



Quarterly Debt Bulletin | Q4 2024

Overview of Current Debt Profile

Table 1 below shows the total debt stock as at the end of December 2024 compared to the end of September 2024¹. As illustrated, there was an increase of SCR 416m in debt stock, equivalent to 2.3% over the aforementioned period. This is mainly attributed to the external debt component as a result of disbursements on ongoing projects and ongoing Budget support programs. Additionally, the Government undertook a new loan for Economic Resilience and Green Recovery Support Programme (ERGRSP) with AfDB during the fourth quarter of 2024.

As further illustrated in Table 1, at the end of the fourth quarter of 2024, the total debt stock stood at 60.8% of GDP. The external debt stock accounts for the largest share at 50.9% in comparison to the domestic debt stock, which accounts for 49.1% of total stock.

Table 1: Total Debt by residency of creditors

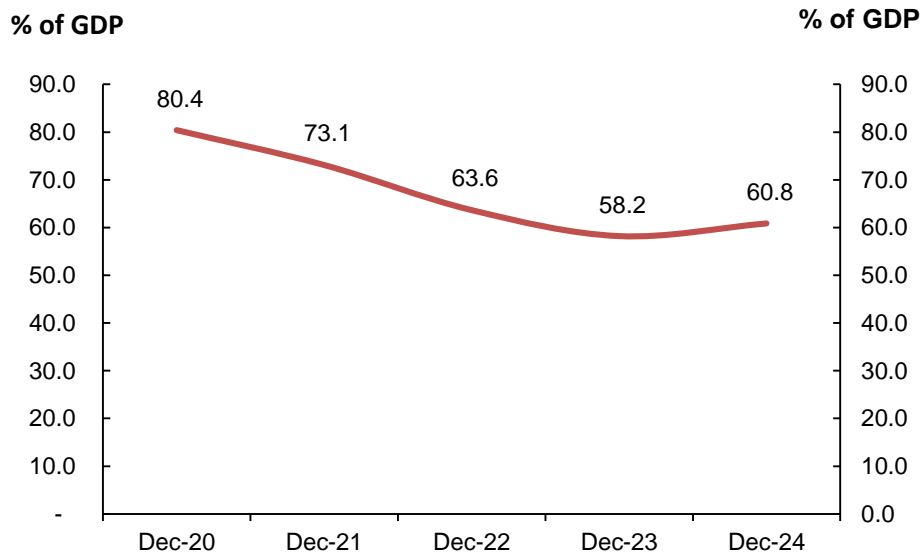
Description	Q3 2024 (SCR' M)	Q4 2024 (SCR' M)	% Diff	Q4 2024 % of GDP
Domestic	9,244	9,281	0.4	29.9
o.w. Government	8,672	8,661	-0.1	27.9
o.w. Guarantees	572	620	8.4	2.0
External	9,225	9,604	4.1	30.9
o.w. Government	9,025	9,407	4.2	30.3
o.w. Guarantees	201	197	-1.8	0.6
Total Debt	18,469	18,885	2.3	60.8

Source: Ministry of Finance, National Planning & Trade

The figure below illustrates the fluctuation in the total domestic debt stock from December 2020 to December 2024. During the post-COVID period, there was a gradual downward trend from December 2020 to December 2023, whereby debt stock decreased by approximately SCR 1.9bn. However, there was an increase of 2.6 percentage point in the Debt to GDP ratio between 2023 and 2024. This is mainly attributed to disbursements undertaken for new Budget supports and existing loans throughout the year 2024 to support strategic components in the Budget and infrastructure improvement projects.

¹ The figures are provisional and are subject to changes following audit confirmation and revised GDP figures

Figure 1: Total Debt Stock 2020-2024



Source: Ministry of Finance, National Planning & Trade

Table 2: Comparison of Total Debt by Guarantee Status

Description	Q3 2024 (SCR' M)	Q4 2024 (SCR' M)	% Diff
Government	17,696	18,068	2.1
Guarantees	773	817	5.7
Total Debt	18,469	18,885	2.3

Source: Ministry of Finance, National Planning & Trade

Table 2 provides a summary of the total Government and Government Guaranteed debt. Government debt remains as the main representative of the total debt stock at 95.7% in contrast to Guaranteed debt at 4.3%. Government debt increased by SCR 372m or 2.1%, whereas Government Guaranteed debt increased by SCR 44m, equivalent to 5.7% over the aforementioned period.

External Debt Profile

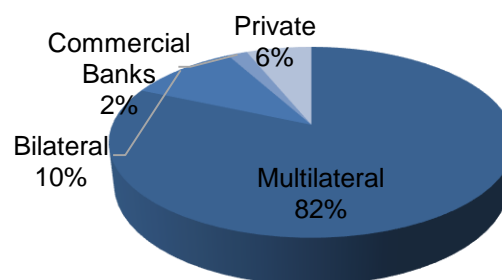
The table below shows the external debt profile, standing at SCR 9.6bn at the end of December 2024 in comparison to SCR 9.2bn at the end of September 2024. The SCR 379m, or 4.1% increase was mainly attributed to disbursements under ongoing projects including the Mahe Sustainable Water Augmentation, Improvement of Electricity in South Mahe, as well as disbursements under ongoing Budget support programs- namely the IMF Extended Fund Facility 2023 and IMF Resilience and Sustainability Fund. Furthermore, the Government accessed funds under the first phase of a new Budget support with the AfDB for Economic Resilience and Green Recovery Support Programme (ERGRSP). Further details on the new debt acquired during the fourth quarter are highlighted in the final section. The increase in debt stock was further influenced by the depreciation of the Seychelles rupee against the US dollar, which stood at SCR 14.82 at the end of the fourth quarter compared to SCR 14.65 at the end of the third quarter of 2024.

The distribution of creditors within the external debt stock is shown in Figure 2 below. As illustrated, multilateral loans represents the largest share at 82%, followed by bilateral, private creditors and commercial banks at 10%, 6% and 2% respectively.

Table 3: Total debt by Creditor Category

Description	Q3 2024 (SCR' M)	Q4 2024 (SCR' M)	% Diff
Multilateral	7,337	7,829	6.7
Bilateral o.w.	1,102	998	-9.4
Paris Club	543	443	-18.4
Non-Paris Club	558	555	-0.7
Commercial Banks	196	180	-8.2
Private	591	598	1.1
Total	9,225	9,604	4.1

Figure 2: Percentage distribution by Creditor Category



Source: Ministry of Finance, National Planning & Trade

Table 4 below provides a brief overview of the external debt stock in terms of loans and securities. External loans are the main components within the external debt stock at 93.3% in comparison to securities, which accounts for the remaining 6.7%.

Table 4: External Debt by Instrument Type

Description	Q3 2024 (SCR' M)	Q4 2024 (SCR' M)	% Diff
Loans	8,567	8,961	4.6
Securities	658	643	-2.3
Total Debt	9,225	9,604	4.1

Source: Ministry of Finance, National Planning & Trade

Domestic Debt Profile

As per table below, the total domestic debt as at the end of December 2024 amounted to SCR 9.3bn in comparison to September 2023 at SCR 9.2bn. The increase of SCR 37m was mainly attributed to the new ABSA and Al Salam Guaranteed debt undertaken by the Government in favour of DBS during the fourth quarter of 2024. Additionally, Government securities decreased by SCR 4m, associated with continuous repayments of T-bills and deposits whereas other debt liabilities decreased by SCR 11m.

Simultaneously, a new bond worth SCR 200m was issued during the fourth quarter of 2024, which was undersubscribed by SCR 106m. This new issuance accounts for the 0.5% increase in T-bonds as illustrated below.

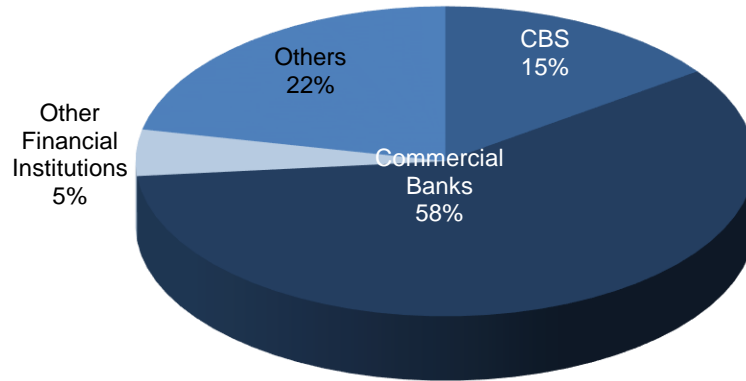
Table 5: Domestic Debt by Instrument Type

Description	Q3 2024 (SCR' M)	Q4 2024 (SCR' M)	% Diff
Loans	782	833	6.5
Securities of which;	8,416	8,412	0.0
<i>T-bills</i>	2,337	2,304	-1.4
<i>T-bonds</i>	5,709	5,739	0.5
<i>Deposits</i>	45	45	0.0
<i>Others</i>	325	325	0.0
Other Debt Liabilities	46	35	-22.8
Total Debt	9,244	9,281	0.4

Source: Ministry of Finance, National Planning & Trade

Figure 3 below provides a summary of the distribution of Government securities within the domestic debt stock at the end of the fourth quarter of 2024. Similarly to the previous quarter, Commercial banks accounts for the largest share at 58%, followed by the Others category and CBS at 22% and 15% respectively. Other Financial Institutions represents the smallest share at 5%.

Figure 3: Percentage distribution of Government Securities



Source: Ministry of Finance, National Planning & Trade

Interest Rates on T-bills

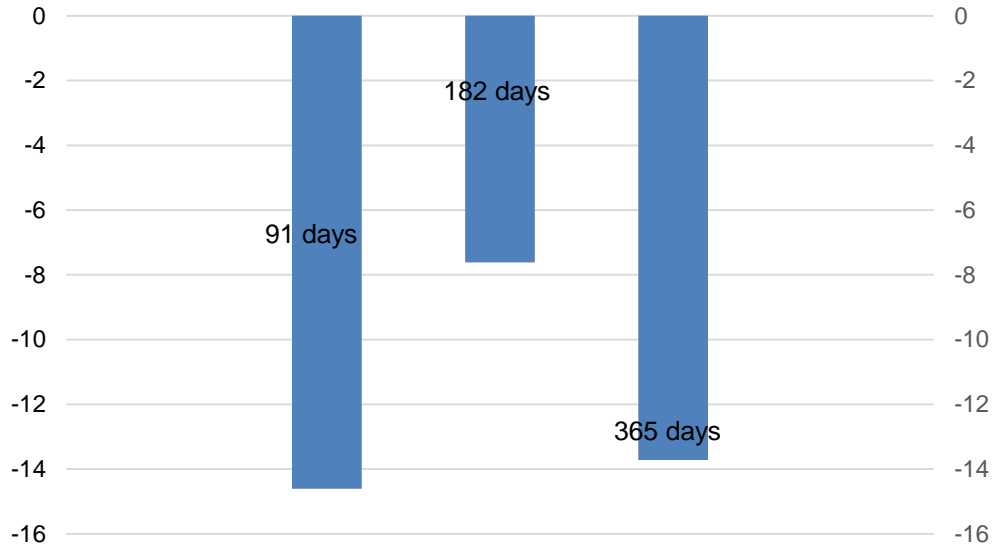
Table 6 and Figure 3 below provides a summary of the changes in interest rates for T-bills during the fourth quarter against the third quarter of 2024. The rates fell within all three tenors at an average of 36 basis points which can be associated with the competitiveness of the Government securities.

Table 6: Interest Rates on T-bills

T-bills	Interest Rates (%)		Diff
	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	
91 Days	2.74	2.34	-0.4
182 Days	3.02	2.79	-0.23
365 Days	3.28	2.83	-0.45

Source: Ministry of Finance, National Planning & Trade

Figure 4: % change in average T-bills Rate (Q3 2024 vs Q4 2024)



Source: Ministry of Finance, National Planning & Trade

As further demonstrated in the table below, the overall value of T-bills issued in the fourth quarter amounted to approximately SCR 360m in comparison to the third quarter which amounted to SCR 625m. This is equivalent to a decrease of SCR 265m, or 42.4% reflecting lower Government domestic financing needs being substituted by external borrowings in the fourth quarter.

Table 7: T-bills issued (Q3 2024 vs Q4 2024)

Description	Q3 2024 (SCR' m)	Q4 2024 (SCR' m)	% Change
T-bills issued	625.2	360.0	-42.4

Source: Ministry of Finance, National Planning & Trade

Debt in Q4

During the fourth quarter of 2024, the government issued a single 5 year T-bond at a coupon rate of 4.5%. The T-bond was worth a total of SCR 200m and was undersubscribed at SCR 94m given the low yield currently prevailing.

Table 8: T-bond issued in Q4

Description	Amount (SCR' M)	Coupon Rate (%)
5-yr T-bond	94.0	4.5
Total	94.0	

Source: Ministry of Finance, National Planning & Trade

External Borrowings

In the fourth quarter, the Government received disbursements worth a total of USD 12.5m under existing loan facilities as previously highlighted.

Table 9: External borrowings as at December 2024

Description	Loan Amount (USD' M)	Amount Disbursed (USD' M)	Amount Disbursed (% of GDP)
IMF-Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF)	46.00	4.11	0.01
ADB-Mahe Sustainable Water Augmentation	2.60	0.37	0.00
IMF-Extended Fund Facility II	56.00	8.04	0.03
		12.52	0.04

Source: Ministry of Finance, National Planning & Trade

Within the same quarter, as per Table 10 below, a new loan for Budget support was contracted by the Government in October 2024. The facility has been earmarked for Economic Resilience and Green Recovery Support Programme (ERGRSP)-Phase 1 and was fully disbursed at USD 25m.

Table 10: New Borrowings as at December 2024

Description	Loan Amount (USD' M)	Amount Disbursed (USD' M)	Amount Disbursed (% of GDP)
AfDB-ERGRSP-Phase 1	25.00	25.00	0.08
		25.00	0.08

Source: Ministry of Finance, National Planning & Trade