

Palau

Table B. Data Categories and Indicators

Fiscal Sector

DATA CATEGORY: Central Government Debt

National Descriptor:
(if different, please indicate)

CORE INDICATORS: Domestic debt and foreign debt with breakdowns (currency, maturity, debt holder, instrument)

ENCOURAGED EXTENSIONS: Government guaranteed debt
(as applicable)

Country-Specific Indicator:
(if different, please indicate)

Information applies to: Data Category and Encouraged Extension
(select from drop down list)

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I. Data Characteristics
<p>Coverage <i>Briefly describe the key characteristics of the data; i.e., the features of which a user must be aware to use the data appropriately. These include the unit of measure, scope (e.g., geographic, institutional, product), statistical characteristics (e.g., seasonal adjustment, index number base year), basic data source, and accounting conventions.</i></p>
<p>All government debt data are compiled by the Statistics Office and are based on data collected by the Bureau of Budget & Planning and the Bureau of National Treasury in a 134 P “debt service” report, which is prepared no later than 2 weeks after the end of the month. Monthly debt data as prepared in these reports are published in the Statistics Office’s annual <i>Statistical Yearbook</i>. Data cover budgetary central government units and include total debt, payment (principal, as well as interest), and balance. Data on debt service are included and are separately identified. There is no government guaranteed debt in Palau. Users may obtain copies of the 134 P “debt service” report upon request.</p> <p>All data are recorded on a cash basis. Payments are recorded at the time checks are issued, and receipts are recorded at the time checks are issued. The US dollar (US \$) is the currency used in Palau. Foreign currencies transactions are recorded at mid market rates. The fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30.</p> <p>It is worth noting that the Government of Palau has very low debt liabilities to other domestic sectors and to the rest of the world. Palau currently holds one external loan.</p>
<p>Periodicity: <i>Identify the frequency of compilation and dissemination of the data (e.g., monthly, quarterly, annual)</i></p>
<p>Data are compiled monthly and disseminated annually in the <i>Statistical Yearbook</i>. However, monthly data are available upon request.</p>
<p>Timeliness: <i>Identify the lapse of time between the end of a reference period (or a reference date) and the dissemination of the data.</i></p>
<p><i>Statistical Yearbook: 9 months</i> The monthly 134 P “debt service” Report is produced within 2 weeks following the reference month and is available upon request.</p>

II. Quality
<p>Documentation of Methodology: <i>Identify any publicly available statement of methodology that describes how the data are compiled and the sources of data.</i></p>
<p>Data to Support Cross-checks and Assurance of Reasonableness: <i>Describe the kind and extent of detail of published data, the statistical frameworks (including accounting identities and statistical relationships), and the comparisons and reconciliations that are available to assist users in assessing the quality of the data.</i></p>

III. Plans for Improvement
<p><i>Describe short-term (in the next year) and medium-term (2-5 years) plans for making improvements in the</i></p>

data category and note any improvements that have been implemented in the past two years. Technical or other assistance needs that may be required for implementing these plans should also be noted, if applicable. If it has been determined that there are no shortcomings that need to be addressed, this determination should be explicitly stated.

Recent Improvements:

The Bureau of Budget & Planning and the Bureau of National Treasury has updated the monthly financial and debt statistics.

Short-Term Plans:

None

Medium-Term Plans:

None

Technical Assistance/Financing Needs/Other Prerequisites:

Short-Term:

None

Medium-Term:

None

IV. Dissemination Formats

For each publication or data release, check the box corresponding to the frequency of release and indicate the title and language(s) on the next line. Identify an appropriate contact person, if different from first page.

Hard Copy:

News Release:

Publication:

Weekly:

Monthly:

Quarterly:

Annual:

Statistical Yearbook, Statistical Office

Other:

Electronic:

Internet:

Other Online:

<i>CD-ROM:</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Diskette:</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other (specify):</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>None:</i> <input type="checkbox"/>