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SA Economic Forecasts • Reuters Survey of Economists

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Reuters July Survey (06 August 2009)	2009		2010				2011	Year change/Ave			
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	2009	2010	2011	
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (qqsaaa and y/y percentage change) Last: Q1 2009 -6,4 percent q/q	%	-0.48	1.32	2.39	3.15	3.29	3.28	3.68	-1.80	2.16	3.70
Current account (percentage of GDP) Last: Q1 2009 -7,0%	%	-6.00	-6.05	-6.05	-5.94	-5.99	-6.10	-5.98	-5.91	-5.85	-6.12
Consumer Price Index: Headline (average y/y percentage change) Last: June 2009: 6,9%	%	6.47	6.51	6.37	5.73	5.70	5.59	5.66	7.26	5.82	5.59
Producer Price Index: Headline (average y/y percentage change) Last: June 2009: -4,1%	%	-3.30	-0.01	3.16	5.64	5.49	5.46	5.31	0.62	4.96	5.50
Repo Rate (average at end of the period) Last changed May 2009: 7,50%	%	7.28	7.22	7.14	7.14	7.14	7.38	7.68	7.19	7.33	8.12
10 Year Government Bond (R157) (Average yield at end of period) Last at time of survey: 9,07%	%	9.00	9.00	9.11	9.10	9.08	9.16	9.46	8.99	9.15	9.53
ZAR - USD Exchange Rate (Average rate at the end of the period) Last at time of survey: R7,9055/\$	R	8.04	8.28	8.28	8.38	8.47	8.52	8.50	8.43	8.53	8.87

SUMMARY VIEW: After falling in June, the July Economist edged up to 248,17 on the back of expectation for a mild economic recovery next year as well as lower inflation. The economy is still expected to contract this year by an average -1,8%, however sentiment has improved for a better recovery in 2010 and 2011. Contributing to the improved outlook is the impact of the Soccer World Cup and the recovery in consumer demand due to the effects of the interest rates cuts. Inflation is still expected to fall within the target band by Q2 2010. CPI however, is seen averaging 7,26% this year compared to 7,33% in the June survey. Weak local demand and extra capacity has contributed to the lower inflation outlook. Although the rand is a bit of an unknown, the rand is seen strengthening this year to an average R8,43/\$, compared to R8,53/\$ expected in the June survey.

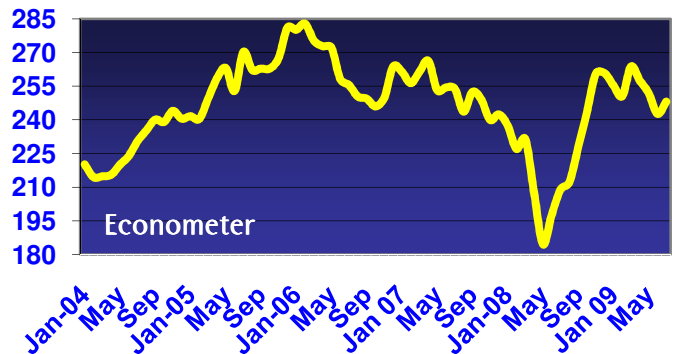
The "August" survey will be published 3 September 2009.

The **Reuters Economist** is a measure of economic sentiment drawn from a monthly poll of forecasts by leading economists in South Africa and abroad and presented in the form of an index. The index reflects the forecasters' sentiment for a quarter 12, 11 or 10 months forward.

The **weightings used in the index are:** GDP growth - 25%; Headline CPI - 20%; Producer Price Inflation - 5%; Repo Rate - 20%; 10-year bond yield - 5%; Rand-Dollar Depreciation - 25%.

July Economist: ↑ 248,17 (242,69)

(This survey is based on forecasts from around 15 banks, fund managers, corporate economists and research institutes based in S.A., Great Britain & America & was conducted between 27 July and 04 August.



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