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Jive Talkin' to a Fed June/July hike

A perfect opportunity for a Bee Gees classic with more *Jive Talkin'* amongst US Fed officials with Lacker and Dudley hitting the wires overnight following Wednesday's more hawkish Fed Minutes. Although such talk is significant for reinforcing the case for a June/July rate hike, markets mostly generally consolidated yesterday's moves with the exception being equities which continued their post-US FOMC sell-off. There was little in the way of top tier data apart from UK Retail Sales which were strong in April (+1.5% m/m), while US Weekly Jobless Claims fell back to recent trends with claims at +278k down from +294k and a virtually unchanged Philadelphia Fed index at -1.8 from -1.6.

The market is currently ascribing around a 60% chance that the US Fed will hike rates by the July meeting, and NAB has pencilled in a July rate hike. Fed officials are seemingly content with such pricing with Dudley stating overnight he is "quite pleased to see that probability has in fact moved up" and that "I think a tightening in the summer, the June-July time frame, is a reasonable expectation". One caveat to a June move is that the Brexit referendum (23 June) occurs one week after the June FOMC meeting and Dudley described this event as "another variable in the mix" and in our view probably makes July more likely.

In terms of market moves, European stocks were down 1.3%, with larger falls in London being dominated by mining stock, the FTSE was down 1.8%. S&P500 also fell by similar magnitudes at the open, but ground higher to end the session down 0.4% with a positive earnings report by Wal-Mart and Cisco providing some offset.

Currencies were also little moved in aggregate with the exception being the CAD which fell alongside the dip in the oil price – that has now mostly reversed on the back of possible supply disruptions in Nigeria with Brent now down just 0.3% to \$48.79 a barrel. Despite most currencies being unchanged overnight in aggregate, this disguises the recent USD strength seen over recent days. The AUD was unchanged at 0.7228 but did trade with 71 handle for some time in the overnight session and reached a low of 0.7176. The Euro fell 0.1% against the dollar to be 1.1204 while the Yen appreciated 0.2% to be 109.94.

Major bond yields were also mostly unchanged with some volatility. US Treasury yields declined by 1 basis points to 1.85% while Bunds were unchanged at 0.17%, with yields having already risen strongly the previous day.

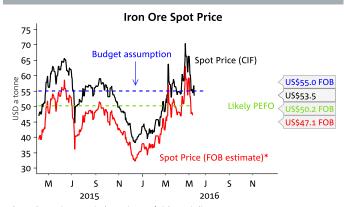
Commodities in general fell overnight with iron ore falling 5.8% to be \$53.47 a tonne, while gold fell 1.5% to 1,254.90.

Coming Up

A quiet day ahead with little in the way of data from major markets. The G7 Finance Ministers/Central Bankers meeting in Japan today (and tomorrow) is likely to be the most significant event. Japanese Finance Minister Aso said earlier that "currencies will be discussed as needed as part of a broad debate on [the] global economy" — so worth keeping an eye out for wire headlines, quotes and the like.

For Australia there is no data, but the Secretaries of the Departments of Treasury and Finance will be releasing the Pre-Election and Fiscal Outlook (PEFO) today, probably sometime between 1-3pm AEST. It is likely it will largely be a tick to what was in the May 3 Budget, except perhaps for the iron ore price assumption that seems in need of some downgrade by around \$US5-10 a tonne. The budget has assumed a \$US55 a tonne FOB level and a \$10 downgrade would reduce tax receipts by around \$5.3bn over two years according to the budget's sensitivity analysis. Any downgrade would likely weigh on the forecast deficits for 2016-17 of \$37.1bn and \$26.1bn for 2017-18.

Chart 1: Iron ore assumption likely to be downgraded



* Uses the spot iron ore price less an iron ore freight cost indicator Source: National Australia Bank, Bloomberg

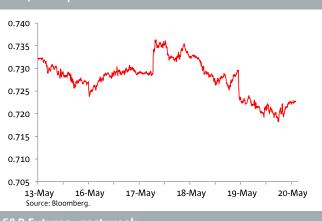
Otherwise on the international calendar NZ has Net Migration and Credit Card Spending figures today, the US has Existing Home Sales, and Canada is probably the more interesting one with Retail Sales and CPI ahead of the BoC meeting next week.

Overnight

On global stock markets, the S&P 500 was -0.37%. Bond markets saw US 10-years -0.51bp to 1.85%. In commodities, Brent crude oil -0.16% to \$48.85, gold-1.5% to \$1,256, iron ore -5.8% to \$53.47. AUD is at 0.7225and the range since yesterday 5pm Sydney time is 0.7182 to 0.7229.

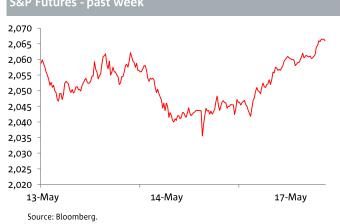
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Foreign Exchange								
	Indicative 24hr ranges (**)						Other FX	(
	Last	% chge	Low	High			Last	% chge
AUD	0.7225	-0.1	0.7225	0.7228	Н	KD	7.7675	0.0
NZD	0.6742	0.0	0.6742	0.6744	C	NY	6.5495	0.2
EUR	1.1201	-0.1	1.1200	1.1203	S	GD	1.3802	-0.1
GBP	1.4608	0.1	1.4607	1.4612	IE)R	13,565	1.4
JPY	109.98	-0.2	109.96	109.98	T	НВ	35.69	0.0
CAD	1.3095	0.5	1.3093	1.3097	K	RW	1,192	0.8
AUD/EUR	0.6451	0.1	0.6450	0.6453	T	WD	32.77	0.2
AUD/JPY	79.47	-0.2	79.47	79.49	P	HP	46.80	0.2
AUD/GBP	0.4947	-0.1	0.4946	0.4948	C	HF	0.99	0.3
AUD/NZD	1.0718	-0.1	1.0715	1.0721	S	EK	8.36	0.1
AUD/CNH	4.7140	-1.1	4.7410	4.7438				

	Last	% day
Dow	17,435	-0.5
S&P 500	2,040	-0.4
Nasdaq	4,713	-0.6
VIX	16	2.4
FTSE	6,053	-1.8
DAX	9,796	-1.5
CAC 40	4,283	-0.9
Nikkei	16,647	0.0
Shanghai	2,807	0.0
Hang Seng	19,694	-0.7
ASX 200	5,323	-0.6

	Commodi	ities*
	Last	% day
Oil (Brent)	48.85	-0.2
Oil (WTI)	48.27	0.2
Oil (Tapis)	48.51	-3.1
Gold	1255.70	-1.5
CRB	183.88	-0.8
GS Metals	254.0	-0.7
Aluminium	1538.3	-0.4
Copper	4587.8	-0.7
Nickel	8525.5	-0.9
Zinc	1853.8	-1.5
Ch. steel	2063.0	-1.4
Iron ore	53.5	-5.8
Coal	51.0	0.2
Wheat Chic.	479.5	-2.1
Sugar	16.7	-0.7
Cotton	61.1	-1.6
Coffee	124.0	-4.7

Interest Rates								
Indicative Swap Rates					Bend	hmark 1	LO Year E	Bonds
	Cash	3mth	2Yr	10Yr		Last	chge	Sprd
USD	0.50	0.64	1.02	1.71	USD 10	1.85	0.01	
AUD	1.75	2.00	1.82	2.43	AUD 10	2.35	-0.06	0.50
NZD	2.25	2.37	2.28	2.94	NZD 10	2.68	-0.04	0.84
EUR	0.00	-0.26	-0.15	0.57	CAD 10	1.35	0.02	-0.50
GBP	0.50	0.59	0.82	1.46	EUR 10	0.17	0.00	-1.68
JPY	-0.03	-0.03	-0.12	0.11	GBP 10	1.44	0.00	-0.41
CAD	0.50	0.91	1.00	1.58	JPY 10	-0.07	-0.03	-1.91

Overnight Futures						
	Last	Chge*				
Australia						
3 mth bill	98.01	0.00				
3 Yr bond	97.8	-3.00				
10 Yr bond	97.69	1.50				
3/10 sprd	0.11	-4.50				
SPI	5339.0	20.0				
*Change in bps						

CO ₂ Emissions - Euros					
	Last	% day			
Jun-2016	5.81	Clsd			
Dec-2016	6.00	-1.2			
Jun-2017	6.01	-1.0			
* clsd = marke	t holiday				

Please note the high/low FX rates are only an indication. Please refer to your National Dealer for confirmation.

Source: Bloomberg

^{*} All near futures contracts, except CRB. GS Metals is Goldman Sachs industrial metals index. Metals prices are CME. Emissions: ICE Dec contracts, Euros

^{**} These are indicative ranges over the past 24 hours; please confirm rates with your NAB dealer Last is around 6:30am Sydney

Calendar

		Period	Forecast	Consensus	Actual	Previous	GMT	AEST
	May 2016					5222.0	22.45	0.45
NZ AU	Net Migration SA Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook (PEFO), likely ea	Apr	n 1 2nm AECT			5330.0	22.45	8.45
NZ		Apr	ni, 1-3piii AE31			-1.1/4.8	3.00	13.00
JN		Apr				-0.1	7.00	17.00
CA		Mar		-0.6		0.4	12.30	22.30
CA		Apr		0.3/1.7		0.6/1.3	12.30	22.30
US	Existing Home Sales, #/MoM 23 May 2016	Apr		5.4/1.31		5.3/5.1	14.00	0.00
JN		Apr				276.5	23.50	9.50
JN		Mar F				98.4	5.00	15.00
GE		May P				51.8	7.30	17.30
GE		May P		/		54.5/53.6	7.30	17.30
EC EC		May P		/		51.7	8.00 8.00	18.00 18.00
US	Markit Germany Services/Composite PMI Fed's Bullard Speaks in Beijing	May P		/		53.1/53.0	9.30	19.30
US	Fed's Williams Speaks in New York						12.00	22.00
US		May P		51		50.8	13.45	23.45
JN	Cabinet Office Monthly Economic Report for May							
EC		May A				-9.3	14.00	0.00
US	24 May 2016 Fed's Harker Speaks on Economic Outlook in Philadelphia						22.30	8.30
AU		May 22				115.1	23.30	9.30
JN		May P				48.2	2.00	12.00
AU	RBA's Stevens Speech in Sydney						3.05	13.05
GE		1Q F		/		0.7/1.6	6.00	16.00
UK		Apr				16.6	8.30	18.30
GE EC		May May				47.7 21.5	9.00 9.00	19.00 19.00
UK		May				-13.0	10.00	20.00
UK		May				13.0	10.00	20.00
CH		Apr					13.00	23.00
EC	ECB's Nouy, BOE's Gracie Speak at IIF Conference in Madr							
CA US		May 20 May		9		57.3 14.0	14.00 14.00	0.00
US		Apr		520/1.8		511.0/-1.5	14.00	0.00
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NZ	Trade Balance	Apr				117.0	22.45	8.45
AU		Apr				-1.2	1.00	11.00
AU CH		1Q				-3.6 117.8	1.30	11.30 11.45
US	Westpac-MNI Consumer Sentiment Fed's Kaplan Speaks in Houston	May				11/.0	1.45 4.00	14.00
GE		Jun				9.7	6.00	16.00
GE		May				106.6	8.00	18.00
GE		May		/		113.2/100.4	8.00	18.00
US		Apr		-59.4		-56.9	12.30	22.30
US US		1Q Mar		0.4		1.4 0.4	13.00 13.00	23.00 23.00
US		May P		/		52.8/52.4	13.45	23.45
CA		May 25		0.5		0.5	14.00	0.00
US	Fed's Kaplan Speaks at Greater Houston Partnership						18.00	4.00
	26 May 2016							
JN		Apr				0.2	23.50	9.50
CH AU		Apr 1Q				1.9 0.8/82.6	1.00 1.30	11.00 11.30
UK		Apr		1		45096.0	8.30	18.30
UK		1Q P				0.4	8.30	18.30
UK		Mar				0.1	8.30	18.30
US	Fed's Bullard Speaks in Singapore					20:-	9.15	19.15
US		May 14		275		294.0 0.8/0.1	12.30	22.30
US AU	Durable Goods Orders/Core orders RBA's Debelle Speech in New York	Apr P		0.5/0.3		0.0/0.1	12.30 13.00	22.30 23.00
US	·	May 15				41.7	13.45	23.45
CA	CFIB Business Barometer	May				59.2	5.15	2.13
US		Apr		0.6/		1.4/2.9	14.00	0.00
US		May		-4		-4.0	15.00 16.00	1.00
US	Fed's Powell Speaks About Economy at Peterson Insitutut	е					10.00	2.00
	g Central Bank Interest Rate Announcements							
Canada, E Europe E		26-May		0.50%		0.50%		
Australia		2-Jun 7-Jun	1.75%	1.75%		0.00% 2.00%		
		9-Jun	2.00%	2.00%		2.25%		
		15-Jun	0.25-0.50%	0.5%-0.75%		0.25-0.50%		
Japan, Bo	J	16-Jun		-0.1% to +0.1%		-0.1% to +0.1%		
UK BOE		16-Jun		0.50%		0.50%		
GMT: Gre	enwich Mean Time; AEST: Australian Eastern Standard Tir	ne						

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