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This is the fifty-third volume of the BVI Financial Services Commission's Quarterly Statistical Bulletin. It provides important statistics, information and analysis on financial services activities for the fourth quarter of 2018. The FSC's Statistical Bulletin is one mechanism by which the FSC communicates the progress made within several different sectors of the Financial Services industry.

Registry of Corporate Affairs

The Registry of Corporate Affairs primarily administers the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, the Limited Partnership Act, 1996 the Limited Partnership Act, 2017, the UK Patents Act, 1925, the Trade Marks Act, 2015 and the Trade Mark Rules, 2015. It is responsible for ensuring that entities doing business in and from within the Territory are duly registered and maintains the required Registers of Companies.

Table 1 below provides the number of new Incorporations for Q4 2018.

Incorporations

	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017	**Total BCs on the Register (as at 31 st Dec 2018)
*BC Quarterly Incorporations	8,916	9,575	8,538	402,907

*Company incorporations include new BCs, private trust companies, foreign companies and continuations.

**NB: The FSC will no longer report the total number of active status BCs. Going forward the total number of BCs on the register which includes active status BCs will be reported. The Bulletins of 2018 are transitional reports. The total number of active status BCs for each quarter in 2018 is provided in this Bulletin to facilitate easier comparisons. (Q1 2018: 404,943; Q2 2018: 381,881; Q3 2018: 399,825 Q4 2018: 377,117)

The number of new incorporations in Q4 2018 increased by 4.43% when compared to the number of new incorporations in Q4 2017. There was a 6.88% decrease in the number of new incorporations when compared to Q3 2018.

*Table 2 below provides the number of new BC's for the selected listed registrations**.*

Other BC Registrations	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Total 2018	Total number of Registrations on the Register (as at 31 st Dec 2018)
Restricted Purpose Companies (RPCs)	-	-	-	-	-	17
Segregated Portfolio Companies (SPCs)	-	2	2*	10	14	95
Private Trust Companies (PTCs)	29	27	18	36	110	1,115
Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs)	-	1	-	2	3	31
Foreign Companies	2	1	2	-	5	60
Continuations	102	79	87	98	366	2,001

*Revised figure

** This table only lists selected registrations and does not list all registrations.

Chart A below provides Company Incorporations by quarter for the period 2014-2018.

Company Incorporations (2014-2018)

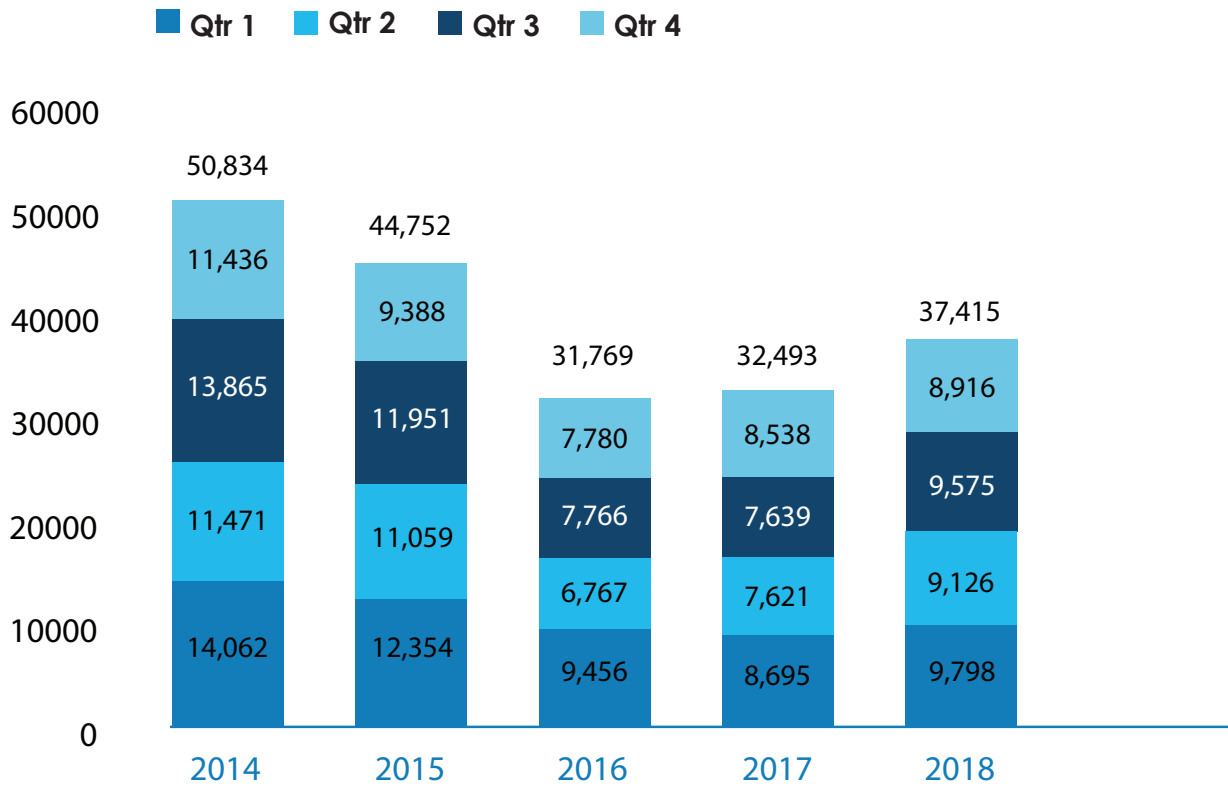


Table 3 Top 10 BC Transactions (2016-2018).

BC Transactions	Q3 2016	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018
Name Reservation (10 days)	33,923	38,208	37,170	39,647	34,466	30,842	37,734	44,021	33,521	27,159
Registration of Members	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	_*	419	514	559	427
Registration of Directors	177,387	141,845	82,673	37,289	33,547	36,186	26,610	25,191	25,147	25,318
Request for Certificate of Good Standing	13,301	14,507	13,528	14,506	12,546	14,432	13,341	14,202	12,647	12,755
Notice of Change of Registered Office Address	33,923	9,000	108,156	337	2,807	536	2,110	7,301	11,375	468
Registered Agent Intent to Resign	1,397	1,342	10,463	12,083	2,341	2,066	7,795	1,549	2,675	1,894
Filing of Notice of Appointment of Liquidator	2,832	4,348	3,633	3,380	2,439	3,916	2,576	2,465	2,237	2,801
Filing Notice of Completion of Liquidation	2,566	3,927	3,754	3,575	2,144	4,196	2,684	2,672	2,197	2,926
Application for Registration of Charge	1,874	2,040	1,762	1,892	2,172	2,677	2,291	2,437	2,144	2,208
Request for Certifications (BC)	1,723	2,140	2,137	2,172	1,957	2,892	2,597	2,354	1,920	2,180
Notice of Change of Registered Agent	2,468	3,544	3,432	337	2,444	4,028	3,740	5,941	1,770	3,222

Name Reservations (10 days) consistently falls in the two most frequent transactions seen from 2016 to 2018. The registration of Directors is the second most frequent transaction in 2018. The total number of Name Reservations (10 days) transactions filed and approved for 2018 is 102,266. 220 Name Reservations (90 days) have also been filed and approved in 2018 making the total number of Name Reservations filed and approved for 2018 102,486.

Since the enactment of the BVI Business Companies (Amendment) Act, 2015 and 2016 which introduced the mandatory filing requirement of Registers of Directors for BCs registered on or after 1 April 2016, the number of Registers of Members and Directors has spiked with the most filings being done in Q3 2016, which exceeded the number of "Name Reservations" filed in that quarter. Figures for the Registration of Directors remains over the 10,000s.

*Prior to Q1 2018, the transaction for the filing of Registers of Directors were counted along with the transaction for the filing of Registers of Members. The two have now been separated and recorded separately.

Limited Partnerships

The Limited Partnership Act, 2017 ("The new act") was enacted in December 2017 and applies to all newly formed BVI limited partnerships. The limited partnership provisions of the 1996 Partnership Act continue to apply to limited partnerships which were formed prior to the commencement of the new Act and which have not re-registered under the aforementioned Act.

Chart B below indicates Limited Partnership Formations by Quarter.



There was a 37.04% increase in the number of new Limited Partnerships (LPs) formed in Q4 2018 when compared to Q4 2017. There was a 67.54% decrease in the number of LPs formed in Q4 2018 when compared to Q3 2018.

Table 4 below provides a list of Selected Post Formation Transactions.

Q4 2018 Approved Transactions	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017
Amendment to Partnerships/General Amendments	11	8	11
L.P. Request Certificate of Good Standing	39	43	38
L.P. Notice of Dissolution	32	7	8
L.P. Registration of Limited Partnership	37	114	34
L.P. Notice of Completion of Liquidation	29	6	6
Request for Certifications	1	3	6
L.P. Registered Agent Intent to Resign	3	3	1
L.P. Notice of Resignation of Registered Agent	3	-	1
L.P. Notice of Continuation out of the Virgin Islands (Discontinuation)	-	2	-
L.P. Registration of Charge	8	1	-
Registration of L.P. Continuing under the Limited Partnership Act, 2017	-	-	-
Application for Continuation	-	-	1

Trade Marks

The Intellectual Property Unit within the Registry of Corporate Affairs is responsible for administering all laws relating to intellectual property in the British Virgin Islands. Responsibilities currently include the registration and post registration filings under the Trade Marks Act 2013, and the Trade Marks Rules, 2013 and the Registration of United Kingdom Patents Act, 1925 (CAP.156) of the Laws of the Virgin Islands and The United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Act, 1930 (CAP.159) of the Laws of the Virgin Islands.

Chart C below indicates the Number of New Applications to Register a Trade Mark filed by Quarter.



The total number of new applications to register a Trade Mark for Q4 2018 increased by 61.11% when compared to Q4 2017. The total number of new applications to register a Trade Mark for Q4 2018 decreased by 15.94% when compared to Q3 2018.

Since the enactment of the Trade Marks Act, 2013 (September, 2015) over 900 new applications to register a Trade Mark have been filed³.

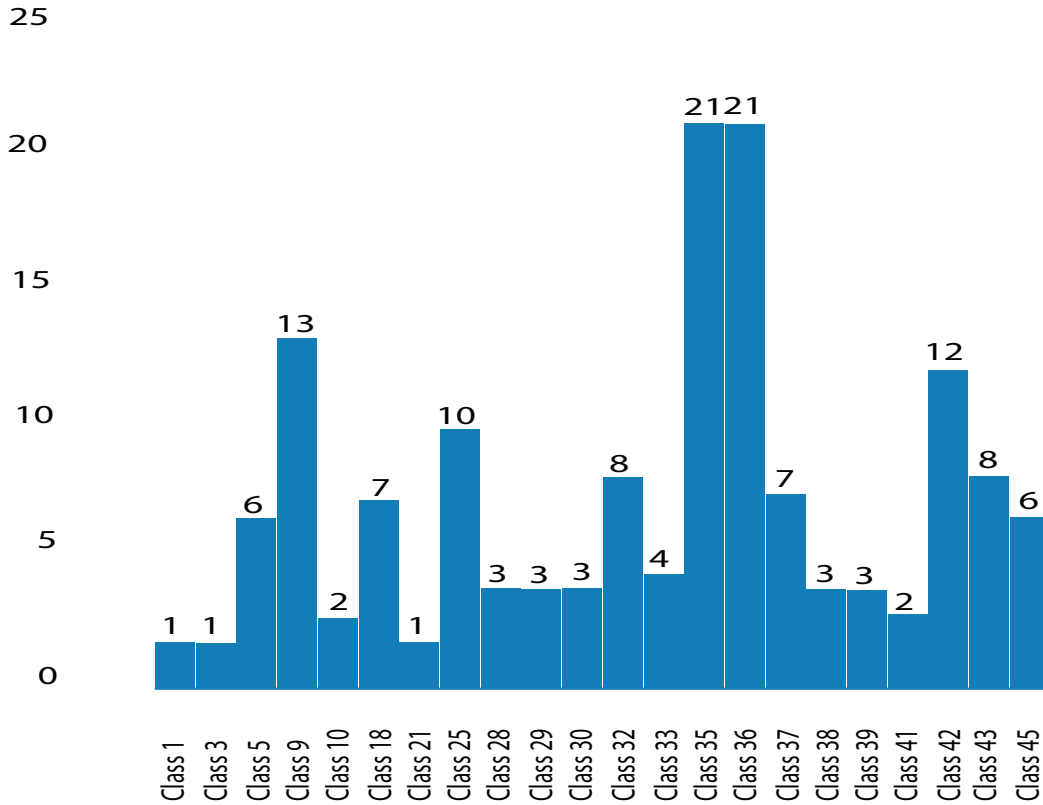
Chart D below details the Total Number of New Applications to Register a Trade Mark filed from 2016-2018 under the Trade Marks Act, 2013.



* Revised figure. Figures for 2017 Q1: 78; Q2: 50*; Q3: 49; Q4: 36. Figures for 2016 Q1: 78; Q2: 64*; Q3 71; Q4: 55.

³ It may take up to 3 months for a Trade Mark to be registered after the submission of an application. The submission of an application is not a guarantee that a Trade Mark will be registered.

Chart E details the Frequency of Trade Mark Classes Registered Under the Trade Marks Act, 2013.



The above frequency chart details the most popular Trade Mark Classes registered. Classes 9, 35 and 36 are the most popular Trade mark classes for Q4 2018. Trade Mark Classes are designated under the Nice Classification (NCL) System. A description of all the classes may be accessed at www.wipo.int/classifications/nice/en/. The World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) class index lists classes 1-34 as goods and classes 35-45 as services.

Chart F details the Top 3 Popular Nice Classifications for Q4 2018.



Table 5 below details Post Registration Transactions for Trade Marks.

Transactions	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017
Change of Name/Address/ Service or Agent Requests (TM19)	48	102	85
Renewal Requests (TM11)	26	81	68
Restoration Requests (TM11)	15	5	15
Application to Register Registrable Transaction other than license (TM13)	12	27	25
Search Requests (TM21)	14	17	18
Notice of Withdrawal (TM8)	3	-	-
Surrender Notices (TM12)	1	1	-
Request for copy of Extract (TM20)	5	7	1
Total	124	240	212

Change of Name/Address/Service or Agent Request is the most frequent post registration transaction for Q4 2018. This is followed by Renewal Requests. The number of post registration transactions filed decreased by 41.51% in Q4 2018 when compared to Q4 2017. The total number of post registration transactions filed decreased by 48.33% in Q4 2018 when compared to Q3 2018.

Table 6 below details the Total Number of Registered Trade Mark Agents.

Q4 2018	Type of Trade Mark Agent			Total No. of Trade Mark Agents
	Individual	Legal Person	Partnership	
October	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-
Cumulative Total	11	6	5	22

The total number of Trade Mark Agents registered since the enactment of the new Trade Marks Act, 2013 is 22. 50% of all registered Trade Mark Agents are individuals.

Patents

The re-registration of UK Patents currently falls under the Registry of Corporate Affairs, under the the Office of Trade Marks, Patents and Copyright.

Chart G details the Number of Patents Re-registered by Quarter.



Chart H. below depicts the Number of Patents Re-registered over a 2 year Period (2016-2018).

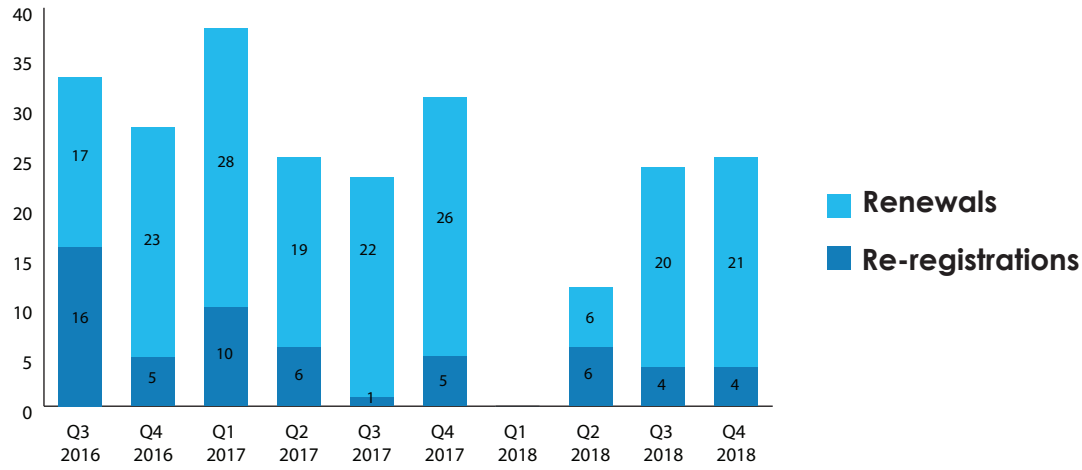


Chart I depicts the re-registration of UK Patents by quarter and the number of re-registered Patents renewed in each quarter.

Banking, Insolvency and Fiduciary Services

Chart 1 indicates the Total Number of Entities holding a Banking Licence.



The following Balance Sheet and Financial Stability Indicators are representative of all commercial Banks in aggregate. All monetary values for the Banking Industry are recorded in USD '000s.

Table 7 indicates Selected Balance Sheet Items in USD '000s.

Selected Balance Sheet Items	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017
Cash Items	\$909,171	\$1,037,542	\$860,030
Loans & Advances	\$1,266,433	\$1,254,972	\$1,330,307
Investments	\$5,459	\$5,481	\$553
Total Other Assets	\$167,662	\$161,943	\$129,677
Total Assets	\$2,358,725	\$2,472,909	\$2,330,567
Deposits	\$2,039,499	\$2,140,750	\$1,913,356
Long Term Debt	\$57,955	\$56,104	\$79,273
Accrued Liabilities	\$8,850	\$9,238	\$7,234
Other Liabilities	(\$275,170)	(\$247,296)	(\$153,134)
Loss Reserves	\$17,122	\$20,655	\$7,859
Total Liabilities	\$1,848,256	\$1,979,451	\$1,854,588
Total Shareholder's Equity	\$510,469	\$493,458	\$475,979

Cash items decreased % quarter over quarter and increased year over year due to seasonality and/or the level of activity by the general public; to meet projected commitments and other liquidity demands; and fluctuations in balances held with inter-company accounts.

Loans and Advances increased (%) quarter over quarter and decreased year over year due to a tightening of credit standards and a decrease in credit demand, respectively.

Investments decreased (%) quarter over quarter due to the maturity of funds and the transfer of funds to finance pending commitments. When compared to the same reporting period in the prior year, this category **increased % year over year** attributed to the purchase of new investments.

Total Other Assets increased % quarter over quarter and year over year due to fluctuation of inter-office activity and depreciation of assets.

Long Term Debt increased % quarter over quarter and decreased % year over year due to fluctuations in balances held with inter-company accounts.

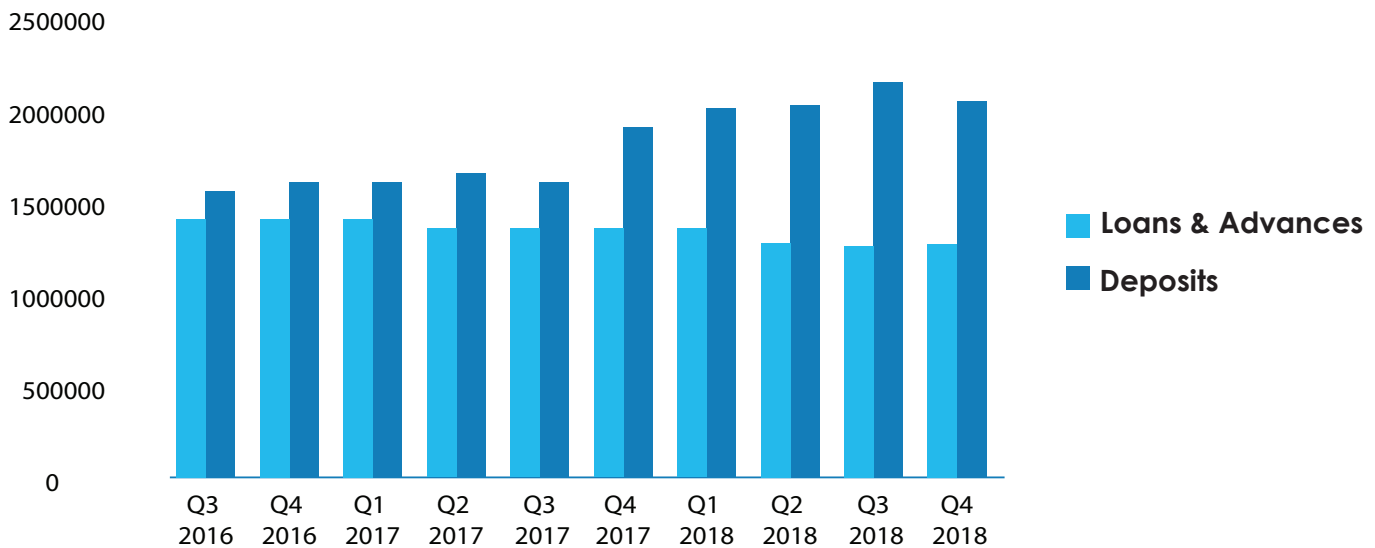
Accrued Liabilities decrease % quarter over quarter and increased % year over year due to service providers' activity, which fluctuates in the ordinary course of business and accrued interest payable on interest bearing accounts, according to maturity dates.

Other Liabilities increased (%) quarter over quarter and year over year due to the fluctuation of balances held on inter-company accounts (due to Head Offices and Branches).

Loss Reserves decreased % quarter over quarter due to provisioning for potential loan losses and increased % year over year due to higher provisioning for potential loan losses including bad loans, customer defaults and renegotiated terms of a loan that incur lower than previously estimated payments and the transition of some banks to the accounting IFRS 9 standards.

Total Shareholder's Equity increased (%) quarter over quarter and year over year reflecting growth of net income.

Chart J details Total Loans and Deposits over a 2 year Period (2016-2018) in USD'000s.



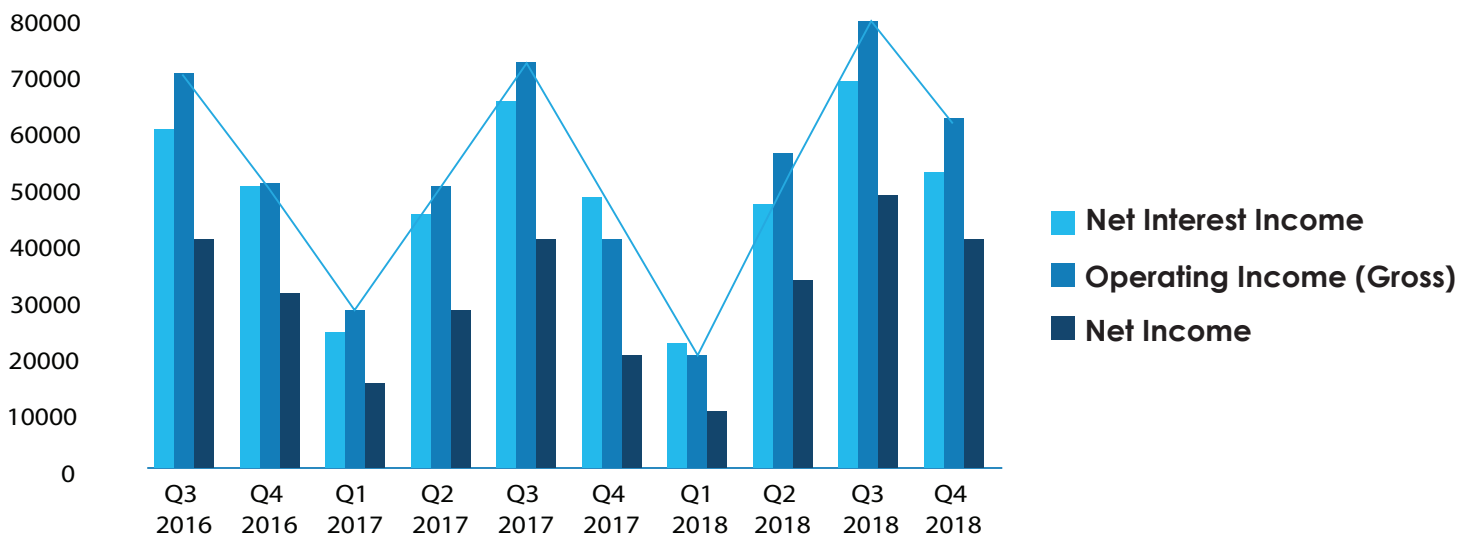
Total Deposits rose by \$126,143 (6.59%) in Q4 2018 when compared to total deposits in Q4 2017 and by \$101,251 (4.73%) when compared to Q3 2018. Deposits consistently remain above Loans and Advances. Deposits decreased quarter over quarter due to the drawdown of funds related to insurance disbursement checks relative to Q3 2017 hurricanes. When compared to the same reporting period in the prior year, this category increased year over year due to insurance payout checks related to damages sustained territory wide from Q3 2017 hurricanes.

Table 8 provides selected items from the Statement of Income for Licensed commercial BVI Banks.

	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017
Net Interest Income	\$52,390	\$68,648	\$53,309
Operating Income (Gross Income)	\$62,049	\$79,209	\$41,057
Net Income	\$40,557	\$48,270	\$20,626

The Net Interest Income recorded for all commercial banks decreased by 1.72% in Q4 2018 when compared to Q4 2017. Net Interest Income also decreased by 23.68% in Q4 2018 when compared to Q3 2018. Net Income increased by 96.63% in Q4 2018 when compared to Q4 2017 and by decreased by 15.98% when compared to Q3 2018.

Chart K Details Net Interest Income, Operating Income Gross and Net Income over a 2 year Period (2016-2018).



The above chart indicates a consistent pattern in the amount of Net Interest Income, Operating Income (Gross) and Net Income over a two year period (2016-2018). Q3 in each given year out-performs the other quarters while Q1s are the lowest performing among the quarters.

Table 9 below provides Solvency Indicators for Licensed commercial BVI Banks.

Solvency	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017
Adjusted Risk-weighted Assets	\$1,198,061	\$1,232,867	\$1,215,243
Risk-asset Ratio	43.72%	41.24%	40.18%
Net Income	\$40,557	\$48,270	\$20,626

Adjusted Risk-weighted Assets recorded for all commercial banks decreased by 1.41% in Q4 2018 when compared to Q4 2017. Adjusted Risk-weighted Assets decreased by 2.82% in Q4 2018 when compared to Q3 2018.

Chart L below depicts the Risk Asset Ratio over the course of 2 years.

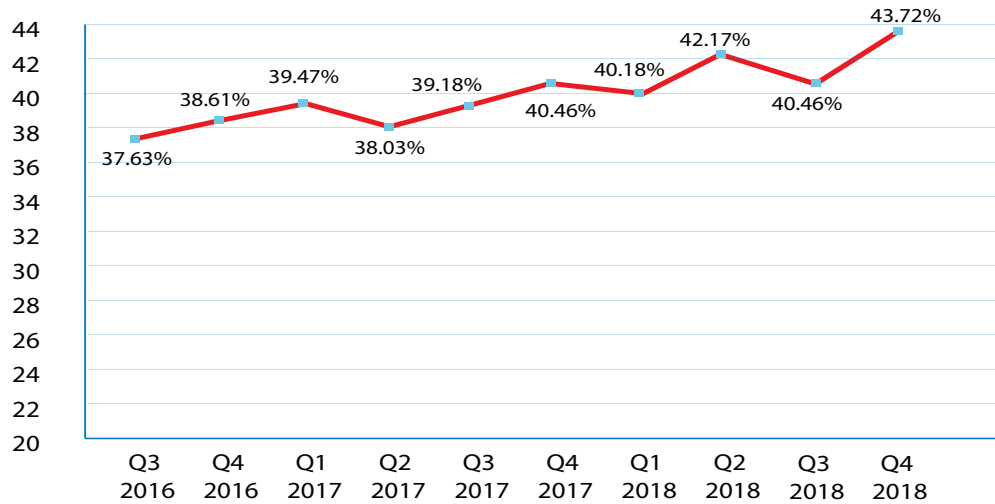


Table 10 below provides selected Asset Quality Indicators for Licensed commercial BVI Banks.

Asset Quality in USD '000s	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017
Total Non-Performing Loans	\$125,575	\$89,376	\$74,856
Non-Accruing Loans	\$83,811	\$74,080	\$50,239
Non-Performing Loans as a percentage of Total Loans	9.87%	7.03%	5.63%
Loan Loss Reserves	\$17,865	\$20,655	\$7,859

Total Non-Performing Loans in Q4 2018 rose by 67.76% when compared to Q4 2017 and increased by 40.50% when compared to Q3 2018. Loan Loss Reserves increased by 127.32% in Q4 2018 when compared to Q4 2017. They decreased by 13.51% when compared to Q3 2018.

Table 11 below provides selected Profitability Indicators for Licensed commercial BVI Banks.

Profitability	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017
Return on Assets	1.72%	1.95%	0.89%
Return on Equity	7.89%	9.69%	4.29%
Profit Margin	68.44%	62.97%	38.69%
Net Interest Margin to Gross Income	84.43%	86.67%	118.11%
Non-Interest Expense to Gross Income	35.37%	39.85%	50.91%

Table 12 below provides Selected Items: Concentration & Sensitivity to Market Risk for Licensed commercial BVI Banks.

Concentration	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017
Deposits			
Ten (10) largest depositors as a percentage of total deposits	29.57%	32.41%	31.98%
Demand Deposits as a percentage of total deposits	34.56%	35.68%	39.85%
Related Deposits as a percentage of total deposits	0.07%	0.06%	0.20%
Loans			
Ten (10) largest loans as a percentage of total loans	16.95%	19.10%	16.84%
Market loans as a percentage of total loans	74.51%	70.71%	61.01%
Related loans as a percentage of total loans	43.34%	46.37%	44.26%
Sensitivity to Market Risk			
Net Open Position in USD '000s	116	74	76
Net Open Position as a percentage of Capital	0.02%	0.01%	0.02%

Financing and Money Services

Chart M below details the total number of Money Services Business and Financing Business Licensees.



The following tables provide Balance Sheet and Financial Stability indicators in exact USD for the Money Services Business Sector.

Table 13 below indicates Selected Balance Sheet Items for the MSB Sector.

	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017
Cash Items	\$376,464	\$962,936	\$276,893
Total Assets	\$2,584,618	\$3,388,175	\$2,245,649
Total Liabilities	\$1,452,239	\$2,394,572	\$1,621,946
Total Shareholders' Equity	\$1,132,379	\$993,603	\$680,974

Table 14 below indicates Financial Stability Indicators for the MSB Sector.

	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017
Current Ratio (Current Assets to Current Liabilities)	212.62%	150.15%	238.70%
Current Assets to Total Assets	67.18%	75.06%	99.07%
Net Profit Margin	28.86%	27.73%	13.77%
Return on Assets	5.31%	3.41%	1.78%
Return on Equity	12.11%	11.62%	5.88%

Table 15 below provides totals for money transmitted to and from the BVI by MSBs – By Quarter.

Amount Received for Transmission:	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017
From the BVI to Foreign Countries	\$23,028,098	\$20,782,258	\$12,515,517
To the BVI from Foreign Countries	\$1,785,633	\$1,566,182	\$1,661,800
Number of Transactions			
From the BVI to Foreign Countries	68,801	61,581	35,338
To the BVI from Foreign Countries	4,173	3,789	4,322

All reported figures for MSBs are in exact USDs.

Fiduciary Services

Table 16 indicates the number of Fiduciary Services Licensees by Quarter.

Fiduciary Services Licensees Q4 2018	Licensees as at 30 th September 2018	Q4 2018 Licences Issued	Q4 2018 Licences Cancelled	Licensees as at 31 st December 2018
Class I Trust	61	-	1	60
Class II Trust	24	-	2	22
Class III Trust	17	1	-	18
Restricted Class II Trust	55*	-	1	54
Restricted Class III Trust	-	-	-	-
Company Management	18	-	1	17
Authorised Custodian	8	-	2	6
Total	183	1	7	177

* This figure is revised from the Q3 2018 Bulletin.

Table 17 provides Post Licensing Transactions for Fiduciary Services Licensees for Q4 2018.

Q4 2018 Post Licensing Transactions	October	November	December	Final
Change in Authorised Agent	6	9	-	15
Change in undertaking	3	2	3	8
Change involving operation of a subsidiary, branch, agency or representative office	1	2	3	6
Change in Ownership/Shareholding*	10	3	3	16
Merger	-	-	1	1
Change of Name	-	-	1	1
Change in Principal Office	1	-	2	3
Cancellation of Licence	2	2	3	7
Exemption from the requirement to submit audited financial statements	-	-	-	-
Change of Auditor	-	-	-	-

*Change in Ownership/Shareholding includes acquisitions, imposition of share pledges and charges on shares.

Insolvency Services

Table 18 provides the Total Number of Insolvency Practitioners in the fourth quarter of the given year.

Total Number of Insolvency Practitioners (full and restricted licences)	
Q4 2018	27
Q4 2017	27
Q4 2016	25

Table 19 below indicates the total number of Insolvency Practitioners with a full and restricted licence.

Current No. insolvency Practitioners (IP) Licensees	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017
Current # of licence IP's (full licence)	27	33	27
Current # of licence IP's (restricted licence)	-	-	-
Total No. of IP's	27	33	27

Investment Business

Table 20 provides the Number of New Investment Business Licensees by Quarter.

	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017	Total as at 31 st December 2018
Investment Business Licences	2	3	2	405
Authorised Representatives	1	-	1	50
Approved Investment Managers	13	18	14	240

Table 21 below provides the number of Investment Business Licences by Sub-category as at the end of December 2018.

Investment Business Licence by Sub-category*	Total Licences at 31 st December 2018
Category 1 Sub-category A – Dealing as Agent	24
Category 1 Sub-category B – Dealing as Principal	28
Category 2 – Arranging Deals in Investments	21
Category 3 Sub-category A – Managing Segregated Portfolios (Excluding Mutual Funds)	8
Category 3 Sub-category B – Managing Mutual Funds	330
Category 3 Sub-category C – Managing Pension Schemes	4
Category 3 Sub-category D – Managing Insurance Products	1
Category 3 Sub-category E – Managing Other Types of Investment	49
Category 4 Sub-category A – Investment Advice (Excluding Mutual Funds)	35
Category 4 Sub-category B – Investment Advice (Mutual Funds)	11
Category 5 Sub-category A – Custody of Investments (Excluding Mutual Funds)	12
Category 5 Sub-category B – Custody of Investments (Mutual Funds)	1
Category 6 Sub-category A – Administration of Investments (Excluding Mutual Funds)	19
Category 6 Sub-category B – Administration of Investments (Mutual Funds)	54

* The number of Investment Business licenses as at 30 September was 411. (See table 20). Table 21 breaks down the number of Investment Business licenses into sub-categories. It is important to note that 1 Investment Business licence may fall under more than one sub-category.

Table 22 below details the Number of New Funds Registered by Quarter.

	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017	Total at 31 st December 2018
Professional	23	11	12	955
Private	5	6	2	329
Public	-	-	-	44
Foreign	-	-	-	6
Incubator	9	5	7	66
Approved	9	7	9	98
Total	46	29	30	1,497

Chart N indicates the Total Number of Active Mutual Funds for (2016 - 2018).

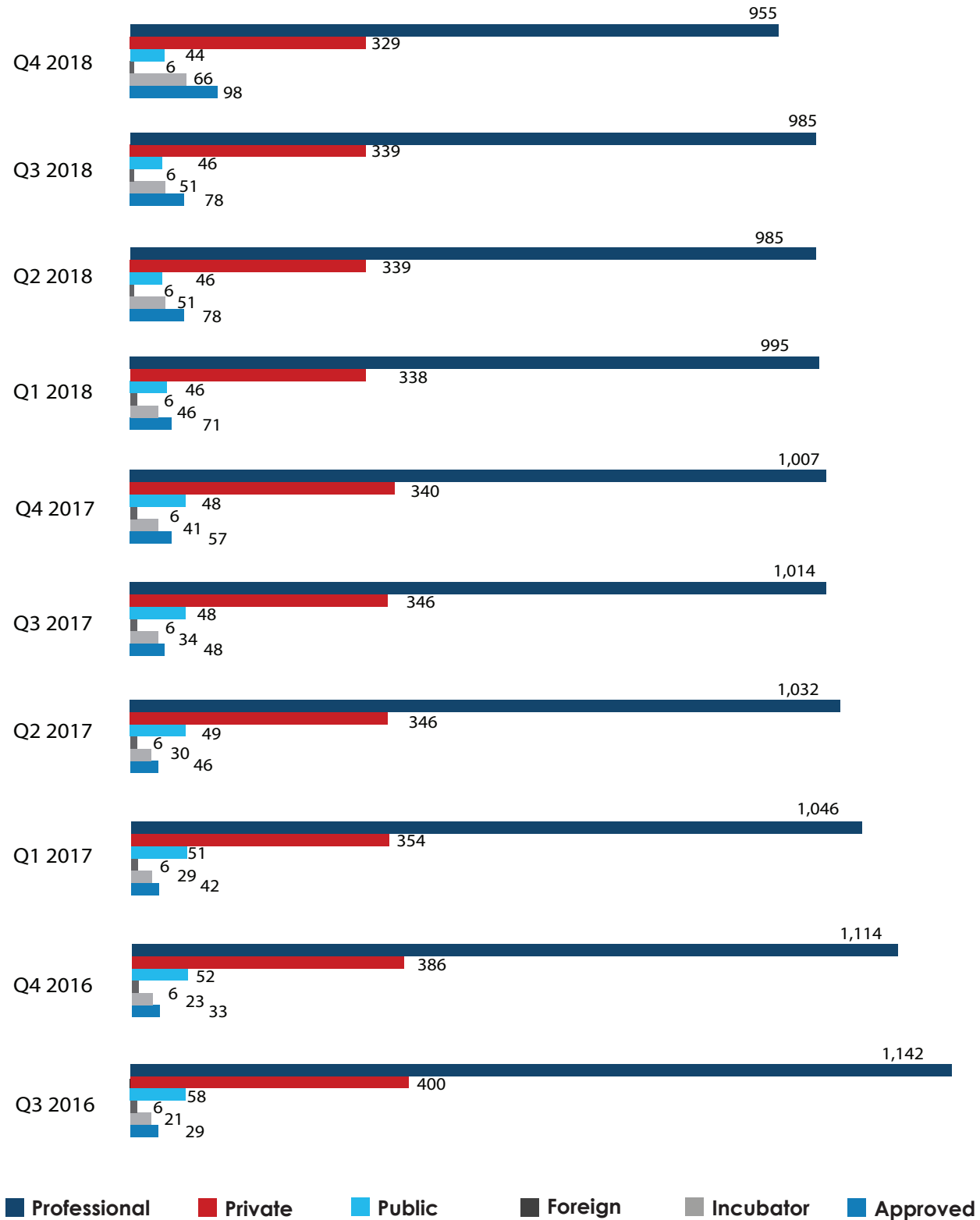


Table 23 below indicates the number of Mutual Funds Incorporated or Re-registered as an SPC.

	Q4 2018		Q3 2018		Q4 2017		Cumulative Totals (as at 31 st December, 2018)
	Inc.*	Reg.*	Inc.	Reg.	Inc.	Reg.	
Certificates Granted- Professional Mutual Funds	-	-	1	-	1	-	94
Certificates Granted- Private Mutual Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Certificates Granted- Public Mutual Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Certificates Granted- Incubator	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Certificates Granted - Approved Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	1	-	1	-	130

* Inc. - Incorporated.

* Reg. - Registered

Insurance

Table 24 below indicates the Total Number of Insurers and Functionaries by Quarter.

Insurance Licensees and Functionaries	Q3 2018 Licences Issued	Q4 2018 Licences Issued	Q4 2018 Licences Cancelled	Licensees as at 31 st December 2018
Insurers				
Captive Insurers	-	-	-	73
Domestic Insurers	-	-	-	39
Functionaries				
Agents	-	-	-	14
Brokers	-	-	-	4
Insurance Managers	-	-	-	10
Loss Adjusters	12	1	-	16

Table 25 below indicates the number of Insurance Post Licensing Transactions for Q4 2018.

Insurance Q4 2018 Post Licensing Transactions	Total
Approval to Acquire a Subsidiary	1
Approval/Change in Auditor	1
Approval for a Loss Adjuster's Licence	1
Approval for the Transfer of Shares/Re-organisation of ownership structure	3
Cancellation of Licence - Insurers	-
Extension of Time to Submit Audited Financial Statements	1
Exemption from Preparing and Submitting Audited Financial Statements	1
Variation/Conversion of Licence	1
Approval of Dividend Distribution	1
Approval to Appoint Insurance Manager	2
Addition or Removal of Insurer	1
Termination of Domestic Business/Trust Property/ Assets and Release of Domestic Trust Assets	1
Exemption from Licensing	1
Approval to Establish/Increase/Reduce Regulatory Deposit	2

The following tables provide details on Insurance claims opened and settled for the three major natural disasters in 2017.

Table 26 below provides the Total Insurance Claims Opened and Closed for 2017 Natural Disasters as at 31st December 2018

Event	Total Claims	Total Claims Closed	%Claims Closed	Total Claims Open	%Claims Open	Total Claimed	Total Reserves	Total Paid	Total Outstanding Liabilities
August 7th, 2017 Flood	375	346	92%	29	8%	\$11,261,556.60	\$11,492,074.40	\$8,407,147.97	\$2,547,914.77
Hurricane Irma	8820	8327	94%	494	6%	\$810,648,402.85	\$815,897,307.84	\$718,887,697.33	\$92,881,408.54
Hurricane Maria	3017	2906	96%	111	4%	\$80,526,892.25	\$82,655,081.00	\$78,371,823.00	\$4,283,258.00

Table 27 below provides Insurance Claims Paid by class of Insurance for 2017 Natural Disasters as at 31st December 2018

Event	Class of Insurance	Total Claimed	Total Reserves	Total Paid	Total Outstanding Liabilities
August 7th, 2017 Flood	Motor	\$974,159.46	\$1,031,369.79	\$892,548.19	\$87,497.77
	Property/Homeowners/Personal Property	\$3,178,229.59	\$3,149,471.59	\$2,826,810.09	\$380,525.00
	Garage Policy	\$1,242,942.00	\$1,242,942.00	\$3,250.00	\$200,000.00
	Commercial Property	\$5,339,049.31	\$5,529,941.02	\$4,384,885.57	\$1,879,892.00
	Marine	\$80,240.00	\$63,350.00	\$80,240.00	-
	Jewelers	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$24,400.00	-
	Contract Works	\$421,936.24	\$450,000.00	\$195,013.62	-
	Office Policy	-	-	-	-
Total		\$11,261,556.60	\$11,492,074.40	\$8,407,147.47	\$2,547,914.77
Hurricane Irma	Motor (including commercial and personal motor)	\$26,613,242.11	\$27,426,133.10	\$25,883,404.29	\$1,788,202.54
	Property/Homeowners/Personal Property	\$393,107,024.39	\$396,276,299.39	\$370,525,418.16	\$27,404,660.22
	Marine	\$57,578,752.29	\$58,655,491.29	\$50,153,680.95	\$11,731,614.35
	Commercial Property	\$333,349,384.06	\$333,539,384.06	\$272,325,193.93	\$51,956,931.43
	Total		\$810,648,402.85	\$815,897,307.84	\$718,887,697.33
Hurricane Maria	Motor	\$7,825,254.00	\$8,019,316.00	\$7,857,710.00	\$161,606.00
	Property	\$68,555,860.00	\$71,387,394.00	\$67,366,779.00	\$4,020,615.00
	Marine	\$4,145,778.25	\$3,248,371.00	\$3,147,334.00	\$101,037.00
	Total		\$80,526,892.25	\$82,655,081.00	\$78,371,823.00

Total Reserves as shown above refers to the money that is earmarked for the eventual claim payment. In some instances total paid exceeded total claims where claims were re-opened and reassessed. Information was not provided where dashes are indicated.

Approved Persons Unit

The Approved Persons Unit falls under the office of the Deputy Managing Director, Regulation and primarily processes applications of senior officers, including directors, compliance officers and money laundering reporting officers (MLROs). Table 28 below indicates the number of approved persons appointments for Q4 2018.

Table 28 Approved Persons Appointments.

2018 Approved Persons Appointments	
Transaction	Total
Appointment of Director	43
Appointment of Compliance Officer	-
Appointment of Compliance Officer and Money Laundering Reporting Officer	5
Appointment of Senior Officer	8
Appointment of Auditor	-

Enforcement

The Enforcement Committee is responsible for determining and administering enforcement action on licensees for any contravention or breach of financial services legislation. Enforcement actions range from warning letters to complete license revocation. In Q4 2018 a number of enforcement actions were levied, notably: 3 administrative penalties; 2 public statements and 1 warning letter.

Onsite Inspections

Onsite inspections are conducted by the Compliance Inspection Unit. The Unit conducts full scope and thematic inspections on all licensees on a periodic basis. The Onsite Inspection Programme is ongoing. No inspections were concluded within Q3 2018. This is a correction to the previously published bulletin. All inspections for 2018 were concluded in the fourth quarter. Inspections were concluded in Q4 2018 for (2) Banks, (1) Fiduciary Services Business, and (1) Money Services Business. An inspection for the purposes of reporting is considered concluded within a quarter once the close-out meeting has taken place in that quarter.

Chart O below indicates the total number of inspections conducted from 2014-2018 for which close-out meetings were held in the given year.

Total Number of Inspections Conducted from 2014-2018



A larger than usual number of inspections were conducted in 2014. The Commission conducted a series of 49 focused thematic inspections on Introduced Business and Beneficial Ownership Information. Inspections for 2018 commenced in Q4 2018.

*The total number of inspections for 2017 is adjusted to reflect the count from Q2 2017. Inspections conducted for 2017 include: Q1:7; Q2:8; Q3:2; Q4:0.

Ongoing Supervision

The Licensing and Supervisory Committee's (LSC) functions are to receive, review and determine applications for authorisations, licences, registration and recognitions under any Financial Services legislation. The LSC supervises regulated persons to ensure that they continue to satisfy the fit and proper criteria for the conduct of financial services business. Table 29 below indicates the number of matters brought to the LSC by the various Divisions within the Commission.

Table 29 below indicates the number of Matters Referred to the LSC in Q4 2018.

Matters Referred to LSC in Q4 2018*				
	October	November	December	Total
Banking, Insolvency and Fiduciary**	52	51	25	128
Investment Business	27	9	12	48
Insurance	14	11	8	33
Policy, Research & Statistics	-	-	-	-
Registry***	-	-	-	-

*Figures include a series of approvals, refusals and cancellations reviewed by the Licensing and Supervisory Committee

**The Insolvency Division merged with the Banking and Fiduciary Services Division in February 2016.

***Since the enactment of the Trade Marks legislation, decisions such as applications to become a Trade Mark Agent are decided at the LSC.

International Cooperation

Table 30 below records the number of incoming and outgoing requests for information. Requests are classified as formal or informal. Within the context of the Financial Services Commission's International Cooperation obligations, formal requests for information refers to requests for information made or received consistent with a specific MoU or MMoU signed by the Financial Services Commission and a foreign regulatory authority and other requests made or received where there is a duty to cooperate requiring the sharing of documents and information permitted under the BVI Financial Services Commission Act, 2001 (as amended).

Table 30 Incoming and Outgoing Requests for Information.

Legal and Enforcement Division Statistics			
	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017
Formal Incoming Requests	8	6	18
Informal Incoming Requests	-	-	-
Formal Outgoing Requests	1	-	2
Informal Outgoing Requests	-	-	-

