

Notes to tables

Foreign debt of South Africa – Table S-100

The value of rand-denominated bonds held by non-resident investors at the end of December 1998 was adjusted downwards because of revised information submitted by one of the large financial institutions.

Foreign liabilities of South Africa – Table S-92

The value of fixed-interest securities of public authorities and public corporations (portfolio investment liabilities) held by non-resident investors at the end of December 1998 was amended following the submission of revised data by a financial institution.

Foreign liabilities of South Africa by selected countries, 31 December 1998 – Table S-94, S-95 and S-96

The classification by country of origin of non-resident portfolio investment in public-sector securities was adjusted to reflect the revised information submitted by a large financial institution.

Foreign liabilities of South Africa by kind of economic activity, 31 December 1998 – Table S-98 and S-99

The classification by kind of economic activity of non-resident portfolio investment in the economy was adjusted to reflect the revised information submitted by a large financial institution.

Consumer prices for metropolitan and other urban areas – Table S-137 and S-139

With the introduction of inflation targeting as a monetary policy framework, the targeted inflation rate was defined as changes in consumer prices, excluding mortgage bond rates, in 14 metropolitan and 39 other urban areas. The emphasis in the Reserve Bank's analysis of consumer price movements accordingly shifted away from the overall consumer price index for metropolitan areas only, to the index that also covers the 39 other urban areas.

The tables in the statistical section of the *Quarterly Bulletin* were amended to reflect this change in emphasis. Table S-137 was amended to show the consumer price index values for the wider geographical area instead of for the 14 metropolitan areas, as had previously been the case. Table S-139 now contains the percentage changes over one year in the components of the consumer price index for the wider geographical area.

Tables indicating the overall consumer price index in metropolitan areas and year-on-year changes in this index have been retained in the *Quarterly Bulletin*.