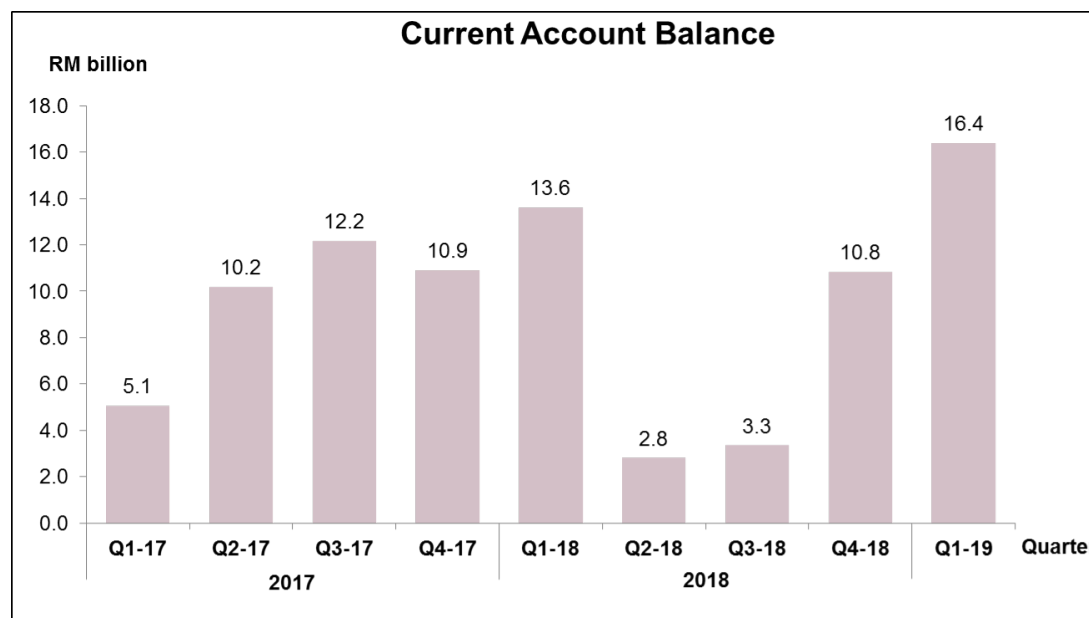




QUARTERLY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, FIRST QUARTER 2019

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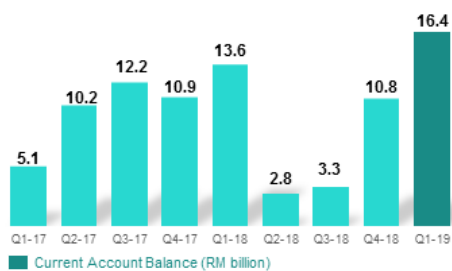


Financial account in this quarter posted a net outflow of RM13.8 billion against RM6.1 billion last quarter. This was largely due to the higher net outflow in other investment.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into Malaysia surged to RM21.7 billion which was the highest in the quarterly series compared to RM12.9 billion in the previous quarter. The FDI were mainly from Japan, Austria and Hong Kong. Meanwhile, Malaysia's Direct Investment Abroad (DIA) registered a lower net outflow of RM5.5 billion as compared to RM10.8 billion in preceding quarter. The main destinations of DIA were Luxembourg, Australia and Indonesia.

The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia stood at RM420.2 billion as compared to RM419.5 billion last quarter.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS Q1 2019



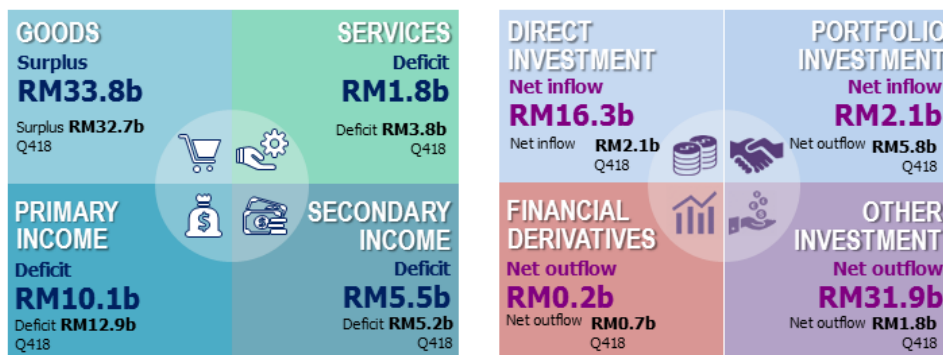
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FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

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FDI & DIA PERFORMANCE



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