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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 24 financial institutions that are active in the Australian foreign exchange market and is drawn from the Reserve Bank of Australia's semi-annual turnover survey. The results for October 2018 are presented in the summary tables and charts below.¹

The main findings of the report are:

- Total average daily turnover in all OTC foreign exchange instruments in the Australian market was US\$114.4 billion in October 2018.
- Average daily turnover in traditional OTC foreign exchange instruments (spot, outright forwards and foreign exchange swaps) in the Australian market was US\$111.0 billion in October 2018.
- Average daily turnover in OTC options and cross-currency interest rate swaps (currency swaps) in the Australian market was US\$3.4 billion in October 2018.

Tables 1 to 5 report summaries of foreign exchange turnover in the Australian market by instrument, counterparty, currency and maturity for October 2018, with some comparisons to April 2018. Table 5 provides a more granular maturity breakdown than in prior semi-annual reports, in line with the reporting guidelines for the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) 2019 Triennial Survey. Tables 6a to 6c provide the full set of data for October 2018.

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 BIS Triennial survey. 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.

¹ Data for selected series can be accessed in Tables F9 and F10 at: www.rba.gov.au/statistics/tables/. Data included in this semi-annual report are correct as at 29 January 2019. As the data in the 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 F10.

The next semi-annual report will be released in July 2019, presenting data for April 2019.

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
Hong Kong https://www.tma.org.hk/en_newsevents.aspx
Japan http://www.fxcomtky.com/survey/index_e.html#latest
Singapore <http://www.sfemc.org/statistics.html>
UK <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/london-foreign-exchange-joint-standing-committee>
US <https://www.newyorkfed.org/fxc/volumesurvey/index.html>

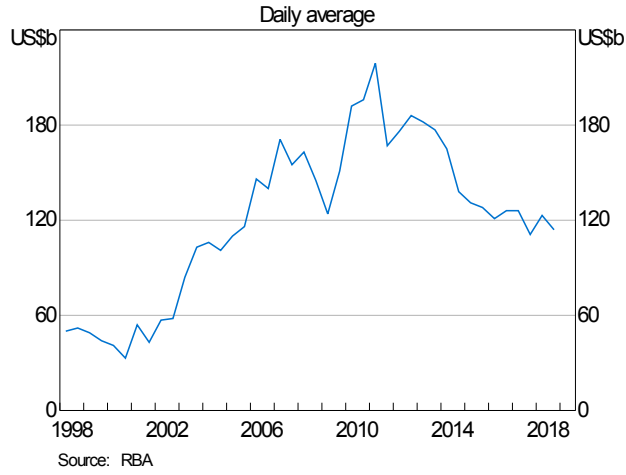
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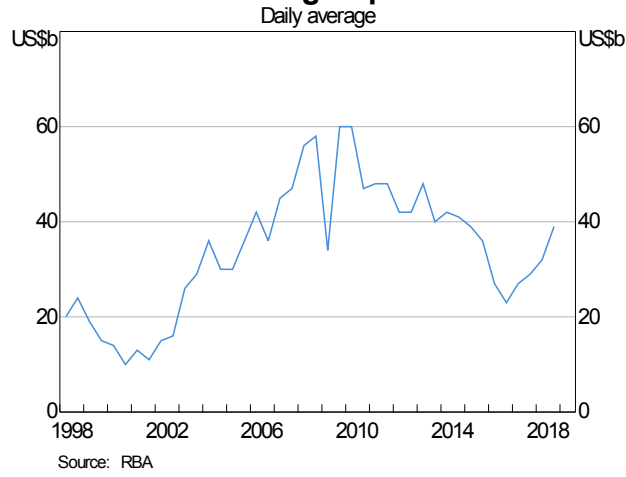
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² FX turnover for some markets is measured based on the trading desk or price-setting dealer location rather than the sales desk location.

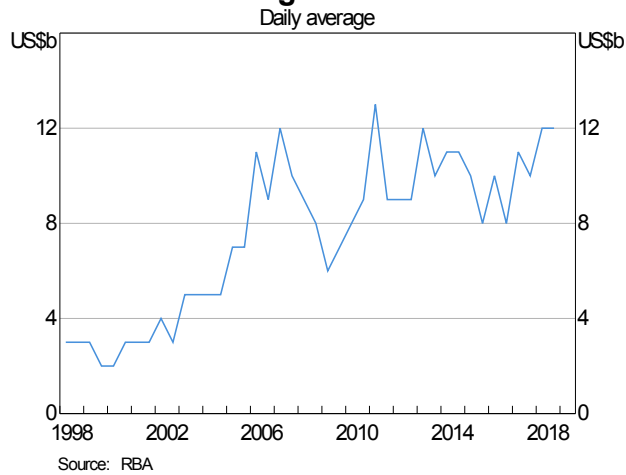
**Graph 1
Total Australian FX Turnover**



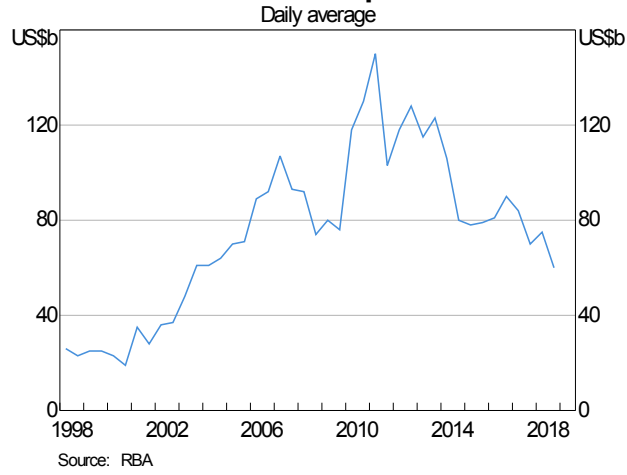
**Graph 2
Australian Outright Spot Turnover**



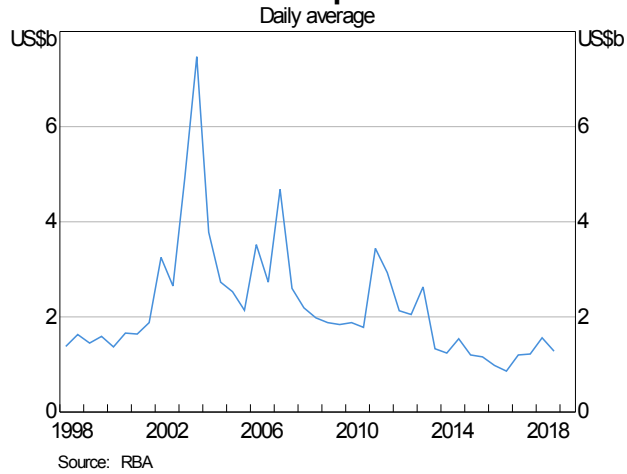
**Graph 3
Australian Outright Forward Turnover**



**Graph 4
Australian FX Swap Turnover**



**Graph 5
Australian OTC Option Turnover**



**Graph 6
Australian Currency Swap Turnover***

