

CURRENCIES	Spot	6mths
NZD/USD	0.5782	0.0039
NZD/AUD	0.8788	0.0044
NZD/JPY	85.950	-0.91
NZD/EUR	0.4930	-0.0015
NZD/GBP	0.4303	0.0031
NZD/CNH	4.1248	-0.0215
AUD/USD	0.6578	0.0011
AUD/EUR	0.5609	-0.0045
EUR/USD	1.1727	0.0115
USD/CNH	7.1272	-0.0850
GBP/USD	1.3434	-0.0006
EUR/GBP	0.8726	0.0088
INT RATES	NZ	Australia
OCR/Cash	3.00%	3.60%
90 day bills	2.80%	3.64%
2 year swap	2.65%	3.45%
10 year Govt	4.31%	4.45%

Having married into a family of

Irish, I've spent time on the Emerald Isle and learnt a lot of their history and customs ... heck, I even like Guinness... so maybe I'm a little conflicted here, but if you get a spare moment in front of the telly, I can highly recommend the House of Guinness for a watch.

Did we learn anything overnight?

The short answer is no ... but here's an interesting question ... with the Republicans and Democrats unable to agree on a new funding deal, it's possible the US government will shut down at 00:01 on Wednesday, US time. This would be their first shutdown in nearly 7 years and could lead to large-scale layoffs of Federal workers and the temporary closure of all non-essential US government services ... "But what about

us?" I hear you say ... what about the US data releases and Friday's non-farm payrolls? At this stage, no one is 100% sure what will happen to the US data ... but the consensus seems to be that the releases will be suspended.

The threat of a US government shutdown weighed on the USD, with the JPY and AUD the biggest beneficiaries ... but as we all know, the NZD continues to struggle and was, once again, the worst performing currency. The good news, and biggest beneficiaries of last night's moves, where those that export into Japan and Australia, with NZD/JPY below 86.00 while NZD/AUD plummeted into the 0.8700s.

Somewhat bizarrely, the session saw outright bond buyers, although I suspect the move was more about squaring positions ahead of quarter-end given the recent spike in yields. As I type, the 25-year yield is a pip lower at 3.64% while the 10-year yield eased 3bps to 4.14%. Interestingly, the 10-year gilt yield also eased lower, falling 5bps to 4.72% after Chancellor Rachel Reeves's offered no details about anticipated tax hikes in her speech at the Labour Party conference.

Interestingly, even a government shutdown couldn't halt equity markets, with most exchanges flat - 0.25% higher. Commodity markets were mixed ranging between weakening 3.5% and rallying 3.0% with, at the extremes, oil prices falling 3.5% after Iraq's Kurdistan region resumed crude oil exports after a 2.5-year halt, and as OPEC+ plans another output hike, exacerbating concerns about a glut. Copper prices rose 3.0% to

their highest level in 2 months as markets continued to assess the impact of mining disruptions and supply chain fragility.

Overnight ...

- US pending home sales firmed to a 6-month high, rising 4.0% in August and exceeding forecasts for a 0.3% gain.
- The Dallas Fed's general business activity index for Texas manufacturing slipped from -1.7 to -8.7 in September, signalling a second consecutive month of manufacturing contraction, and the steepest since decline in 3 months. The production index, a key measure of manufacturing conditions, came in at 5.2, down 10pips from August and indicative of below-average output growth.

St Louis Fed President Alberto Musalem announced, "It's important to lean against above-target inflation regardless of source. The impact of the tariffs has been more muted than expected, perhaps responsible for 10% of current inflation." Colleague John Williams suggested, "Monetary policy continues to be restrictive ... there is still a ways to go to get to our 2.0% goal. Monetary policy continues to be in a position to put downward pressure on inflation. We don't want to see the labour market softening go too far. My estimate for real neutral rate is 2.75%," while Beth Hammack added, "Inflation is too high, and the trend is in the wrong direction."

But despite the lacklustre session

We will get some excitement this afternoon with the RBA ... when it will likely leave its cash rate unchanged!











	Spot	FECs (mid)					Spot Mid		
FX	Mid	1mth	3mths	6mths	12mths		NZD/	AUD/	
NZ TWI	66.80					CAD	0.8043	0.9153	
NZD/USD	0.5782	0.0007	0.0021	0.0039	0.0070	CHF	0.4608	0.5246	
NZD/AUD	0.8788	0.0007	0.0022	0.0044	0.0090	CNY	4.1188	4.6824	
NZD/JPY	85.9500	-0.20	-0.53	-0.9080	-1.67	DKK	3.6786	4.1862	
NZD/EUR	0.4930	-0.0004	-0.0009	-0.0015	-0.0028	FJD	1.2899	1.4676	
NZD/GBP	0.4303	0.0005	0.0015	0.0031	0.0060	HKD	4.4984	5.1195	
						KRW	809.46	921.22	
AUTWI	61.00					MYR	2.4345	2.7707	
AUD/USD	0.6578	0.0003	0.0007	0.0011	0.0013	NOK	5.7673	6.5635	
AUD/NZD	1.1376	-0.0009	-0.0030	-0.0060	-0.0123	SEK	5.4422	6.1936	
AUD/JPY	97.51	-0.30	-0.84	-1.53	-2.87	SGD	0.7454	0.8483	
AUD/EUR	0.5609	-0.0009	-0.0024	-0.0045	-0.0089	TWD	17.61	20.04	
AUD/GBP	0.4895	0.0001	0.0005	0.0010	0.0018	ZAR	9.98	11.36	
USD Index	97.90					EQUITI			
EUR/USD	1.1727	0.0024	0.0063	0.0115	0.0208			Index	
USD/JPY	148.65	-0.53	-1.45	-2.56	-4.63	NZX50		13,133	
GBP/USD	1.3434	0.0002	0.0001	-0.0006	-0.0027	ASX200		8,863	
EUR/GBP	0.8726	0.0016	0.0046	0.0088	0.0169	Dow Jones		46,300	
USD/CNY	7.1194	-0.0148	-0.0419	-0.0750	-0.1400	S&P 500		6,660	
						FTSE10	0	9,300	
INTEREST		New Zealand A		Australia	DAX 40		23,745		
RATES			Mid		Mid	Nikkei		45,044	
30 day bank bills			2.94%		3.58% COMMODITIES				
90 day bank bills			2.80%		3.64%			USD	
1 year swap			2.55%		3.45%	Brent Crude		67.76	
2 year swap			2.65%		3.45%	Gold		3,823.89	
3 year swap			2.80%		3.50%	Silver		46.76	
5 year swap			3.11%		3.69%	Iron Ore		105.44	
10 year swap		3.70%			4.10%	CRB Index		375.62	
3 year Govt bond			3.06%		3.56%				
5 year Govt bond			3.51%		3.79%			NZD	
10 year Govt bond			4.31%		4.45%	NZ Carl	bon	57.00	

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