



## **SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE TURNOVER**

### **October 2007**

The Semi-Annual Report on Foreign Exchange Turnover compiles data from 29 financial institutions that are active in the Australian foreign exchange market and is drawn from the Reserve Bank of Australia's monthly turnover survey. The results for October 2007 are presented in the summary tables and charts below.

The main findings of the report are:

- Average daily turnover in traditional foreign exchange instruments (spot, outright forwards and foreign exchange swaps) in the Australian market was US\$149.8 billion in October 2007. This was a decline of 12 per cent from April 2007, but an increase of 2 per cent over the year.
- Average daily turnover in OTC options and cross-currency interest rate swaps (currency swaps) in the Australian market was US\$4.7 billion in October 2007. Turnover in OTC options decreased by 49 per cent from April 2007 and 13 per cent over the year. Turnover in currency swaps increased by 12 per cent from April 2007. Data on currency swaps are only available from April 2007.
- Total average daily turnover in all foreign exchange instruments in the Australian market was US\$154.6 billion in October 2007. This was a decline of 12 per cent from April 2007, but an increase of 4 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 2007, with some comparisons to April 2007. Tables 6a to 6c provide the full set of data for October 2007.

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 comparable to the Bank for International Settlements (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.

The next semi-annual report will be released in July 2008, presenting data for April 2008. Monthly data for selected series can be accessed at:

[http://www.rba.gov.au/statistics/tables/index.html#exchange\\_rates](http://www.rba.gov.au/statistics/tables/index.html#exchange_rates)

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

Canada [http://www.cfec.ca/fx\\_volume.html](http://www.cfec.ca/fx_volume.html)  
Singapore <http://www.sfemc.org/>  
UK <http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/forex/fxjsc/index.htm>  
US <http://www.newyorkfed.org/fxc>

Similar annual foreign exchange turnover surveys are conducted for the following markets:

Japan [http://www.fxcomtky.com/index\\_e.html](http://www.fxcomtky.com/index_e.html)

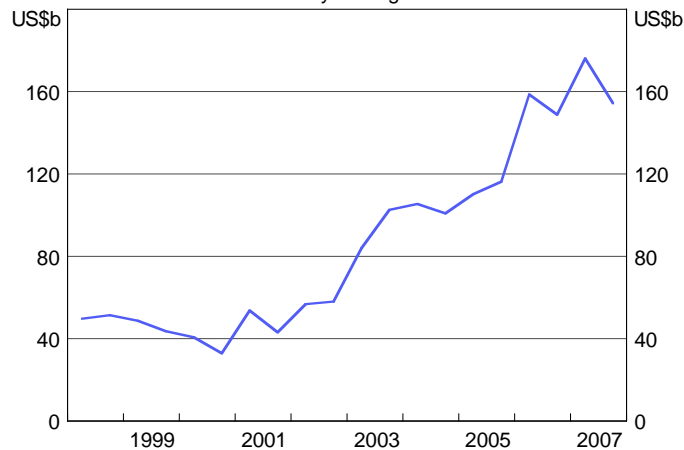
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Note: The RBA survey of foreign exchange and derivatives turnover has been expanded to include data on currency swaps, maturities and a broader range of currency pairs.

**Graph 1**  
**All FX Markets Turnover**

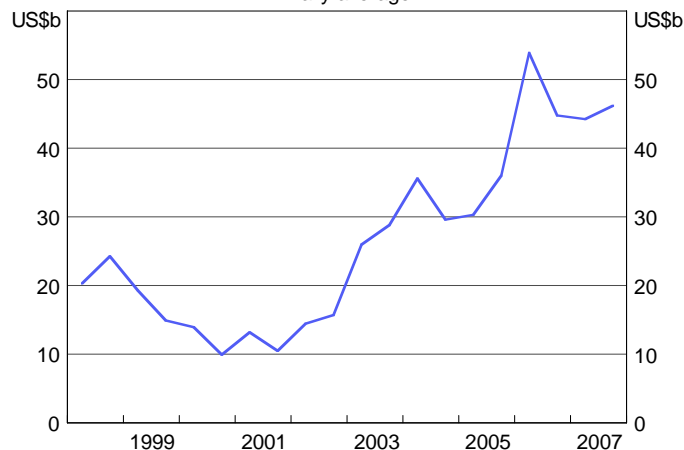
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**Graph 2**  
**Outright Spot Turnover**

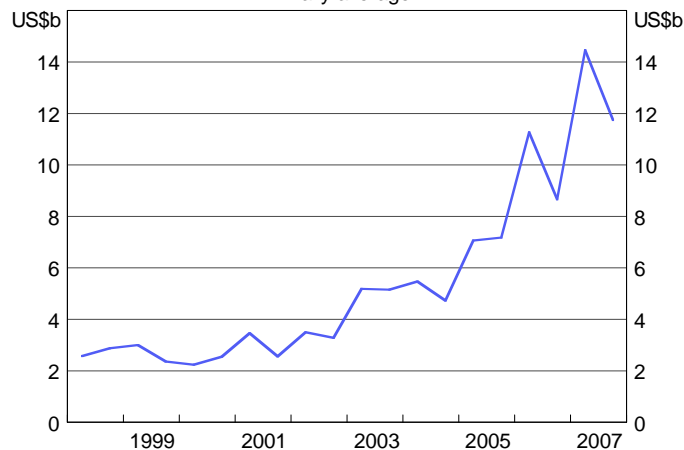
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**Graph 3**  
**Outright Forwards Turnover**

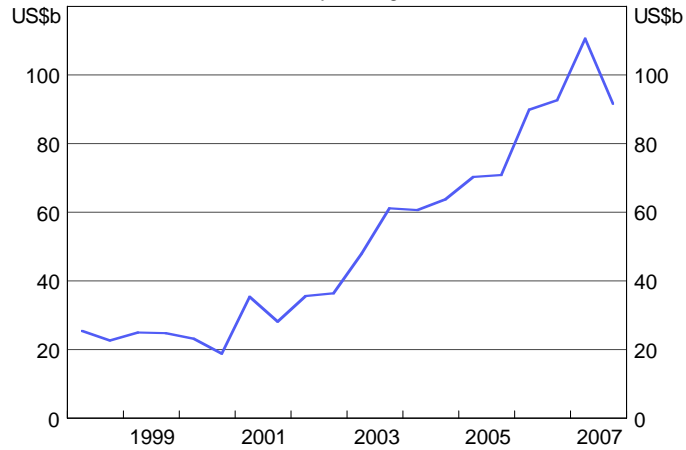
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**Graph 4**  
**FX Swaps Turnover**

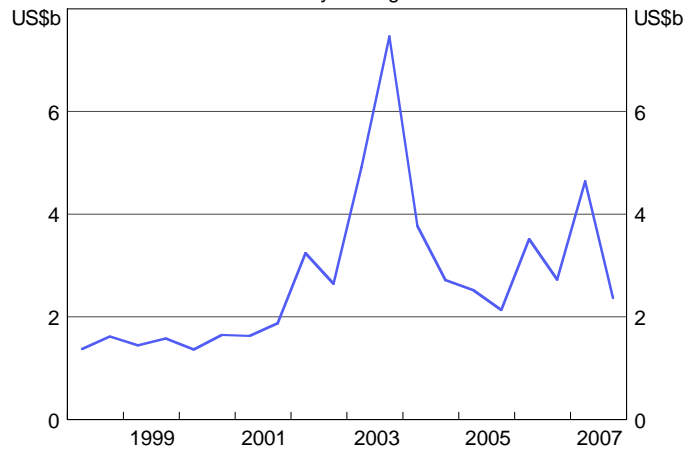
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**Graph 5**  
**OTC Options Turnover**

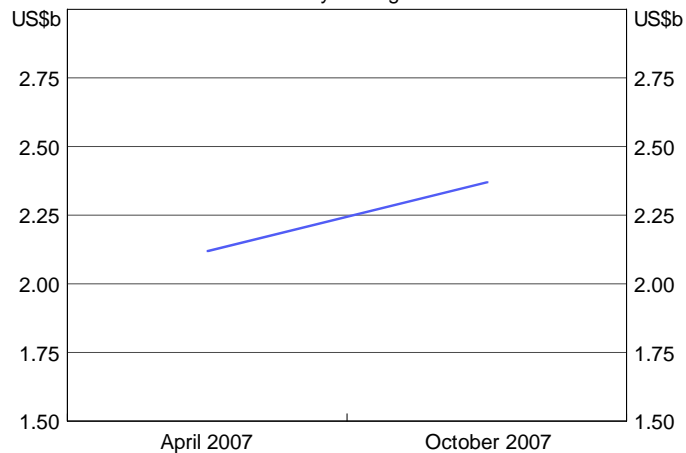
Daily average



Source: RBA

**Graph 6**  
**Currency Swaps Turnover**

Daily average



Currency swaps turnover data commenced in 2007

Source: RBA