

How \$1 billion of debt-financed government spending with Quantitative Easing moves through balance sheets

A. Government fiscal spending (\$1B to Private Sector)

Treasury			
Assets		Liabilities	
RB deposits	-\$1B		\$0
Change in Net Worth	-\$1B		

Reserve Bank			
Assets		Liabilities	
	\$0	Treasury deposits	-\$1B
		Settlement account	+\$1B
Change in Net Worth	\$0		

Banks			
Assets		Liabilities	
Settlement account	+\$1B	Private sector deposits	+\$1B
Change in Net Worth	\$0		

Private Sector			
Assets		Liabilities	
Bank deposits	+\$1B		\$0
Change in Net Worth	+\$1B		

B. Government raises debt (\$1B from Commercial Banks)

Treasury			
Assets		Liabilities	
RB deposits	+\$1B	Government debt	+\$1B
Change in Net Worth	\$0		

Reserve Bank			
Assets		Liabilities	
	\$0	Treasury deposits	+\$1B
		Settlement account	-\$1B
Change in Net Worth	\$0		

Banks			
Assets		Liabilities	
Settlement account	-\$1B		\$0
Government debt	+\$1B		
Change in Net Worth	\$0		

Private Sector			
Assets		Liabilities	
	\$0		\$0
Change in Net Worth	\$0		

C. Combine A. and B.

Treasury			
Assets		Liabilities	
	\$0	Government debt	+\$1B
Change in Net Worth	-\$1B		

Reserve Bank			
Assets		Liabilities	
	\$0		\$0
Change in Net Worth	\$0		

Banks			
Assets		Liabilities	
Government debt	+\$1B	Private sector deposits	+\$1B
Change in Net Worth	\$0		

Private Sector			
Assets		Liabilities	
Bank deposits	+\$1B		\$0
Change in Net Worth	+\$1B		

D. Quantitative Easing (RB creates \$1B base money)

Treasury

Assets	Liabilities
\$0	\$0
Change in Net Worth	\$0

Reserve Bank

Assets	Liabilities
Government debt +\$1B	Settlement account +\$1B
Change in Net Worth	\$0

Banks

Assets	Liabilities
Government debt -\$1B	\$0
Settlement account +\$1B	
Change in Net Worth	\$0

Private Sector

Assets	Liabilities
Bank deposits \$0	\$0
Change in Net Worth	\$0

E. Combine C. and D. (RB financed \$1B to Private Sector)

Treasury

Assets	Liabilities
\$0	Government debt +\$1B
Change in Net Worth	-\$1B

Reserve Bank

Assets	Liabilities
Government debt +\$1B	Settlement account +\$1B
Change in Net Worth	\$0

Banks

Assets	Liabilities
Settlement account +\$1B	Private sector deposits +\$1B
Change in Net Worth	\$0

Private Sector

Assets	Liabilities
Bank deposits +\$1B	\$0
Change in Net Worth	+\$1B

F. Consolidated E. (hypothetical) Public Balance Sheet

Treasury/Reserve Bank

Assets	Liabilities
\$0	Settlement account * +\$1B
Change in Net Worth	-\$1B

Banks

Assets	Liabilities
Settlement account +\$1B	Private sector deposits +\$1B
Change in Net Worth	\$0

Private Sector

Assets	Liabilities
Bank deposits * +\$1B	\$0
Change in Net Worth	+\$1B

* \$1B has made its way into the private sector via electronically created settlement account money