



Report of the Monetary Committee discussion held at the Bank of Israel regarding management of the foreign exchange reserves

Quarterly report to the Minister of Finance on the foreign exchange reserves (fourth quarter of 2019)

The discussion was held on March 4, 2020.

Background:

Section 40(c) of the Bank of Israel Law, 5770-2010, establishes that “The Committee shall report to the Minister of Finance, within three months following the end of each half-year, details about the management of the Foreign Currency reserves during the half-year ended, in a format that they shall determine by consent.”

The Bank of Israel submits to the Ministry of Finance a quarterly report on the management of the foreign exchange reserves in an agreed upon format based on the “Memorandum of Understanding regarding the government’s banking activity through financial corporations”, which was signed on March 9, 2010.

Discussion:

Markets Department representatives presented the Monetary Committee with the quarterly foreign exchange reserves management report, regarding the fourth quarter of 2019.

Monetary Committee decision:

The Committee approved the report that is to be submitted to the Minister of Finance in accordance with Section 40(c) of the Bank of Israel Law, 5770-2010, and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Bank of Israel and the government.

Participants:

Members of the Monetary Committee

Prof. Amir Yaron, Governor of the Bank of Israel and Monetary Committee Chairperson

Mr. Andrew Abir, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Israel

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