

QPM forecast summary table March 2019 MPC Press report

Summary tables of quarterly projection model projections

Summary of selected forecast results

* Figures below the forecast in parentheses represents the previous MPC forecast

1. Selected forecast results (quarterly)

Percentage change (year-on-year)	Actual				Forecast																
	2017	1	2	3	4	2018	1	2	3	4	2019	1	2	3	4	2020	1	2	3	4	2021
1. Headline CPI	5.3 (5.3)	4.1 (4.1)	4.5 (4.5)	5.0 (5.0)	4.8 (4.9)	4.6 (4.6)	4.4 (4.6)	4.7 (4.7)	4.9 (4.8)	4.9 (4.8)	4.8 (4.8)	5.7 (5.6)	5.4 (5.5)	5.1 (5.1)	5.0 (4.9)	5.3 (5.3)	4.8 (4.8)	4.7 (4.8)	4.6 (4.8)	4.5 (4.6)	4.7 (4.8)
2. Core CPI	4.7 (4.7)	4.1 (4.1)	4.4 (4.4)	4.2 (4.2)	4.4 (4.4)	4.3 (4.3)	4.6 (4.8)	4.7 (5.0)	4.9 (5.1)	4.9 (5.3)	4.8 (5.0)	4.9 (5.3)	4.9 (5.2)	4.9 (5.1)	4.7 (4.9)	4.9 (5.1)	4.7 (4.8)	4.6 (4.8)	4.5 (4.7)	4.4 (4.6)	4.5 (4.8)

2. Selected forecast results (annual)

Percentage changes (unless otherwise indicated)	Actual				Forecast						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021				
1. GDP growth	1.2% (1.3%)	0.4% (0.6%)	1.4% (1.3%)	0.8% (0.7%)	1.3% (1.7%)	1.8% (2.0%)	2.0% (2.2%)				
2. Output gap	-0.5 (-0.6)	-1.1 (-1.1)	-1.0 (-1.0)	-1.2 (-1.3)	-1.1 (-0.9)	-0.7 (-0.3)	-0.2 (0.3)				
3. Nominal effective exchange rate	-6.5% (-3.0%)	-14.8% (-14.6%)	9.9% (9.4%)	-1.0% (-2.3%)	-4.3% (-3.4%)	-2.2% (-0.6%)	-2.8% (-2.8%)				
4. Real effective exchange rate	-2.3% (1.4%)	-9.7% (-9.3%)	13.6% (13.3%)	1.6% (0.3%)	-1.5% (-0.3%)	1.0% (2.6%)	-0.4% (-0.3%)				
5. Real exchange rate gap	-3.4 (-2.4)	-12.0 (-11.8)	1.0 (-0.1)	1.6 (-1.4)	-0.3 (-2.0)	0.6 (0.6)	0.2 (0.3)				
6. Repurchase rate (end of period)	6.1 (6.1)	7.0 (7.0)	6.8 (6.8)	6.6 (6.6)	7.0 (6.9)	6.9 (6.9)	6.9 (6.9)				
7. Current account balance (ratio to GDP) **	-4.6 (-4.6)	-2.9 (-2.8)	-2.5 (-2.4)	-3.6 (-3.6)	-3.3 (-3.7)	-3.4 (-4.1)	-3.5 (-4.5)				

Notes

1. **Nominal effective exchange rate:** is based on the bilateral exchange rates of our three largest trading partners (euro area, United States and Japan). The bilateral exchange rates are weighted by export trade weights.
2. **Real effective exchange rate:** is the nominal effective exchange rate deflated by the consumer price differential (between South Africa and the trade weighted CPI of euro area, United States and Japan).
3. **Real exchange rate gap:** The gap signifies the extent to which the real exchange rate deviates from its estimated equilibrium level. A positive gap shows an overvaluation of the currency, and vice versa.
4. ** **Current account balance as a percentage of GDP:** forecast obtained from the SARb's Core macroeconomic model.