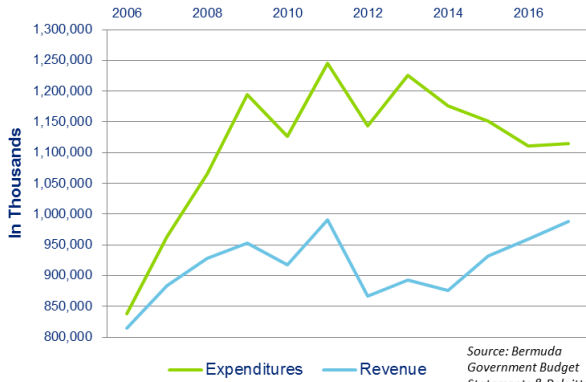
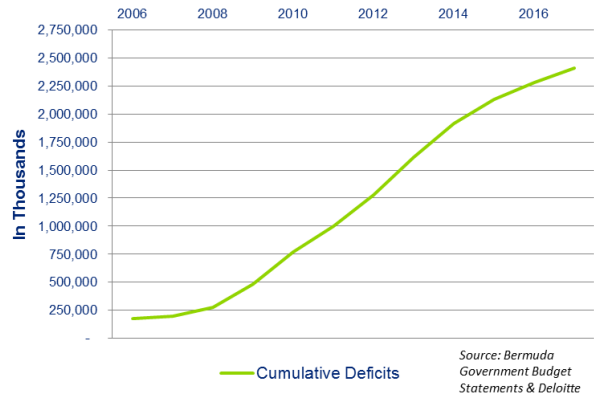


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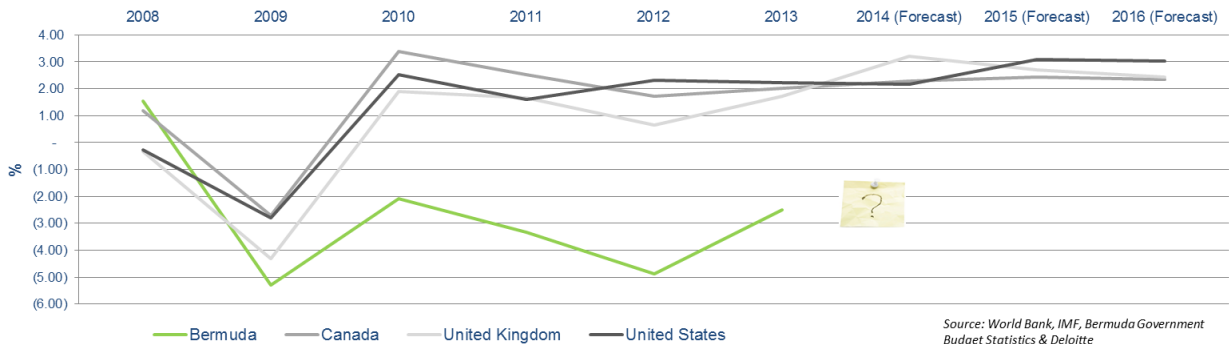
### Revenues & Expenditures



### Cumulative Deficits



### GDP Growth



#### Government Budget

- 2015/16 deficit to be \$220 million
- 2015/16 interest on debt of \$170 million
- 2015/16 borrowing requirement of \$125 million



#### Future tax changes

Government to study the feasibility of broadening Bermuda's tax base through tax on consumption, including services



#### Positive Signs

- Work permits increase by 4.5%
- Building permits increase by 25%
- Planning applications up 23%



#### Investment

Government anticipates \$930 million in private hospitality-related development capital over next 3 years



#### Americas Cup

\$11.7 million Americas Cup expenses in 2015



#### Tax

- Payroll tax to increase by 0.5% to 14.5%, with employee maximum share to increase by 0.25% to 5.5%
- Payroll tax cap remains unchanged
- Corporate services tax to increase by 1% to 7%
- Fuel tax to increase by \$0.05/litre
- Land tax to increase on commercial buildings