

6/3/09 — May Collections Total \$1.281 Billion

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Monthly collections are \$78 million above revised benchmark; Year-to-date collections \$2.15 billion below last year

Revenue Commissioner Navjeet K. Bal today announced that preliminary revenue collections for May 2009 totaled \$1.281 billion, down \$211 million or 14.1 percent from last May.

Total tax collections were \$78 million above the monthly benchmark revised downward on May 4 based on a revised FY09 tax estimate of \$18.436 billion. This above benchmark performance was due largely to better than expected income tax collections, which totaled \$812 million, down \$154 million or 16.0 percent from a year ago but \$79 million above the revised benchmark.

FY09 year-to-date tax collections total \$16.467 billion, down \$2.149 billion or 11.5 percent below the same period a year ago.

"The trend of smaller monthly collections continued in May, and collections for the year are now more than \$2 billion less than a year ago. The better than benchmark monthly performance is due largely to stronger than expected withholding collections and a smaller than expected payout in refunds," Commissioner Bal said. Both trends may be more reflective of timing than any new strength in collections, she noted.

Withholding taxes totaled \$724 million, equal to the collection of a year ago and \$29 million above benchmark. Income tax returns and bills totaled \$164 million, down \$171 million or 51.1 percent from a year ago but \$19 million above benchmark, while income tax refunds totaled \$91 million, down \$25 million or 21.9 percent, which is \$32 million less than had been projected.

May 2009 sales taxes totaled \$310 million, down \$19 million or 5.7 percent, \$10 million above the benchmark. May is not a significant month for corporate/business tax collections, which totaled \$21 million, down \$21 million or 49.4 percent from a year ago and \$11 million below the monthly benchmark.

Year-to-date, income tax collections total \$9.693 billion, down \$1.553 billion or 13.8 percent from a year ago. Sales and use tax collections total \$3.535 billion, down \$203 million or 5.4 percent from a year ago.

Corporate/business taxes total \$1.680 billion, down \$355 million or 17.5 percent from a year ago.

May 2009 Tax Collection Summary (in \$ millions)
(Preliminary as of June 3, 2009)

	Month of May				FY09 Year-to-Date				
	5/09 v. 5/08		5/09 v. 5/08		5/09 FY09		5/09 FY09		
	Actual %	Baseline %	Actual %	Baseline %	YTD \$	YTD Actual %	YTD Baseline %	Benchmark Based on A&F's 5/04/09 FY09 Estimate of \$18.436 Billion	
Income - Total	812	(154)	-16.0%	-20.2%	9,693	(1,553)	-13.8%	-14.0%	79
Income Withholding	724	0	0.0%	0.7%	8,227	(93)	-1.1%	-1.0%	29
Income Est. Payments (Cash)	14	(9)	-39.6%	-39.6%	1,497	(474)	-24.0%	-23.6%	(1)
Income Returns/Bills	164	(171)	-51.1%	-54.6%	1,404	(830)	-37.1%	-39.3%	19
Income Refunds (Cash)	91	(25)	-21.9%	6.5%	1,443	157	12.2%	11.8%	(32)
Sales & Use - Total	310	(19)	-5.7%	-5.3%	3,535	(203)	-5.4%	-6.0%	10
Sales - Regular	223	(9)	-3.8%	-4.2%	2,566	(138)	-5.1%	-5.8%	10
Sales - Meals	50	(2)	-3.8%	-3.6%	573	(2)	-0.4%	-0.9%	(1)
Sales - Motor Vehicles	37	(8)	-17.4%	-12.9%	396	(63)	-13.7%	-13.3%	1
Corporate & Business - Total	21	(21)	-49.4%	-55.3%	1,680	(355)	-17.5%	-16.2%	(11)
Corporate Excise	15	(11)	-41.4%	-50.4%	1,240	55	4.6%	-6.3%	(4)
Insurance Excise	10	5	96.3%	96.3%	229	(46)	-16.8%	3.0%	5
Financial Institutions Excise	(3)	(0)	N/A	N/A	214	(253)	-54.1%	-43.8%	2
Public Utilities Excise	0	(15)	-99.9%	N/A	(3)	(112)	N/A	-54.4%	(15)
All Other	138	(17)	-11.1%	-8.3%	1,559	(37)	-2.3%	-3.4%	(0)
Total Tax Collections	1,281	(211)	-14.1%	-16.6%	16,467	(2,149)	-11.5%	-11.7%	78
Memo: Cigarette Tax Increase for Commonwealth Care Trust Fund (Not in FY09 Estimate or Budgetary Fund Benchmarks)									
	9	9	N/A	N/A	122	122	N/A	N/A	(2)

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding and other technical factors.

7/16/09 — FY2009 Revenue Collections Total \$18.259 Billion

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Yearly collections fall \$2.620 billion or 12.5 percent; June is \$255 million below benchmark

Revenue Commissioner Navjeet K. Bal today announced that preliminary revenue collections for FY09 were \$18.259 billion, a decrease of \$2.620 billion or 12.5 percent from FY08 collections. The total collection is about \$3.2 billion less than the original FY09 estimate of \$21.402 billion, an estimate that was revised downward four times during the course of FY09, and \$177 million less than the most recent revision of the benchmarks in May.

"In the past 12 months the Commonwealth saw one of the steepest declines in revenue collection ever due to a major global economic crisis. The drivers of FY08's record revenue collections – income tax paid on capital gains, dividends and interest, settlement of some large tax cases, and strong withholding tax collections – all fell dramatically in FY09," said DOR Commissioner Navjeet K. Bal.

For the year ending June 30, income tax collections totaled \$10.584 billion, a decrease of \$1.900 billion or 15.2 percent, \$45 million below the benchmark. Withholding declined \$148 million or 1.6 percent and was \$11 million below the yearly benchmark, while income from tax estimated payments which include capital gains, dividends and interest declined \$713 million or 28.6 percent, which was \$51 million below the benchmark. Refunds were \$1.550 billion, up \$216 million or 16.2 percent and \$22 million over benchmark. Income tax payments with returns and bills declined by \$825 million, or 36.4 percent, \$39 million above the benchmark.

Sales tax, considered a key indicator for consumer spending and confidence, was \$3.869 billion, down \$218 million, or 5.3 percent. Within the three main categories of sales tax, only meals tax collections of \$630 million, down \$3 million or 0.5 percent from the previous year came close to holding their own.

Corporate and business tax collections of \$2.099 billion for the year were down \$450 million, or 17.6 percent. Only corporate excise tax collections of \$1.549 billion, \$37 million more than last year or 2.4 percent higher, exceeded the previous year's collection. The financial institutions excise tax collection of \$243 million declined \$305 million or 55.7 percent from the previous year. Although much of this decline was due to non-recurring settlement payments received in FY08, public utilities excise tax collections were negative for the year (meaning refunds were higher than taxes collected), a decline of \$122 million from FY08.

Revenue collections for the month of June were \$1.791 billion, \$472 million less than the previous June, a decline of 20.9 percent and \$255 million below benchmark, with below benchmark performance in income and corporate/business taxes, but slightly above benchmark in sales tax.

Income tax collections for June were \$890 million, down \$347 million or 28.0 percent from a year ago, \$124 million below benchmark. Income tax estimated payments of \$279 million were down \$239 million or 46.1 percent from a year ago, \$50 million below benchmark. Withholding tax collections of \$681 million were down \$55 million or 7.4 percent below a year ago, \$40 million below benchmark.

Sales and use tax collection of \$332 million was down \$16 million or 4.7 percent from June 2008, but was \$7 million above benchmark due to slightly stronger than forecast collections of regular and motor vehicles sales taxes.

Corporate and business tax collections of \$419 million were down \$94 million, or 18.3 percent from a year ago and \$147 million below the monthly benchmark.

June 2009 Tax Collection Summary (in \$ millions)
(Preliminary as of July 16, 2009)

	Month of June				FY09 Year-to-Date				
	6/09 Collections		6/09 v. 6/08		6/09 FY09		6/09 FY09		
	\$	%	Actual %	Baseline %	YTD \$	YTD Actual %	YTD	Baseline %	
	Benchmark Based on A&F 5/4/09 FY09 Estimate of \$18.436 Billion				Benchmark Based on A&F's 5/04/09 FY09 Estimate of \$18.436 Billion				
Income - Total	890	(347)	-28.0%	-25.9%	10,584	(1,900)	-15.2%	-15.5%	(45)
Income Withholding	681	(55)	-7.4%	-4.7%	8,908	(148)	-1.6%	-1.7%	(11)
Income Est. Payments (Cash)	279	(239)	-46.1%	-43.4%	1,776	(713)	-28.6%	-27.7%	(51)
Income Returns/Bills	36	5	16.2%	0.8%	1,441	(825)	-36.4%	-38.7%	39
Income Refunds (Cash)	107	59	123.6%	129.7%	1,550	216	16.2%	16.1%	22
Sales & Use - Total	332	(16)	-4.7%	-6.5%	3,869	(218)	-5.3%	-6.0%	18
Sales - Regular	233	(15)	-6.0%	-7.3%	2,800	(152)	-5.2%	-5.9%	14
Sales - Meals	56	(1)	-2.1%	-3.9%	630	(3)	-0.5%	-1.2%	(2)
Sales - Motor Vehicles	43	(0)	-0.6%	-5.3%	439	(62)	-12.4%	-12.4%	6
Corporate & Business - Total	419	(94)	-18.3%	-29.6%	2,099	(450)	-17.6%	-18.9%	(58)
Corporate Excise	309	(18)	-5.6%	-22.2%	1,549	37	2.4%	-8.2%	(51)
Insurance Excise	81	(13)	-14.0%	-6.5%	309	(59)	-16.0%	0.6%	(3)
Financial Institutions Excise	29	(52)	-64.8%	-77.8%	243	(305)	-55.7%	-48.8%	(66)
Public Utilities Excise	1	(10)	-90.6%	-92.5%	(2)	(122)	N/A	N/A	(37)
All Other	149	(15)	-9.1%	-4.9%	1,708	(52)	-3.0%	-3.5%	9
Total Tax Collections	1,791	(472)	-20.9%	-22.2%	18,259	(2,620)	-12.5%	-13.0%	(177)

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