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This is the sixtieth volume of the BVI Financial Services Commission's Quarterly Statistical Bulletin. It provides important statistics, information and analysis on financial services activities for the third quarter of 2020. 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 Q3 2020.

Incorporations

	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019	**Total BCs on the Register (as at 30 th September 2020)
*BC Quarterly Incorporations	6,254	4,725	6,975	380,449

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

The number of new incorporations in Q3 2020 decreased by 10.34% when compared to the number of new incorporations in Q3 2019. There was a 32.36% increase in the number of new incorporations when compared to Q2 2020.

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

Other BC Registration Categories	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Total number of Registrations on the Register (as at 30 th September 2020)
Restricted Purpose Companies (RPCs)	2	1	1	19
Segregated Portfolio Companies (SPCs)	4	1	5	105
Private Trust Companies (PTCs)	16	21	16	1,132
Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs)	-	-	-	35
Foreign Companies	2	-	1	66
Continuations	62	92	105	2,463

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

Chart A below provides Company Incorporations by quarter for the period 2016-2020.

Company Incorporations (2016-2020)

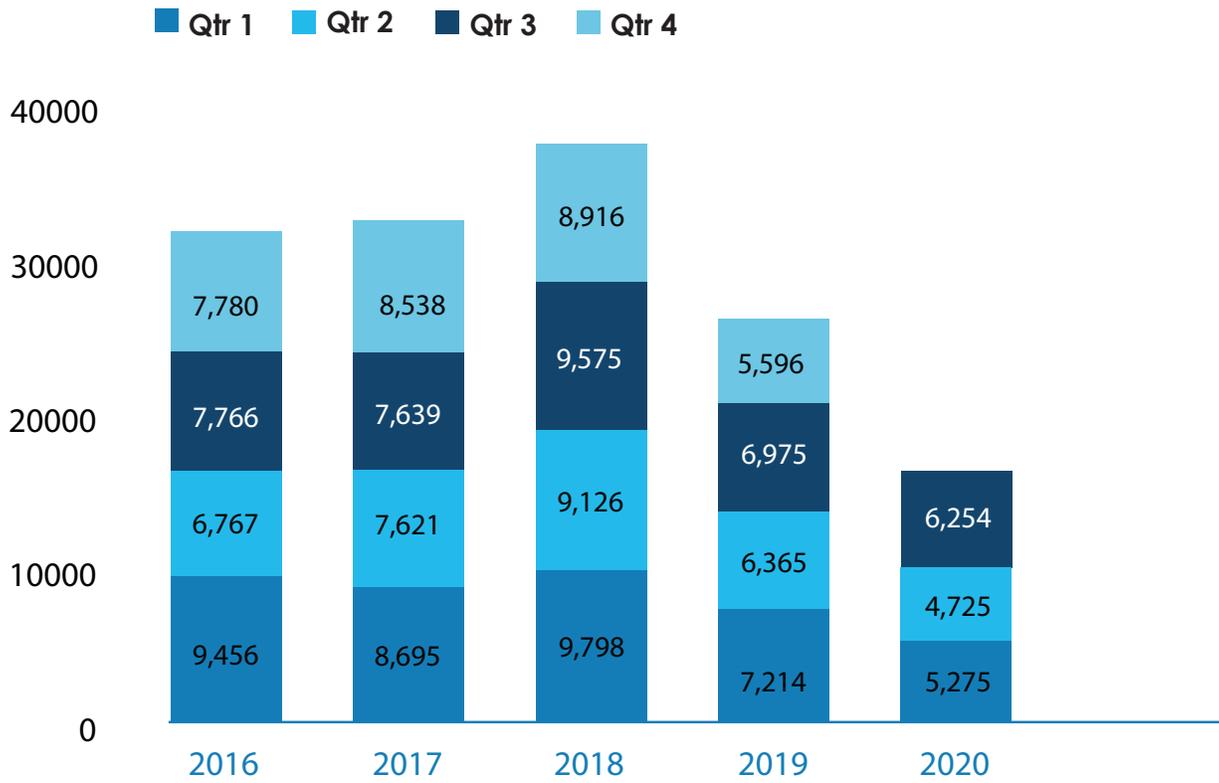


Table 3 Top 10 BC Transactions (2017-2020).

BC Transactions	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2019	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020
Name Reservation (10 days)	44,021	33,521	27,159	27,344	34,093	22,860	32,081	22,312	25,568	30,992
Registration of Members	514	559	427	450	390	388	403	305	328	310
Registration of Directors	25,191	25,147	25,318	20,273	20,757	19,711	19,524	15,968	15,838	18,133
Request for Certificate of Good Standing	14,202	12,647	12,755	12,353	12,592	12,040	11,675	11,049	9,743	10,849
Notice of Change of Registered Office Address	7,301	11,375	468	1,666	4,556	948	1,311	1,853	2,872	23
Registered Agent Intent to Resign	1,549	2,675	1,894	1,557	1,844	941	1,890	1,887	3,342	4,985
Filing of Notice of Appointment of Liquidator	2,465	2,237	2,801	2,249	2,288	2,477	2,807	2,280	2,241	2,424
Filing Notice of Completion of Liquidation	2,672	2,197	2,926	2,252	2,285	2,356	2,887	2,128	2,399	2,172
Application for Registration of Charge	2,437	2,144	2,208	2,274	2,116	1,902	1,951	1,778	1,785	1,994
Request for Certifications (BC)	2,354	1,920	2,180	1,701	1,625	1,266	1,520	1,270	910	1,208
Notice of Change of Registered Agent	5,941	1,770	3,222	1,508	1,513	1,180	1,952	3,200	2,225	1,675

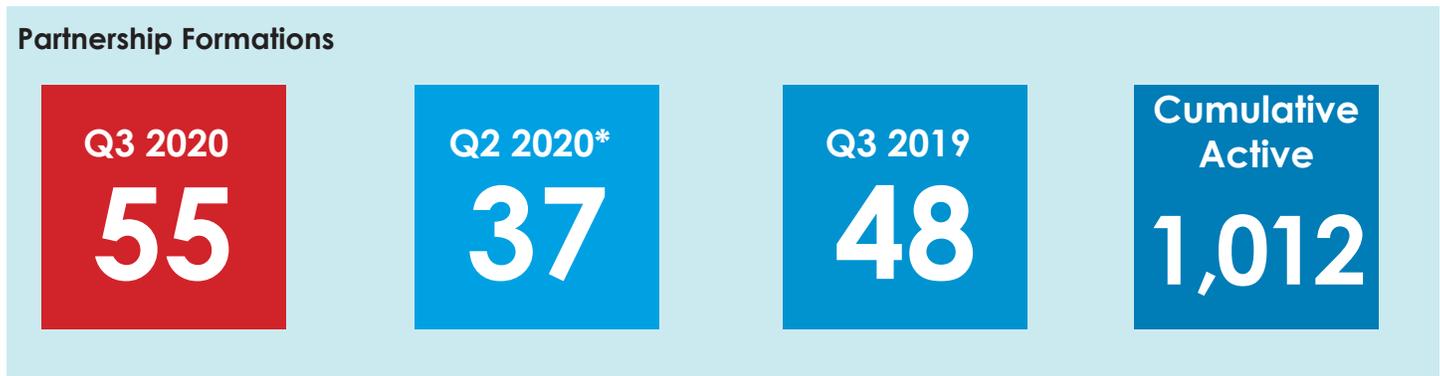
Name Reservations (10 days) consistently falls in the two most frequent transactions seen from 2018 to 2020. The registration of Directors is the second most frequent transaction from 2018 - 2020. The total number of Name Reservations (10 days) transactions filed and approved for 2020 thus far is 78,872. 116 Name Reservations (90 days) have also been filed and approved in 2020 making the total number of Name Reservations filed and approved for 2020, 78,988.

*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 14.58% increase in the number of new Limited Partnerships (LPs) formed in Q3 2020 when compared to Q3 2019. There was a 48.65% increase in the number of LPs formed in Q3 2020 when compared to Q2 2020.

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

Q4 2019 Approved Transactions	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019
Amendment to Partnerships/General Amendments	19	5	6
L.P. Request Certificate of Good Standing	38	30	47
L.P. Notice of Dissolution	7	7	5
L.P. Registration of Limited Partnership	41	36	48
L.P. Notice of Completion of Liquidation	7	7	5
Request for Certifications	1	12	6
L.P. Registered Agent Intent to Resign	-	14	10
L.P. Notice of Resignation of Registered Agent	13	-	1
L.P. Notice of Continuation out of the Virgin Islands (Discontinuation)	-	2	-
L.P. Registration of Charge	2	4	-
Application for Continuation - (Limited Partnership Act, 2017)	10	1*	2

*Adjusted Figure

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 Q3 2020 decreased by 12.00% when compared to Q3 2019. The total number of new applications to register a Trade Mark for Q3 2020 increased by 13.79% when compared to Q2 2020.

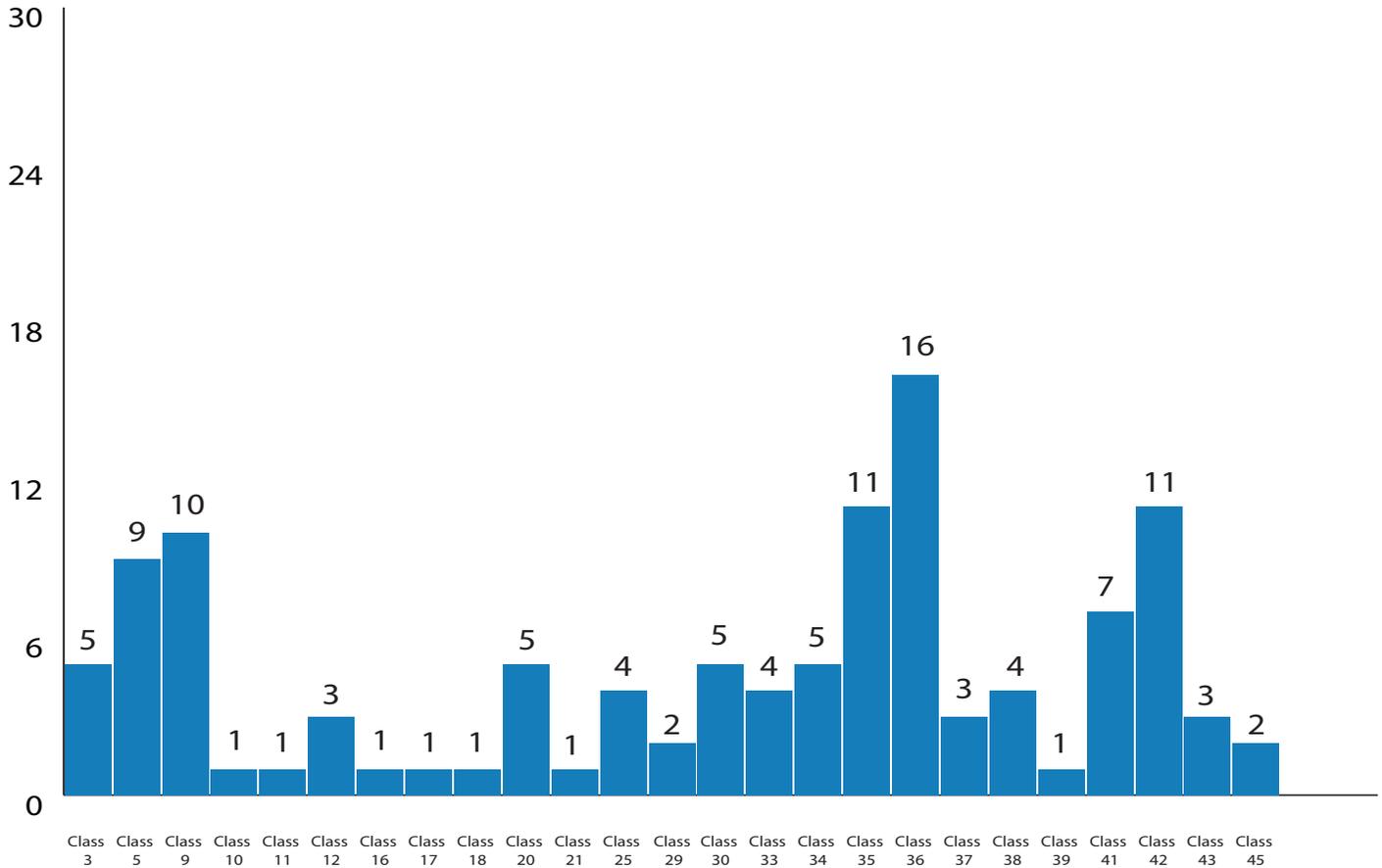
Since the enactment of the Trade Marks Act, 2013 (September, 2015) over 1,000 new applications to register a Trade Mark have been filed³.

Chart D below details the Total Number of New Applications to Register a Trade Mark filed from 2018-2020 under the Trade Marks Act, 2013.



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 in Q3 2020. Classes 36, 35, 42 and 9 are the top 4 Trade mark classes for Q3 2020. 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 4 Popular Nice Classifications for Q3 2020.



Table 5 below details Post Registration Transactions for Trade Marks.

Transactions	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019
Change of Name/Address/ Service or Agent Requests (TM19)	77	77	50
Renewal Requests (TM11)	43	41	26
Restoration Requests (TM11)	8	6	4
Application to Register Registrable Transaction other than license (TM13)	27	2	9
Search Requests (TM21)	21	51	38
Notice of Withdrawal (TM8)	3	-	2
Surrender Notices (TM12)	6	-	1
Request for copy of Extract (TM20)	2	-	6
Total	187	177	136

Change of Name/Address/Service or Agent Request is the most frequent post registration transaction for Q3 2020. This is followed by Renewal Requests. The total number of post registration transactions filed increased by 37.50% in Q3 2020 when compared to Q3 2019. The total number of post registration transactions filed increased by 5.65% in Q3 2020 when compared to Q2 2020.

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

Q3 2020	Type of Trade Mark Agent			Total No. of Trade Mark Agents
	Individual	Legal Person	Partnership	
July	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-
Cumulative Total	9	13	2	24

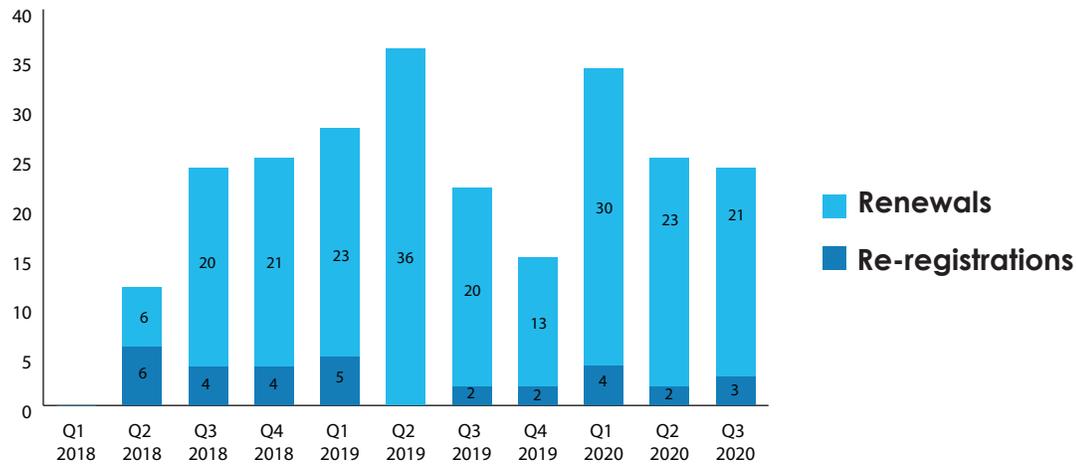
Patents

The re-registration of UK Patents currently falls under the Registry of Corporate Affairs, in 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 (2018-2020).



Banking, Insolvency and Fiduciary Services

Chart I 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	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019
Cash Items	\$711,659	\$564,920	\$768,905
Loans & Advances	\$1,308,443	\$1,301,984	\$1,370,254
Investments	\$12,416	\$20,447	\$12,811
Total Other Assets	\$222,138	\$379,845	\$178,474
Total Assets	\$2,278,043	\$2,278,449	\$2,346,926
Deposits	\$1,998,305	\$2,011,802	\$1,970,667
Long Term Debt	\$4,969	\$4,167	\$45,698
Accrued Liabilities	\$10,579	\$9,552	\$11,526
Other Liabilities	(\$297,216)	(\$298,404)	(\$235,261)
Loss Reserves	\$13,030	\$12,685	\$16,935
Total Liabilities	\$1,729,667	\$1,739,802	\$1,809,565
Total Shareholder's Equity	\$548,376	\$538,647	\$537,361

Balance Sheet Analysis - the banking sector's total asset size this quarter stood at approximately \$2.28 billion a reflection of the previous quarter.

The balance sheet experienced changes quarter over quarter as:

Marketable Securities evidenced an increase from \$11.2 in Q2 to \$23.3 in Q3.

Loans and Advances remained at \$1.30 Billion.

Other Assets increased by 15.04% from \$195.4 million to \$224.8 million.

Deposits decreased \$10.6 million (0.49%) from \$2.01 billion to \$2.00 billion due to a general decrease in customer deposits.

Long Term Debt showed a increase of 19.2%, from \$4.16 million to \$4.96 million.

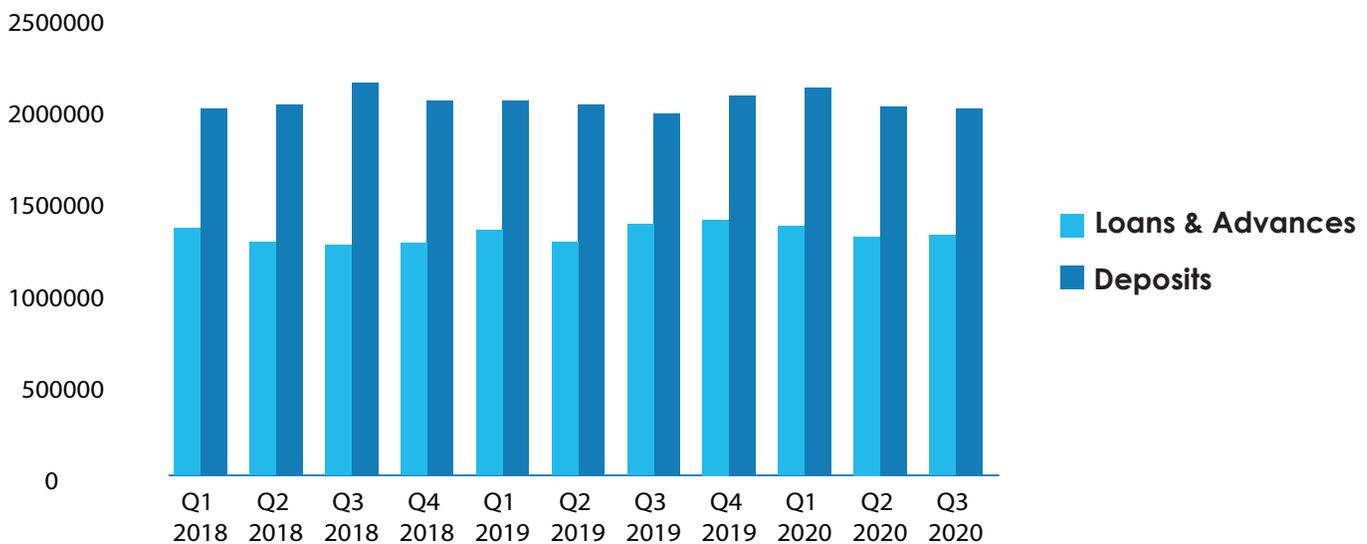
Accrued Liabilities increased from \$10.1 million to \$11.0 million.

Other Liabilities decreased by 0.33% due to the fluctuation of balances held on inter-company accounts (due to Head Offices and Branches).

Loss Reserves increased by 3.17% from \$12.68 million to \$13.03 million due to an increase in provisioning for potential loan losses.

Total Shareholder's Equity decreased by 1.27% from \$550.0 million to \$552.4 million due mainly to earnings being retained and added to capital.

Chart J details Total Loans and Deposits over a 2 year Period (2018-2020) in USD'000s.



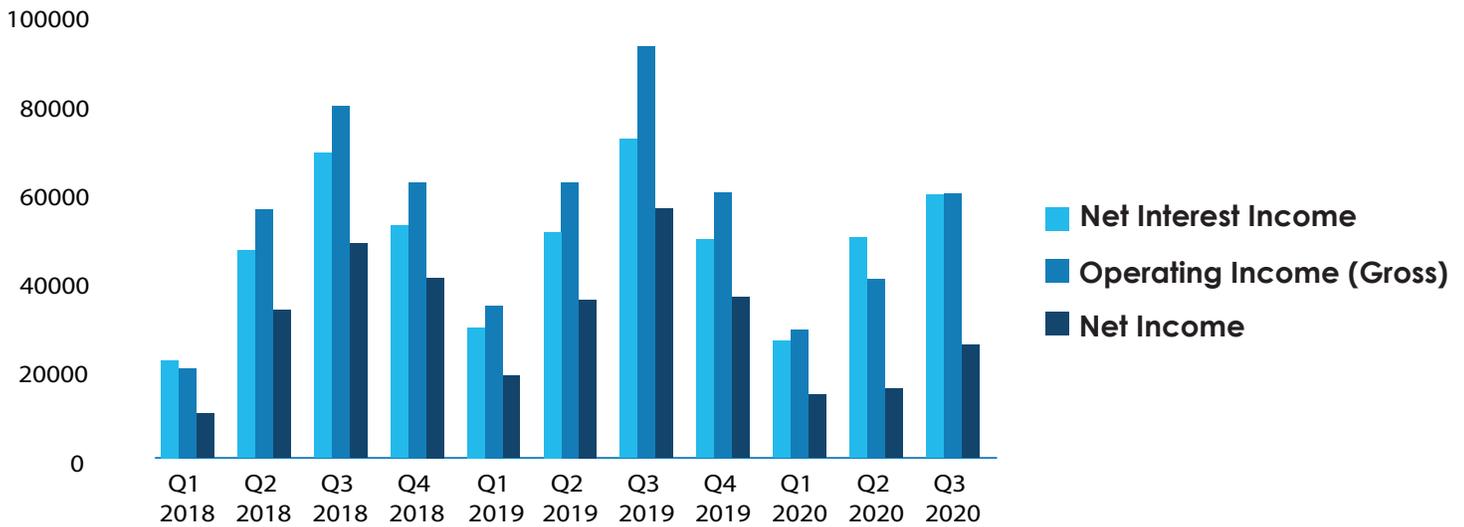
Total Deposits decreased by \$27, 638(1.40%) in Q3 2020 when compared to total deposits in Q3 2019 and by \$13,497 (0.67%) when compared to Q2 2020. Deposits consistently remain above Loans and Advances.

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

	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019
Net Interest Income	\$59,208	\$49,573	\$71,876
Operating Income (Gross Income)	\$59,504	\$40,228	\$92,667
Net Income	\$25,415	\$15,587	\$56,082

The Net Interest Income recorded for all commercial banks decreased by 17.62% in Q3 2020 when compared to Q3 2019. Net Interest Income increased by 19.44% in Q3 2020 when compared to Q2 2020. Net Income decreased by 54.68% in Q3 2020 when compared to Q3 2019 and increased by 63.05% when compared to Q2 2020.

Chart K Details Net Interest Income, Operating Income Gross and Net Income over a 2 year Period (2017-2020).



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 (2018-2020). 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	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019
Adjusted Risk-weighted Assets	\$1,289,141	\$1,309,854	\$1,260,878
Risk-asset Ratio	43.78%	42.46%	42.90%
Net Income	\$25,415	\$15,587	\$56,082

Adjusted Risk-weighted Assets recorded for all commercial banks increased by 2.24% in Q3 2020 when compared to Q3 2019. Adjusted Risk-weighted Assets decreased by 1.58% in Q3 2020 when compared to Q2 2020.

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

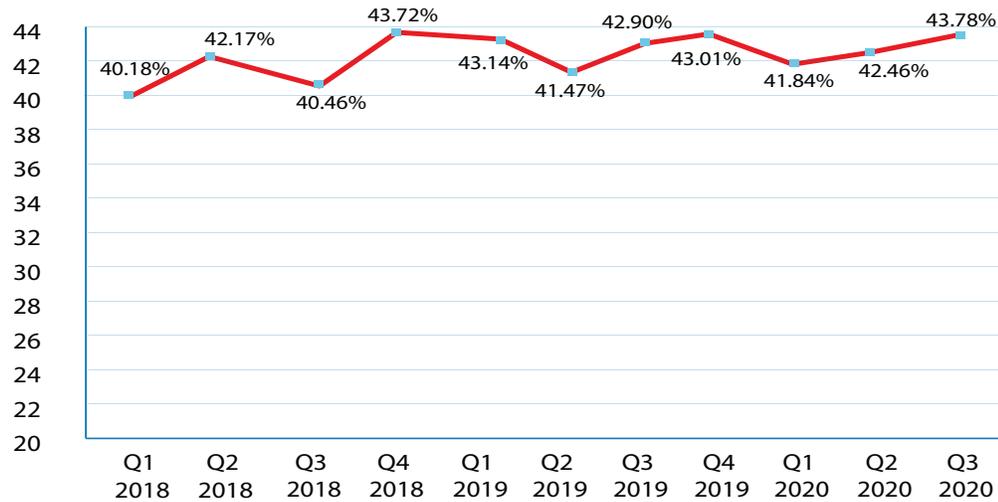


Table 10 below provides selected Asset Quality Indicators for Licensed commercial BVI Banks.

Asset Quality in USD '000s	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019
Total Non-Performing Loans	\$114,044	\$109,449	\$103,065
Non-Accruing Loans	\$106,942	\$96,749	\$96,453
Non-Performing Loans as a percentage of Total Loans	8.72%	8.41%	7.89%
Loan Loss Reserves	\$13,024	\$19,371	\$16,935

Total Non-Performing Loans in Q3 2020 increased by 10.65% when compared to Q3 2019 and increased by 4.20% when compared to Q2 2020. Loan Loss Reserves decreased by 23.09% in Q3 2020 when compared to Q3 2019. They decreased by 32.77% when compared to Q2 2020.

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

Profitability	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019
Return on Assets	1.12%	0.68%	2.39%
Return on Equity	4.59%	2.87%	10.37%
Profit Margin	37.68%	31.44%	67.00%
Net Interest Margin to Gross Income	99.50%	106.03%	77.56%
Non-Interest Expense to Gross Income	59.87%	64.55%	39.75%

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

Concentration	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019
Deposits			
Ten (10) largest depositors as a percentage of total deposits	29.40%	30.28%	32.13%
Demand Deposits as a percentage of total deposits	42.62%	40.16%	33.35%
Related Deposits as a percentage of total deposits	0.04%	0.06%	0.13%
Loans			
Ten (10) largest loans as a percentage of total loans	19.87%	11.46%	15.41%
Market loans as a percentage of total loans	58.06%	60.87%	60.46%
Related loans as a percentage of total loans	48.82%	47.94%	45.85%
Sensitivity to Market Risk			
Net Open Position in USD '000s	364	361	284
Net Open Position as a percentage of Capital	0.06%	0.06%	0.05%

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.

	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019
Cash Items	\$2,387,349	\$1,301,856	\$843,791
Total Assets	\$4,746,293	\$3,785,556	\$3,156,201
Total Liabilities	\$2,303,120	\$2,007,032	\$1,576,997
Total Shareholders' Equity	\$1,789,664	\$1,778,524	\$1,579,204

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

	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019
Current Ratio (Current Assets to Current Liabilities)	166.66%	209.68%	241.37%
Current Assets to Total Assets	80.87%	75.48%	71.29%
Net Profit Margin	-15.65%	-29.86%	33.96%
Return on Assets	-0.78%	-1.37%	4.92%
Return on Equity	-2.08%	-2.92%	9.84%

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

Amount Received for Transmission:	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019
From the BVI to Foreign Countries	\$11,242,501	\$7,631,581	\$21,686,715
To the BVI from Foreign Countries	\$1,587,104	\$1,109,854	\$1,432,452
Number of Transactions			
From the BVI to Foreign Countries	36,273	24,655	61,723
To the BVI from Foreign Countries	4,678	3,158	4,025

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 Q3 2020	Licensees as at 30th June 2020	Q3 2020 Licences Issued	Q3 2020 Licences Cancelled	Licensees as at 30th September 2020
Class I Trust	59	2	1	60
Class II Trust	30	1	-	31
Class III*	22	1	-	23
Restricted Class II Trust	62	-	2	60
Restricted Class III*	102	6	2	106
Company Management	17	-	-	17
Authorised Custodian	3	-	-	3
Total	295	10	5	300

* Pursuant to the Banks and Trust Companies (Amendment) Act, 2018, "Class III Trust Licence" was changed to "Class III Licence" and "Restricted Class III Trust Licence" was changed to "Restricted Class III Licence"

Table 17 provides Post Licensing Transactions for Fiduciary Services Licensees for Q3 2020.

Q4 2019 Post Licensing Transactions	July	August	September	Total
Change in Authorised Agent	12	2	6	20
Change in Undertaking	2	1	2	5
Removal of Subsidiary	-	-	-	-
Change in Ownership/Shareholding*	4	4	2	10
Merger	-	1	-	-
Change of Name	3	-	-	3
Change in Principal Office	1	0	1	2
Cancellation of Licence	4	0	1	5
Voluntary Liquidation	0	0	2	2

*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 third quarter of the given year.

Total Number of Insolvency Practitioners (full and restricted licences)	
Q3 2020	25
Q3 2019	26
Q3 2018	33

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

Current No. insolvency Practitioners (IP) Licensees	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019
Current # of licence IP's (full licence)	25	26	26
Current # of licence IP's (restricted licence)	-	-	-
Total No. of IP's	25	26	26

Investment Business

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

	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019	Total as at 30 th September 2020
Investment Business Licences	1	1	2	365
Authorised Representatives	3	-	-	54
Approved Investment Managers	28	9	8	315

Table 21 below provides the number of Investment Business Licences by Sub-category as at the end of June 2020.

Investment Business Licence by Sub-category*	Total Licences at 30 th September 2020
Category 1 Sub-category A – Dealing as Agent	23
Category 1 Sub-category B – Dealing as Principal	30
Category 2 – Arranging Deals in Investments	23
Category 3 Sub-category A – Managing Segregated Portfolios (Excluding Mutual Funds)	7
Category 3 Sub-category B – Managing Mutual Funds	300
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	42
Category 4 Sub-category A – Investment Advice (Excluding Mutual Funds)	31
Category 4 Sub-category B – Investment Advice (Mutual Funds)	8
Category 5 Sub-category A – Custody of Investments (Excluding Mutual Funds)	15
Category 5 Sub-category B – Custody of Investments (Mutual Funds)	49
Category 6 Sub-category A – Administration of Investments (Excluding Mutual Funds)	18
Category 6 Sub-category B – Administration of Investments (Mutual Funds)	48

* The number of Investment Business licenses as at 30th September, 2020 was 365. (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.

	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019	Total at 30 th September 2020
Professional	13	9	9	903
Private	7	1	1	309
Public	-	-	-	31
Foreign	-	-	-	6
Incubator	13	3	-	97
Approved	17	5	8	153
Private Investment Funds*	105	46*	-	153
Total	155	64	13	1,652

* The BVI introduced its Private Investment Fund Regime in Q4 2019, which requires the recognition of private investment funds with the Investment Business Division of the Commission.

Chart N indicates the Total Number of Active Mutual Funds for (2018 - 2020).

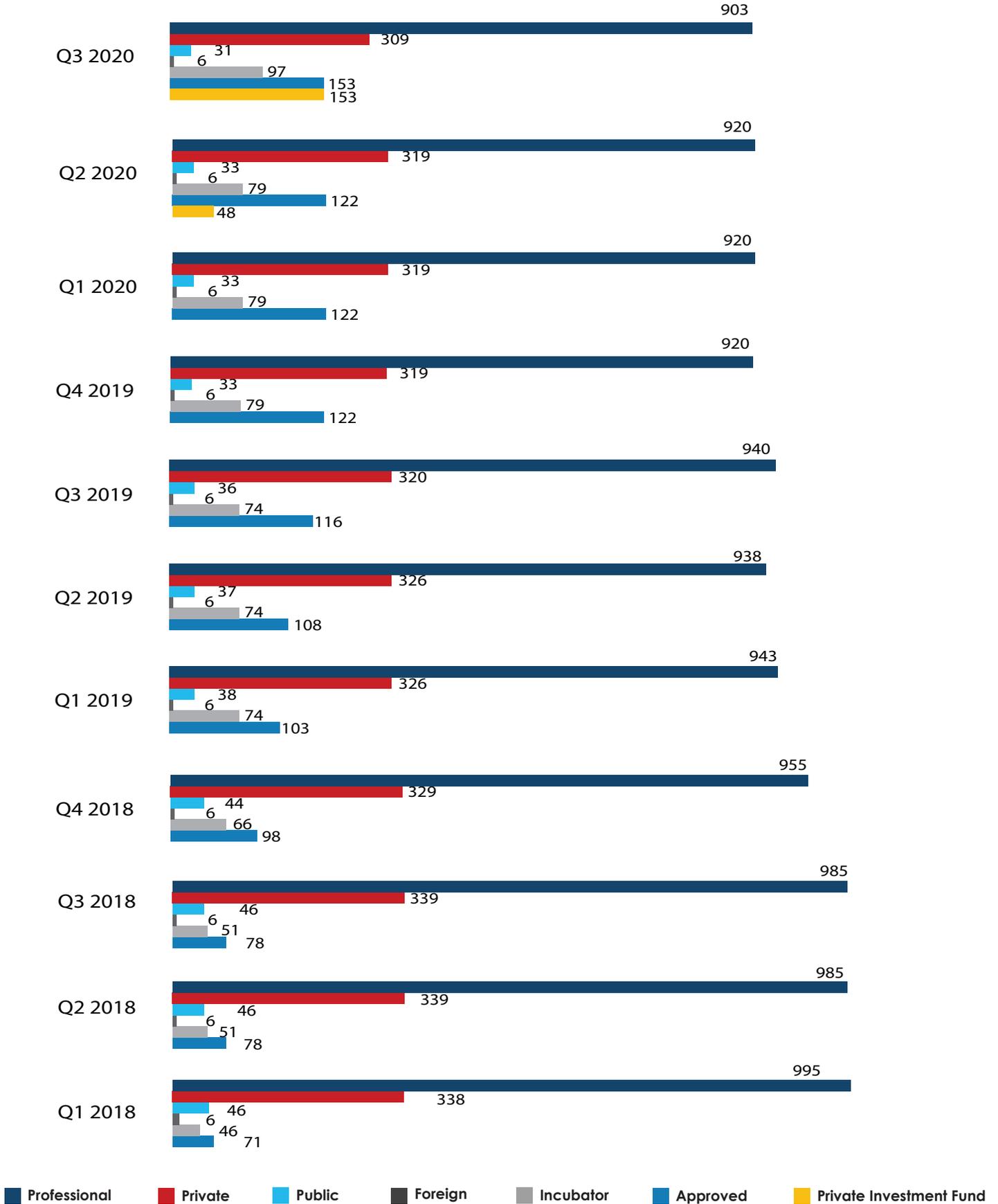


Table 23 below indicates the number of Mutual Funds Incorporated or Re-registered as an SPC.

	Q3 2020		Q2 2020		Q3 2019		Cumulative Totals (as at 30 th September 2020)
	Inc.*	Reg.*	Inc.	Reg.	Inc.	Reg.	
Certificates Granted- Professional Mutual Funds	1	-	1	-	-	-	92
Certificates Granted- Private Mutual Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Certificates Granted- Public Mutual Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Certificates Granted- Incubator	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Certificates Granted - Approved Fund	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Certificates Granted - Private Investment Fund	0	2	1	-	-	-	3
Total	2	2	3	-	-	-	129

* Inc. - Incorporated.

* Reg. - Registered

Insurance

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

Insurance Licensees and Functionaries	Licensees as at 30th June 2020	Q3 2020 Licences Issued	Q3 2020 Licences Cancelled	Licensees as at 30th September 2020
Insurers				
Captive Insurers	56	-	3	53
Domestic Insurers	37	-	-	37
Functionaries				
Agents	13	-	-	13
Brokers	2	-	-	2
Insurance Managers	7	-	-	7
Loss Adjusters	6	-	-	6

Table 25 below indicates the number of Insurance Post Licensing Transactions for Q3 2020.

Insurance Q3 2020 Post Licensing Transactions	Total
Cancellation of Licence - Insurers	3
Approval of Director's and Senior Officers	-
Approval of Liquidation and Liquidator	1
Change of Licensee's Name	2
Approval of Letter of Credit/ Prepaid Insurance/ Deferred Acquisition Costs/ Promissory Notes as allowable assets	-
Approval for the Transfer/Acquisition of Shares/ Re-organisation of Ownership Structure	1
Exemption from preparing and submitting audited financial statements	1
Extension of time to submit audited financial statements	7
Grant of an insurer's licence/ Adding Insurers to an Insurance Agent's Licence	1
Exemption from applying for approval to appoint a director/senior officer	-

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 26 below indicates the number of approved persons appointments for Q3 2020.

Table 26 Approved Persons Appointments.

2020 Approved Persons Appointments	
Transaction	Total
Appointment of Director	28
Appointment of Compliance Officer	2
Appointment of Compliance Officer and Money Laundering Reporting Officer	5
Appointment of Senior Officer	7
Chnge in 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 Q3 2020 a number of enforcement actions were levied, notably: 2 Notices of Administrative Penalty; 1 Public Statement; and 1 Revocation or Cancellation of Certificate or Licence..

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. 2 thematic inspections of Investment Business entities were concluded in Q3 2020.

Chart O below indicates the total number of inspections conducted from 2016-2020 for which close-out meetings were held in the given year.

Total Number of Inspections Conducted from 2016-2020



*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 27 below indicates the number of matters brought to the LSC by the various Divisions within the Commission.

Table 27 below indicates the number of Matters Referred to the LSC in Q3 2020.

Matters Referred to LSC in Q3 2020*				
	July	August	September	Total
Banking, Insolvency and Fiduciary**	50	25	22	97
Investment Business	69	30	8	107
Insurance	10	14	6	30
Policy, Research & Statistics	1	-	-	1
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 28 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 28 Incoming and Outgoing Requests for Information.

Legal and Enforcement Division Statistics			
	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019
Formal Incoming Requests	32	15	51
Informal Incoming Requests	-	-	3
Formal Outgoing Requests	1	1	1
Informal Outgoing Requests	-	-	-

