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Land and buildings transactions tax forecast

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We published a forecast for the Scottish land and buildings transactions tax (LBTT) in the devolved taxes document, alongside the December 2014 EFO. The LBTT will come into force in Scotland from April 2015. In the table below, we have split the yield between residential and commercial property.

Table 1: LBTT revenue (£ million)

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Total LBTT	499	600	676	749	811
of which:					
Residential	328	423	491	557	610
Commercial	171	177	185	192	201

Receipts of residential LBTT will be depressed in 2015-16 by the unwinding of forestalling from those who brought forward their purchases of expensive properties into 2014-15. The slower growth in commercial LBTT relative to residential LBTT primarily reflects the weaker growth expected in commercial property prices and transactions.