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# Fiscal Performance

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(As of end-February 2024)

Preliminary Data

(As of end-February 2023)



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1,064

Average Oil Production (thousand bbl/d)

1,024

88

Average Oil Price (US\$ per barrel)

86

1,153

Net Oil Revenue (RO Million)

1,102

RO Million

2,148

Revenue

Revenue

1,958

1,776

Spending

Spending

1,751

372

Surplus

Surplus

207



(9%)

Revenue

Change (%)

Spending

(1%)



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## Public Revenue

At the end of February 2024, public revenue amounted to RO 1,958 million, down by 9% when compared to RO 2,148 million registered over the same period in 2023. **This is mainly due to a decrease in net oil and gas revenues.**

RO Million

| Statement (As of end-February) | 2023         | 2024         | Change (%)  |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Net Oil Revenue                | 1,153        | 1,102        | (4%)        |
| Net Gas Revenue                | 521          | 281          | (46%)       |
| Current Revenue                | 471          | 573          | 22%         |
| Capital Revenue & Repayments   | 3            | 2            | -           |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>2,148</b> | <b>1,958</b> | <b>(9%)</b> |

### The following are the main items of public revenue:

- 01 Net Oil Revenue:** At the end of February 2024, net oil revenue amounted to RO 1,102 million, down by 4% when compared to RO 1,153 million registered over the same period in 2023. The average realized oil price amounted to US\$ 86 per barrel and average oil production reached 1,024 thousand barrel per day.
- 02 Net Gas Revenue:** At the end of February 2024, net gas revenue amounted to RO 281 million, down by 46% when compared to same period in 2023. This is due to the deduction of gas purchase and transport expenses from total revenue collected from Integrated Gas Company.
- 03 Current Revenue:** At the end of February 2024, current revenue amounted to RO 573 million, up by RO 102 million when compared to RO 471 million registered over the same period in 2023. This is due to an increase in returns on Government investments in January, registered RO 200 million.

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## Public Spending

At the end of February 2024, public spending amounted to RO 1,751 million, down by RO 25 million, i.e. 1% when compared to the same period in 2023.

| Statement (As of end-February)   | 2023         | 2024         | Change (%)  |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Current Expenditure              | 1,294        | 1,277        | (1%)        |
| Development Expenditure          | 50           | 93           | -           |
| Contributions and other Expenses | 132          | 231          | 75%         |
| Expenses Under Settlement        | 300          | 150          | (50%)       |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>1,776</b> | <b>1,751</b> | <b>(1%)</b> |

RO Million

### The following are the main items of public spending:

- 01 Current Expenditure:** At the end of February 2024, current expenditure of civil ministries amounted to RO 1,277 million, down by RO 17 million when compared to RO 1,294 million registered over the same period in 2023.
- 02 Development Expenditure:** By the end of February 2024, development expenditure of ministries and government units amounted to RO 93 million, representing 10% of total development spending, i.e. RO 900 million, allocated for 2024.
- 03 Contributions and other Expenses:** At the end of February 2024, total of contributions and other expenses amounted to RO 231 million, up by 75% when compared to RO 132 million registered over the same period in 2023. Social protection system subsidy and oil products subsidy amounted to RO 93 million and RO 44 million, respectively, by the end of February 2024. Furthermore, an amount of RO 66 million transferred to future debt obligations budget-item.

## Surplus / Deficit

At the end of February 2024, the budget achieved a surplus of **RO 207 million** compared to a surplus of **RO 372 million** registered over the same period in 2023.

## Global Economy

According to the Global Economic Outlook report (March, 2024), Fitch Ratings has revised its 2024 global GDP growth forecast by 0.3 percentage points to 2.4%, noting that the near-term world growth prospects have improved. This reflects a sharp upward revision to US growth forecast to 2.1%, from 1.2% in the December 2023 Global Economic Outlook. Moreover, Fitch has revised up its growth forecast for emerging markets excluding China by 0.1 percentage points to 3.2%, with forecasts raised for India, Russia, and Brazil.

On other hand, world growth in 2025 is expected to edge up to 2.5% (unchanged from before) as the eurozone finally recovers on a pick-up in real wages and consumption, but US growth slows.

## Global Oil Market

According to the Short-Term Energy Outlook (STEO) issued by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) in March 2024, the Brent crude oil spot price is expected to average US\$ 88 per barrel in 2Q24, up US\$ 4 per barrel from the February STEO, and to average US\$ 87 per barrel in 2024. Meanwhile, the Brent crude oil spot price is expected to average US\$ 85 per barrel in 2025.

## National Economy

According to its report, S&P Global Ratings has revised Oman's outlook to positive from stable and affirmed its credit rating at (BB+). The agency expects Oman's real GDP growth to reach (2%) during (2024-2027).



# Financial System

## Development Center

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Financial System Development Center (FSDC) is a technical center for developing public financial systems of the Ministry of Finance, used in the units of the State's administrative apparatus. FSDC aims to upskill Government employees in the public financial management, and enhance their financial and technical capabilities in using modern financial systems. The center began in January 2024.

### The FSDC Objectives:



Upskilling specialized employees in the financial area to use Government Financial System(GFS).



Enhancing the awareness of public financial management among employees of Government units.

### The FSDC focus on:

01 |

Government  
Accounts  
Manual

02 |

Classification  
of the state's  
general budget

03 |

Financial and  
accounting policies  
and procedures

04 |

Using GFS and other  
financial systems through  
simulation

### The FSDC targets:

Government employees in the public financial management.

### Achievements:

Conducting 3 development programmes and 3 workshops, to upskill employees specialized in financial area, aimed at:

Enhancing the  
awareness of

427

employees

in public  
financial  
management.

Upskilling

21

employees

on technical  
solutions for GFS.

Upskilling

40

power users\*

to use standard  
version of GFS.

\* Power User: a user who knows a lot about the advanced features in operating system.

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