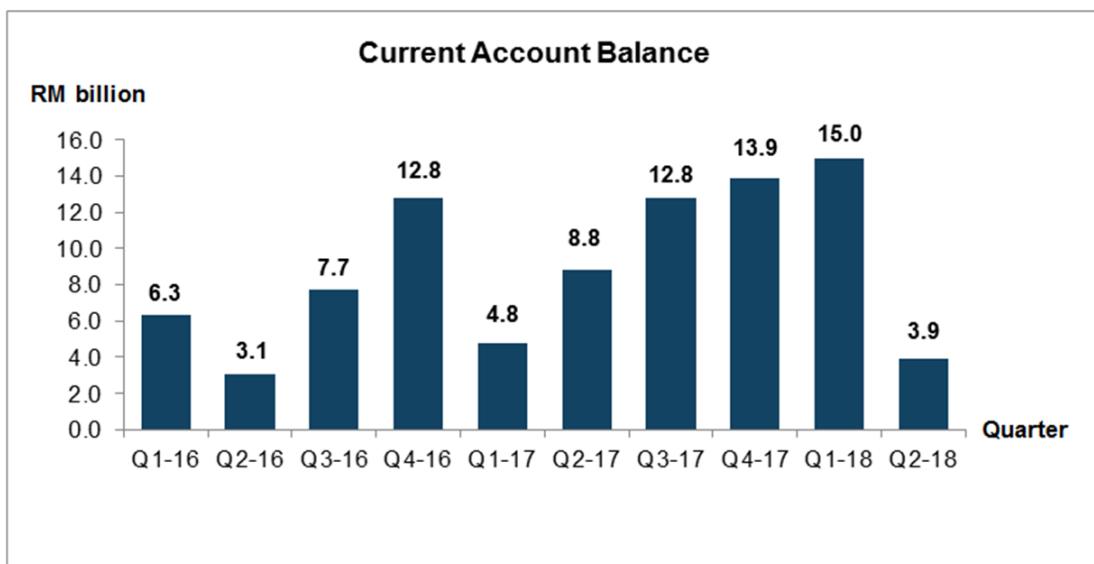




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QUARTERLY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, SECOND QUARTER 2018

Malaysia's current account surplus narrowed to RM3.9 billion compared to RM15.0 billion in the previous quarter. The last lower surplus was recorded in Q2 2016 with a value of RM3.1 billion. The lower surplus was largely attributable to the lower net exports of goods as the imports strengthened by RM9.9 billion to record RM176.4 billion (Q1 2018: RM166.4 billion), while exports increased modestly from RM202.1 billion to RM202.4 billion in the current quarter. In addition, the larger deficit in primary income, due to higher dividend payments to foreign investments, also resulted to the lower surplus.



The financial account recorded a lower net inflow of RM9.2 billion from RM15.2 billion in first quarter of 2018. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) dropped from RM12.0 billion in the previous quarter to RM2.8 billion in Q2 2018. The FDI were mainly from Hong Kong, United Kingdom and United States of America. Meanwhile, Direct Investment Abroad (DIA) improved to RM3.6 billion from RM1.3 billion in Q1 2018, and the investments were mainly to Indonesia, Netherlands and India.

Portfolio investment registered a higher net outflow of RM38.3 billion from RM2.6 billion recorded in the previous quarter. This huge outflows was due to foreign net sell-off Malaysian debt securities of RM29.2 billion this quarter (Q1 2018: an inflow of RM0.9 billion). Meanwhile, other investment recorded a higher net inflow of RM48.4 billion from RM6.4 billion in last quarter.

The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia stood at RM423.3 billion compared to RM416.3 in the previous quarter.



BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

Malaysia's Current Account Balance narrowed to
RM3.9 billion in Q2 2018

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE

Q118 Surplus
RM15.0b

Q218 Surplus
RM3.9b

Due to lower surplus in Goods and higher deficit in Primary Income

Goods	Surplus		Q218 RM26.1b
	Q118	Surplus	
Services	Q218	Deficit	RM6.2b
Primary Income	Q118	Deficit	RM5.8b
Secondary Income	Q218	Deficit	RM4.7b
	Q118	Deficit	RM4.7b

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

Q118 Net inflow
RM15.2b

Q218 Net inflow
RM9.2b

Due to higher net inflow in Other Investment

Direct Investment	Net outflow		Q218 RM0.7b
	Q118	Net inflow	
Financial Derivatives	Q218	Net outflow	RM0.2b
Portfolio Investment	Q118	Net outflow	RM38.3b
Other Investment	Q218	Net inflow	RM48.4b
	Q118	Net inflow	RM6.4b

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Malaysia

Net inflow
Q218 RM2.8b
Q118 RM12.0b

FDI & DIA Performance

Malaysia's Direct Investment Abroad (DIA)

Net outflow
Q218 RM3.6b
Q118 RM1.3b

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