

**Table A.39**  
**Merchant Banks: Income and Expenditure**

	For the financial year			For the calendar year		
	2001	2002	2003	2002	2003	2004 <sup>p</sup>
	RM million					
Interest income net of interest-in-suspense ( <i>Interest-in-suspense</i> )	1,783.7 313.8	1,714.3 328.1	1,624.3 258.1	1,601.0 296.8	1,636.5 220.9	1,645.8 173.0
Less: Interest expense	1,176.9	1,138.7	1,081.7	1,070.1	1,145.7	1,173.4
Net interest income	606.8	575.5	542.6	530.9	490.8	472.5
Add: Fee-based income	296.3	306.2	332.6	338.2	327.6	350.4
Less: Staff cost	204.9	214.8	263.1	226.5	260.6	297.2
Overheads	118.1	117.0	130.8	121.3	133.4	154.6
Gross operating profit	580.1	549.9	481.4	521.2	424.3	371.1
Less: Loan loss and other provisions	894.7	371.6	306.0	318.2	137.4	56.3
Gross operating profit after provision	-314.6	178.3	175.3	203.1	287.0	314.9
Add: Other income	624.6	488.3	519.6	388.3	398.2	550.7
<b>Pre-tax profit</b>	<b>310.0</b>	<b>666.6</b>	<b>695.0</b>	<b>591.3</b>	<b>685.2</b>	<b>865.5</b>

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary

Note: Numbers may not necessarily add up due to rounding

**Table A.40**  
**Commercial Banks<sup>1</sup> and Finance Companies: Lending Guidelines to the Priority Sectors**

	Compliance Date of 31 December 2004	
	2003/2004 Lending Guidelines	
	Target	Achieved
<b>Housing Loan Commitments</b>		
Total number of houses (units)	100,000	160,272
Non-compliance (no. of institutions)	–	8
<b>Loans to Small and Medium Enterprises</b>		
Total loans approved (RM billion)	28.1	44.7
Non-compliance (no. of institutions)	–	6

<sup>1</sup> Including performance of Islamic banks