

Assessment of Supplementary Budget

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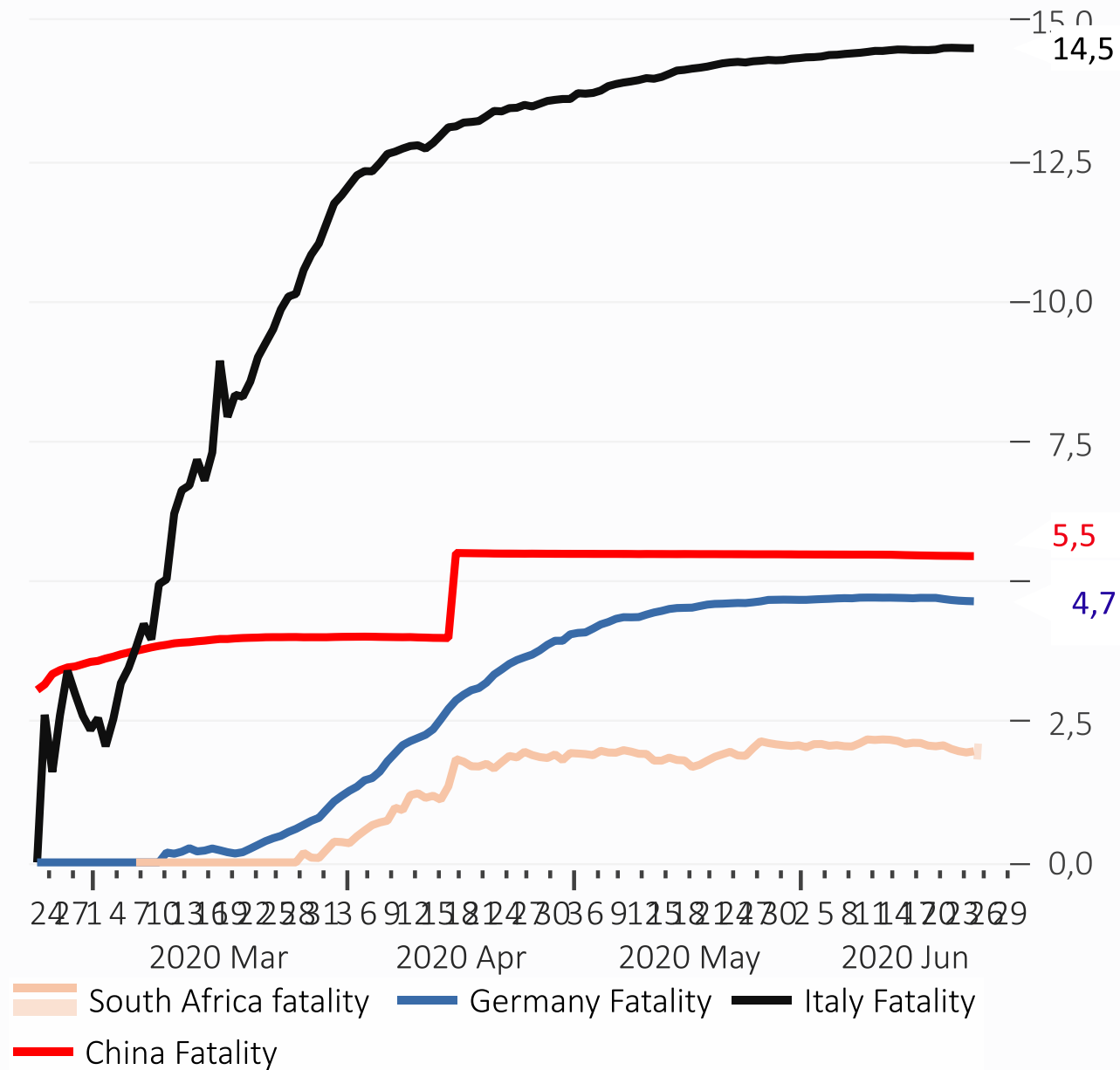
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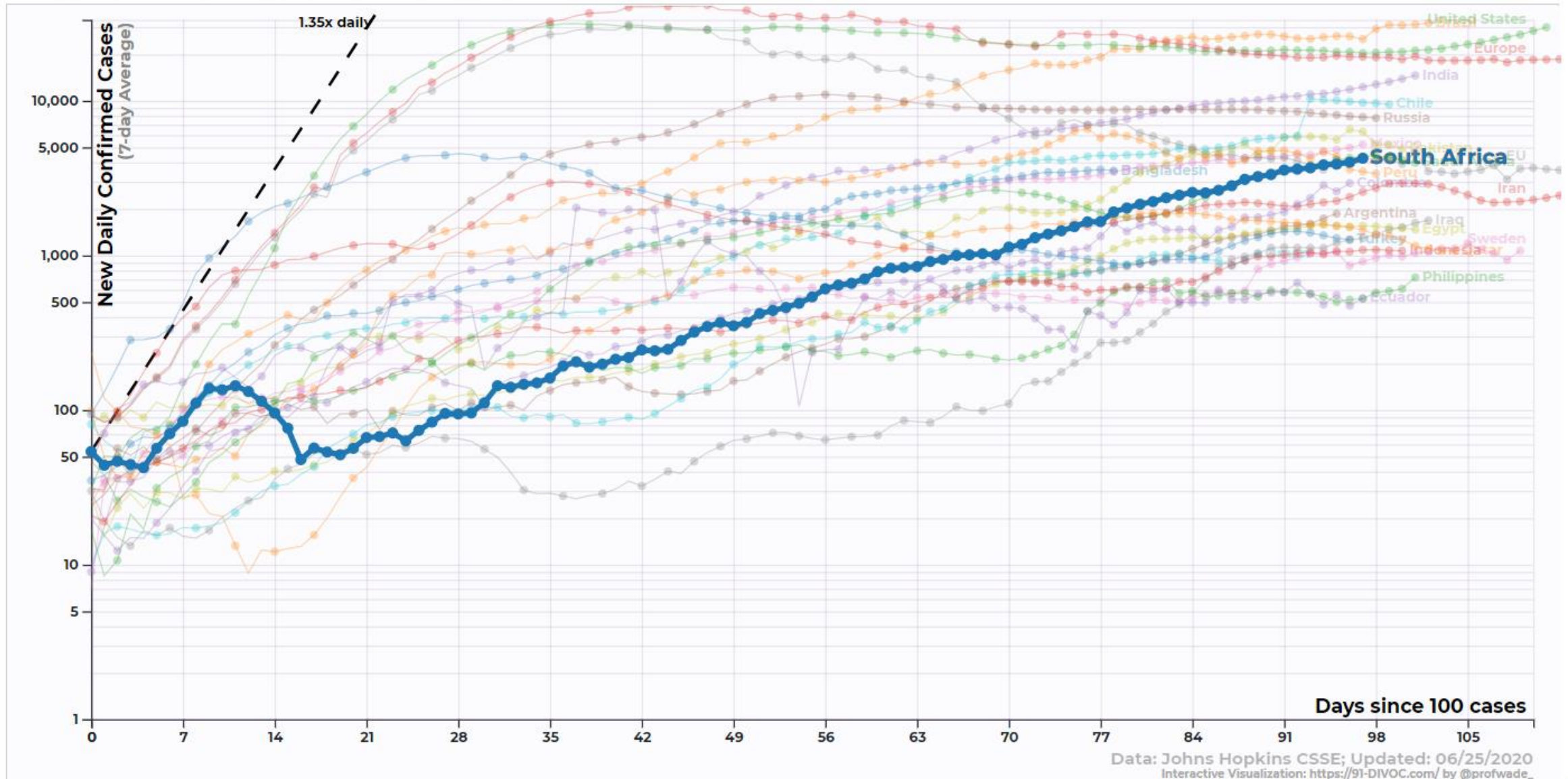
25 June 2020



COVID-19 fatality rates (as %), various

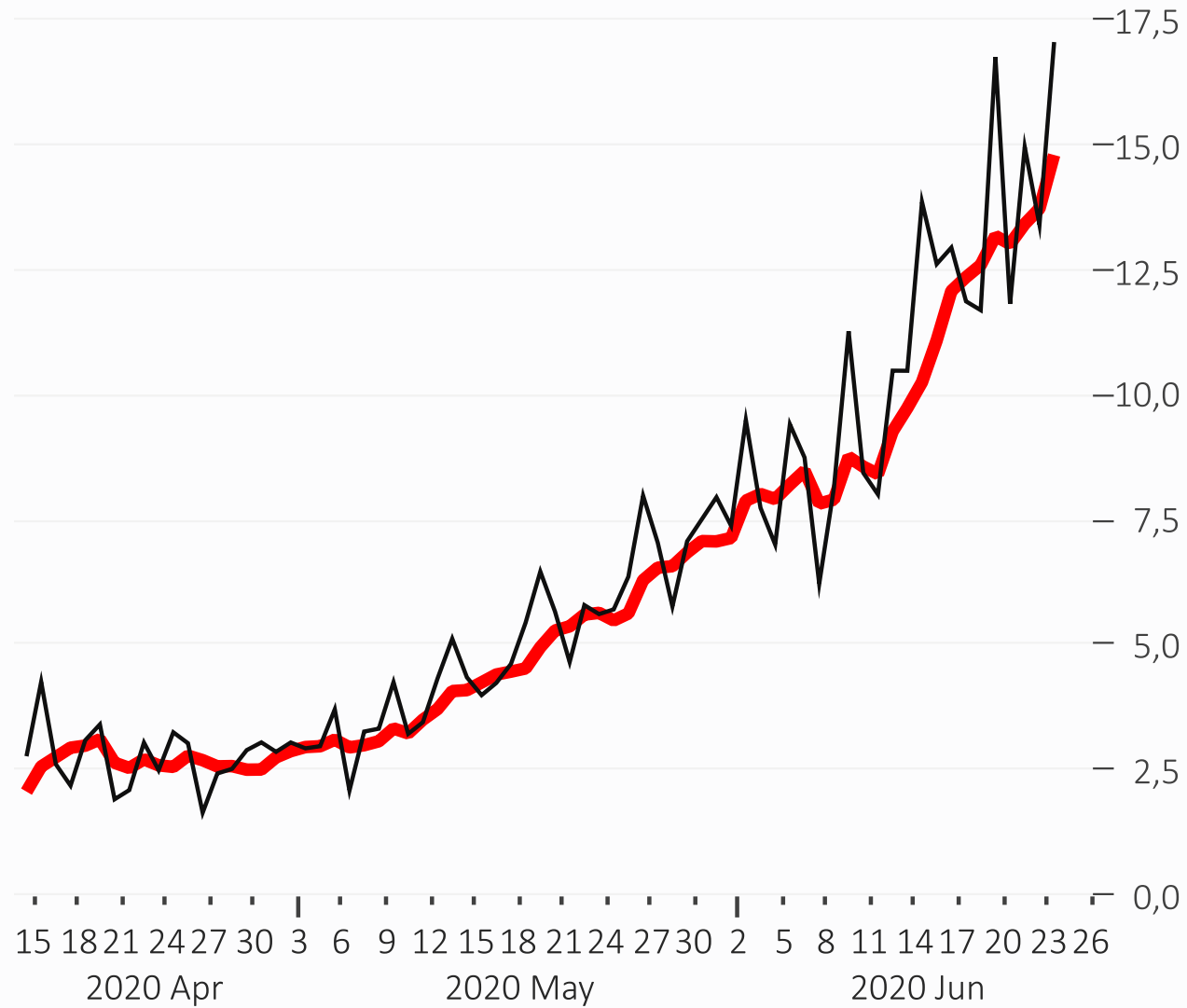


New Confirmed COVID-19 Cases per Day



Ratio of infections to tests done per day

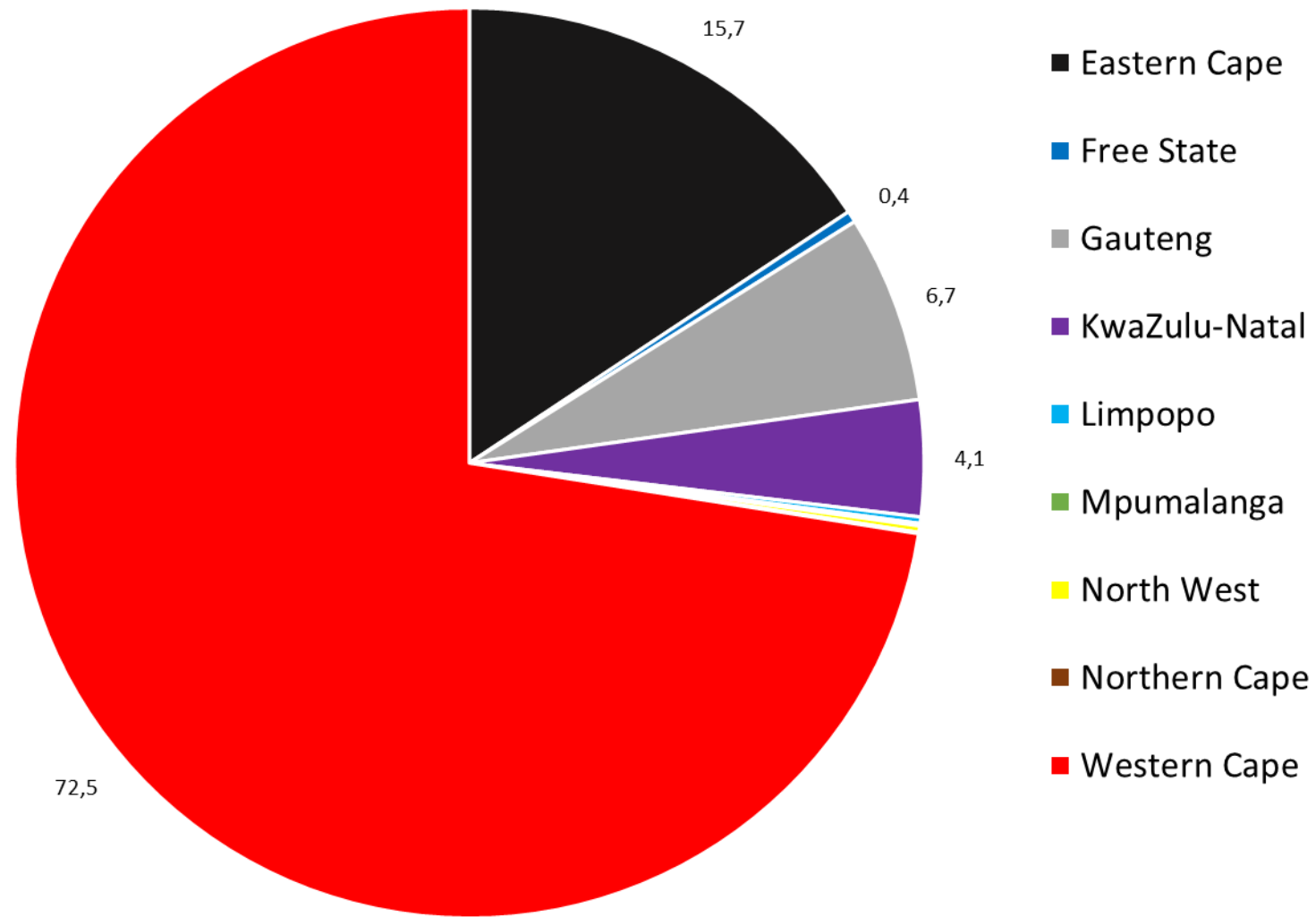
Smoothed 5 days



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Proportion of fatality per province



Source: National Institute for Communicable Diseases



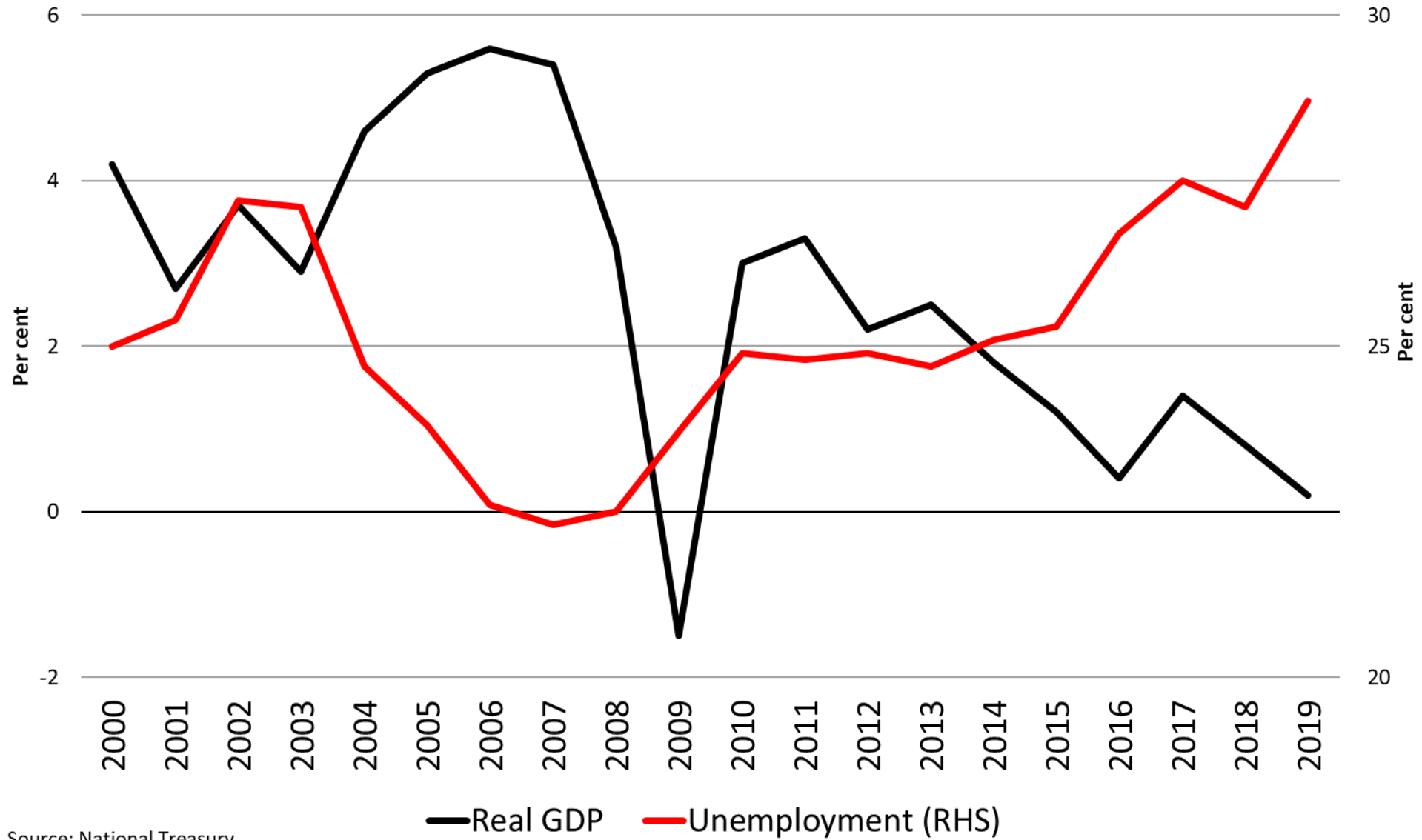
Growth (%) in Positive COVID-19 Infections

Change compared with a week earlier

	Total	Western Cape	Eastern Cape	Gauteng	KZN
31-May	45,1	54,7	46,3	43,3	36,4
07-Jun	48,5	42,1	49,7	49,1	20,9
14-Jun	43,0	33,7	64,3	75,9	28,2
22-Jun	38,9	20,9	57,1	86,5	29,8



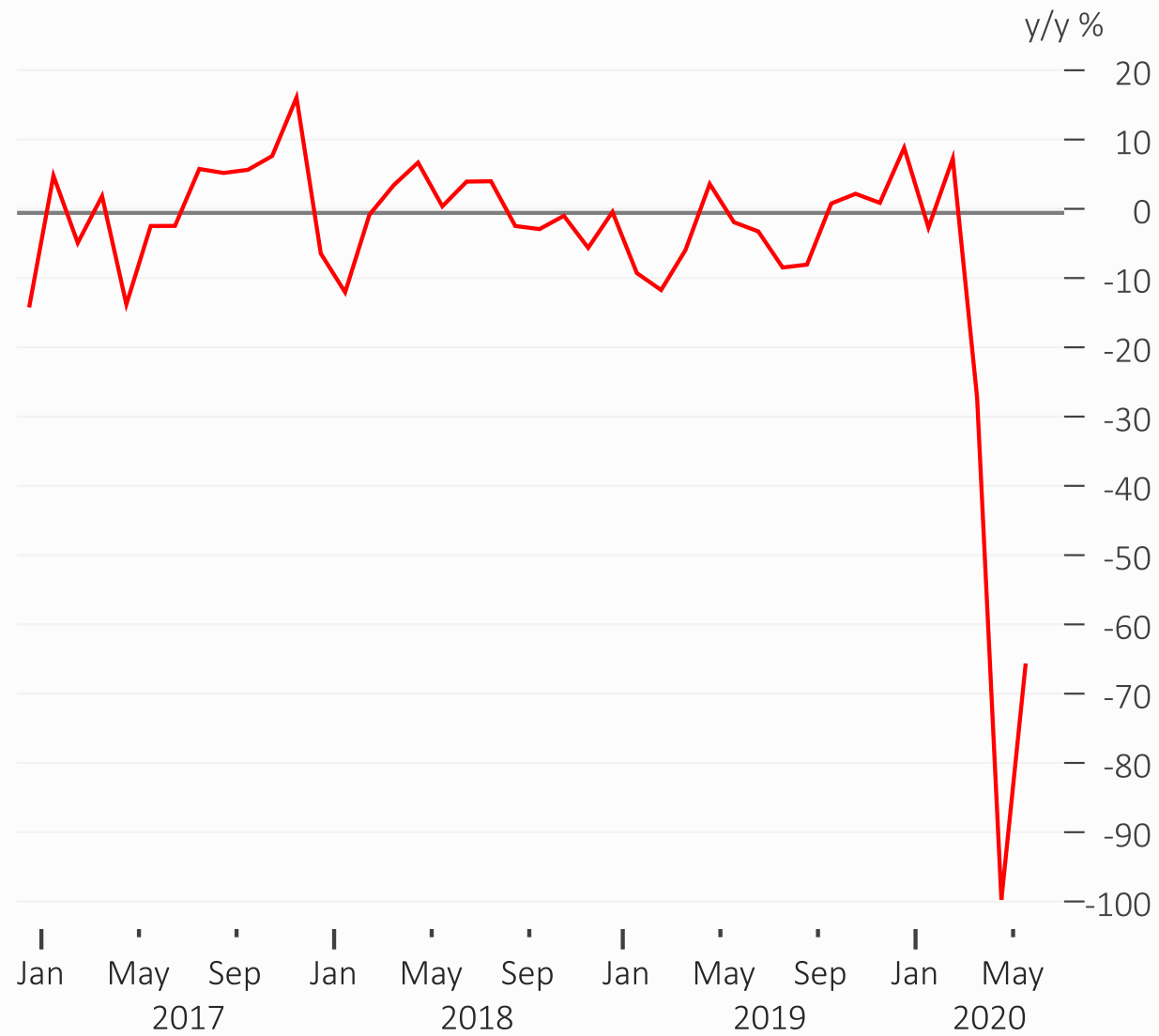
GDP growth and unemployment



Source: National Treasury



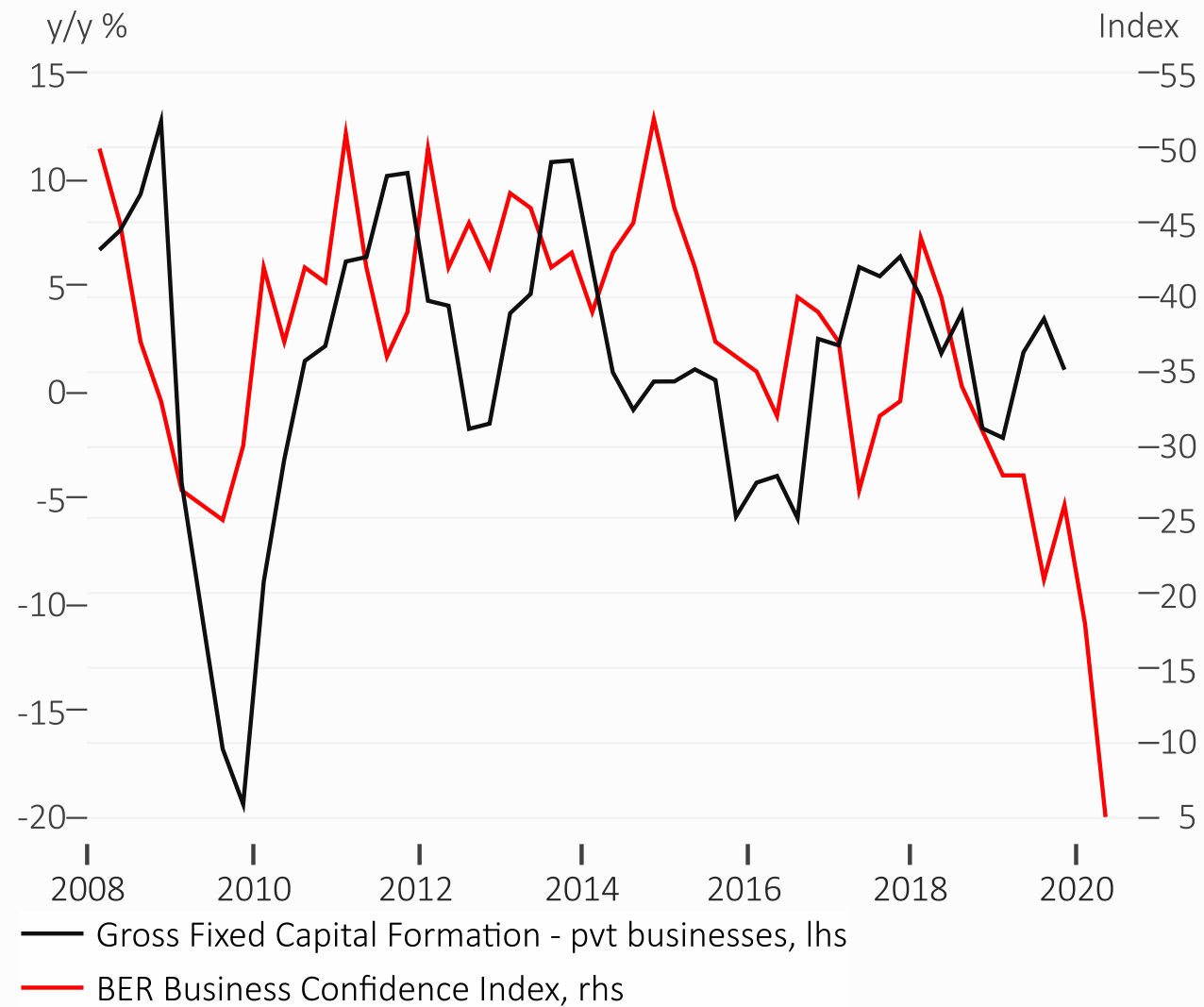
Passenger Vehicle Sales



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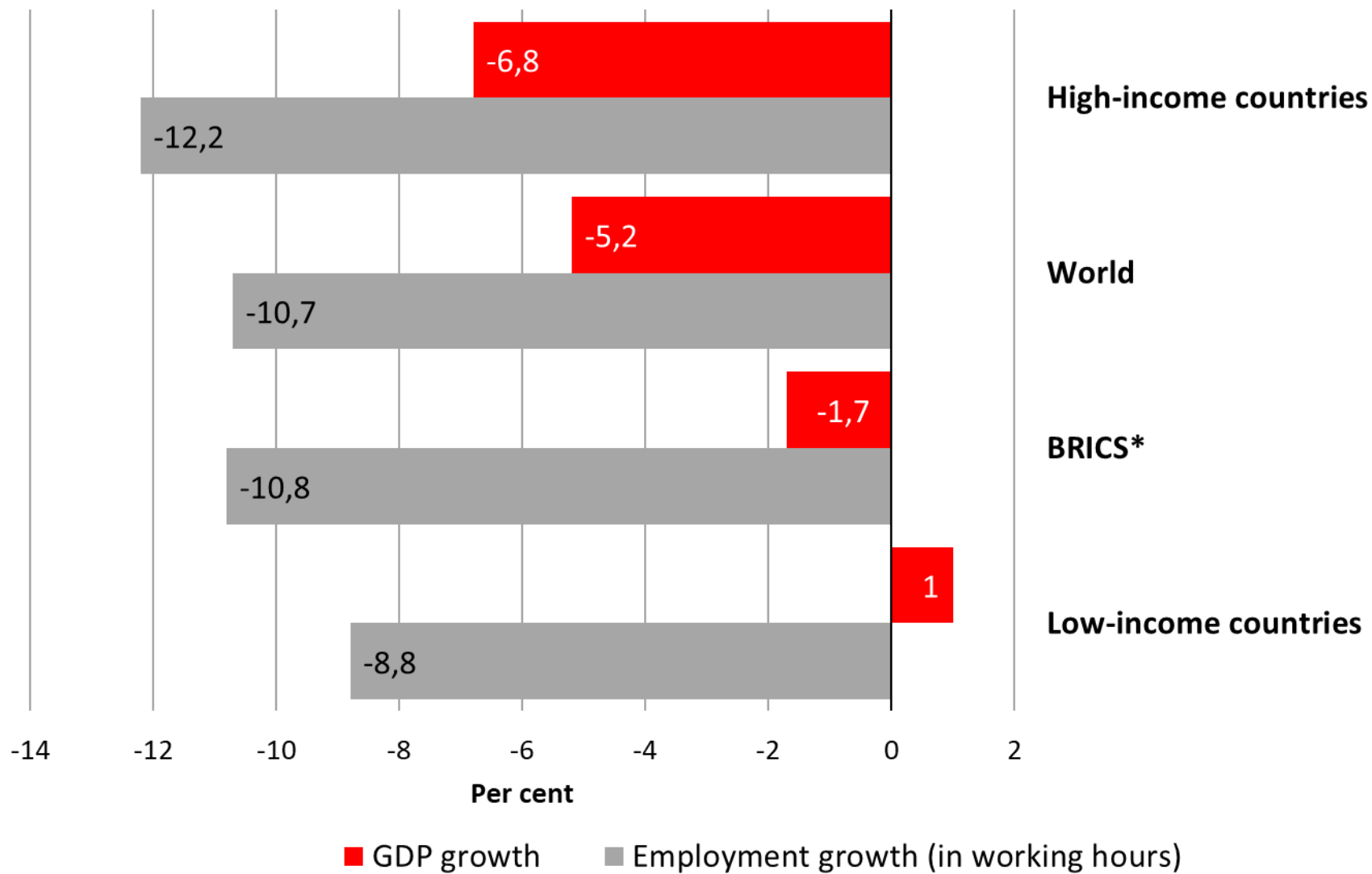
BER Business Confidence Index vs Investment by private businesses



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Growth and employment in 2020

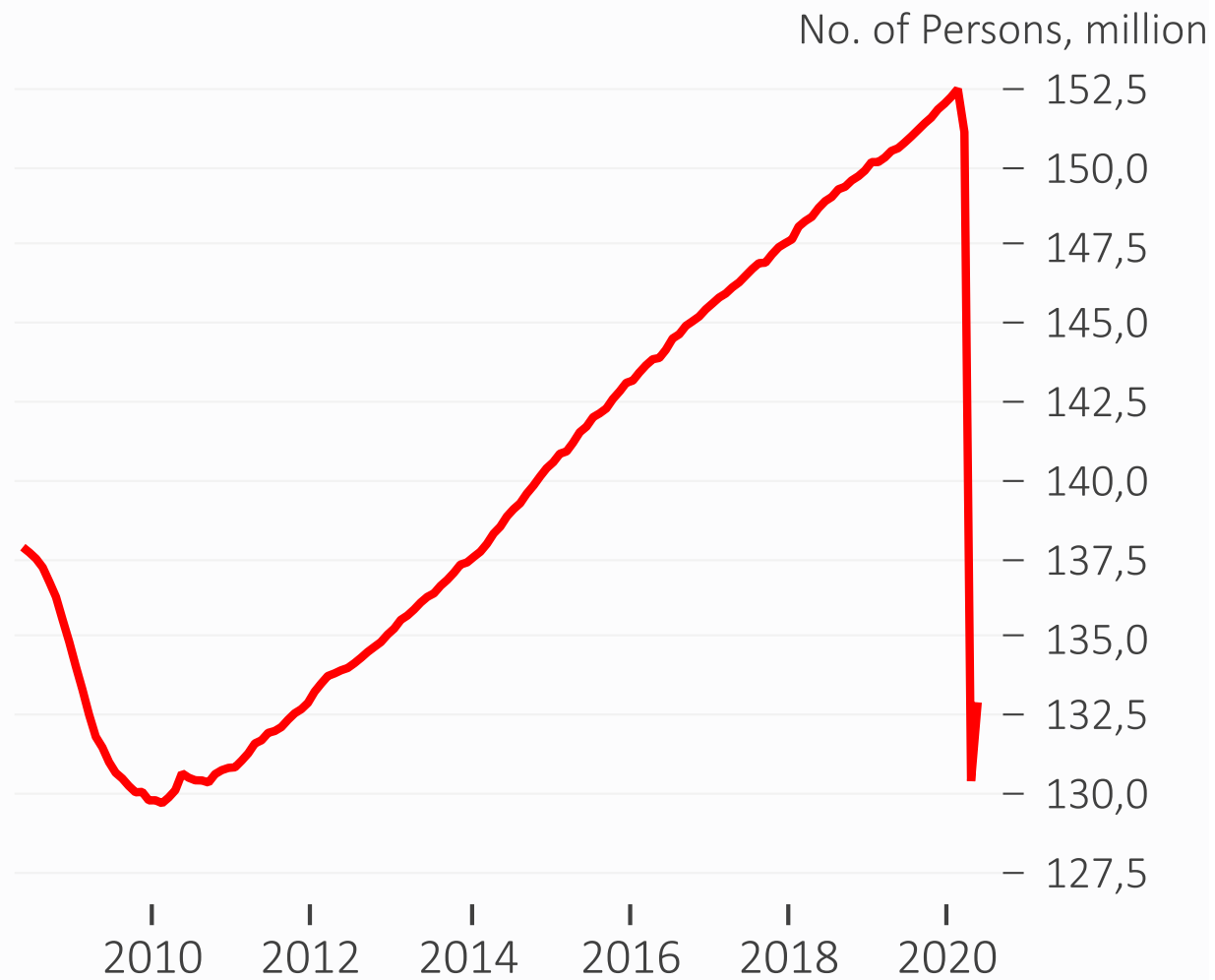


Source: National Treasury



US, Total Nonfarm Payrolls

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Treasury's Macro-Economic Outlook
February 2020 vs Emergency budget
% Change

	2019	2020		2021		2022	
Gross Domestic Product	0,2	0,9	-7,2	1,3	2,6	1,6	1,5
Consumer Price Inflation	4,1	4,5	3,0	4,6	3,9	4,6	4,3

**February 2020*

Source: National Treasury



Domestic R500bn stimulus package

For the Poor

- R41bn extra in social grant payments
- R2bn to help informal traders

For the Business Sector and Workers

- R40bn from UIF to supplement salaries of people not working (thus far R23bn disbursed to 4,7m workers)
- R100bn to protect jobs and salaries
- R200bn in loan guarantees through banks, SARB and National Treasury (thus far only R12bn has been disbursed)
- R20bn to purchase healthcare equipment and assist in preparing healthcare system
- R20bn to be dispersed to municipalities to cope with COVID-19
- R70bn in benefits from deferring tax payments & hastening VAT refunds
- R107bn effective stimulus from 2,75% cut in repo rate

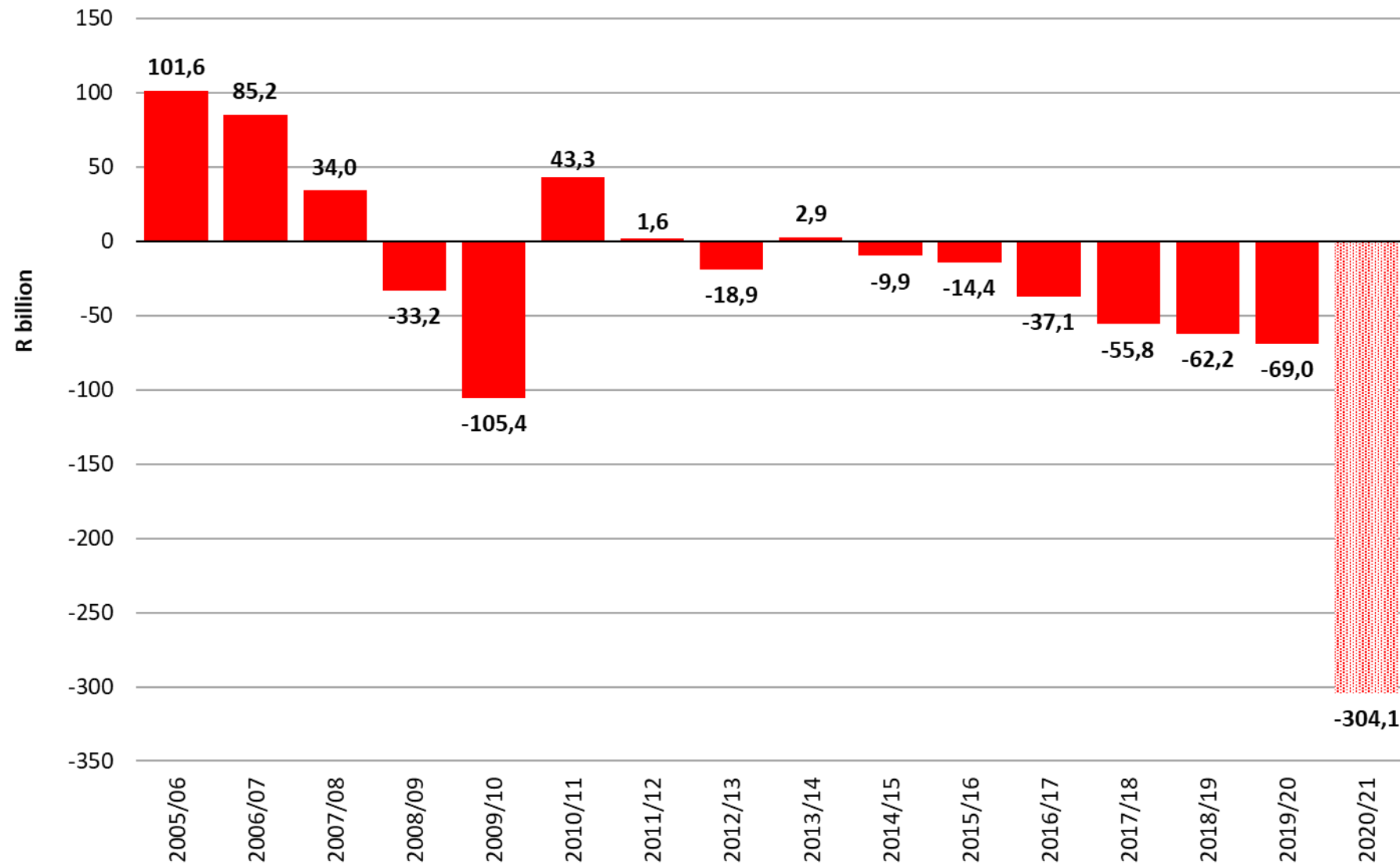


Main budget non-interest expenditure increases

R million	2020/21
Support to vulnerable households for 6 months	40 891
Health	21 544
Support to municipalities	20 034
Other frontline services	13 623
Basic and higher education	12 541
Small and informal business support, & job creation & protection	6 061
Support to public entities	5 964
Other COVID-19 interventions	1 766
Allocated for COVID-19 fiscal relief package	122 425
Land Bank equity investment	3 000
Provisional allocations for COVID-19 fiscal relief package	19 575
Total	145 000



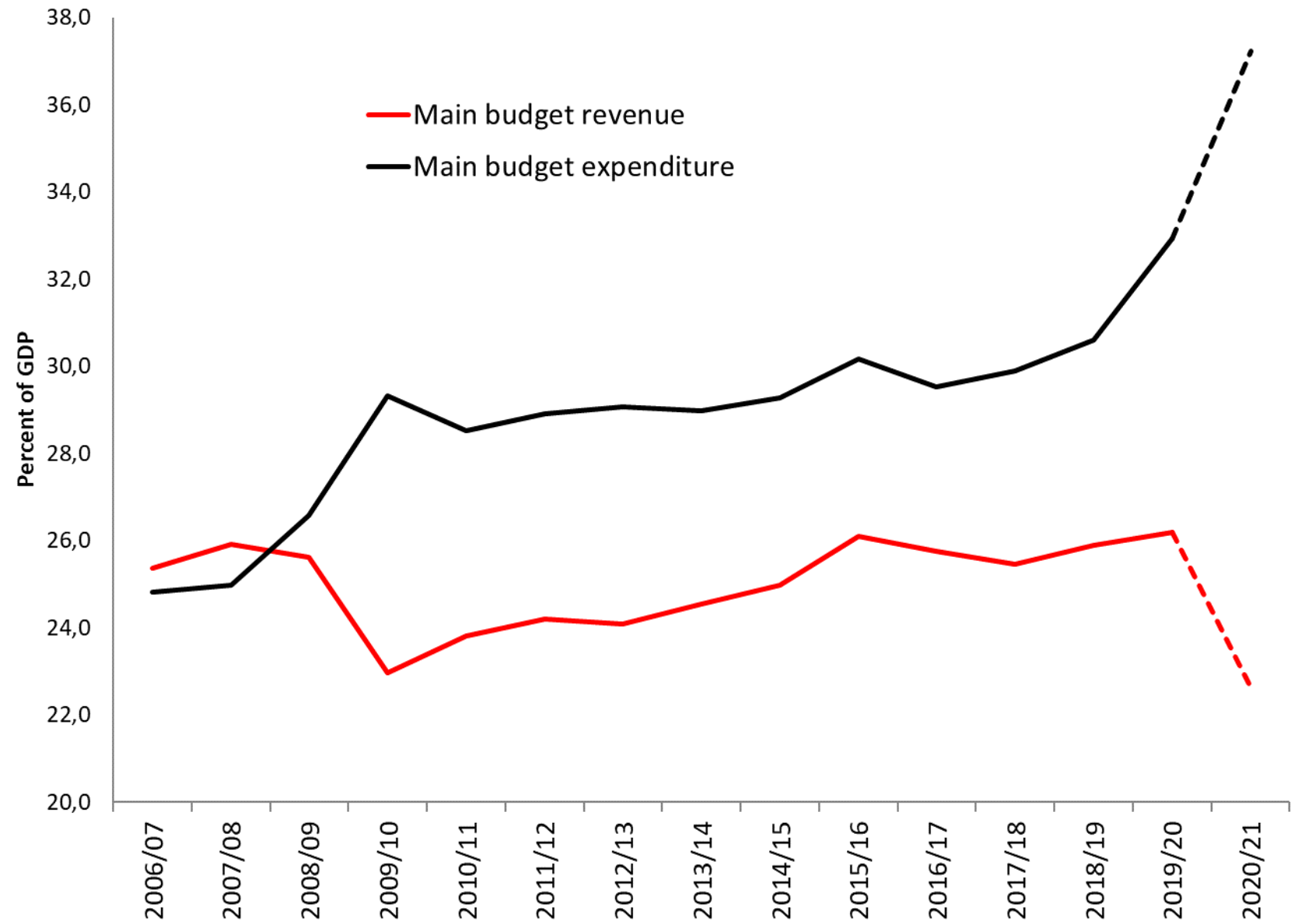
In-year revenue compared with Budget forecasts (2020/21 prices)



Source: National Treasury



Main Budget Revenue and Expenditure

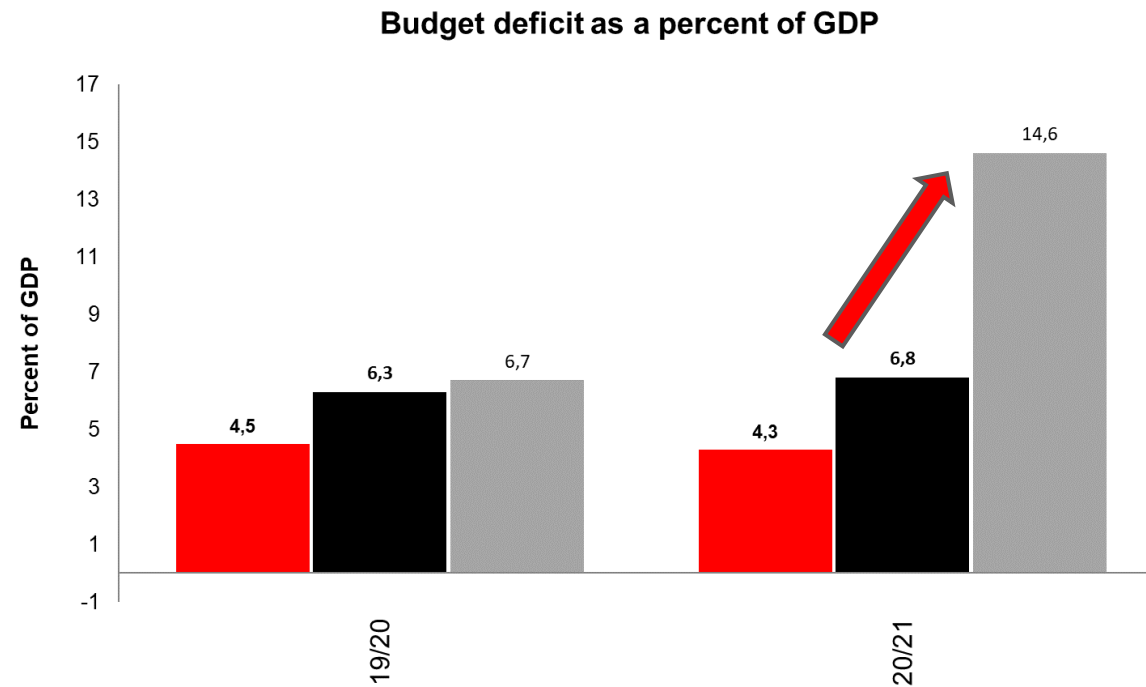


Source: National Treasury



Revenue vs expenditure 2020/21

	R 'bn	% of GDP
Revenue shortfall	-304,1	-6,20%
Increased expenditure	145,0	2,90%



Source: National Treasury ■ 2019 Budget ■ 2020 Budget ■ 2020 Supplementary Budget



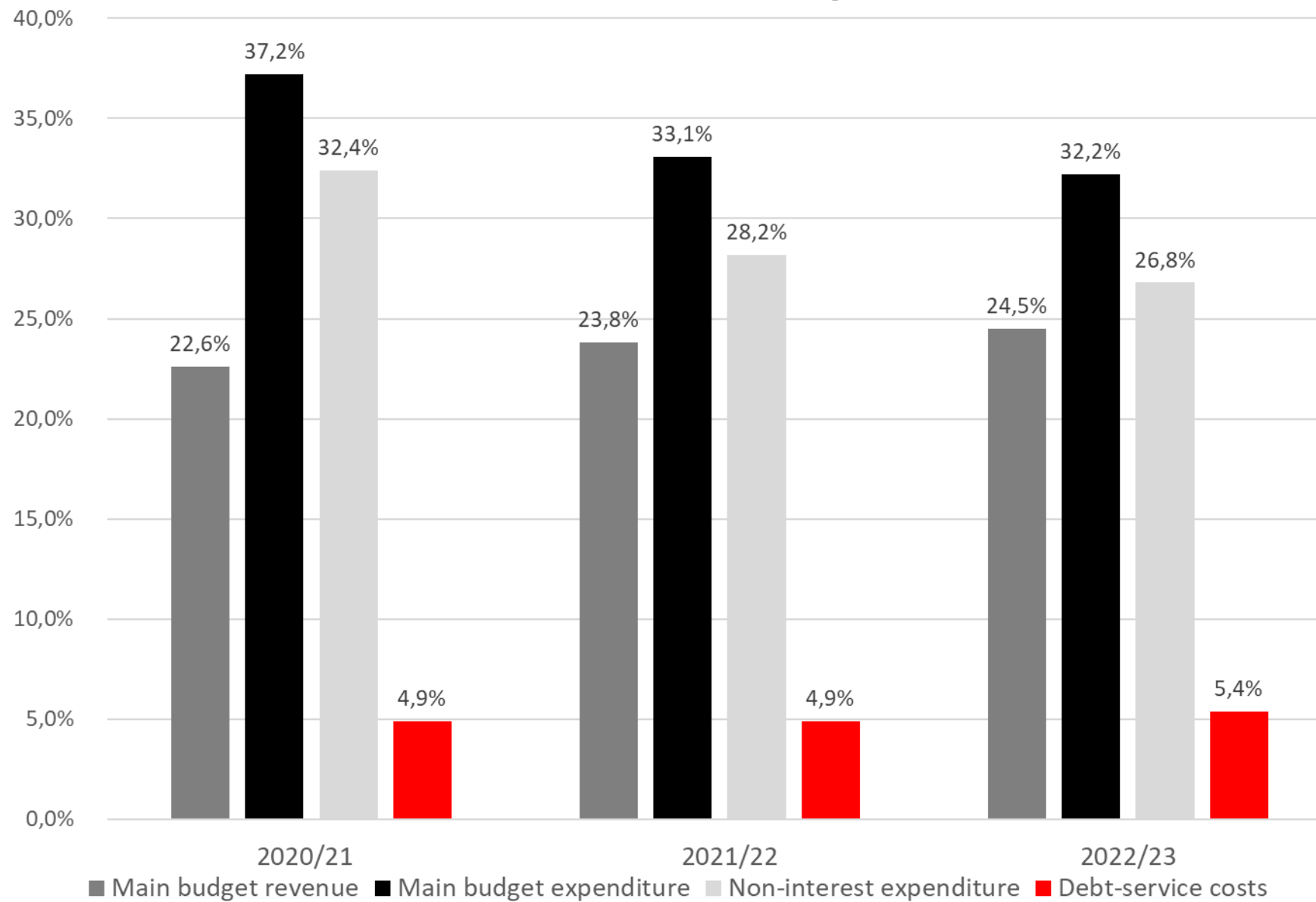
Main revisions to non-interest spending plans by economic classification

% of total	Budget 2020	Emergency Budget	Change
Current payments	17,3	17,0	-0,3
Compensation of employees	12,2	11,9	-0,3
Goods and services	5,1	5,1	0,0
Rent on land	0,0	0,0	-0,0
Transfers and subsidies	79,1	78,1	-1,0
Provinces and municipalities	50,9	49,9	-0,9
Departmental agencies and accounts	9,3	8,3	-1,0
Higher education institutions	2,9	2,8	-0,1
Foreign governments and international organisations	0,2	0,2	-0,0
Public corporations and private enterprises	2,1	1,9	-0,3
Non-profit institutions	0,6	0,5	-0,0
Households	13,1	14,5	1,3
Payments for capital assets	1,0	0,9	-0,1
Payments for financial assets	2,8	2,9	0,1
Provisional allocations: COVID-19 package	–	1,2	1,2
Provisional allocations not assigned to votes	-0,5	-0,5	0,0
Contingency reserve	0,3	0,3	-0,0
Total	100,0	100,0	–

Source: National Treasury

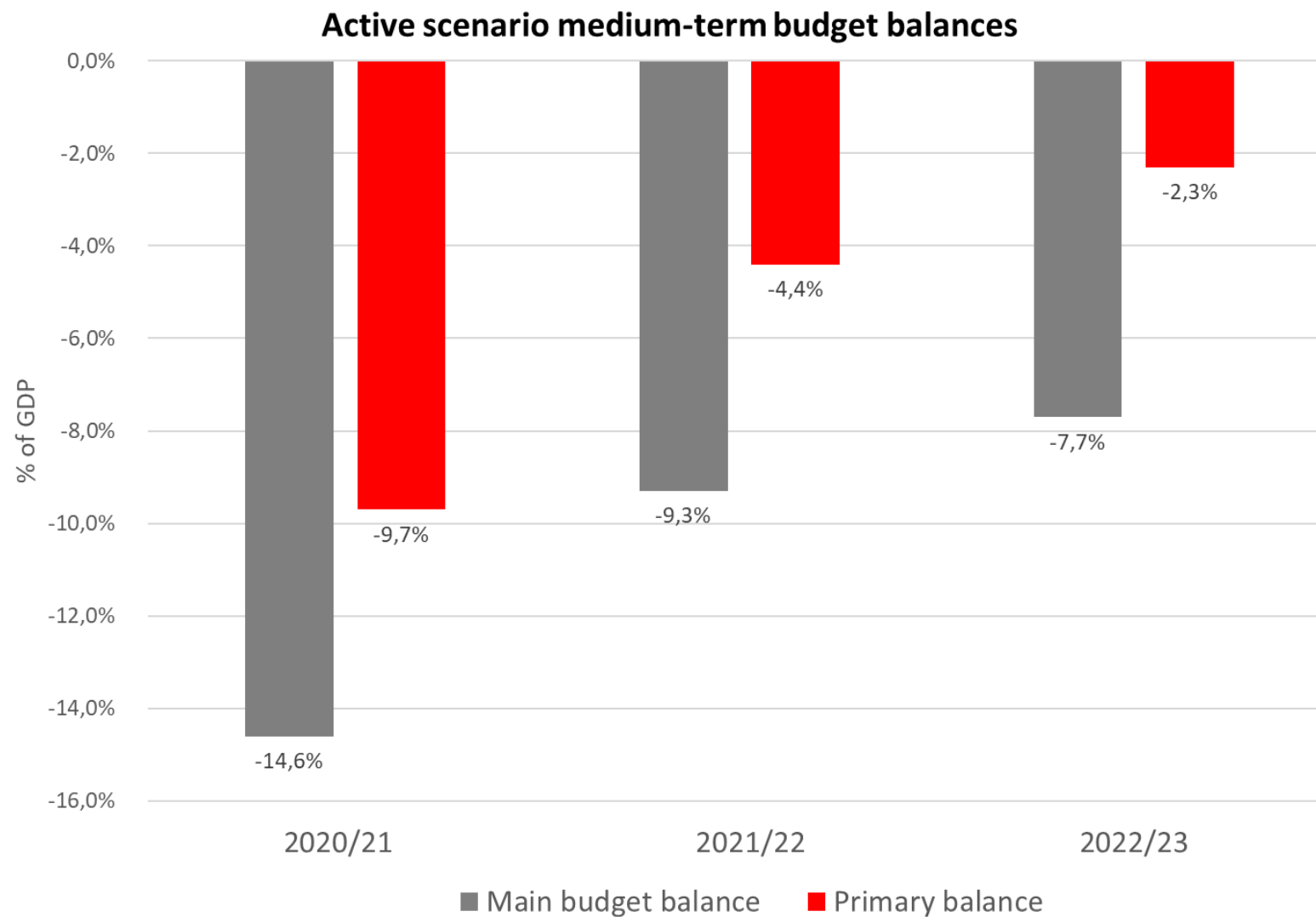


Active scenario medium-term budget balances



Source: National Treasury



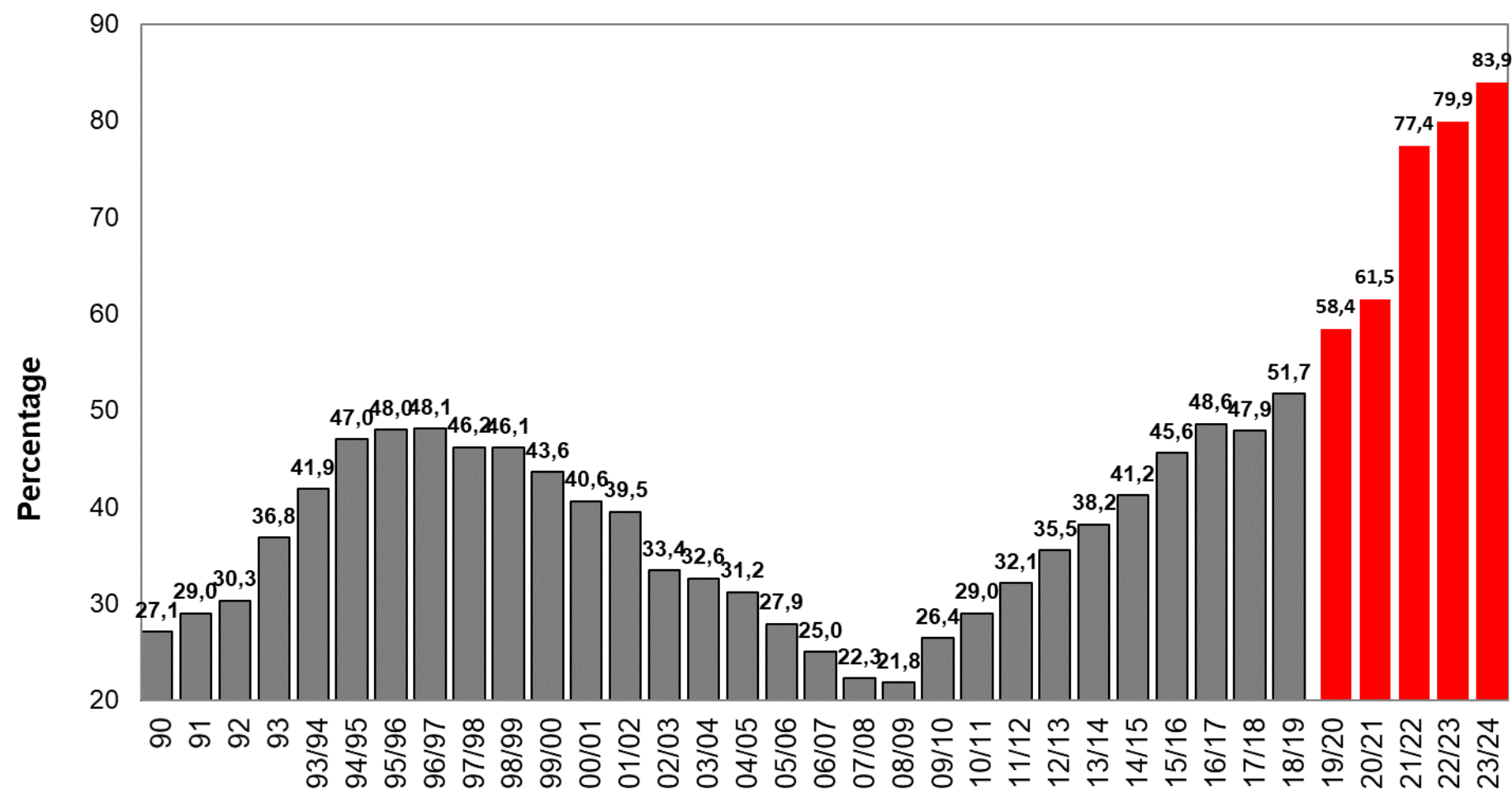


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Cabinet has adopted the active approach. It has endorsed the target of a primary surplus by 2023/24, meaning revenue will exceed non-interest expenditure by then



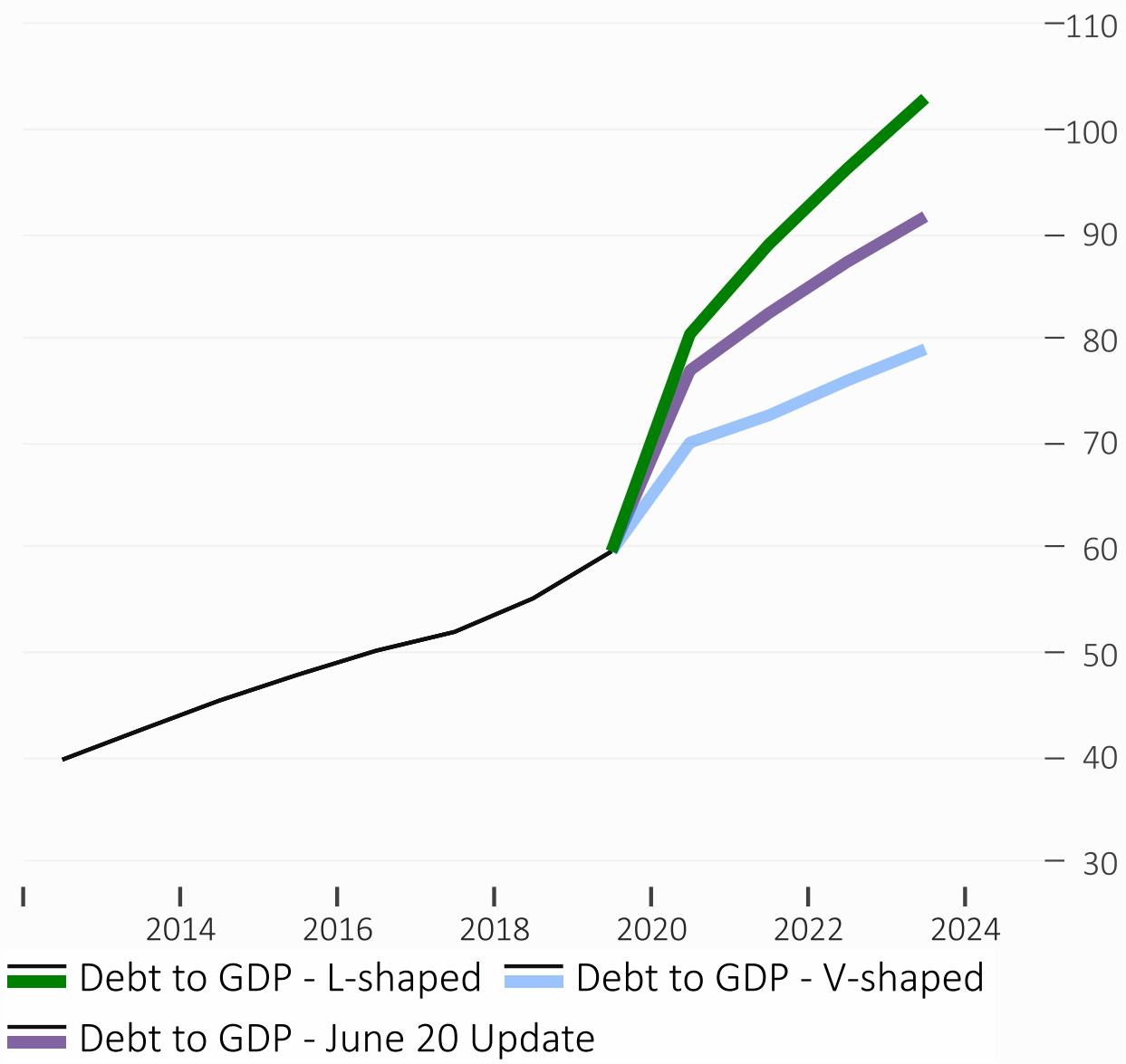
Public debt as a percentage of GDP



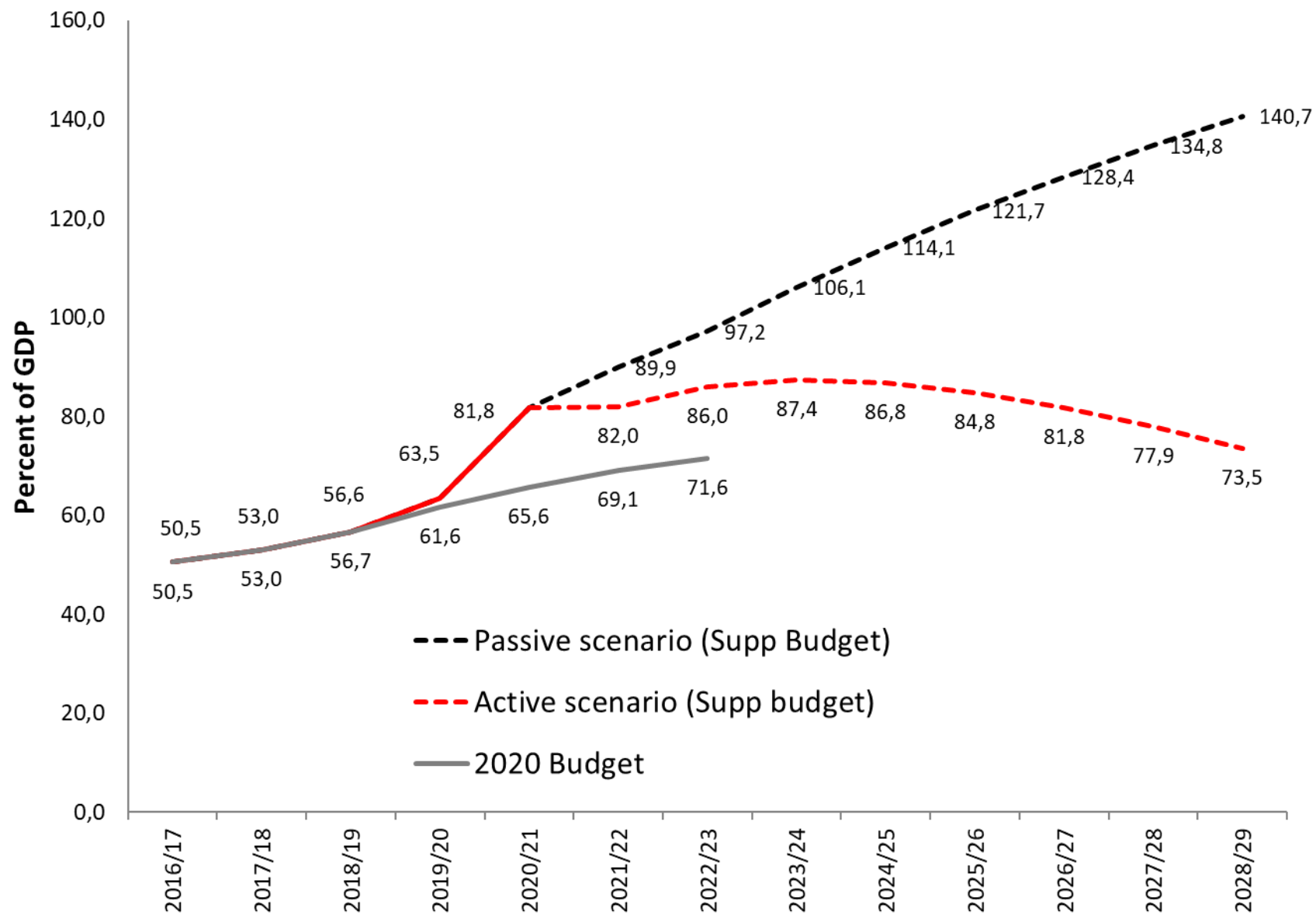
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Econometrix Forecast: Debt to GDP projections



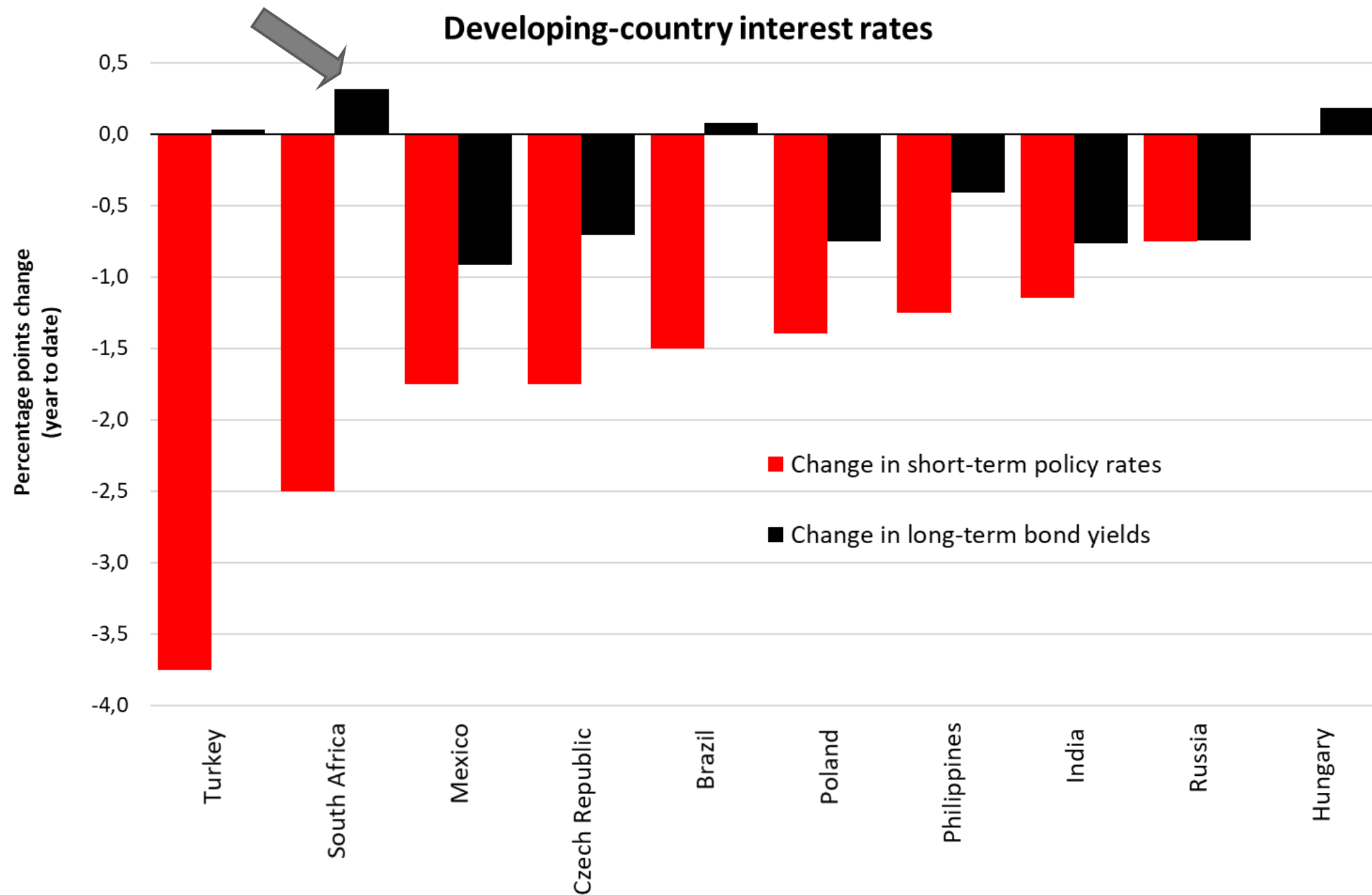
Debt Outlook Scenarios



Source: National Treasury



Developing-country interest rates

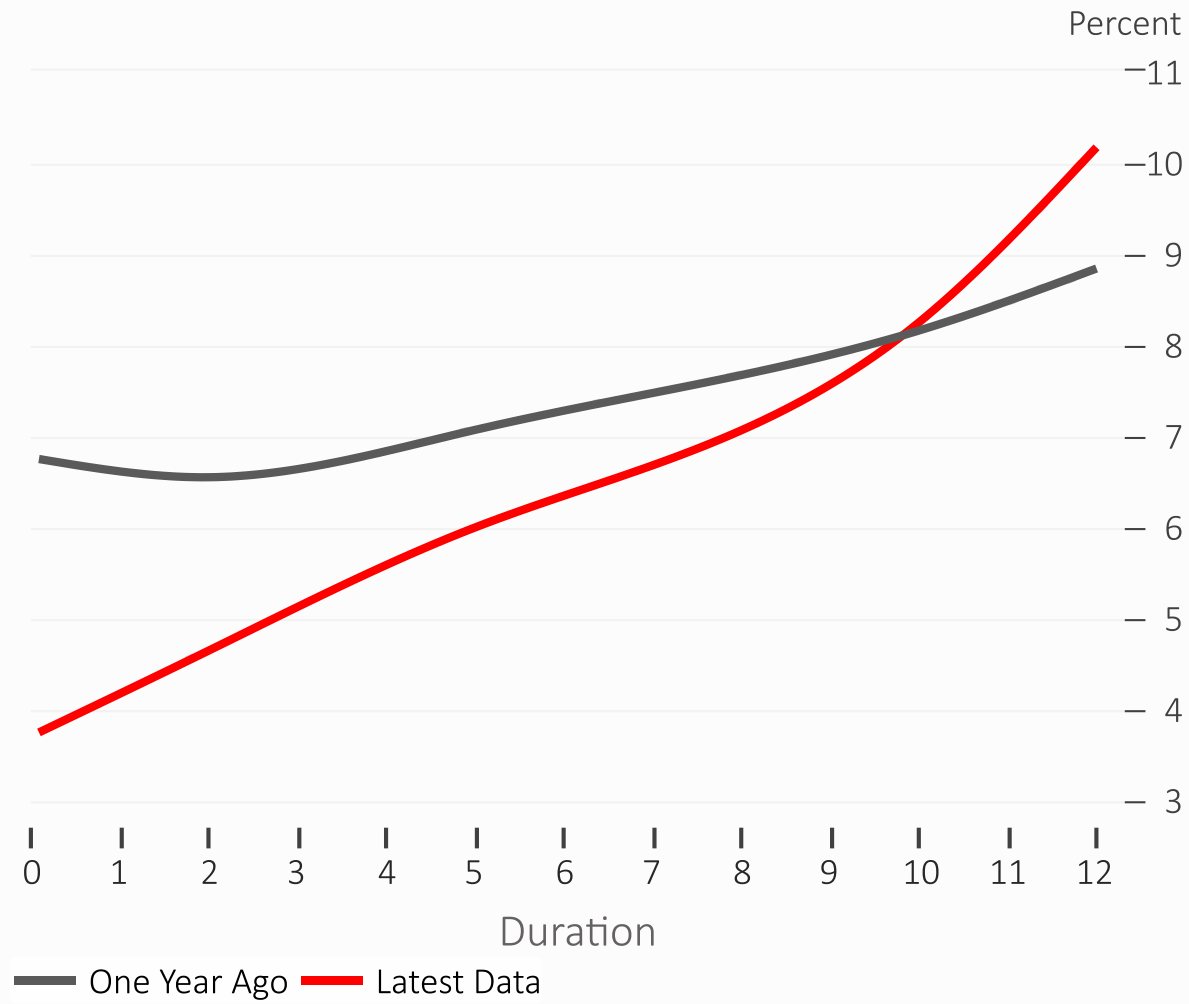


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South Africa Yield Curve

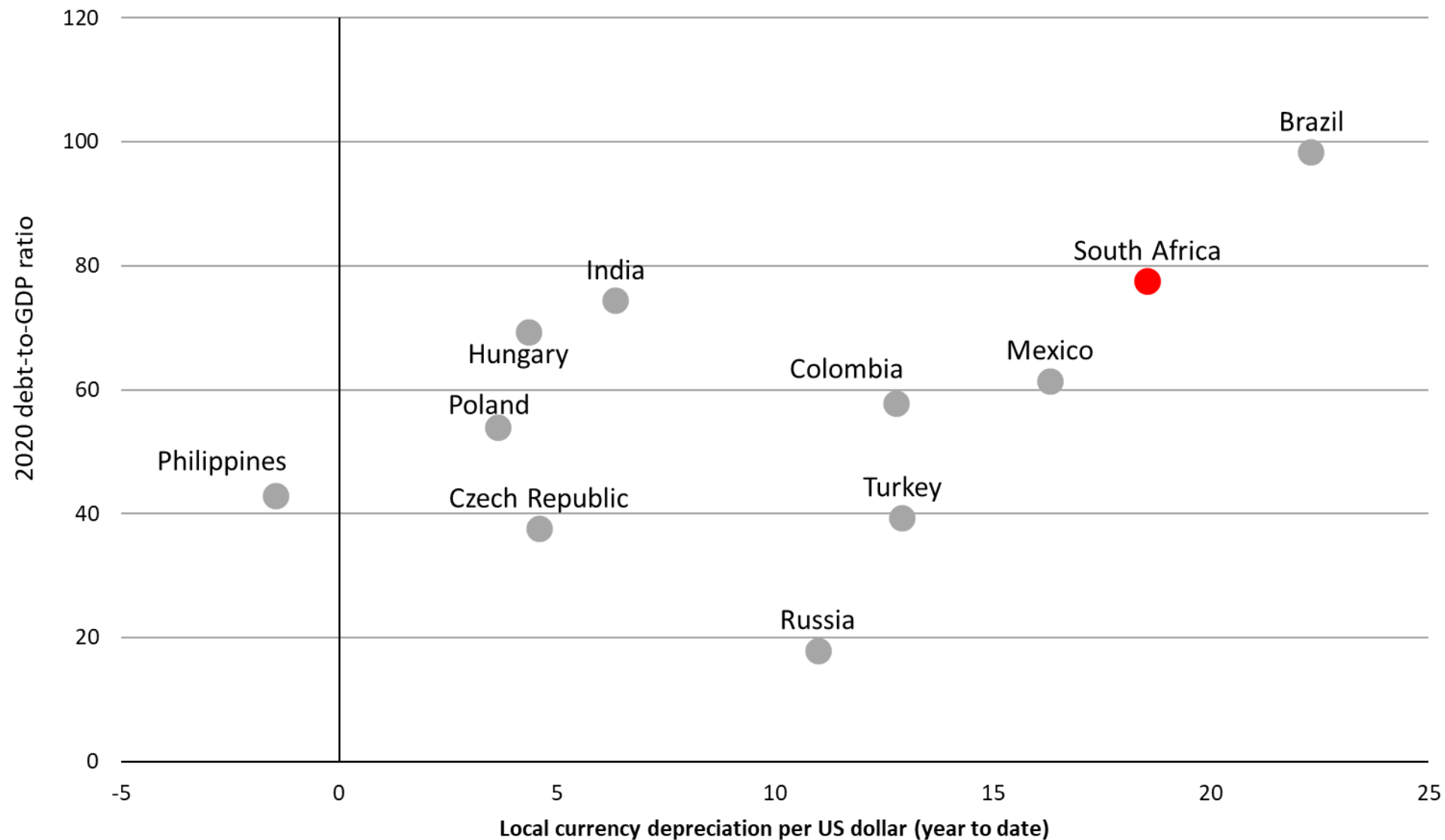
Government Benchmarks



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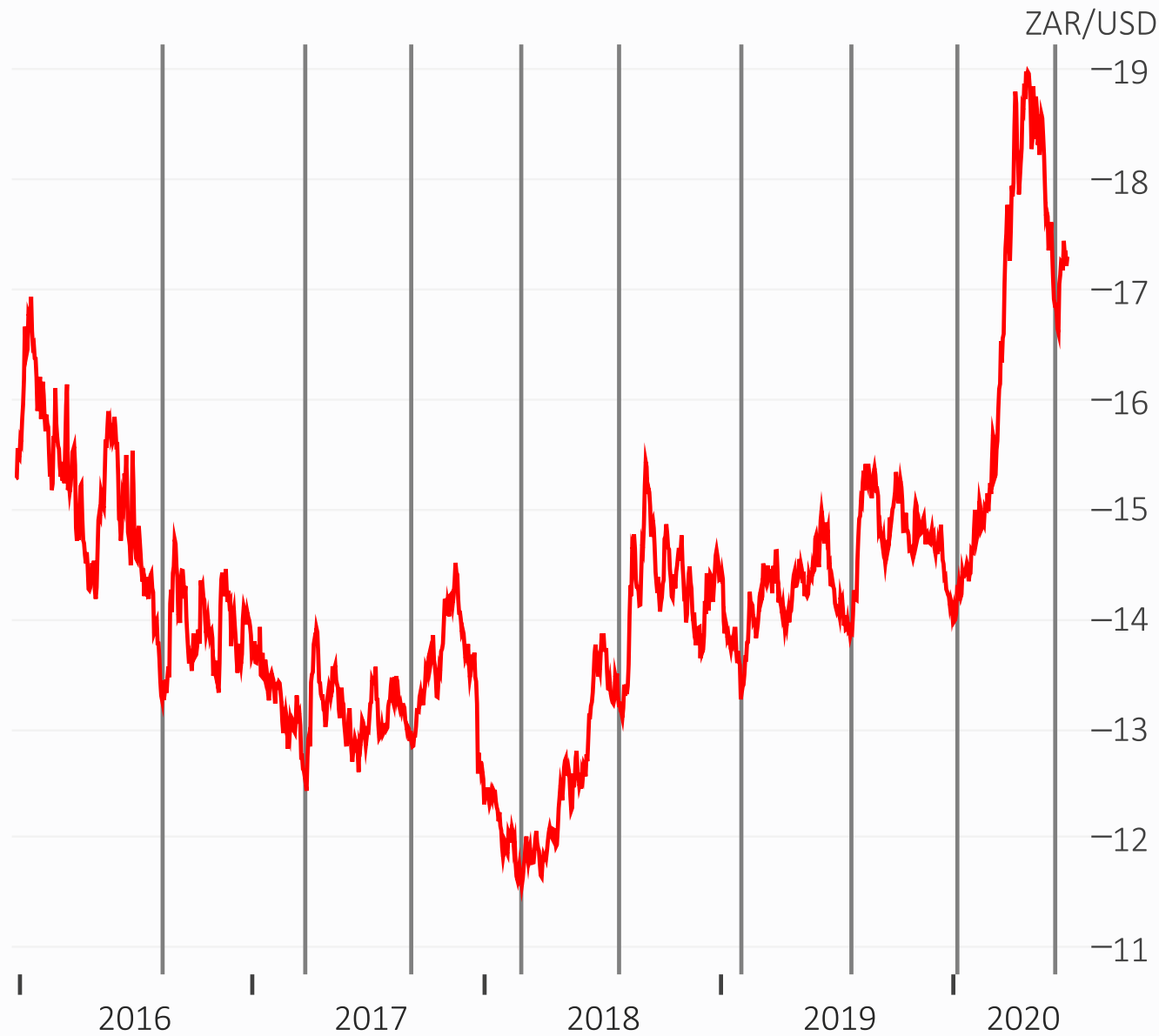
Developing-country currencies and debt



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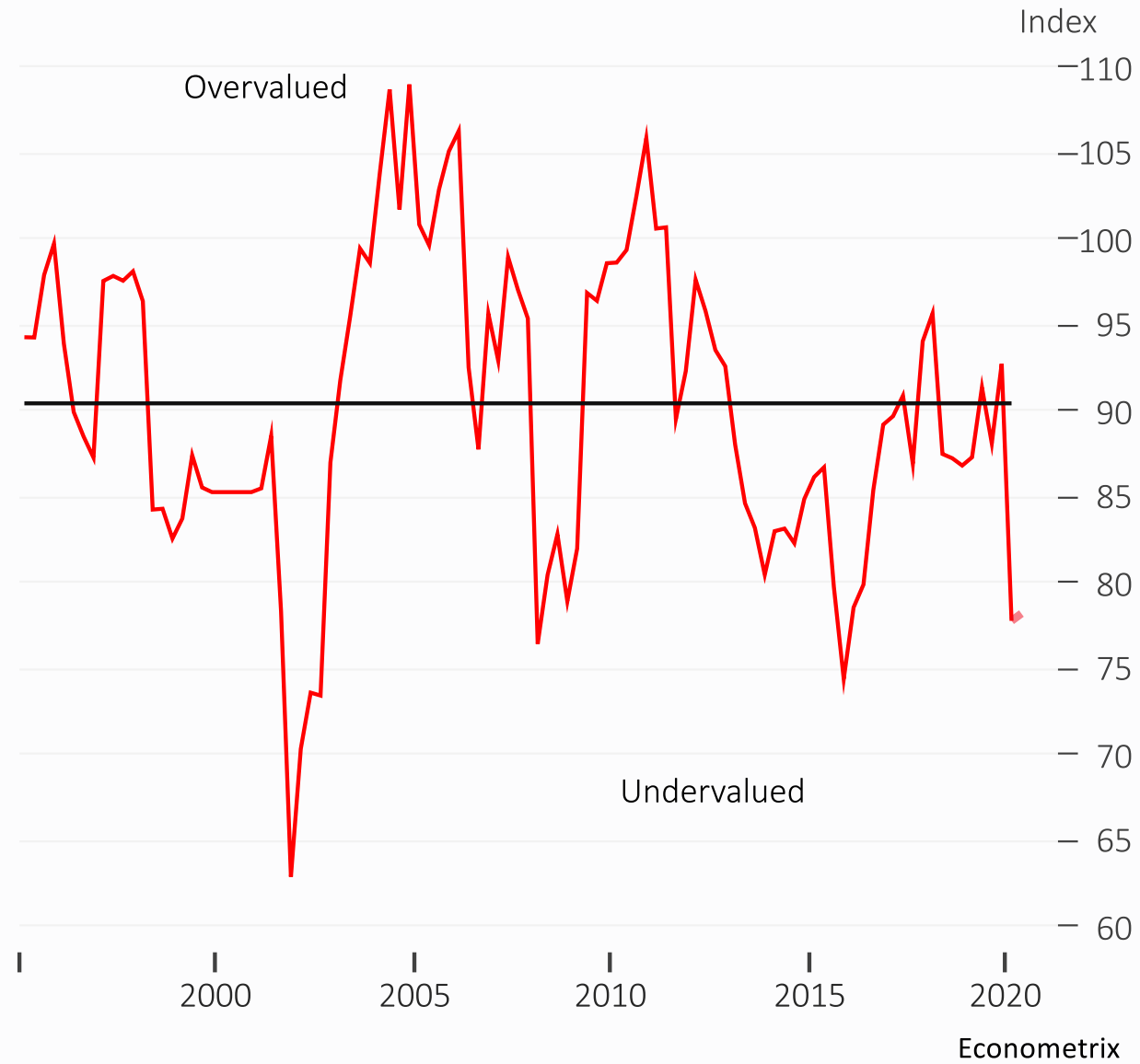
SA, ZAR per USD



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SA, Real effective exchange rate



Take away from the Supplementary Budget Speech

- An exercise of formality to acquire Parliamentary agreement for the R500bn rescue package
- Increase in deficits and public debt in line with expectations
- Our budgetary parameters based on unduly optimistic forecasts of economic growth?
- Only moderate tax increases envisaged
- Government for once seems to be taking the risk of an impending debt crisis seriously
- Government pledges determination to rein in the public debt trajectory longer term
- However, scepticism to remain regarding the ability to rein in expenditure in the face of populism
- Mboweni tries to persuade us of a buy in by government and his Cabinet
- Financial markets dominated by international events rather than parlous fiscal situation
- A debt crisis longer term remains a real possibility as reflected by steepening of yield curve



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