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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE TURNOVER

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The Semi-annual Report on Foreign Exchange Turnover compiles data from 25 financial institutions that are active in the Australian foreign exchange market and is drawn from the Reserve Bank of Australia's quarterly turnover survey. The results for October 2014 are presented in the summary tables and charts.¹

The main findings of the report are:

- Total average daily turnover in all OTC foreign exchange instruments in the Australian market was US\$150.3 billion in October 2014. This was a decline of 14 per cent from April 2014, and a decline of 15 per cent over the year.
- Average daily turnover in traditional OTC foreign exchange instruments (spot, outright forwards and foreign exchange swaps) in the Australian market was US\$144.4 billion in October 2014. This was a decline of 15 per cent from April 2014, and a decline of 16 per cent over the year. The decline over the six months to October 2014 was due to reduced turnover in FX swaps.
- Average daily turnover in OTC options and cross-currency interest rate swaps (currency swaps) in the Australian market was US\$5.9 billion in October 2014. This was a decline of 8 per cent from April 2014, but an increase of 42 per cent over the year.

Tables 1 to 5 report summaries of foreign exchange turnover in the Australian market by instrument, counterparty, currency and maturity for October 2014, with some comparisons to April 2014. Tables 6a to 6c provide the full set of data for October 2014.

For the purposes of this report, turnover is defined as the gross value of all new deals entered into during the month (regardless of whether or not settlement was made during the period) and is reported in terms of the nominal or notional amount of the contracts. Figures reflect all deals struck in Australia, irrespective of where deals are booked (i.e. data are collected on a sales desk basis). As such, survey results are directly comparable to the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) Triennial Survey.

¹ Quarterly data for selected series can be accessed in Tables F9 and F10 at: www.rba.gov.au/statistics/tables/index. Data included in this Semi-annual report are correct as at 27 January 2015 and are not subject to revision. As the data in Statistical Tables F9 and F10 are subject to ongoing revision, discrepancies may exist between the data contained in the Semi-annual reports and in Statistical Tables F9 and 10.

All amounts in this report are converted to US dollars using the average AUD/USD exchange rate for the month in which data are collected.

The next semi-annual report will be released in July 2015, presenting data for April 2015.

Similar semi-annual foreign exchange turnover surveys are conducted for a number of foreign exchange markets.² The results of these surveys can be found at:

Canada	www.cfec.ca/fx_volume.html
Japan	www.fxcomtky.com/index_e.html
Singapore	www.sfemc.org/
UK	www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/Pages/forex/fxjsc/default.aspx
US	www.newyorkfed.org/FXC/

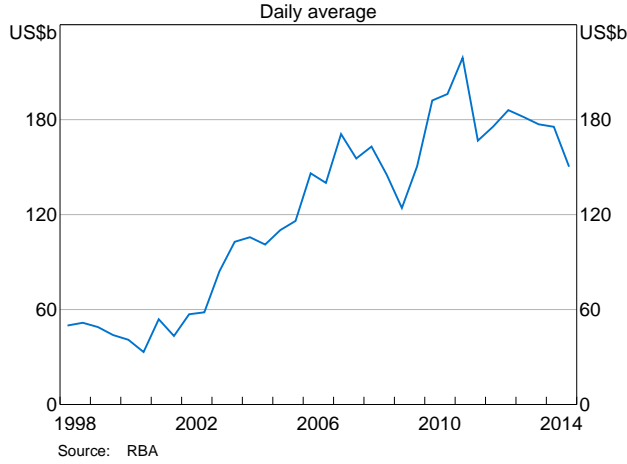
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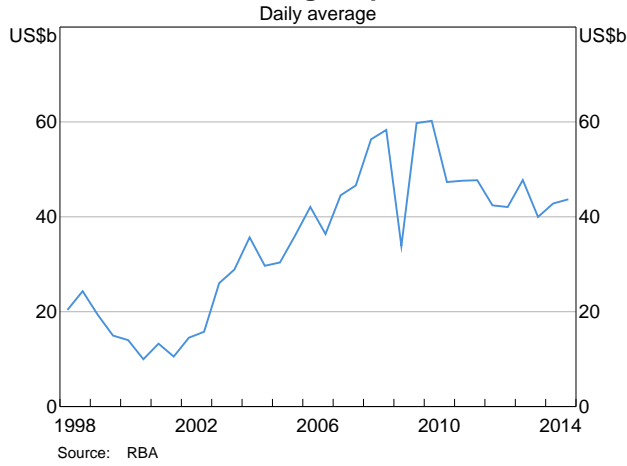
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² FX turnover for some markets is measured based on the trading desk or price-setting dealer location rather than the sales desk location.

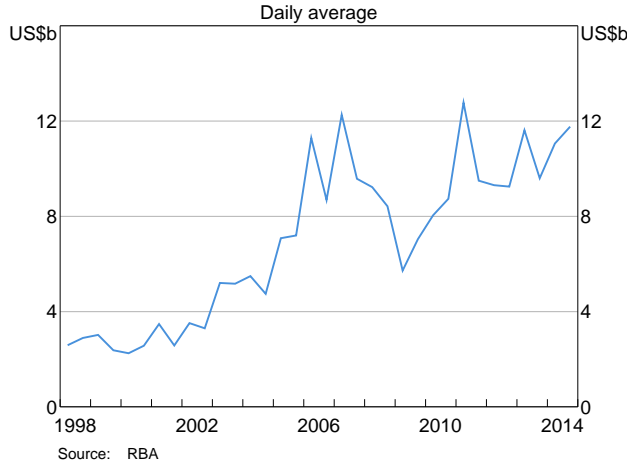
**Graph 1
Total Australian FX Turnover**



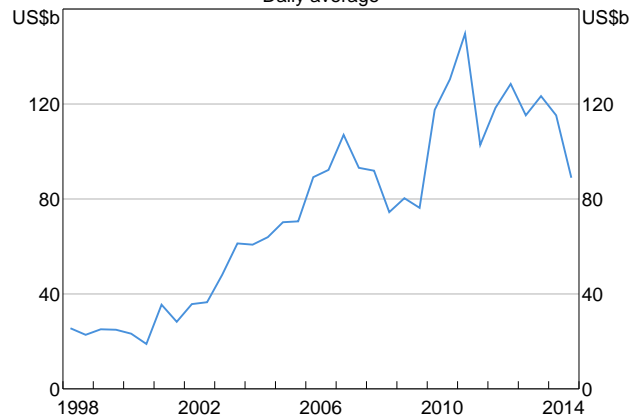
**Graph 2
Australian Outright Spot Turnover**



**Graph 3
Australian Outright Forward Turnover**

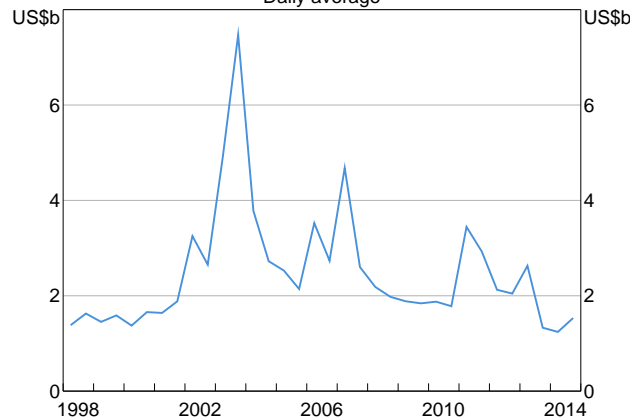


Graph 4
Australian FX Swap Turnover
 Daily average



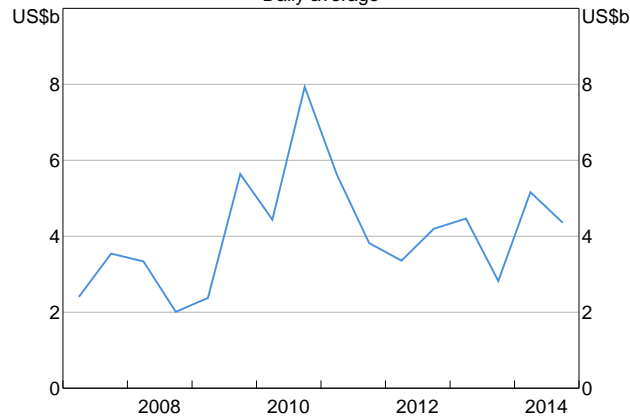
Source: RBA

Graph 5
Australian OTC Option Turnover
 Daily average



Source: RBA

Graph 6
Australian Currency Swap Turnover*
 Daily average



* Data on currency swaps are available from April 2007
 Source: RBA