	Yes	Approval is required.
V. Nonresident Accounts		
1. Foreign exchange accounts permitted	Yes	Loti accounts of nonresidents are divided into nonresident accounts and emigrant blocked accounts.
Approval required	Yes	
2. Domestic currency accounts	Yes	
Convertible into foreign currency	Yes	
Approval required	Yes	
3. Blocked accounts	Yes	Funds in emigrant blocked loti accounts may be invested in quoted securities and other such investments approved by the CBL. The free transfer of income from an emigrant's blocked assets is limited to

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Subject Measure	Existence	Description
M 300,000 a family unit a year.		
VI. Imports and Import Payments		
1. Foreign exchange budget	No	
2. Financing requirements for imports	Yes	
a. Minimum financing requirements	No	
b. Advance payments requirements	Yes	Payments are not normally allowed before the date of shipment or dispatch, except with the prior approval or special authorization from the CBL. Authorized dealers can permit, without the CBL's approval, advance payment of up to 33.3 percent of the ex-factory cost of capital goods if suppliers require it or if it is normal practice in the trade concerned.
c. Advance import deposits	No	
3. Documentation requirements for release of foreign exchange for imports		
a. Domiciliation requirements	Yes	
b. Preshipment inspection	Yes	
c. Letters of credit	Yes	
d. Import licenses used as exchange licenses	Yes	
e. Other	Yes	
4. Import licenses and other nontariff measures	Yes	Lesotho is a member of the Southern African Customs Union (SACU), and all imports, except certain food imports, originating in any country of the SACU are unrestricted. Imports from countries outside the SACU are usually licensed in conformity with the import regulations of the SACU. Lesotho reserves the right to restrict certain imports. Import permits are valid for all countries and entitle the holder to buy the foreign exchange required to make payments for imports from outside the SACU.
a. Positive list	No	
b. Negative list	Yes	With certain exceptions, imports from outside the SACU must conform to a negative list and be licensed., (example, ammunition, flora and fauna, illegal drugs, etc.).
c. Open general licenses	No	

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Subject Measure	Existence	Description
d. Licenses with quotas	Yes	Certain food imports from within the SACU are subject to import licensing.
e. Other nontariff measures	No	
5. Import taxes/tariffs	Yes	Lesotho applies the external customs tariffs of the SACU.
Taxes collected through the exchange system	No	
6. State import monopoly	No	
VII. Exports and Export Proceeds		
1. Repatriation requirements	Yes	All export proceeds must be repatriated within six months.
Surrender requirements	Yes	Unless otherwise permitted, all export proceeds must be surrendered to authorized dealers within six months of the date of the export transaction.
2. Financing requirements	Yes	A state-supported export credit scheme is in effect, involving credit guarantees, and pre-and postshipment credits.
3. Documentation requirements	Yes	
a. Letter of credit	Yes	
b. Guarantees	Yes	
c. Domiciliation	Yes	
d. Preshipment inspection	Yes	
e. Other	No	
4. Export licenses	Yes	
a. Without quotas	Yes	Certain exports are subject to licensing for revenue purposes; this requirement, in practice, is limited to the exportation of diamonds. Most exports are shipped without license to or through South Africa.
b. With quotas	No	
5. Export taxes	No	
a. Collected through the exchange system	No	
b. Other export taxes	No	

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Subject Measure	Existence	Description
VIII. Payments for Invisible Transactions and Current Transfers		
Controls on these payments	Yes	
1. Trade-related payments	No	
a. Prior approval	No	
b. Quantitative limits	No	
c. Indicative limits/bona fide tests	No	
2. Investment-related payments	Yes	Profit and dividend transfers are not restricted, provided the funds were not obtained through excessive use of local borrowing facilities. Information is not available for payment of amortization of loans or depreciation of direct investments.
a. Prior approval	Yes	
b. Quantitative limits	Yes	Emigrants are allowed to transfer through normal banking channels, up to M 300,000 of earnings on blocked assets.
c. Indicative limits/bona fide tests	n.a.	There is no indicative limit or bona fide test for the payment of commissions.
3. Payments for travel	Yes	
a. Prior approval	Yes	
b. Quantitative limits	Yes	There is a limit of M 100,000 for adults and M 30,000 for children under 12 years of age, per calendar year.
c. Indicative limits/bona fide tests	Yes	Larger allowances may be obtained for business travel.
4. Personal payments	Yes	
a. Prior approval	Yes	There is prior approval for payment of study abroad costs.
b. Quantitative limits	Yes	For studies abroad the limits are M 80,000 per annum for a single student or M 160,000 per annum for a student accompanied by a spouse who is not studying.
c. Indicative limits/bona fide tests	No	
5. Foreign workers' wages	No	
a. Prior approval	No	
b. Quantitative limits	No	
c. Indicative limits/bona fide tests	No	

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Subject Measure	Existence	Description
6. Credit card use abroad	No	
a. Prior approval	No	
b. Quantitative limits	No	
c. Indicative limits/bona fide tests	No	
7. Other payments	No	
a. Prior approval	No	
b. Quantitative limits	No	
c. Indicative limits/bona fide tests	No	
IX. Proceeds from Invisible Transactions and Current Transfers		
1. Repatriation requirements	Yes	
Surrender requirements	Yes	Proceeds must be surrendered within seven days of the date of accrual, unless an exemption is obtained.
2. Restrictions on use of funds	No	
X. Capital Transactions		
1. Controls on capital and money market instruments	Yes	
a. On capital market securities	Yes	
(1) Shares or other securities of a participating nature	Yes	
(a) Purchase locally by nonresidents	Yes	
(b) Sale or issue locally by nonresident	Yes	
(c) Purchase abroad by residents	Yes	
(d) Sale or issue abroad by residents	Yes	
(2) Bonds or other debt securities	Yes	
(a) Purchase locally by nonresidents	No	
(b) Sale or issue locally by nonresident	No	
(c) Purchase abroad by residents	Yes	
(d) Sale or issue abroad by residents	Yes	

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Subject Measure	Existence	Description
b. On money market instruments	Yes	
(1) Purchase locally by nonresidents	No	
(2) Sale or issue locally by nonresident	No	
(3) Purchase abroad by residents	Yes	
(4) Sale or issue abroad by residents	Yes	
c. On collective investment securities	No	
(1) Purchase locally by nonresidents	No	
(2) Sale or issue locally by nonresident	No	
(3) Purchase abroad by residents	Yes	
(4) Sale or issue abroad by residents	Yes	
2. Controls on derivatives and other instruments	n.a.	
a. Purchase locally by nonresidents	n.a.	
b. Sale or issue locally by nonresidents	n.a.	
c. Purchase abroad by residents	n.a.	
d. Sale or issue abroad by residents	n.a.	
3. Controls on credit operations	Yes	
a. Commercial credit	Yes	
(1) By residents to nonresidents	Yes	Export credits are available for up to six months; in certain circumstances, the maturity can be extended by six months. Longer-term credits require exchange control approval.
(2) To residents from nonresidents	Yes	These credits require exchange control approval.
b. Financial credit	Yes	
(1) By residents to nonresidents	Yes	These credits require prior approval. However, nonresident, wholly owned subsidiaries may borrow locally up to 100 percent of the total shareholder's investment.
(2) To residents from nonresidents	Yes	Prior approval is required to ensure that repayments and servicing of the loans do not disrupt the balance of payments and to ensure that the level of interest rates paid is reasonable in terms of prevailing international rates.

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Subject Measure	Existence	Description
c. Guarantees, sureties, and financial backup securities	No	
(1) By residents to nonresidents	No	
(2) To residents from nonresidents	No	
4. Controls on direct investment	Yes	The rulings on applications for inward and outward capital transfers may depend on whether the applicant is a temporary resident foreign national, a nonresident, or a resident.
a. Outward direct investment	Yes	Outward direct investment is prohibited.
b. Inward direct investment	No	
5. Controls on liquidation of direct investment	No	
6. Controls on real estate transaction	Yes	
a. Purchase abroad by residents	Yes	Prior approval is required.
b. Purchase locally by nonresidents	No	
c. Sales locally by nonresidents	No	
7. Controls on personal capital movements	No	
a. Loans	No	
(1) By residents to nonresidents	No	
(2) To residents from nonresidents	No	
b. Gifts, endowments, inheritances, and legacies	No	
(1) By residents to nonresidents	No	
(2) To residents from nonresidents	No	
c. Settlements of debt abroad by immigrants	No	
d. Transfer of assets	No	
(1) Transfer abroad by emigrants	No	
(2) Transfer into the country by immigrants	No	

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Subject Measure	Existence	Description
e. Transfer of gambling/prize earnings	Yes	Prior approval is required.
8. Specific controls on transactions by commercial banks and other credit institutions	Yes	
a. Borrowing abroad	Yes	Prior approval is required.
b. Maintenance of accounts abroad	Yes	
c. Lending to nonresidents (loans, financial or commercial credit)	Yes	Authorized dealers may lend up to M 20,000, provided that the total available to the borrower from any source does not exceed this amount. Facilities in excess of such an amount need prior approval.
d. Lending locally in foreign exchange to residents	Yes	
e. Purchase of locally issued securities denominated in foreign exchange	Yes	
f. Differential treatment of deposit accounts in foreign exchange	No	
(1) Reserve requirements	Yes	
(2) Liquid asset requirements	Yes	
(3) Interest rate controls	No	
(4) Credit controls	No	
g. Differential treatment of nonresident deposit accounts or deposit accounts in foreign exchange	No	
(1) Reserve requirements	No	
(2) Liquid asset requirements	No	
(3) Interest rate controls	No	
(4) Credit controls	No	
h. Investment regulations	No	
(1) Abroad by banks	No	
(2) In banks by nonresidents	No	
i. Open foreign exchange position limit	Yes	10% single limit and 20% overall exposure.
(1) On nonresident assets and liabilities	Yes	

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Subject Measure	Existence	Description
(2) On resident assets and liabilities	Yes	
9. Provisions specific to institutional investors	Yes	
a. Limits (max.) on securities issued by nonresidents and on portfolio invested abroad	No	
b. Limits (max.) on portfolio invested abroad	No	
c. Limits (min.) on portfolio invested locally	No	
d. Currently matching regulations on assets/liabilities composition	No	
10. Other controls imposed by securities laws	No	