

PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES

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Introduction to the Province of Buenos Aires



Provincial Highlights

- The Province of Buenos Aires (PBA) is the largest province in Argentina which accounts for 36% of the Argentine GDP, represents 38% of the population, generates 33% of Argentine exports and produces 50% of Argentine manufacturing activity
- For the last 5 years PBA has been the beneficiary of positive Argentine economic conditions showing an **improvement in its main economic and social indicators** (falling unemployment and poverty levels)
- PBA's debt has remained stable for the last 5 years with an average level of USD11.3 billion.
 Debt/GDP and Debt/Revenues ratios have declined, representing 11% of GDP and 87% of total revenues in 2009
- The structure of PBA's debt has also improved, currently 59% of the total debt is denominated in pesos, 88% of the debt is at a fixed rate and 57% is owed to the Federal Government
- PBA recently refinanced almost 100% of the debt with the Federal Government, obtaining a USD1 bn reduction of its total debt, monthly amortizations from 2011 to 2030 and a fixed interest rate of 6% in Pesos





	РВА		Rank	
Area	307,571 Km ²	11%	<u>1</u>	
Population	15.2 million	38%	1	
Exports	USD 18.2 billion	33%	1	
GDP ⁽¹⁾	USD 109.3 billion	36%	1 1	

^{(*) 2009} figures.

⁽¹⁾ Provincial Nominal GDP. Extrapolated data on the basis of growth rates of the national GDP.



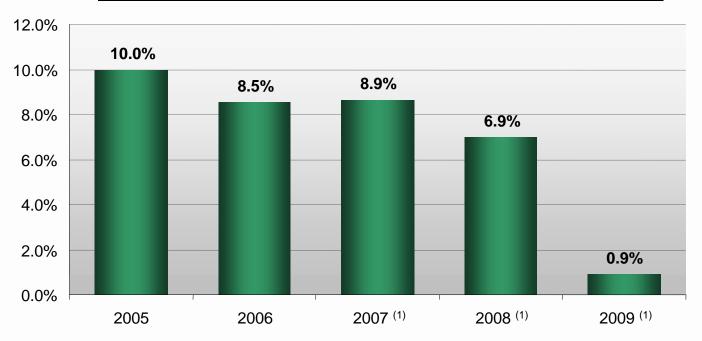
Economic and Social Developments



GDP is Continuously Growing

Variation in Provincial Real GDP- in ARS

PBA's share of Argentina's GDP				
2005	2006	2007 ⁽¹⁾	2008 ⁽¹⁾	2009 ⁽¹⁾
35.5%	35.5%	35.6%	35.6%	35.6%

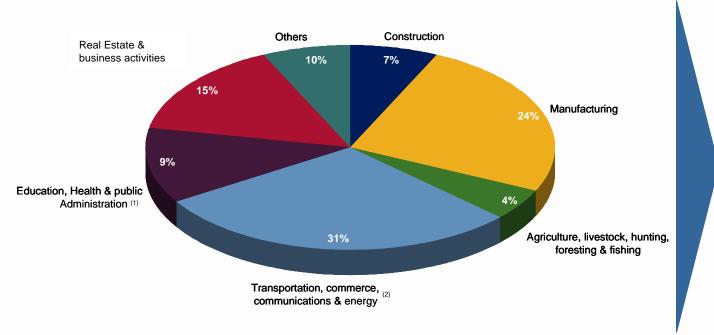


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highest
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Provinces

PBA figures were extrapolated based on national GDP growth rates.
 Source: Ministry of Economy of the Province; Federal Ministry of Economy and Public Finances.



PBA Has a Diversified Economy *



Almost 80% of the Provincial GDP is produced by 4 economic sectors:

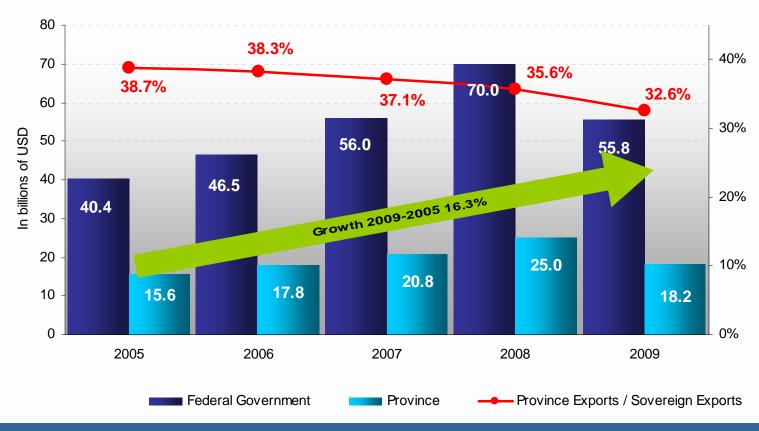
- Transport, commerce, communications and energy
- Manufacturing
- Real Estate and other business services
- Education, Health and public Administration

PBA's manufacturing sector accounts for almost 50% of all the manufacturing industry in Argentina

- (*) 2009 figures were extrapolated based on national GDP growth rates.
- (1) Includes "Public administration, defense and social security" and "Education, social and health services".
- (2) Includes "Electricity, gas and water", "Transport, storage and communications" and "Retail and wholesale commerce". Source: Provincial Office of Statistic; INDEC.



Strong Export Growth



As of June 2010, Provincial Exports totalled USD 10.3 billion (+20% vs June 2009)

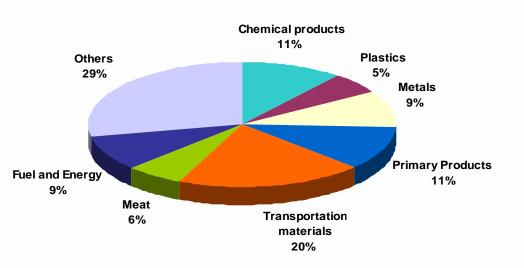
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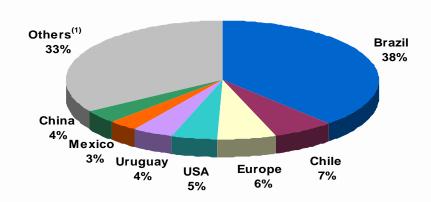


Diversified Portfolio of Exports *



By Geography





Source: INDEC.

^{(*) 2009} figures.

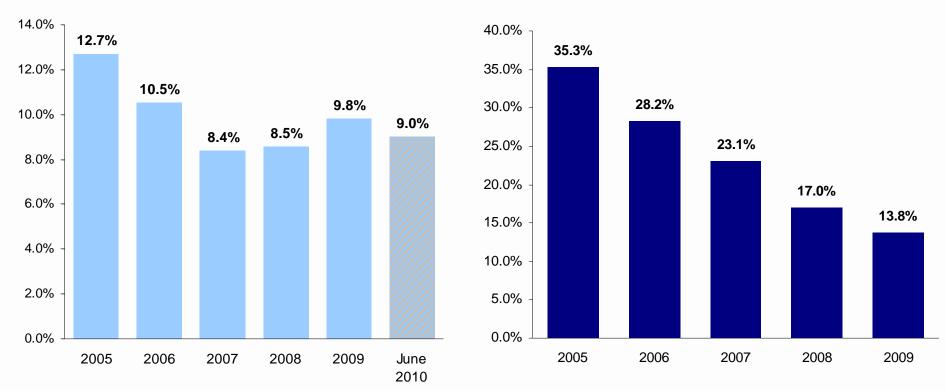
⁽¹⁾ Includes: Venezuela, Paraguay, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Egypt, Russia, South Africa and others.



Improving Labor and Social Indicators

Unemployment (%) (1)

Population below the Poverty Line (%) (2)



⁽¹⁾ Values correspond to the last quarter of each year, except for 2005 which corresponds to 2H and for 2010 which corresponds to 1H. Figures for the five main urban areas of the Province.

Source: INDEC.

^{(2) 2005, 2006, 2008} and 2009 values correspond to the second half of each year; 2007 values correspond to the 4Q2007 and 1Q2008. Figures for the five main urban areas of the Province. Figures as of June, 2010 are not available.



Fiscal Situation



Fiscal Situation

- PBA's economic growth has improved the Province's tax collections to new records
- Unlike the majority of Argentine provinces, in PBA almost 60% of total tax revenues are self-generated tax revenues
- Almost 50% of total expenditures is allocated to the labor intensive areas of Education, Health Care and Social Assistance
- PBA's primary balance is expected to reflect a slight deficit this year



2008- 2009 Results and 2010 Budget

	2008	2009	2010 Budget	Variation 2010 Budget vs. 2009	
In millions of USD				Nominal	%
Total Revenues	13,752	14,242	15,310	1,068	7.5%
Provincial	8,932	9,331	10,177	846	9.1%
Federal	4,820	4,911	5,132	222	4.5%
Total Expenditures	14,376	15,407	16,350	943	6.1%
Current Expenditures	13,697	14,583	14,994	411	2.8%
Personnel	7,208	7,614	7,277	(337)	(4.4%)
Others	6,489	6,969	7,717	748	10.7%
Capital Expenditures	679	823	1,356	533	64.7%
Primary Balance	(624)	(1,165)	(1,040)	124	10.7%
Financial Result	(947)	(1,520)	(1,364)	156	10.3%
Exchange Rate ARS / USD (1)	3.161	3.730	3.950		

⁽¹⁾ ARS amounts for 2008 and 2009 have been converted into USD using the average rate published by the Central Bank. For the 2010 Budget the exchange rate of AR\$3.95 has been used as per 2010 Macro Fiscal Framework.

Source: Ministry of Economy of the Province.



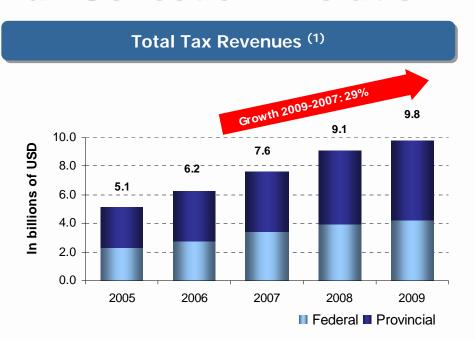
June 2009- 2010 Results

	June 2009 June 20	luna 2040	Variation June 2010 vs.June 2009		
In millions of USD		June 2010	Nominal	%	
Total Revenues	6,726	7,775	1,048	15.6%	
Provincial	4,228	4,705	478	11.3%	
Federal	2,499	3,069	571	22.8%	
Total Expenditures	7,347	8,125	777	10.6%	
Current Expenditures	6,981	7,691	710	10.2%	
Personnel	3,768	4,155	387	10.3%	
Others	3,213	3,536	323	10.1%	
Capital Expenditures	366	434	67	18.4%	
Primary Balance	(621)	(350)	271	43.6%	
Financial Result	(777)	(613)	164	21.1%	
Exchange Rate ARS / USD (1)	3.635	3.870			

⁽¹⁾ ARS amounts for June 2009 and June 2010 have been converted into USD using the average rate published by the Central Bank. Source: Ministry of Economy of the Province.



Tax Collection Evolution



Considerable increase in **total tax revenues** since 2007 (29% accumulated growth)

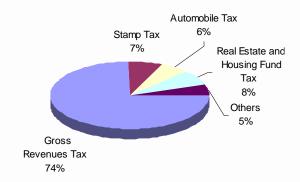
(1) Includes Federal Tax Co-Participation, Other Federal Tax Transfers and Provincial Taxes. Source: Ministry of Economy of the Province.

During 2007-2009, the **provincial tax collection** has grown **34%** with the main changes in the following taxes:

Gross revenues tax: 52%

Automobile tax: 43%

Provincial Tax Collection as of June 2010

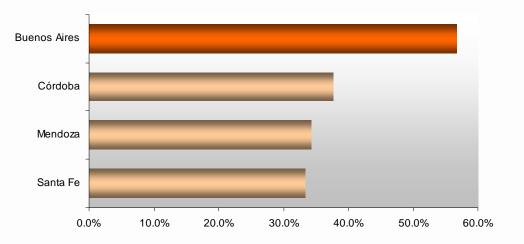


As of June 2010, the provincial tax collection totalled USD 3.1billion (+17% vs June 2009)



PBA Compares Favorably to Other Argentine Provinces

Self-generated Tax Revenues/ Total Tax Revenues

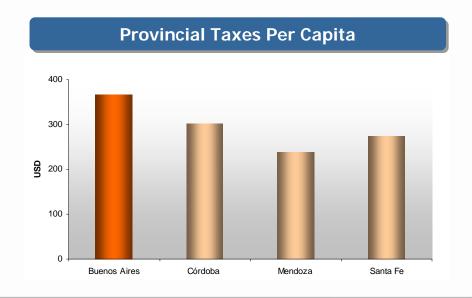


PBA has the highest level of **tax revenues per capita** among the most populated provinces in Argentina.

Source: Ministry of Economy of the Province and official data from the website of the other provinces.

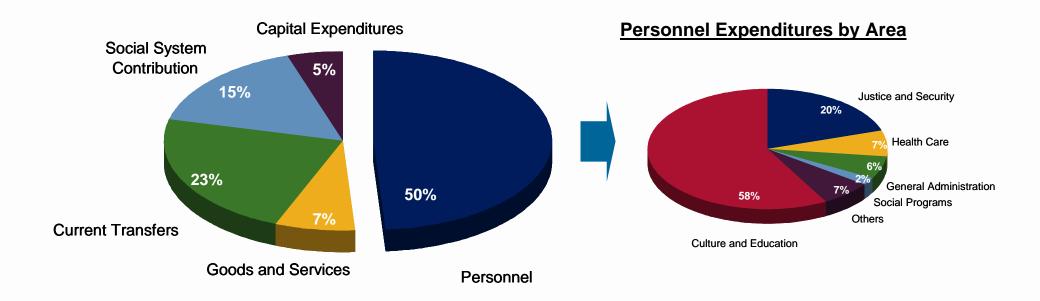
The strong performance of **tax revenue collections** provides PBA with a significant fiscal autonomy.

PBA's indicator is the highest among all Argentine provinces.





Expenditure Composition *



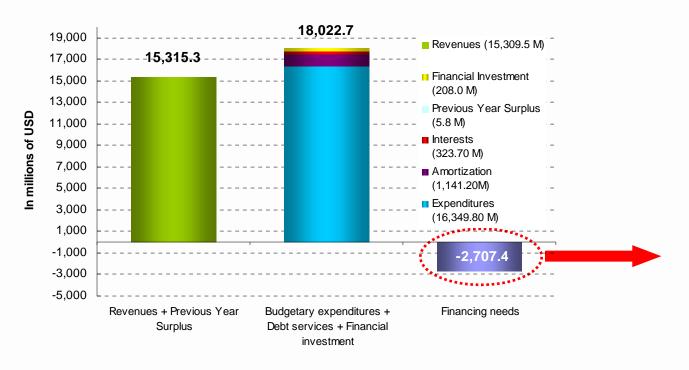
85% of the personnel expenditures are allocated to the Culture & Education, Health Care and Justice & Security areas

(*) 2009 figures

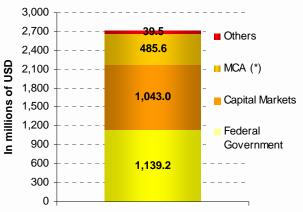
Source: Ministry of Economy of the Province



2010 Financing Program Budget



Financing Sources



(*) Includes a swap operation with the World Bank.

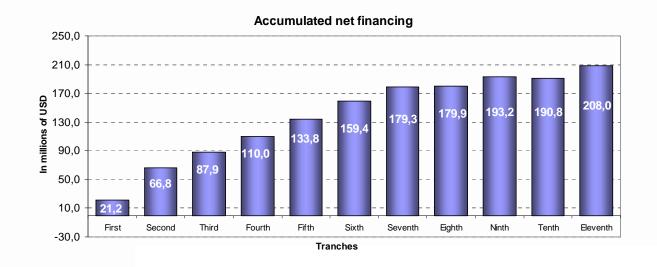
Source: 2010 Macro Fiscal Framework. Ministry of Economy of the Province.



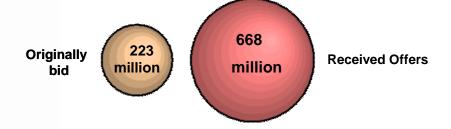
Financing in the Domestic Market

Treasury Bill Program (*)

- PBA started with this program in January, 2010
- Includes 16 tranches of which 11 have been issued up to date
- The level of acceptance has been very high, thus demostrating investors' interest



The T-bills were three times oversubscribed



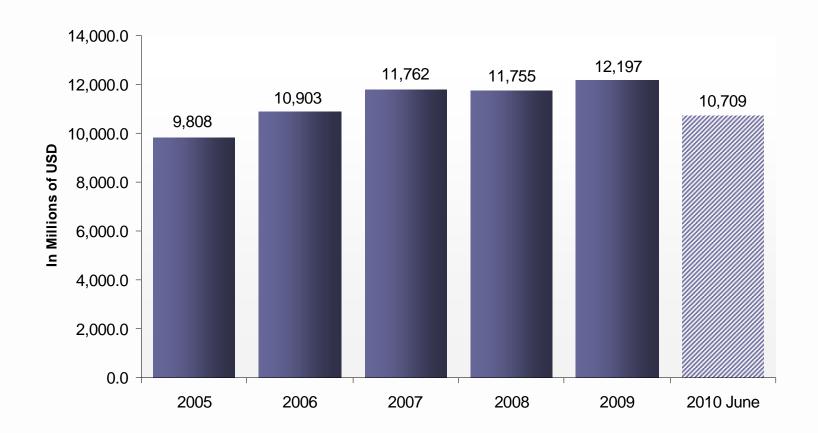
(*) As of September 2, 2010, the exchange rate of ARS/USD 3.95 was used. Source: Ministry of Economy of the Province of Buenos Aires



Public Debt

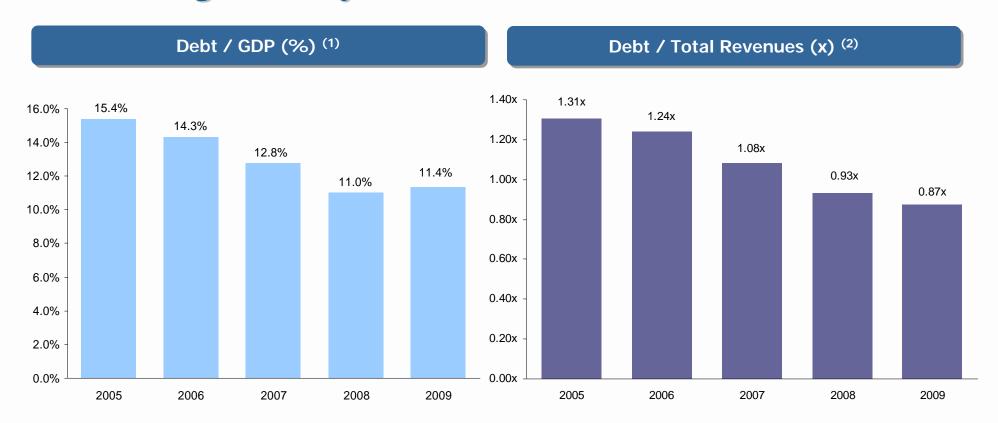


PBA'S Debt Evolution Has Been Very Stable





Generating Healthy Debt Ratios



Source: Ministry of Economy of the Province.

⁽¹⁾ From 2005 to 2006 the GDP figures correspond to those published by Provincial Office of Statistics. Since 2007, GDP figures reflect estimates by Macroeconomic Research Unit of the Provincial Departament of Fiscal Studies and Financial Programs.

^{(2) 2005-2009} includes Non-Financial Public Administration.



The Federal Program for Provincial Debt Refinancing

Debt with the Federal Goverment (1)	USD
As of May 31, 2010	7.08 Bn
ATN (2)	(1.04) Bn
New Debt with the Federal Goverment	6.04 Bn

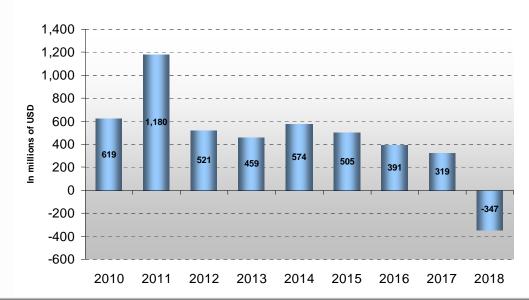


15% reduction

Terms and conditions:

- Grace Period: until December 2011
- Repayment: in 228 installments
- 6% annual interest rate
- Denominated in ARS

Debt service reduction

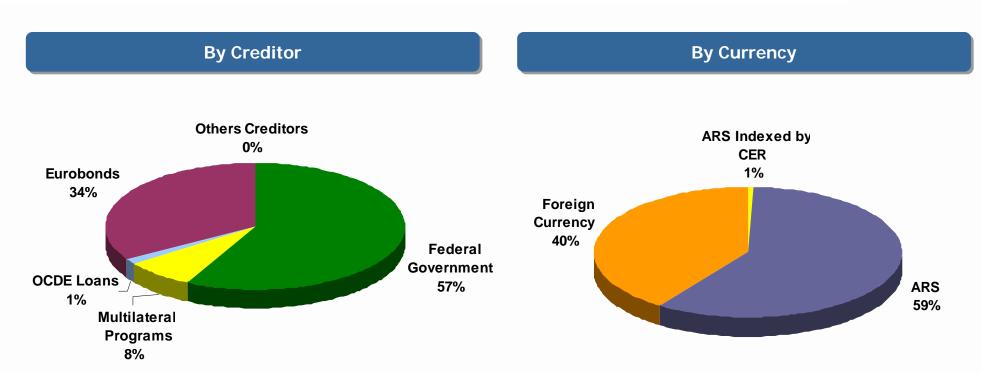


⁽¹⁾ Exchange rate as of May 31, 2010: ARS/USD 3.92

⁽²⁾ Aportes del Tesoro Nacional (National Treasury Support)



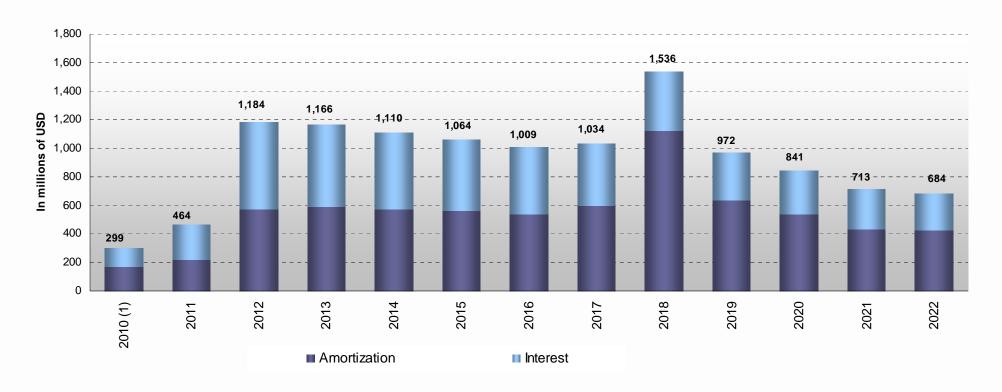
Debt Composition - After the Federal ProgramUSD 10,709 million as of June 30, 2010



Source: Ministry of Economy of the Province



PBA's Debt Profile *



(*) Calculated on the basis of the debt stock, exchange rate and interest rates as of June 30, 2010.

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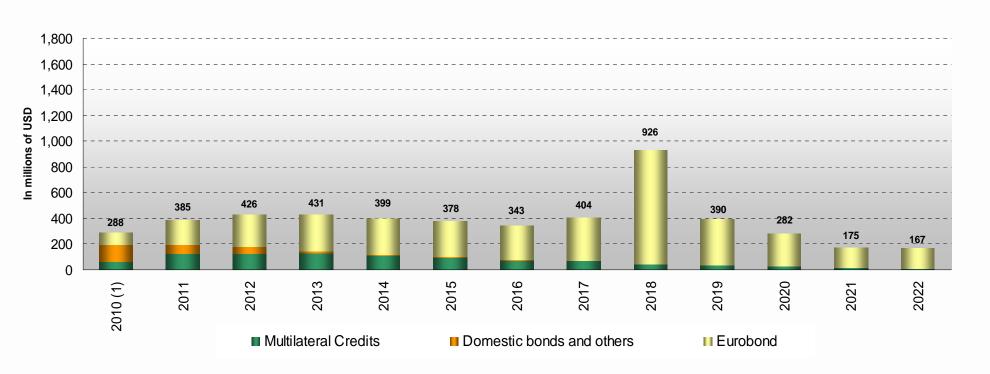
(1) From July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

Source: Ministry of Economy of the Province.



Total Debt Service by Creditor *

Excluding the Federal Government



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Political Environment

- In October 2007, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner and Daniel Scioli, both from the Partido Justicialista, were elected President of Argentina and Governor of the Province of Buenos Aires. Mrs. Fernandez was elected with over 45% of the votes and Mr. Scioli was elected with over 48% of the votes
- The next general elections will be held in October 2011 both for the Republic and for PBA
- Governor Scioli is aligned with and supported by President Fernández de Kirchner (the Federal Government is PBA's largest creditor and recently refinanced almost 100% of its debt with PBA)
- The polling group Ibarómetro⁽¹⁾ shows that Governor Daniel Scioli would receive 30.2% of the votes in an election, 15 points higher than the second potential candidate. Scioli's approval rating is currently of 52.3%

(1) 1200 people were polled in early September in the Province of Buenos Aires



Conclusions

- PBA is the most populated and largest province of Argentina, representing 36% of the Argentine GDP
- PBA has a diversified economy and does not depend on any economic activity enabling it to mitigate any economic volatility
- Tax collection grew significantly by 34% during 2007-2009
- Stable total debt with healthy credit ratios (11% Debt/GDP and 87% Debt/Revenues), and very aligned to PBA's inflows (59% of total debt denominated in pesos)
- The Government's debt refinancing program provided a USD1bn haircut and a debt roll-over until 2030. CER adjustment was eliminated and a 6% fixed rate in pesos was included
- The total PBA's debt under a fixed rate amounts to 88% and the debt held with the Federal Government fell to 57% of PBA's total debt



Thank you!

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