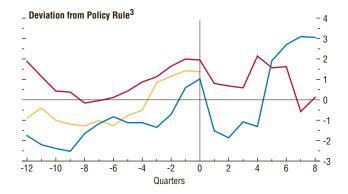
Figure 3.11. Monetary Policy before House Price Busts

(Percentage points; t = 1 denotes first quarter of bust)

In the post-1985 period as a whole, house price busts have typically not been preceded by loose monetary policy. However, monetary policy may have been too loose, on average, in recent years.

Recent busts1 - Real Policy Rate² - 2.0 - 1.5 - 1.0 _ - 0.5 0.0 --- -0.5 - -1.0 _ -- -1.5 -12 -2 Quarters -10 0 2 6 -8 -6 -4 4



Source: IMF staff calculations. ¹Recent busts comprise 10 busts beginning after 2007:Q1 in Australia, Canada,

Denmark, Finland, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, United Kingdom, and United States. ²Deviation from eight-year moving average. ³Deviation from a policy rule of the form $r = r^* + 0.5 (\pi - \pi^*) + 0.5 (y - y^*)$, where the

starred variables are computed as the trailing eight-year moving average.