

Chutamas Buranathavornsom 2011: Forfeited Assets under the Anti-Money Laundering Act B.E. 2542 and the Effect on Thailand Economic Growth. Master of Economics, Major Field: Economics, Department of Economics. Thesis Advisor: Miss Supanee Harnphattananusorn, Ph.D. 124 pages.

The objectives of this research are to study the structure of seized assets under the Anti-Money Laundering Act, B.E.2542 (1999) and the effects of government income obtained from forfeited assets on Thailand's economic growth. The research tried to encourage the private and public sector's awareness of illegal, according to the Act, and their impacts on Thailand's economic growth.

The research shows that during B.E.2543 – 2551 (2000-2008), the major source of money laundering comes from drug. By analyzing the effects of income forfeited under the Anti-Money Laundering Act, B.E.2542 (1999) on economic growth, the research applies fixed price multiplier generated from the Social Accounting Matrix 2551 (SAM). The SAM 2551 is constructed by using the structure of I-O table 2548 (2005). In this research, the proceeds of money laundering offences that are transferred to the Ministry of Finance from B.E.2544-2552 (2001-2008) in the amount of 435,842,893.89 Baht is set as a policy variable factor. The results show that, after the shock, GDP at factor cost increases Bath 484,768,120.17. The income of household sector, business sector and manufacturing sector increases Bath 385,349,527.60, Baht 69,127,207.56, and Baht 1,380,712,607.58, respectively. According to fixed price multipliers method, the results also show that the highest impacts on economic growth are generated from forward and backward linkage effects from manufacturing sector. The following impacts on economic growth are from the sector of electricity, gas and water supply, and transportation, storage and communications, respectively.

The research is useful for the government sector to realize that the money laundering activities are increasing in the present. The income forfeited under the said Act should be used to benefit the growth and development of the economy

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