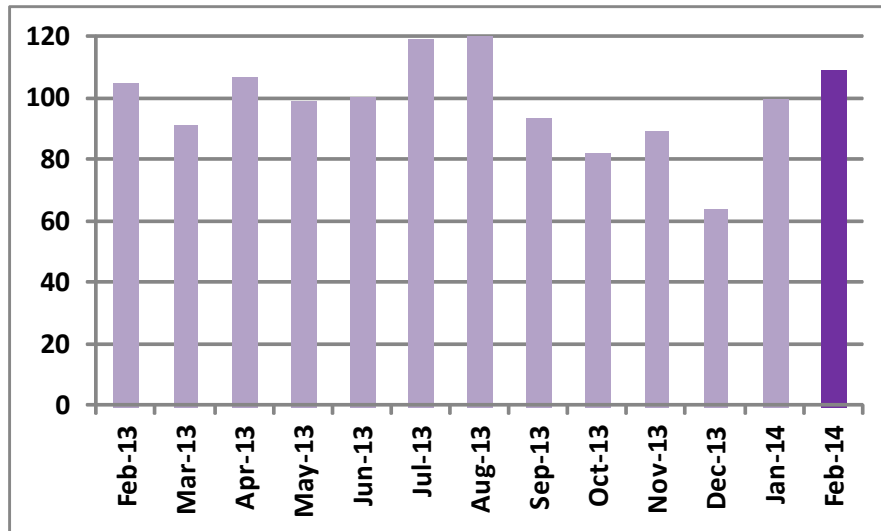




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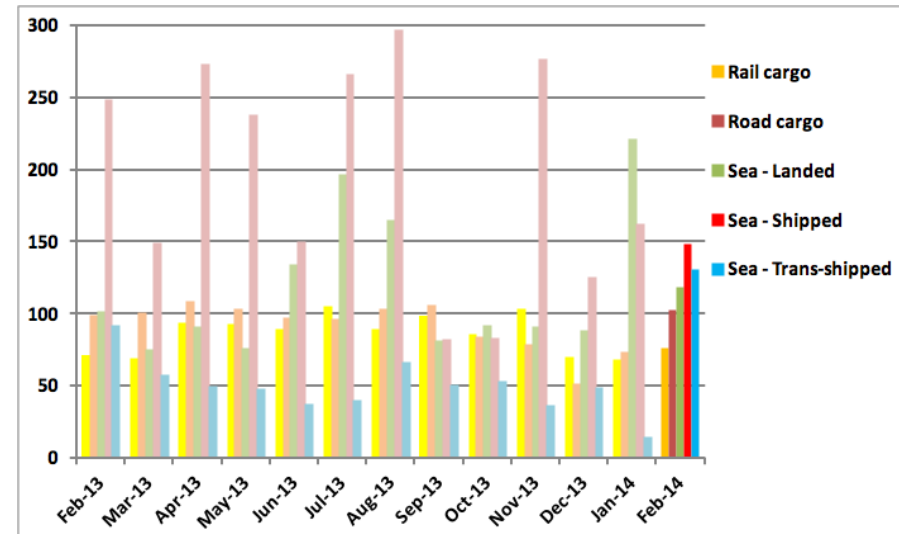
Chart 1. Composite transport index (respective month 2010 = 100)



The transport sector contributed about 4.7 per cent to GDP in 2013 and employed 31,251 workers over the same period, accounting for 4.5 per cent of the active workforce in the economy. The composite transport index is based on the volume of goods forwarded by means of the road, rail and sea network, and weighted by the mode's contribution to preliminary GDP for 2013.

When compared to the second half of 2013, the first two months of the year continues to show a strong improvement on a monthly basis. Month on month the index registered 108 points compared to 99.4 points. Year on year, the index showed a slight improvement from 104 points to 108 points.

Chart 2. Indices for the transport sub-sectors (respective month 2010 = 100)



The best performing sub-sector during February 2014 was shipment by sea that registered a monthly index of 148 though slowed when compared to the index of 162 of January 2014. Sea shipments contributed 51 per cent to the total volume of cargo moved at Namibia's two ports during the monthly under review. Sea (Transshipment) showed also strong growth compared to the base month of January 2010 and achieved an index of 130 for February 2014. Imports via sea (sea – landed) and road cargo performed slightly better than rail cargo in Feb 2014, by exceeding the levels of the base month (January 2010) index by only 2 and 18 points, respectively. On the other hand, rail cargo in February 2014 picked up by 8 points, achieving an improved index of 76 when compared to that of 68 in January 2014.

