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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AAGR	Average Annual Growth Rate
ANAS	Annual National Accounts Survey
BOP	Balance of Payments
BR	Business Register
CARTAC	Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Centre
CFC	Consumption of Fixed Capital
CIMA	Cayman Islands Monetary Authority
CISNA	Cayman Islands System of National Accounts
CI\$	Cayman Islands Dollars
COE	Compensation of Employees
CPI	Consumer Price Index
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ESO	Economics and Statistics Office
ESS	External Sector Statistics
FCE	Final Consumption Expenditure
FISIM	Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured
GCF	Gross Capital Formation
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GDPE	Gross Domestic Product by Expenditure
GDPI	Gross Domestic Product by Income
GDPP	Gross Domestic Product by Production
GFCE	Government Final Consumption Expenditure
GO	Gross Output
GVA	Gross Value Added
HBS	Household Budget Survey
HFCE	Household Final Consumption Expenditure
IC	Intermediate Consumption
IPI	Implicit Price Index
ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activity
LFS	Labour Force Survey
NPISH	Non-Profit Institutions Serving Households
PPI	Producer Price Index
PSPB	Public Sector Pension Board
ROW	Rest of the World
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
SNA	System of National Accounts
SUT	Supply & Use Tables
TTM	Trade & Transport Margin
WIP	Work in Progress

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Cayman Islands' System of National Accounts Report 2019 presents the gross domestic product (GDP) estimates for the period 2015–2019. The estimates were calculated using all three approaches to calculating GDP, i.e. the production approach, the income approach, and the expenditure approach.
- 1.2 In 2019, the nominal (current) purchasers' price GDP for the Cayman Islands moved to CI\$4,946.3 million, resulting in an estimated per capita nominal GDP of CI\$74,663.0.
- 1.3 Real GDP at purchasers' price (i.e. GDP at constant 2015 prices or GDP adjusted for inflation) stood at CI\$4,521.1 million in 2019. The corresponding per capita real GDP for 2019 is estimated at CI\$68,244.8.
- 1.4 The ongoing expansion of the Cayman Islands' economy continued in 2019 albeit at a reduced pace when compared to 2018. The economy grew by 3.8 percent in 2019 following the 4.2 percent posted in 2018. This is the ninth consecutive year of positive economic outturn adding to the 1.2 percent growth recorded in 2011 and 2012, 1.3 percent in 2013, 2.7 percent in 2014, 2.8 percent in 2015, 3.2 percent in 2016 and 2017, and 4.2 percent in 2018. The trend of broad-based economic expansion continued in 2019 with all industries posting positive performance.
- 1.5 The top six performing industries in terms of the rate of growth in constant price GDP in 2019, are: (i) construction (10.0%); (ii) other services (9.3%); (iii) education services (7.5%); (iv) hotel & restaurant services (6.9%); (v) public administration (6.8%); and (vi) electricity, gas & air conditioning supply (6.7%). The financial & insurance services industry grew by 2.6 percent in 2019, following on growth of 2.2 percent and 2.4 percent in 2018 and 2017, respectively.
- 1.6 The Average Annual Growth Rate (AAGR) over the five years (2015-2019) showed average annual constant price GDP growth of 3.5 percent for the total economy. Positive average growth rates were realized across all industries over the review period, with 11 of the 18 industries registering growth rates at or higher than the economy average (3.5%). The lowest average expansion (0.8%) was posted by water supply, sewerage & waste management services. This was due to a reclassification of government garbage collection activity, which was moved from this industry to the public administration industry from 2015 onward. The highest average expansion over the period was recorded by the construction industry, which posted an average growth of 6.3 percent. Rounding out the top ten highest average growth rates are human health & social work (5.5%); mining & quarrying (5.5%); other

services (5.0%); education services (5.0%); manufacturing (4.9%); hotel & restaurants (4.5%); wholesale & retail trade (4.4%); public administration & defence (3.8%); and professional, scientific & technical activities (3.5%). Financial & insurance services expanded by an average rate of 2.2 percent over the period.

- 1.7 The decline in the contribution of financial & insurance services continued in 2019, contracting to 30.4 percent of constant price GDP from 32.2 percent in 2015. The other industries making up the top six contributors in 2019 include: (i) professional, scientific & technical activities, which comprises primarily of legal and accounting services (12.8%); (ii) real estate activities (8.4%); (iii) wholesale & retail trade (6.5%); (iv) hotels & restaurants (5.5%); and (v) public administration & defense, which consists primarily of central government operations (5.2%). In terms of contribution, there was no change in the relative ranking of the industries within the economy in 2019 with all industries maintaining the same position when compared to 2018.
- 1.8 All income components of GDP posted growth in 2019 when compared to 2018. The largest increase was posted by operating surplus/mixed-income, which increased by 13.2 percent to CI\$1,847.1 million. This was followed by consumption of fixed capital that increased by 4.7 percent to reach CI\$262.9 million. Compensation of employees increased by 4.4 percent to post CI\$2,150.6 million, while taxes (less subsidies) on production and imports increased by 4.2 percent to CI\$685.6 million.
- 1.9 Total compensation of employees as a share of GDP dipped below 45 percent for a second consecutive year in 2019, further declining to 43.5 percent compared to 44.8 percent in 2018. Total operating surplus/mixed-income increased to 37.3 percent of GDP in 2019, up from the 35.5 percent realized in 2018. The decline in the share of consumption of fixed capital continued in 2019, contracting to 5.3 percent from 5.5 percent in 2018. The share of net taxes on production and imports also declined in 2019, moving to 13.9 percent from 14.3 percent in 2018.
- 1.10 The expenditure of resident households on goods and services, as measured by nominal Household Final Consumption Expenditure (HFCE) increased by 9.7 percent to CI\$2,596.6 million in 2019. The final consumption expenditure of government rose by 12.3 percent in 2019 to reach CI\$487.4 million, while that for non-profit institutions serving households declined by 5.7 percent to CI\$32.1 million. Investment in capital goods (as measured by nominal Gross Fixed Capital Formation-GFCF) amounted to CI\$815.4 million in 2019, an increase of 12.1 percent. Total exports of goods and services reached CI\$3,189.2 million after growing by 3.6 percent in 2019. The 7.1 percent growth in imports of goods and services saw that total reaching CI\$2,246.4 million in 2019. The value of net exports (i.e. exports less imports) declined for a second consecutive year to reach CI\$942.9

million in 2019 from CI\$979.3 million in 2018 as the growth in imports outpaced the growth in exports. Net exports posted a year on year decline of 3.7 percent.

- 1.11 Final consumption expenditure accounted for 63.8 percent of total nominal GDPE in 2019, an increase from 62.3 percent in 2018. The second-largest share was posted by net exports (19.3%), which declined in share from the 21.5 percent posted in 2018. Gross fixed capital formation increased its share of GDP in 2019, reaching 16.7 percent up from 16.0 percent in 2018. The share of changes in inventories increased year on year to 0.2 percent in 2019 when compared to 0.1 percent in 2018.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 Importance of the SNA

The SNA is a system of accounts that is used globally to measure the economic performance of countries and jurisdictions using accepted international standards issued by the United Nations and the International Monetary Fund (among others). In the context of the Cayman Islands, its main uses are to:

- a. Comply with the Public Management & Finance Law (2013 Revision), which requires the reporting of gross domestic product in the Strategic Policy Statement. Governments, in general, use the SNA statistics as key indicators for evaluating the potential and actual macro-economic impact and sustainability of fiscal policies.
- b. Provide data that can assist government departments, local businesses, and non-government organizations in preparing business plans or determining the level of assistance to businesses. These statistics help determine the “*buying power*” or the size of the local market, the potential growth of the market, and alternative sectors for investment.
- c. Comply with data requirements of foreign investors and creditors. For example, data from the SNA are required for inclusion in official borrowing documents (i.e., Offering Memorandum or Private Placement Memorandum). These statistics are necessary for assessing the worthiness of the jurisdiction as an investment site and/or the worthiness of its entities as borrowers.
- d. Comply with data requirements of international credit rating agencies, which provide credit ratings for the Cayman Islands Government and private entities who borrow from the global financial market.
- e. Provide necessary data for the conduct of economic impact assessments of hurricanes and other disasters, which are required by funding and other donor agencies. As pointed out by previous teams from the Economics Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the GDP statistics by sector for Cayman are necessary for calculating the economic impact of disasters in each sector and therefore, the approximate amount of resources required for the reconstruction of these sectors.
- f. Provide data necessary for government departments and business associations to monitor the economic performance and contribution of their respective sectors.

2.2 Key data sources

The SNA estimates contained in this report are based on the Annual National Accounts Survey (ANAS) conducted among all relevant establishments included in the ESO Business Register. The survey was delayed due to the lockdowns relating to the COVID-19 pandemic but was conducted from May to July 2020. It should be noted that all information provided via the survey is treated with the strictest of confidence as per Sections 8 and 18 of the Statistics Law (2016 Revision). Information from the survey is supplemented by secondary data provided by various government ministries, departments and statutory authorities including the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA), Department of Agriculture, Public Transport Unit, Health Services Authority, and other informal interviews with industry sources.

As in any survey, the response rate to the ANAS is mainly a function of the appreciation and understanding of the respondents on how the data will be used. It is hoped that this report will be an instrument in demonstrating the potential uses of the SNA to the business sector, business associations and those providing services to the businesses in the Cayman Islands.

2.3 Valuation of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Some tables are presented at both basic and purchasers' (i.e. market) price. The main difference between basic and purchasers' price is the taxes less subsidies (net taxes) on products. Taxes on products are taxes on goods and services that become payable when the goods are produced, sold, imported, or otherwise disposed of by their producer. The tax may be a specific amount of money per unit or a specified percentage of the value of the goods or services. The following are the categories of this type of tax:

- a. Taxes and duties on imports
- b. Other taxes on products excluding taxes and duties on import (e.g. hotel occupancy tax).

2.4 Improvement in methodology

The System of National Accounts (SNA) - as practised globally by official statistical agencies - is ever-evolving, and as such, from time to time there will be adjustments in the methodology used to derive the estimates. This includes refinement of the estimation process, availability of new and improved data sources, etc. Given the constant improvement in accordance with updated SNA standards, the GDP series for the Cayman Islands included in this report benefits from improvements in, and refinements of, the data sources and methodology in the compilation process.

3. GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ESTIMATES-THE PRODUCTION APPROACH

3.1 Overview of GDP at purchasers' prices

The Cayman Islands' System of National Accounts Report 2019 presents the gross domestic product (GDP) estimates for the period 2015-2019.¹ The GDP for the Cayman Islands is compiled using all three approaches to measuring GDP. The primary estimates are compiled using the production approach (GDPP) supplemented with the income approach (GDPI). The third approach - GDP by expenditure (GDPE) - is only available for data years 2015 onwards.

The production approach to estimating GDP is obtained by summing the value added of all industries within the economy (i.e. the gross value of outputs minus the value of intermediate consumption). The income approach is obtained by summing the income earned by the factors of production, i.e. compensation of employees, consumption of fixed capital, taxes less subsidies on production and imports, and operating surplus/mixed-income. The expenditure approach sums the expenditures on final goods and services, capital investments by business, and net exports of goods and services (i.e. exports minus imports).

This section takes a detailed look at GDPP (the main calculation methodology used in the SNA for the Cayman Islands) through the presentation of a series of tables and graphs showing the 2019 estimates of GDP by industry. GDPI and GDPE will be examined in detail in Sections 4 and 5, respectively.

The economy of the Cayman Islands posted another year of positive outturn in 2019 posting the ninth consecutive year of economic expansion. The total value of goods and services produced in 2019 - as reflected by real GDP at purchasers' price - increased by 3.8 percent, a reduction of the 4.2 percent growth posted in 2018. Despite the slowing in the rate of expansion in 2019, it represents the second-highest annual growth rate recorded for the Cayman economy for the directly calculated GDP series.² The 2019 performance resulted in an average annual expansion of 3.5 percent for the five years 2015-2019.

The goods-producing industries outperformed the service industries in 2019, posting growth rates of 8.4 percent and 3.9 percent, respectively. The performance of the good-producing industries primarily resulted from the growth in construction services (10.0%), and mining & quarrying activities (6.5%). The growth in the service-producing industries

¹GDP by income components is provided for the period 2014-2019.

²The calculated GDP series started in 2006. Prior to 2006 GDP estimates for the Cayman Islands were derived using indicators, not direct calculations.

was led by the performance in other services (9.3%);³ education services (7.5%); hotel & restaurant activities (6.9%); public administration & defense (6.8%); electricity, gas & air conditioning supply services (6.7%); information & communication services (6.0%); and wholesale & retail services (6.0%).

Table 1 shows the total value of domestic output for the years 2015 to 2019. Domestic output relates to all entities that have a physical presence in the Cayman Islands; therefore, for the most part, they exclude entities registered in the Cayman Islands but have no physical presence in the country. The table shows the current and constant (i.e. inflation-adjusted) price estimates of GDP valued in both basic and purchasers' prices. The table also shows the per capita indicator relating to the respective GDP aggregates.

Table 1: System of National Accounts Main Aggregates and Per Capita Indicators

Main Aggregates (CI\$'000)	2015	2016	2017 ^R	2018 ^R	2019
GDP (Current Basic Prices)	3,720,304.5	3,867,947.6	4,077,746.6	4,321,523.1	4,662,142.9
GDP (Constant Basic 2015 Prices)	3,720,304.5	3,825,759.5	3,950,849.7	4,089,905.8	4,261,491.5
GDP (Current Purchasers' Prices)	3,923,457.0	4,091,085.5	4,305,217.2	4,602,003.9	4,946,276.6
GDP (Constant Purchasers' 2015 Prices)	3,923,457.0	4,050,576.0	4,179,548.2	4,354,852.7	4,521,081.8
Mean Population ('000)	59.054	61.331	63.115	64.420	66.248
Per Capita Indicators (CI\$)	2015	2016	2017 ^R	2018 ^R	2019
GDP (Current Basic Prices)	62,998.3	63,066.8	64,608.2	67,083.6	70,374.1
GDP (Constant Basic 2015 Prices)	62,998.3	62,378.9	62,597.6	63,488.1	64,326.3
GDP (Current Purchasers' Prices)	66,438.5	66,705.0	68,212.3	71,437.5	74,663.0
GDP (Constant Purchasers' 2015 Prices)	66,438.5	66,044.5	66,221.2	67,600.9	68,244.8

Notes:

1. GDP at basic price excludes net taxes on goods and services
2. GDP at purchasers' price includes net taxes on goods and services
3. Mean population refers to the mid-year population

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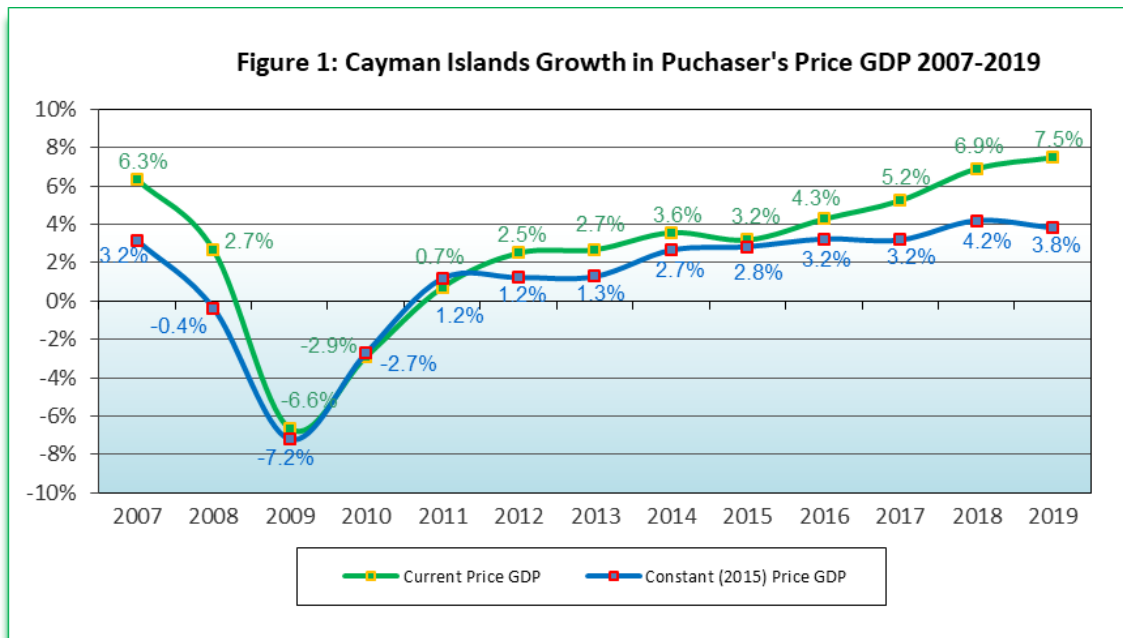
The 3.8 percent increase in the overall real (purchasers' price) GDP⁴, resulted in a 1.0 percent increase in the real GDP per capita as the estimated mid-year population grew by 2.8 percent. The inflation-adjusted per capita GDP (at purchasers' prices) increased for

³The other services industry is dominated by diving, snorkeling & related watersport activities. It also includes the activities of hairdressers, barbers, wedding planners, dry cleaners, churches, spas, etc.

⁴Real GDP refers to GDP at constant (2015) prices, i.e. the inflation-adjusted GDP.

the third consecutive year, reversing the decline posted in 2016. Real GDP per capita increased to CI\$68,244.8 in 2019 from CI\$67,600.9 in 2018, and CI\$66,221.2 in 2017.

Figure 1 below shows the comparative growth rates of GDP at current and constant purchasers’ prices for the period 2007-2019.⁵ The graph reflects a lowering of the rate of economic expansion in 2019 as measured by GDP at constant prices/real GDP, which slowed to 3.8 percent when compared to 4.2 percent in 2018. Despite the lowered growth rate, 2019 represents the second-highest rate of growth posted in the calculated GDP series, as reflected in Figure 1. Even though there was a slowing of the rate of increase in real GDP in 2019, current price GDP/nominal GDP increased its rate of growth when compared to 2018 due to the increase in the general price level of goods and services. GDP at current prices grew by 7.5 percent in 2019, an increase on the 6.9 percent recorded in 2018. The continued widening of the gap between the growth rates of current price GDP and constant price GDP, as reflected in the graph, is an indication of rising prices in the economy.



⁵This represents the growth rate for the entire calculated GDP series, which runs from 2006-2019 (the growth rate series would then be 2007-2019). The GDP estimates up to 2005 are based on an indicator method and not direct calculations.

3.2 GDP by industrial origin

The estimated real GDP (at purchasers' prices) for the Cayman Islands increased to CI\$4,521.1 million in 2019 from CI\$4,354.9 million in 2018. The positive economic outturn was experienced in all (18) industries. The expansion was primarily led by the growth in construction activities, other services,⁶ education services, hotels & restaurants activities, public administration & defense, and electricity, gas & air conditioning supply services. Table 2 below provides a breakdown of real GDP by industry in purchasers' prices.

CAYMAN ISLANDS GDP BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN					
TABLE 2: GDP AT CONSTANT BASIC & PURCHASERS' PRICES, 2015=100 (CI\$'000)					
INDUSTRY	2015	2016	2017^R	2018^R	2019
01 Agriculture & Fishing	14,857.9	15,248.3	16,414.4	16,579.8	17,189.0
02 Mining & Quarrying	8,603.3	9,039.0	9,178.6	9,676.9	10,308.8
03 Manufacturing	32,607.7	35,240.9	36,116.6	38,829.2	40,458.4
04 Electricity, Gas & Air Conditioning Supply	57,045.2	58,794.9	60,136.1	60,915.6	64,991.2
05 Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management	34,491.5	36,265.6	37,769.0	39,010.7	40,587.9
06 Construction	142,131.2	148,018.7	151,605.4	162,936.7	179,239.9
07 Wholesale & Retail Trade	239,373.8	252,355.8	261,236.3	275,236.6	291,687.2
08 Transport & Storage	137,801.5	140,561.5	143,700.3	148,791.7	154,518.6
09 Hotels & Restaurants	202,259.0	203,886.3	214,061.1	233,080.0	249,239.4
10 Information & Communication	109,299.2	112,259.9	114,390.2	114,281.4	121,128.5
11 Financial & Insurance Services	1,263,887.5	1,282,392.8	1,312,607.4	1,341,106.3	1,375,893.3
12 Real Estate Activities	342,423.2	353,667.4	361,981.4	369,481.5	379,533.4
13 Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities	507,280.3	524,542.0	546,269.4	565,388.8	578,611.9
14 Administrative & Support Service Activities	98,405.3	101,805.1	106,145.4	110,289.4	112,870.7
15 Public Administration & Defense	202,395.6	207,760.9	215,009.1	222,314.6	237,355.1
16 Education Services	88,758.0	93,377.9	97,566.1	101,614.8	109,203.4
17 Human Health & Social Work	130,533.6	138,677.2	148,167.0	156,672.9	163,430.0
18 Other Services	108,150.5	111,865.3	118,495.8	123,698.7	135,244.4
GDP at Constant Basic (2015) Prices	3,720,304.5	3,825,759.5	3,950,849.7	4,089,905.8	4,261,491.5
Add: Taxes Less Subsidies on Products	203,152.6	224,816.5	228,698.6	264,946.8	259,590.3
GDP at Constant Purchasers' (2015) Prices	3,923,457.0	4,050,576.0	4,179,548.2	4,354,852.7	4,521,081.8

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⁶ The other services industry is dominated by diving, snorkeling & related watersport activities. It also includes the activities of hairdressers, barbers, wedding planners, dry cleaners, churches, spas, etc.

3.3 GDP rates of growth by industry

Table 3 shows the growth rate of real GDP disaggregated by industry. The local economy recorded growth of 3.8 percent in 2019, resulting in a 3.5 percent average annual growth rate over the five years (2015-2019). The economic expansion in 2019 resulted from growth in both the goods-producing (8.4%) and service-producing industries (3.9%).

The continued growth in the goods-producing industries resulted in a five-year annual average growth rate of 5.8 percent. The service-producing industries also continued on an upward trend posting a five-year annual average growth rate of 3.1 percent.

CAYMAN ISLANDS GDP BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN						
TABLE 3: RATE OF GROWTH OF GDP AT CONSTANT BASIC & PURCHASERS' PRICES, 2015=100						
INDUSTRY	2015	2016	2017^R	2018^R	2019	5-Year Average
Goods Producing Industries	6.3%	4.7%	2.8%	6.9%	8.4%	5.8%
01 Agriculture & Fishing	2.2%	2.6%	7.6%	1.0%	3.7%	3.4%
02 Mining & Quarrying	8.7%	5.1%	1.5%	5.4%	6.5%	5.5%
03 Manufacturing	2.1%	8.1%	2.5%	7.5%	4.2%	4.9%
06 Construction	7.6%	4.1%	2.4%	7.5%	10.0%	6.3%
Service Producing Industries	2.4%	2.7%	3.3%	3.3%	3.9%	3.1%
04 Electricity, Gas & Air Conditioning Supply	3.0%	3.1%	2.3%	1.3%	6.7%	3.3%
05 Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management	-12.8%	5.1%	4.1%	3.3%	4.0%	0.8%
07 Wholesale & Retail Trade	1.8%	5.4%	3.5%	5.4%	6.0%	4.4%
08 Transport & Storage	1.6%	2.0%	2.2%	3.5%	3.8%	2.6%
09 Hotels & Restaurants	0.8%	0.8%	5.0%	8.9%	6.9%	4.5%
10 Information & Communication	2.8%	2.7%	1.9%	-0.1%	6.0%	2.7%
11 Financial & Insurance Services	2.3%	1.5%	2.4%	2.2%	2.6%	2.2%
12 Real Estate Activities	2.1%	3.3%	2.4%	2.1%	2.7%	2.5%
13 Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities	4.2%	3.4%	4.1%	3.5%	2.3%	3.5%
14 Administrative & Support Service Activities	3.5%	3.5%	4.3%	3.9%	2.3%	3.5%
15 Public Administration & Defense	2.6%	2.7%	3.5%	3.4%	6.8%	3.8%
16 Education Services	3.8%	5.2%	4.5%	4.1%	7.5%	5.0%
17 Human Health & Social Work	4.3%	6.2%	6.8%	5.7%	4.3%	5.5%
18 Other Services	2.1%	3.4%	5.9%	4.4%	9.3%	5.0%
GDP at Constant Basic (2015) Prices	3.0%	2.8%	3.3%	3.5%	4.2%	3.4%
Taxes Less Subsidies on Products	0.4%	10.7%	1.7%	15.8%	-2.0%	5.3%
GDP at Constant Purchasers' (2015) Prices	2.8%	3.2%	3.2%	4.2%	3.8%	3.5%

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Note: Average Annual Growth Rate (AAGR) represents the arithmetic mean of the annual growth rates.

3.3.1 Goods-producing industries

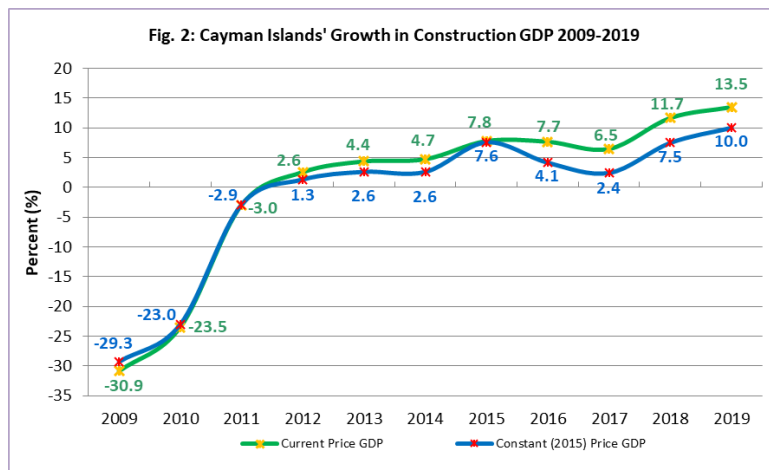
The goods-producing industries registered its seventh consecutive year of growth in 2019, led mainly by the continued improvement of construction and mining & quarrying activities. The group registered an increase in the rate of growth in 2019, growing by 8.4 percent when compared to the 6.9 percent growth realized in 2018.

The activities of **agriculture & fishing** continued on its upward trajectory, increasing by 3.7 percent in 2019, following the 1.0 percent and 7.6 percent growth recorded in 2018 and 2017, respectively. This sustained growth resulted in a five-year annual average growth rate of 3.4 percent. The increase in 2019 was due to the improvements in the sub-groups, i.e. agricultural crops and capture fishing.

Mining & quarrying activities continued to expand in 2019 with the industry growing by 6.5 percent following the growth posted in 2018 (5.4%) and 2017 (1.5%). The expansion led to the industry recording a five-year annual average growth rate of 5.5 percent. The accelerated rate of expansion in mining & quarrying came against the backdrop of growth in the imports of construction aggregate, which increased by 50.2 percent in 2019 (378,615 tons in 2019 from 251,994 tons in 2018).⁷

The **manufacturing industry** continued its upward trend, growing by 4.2 percent in 2019. This resulted in a five-year annual average growth rate of 4.9 percent. The growth in 2019, however, was tempered by the decline in the manufacture of structural metal products.

The value added of **construction activities** grew by 10.0 percent, surpassing the 7.5 percent growth in 2018. This represents the highest rate of growth posted by the industry in the directly calculated GDP series.⁸ This resulted in a five-year annual average growth rate of 6.3 percent, which represented the highest average among all industries over a similar period. The higher output level in 2019 is



⁷Source: https://www.caymanport.com/wp-content/uploads/cargo_stats.pdf

⁸The calculated GDP series started in 2006. Prior to 2006 GDP estimates for the Cayman Islands were derived using indicators, not direct calculations.

attributed to the improved performance of the road construction and building installation sub-industries, which grew by 15.2 percent and 13.5 percent, respectively. The improvement in construction activities in 2019 signified the eighth consecutive year of growth since 2011.

3.3.2 Service-producing industries

In 2019, the service-producing industries recorded their highest combined rate of growth over the past five years, growing by 3.9 percent. The growth in 2019 represents the ninth consecutive year of increase, resulting in a five-year annual average growth of 3.1 percent. The expansion was broad-based, driven by higher levels of activity in all industries, led by other services; education services; hotel & restaurants; public administration & defense; and electricity, gas & air conditioning supply.

The increase of 6.7 percent in the **electricity, gas & air conditioning supply industry** represents the seventh consecutive year of expansion since 2013. The industry posted a five-year annual average growth of 3.3 percent. The expansion was positively impacted by a 6.2 percent increase in electricity consumption, which moved to 667,748 Mwhrs in 2019 from 628,822 megawatt-hours (Mwhrs) in 2018.⁹ The increase is attributed mainly to higher residential consumption supported by the increase in commercial electricity consumption.

The **water supply, sewerage & waste management industry** grew by 4.0 percent in 2019. This resulted in a five-year annual average increase of 0.8 percent, which resulted from positive performances in both water supply and sewerage collection activities. The industry posted the lowest five-year average increase of all industries, which results from the 12.8 percent decline posted in 2015.

Wholesale & retail trade registered growth of 6.0 percent in 2019, resulting in a five-year annual average growth rate of 4.4 percent. The increase was influenced by growth in the aggregate demand related to the 6.2 percent increase in the year-end population, which moved to 69,914 in 2019 from 65,813 in 2018.

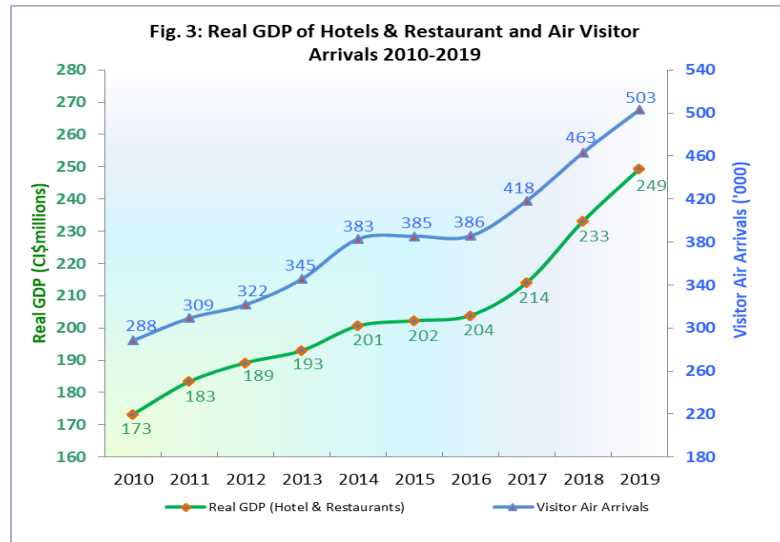
Transport & storage activities continued to expand in 2019, growing by 3.8 percent. This growth represented the highest growth rate in the last five years, resulting in a five-year annual average increase of 2.6 percent. The improved performance of the industry was driven by the 4.2 percent and 3.8 percent increases in the transport services and supporting transport activities sub-industries. The positive result in the transport services sub-industry was underpinned primarily by the increases in land transport (4.5%) and sea

⁹This represents electricity consumption for Grand Cayman; data for the Sister Islands was unavailable.

transport (5.1%). Post and courier services grew by 1.7 percent, the fourth consecutive year of growth following three previous years of decline.

The **hotels & restaurants industry** grew by 6.9 percent in 2019, growing at a slower rate than the 8.9 percent growth recorded in 2018. The increase in the industry was due in

part to the 8.6 percent growth in stay-over visitors, which increased to 502.7 thousand in 2019 from 463.0 thousand in 2018. Figure 3 illustrates the continued positive relationship between real GDP for the hotels & restaurants industry and the stay-over (air arrival) visitors (i.e. real GDP and visitor arrivals are trending in a similar



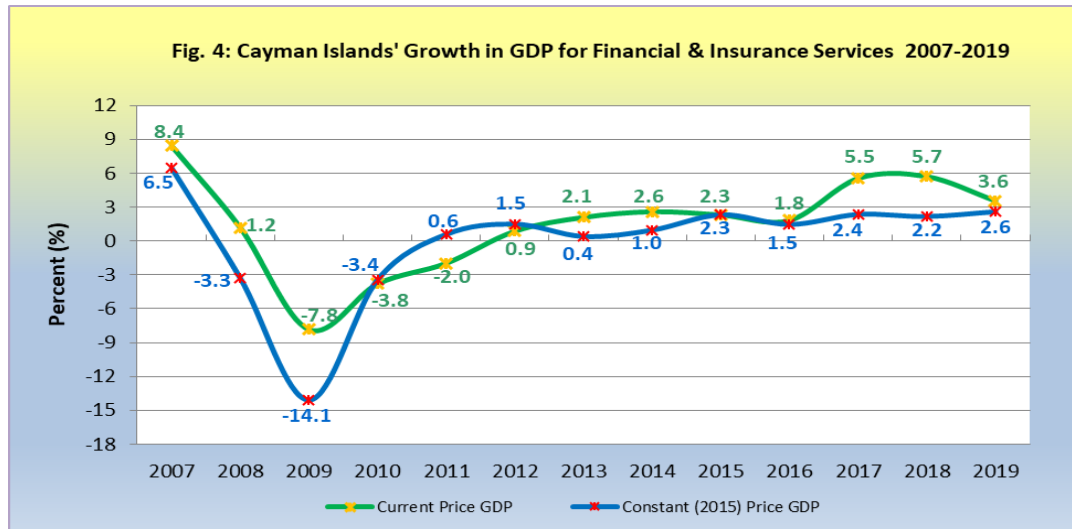
direction). The flattening of both series in 2015 and 2016 along with the parallel movement in other years is evidence of this positive relationship. However, it should be noted that while both maintain a positive relationship, there are other underlying factors that influence the movements in GDP for the hotels & restaurants industry.

Information & communication activities grew by 6.0 percent in 2019, an improvement from the marginal decline of 0.1 percent recorded in 2018. The expansion resulted in a five-year annual average growth rate of 2.7 percent. The performance of the industry was positively impacted by the 6.2 percent increase in the broadcasting sub-industry. In terms of contribution, the industry is dominated by telecommunication services, which grew by 3.8 percent in 2019. There was a 1.9 percent increase in the computer & related services sub-industry.

The **financial & insurance services industry** posted another year of expansion, growing by 2.6 percent in 2019. The industry continued to show consistent growth with a five-year annual average growth rate of 2.2 percent. The performance of the industry was broad-based with all sub-industries expanding in 2019 except for banking institutions (the largest sub-industry), which declined by 2.0 percent. The increased activity in the industry emanated from the growth in services of other financial¹⁰ (6.5%), auxiliary financial

¹⁰Other financial services include credit unions, building societies, remittance services, property trusts services, etc.

services¹¹ (3.4%), and insurance and pension funding services (6.4%). Figure 4 provides a graphical display of the performance of the sector over the period 2007-2019.



Real estate activities continued its sustained growth, expanding by 2.7 percent in 2019, which resulted in a five-year annual average growth rate of 2.5 percent. The growth was underpinned by increases in renting of residential buildings (5.4%), renting of commercial buildings (3.8%), and operations of owner-occupied dwellings (2.7%). The expansion was stymied by a decline in other real estate activities¹² (-4.1%). The unfavourable performance of other real estate activities reflects the 25 percent decrease in the total value of property transfers in the Cayman Islands in 2019 (from CI\$1,143.7 million in 2018 to CI\$862.2 million in 2019).

The **professional, scientific & technical activities** industry registered an increase of 2.3 percent in 2019, growing at a lower rate when compared to the 3.5 percent posted in 2018. The industry recorded a five-year annual average growth of 3.5 percent, resulting from continued expansion since 2009. The performance in 2019 was most significantly impacted by the increase in the value added of legal services (2.9%) and accounting services (1.4%).

Administrative & support service activities grew by 2.3 percent in 2019, growing at a slower rate than the 3.9 percent recorded in 2018. The increase in 2019 led to a five-year annual average growth rate of 3.5 percent. The performance of the industry was driven

¹¹Auxiliary financial services include portfolio management services, stock exchange services, security brokers, etc.

¹²Other real estate activities include real estate agents and brokers and property managers.

by increased activity in car rental services (3.6%), landscaping activities (2.4%), security activities (0.9%), and building cleaning activities (0.6%).

Public administration & defence activities recorded a growth of 6.8 percent, which represents the highest growth recorded in the previous seven years. This resulted in a five-year annual average growth rate of 3.8 percent. The expansion in public administration services may be attributed (in part) to the increase in the number of core government employees. Personnel costs increased by 16.6 percent, moving to CI\$330.6 million in 2019, from CI\$283.5 million in 2018.

Education services posted an increase of 7.5 percent in 2019, growing at a higher rate when compared to the 4.1 percent growth recorded in 2018. The expansion in 2019 resulted in a five-year annual average growth rate of 5.0 percent. The higher output levels recorded were as a result of growth in both the public and private education sub-industries of 6.9 percent and 8.1 percent, respectively.

The **human health & social work industry** continued its upward trend, growing by 4.3 percent in 2019, albeit at a slower rate than the 5.7 percent posted in 2018. The performance in 2019 resulted in a five-year annual average growth of 5.5 percent. The continued improvement in the output of both private and public health services positively impacted the performance of the industry. In 2019, private health services continued to be the main driver of growth, expanding by 6.0 percent while public health services grew by 2.5 percent.

The value added of **other services** recorded the highest growth rate of all service-producing industries, increasing by 9.3 percent in 2019, which outpaced the 4.4 percent recorded in 2018. Contributing to the growth in the industry was the 27 percent increase in activities of private households with employed persons and the 4.1 percent growth in water sport activities. The increase in the output of water sports activities was adversely affected by the 2.1 percent decrease in total visitors to the island in 2019 compared to 2018.

In summary, the Cayman Islands' economy recorded its second-highest annual growth rate for the directly calculated GDP series (3.8%).¹³ The increase in activity in 2019 adds to the 4.2 percent posted in 2018, 3.2 percent in 2017, and 3.2 percent in 2016. This trend of expansion led to a five-year annual average growth rate of 3.5 percent for the local economy. Domestic economic activity was augmented by a general increase in the aggregate demand for goods and services associated with the continued increase in the resident population and the growth in stay-over visitors. The sustained growth in financial

¹³The calculated GDP series started in 2006. Prior to 2006 GDP estimates for the Cayman Islands were derived using indicators, not direct calculations.

& insurance services, professional, scientific & technical activities and construction activity along with the continued improvement in global economic activity serve as positive indicators for the current and future position of the domestic economy.

3.4 Contribution to GDP by industry

Table 4 shows the industries classified as goods-producing and service-producing. In 2019, there was an increase in the combined share of the goods-producing industries, which moved to 5.5 percent from 5.2 percent in 2018. The increase resulted from the increase in the contribution of construction, which increased to 4.0 percent from 3.7 percent in 2018. There was a marginal increase in the share of the services-producing industries, moving to 88.8 percent in 2019 from 88.7 in 2018. This stemmed from the marginal increases in the contribution of wholesale & retail trade, hotels & restaurants, information & communication, public administration & defense, education services, and other services. These increases were offset by the declines in the shares of financial & insurance services, professional, scientific & technical activities, and real estate activities.

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TABLE 4: INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION TO GDP AT CONSTANT PURCHASERS' PRICES, 2015=100					
INDUSTRY	2015	2016	2017^R	2018^R	2019
Goods Producing Industries	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	5.2%	5.5%
01 Agriculture & Fishing	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
02 Mining & Quarrying	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
03 Manufacturing	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%
06 Construction	3.6%	3.7%	3.6%	3.7%	4.0%
Service Producing Industries	89.8%	89.3%	89.4%	88.7%	88.8%
04 Electricity, Gas & Air Conditioning Supply	1.5%	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%
05 Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%
07 Wholesale & Retail Trade	6.1%	6.2%	6.3%	6.3%	6.5%
08 Transport & Storage	3.5%	3.5%	3.4%	3.4%	3.4%
09 Hotels & Restaurants	5.2%	5.0%	5.1%	5.4%	5.5%
10 Information & Communication	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%	2.6%	2.7%
11 Financial & Insurance Services	32.2%	31.7%	31.4%	30.8%	30.4%
12 Real Estate Activities	8.7%	8.7%	8.7%	8.5%	8.4%
13 Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities	12.9%	12.9%	13.1%	13.0%	12.8%
14 Administrative & Support Service Activities	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
15 Public Administration & Defense	5.2%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	5.2%
16 Education Services	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	2.4%
17 Human Health & Social Work	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.6%
18 Other Services	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	3.0%
GDP at Constant Basic (2015) Prices	94.8%	94.4%	94.5%	93.9%	94.3%
Taxes Less Subsidies on Products	5.2%	5.6%	5.5%	6.1%	5.7%
GDP at Constant Purchasers' (2015) Prices	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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An examination of the contribution of the various industries to the domestic economy is useful in discerning their relative ranking. Table 5 below shows the contribution of the eighteen (18) industries as well as their ranking over the period under review. The rankings reflect the relative importance of an industry (as it pertains to their direct contribution to real GDP) to the Cayman Islands' economy. There was no change in the relative ranking of the industries in 2019 when compared to 2018. Changes were observed in the individual contribution of ten (10) of the eighteen (18) industries. Of the ten industries registering a change in their contribution, seven registered increases while three posted declines.

TABLE 5: INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION TO GDP AT CONSTANT PURCHASERS' PRICES, 2015=100										
Ranking					INDUSTRY	% Contribution to GDP				
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1	1	1	1	1	Financial & Insurance Services	32.2	31.7	31.4	30.8	30.4
2	2	2	2	2	Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities	12.9	12.9	13.1	13.0	12.8
3	3	3	3	3	Real Estate Activities	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.5	8.4
4	4	4	4	4	Wholesale & Retail Trade	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.5
6	6	6	5	5	Hotels & Restaurants	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.4	5.5
5	5	5	6	6	Public Administration & Defense	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.2
7	7	7	7	7	Construction	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.7	4.0
9	9	8	8	8	Human Health & Social Work	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.6
8	8	9	9	9	Transport & Storage	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4
11	11	10	10	10	Other Services	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0
10	10	11	11	11	Information & Communication	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7
12	12	12	12	12	Administrative & Support Service Activities	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
13	13	13	13	13	Education Services	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4
14	14	14	14	14	Electricity, Gas & Air Conditioning Supply	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
15	15	15	15	15	Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
16	16	16	16	16	Manufacturing	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
17	17	17	17	17	Agriculture & Fishing	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
18	18	18	18	18	Mining & Quarrying	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
					GDP at Constant Basic (2015) Prices	94.8	94.4	94.5	93.9	94.3
					<i>Add: Taxes Less Subsidies on Products</i>	5.2	5.6	5.5	6.1	5.7
					GDP at Constant Purchasers' (2015) Prices	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

The contribution of financial & insurance services continued to decline in 2019, but the industry maintained its dominance as the largest single contributor to the real GDP of the Cayman Islands. The contribution of the industry contracted to 30.4 percent in 2019, down from the 30.8 percent share in 2018. This represents the seventh consecutive year

of decline as other industries posted higher growth rates over a similar period. The decline of 0.4 percentage points in 2019 represents a more moderate contraction compared to the decline of 0.6 percentage points in 2018.

The share of the professional, scientific & technical activities industry declined by 0.2 percentage points with its share moving to 12.8 percent, down from 13.0 percent in 2018. Despite the decline, the industry maintained its position as the second-largest contributor to real GDP.

Other noteworthy contributions to real GDP in 2019 came from real estate activities, wholesale & retail trade, hotel & restaurant activities, and public administration & defence. Real estate activities declined to 8.4 percent in 2019, down from 8.5 percent in 2018. There was an increase in the share of wholesale & retail trade in 2019 when compared to 2018, moving to 6.5 percent of real GDP up from 6.3 percent. Hotel & restaurant services increased its share to 5.5 percent in 2019 from 5.4 percent in 2018. Public administration also increased, moving to 5.2 percent from the 5.1 percent posted in 2018.

Due to the robust growth in construction activities, the industry was able to increase its share of GDP in 2019. Construction activities maintained its seventh place, increasing to 4.0 percent in 2019, from 3.7 percent in 2018.

3.5 Industry GDP at current prices

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TABLE 6: GDP AT CURRENT BASIC & PURCHASERS' PRICES (CI\$'000)					
INDUSTRY	2015	2016	2017^R	2018^R	2019
01 Agriculture & Fishing	14,857.9	16,342.2	18,009.4	18,815.0	20,267.9
02 Mining & Quarrying	8,603.3	9,742.1	9,800.7	10,353.8	11,104.5
03 Manufacturing	32,607.7	35,170.4	36,556.8	41,056.2	44,878.1
04 Electricity, Gas & Air Conditioning Supply	57,045.2	63,528.8	62,011.1	64,828.7	69,838.0
05 Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management	34,491.5	36,533.2	38,448.9	40,592.8	43,166.1
06 Construction	142,131.2	153,016.6	162,892.1	181,877.8	206,387.8
07 Wholesale & Retail Trade	239,373.8	248,672.8	261,591.6	278,034.8	297,443.8
08 Transport & Storage	137,801.5	141,825.2	146,950.9	153,729.9	164,407.5
09 Hotels & Restaurants	202,259.0	212,028.2	226,897.4	256,198.2	287,707.9
10 Information & Communication	109,299.2	115,055.0	120,751.6	119,932.9	137,248.2
11 Financial & Insurance Services	1,263,887.5	1,286,911.3	1,358,253.8	1,435,774.4	1,486,782.8
12 Real Estate Activities	342,423.2	353,873.5	366,347.7	369,583.8	434,113.8
13 Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities	507,280.3	532,806.7	566,912.7	601,573.8	641,042.5
14 Administrative & Support Service Activities	98,405.3	103,105.3	108,960.7	115,760.7	121,751.5
15 Public Administration & Defense	202,395.6	213,321.9	227,211.3	241,180.4	267,111.0
16 Education Services	88,758.0	94,517.4	99,203.1	105,713.8	119,191.4
17 Human Health & Social Work	130,533.6	139,289.9	147,670.2	160,414.3	168,371.2
18 Other Services	108,150.5	112,207.0	119,276.7	126,101.9	141,329.0
GDP at Current Basic Prices	3,720,304.5	3,867,947.6	4,077,746.6	4,321,523.1	4,662,142.9
Add: Taxes Less Subsidies on Products	203,152.6	223,137.9	227,470.6	280,480.8	284,133.6
GDP at Current Purchasers' Prices	3,923,457.0	4,091,085.5	4,305,217.2	4,602,003.9	4,946,276.6

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3.6 Detailed value added by industry

TABLE 7: DETAILED VALUE ADDED BY INDUSTRY		CURRENT/NOMINAL (CIS\$'000)					CONSTANT/REAL (CIS\$'000)				
INDUSTRY	2015	2016	2017 ^R	2018 ^R	2019	2015	2016	2017 ^R	2018 ^R	2019	
AGRICULTURE & FISHING	14,857.9	16,342.2	18,009.4	18,815.0	20,267.9	14,857.9	15,248.3	16,414.4	16,579.8	17,189.0	
Growing of Agricultural Crops	12,249.8	13,382.5	14,538.3	14,983.2	15,925.4	12,249.8	12,645.7	13,724.6	13,803.9	14,395.5	
Farming of Animals	1,080.1	1,057.2	1,275.8	1,396.8	1,533.9	1,080.1	1,051.8	1,112.5	1,122.4	1,121.3	
Capture Fishing	1,528.0	1,902.4	2,195.3	2,435.0	2,808.6	1,528.0	1,550.8	1,577.4	1,653.6	1,672.2	
MINING & QUARRYING	8,603.3	9,742.1	9,800.7	10,353.8	11,104.5	8,603.3	9,039.0	9,178.6	9,676.9	10,308.8	
Quarrying incl. Stone, Sand and Gravel	8,603.3	9,742.1	9,800.7	10,353.8	11,104.5	8,603.3	9,039.0	9,178.6	9,676.9	10,308.8	
MANUFACTURING	32,607.7	35,170.4	36,556.8	41,056.2	44,878.1	32,607.7	35,240.9	36,116.6	38,829.2	40,458.4	
Food Products, Beverages and Tobacco Products	8,489.2	9,094.6	9,561.6	10,349.9	11,235.3	8,489.2	8,955.1	9,136.4	9,580.7	10,429.2	
Builders' Carpentry and Joinery, incl. Furniture and Rubber and Plastic Product	3,067.1	3,121.4	3,259.5	3,669.8	4,372.1	3,067.1	3,133.5	3,139.9	3,334.5	3,637.9	
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (incl. Glass and Glass Products, Concrete, Cement)	10,781.5	12,021.1	12,442.1	15,042.8	16,311.5	10,781.5	12,001.7	12,676.3	14,063.5	14,132.8	
Basic Metals, Fabricated Metal Products, Machinery & Equipment	3,850.0	4,168.4	4,412.1	4,735.5	5,101.5	3,850.0	4,191.8	4,099.9	4,341.3	4,345.2	
Other Manufacturing Goods n.e.c.	6,420.0	6,764.9	6,881.6	7,258.2	7,857.7	6,420.0	6,958.8	7,064.1	7,509.3	7,913.4	
ELECTRICITY, GAS & AIR CONDITIONING SUPPLY	57,045.2	63,528.8	62,011.1	64,828.7	69,838.0	57,045.2	58,794.9	60,136.1	60,915.6	64,991.2	
Production, Collection and Distribution of Electricity and the Manufacture of Ice	57,045.2	63,528.8	62,011.1	64,828.7	69,838.0	57,045.2	58,794.9	60,136.1	60,915.6	64,991.2	
WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE & WASTE MANAGEMENT	34,491.5	36,533.2	38,448.9	40,592.8	43,166.1	34,491.5	36,265.6	37,769.0	39,010.7	40,587.9	
Water Collection, Treatment and Distribution, Sewerage and Waste Collection	34,491.5	36,533.2	38,448.9	40,592.8	43,166.1	34,491.5	36,265.6	37,769.0	39,010.7	40,587.9	
CONSTRUCTION	142,131.2	153,016.6	162,892.1	181,877.8	206,387.8	142,131.2	148,018.7	151,605.4	162,936.7	179,239.9	
Construction (incl building installation, building completion, etc.)	142,131.2	153,016.6	162,892.1	181,877.8	206,387.8	142,131.2	148,018.7	151,605.4	162,936.7	179,239.9	
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	239,373.8	248,672.8	261,591.6	278,034.8	297,443.8	239,373.8	252,355.8	261,236.3	275,236.6	291,687.2	
Wholesale & Retail Trade	239,373.8	248,672.8	261,591.6	278,034.8	297,443.8	239,373.8	252,355.8	261,236.3	275,236.6	291,687.2	
TRANSPORT & STORAGE	137,801.5	141,825.2	146,950.9	153,729.9	164,407.5	137,801.5	140,561.5	143,700.3	148,791.7	154,518.6	
Transport	63,068.3	66,120.7	65,387.7	66,744.0	71,848.3	63,068.3	64,176.9	64,433.2	67,055.7	69,890.7	
Supporting Activities for Transport (incl Cargo)	67,051.9	67,680.7	72,538.8	77,782.2	83,059.9	67,051.9	68,327.2	70,571.5	72,830.1	75,573.2	
Post and Courier Activities	7,681.3	8,023.8	9,024.4	9,203.7	9,499.4	7,681.3	8,057.4	8,695.6	8,905.9	9,054.7	
HOTELS & RESTAURANTS	202,259.0	212,028.2	226,897.4	256,198.2	287,707.9	202,259.0	203,886.3	214,061.1	233,080.0	249,239.4	
Hotels & Other Short-Term Accommodations Activities	142,266.3	150,455.2	162,718.2	186,225.9	210,445.1	142,266.3	143,408.3	152,368.0	168,649.9	183,248.2	
Restaurants, Bars & Other Food Service Activities	59,992.8	61,573.0	64,179.1	69,972.3	77,262.8	59,992.8	60,478.0	61,693.1	64,430.1	65,991.3	
INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION	109,299.2	115,055.0	120,751.6	119,932.9	137,248.2	109,299.2	112,259.9	114,390.2	114,281.4	121,128.5	
Motion Picture Projection, Radio & TV Programming and Broadcasting and Telecommunications Activities	81,400.8	86,424.6	93,073.6	91,469.4	106,645.6	81,400.8	83,224.7	86,452.1	85,814.0	92,078.2	
Publishing, Printing and Computer & Data Processing Services	27,898.4	28,630.4	27,678.0	28,463.5	30,602.6	27,898.4	29,035.2	27,938.1	28,467.4	29,050.3	

TABLE 7 cont'd: DETAILED VALUE ADDED BY INDUSTRY	CURRENT/NOMINAL (CIS\$'000)					CONSTANT/REAL (CIS\$'000)				
INDUSTRY	2015	2016	2017 ^R	2018 ^R	2019	2015	2016 ^R	2017 ^R	2018	2019
FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVICES	1,263,887.5	1,286,911.3	1,358,253.8	1,435,774.4	1,486,782.8	1,263,887.5	1,282,392.8	1,312,607.4	1,341,106.3	1,375,893.3
Monetary Institutions (incl. CIMA)	615,477.7	619,192.8	669,194.8	706,676.0	713,564.9	615,477.7	619,099.6	625,356.3	640,366.3	632,277.7
Other Financial Institutions & Financial Services	258,246.6	256,752.1	269,916.4	286,672.8	303,388.6	258,246.6	259,751.7	268,945.3	277,186.8	289,567.7
Insurance, Pension Funding (incl. Auxiliary Activities)	390,163.2	410,966.5	419,142.5	442,425.6	469,829.3	390,163.2	403,541.4	418,305.7	423,553.2	454,047.9
REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES	342,423.2	353,873.5	366,347.7	369,583.8	434,113.8	342,423.2	353,667.4	361,981.4	369,481.5	379,533.4
Operating of Owner-Occupied Dwellings	172,610.0	174,456.6	178,096.1	172,074.9	205,801.4	172,610.0	177,951.0	180,863.8	180,514.2	185,399.8
Renting of Residential Buildings	83,631.6	89,521.1	90,219.3	92,421.9	113,122.6	83,631.6	85,610.3	86,181.3	88,559.5	93,361.4
Renting of Commercial Buildings	50,815.4	52,181.5	55,915.6	58,911.7	66,707.8	50,815.4	52,912.2	55,189.3	56,706.0	58,878.0
Other Real Estate Activities	35,366.2	37,714.3	42,116.7	46,175.4	48,481.9	35,366.2	37,193.8	39,747.1	43,701.9	41,894.3
PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES	507,280.3	532,806.7	566,912.7	601,573.8	641,042.5	507,280.3	524,542.0	546,269.4	565,388.8	578,611.9
Legal Activities	246,198.4	262,334.4	278,364.9	295,623.6	308,831.2	246,198.4	256,700.1	267,908.2	279,597.9	287,809.1
Accounting & Auditing Activities	152,528.3	158,094.8	170,376.3	178,915.6	195,251.6	152,528.3	157,103.7	164,149.6	165,078.2	167,332.9
Other Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities	108,553.6	112,377.5	118,171.5	127,034.5	136,959.7	108,553.6	110,738.2	114,211.6	120,712.8	123,469.9
ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT SERVICE ACTIVITIES	98,405.3	103,105.3	108,960.7	115,760.7	121,751.5	98,405.3	101,805.1	106,145.4	110,289.4	112,870.7
Administrative and Support Service to Businesses (incl. Renting of Machinery & Equipment)	98,405.3	103,105.3	108,960.7	115,760.7	121,751.5	98,405.3	101,805.1	106,145.4	110,289.4	112,870.7
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & DEFENSE	202,395.6	213,321.9	227,211.3	241,180.4	267,111.0	202,395.6	207,760.9	215,009.1	222,314.6	237,355.1
Public Administration and Defense	202,395.6	213,321.9	227,211.3	241,180.4	267,111.0	202,395.6	207,760.9	215,009.1	222,314.6	237,355.1
EDUCATION SERVICES	88,758.0	94,517.4	99,203.1	105,713.8	119,191.4	88,758.0	93,377.9	97,566.1	101,614.8	109,203.4
Public Education	45,776.1	47,544.6	51,606.2	55,351.1	62,005.7	45,776.1	47,865.5	51,694.3	54,873.7	58,662.1
Private Education	42,981.9	46,972.9	47,596.9	50,362.7	57,185.7	42,981.9	45,512.4	45,871.8	46,741.1	50,541.3
HUMAN HEALTH & SOCIAL WORK	130,533.6	139,289.9	147,670.2	160,414.3	168,371.2	130,533.6	138,677.2	148,167.0	156,672.9	163,430.0
Public Health and Social Services	68,236.0	70,104.9	72,156.4	78,357.7	81,193.1	68,236.0	69,684.3	71,423.1	74,309.4	76,133.6
Private Health & Social Services	62,297.7	69,184.9	75,513.8	82,056.7	87,178.1	62,297.7	68,992.9	76,743.9	82,363.5	87,296.4
OTHER SERVICES	108,150.5	112,207.0	119,276.7	126,101.9	141,329.0	108,150.5	111,865.3	118,495.8	123,698.7	135,244.4
Private Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	40,065.7	41,445.8	43,351.8	46,028.2	49,984.2	40,065.7	41,563.9	43,102.7	44,898.8	46,506.5
Personal & Household Services (incl. Activities of Membership Organization)	38,248.9	39,655.6	41,485.7	43,276.2	44,616.7	38,248.9	39,195.7	40,954.0	42,002.4	42,009.9
Private Households with Employed Persons	29,835.9	31,105.7	34,439.1	36,797.5	46,728.1	29,835.9	31,105.7	34,439.1	36,797.5	46,728.1
VALUE ADDED/GDP AT BASIC PRICES	3,720,304.5	3,867,947.6	4,077,746.6	4,321,523.1	4,662,142.9	3,720,304.5	3,825,759.5	3,950,849.7	4,089,905.8	4,261,491.5
TAXES LESS SUBSIDIES ON PRODUCTS	203,152.6	223,137.9	227,470.6	280,480.8	284,133.6	203,152.6	224,816.5	228,698.6	264,946.8	259,590.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCTS AT PURCHASERS' PRICES	3,923,457.0	4,091,085.5	4,305,217.2	4,602,003.9	4,946,276.6	3,923,457.0	4,050,576.0	4,179,548.2	4,354,852.7	4,521,081.8

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3.7 Implicit price index by industry

The GDP Implicit Price Index (IPI) is an indicator of price inflation calculated by dividing the current price GDP (nominal GDP) by the constant price GDP (real GDP). This index measures the implicit prices of all the final goods and services produced in the local economy. It is used to gauge the inflationary tendency in the economy similar to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Producer Price Index (PPI) but is the broadest measure of price level of the three. The IPI is derived indirectly from the estimates of GDP in constant and current prices, unlike the CPI or PPI, which are derived directly from the collected price data for the items included in the index.

Table 8 below shows the IPI by industry for the Cayman Islands for the period 2012-2019. The IPI by industry provides information on the inflationary tendency at the industry level. The interpretation of the table is to show how prices have moved year over year or relative to the base year. The inflation rate using the GDP IPI is derived as the percentage change in the index from one period to the next. The IPI for the base year (in this case 2015) is equal to 100.

CAYMAN ISLANDS GROSS DOMESTIC (GDP) TABLES								
TABLE 8: GDP IMPLICIT PRICE INDEX (IPI), 2015=100								
INDUSTRY	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
01 Agriculture & Fishing	89.5	93.2	93.6	100.0	107.2	109.7	113.5	117.9
02 Mining & Quarrying	96.2	96.6	99.7	100.0	107.8	106.8	107.0	107.7
03 Manufacturing	93.1	94.3	98.4	100.0	99.8	101.2	105.7	110.9
04 Electricity, Gas & Air Conditioning Supply	92.6	98.9	94.3	100.0	108.1	103.1	106.4	107.5
05 Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management	99.8	96.9	98.2	100.0	100.7	101.8	104.1	106.4
06 Construction	96.1	97.8	99.8	100.0	103.4	107.4	111.6	115.1
07 Wholesale & Retail Trade	95.5	96.5	98.5	100.0	98.5	100.1	101.0	102.0
08 Transport & Storage	89.7	92.2	96.1	100.0	100.9	102.3	103.3	106.4
09 Hotels & Restaurants	84.0	89.6	94.1	100.0	104.0	106.0	109.9	115.4
10 Information & Communication	94.6	94.2	97.7	100.0	102.5	105.6	104.9	113.3
11 Financial & Insurance Services	96.8	98.4	100.0	100.0	100.4	103.5	107.1	108.1
12 Real Estate Activities	104.0	102.9	102.7	100.0	100.1	101.2	100.0	114.4
13 Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities	98.7	99.5	100.3	100.0	101.6	103.8	106.4	110.8
14 Administrative & Support Service Activities	97.8	99.0	99.9	100.0	101.3	102.7	105.0	107.9
15 Public Administration & Defense	95.0	94.0	95.5	100.0	102.7	105.7	108.5	112.5
16 Education Services	95.3	98.2	99.1	100.0	101.2	101.7	104.0	109.1
17 Human Health & Social Work	94.4	97.2	98.6	100.0	100.4	99.7	102.4	103.0
18 Other Services	93.9	97.2	100.0	100.0	100.3	100.7	101.9	104.5
GDP Implicit Deflator at Basic Prices	97.0	98.2	99.6	100.0	101.1	103.2	105.7	109.4
Add: Taxes Less Subsidies on Products	106.0	109.1	102.0	100.0	99.3	99.5	105.9	109.5
GDP Implicit Deflator at Purchasers' Prices	97.4	98.8	99.7	100.0	101.0	103.0	105.7	109.4
GDP IPI (Basic Prices) percentage change	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	0.4%	1.1%	2.1%	2.4%	3.5%
GDP IPI (Purchasers' Prices) percentage change	1.3%	1.4%	0.9%	0.3%	1.0%	2.0%	2.6%	3.5%
CPI percentage change	1.2%	2.1%	1.3%	-2.3%	-0.7%	2.0%	3.4%	5.6%

3.8 Production and cost components of value added by industry

Table 9 below shows the production components (gross value added, gross output and intermediate consumption) and cost/income components (compensation of employees, consumption of fixed capital, operating surplus and other net taxes on production) by industry. Gross output is defined as the total value of goods and services produced by an establishment (in essence sales). Gross output can be used by businesses to gauge their market share in a particular industry. Intermediate consumption refers to the goods and services that are used up in the production process, excluding fixed assets as its consumption is recorded as consumption of fixed capital. The gross value added is the excess of the gross output over the intermediate consumption. GDP via the production approach is the sum of the value added of all entities operating in the economy. GDP via the income approach is calculated as the sum of the compensation of employees, operating surplus/mixed-income, consumption of fixed capital, and taxes on production and imports less subsidies on production and imports.

CAYMAN ISLANDS GDP BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN							
TABLE 9: PRODUCTION AND COST COMPONENTS OF VALUE ADDED AT CURRENT BASIC & PURCHASERS' PRICES 2019 (CIS\$'000)							
INDUSTRY	Production Components			Cost/Income Components			
	Gross Value Added ^{1, 1a, 1b}	Gross Output	Intermediate Consumption	Compensation of Employees	Operating Surplus/Mixed Income	Consumption of Fixed Capital ²	Taxes less Subsidies on Production
01 Agriculture & Fishing	20,267.9	28,751.6	8,483.64	8,101.0	10,984.5	747.5	434.9
02 Mining & Quarrying	11,104.5	23,799.5	12,694.99	7,665.3	1,439.6	1,632.3	367.4
03 Manufacturing	44,878.1	111,017.3	66,139.21	24,154.0	16,897.9	2,684.9	1,141.3
04 Electricity, Gas & Air Conditioning Supply	69,838.0	184,057.2	114,219.18	13,376.3	24,338.5	30,442.2	1,681.0
05 Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management	43,166.1	70,256.0	27,089.91	16,992.2	17,265.8	8,212.1	696.0
06 Construction	206,387.8	673,174.6	466,786.87	147,028.7	40,639.2	5,084.4	13,635.5
07 Wholesale & Retail Trade	297,443.8	451,831.5	154,387.68	142,604.5	114,653.6	26,241.0	13,944.7
08 Transport & Storage	164,407.5	299,551.7	135,144.12	99,908.8	45,400.8	16,315.5	2,782.4
09 Hotels & Restaurants	287,707.9	559,527.9	271,820.06	157,505.5	116,789.8	5,688.7	7,724.0
10 Information & Communication	137,248.2	229,011.4	91,763.25	53,195.0	50,589.3	20,290.8	13,173.1
11 Financial & Insurance Services	1,486,782.8	2,763,040.6	1,276,257.86	380,518.5	819,443.9	31,486.1	255,334.3
12 Real Estate Activities	434,113.8	718,260.0	284,146.24	55,050.4	322,089.3	55,209.7	1,764.5
13 Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities	641,042.5	871,520.7	230,478.25	407,086.9	150,105.9	7,717.9	76,131.9
14 Administrative & Support Service Activities	121,751.5	164,758.9	43,007.43	84,975.2	24,418.8	7,067.8	5,289.8
15 Public Administration & Defense	267,111.0	396,748.1	129,637.06	247,633.7	0.0	19,244.0	233.3
16 Education Services	119,191.4	153,056.8	33,865.39	103,402.6	4,415.0	10,840.6	533.2
17 Human Health & Social Work	168,371.2	251,390.3	83,019.11	134,275.6	22,062.3	8,546.3	3,487.0
18 Other Services	141,329.0	220,219.7	78,890.62	67,160.6	65,567.1	5,482.7	3,118.5
Total	4,662,142.9	8,169,973.8	3,507,830.9	2,150,634.7	1,847,101.2	262,934.3	401,472.7
GDP at Current Basic Prices/Total	4,662,142.9			4,662,142.9			
Add: Taxes Less Subsidies on Products	284,133.6						
GDP at Current Purchasers' Prices	4,946,276.6						

Notes

1. Discrepancies between the total and the sum of the components are due to rounding

1a. Gross Value Added (Production) = Gross Output - Intermediate Consumption

1b. Gross Value Added (Income) = Compensation of Employees + Operating Surplus/Mixed income + Consumption of Fixed Capital + Taxes less Subsidies on Production

2. Accounting depreciation is used as a proxy for Consumption of Fixed Capital

4. GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ESTIMATES-THE INCOME APPROACH

4.1 GDP and rate of growth of GDP at purchasers' prices by income

Cayman Islands' GDP at current purchasers' prices for 2019 stood at CI\$4,946.3 million. This represents another year of positive economic performance growing by 7.5 percent when compared to the CI\$4,602.0 million posted for 2018. This follows on the 6.9 percent and 5.2 percent growth registered in 2018 and 2017, respectively. The components of GDP by income and their rates of growth are shown in Tables 10a and 10b below. Table 10b reveals that all income components increased in 2019 led by operating surplus/mixed-income (13.2%), followed by consumption of fixed capital (4.7%), compensation of employees (4.4%), and taxes less subsidies (net taxes) on production and imports (4.2%).

TABLE 10a: GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) BY INCOME AT CURRENT PRICES (CI\$'000)

Type of Income	2014	2015	2016	2017 ^R	2018 ^R	2019
Compensation of Employees (COE)	1,775,238.5	1,841,704.3	1,905,078.6	1,973,139.2	2,060,680.4	2,150,634.7
Operating Surplus\Mixed Income	1,262,375.0	1,322,772.1	1,381,001.3	1,487,089.5	1,632,232.7	1,847,101.2
Consumption of Fixed Capital	224,443.5	223,939.2	230,292.0	246,251.9	251,011.7	262,934.3
Taxes less Subsidies on Production and Imports	540,305.8	535,041.5	574,713.6	598,736.5	658,079.2	685,606.4
Gross Domestic Product at Purchasers' Prices	3,802,362.8	3,923,457.0	4,091,085.5	4,305,217.2	4,602,003.9	4,946,276.6

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TABLE 10b: PERCENTAGE GROWTH of GDP BY INCOME AT CURRENT PURCHASERS' PRICES

Type of Income	Percentage Growth					
	2014	2015	2016	2017 ^R	2018 ^R	2019
Compensation of Employees (COE)	3.1	3.7	3.4	3.6	4.4	4.4
Operating Surplus\Mixed Income	2.8	4.8	4.4	7.7	9.8	13.2
Consumption of Fixed Capital	5.3	(0.2)	2.8	6.9	1.9	4.7
Taxes less Subsidies on Production and Imports	6.2	(1.0)	7.4	4.2	9.9	4.2
Gross Domestic Product at Purchasers' Prices	3.6	3.2	4.3	5.2	6.9	7.5

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Total compensation of employees (COE)¹⁴ amounted to CI\$2,150.6 million in 2019, increasing from CI\$2,060.7 in 2018. The 4.4 percent growth in 2019 is similar to that posted for 2018 and continues the upward trajectory since 2011. The growth in total

¹⁴COE is defined as the total remuneration, in cash or in kind, payable by an enterprise to an employee in return for work done by the latter during the accounting period.

compensation in 2019 is underpinned by the 5.6 percent increase in the number of employed persons, which moved to 47,394 from 44,887 in 2018.¹⁵

Operating surplus/mixed-income¹⁶ registered the most significant growth of all the income components in 2019, growing by 13.2 percent and outpacing the 9.8 percent growth posted in 2018. Operating surplus increased for the sixth consecutive year in 2019, a trend that goes back to 2014. The growth suggests that businesses are continuing to capture the benefits of the current upswing in the economy.

The second highest movement in 2019 was posted by consumption of fixed capital¹⁷ which increased by 4.7 percent, continuing on the 1.9 percent and 6.9 percent growth posted in 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Taxes (less subsidies) on production and imports¹⁸ grew by 4.2 percent in 2019, a slowing of the 9.9 percent in 2018. The deceleration in the rate of growth of net taxes emanated from, among other things, a significant reduction in stamp duty.

4.2 Contribution to GDP at purchasers' prices

TABLE 11: PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION to GDP BY INCOME AT CURRENT PRICES						
Type of Income	2014	2015	2016	2017^R	2018^R	2019
Compensation of Employees (COE)	46.7	46.9	46.6	45.8	44.8	43.5
Operating Surplus\Mixed Income	33.2	33.7	33.8	34.5	35.5	37.3
Consumption of Fixed Capital	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.3
Taxes less Subsidies on Production and Imports	14.2	13.6	14.0	13.9	14.3	13.9
Gross Domestic Product at Purchasers' Prices	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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The decline in the share of COE continued in 2019, contracting to 43.5 percent of GDP from 44.8 percent in 2018, 45.8 percent in 2017, and 46.6 percent in 2016. The results in 2019 represent the fourth consecutive year that the share of COE in GDP has declined and is the lowest level it has been since 2006. The declining share stems from the expansion in GDP, outpacing the growth in COE.

¹⁵Table 10.01b Compendium of Statistics 2019 (pg. 95)

¹⁶Operating Surplus is the measure of the surplus accruing from production. Mixed-income is a combination of operating surplus and implicit remuneration for work done by owner.

¹⁷Consumption of fixed capital is the decline, during the course of the accounting period, in the current value of the stock of fixed and intangible assets owned and used by a producer as a result of physical deterioration, normal obsolescence or normal accidental damage.

¹⁸This includes import duties, hotel occupancy tax, business and professional licences, building permit fees, property tax, stamp duties, etc.

The share of operating surplus/mixed-income increased to 37.3 percent of GDP in 2019, from 35.5 percent in 2018. This component posted the highest growth rate in 2019 (13.2%), rising to CI\$1,847.1 million from CI\$1,632.2 million in 2018 (see Table 10a).

The share of net taxes declined in 2019 to 13.9 percent of GDP, from 14.3 percent in 2018. Net taxes on production and imports reached CI\$685.6 million in 2019, from CI\$658.1 million in 2018.

Consumption of fixed capital, the smallest of the income components, declined for a second consecutive year to 5.3 percent in 2019 from 5.5 percent in 2018 and 5.7 percent in 2017.

4.3 Income components of GDP at purchasers' prices

4.3.1 Compensation of employees (COE)

Table 12 below shows the breakdown of total compensation by industry in the Cayman Islands for the period 2014-2019.

TABLE 12: COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (CI\$'000)						
INDUSTRY	2014	2015	2016	2017 ^R	2018 ^R	2019
Agriculture & Fishing	6,373.5	6,877.7	7,367.7	7,464.6	7,708.9	8,101.0
Mining & Quarrying	5,660.8	6,030.6	6,327.1	6,777.0	7,252.2	7,665.3
Manufacturing	19,044.0	20,277.1	21,718.1	21,406.8	22,918.4	24,154.0
Electricity, Gas & Air Conditioning Supply	13,029.4	12,141.6	12,355.3	12,405.3	12,638.1	13,376.3
Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management	20,188.9	14,763.9	14,974.5	14,868.8	16,116.0	16,992.2
Construction	113,487.5	121,868.7	125,492.2	126,616.4	135,029.4	147,028.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	112,556.5	118,789.2	124,110.8	129,781.2	136,936.6	142,604.5
Transport & Storage	81,952.4	86,370.6	92,581.9	94,588.7	96,218.5	99,908.8
Hotels & Restaurants	123,488.1	127,738.2	132,622.0	138,794.4	151,211.5	157,505.5
Information & Communication	48,078.9	49,037.7	50,744.2	52,881.7	51,099.1	53,195.0
Financial & Insurance Services	335,187.0	340,654.6	350,914.8	358,936.1	371,500.6	380,518.5
Real Estate Activities	46,302.4	47,894.4	49,469.3	51,364.0	53,305.9	55,050.4
Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities	366,608.3	378,599.9	383,544.0	400,715.7	405,266.2	407,086.9
Administrative & Support Service Activities	70,986.9	73,293.7	75,975.8	78,591.8	82,433.0	84,975.2
Public Administration & Defense	174,214.9	187,529.1	197,934.4	209,815.9	223,652.9	247,633.7
Education Services	77,369.3	81,671.9	85,647.0	88,026.6	93,727.4	103,402.6
Health and Social Work	106,006.1	111,927.5	114,804.6	119,348.0	129,937.1	134,275.6
Other Services	54,703.7	56,238.0	58,495.0	60,756.3	63,728.8	67,160.6
TOTAL	1,775,238.5	1,841,704.3	1,905,078.6	1,973,139.2	2,060,680.4	2,150,634.7

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The distribution of total compensation in the Cayman Islands was dominated by the following three industries in 2019:

- Professional, scientific & technical activities (mainly legal and accounting services) with CI\$407.1 million or 18.9 percent of total compensation, continuing the decline from 19.7 percent in 2018, and 20.3 percent in 2017;
- The financial & insurance services industry with CI\$380.5 million in compensation or 17.7 percent of the total compensation, down from the 18.0 percent in 2018, and 18.2 percent posted in 2017; and
- Public administration & defense with CI\$247.6 million or 11.5 percent of total compensation. This represents an increase in contribution from 10.9 percent in 2018 and 10.6 percent in 2017.

The three above-mentioned industries accounted for 48.1 percent of the total compensation generated in the Cayman Islands in 2019. This represents another year of decline compared to 48.5 percent in 2018, and 49.1 percent in 2017. Public administration & defense experienced the largest gain in contribution, moving from 10.9 percent in 2018 to 11.5 percent in 2019. The most significant decline in contribution was posted by the professional, scientific & technical activities industry.

4.3.2 Operating surplus/mixed-income

TABLE 13: OPERATING SURPLUS AND MIXED INCOME (CI\$'000)						
INDUSTRY	2014	2015	2016	2017^R	2018^R	2019
Agriculture & Fishing	6,325.2	7,005.1	7,950.3	9,464.9	9,980.7	10,984.5
Mining & Quarrying	403.5	752.9	1,547.1	964.3	1,048.0	1,439.6
Manufacturing	9,027.4	8,886.7	10,133.9	11,662.2	14,632.5	16,897.9
Electricity, Gas & Air Conditioning Supply	16,686.3	20,892.2	24,248.5	21,633.8	22,116.2	24,338.5
Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management	12,177.0	14,079.1	15,360.8	15,477.2	16,351.1	17,265.8
Construction	7,734.2	8,600.5	15,201.8	21,547.9	29,997.4	40,639.2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	85,236.6	85,775.3	88,028.1	93,832.9	102,965.8	114,653.6
Transport & Storage	35,497.8	38,499.1	35,507.7	36,684.1	39,040.4	45,400.8
Hotels & Restaurants	53,806.5	62,072.3	66,543.4	74,897.3	92,236.9	116,789.8
Information & Communication	21,364.4	28,375.2	32,953.5	33,818.9	37,590.8	50,589.3
Financial & Insurance Services	643,149.8	672,031.4	674,713.5	731,891.0	791,158.0	819,443.9
Real Estate Activities	245,502.8	242,007.3	251,271.2	258,999.2	261,157.3	322,089.3
Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities	59,270.4	65,783.4	80,116.8	89,811.3	118,801.4	150,105.9
Administrative & Support Service Activities	14,524.5	14,854.4	16,267.1	18,586.9	21,365.2	24,418.8
Public Administration & Defense	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education Services	863.3	622.7	2,352.4	1,385.7	1,388.2	4,415.0
Health and Social Work	6,963.4	7,775.2	14,037.4	17,046.0	19,112.7	22,062.3
Other Services	43,842.1	44,759.2	44,767.7	49,385.9	53,290.3	65,567.1
TOTAL	1,262,375.0	1,322,772.1	1,381,001.3	1,487,089.5	1,632,232.7	1,847,101.2

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Financial & insurance services account for the largest share of operating surplus/mixed-income of CI\$819.4 million in 2019. The second-largest share was recorded by the real estate activities (CI\$322.1 million), followed by professional, scientific & technical activities (CI\$150.1 million), and hotel & restaurant services with CI\$116.8 million.

The four largest contributors to operating surplus/mixed-income in 2019 accounted for 76.3 percent of the total. This reflects a continued decline compared to the 78.1 percent recorded in 2018, 79.0 percent in 2017, and 79.2 percent in 2016.

4.3.3 Consumption of fixed capital

TABLE 14: CONSUMPTION OF FIXED CAPITAL (CI\$'000)						
INDUSTRY	2014	2015	2016	2017^R	2018^R	2019
Agriculture & Fishing	637.1	634.5	661.6	685.1	708.6	747.5
Mining & Quarrying	1,487.9	1,462.7	1,482.4	1,633.3	1,647.8	1,632.3
Manufacturing	2,332.5	2,496.7	2,405.6	2,535.5	2,500.4	2,684.9
Electricity, Gas & Air Conditioning Supply	20,759.3	22,220.8	25,029.7	26,226.4	28,520.8	30,442.2
Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management	5,881.9	5,071.2	5,573.8	7,452.0	7,543.7	8,212.1
Construction	3,018.2	3,417.4	3,551.3	4,044.5	4,537.2	5,084.4
Wholesale & Retail Trade	23,552.8	23,666.2	23,869.6	24,280.7	24,567.6	26,241.0
Transport & Storage	11,274.0	11,223.5	11,601.3	13,314.5	15,766.8	16,315.5
Hotels & Restaurants	5,837.8	5,619.1	5,554.9	5,568.4	5,231.4	5,688.7
Information & Communication	23,109.5	20,364.2	19,157.0	20,812.8	19,654.3	20,290.8
Financial & Insurance Services	26,800.2	27,286.6	28,421.0	29,857.9	31,471.8	31,486.1
Real Estate Activities	50,986.0	51,023.4	51,545.6	54,328.6	53,357.0	55,209.7
Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities	10,903.0	10,510.4	10,514.1	8,653.7	7,235.0	7,717.9
Administrative & Support Service Activities	5,387.5	5,905.6	6,123.3	6,450.6	6,789.8	7,067.8
Public Administration & Defense	14,063.5	14,667.0	15,253.4	17,197.0	17,274.0	19,244.0
Education Services	6,069.9	6,070.2	6,096.7	9,343.5	10,106.4	10,840.6
Health and Social Work	8,095.8	8,122.5	7,551.8	7,909.7	8,098.1	8,546.3
Other Services	4,246.6	4,177.4	5,899.2	5,958.0	6,001.0	5,482.7
TOTAL	224,443.5	223,939.2	230,292.0	246,251.9	251,011.7	262,934.3

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As presented in Table 14 above, the largest share of consumption of fixed capital (i.e. depreciation) in 2019 occurred in real estate services (CI\$55.2 million) due to the level of fixed assets involved in the activity. This is followed by financial & insurance services (CI\$31.5 million), electricity, gas & air conditioning supply services (CI\$30.4 million), wholesale and retail trade activities (CI\$26.2 million), and information and communication services (CI\$20.3 million). The share of depreciation for electricity services and information and communication services is disproportionately large relative to their share of GDP because of the capital-intensive nature of these activities.

4.3.4 Taxes less subsidies on production and imports

TABLE 15: TAXES less SUBSIDIES ON PRODUCTION AND IMPORTS (CI\$'000)						
INDUSTRY	2014	2015	2016	2017^R	2018^R	2019
Other Taxes less Subsidies on Production	333,824.2	331,888.9	351,575.7	371,265.9	377,598.3	401,472.7
Agriculture & Fishing	275.8	340.6	362.6	394.9	416.8	434.9
Mining & Quarrying	339.0	357.0	385.5	426.1	405.9	367.4
Manufacturing	1,020.9	947.2	912.9	952.3	1,004.8	1,141.3
Electricity, Gas & Air Conditioning Supply	1,709.1	1,790.7	1,895.3	1,745.6	1,553.6	1,681.0
Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management	598.5	577.3	624.1	651.0	582.1	696.0
Construction	7,631.7	8,244.7	8,771.4	10,683.3	12,313.8	13,635.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	10,150.1	11,143.1	12,664.3	13,696.8	13,564.9	13,944.7
Transport & Storage	1,602.3	1,708.2	2,134.4	2,363.7	2,704.3	2,782.4
Hotels & Restaurants	5,704.1	6,829.5	7,307.9	7,637.3	7,518.4	7,724.0
Information & Communication	11,369.3	11,522.2	12,200.3	13,238.3	11,588.7	13,173.1
Financial & Insurance Services	230,293.2	223,914.9	232,862.1	237,568.8	241,644.1	255,334.3
Real Estate Activities	1,396.7	1,498.2	1,587.4	1,655.8	1,763.6	1,764.5
Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities	51,534.2	52,386.7	58,631.9	67,732.0	70,271.2	76,131.9
Administrative & Support Service Activities	4,083.7	4,351.6	4,739.1	5,331.5	5,172.7	5,289.8
Public Administration & Defense	157.4	199.4	134.1	198.4	253.5	233.3
Education Services	405.5	393.3	421.2	447.3	491.8	533.2
Health and Social Work	2,409.1	2,708.5	2,896.1	3,366.6	3,266.3	3,487.0
Other Services	3,143.6	2,976.0	3,045.2	3,176.4	3,081.9	3,118.5
Taxes less Subsidies on Products	206,481.6	203,152.6	223,137.9	227,470.6	280,480.8	284,133.6
TOTAL	540,305.8	535,041.5	574,713.6	598,736.5	658,079.2	685,606.4

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Table 15 shows two data sets:

1. Other taxes on production net of other subsidies on production charged to industries; and
2. Taxes net of subsidies charged to buyers of products and imports.

There was an increase in the share of other taxes less subsidies on production (i.e. net other taxes on production) in total taxes in 2019 resulting from a larger increase in this component (6.3%) than that posted for taxes less subsidies on products (1.3%). The share of net other taxes on production increased to 58.6 percent of the total in 2019 from 57.4 percent in 2018. The value of net taxes on production reached CI\$401.5 million in 2019, moving from CI\$377.6 million in 2018. This increase is due in part to higher revenue generated from financial service licences, and work permit fees.

The industry breakdown of net other taxes on production shows that financial and insurance services accounted for 63.6 percent of the total in 2019, declining from 64.0 percent in 2018. This represents the largest decline in the share of net other taxes on production of all industries. The largest increase in share was posted by professional, scientific & technical activities (mainly legal & accounting services), moving to 19.0 percent in 2019 from 18.6 percent in 2018. Despite the decline in the share of financial & insurance services in 2019, the industry remains a significant revenue generator for the government.

5. GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ESTIMATES-THE EXPENDITURE APPROACH

5.1 Introduction

GDP by expenditure (GDPE) constitutes all final expenditures by households and government, investments, and exports minus imports. In other words, GDPE measures GDP as the sum of the final purchases of goods and services. Added to final purchases is the value of exports, which represents goods and services produced domestically and sold to non-resident households and businesses. Imports are subtracted as they represent goods and services produced by other economies. GDPE represents the third approach to calculating GDP in the Cayman Islands, adding to the other two approaches, i.e. GDP by the production approach (GDPP) and GDP by the income approach (GDPI) as presented earlier in Chapters 3 and 4. See Appendix A1.5 for a more detailed explanation of GDPE and the compilation methodology.

5.2 GDP by expenditure (GDPE)

The estimated nominal GDP (calculated using the expenditure approach) for the Cayman Islands grew to CI\$4,884.8 million in 2019 from the CI\$4,546.8 million recorded for 2018. This increase added to the growth experienced for the previous three years, CI\$4,347.3 million recorded in 2017, CI\$4,100.2 million in 2016, and CI\$3923.5 million in 2015. The performance in 2019 resulted from growth in three of the four components of GDPE, namely final consumption expenditure (FCE), gross fixed capital formation (GFCF), and changes in inventories. This expansion was, however, tempered by the decline in net exports, which was decreasing for the second consecutive year.

Table 16 below presents a detailed disaggregation of the components of nominal GDPE. The largest expenditure component - Household Final Consumption Expenditure (HFCE) - contributed CI\$2,596.6 million to nominal GDPE in 2019. Net exports contributed the second-largest share (CI\$942.9 million), followed by gross fixed capital formation (CI\$815.4 million), final consumption expenditure of general government (CI\$487.4

million), final consumption expenditure of non-profit institution serving households (CI\$32.1 million), and changes in inventories (CI\$10.5 million).

CAYMAN ISLANDS GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY EXPENDITURE					
TABLE 16: GDP BY EXPENDITURE AT CURRENT PURCHASERS' PRICES (CI\$'000)					
Expenditure Components	2015	2016	2017^R	2018^R	2019
Final Consumption Expenditure:	2,483,963.6	2,603,872.5	2,688,409.7	2,834,664.2	3,116,082.8
Households	2,089,115.0	2,179,271.8	2,244,417.5	2,366,545.9	2,596,581.9
General Government	365,201.6	394,453.1	411,664.5	434,073.5	487,405.7
Non-Profit Institutions Serving Households	29,647.0	30,147.6	32,327.6	34,044.8	32,095.1
Gross Fixed Capital Formation:	538,113.1	560,227.8	606,110.3	727,102.5	815,362.5
Buildings and Infrastructure	286,395.4	304,225.0	319,145.2	357,202.3	404,189.0
Machinery and Equipment	123,243.7	103,202.7	111,054.1	128,435.8	124,848.3
Transport Equipment	26,712.3	28,072.8	39,436.7	49,429.8	63,176.2
Office and Computing Machinery	21,553.1	25,690.3	27,807.0	44,417.2	36,784.9
Other Capital Goods ¹	80,208.7	99,036.9	108,667.4	147,617.4	186,364.2
Changes in Inventories	2,132.0	2,864.4	11,475.2	5,774.1	10,516.1
Net Exports:	899,248.2	933,235.0	1,041,258.7	979,261.8	942,857.6
Exports of Goods and Services ²	2,522,673.9	2,621,032.8	2,910,309.1	3,077,415.5	3,189,243.2
Less Imports of Goods and Services	1,623,425.6	1,687,797.7	1,869,050.4	2,098,153.7	2,246,385.7
Statistical Discrepancy	0.0	(9,114.3)	(53,183.1)	55,201.4	61,457.7
GDP by Expenditure at Purchasers' Prices	3,923,457.0	4,100,199.8	4,347,253.9	4,546,802.5	4,884,818.9
GDP by Production at Purchasers' Prices	3,923,457.0	4,091,085.5	4,294,070.9	4,602,003.9	4,946,276.6

Notes:

1. Other capital goods include cultivated biological assets, intellectual property products, cost of ownership transfer on non produced assets and acquisitions less disposal of valuables.
2. Total exports here deviates from the total exports published in the BOP report as the figure here excludes goods under merchanting which is currently excluded from the GDP by production estimates as the data was not available during the 2015 base year estimates.

The table also shows a comparison of GDP calculated using the production approach, which is the reference methodology used to compile GDP for the Cayman Islands. The table shows the discrepancy between GDPE and the reference methodology (GDPP).¹⁹

¹⁹The discrepancy is due to the wide variety of data sources that are used to compile GDPP and GDPE and the fact that any error in any source will lead to a difference between the GDPP and GDPE results. The discrepancy is attached to the GDPE as (based on data sources) the GDPP estimates are relatively more robust and hence is used as the reference estimates for the Cayman Islands.

Table 17 shows the estimated values of expenditure on real (inflation-adjusted) GDP, which grew to CI\$4,448.9 million in 2019 from the CI\$4,271.9 million in 2018, CI\$4,160.0 million in 2017, CI\$4,052.7 million in 2016 and CI\$3,923.5 million in 2015. Similar to the nominal values, inflation-adjusted household final consumption expenditure dominates as the largest single expenditure item reaching CI\$2,429.8 million in 2019. This was followed by real net exports (CI\$793.3 million), real gross fixed capital formation (CI\$752.3 million), final consumption expenditure of general government (CI\$436.2 million), final consumption expenditure of NPISH (CI\$28.4 million), and changes in inventories (CI\$9.0 million).

CAYMAN ISLANDS GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY EXPENDITURE					
TABLE 17: GDP BY EXPENDITURE AT CONSTANT PURCHASERS' PRICES, 2015=100 (CI\$'000)					
Expenditure Components	2015	2016	2017^R	2018^R	2019
Final Consumption Expenditure:	2,483,963.6	2,601,781.7	2,646,232.0	2,737,381.0	2,894,360.5
Households	2,089,115.0	2,183,000.0	2,217,221.0	2,303,761.5	2,429,808.2
General Government	365,201.6	388,739.6	397,150.5	401,993.2	436,155.3
Non-Profit Institutions Serving Households	29,647.0	30,042.1	31,860.5	31,626.3	28,397.0
Gross Fixed Capital Formation:	538,113.1	568,801.7	596,672.6	700,648.0	752,259.7
Buildings and Infrastructure	286,395.4	302,935.5	309,162.5	332,367.1	358,806.8
Machinery and Equipment	123,243.7	104,774.6	112,783.6	128,513.9	124,356.2
Transport Equipment	26,712.3	28,300.0	39,734.4	49,380.7	63,025.1
Office and Computing Machinery	21,553.1	28,327.0	32,934.9	53,745.3	46,224.5
Other Capital Goods ¹	80,208.7	104,464.6	102,057.3	136,641.0	159,847.1
Changes in Inventories	2,132.0	2,764.9	10,814.4	5,440.6	8,967.0
Net Exports:	899,248.2	879,303.1	905,983.8	828,428.6	793,320.1
Exports of Goods and Services	2,522,673.9	2,556,608.5	2,715,148.6	2,809,966.3	2,865,867.4
Less Imports of Goods and Services	1,623,425.6	1,677,305.4	1,809,164.8	1,981,537.7	2,072,547.3
Statistical Discrepancy	0.0	(2,075.4)	19,845.3	82,954.5	72,174.5
GDP by Expenditure at Purchasers' Prices	3,923,457.0	4,052,651.4	4,159,702.9	4,271,898.2	4,448,907.2
GDP by Production at Purchasers' Prices	3,923,457.0	4,050,576.0	4,179,548.2	4,354,852.7	4,521,081.8

Notes:

1. Other capital goods include cultivated biological assets, intellectual property products, cost of ownership transfer on non produced assets and acquisitions less disposal of valuables.

5.3 GDPE rates of growth by component

Table 18 shows the growth in the nominal values of the expenditure components of GDP. All components posted positive performances in 2019 except for the final consumption of NPISH, and net exports. The performance in 2019 resulted from growth in HFCE (9.7%), final consumption expenditure of general government (12.3%), GFCF (12.1%), and changes in inventories (82.1%). The performance was tempered by the declines in the final consumption expenditure of NPISH (5.7%), and net exports (3.7%).

CAYMAN ISLANDS GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY EXPENDITURE				
TABLE 18: RATE OF GROWTH OF GDP BY EXPENDITURE AT CURRENT PRICES (CI\$'000)				
Expenditure Components	Percentage Growth			
	2016	2017 ^R	2018 ^R	2019
Final Consumption Expenditure:	4.8	3.2	5.4	9.9
Households (HFCE)	4.3	3.0	5.4	9.7
General Government	8.0	4.4	5.4	12.3
Non-Profit Institutions Serving Households	1.7	7.2	5.3	(5.7)
Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF)	4.1	8.2	20.0	12.1
Changes in Inventories	34.4	300.6	(49.7)	82.1
Net Exports	3.8	11.6	(6.0)	(3.7)
Exports of Goods and Services	3.9	11.0	5.7	3.6
Less Imports of Goods and Services	4.0	10.7	12.3	7.1

The growth rates of the expenditure component of GDP in real (inflation-adjusted) terms are shown in Table 19. There was growth posted for HFCE (5.5%), final consumption expenditure of general government (8.5%), GFCF (7.4%), and changes in inventory (64.8%). The growth was lowered by the declines in final consumption expenditure of non-profit institutions serving households (10.2%), and net exports (4.2%).

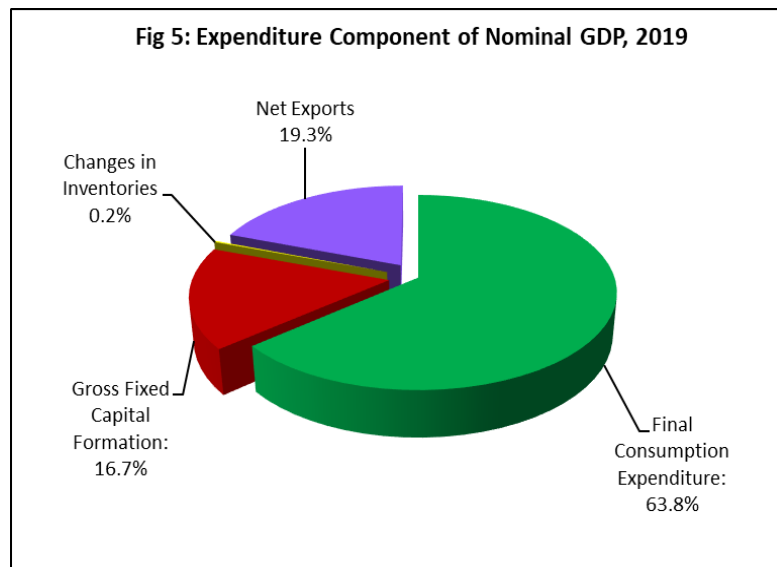
CAYMAN ISLANDS GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY EXPENDITURE				
TABLE 19: RATE OF GROWTH OF GDP BY EXPENDITURE AT CONSTANT PRICES, 2015=100 (CI\$'000)				
Expenditure Components	Percentage Growth			
	2016	2017 ^R	2018 ^R	2019
Final Consumption Expenditure:	4.7	1.7	3.4	5.7
Households (HFCE)	4.5	1.6	3.9	5.5
General Government	6.4	2.2	1.2	8.5
Non-Profit Institutions Serving Households	1.3	6.1	(0.7)	(10.2)
Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF)	5.7	4.9	17.4	7.4
Changes in Inventories	29.7	291.1	(49.7)	64.8
Net Exports	(2.2)	3.0	(8.6)	(4.2)
Exports of Goods and Services	1.3	6.2	3.5	2.0
Less Imports of Goods and Services	3.3	7.9	9.5	4.6

5.4 Contribution to GDPE by component

Table 20 shows the contributions of the individual expenditure components to the overall nominal GDPE.

CAYMAN ISLANDS GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY EXPENDITURE					
TABLE 20: PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION TO GDPE AT CURRENT PRICES (CI\$'000)					
Expenditure Components	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Final Consumption Expenditure:	63.3	63.5	61.8	62.3	63.8
Households (HFCE)	53.2	53.2	51.6	52.0	53.2
General Government and NPISH	10.1	10.4	10.2	10.3	10.6
Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF)	13.7	13.7	13.9	16.0	16.7
Changes in Inventories	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Net Exports	22.9	22.8	24.0	21.5	19.3
GDP by Expenditure at Purchasers' Prices	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

The table shows the continued dominance of HFCE as the main contributor to nominal GDPE. This is reinforced by the graphical display of the component shares for 2019 shown in Figure 5. FCE increased its contribution to 63.8 percent in 2019 from a share of 62.3 percent in 2018 further increasing its dominance in the category. This also represents the highest contribution ever recorded for this component over the five years, outstripping the previous highest of 63.5 percent in 2016. The lowest contribution over the period (61.8%) was posted in 2017. Notwithstanding the decline in net exports from 21.5 percent in 2018 to 19.3 percent in 2019, this category maintained its relative ranking as the second-largest contributor to GDPE. The 24.0 percent contribution in 2017 is still the highest contribution ever recorded by this component. GFCF registered its highest contribution in 2019 (16.7%) following a previous high of 16.0 percent in 2018. The category had three consecutive years of increasing contribution, posting 13.9 percent in



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2017 and 13.7 percent in both 2016 and 2015. The contribution of the aggregate of final consumption expenditure of general government and NPISH also registered the highest year of contribution in 2019 (10.6%) following the 10.3 percent in 2018, 10.2 in 2017, 10.4 in 2016, and 10.1 percent in 2015. Figure 5 provides a graphical display of the share of the expenditure components of nominal GDP for 2019.

5.5 Expenditure components of GDP

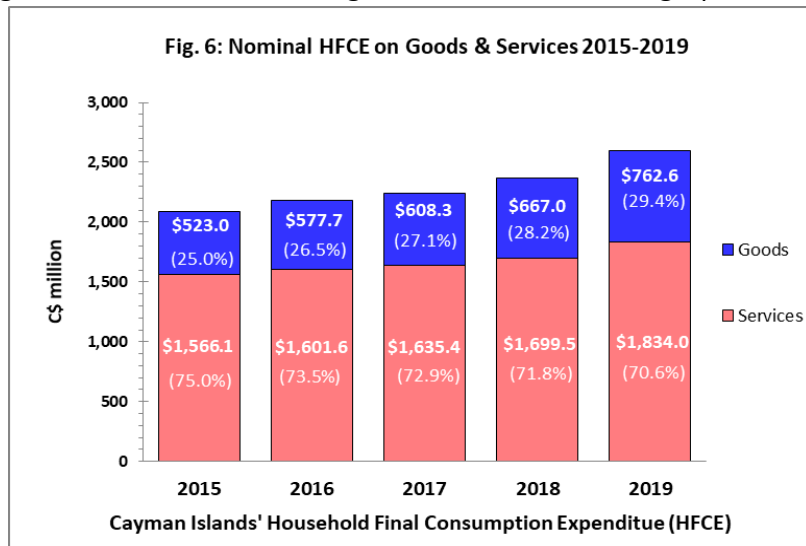
This section examines in detail the performance of the individual expenditure components on GDP.

5.5.1 Household final consumption expenditure (HFCE)

HFCE consists of expenditures incurred by resident households on the consumption of goods and services, whether that expenditure is incurred within the economic territory or abroad.

Figure 6 shows a disaggregation of nominal HFCE on goods and services. The graph shows

minor changes in the split between expenditure on goods versus expenditure on services. For 2019, Cayman resident households purchased a total of CI\$762.6 million in goods. This represents an increase on the CI\$667.0 million in 2018, CI\$608.3 million in 2017, CI\$577.7 million in 2016



and CI\$577.7 million in 2016 and CI\$523.0 million in 2015. In 2019, for the fifth consecutive year, food & beverage purchases dominated household expenditure on goods.

The share of expenditure on goods increased for a fifth consecutive year to reach 29.4 percent of total HFCE in 2019. The growth in 2019 adds to the shares posted in 2018 (28.2%), 2017 (27.1%), 2016 (26.5%), and 2015 (25.0%).

In terms of the expenditure on services, Cayman residents consumed CI\$1,834.0 million in services in 2019 when compared to CI\$1,699.5 million in 2018. This follows on the

CI\$1,635.4 million in 2017, CI\$1,601.6 million in 2016, and CI\$1,566.1 million in 2015. Expenditure on services was dominated by actual & imputed rent, financial & insurance services, medical services, hotel & restaurant services, and transport services.

Despite a marginal decline in its share in 2019 relative to 2018, the purchase of services dominated the composition of HFCE, accounting for 70.6 percent in 2019. This is lower than the 71.8 percent in 2018 and shows the continued contraction in share from 72.9 percent in 2017, 73.5 percent in 2016, and 75.0 percent in 2015.

5.5.2 Government final consumption expenditure (GFCE)

GFCE is derived as the output of general government less any sales of goods and services by the government. It includes government purchases of goods and services from businesses and distributed as social transfers to households.

In nominal terms, GFCE continues its year-on-year increase to reach CI\$487.4 million in 2019. This adds to the CI\$434.1 million in 2018, CI\$411.7 million in 2017, CI\$394.5 million in 2016, and CI\$365.2 million in 2015.²⁰

5.5.3 Final consumption expenditure of NPISH

Non-profit institutions serving households (NPISH) are private, voluntary, non-market producers who provide goods or services to households for free or at prices below market prices. Similar to GFCE, the FCE of NPISH is derived as the output of these entities less any sales of goods and services and is compiled from their production accounts from the GDP compilation.

In 2019, final consumption expenditure of NPISH declined to CI\$32.1 million from the CI\$34.0 million in 2018, CI\$32.3 million in 2017, CI\$30.1 million in 2016, and CI\$29.6 million in 2015.²⁰

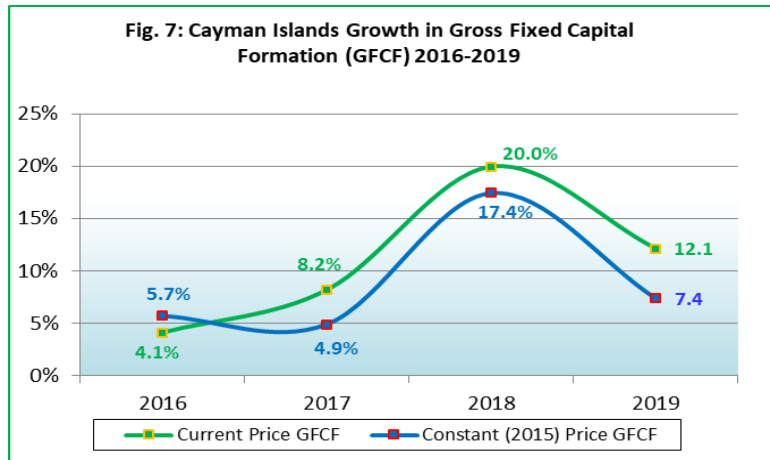
5.5.4 Gross fixed capital formation (GFCF)

Gross fixed capital formation (GFCF) relates to the addition less disposal of fixed assets. For businesses and government, fixed assets are those used repeatedly or continuously in the production process over multiple accounting periods. For households, fixed assets relate to additions to the stock of residential buildings and major improvements to the existing stock.

²⁰See Table 16

Figure 7 presents the growth in GFCF in both nominal and real terms for 2016 to 2019.

The graph shows the current price GFCF increasing year-on-year in for the review period, albeit at varying rates of increase. Current price GFCF grew by 12.1 percent in 2019, a decline of the 20.0 percent growth posted in 2018. This followed on growths of 8.2 percent and 4.1 percent in 2017 and 2016, respectively.



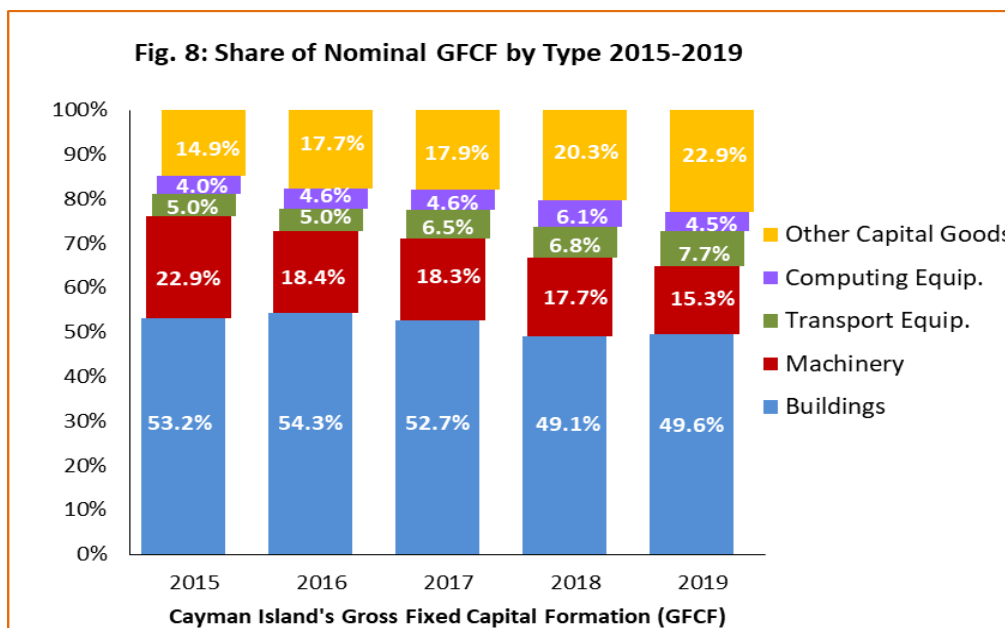
The positive outturn increased the current price GFCF to CI\$815.4 million in 2019, from CI\$727.1 million in 2018.

Table 21 and Figure 8 provides a disaggregation of GFCF by type and shows the value of the components and their contribution to total GFCF. It disaggregates GFCF into buildings & other infrastructure, machinery & equipment, transport equipment, office & computing machinery, and other capital goods.

CAYMAN ISLANDS GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY EXPENDITURE					
TABLE 21: GROSS FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION BY TYPE AT CURRENT PRICES (CI\$'000)					
Expenditure Component	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Gross Fixed Capital Formation:	538,113.1	560,227.8	606,110.3	727,102.5	815,362.5
Buildings and Infrastructure	286,395.4	304,225.0	319,145.2	357,202.3	404,189.0
Machinery and Equipment	123,243.7	103,202.7	111,054.1	128,435.8	124,848.3
Transport Equipment	26,712.3	28,072.8	39,436.7	49,429.8	63,176.2
Office and Computing Machinery	21,553.1	25,690.3	27,807.0	44,417.2	36,784.9
Other Capital Goods ¹	80,208.7	99,036.9	108,667.4	147,617.4	186,364.2

Notes:

1. Other capital goods include cultivated biological assets, intellectual property products, cost of ownership transfer on non produced assets and acquisitions less disposal of valuables.



Buildings & infrastructure continues to be the largest component of GFCF. The share of the addition to the stock of buildings & infrastructure declined in 2019 to 49.6 percent (CI\$404.2 million) from 49.1 percent (CI\$357.2 million) in 2018, and 52.7 percent (CI\$319.1 million) in 2017.

The value of the addition to the stock of machinery & equipment (compiled from merchandise imports data) amounted to CI\$124.8 million in 2019. This adds to the CI\$128.4 million in 2018, CI\$111.1 million in 2017, CI\$103.2 million in 2016, and CI\$123.2 million in 2015. Machinery and equipment maintained its third place in the ranking despite the continued decline in share over the period. The share of machinery & equipment reached 15.3 percent in 2019, having slipped from second place in 2017. The decline in share in 2019 follows 17.7 percent in 2018, 18.3 percent in 2017, 18.4 percent in 2016, and 22.9 percent in 2015.

The value of transport equipment in GFCF represents expenditure by businesses on this type of asset. The component maintained its fourth-place ranking in 2019 posting a value of CI\$63.2 million (7.7%). This follows the CI\$49.4 million (6.8%) in 2018, CI\$39.4 million (6.5%) in 2017, CI\$28.1 million (5.0%) in 2016, and CI\$26.7 million (5.0%) in 2015.

The share of GFCF for office & computing machinery remained in fifth place in 2019 with an even lower share (4.5%) when compared to 2018 (6.1%). The contraction in share resulted in a value of CI\$ 36.8 million in 2019 for the GFCF for office & computing machinery, a decline from the CI\$44.4 million in 2018. This follows CI\$27.8 million (4.6%) in 2017, CI\$25.7 million (4.6%) in 2016, and CI\$21.6 million (4.0%) in 2015.

Other capital goods increased their relative share to 22.9 percent (CI\$186.4 million) in 2019 compared to 20.3 percent (CI\$147.6 million) in 2018. This reflects the continued increase for the past four consecutive years. This component posted value of CI\$108.7 million (17.9 %) in 2017, CI\$99.0 million (17.7%) in 2016, and CI\$80.2 million (14.9%) in 2015.

5.5.5 Changes in inventories

The derivation of the value of changes in inventories is based on estimates of stock changes (of goods produced or purchased) reported by businesses on the annual business survey. The nominal value of changes in inventories was estimated at CI\$10.5 million in 2019 up from CI\$5.8 million in 2018, CI\$11.5 million in 2017, CI\$2.9 million in 2016, and CI\$2.1 million in 2015.²¹ The significant increase in 2019 was mainly from activity in construction services.

5.5.6 Net export of goods and services (X-M)

Net export refers to exports less imports of goods and services. Imports and exports have opposite effects on GDP; exports add to GDP and imports subtract from GDP.

CAYMAN ISLANDS GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY EXPENDITURE					
TABLE 22: EXPORT & IMPORTS AT CURRENT PRICES (CI\$'000)					
Expenditure Components	2015	2016	2017	2018 ^R	2019
Net Exports:	899,248.2	933,235.0	1,041,258.7	979,261.8	942,857.6
Exports of Goods and Services	2,522,673.9	2,621,032.8	2,910,309.1	3,077,415.5	3,189,243.2
Exports of Goods ¹	163,739.2	177,337.9	167,016.4	184,267.5	203,088.9
Exports of Services	2,358,934.7	2,443,694.8	2,743,292.8	2,893,147.9	2,986,154.3
Imports of Goods and Services	1,623,425.6	1,687,797.7	1,869,050.4	2,098,153.7	2,246,385.7
Imports of Goods	821,029.3	852,621.8	914,762.1	1,042,810.2	1,183,329.9
Imports of Services	802,396.3	835,175.9	954,288.4	1,055,343.5	1,063,055.8

Notes:

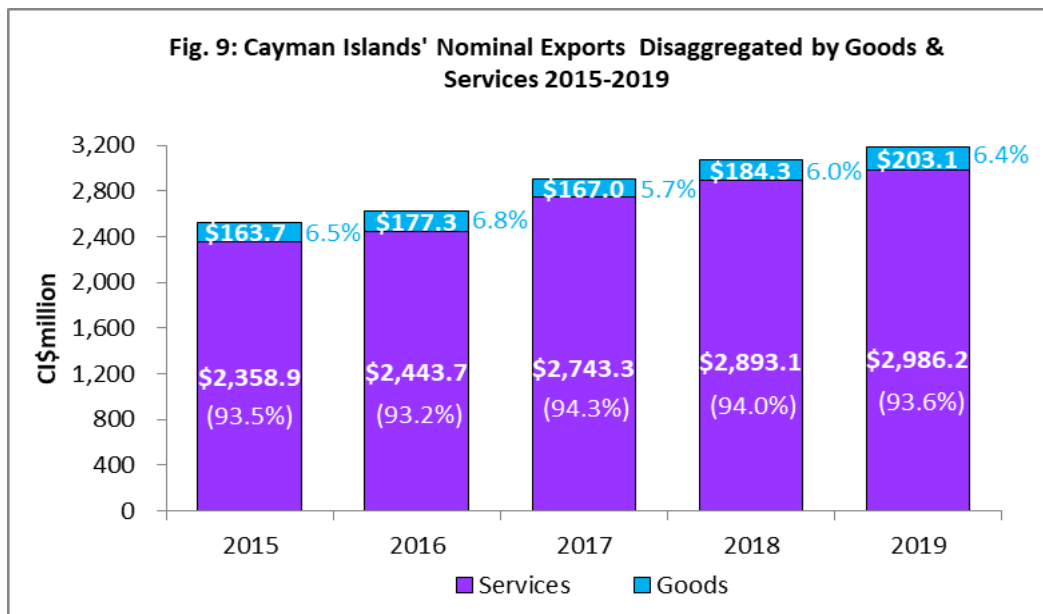
1. Exports of goods here deviates from the figure published in the BOP report as the figure here excludes goods under merchandising which is currently excluded from the GDP by production estimates as the data was not available during the 2015 base year estimates.

Net exports of goods and services at current prices for 2019 was CI\$942.9 million resulting from exports of CI\$3,189.2 million and imports of CI\$2,246.4 million. Net exports declined

²¹See Table 16

for the second consecutive year, contracting by 3.7 percent in 2019 after declining by 6.0 percent in 2018. Total exports and imports increased year on year for the entire review period.

Figure 9 shows the disaggregation of total exports into goods and services in terms of value and share. Export of services for 2019 amounted to CI\$2,986.2 million, increasing from CI\$2,893.1 million in 2018, CI\$2,743.3 million in 2017, CI\$2,443.7 million in 2016, and CI\$2,358.9 million in 2015. The bar graph shows the clear domination of services in total exports as the Cayman economy is primarily service-based in terms of GDP. Services accounted for 93.6 percent of total exports in 2019, declining from 94.0 percent in 2018, and 94.3 percent in 2017. This decline in the share of services reverses the increase recorded in 2017 when the share moved from 93.2 percent in 2016 to 94.3 percent in 2017.

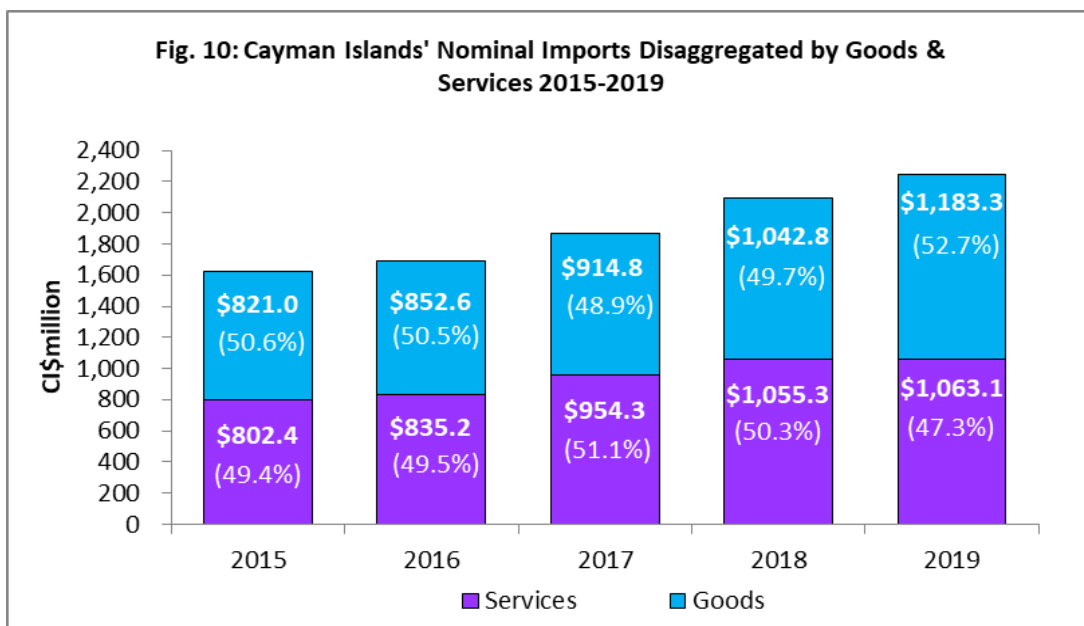


Total export of goods from the Cayman Islands reached CI\$203.1 million in 2019. This represents an increase on the CI\$184.3 million realized in 2018, CI\$167.0 million in 2017, CI\$177.3 million in 2016, and CI\$163.7 million in 2015. The share of goods in total export was 6.4 percent in 2019, 6.0 percent in 2018, 5.7 percent in 2017, 6.8 percent in 2016, and 6.5 percent in 2015. The export of goods is dominated by the on-island purchases of visitors, i.e. tourist expenditure on goods. Goods exported would also include the purchase of aviation fuel (from local suppliers) by foreign airlines.

The disaggregation of total imports into goods imports and service imports reflect a more equal split when compared to total exports. Total imports grew by 7.1 percent in 2019 to

reach CI\$2,246.4 million, from CI\$2,098.2 million in 2018. The increase in imports in 2019 was due predominantly to the growth in goods import, which increased by 13.5 percent while import of services grew by 0.7 percent.

Services accounted for 47.3 percent of imports in 2019 after declining in share from 50.3 percent in 2018, and 51.1 percent in 2017. There was CI\$1,063.1 million in services imported by Cayman Islands’ resident individuals and companies in 2019, a marginal increase on the CI\$1,055.3 million in 2018, CI\$954.3 million in 2017, CI\$835.2 million in 2016, and CI\$802.4 million in 2015.



The share of goods in total imports increased to over 50 percent for the first time since 2016, moving to 52.7 percent in 2019 from 49.7 percent in 2018, 48.9 percent in 2017, 50.5 percent in 2016, and 50.6 percent in 2015. The increase in the share of goods imports in total imports results as the growth in goods imports far outstrips the growth in service imports in the period. The importation of all goods aggregated to CI\$1,183.3 million in 2019, from CI\$ 1,042.8 in 2018, and CI\$914.8 in 2017.

APPENDIX 1: KEY CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

A1.1 Classifications in the National Accounts

The main building blocks in the system of national accounts are classifications. These are used in different ways and situations throughout the system. The system of national accounts involves a large number of economic transactions in goods and services that are undertaken by a number of economic agents. The function of the national accounts is to organize and group the basic units of transactions to provide meaningful information. The classification system also guarantees comparability over time and internationally.

The Cayman Islands' national accounts use the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC) for the classifications of industries, as follows (see also Appendix 3):

- i. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
- ii. Mining and Quarrying
- iii. Manufacturing
- iv. Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply
- v. Water Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities
- vi. Construction
- vii. Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles
- viii. Transport and Storage
- ix. Accommodation and Food Service Activities
- x. Information and Communication
- xi. Financial and Insurance Activities
- xii. Real Estate Activities
- xiii. Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities
- xiv. Administrative and Support Service Activities
- xv. Public Administration and Defense; Compulsory Social Security
- xvi. Education
- xvii. Health and Social Work
- xviii. Other Services

It should be noted that establishments owned or controlled by the government are excluded from the industry "Public Administration and Defense" using the following criteria:

- (a) if the prices they charge for the goods and services they produce are economically significant;
- (b) if they are operated and managed like a corporation; and

- (c) if they have a complete set of accounts such that their operating surplus, savings, assets and liabilities can be separately identified and measured. These establishments are included in the industries in which their principal activity falls.

A1.2 Measuring Gross Domestic Product (GDP) using the Production Approach

This approach calculates GDP as the sum of the value added of all industries in the economy. This is the difference between gross output (essentially sales) of producers and the value of their intermediate inputs. Intermediate inputs refer to goods and services that are used up in the production process, excluding fixed assets whose consumption is recorded as consumption of fixed capital, i.e. purchases of commodities that are used up in the production of other commodities:

$$\text{Gross Output} - \text{Intermediate Input} = \text{Value Added}$$

The production account for industries allows for the compilation of GDP using the production approach. It records the production of goods and services as defined by the production boundary. The output generated from the production process is recorded as a resource on the left-hand side of the 'T' account and the inputs used up in the production process is recorded as a use on the right-hand side of the account. The value added is the balancing item for this account.

Production Account of a Producer

Uses (Debit)		Resources (Credit)	
Intermediate consumption	30	Gross Output	100
		<i>Market</i>	95
		<i>For own final use</i>	5
		<i>Other non-market</i>	0
Gross Value Added	70		

A1.2.1 Valuation of output, intermediate consumption and value added

Output can be valued at either basic or producers' prices. The SNA 2008 recommends basic prices for the valuation of output; intermediate consumption should be valued at purchasers' price.

GDP estimates in this report are presented in both basic prices and purchaser's (market) prices. The main difference between basic and purchasers' price is the taxes less subsidies (or net taxes) on products. A tax on a product is a tax that is payable per unit of some good or service. The tax may be a specific amount of money per unit or a specified percentage of the value of the goods or services. In the Cayman Islands, taxes on products

are primarily taxes and duties on imports, stamp duty and other taxes on product excluding taxes and duties on imports (e.g. hotel occupancy tax).

Basic price is defined as the amount receivable by the producer from the purchase of a unit of good or service less any tax payable, plus any subsidy receivable as a consequence of its production or sale. Separately invoiced transport charges by the producer are excluded.

Producer's price (net of all valued tax (VAT)) is the amount receivable by the producer from the purchase of a unit of good or service less any VAT invoiced to the purchaser. Separately invoiced transport charges by the producer are excluded.

Purchaser's value is the amount paid by the purchaser, excluding any deductible VAT but includes any transport charges paid separately by the purchaser for the delivery of the goods.

The above three concepts are related as follows:

- Basic Price
 - plus* taxes on product excluding VAT
 - less* subsidies on product
- Equals Producer's Price
 - plus* trade and transport margins
 - plus* non- deductible VAT
- Equals Purchaser's Price

It should be noted that in the Cayman Islands, there is no VAT; hence, producers' prices is the same as purchasers' price if there are no trade and transport margins.

A1.3 Measuring Gross Domestic Product at Constant Prices

The change in GDP results from the contribution of (i) the quantity of goods and services produced and (ii) the price at which these goods and services are sold. GDP at current prices reflects both these contributions as the production of the period is measured at the prices at that period. GDP at constant prices, on the other hand, reflects only the change in quantities produced. This indicator measures the production of the period at the prices of another period referred to as the base year.

GDP at constant price is a measure of the real growth, which takes place within an economy. The rate of change of GDP at constant prices from period to period is often used to assess the economic performance of a country as it shows only the change in the volume of goods and services produced as the price effect is removed. In theory,

correcting for inflation refers to the process of revaluing current production using the average prices prevailing in the base year as follows:

$$\text{GDP at current prices} = \text{Quantity}_t \times \text{Price}_t$$

(Current quantities of goods and services produced multiplied by their current prices)

$$\text{GDP at constant prices} = \text{Quantity}_t \times \text{Price}_0$$

(Current quantities of goods and services produced multiplied by their prices in a year chosen as the base year)²².

Movement in GDP at constant prices over time indicates whether the economy is growing or is in decline. An increase in GDP at constant prices means that output is growing faster than the rate of inflation and hence the economy is considered to be growing. The reverse would be true for a fall in GDP at constant prices.

The explanation given above is an oversimplification of the actual computation but is necessary to convey what the process is intended to accomplish. The final estimates of GDP contain different components, which all have to be adjusted for inflation. Even though the process of deflation varies depending on the industry, the process always entails the compilation of indices. The deflation process can be effected by either directly deflating the current price estimates with a price index (usually the CPI) or by extrapolating the base year estimates by a volume index.²³ The two approaches might also be used simultaneously.

The process recommended by the SNA to estimate GDP at constant prices is to deflate both gross output and intermediate consumption separately and then subtract the latter from the former. The recommendation is that estimations be made for both gross output and intermediate consumption at constant prices; taking the difference would yield GDP at constant prices. This is referred to as double deflation, though intuitively appealing, it is difficult to apply in practice as it requires detailed data of good quality on price indicators for both gross output and intermediate inputs.

The alternative to double deflation is the use of a single indicator to extrapolate the GDP at constant prices or deflate GDP at current prices. Although single indicators are unsuitable in industries where the relationship between value-added, gross output and intermediate consumption vary significantly from one year to the other, they are less

²² The current base year for the Cayman Islands System of National Accounts is 2015.

²³ In the base year the current and constant estimates are the same.

sensitive to errors in other industries and hence extensively used.²⁴ The single indicator method was the method of choice for the Cayman Islands and hence is discussed below in more detail.

The single indicator method used in the Cayman Islands is the extrapolation of base year value added by a volume index of gross output. Where relevant quantity data were available, the volume index was calculated directly. In the absence of quantity data, the volume index was calculated indirectly by deflating gross output at current prices by the appropriate price index from the CPI. This approach tends to be the most frequently used single indicator and is based on the assumption that the ratio of value added to gross output in current prices remains unchanged at constant prices. This assumption might hold in the short run but becomes progressively less relevant in the long run hence periodic rebasing of the constant price estimates is recommended.

Another single indicator approach is the deflation of current value added by a price index of gross output. SNA defines a price index as “an average of the proportionate changes in the prices of a specified set of goods or services between two periods of time.” This approach is referred to as single deflation because only the current value added is deflated and not the gross output and the intermediate consumption. The ideal price index for this approach would be one based on wholesale or producer prices. However, these types of indices are not always available; as a result, indices based on retail or consumer prices (e.g. CPI) are used. The disadvantage with using the CPI (in this case) is that the CPI relates specifically to price movements of goods and services purchased by households for consumption and so should not be used as a deflator for gross output destined for non-household consumption.

Extrapolation of value added by a volume index of employment is another single indicator method employed in the Cayman Islands System of National Accounts. This method entails the use of proxy indicators of gross output, such as hours worked, or numbers employed to extrapolate gross value added in the base year. These proxy indicators are most often used in services industries where it is difficult to specify direct volume measures. The weakness of this method is that it assumes constant labour productivity between the base year and subsequent years. This assumption inevitably leads to mismatches between employment and gross output hence the necessity for frequent revisions. According to the accepted convention, where this method is employed an explicit assumption should be made about growth in labour productivity of about 1% per year.

²⁴The agriculture industry is one such industry where the relationship between gross output, intermediate consumption and valued added vary significantly from one year to another due to disease, weather conditions, etc.

Material input is another proxy indicator that can be used to extrapolate base year gross value added. This volume index should comprise of the most important material inputs to the production process. This method is usually employed in industries with heterogeneous output (e.g. construction, garment manufacturing, manufacturing of bakery products, etc.). This method also necessitates frequent rebasing to account for changes in the ratio of gross output to value added and inputs.

A1.4 Measuring Gross Domestic Product (GDP) using the Income Approach

The income approach measures GDP as the sum of all income accruing to the factors of production. With this approach, GDP is calculated as the sum of the compensation of employees, operating surplus/mixed-income, consumption of fixed capital and taxes on production and imports less subsidies on production and imports.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{GDP} &= \text{Compensation of Employees} \\
 &+ \text{Consumption of Fixed Capital} \\
 &+ \text{Operating Surplus} \\
 &+ \text{Taxes on production and imports} \\
 &- \text{Subsidies on production and imports}
 \end{aligned}$$

The definitions employed in the calculation of each of the above components are discussed below.

A1.4.1 Compensation of employees (COE)

This is defined as the total remuneration (in cash and kind) paid by employers to employees for work done during the accounting period. Compensation consists of two components:

1. Gross wages and salaries
2. Employers' social contributions

A1.4.1a Gross wages and salaries

This is defined to include all payments which employees receive in respect of their work. Included are:

- (a) Commissions, tips, bonuses and gratuities;
- (b) Allowances such as housing, uniform and travelling;
- (c) Wages paid during vacation and sick leave;
- (d) Overtime payments; and
- (e) Wages and salaries in kind.

The following items are among the consumption goods and services provided by the employer to the employee without charge or at a markedly reduced cost, which are of clear and direct benefit to the employees as consumers and are therefore included as part of wages and salaries:

- (a) Meal and drinks;
- (b) Housing services that can be used by all members of the household;
- (c) Uniforms that employees choose to wear frequently outside of the workplace as well as at work;
- (d) Sports, recreation and holiday facilities for employees and their families;
- (e) Transportation to and from work, car parking; and
- (f) Nurseries for the children of employees.

A1.4.1b Employers' social contribution

This includes contributions paid by employers on behalf of their employees to social security schemes, private pension funds and insurance schemes. These are geared towards providing benefits for the employees if circumstances affect their ability to earn income, such as sickness, accidents, redundancy, retirement, etc. These social contributions may be actual or imputed.

- Employers' actual social contributions - These consist of social contributions paid directly by employers for the benefit of their employees to social security funds, insurance enterprises or other instituted units responsible for the administration and management of social insurance schemes.
- Employers' imputed social contributions - Some employers provide social benefits directly to their employees or dependents out of their resources without the use of an insurance enterprise or special pension fund. In this case, an amount equal in value to the amount of social contributions that would be needed to secure the entitlement should therefore be imputed.

A1.4.2 Consumption of fixed capital

This is the cost of production associated with the decline in the value of fixed assets used in the production process. It can be viewed in general terms as the replacement cost of the fixed assets used up in the process of production.

The SNA recommends that this be valued using the actual or estimated prices of fixed assets prevailing at the time the production takes place but not the prices at the time the fixed asset was originally acquired. However, in the case of the Cayman Islands depreciation is used as a proxy for the consumption of fixed capital.

A1.4.3 Taxes on production and imports

Taxes are compulsory, unrequited payments made to the government by other institutional units. Taxes are said to be unrequited because the government does not directly provide a specific good or service in return for the payments made. There are two types of taxes on production and imports:

1. Taxes on products are taxes on goods and services that become payable when the goods are produced, sold, imported or otherwise disposed of by their producers. The following are categories of this type of tax:
 - a) Taxes and duties on import
 - b) Other taxes on product excluding taxes and duties on import (e.g. hotel occupancy tax).
2. Other taxes on production are all taxes excluding taxes on products that establishments incur as a result of engaging in production (e.g. business and professional licences, property tax, building permit fees, etc.).

A1.4.4 Subsidies on production and imports

Subsidies are current unrequited transfers that government makes to resident producers and importers. These transfers or payments are based on the levels of production and/or the quantity and value of goods and services produced, imported or sold. Subsidies are seen as negative taxation as producers receive them rather than pay them. There are two types of subsidies on production and imports:

1. Subsidies on products - subsidies payable per unit of a good or service, e.g. fertilizer sold to farmers;
2. Other subsidies on production - subsidies excluding subsidies on products that are paid to resident establishments as a result of engaging in production.

A1.4.5 Operating surplus/mixed-income

Operating surplus/mixed-income is the income accruing to the production process before deducting interest charges, rent or property incomes payable. It is equivalent to the excess of the value added over the sum of the compensation of employers, net taxes on production, and allowances for the consumption of fixed capital, i.e.:

Operating Surplus = Gross Value Added – (Compensation of Employees + net Taxes on Production and Imports + allowance for the Consumption of Fixed Capital)

A1.5 Measuring Gross Domestic Product (GDP) using the Expenditure Approach

GDP by expenditure (GDPE) is the third approach to calculating GDP in the Cayman Islands, along with the Production and Income approach. GDPE measures GDP as the sum of the final purchases of goods and services. Added to final purchases is the value of exports as they represent goods and services produced domestically and sold to non-resident households and businesses. Imports are subtracted as they represent goods and services produced by other economies.

The expenditure approach is a method of measuring GDP by calculating all spending throughout the economy. A more detailed explanation shows GDPE as the sum of (a) household and government spending on goods and services; (b) investment in fixed capital (construction of buildings & other infrastructure, machinery and equipment); (c) changes in inventories; and (d) exports less imports of goods and services following the economic formula: $GDPE = C + G + I + (X-M)$, where C represents the consumption expenditure by households (HFCE), G is the consumption expenditure by government (GFCE), "I" represents gross capital formation plus changes in inventories (GCF), X is the value of exports, and M is the value of Imports. The individual components/subgroups comprising GDPE are Final Consumption Expenditure, Gross Fixed Capital Formation, Changes in Inventory and Net Exports.

A1.5.1 Household final consumption expenditure (HFCE)

HFCE consists of expenditures incurred by resident households on the consumption of goods and services, whether that expenditure is incurred within the economic territory or abroad. Technically, this includes purchases of consumer goods and services, the value of barter transactions, goods and services received in kind, and goods and services produced and consumed by the same household (e.g. a farmer consuming some of the agricultural products he produced or a dressmaker making a dress for herself). HFCE excludes expenditure on fixed assets in the form of dwellings and on valuables as these are included in capital formation.²⁵

For the Cayman Islands, HFCE is estimated using data from a combination of Import data and domestic data collected through the annual business survey. Data collected through sources mentioned above are used to extrapolate the 2015 benchmark estimates, which were compiled from the Household Budget Survey (HBS) in 2015. The HBS was conducted over the 12 months from January to December 2015. The data from this survey were

²⁵Valuables are produced goods of considerable value that are not used primarily for purposes of production or consumption but are held as stores of value over time. HFCE includes household expenditure on other fixed assets (other than dwelling and valuables) like motor vehicles, furniture, major appliances, etc.

classified according to the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP).

A1.5.2 Government final consumption expenditure (GFCE)

GFCE is derived as the output of general government less any sales of goods and services by government. It includes government purchases of goods and services from businesses and distributed as social transfers to households. GFCE includes both collective and individual consumption expenditure by government. Individual consumption expenditure includes goods and services provided by government where the benefits can be assigned to individual households or units (e.g. education, health, etc.). Collective consumption refers to goods and services whose benefits are not easily assigned to individual units (e.g. public security, street lighting, etc.). GFCE is derived (with some adjustments) from the production accounts of general government from the compilation of GDPP.

A1.5.3 Final consumption expenditure of NPISH

Non-profit institutions serving households (NPISH) are private, voluntary, non-market producers who provide goods or services to households for free or at prices below market prices. These are separate legal entities with their main resources (apart from those derived from occasional sales) being derived from voluntary contributions in cash or in-kind from households in their capacity as consumers, from payments made by general governments, etc. Examples include churches and religious societies, sports and other clubs, trade unions, etc. Similar to GFCE, the FCE of NPISH is derived as the output of these entities less any sales of goods and services and is compiled from their production accounts from the GDPP compilation.

A1.5.4 Gross fixed capital formation (GFCF)

GFCF is measured by the total value of the producers' acquisitions, less disposals of fixed assets. It includes investment in fixed capital by households, businesses and government. GFCF relates to the addition to the available stock of fixed assets and not the change in ownership of the existing stock. That is, the value of building & infrastructure in GFCF represents the addition (in the reporting period) to the existing stock and is not the actual value of the total stock of building & infrastructure as of the end of the period. Business GFCF includes the construction of new commercial buildings, major improvements to the existing stock, acquisition less disposal of machinery & equipment, and investment in intangible fixed assets (e.g. computer software, research & development, etc.). GFCF for government includes investment in assets such as roads, schools, hospitals, etc. The machinery & equipment portion of GFCF is compiled using imports of these types of goods

as there is no domestic production. For households, GFCF relates to any addition to the stock of residential buildings and major improvements to the existing stock.

A1.5.5 Changes in inventories

Simply put, the change in inventory is the amount companies add to the inventories of the goods they plan to sell and materials used in the production process. It is calculated as the difference between the closing stocks and opening stocks during the accounting period. Positive changes in inventories add to GDP while negative changes reduce GDP. The underlining concept is that businesses will increase inventories to address an increase in the demand for a certain good. That increase in demand positively contributes to GDP. On the other hand, businesses will reduce inventories when the demand for the good declines; the decline in demand reduces GDP. The change in inventories for the Cayman Islands is based on estimates of stock changes reported by businesses in the annual business survey.

A1.5.6 Net export of goods and services (X-M)

Net export refers to exports less imports of goods and services. Imports and exports have opposite effects on GDP. Exports add to GDP and imports subtract from GDP. Exports consist of sales of domestically produced goods and services to non-residents. Imports consist of the purchase of goods and services by residents from non-resident producers. Data on the export and import of goods is derived from external trade statistics, while the data on the export and import of services is gleaned from the BOP data produced by the ESO.

APPENDIX 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS' SNA

A2.1 Introduction

This section provides an overview of the work done in developing the System of National Accounts for the Cayman Islands. It examines the classification system employed in delineating institutional units into specific industries. This is fundamental to the measurement of output and value added by industry. The section also examines the main sources of data used in compiling the estimates. The Annual National Accounts Survey was the main data source and was supplemented by data from government accounts and other administrative sources. The section concludes by examining the estimation techniques employed in deriving gross value added by industry at current and constant prices.

A2.2 Coverage of industries

As indicated in Appendix 1, all active business units were classified according to the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) Revision 4, which is the industrial classification scheme recommended by the SNA 2008 manual.²⁶ In accordance with SNA 2008 and ISIC guidelines, business units were assigned codes based on their principal economic activity.²⁷ The ISIC Revision 4 was adapted to accommodate a more detailed dis-aggregation of economic activity. For the most part, estimation and analysis were done at the product group level (5-digit ISIC code). However, some estimation had to be done at the class level (4-digit code) due to data constraints.

The concept of GDP for the economy as a whole is that it should measure the total GVA for all producers resident in the economy. The overall estimate of Cayman Islands' GDP comprises the value added of 18 industries as classified using ISIC Rev. 4. The data shown are the most recent estimates of GDP and include any revisions (to previously published data) due to revised figures obtained from businesses during the most recent Annual National Accounts Survey. In general, figures for the most recent year are to be regarded as preliminary.

²⁶The System of National Accounts Manual 2008 (SNA 2008) is the manual that guides the compilation of GDP estimates. It outlines the internationally accepted methodologies and rules that govern the derivation of estimates of GDP. Relevant aspects of SNA 2008 have been incorporated in the Cayman Islands' National Accounts.

²⁷The principal activity of a business is the activity whose value added exceeds that of any other activity carried out by the business.

A2.3 Data sources

Gross value added at current and constant prices was compiled using data from a variety of primary and/or secondary sources. Primary sources relate to data collected and compiled by the Economics and Statistics Office (ESO). The main source of primary data was the Annual National Accounts Survey. Other primary data sources were the consumer price index (CPI), Labour Force Survey (LFS), Survey of Living Conditions (SLC) and the Household Budget Survey (HBS). Secondary data sources (i.e. sources external to the ESO) consist mostly of administrative records and data generated as by-products of the administrative process. Revenue and expenditure accounts of government and statutory agencies, merchandise trade data, and specified data from the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA) comprised the main secondary data sources.

The Annual National Accounts Survey is designed primarily to collect information from active business units on their income and expenditure. Questionnaires are hand-delivered to business units on Grand Cayman (entities for whom a physical address was available) and mailed to those in Cayman Brac and Little Cayman. The survey was administered to all relevant establishments in ESO's Business Register. Data on government ministries and departments were obtained from government accounting reports.

The consumer price index (CPI) was predominantly used in computing gross value added at constant 2015 prices. The CPI is used in two ways: (1) gross output (at current prices) of some industries is deflated by a relevant price index of CPI items, or groups of items to derive the inflation-adjusted gross output (gross output at constant prices). The series of gross output constant is then used to formulate a volume index which is then used to extrapolate base year gross value added to derive gross value added (at constant prices). (2) The gross value added (at current prices) of some activities are deflated directly by a relevant price index of CPI items, or groups of items to derive gross value added (at constant prices). This method is utilized in the absence of relevant volume indicators. The CPI was also used in estimating the current price gross value added of owner-occupied dwellings and fishing industries.

The government accounts comprise a voluminous amount of data that had to be classified, partitioned and adjusted to suit national accounts purposes. Revenue and expenditure data were gathered from the government database and then exported to Excel where it was adjusted for national accounts purposes. The database allows for the generation of reports based on cost centres. Through this process, public administration was identified. Additionally, revenue was classified into three groups: taxes (customs duties, property tax, hotel occupancy tax, cruise ship departure tax, stamp duty, etc.), sales of goods and services (work permits, departmental sales, etc.) and other revenue (interest, fines and forfeitures, etc.).

A2.4 Revision policy

To improve the System of National Accounts, revisions are undertaken periodically. New and revised data from regular surveys, administrative records, audited financial statements from companies, public sector accounts, etc. are incorporated into the system as they become available. The previous two year's estimates are revised (as necessary) when current-year estimates are being generated except at the completion of a rebasing process where the entire GDP series might be revised.

APPENDIX 3: GDP REBASING

A3.1 Introduction

At its most basic, rebasing is the process of replacing the old base year of the GDP series with a more recent year. This is necessary to adequately capture the continuous structural changes as the economy evolves. The rebasing of the Cayman Islands' GDP series resulted in the real GDP now being expressed in 2015 prices instead of 2007 prices. The rebasing exercise resulted in greater alignment with the latest SNA methodological standards (SNA 2008), inclusion of stockpiled revisions, improvement in coverage, data sources, methodology, and ultimately more robust national accounts data for the Cayman Islands.

A3.2 GDP rebasing explained

The change in GDP results from the contribution of two main effects: the quantity of goods and services produced and the price at which these goods and services are sold. GDP at current prices reflects both these contributions as the production during the period is measured at the prices in that period. GDP at constant prices (real GDP), on the other hand, reflects only the change in quantities produced by keeping the price level constant at base year levels. Thus, real GDP provides a more complete picture of changes in the actual production level of the country as it excludes the changes due to price movements. Since real GDP measures the production of the current period using the price level in the base year, the selection of the specific base year is imperative. Rebasing allows for the change of the base year of the GDP series, which should be done every 5-10 years as per international best-practice.

The base year selected should be a "normal" year, i.e. devoid of any sharp economic changes, which would cause drastic or abnormal fluctuations in prices. Ideally, the base year that is chosen would be one in which there are virtually no sharp fluctuations in prices or major changes in underlying economic conditions, e.g. a year without a major natural disaster.

A3.3 Reasons to rebase the GDP

An economy changes over time. There are continuous changes in consumption patterns, technology, production techniques, available goods and services, etc. These continuous changes mean that the base year price structure and weights become less representative of the current economic situation as time passes. It is therefore necessary to update the base period to reflect these changes and maintain the accuracy and relevance of the estimates of real GDP. Rebasing enables the national accounts to capture the real picture of the economy by taking account of factors such as relative price movements, and

structural changes in production and consumption patterns, which over time may contribute to an under or overestimation of GDP.

The rebasing process also provides an opportunity to incorporate (in the GDP series) methodological and compilation changes, pertinent international recommendations, new and more relevant data sources, changes to product and industry classifications, stockpiled revisions, etc.

A3.4 Rebasing methodology

There are two main methods used to complete the rebasing process, i.e. with or without linking (connecting the new base year series to the old base year series), or annual rebasing using chain-linking to connect the two series.

Periodic rebasing without linking involves extrapolation for the entire GDP series at the most detailed level using price indicators based on the new base year prices. The detailed volume series can then be aggregated to compile the new real GDP series with the price structure of the new base year. This approach results in an additive (i.e., components of GDP sum up to total GDP) real GDP series but the historical growth rates are revised for the entire series. This approach is not recommended as it may lead to a loss of confidence in the GDP estimates as the historical growth rates are revised whenever the series is rebased.

An improvement on the previous methodology involves extrapolation from the new base year onwards at the most detailed level then aggregating up to the total GDP using the price structure of the new base year. The series before the new base year is generated using the price structure from the previous base year. This results in an additive real GDP series and there is no revision of the historical growth rates as in the preceding approach. However, this approach leads to inconsistency in the real GDP series due to the use of different base year prices. This inconsistency results in a break in the GDP series, which coincides with the change in the base year, i.e. there is a break every time the series is rebased. These breaks in the GDP series make it difficult for researchers to do time-series analyses using the GDP series.

Joining the new base year GDP series with the old base year series remedies the problem with the break in the data series. The process of joining the two series is referred to as linking. With linking, the total GDP series and its components are extrapolated backward (from the new base year) at the most detailed level possible using the real growth rates of GDP and its components. It is important to note that the backward extrapolation is done separately for the total GDP and its components. The real growth rates used in this case are those derived from the old base year series. This method yields consistent

volume measures of GDP as the entire series is expressed in terms of the prices of the current base year. Since the old growth rates are used to extrapolate backward, the old growth rates are preserved and there is no revision to the historical growth rates, which maintains confidence in the GDP series. Despite the major advantages of this rebasing approach, the disadvantage is that the GDP series before the base year will not be additive (i.e., components of GDP will not sum up to total GDP) as the total GDP series and its components were extrapolated separately. This is the approach used in rebasing the Cayman Islands' GDP due to the advantage of preserving the historical growth rates of real GDP while yielding consistent volume measures of GDP. These advantages outweigh the downside of non-additivity of the GDP series before the new base year.

Annual chain-linking is the approach recommended by SNA 2008, but it is computationally difficult and demands additional resources. According to SNA 2008, *“the computing requirements of deriving annual chain indices.....should not be attempted without adequate, tailored software”* (2008 SNA 15.94b, p. 306). The details of the chain-linking methodology are beyond the scope of this report. However, at its most basic, chain-linking involves annual updating of the base year weights to derive real GDP growth rates calculated using weights, which are more representative than those under periodic rebasing.

APPENDIX 4: INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (REVISION 4)

A - Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

- 01-Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities
- 02-Forestry and logging
- 03-Fishing and aquaculture

B - Mining and Quarrying

- 05-Mining of coal and ignite
- 06-Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas
- 07-Mining of metal ores
- 08-Other mining and quarrying
- 09-Mining support service activities

C - Manufacturing

- 10-Manufacture of food products
- 11-Manufacture of beverages
- 12-Manufacture of tobacco products
- 13-Manufacture of textiles
- 14-Manufacture of wearing apparel
- 15-Manufacture of leather and related products
- 16-Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials
- 17-Manufacture of paper and paper products
- 18-Printing and reproduction of recorded media
- 19-Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products
- 20-Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products
- 21-Manufacture of pharmaceuticals, medicinal chemical and botanical products
- 22-Manufacture of rubber and plastics products
- 23-Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products
- 24-Manufacture of basic metals
- 25-Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment
- 26-Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products
- 27-Manufacture of electrical equipment
- 28-Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.
- 29-Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
- 30-Manufacture of other transport equipment
- 31-Manufacture of furniture
- 32-Other manufacturing
- 33-Repair and installation of machinery and equipment

D - Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply

- 35-Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

E - Water Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities

- 36-Water collection, treatment and supply
- 37-Sewerage
- 38-Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities; materials recovery
- 39-Remediation activities and other waste management services

F - Construction

- 41-Construction of buildings
- 42-Civil engineering
- 43-Specialized construction activities

G - Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles

- 45-Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
- 46-Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
- 47-Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles

H - Transportation and storage

- 49-Land transport and transport via pipelines
- 50-Water transport
- 51-Air transport
- 52-Warehousing and support activities for transportation
- 53-Postal and courier activities

I - Accommodation and Food Service Activities

- 55-Accommodation
- 56-Food and beverage service activities

J - Information and Communication

- 58-Publishing activities
- 59-Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities
- 60-Programming and broadcasting activities
- 61-Telecommunications
- 62-Computer programming, consultancy and related activities
- 63-Information service activities

K - Financial and Insurance Activities

- 64-Financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding
- 65-Insurance, reinsurance and pension funding, except compulsory social security
- 66-Activities auxiliary to financial service and insurance activities

L - Real Estate Activities

- 68-Real estate activities

M - Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities

- 69-Legal and accounting activities
- 70-Activities of head offices; management consultancy activities
- 71-Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis
- 72-Scientific research and development
- 73-Advertising and market research
- 74-Other professional, scientific and technical activities
- 75-Veterinary activities

N - Administrative and Support Service Activities

- 77-Rental and leasing activities
- 78-Employment activities
- 79-Travel agency, tour operator, reservation service and related activities
- 80-Security and investigation activities
- 81-Services to buildings and landscape activities
- 82-Office administrative, office support and other business support activities

O - Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security

- 84-Public administration and defence; compulsory social security

P - Education

- 85-Education

Q - Human Health and Social Work Activities

- 86-Human health activities
- 87-Residential care activities
- 88-Social work activities without accommodation

R - Arts, Entertainment and Recreation

- 90-Creative, arts and entertainment activities
- 91-Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities
- 92-Gambling and betting activities
- 93-Sports activities and amusement and recreation activities

S - Other Service Activities

- 94-Activities of membership organizations
- 95-Repair of computers and personal and household goods
- 96-Other personal service activities

T - Activities of Households as Employers; Undifferentiated Goods-and Services-Producing Activities of Households for Own Use

- 97-Activities of households as employers of domestic personnel
- 98-Undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of private households for own use

U - Activities of Extraterritorial Organizations and Bodies

- 99-Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies