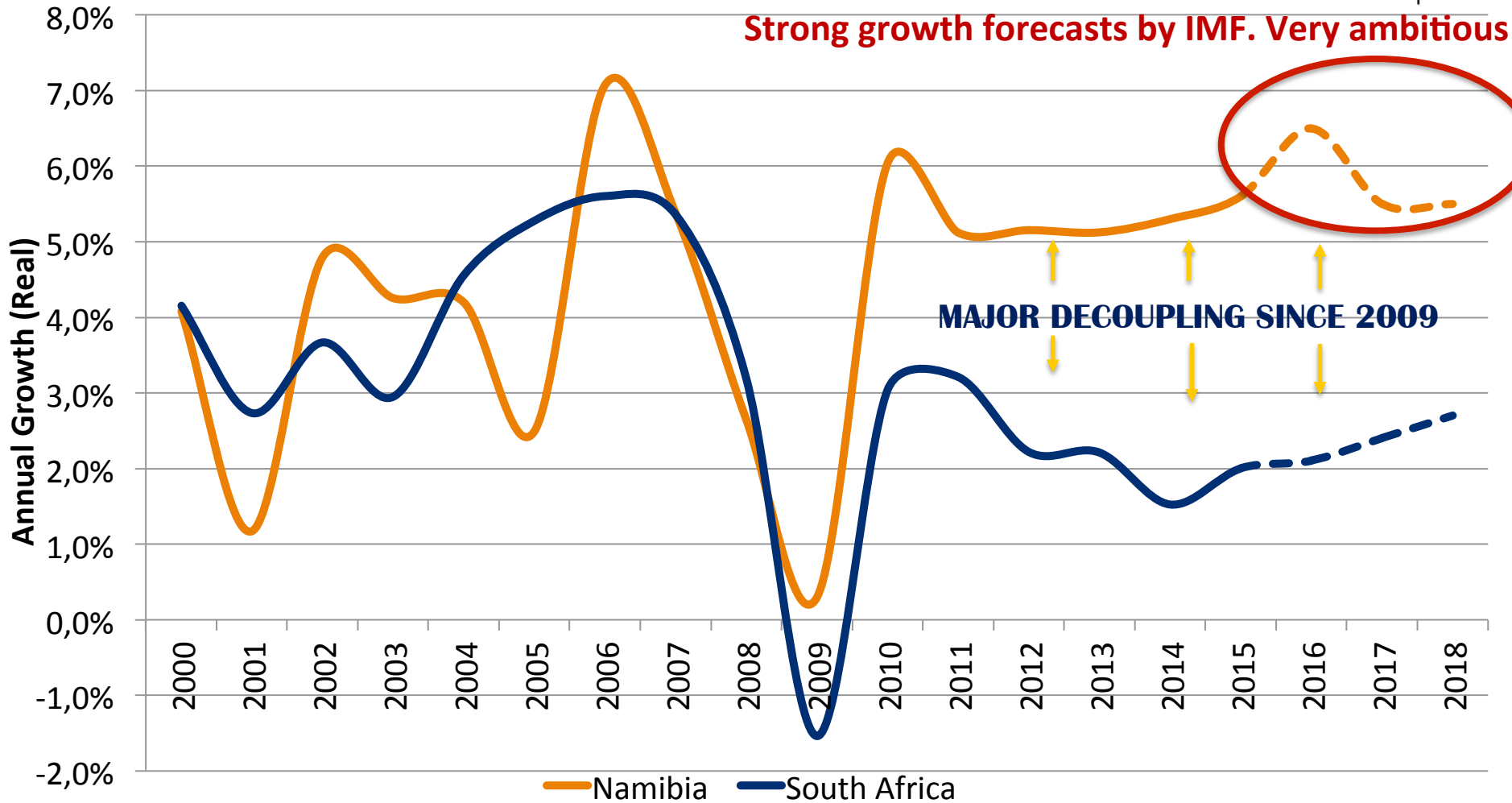


Renewable Energy and Economic Advancement in Namibia

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Growth overview

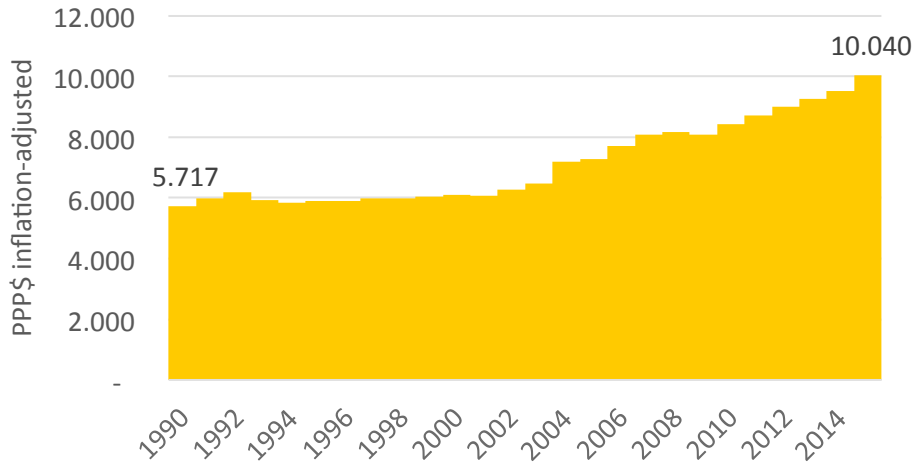


Namibia has made a great deal of socio-economic progress since independence

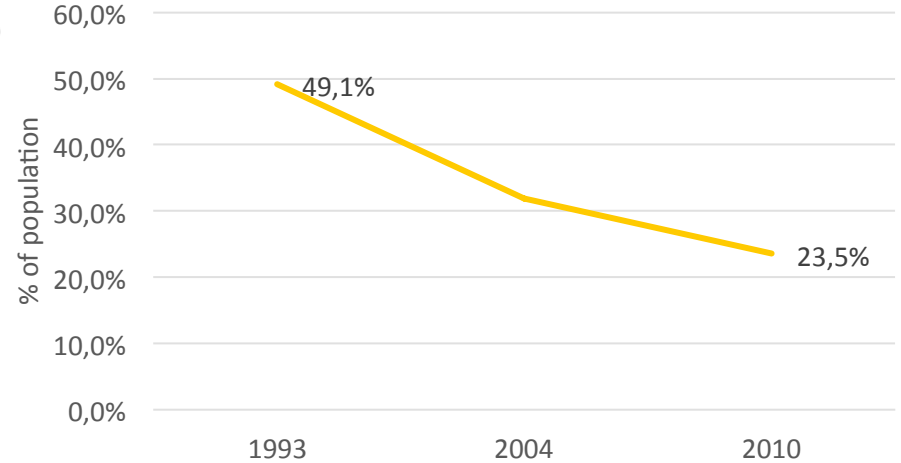
Social and Economic Progress



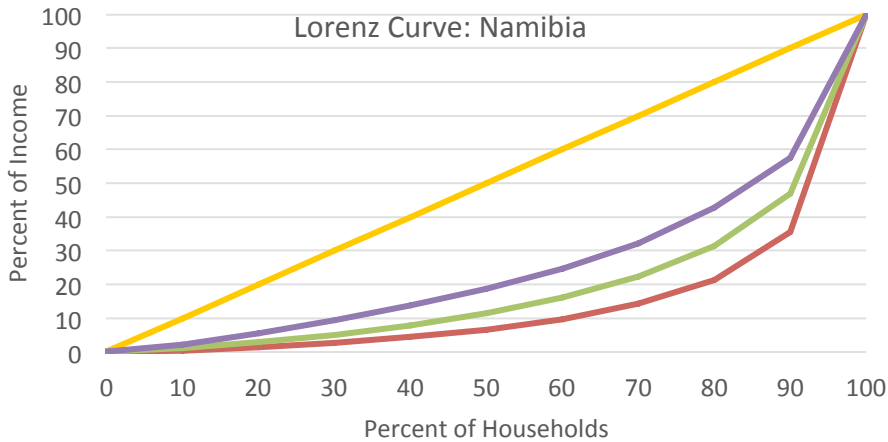
GDP per capita



Poverty headcount ratio (at \$1.25 a day) (PPP)

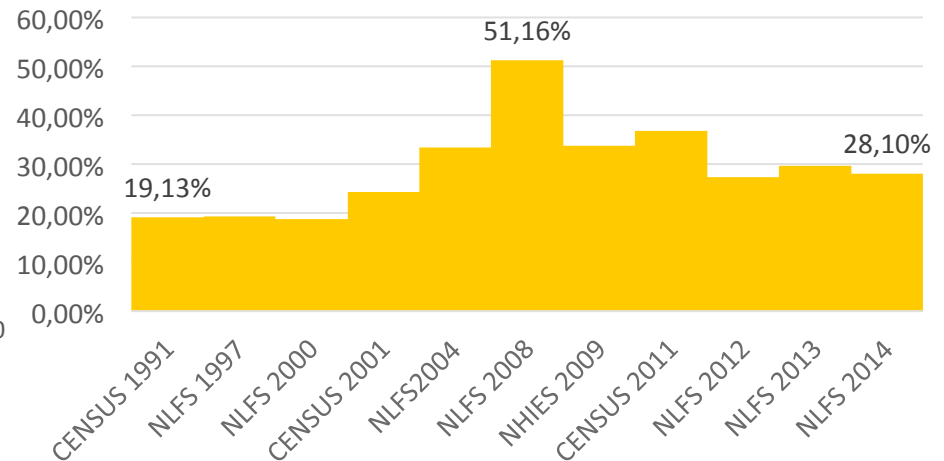


Lorenz Curve: Namibia



— Perfect Equality — 1993/1994 — 2003/2004 — 2009/2010

Unemployment



**ECONOMIC
ADVANCEMENT**

**Macro-economic
Stability**

HPP03.1: Anchor public debt to 30 percent as a ratio of GDP by the end of the Harambee period

HPP03.1: Maintain an import coverage of 3 months during the Harambee period

HPP03.3: Maintain and improve on international credit ratings of BBB minus

**Economic
Transformation**

HPP04.1: Create a minimum 5,000 new jobs in the manufacturing sector during the Harambee period

HPP04.2: Increase volumes of locally produced goods supplied to the public and retail sector as per Retail Charter targets

HPP04.3: A minimum of ten investment projects attracted through investment promotion activities, creating 1,000 jobs during the Harambee period

HPP04.4: Economic empowerment leading to higher inclusion of disadvantaged groups into formal economy

**Youth Enterprise
Development**

HPP05.1: Increase access to finance by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises from 22 percent to 50 percent by 2020

HPP05.2: Introduce new financial instruments to overcome hurdle of collateralised credit for startups

HPP05.3: Established SME Development Agency with country wide representation by 2020

HPP05.4: Establish one hundred and twenty one [121] rural youth enterprises countrywide, each employing between 5-10 youth

**Economic
Competitiveness**

HPP06: Namibia rated as most competitive economy in Africa by 2020 as measured by World Economic Forum and World Bank

MANY OF THESE PRIORITIES WILL NOT BE
ACHIEVABLE WITHOUT STABLE AND COST
EFFECTIVE ENERGY SUPPLY.

HOWEVER....

History

Van Eck



- Coal-fired power station
- Commissioned in 1972
- Out of commission since 2012
- After refurbishments, supposed to reach its maximum supply capacity of 120MW at the end of 2015

1972

Paratus



- Diesel power station
- Built in 1976
- Emergency stand-by generator
- 24MW name-plate capacity
- 12 MW actual generation at present
- Aged infrastructure

1976

Ruacana



- Hydro power plant
- Commissioned in 1978
- Biggest local energy generation plant with a name-plate capacity of 330 MW
- Refurbishments at plant will increase generation capacity to 347 MW this year
- Supplied 99% of all locally produced energy in 2014
- Generation is highly dependent on the flow of the Kunene River and can drop to 50% during dry months

1978

ANIXAS



- Diesel power station
- In operation since 2011
- Emergency stand by power plant with 22.5MW capacity
- Adjacent to the Paratus power plant in Walvis Bay

2011

Omburu



- Solar powered plant
- Commissioned in 2015
- Set-up in four months
- An Independent Power Producers (IPP), owned by the Franco-Namibian company InnoSun
- First multi-million solar power plant in Namibia

2015

2012

Ruacana Unit 4 was added, providing an additional 90MW to the plant's name-plate capacity

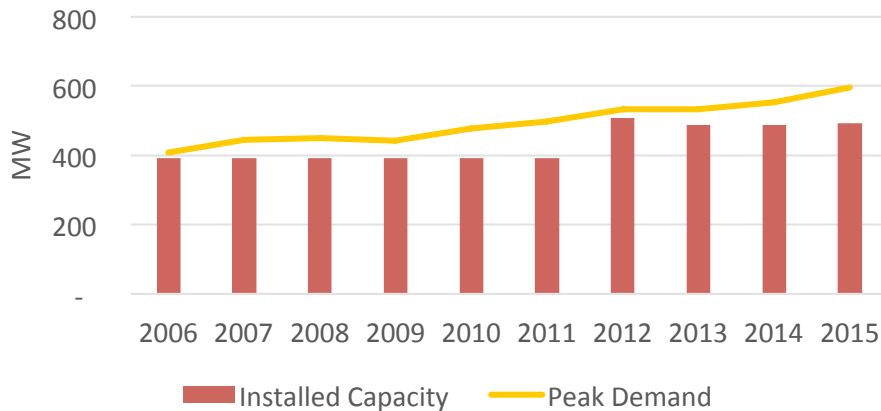
2012-2015

Van Eck refurbishment bringing turbines back to 120MW

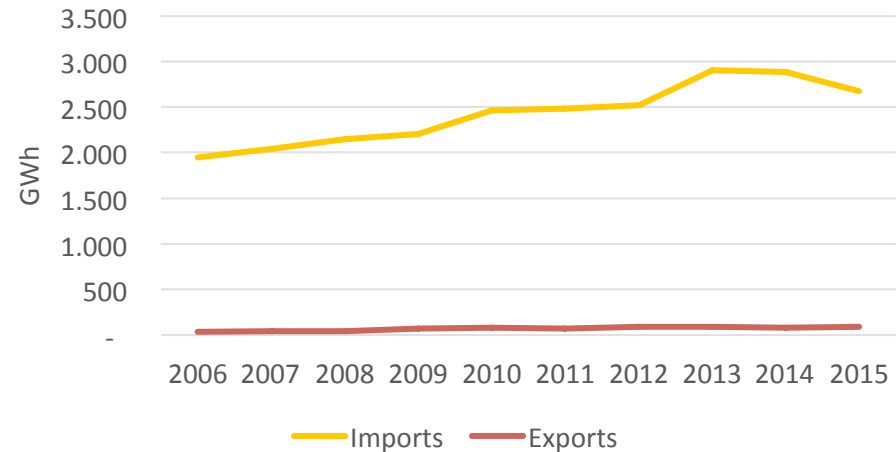
Energy supply issues



Namibia's Peak Demand (Excluding Scorpion) vs Local Installed Generation Capacity

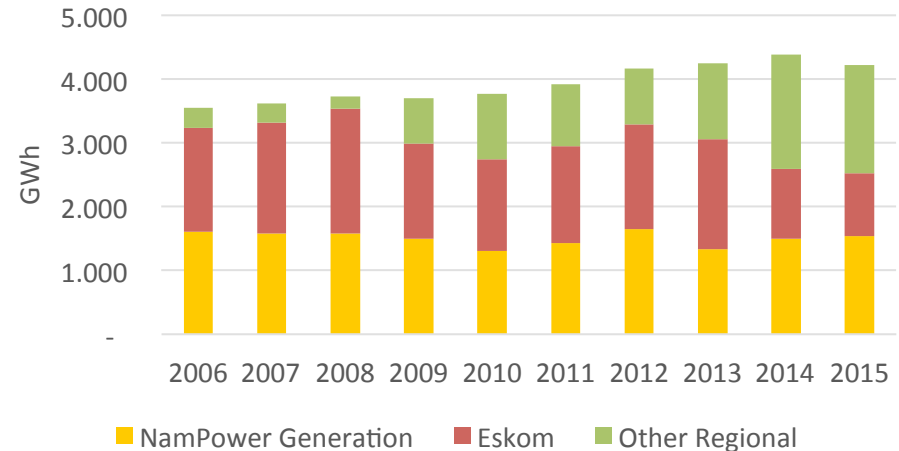


Namibia's Electricity Imports and Exports



- Namibia imports between N\$2.0 and N\$2.6 billion worth of electricity from the region.
- Most of these imports used to come from Eskom – priced in ZAR
- Now, most imports are from Zambia (+Zim) priced in USD.

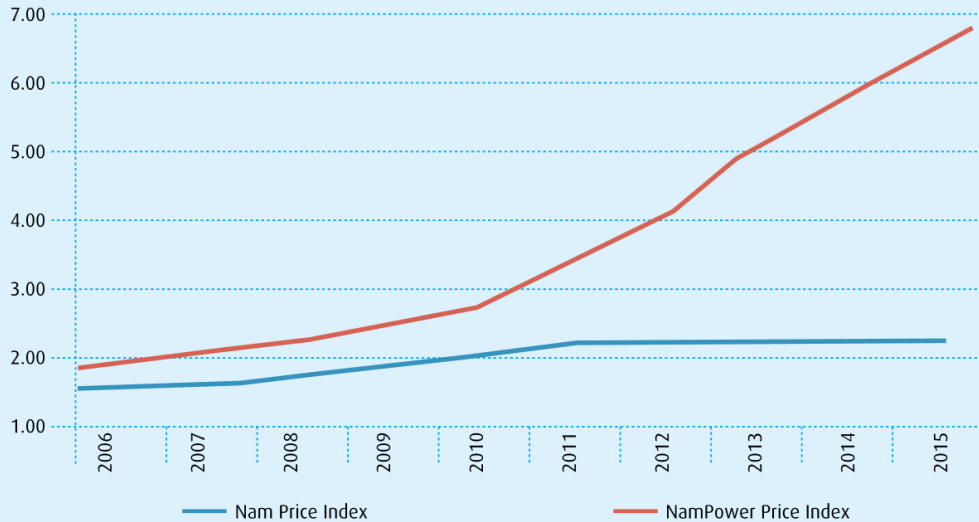
Namibia's Electricity Sources



Pricing



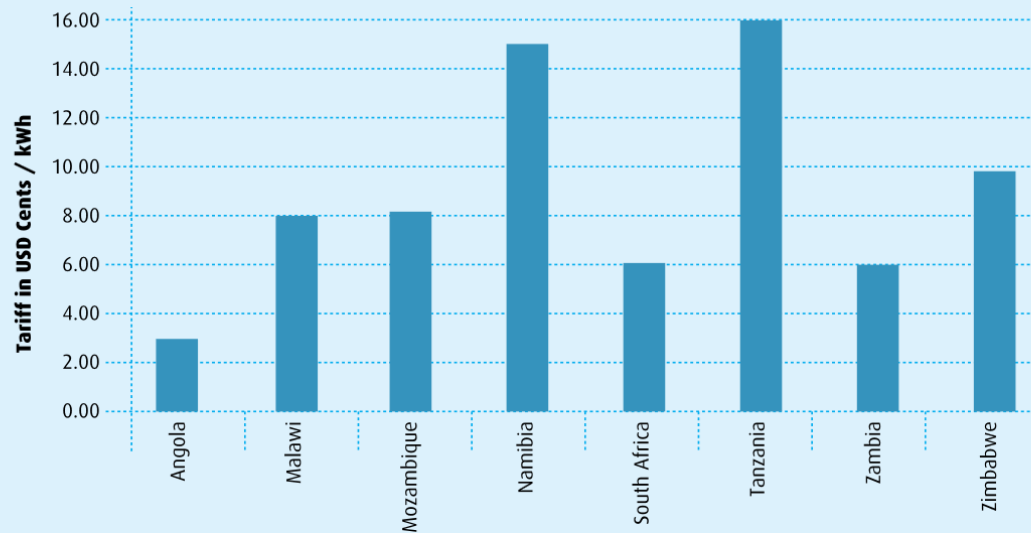
Namibia Bulk Power Price vs CPI



- Namibia has relied on the region to keep the lights on and economy growing
- As regional surplus supply has dwindled, Namibia has had to pay up for energy.

- Namibia now has relatively expensive, and seemingly increasingly less reliable energy supply.
- If not addressed, this will make a number of the development objectives hard to achieve.

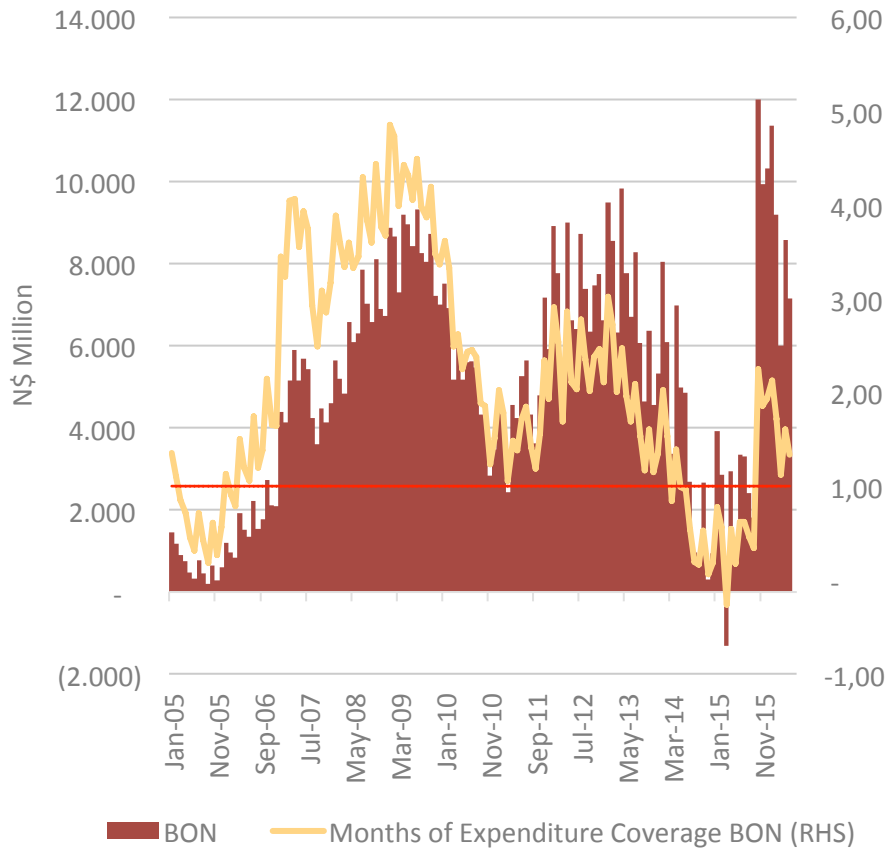
Tariff Levels - 2015



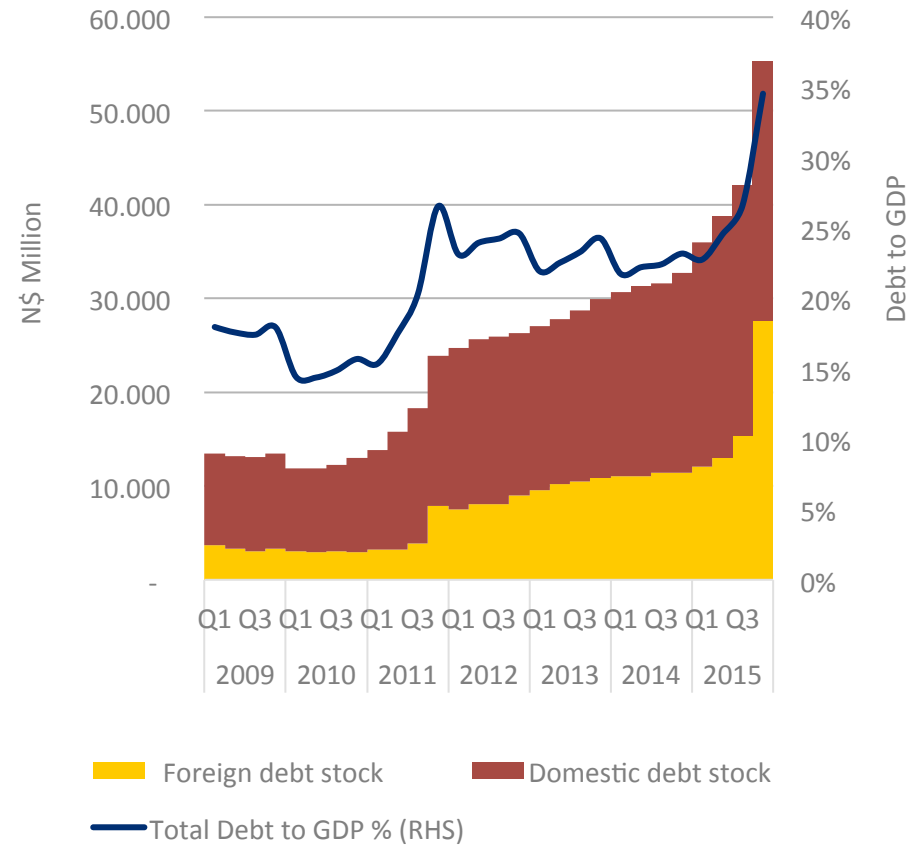
Government Funding



Government Cash Balances vs Expenditure



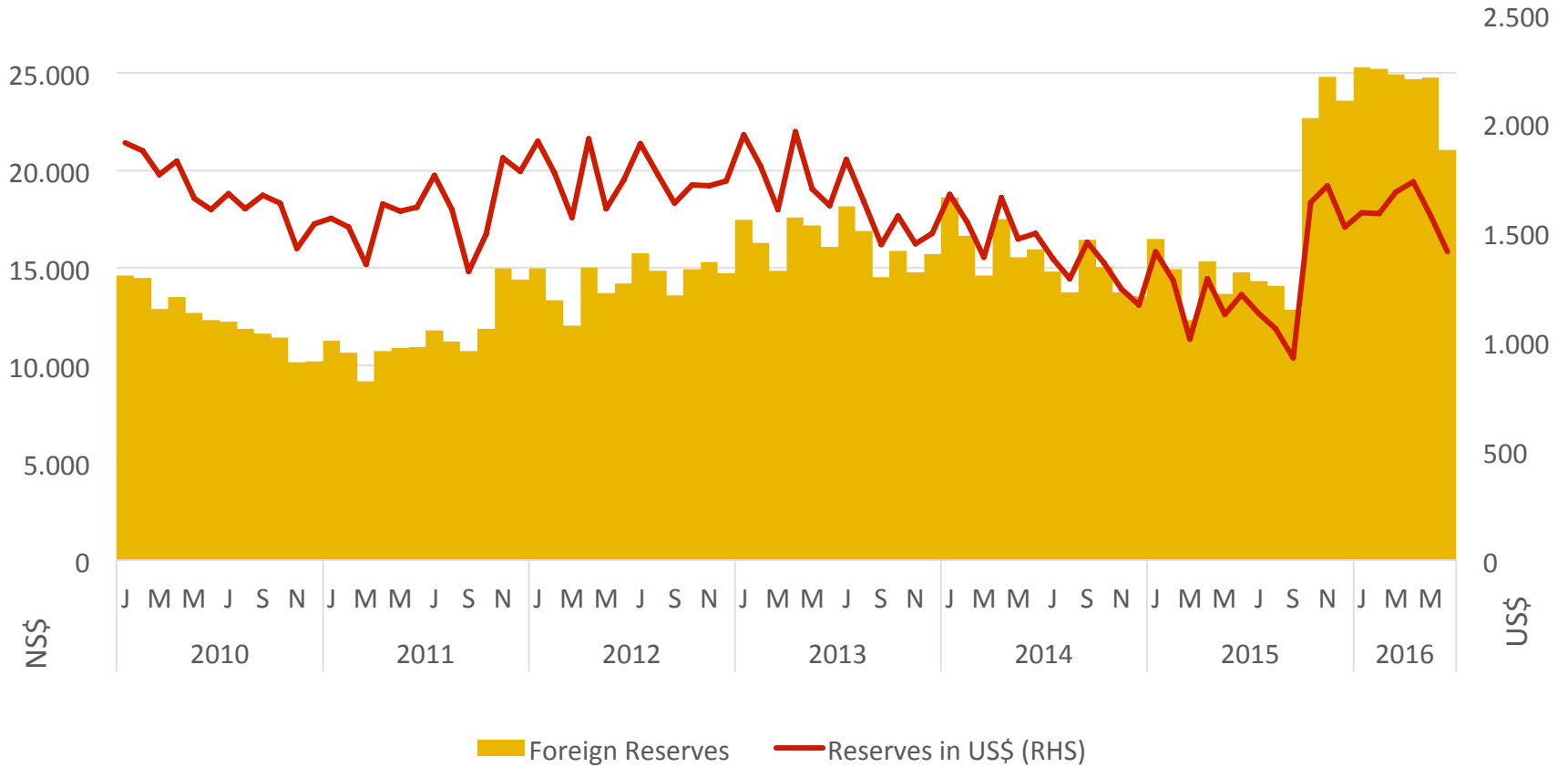
Namibian Public Debt



Reserves



Foreign Reserves



Problems



We need a domestic, and privately/PPP funded solution to our supply issues in order to:

- Keep the lights on;
- Keep the economy growing, creating jobs and wealth;
- Keep government debt under control;
- Protect our foreign reserves; and
- Keep prices under control

Solutions?



- We don't have coal....
- We don't have oil...
- We don't have scale for nuclear...
- We have gas (but still under-ground and under-sea)...
- We do have a phenomenal solar resource...
- We do have a phenomenal wind resource...
- We may have a viable biomass resource...