

6. Fiscal Agency Functions

As banker to the central government, the Bank fulfills its responsibilities by managing the treasury deposit account (TDA), handling central government agency deposit accounts, and undertaking the issuance, transfer and registration, redemption, and interest payment of central government bonds and treasury bills.

Managing the Treasury Deposit Account

The Bank manages the TDA on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, processing receipts and disbursements of the central government. In order to provide convenient services for government agencies and the general public, the Bank delegates the handling of treasury business to 14 financial institutions and their 366 branches, including three overseas branches located in New York, Los Angeles, and Paris. In addition, there are another 4,693 national tax collection agencies set in financial institutions. In 2024, the Bank received a total of NT\$4,998.7 billion in treasury deposits, increasing by NT\$253.7 billion or 5.35% over the previous year. Payments made on behalf of the national treasury were NT\$4,852.2 billion, an increase of NT\$23.7 billion or 0.49% from 2023. At the end of 2024, the TDA balance was NT\$207.1 billion, an increase of NT\$146.6 billion or 242.31% from the end of 2023.

Handling Central Government Agency Deposits

Central government agencies are required to make their deposits with the Bank or other delegated banks. At the end of 2024, the balance of central government agencies' deposits with the Bank amounted to NT\$263.9 billion, an increase of NT\$31.6 billion or 13.60% over 2023. Deposits with other delegated banks were NT\$784.0 billion at the end of 2024, decreasing by NT\$9.6 billion or 1.21%.

Enhancing the Efficiency of Electronic Payment Channels for Treasury Funds

To further enhance the diversity of treasury payment methods and promote non-cash payments, all treasury receipt and payment application forms have been revised, and the new versions were effective July 1, 2024. The barcodes on these forms have been changed from a horizontal layout to a vertical one to facilitate barcode scanning by bank personnel handling treasury transactions and to effectively reduce the operational risk associated with barcode reading errors. In addition, information about various treasury payment channels—such as interbank remittance, the "e-Bill National Payment Network" website and app, and QR code mobile payments—along with relevant instructions, have been listed on the treasury payment forms to enhance the overall efficiency of electronic treasury payment channels and improve convenience for payers.

Managing Central Government Bonds

As a fiscal agent, the Bank provides services related to the issuance, transfer and registration, redemption, and interest payment of central government bonds. The Bank also conducts the auctions of central government bonds. There are 55 domestic dealers qualified to directly participate in the auctions, including 23 banks, 18 securities companies, eight bills finance companies, five insurance companies, and Chunghwa Post.

In 2024, the Bank conducted 19 issues of central government bonds in book-entry form worth NT\$538.0 billion in total. Of this amount, 10-year bonds accounted for the lion's share of 39.59%, worth NT\$213.0 billion, followed by 5-year bonds, representing a share of 32.53% with an amount of NT\$175.0 billion.

In addition, the Bank paid NT\$416.4 billion in principal and NT\$81.4 billion in interest for central government bonds. At the end of 2024, the outstanding amount of central government bonds was NT\$6,034.1 billion, an increase of NT\$121.6 billion or 2.06% from the end of 2023.

Handling Treasury Bills

The Bank also handles the auctions of treasury bills. Currently, direct bidders include banks, insurance companies, securities companies, bills finance companies, and Chunghwa Post.

In 2024, the Bank conducted eight issues of book-entry treasury bills with a total amount of NT\$250 billion. The majority of the issuance went for 91-day bills with a value of NT\$125 billion, or a share of 50.00%. At the end of 2024, the outstanding amount of treasury bills was NT\$30 billion, the same as the previous year end.