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## Public Debt in Sri Lanka – Mid Year Statistics Indicate Rapidly Improving Debt Profile

Public debt management strategies are formulated and implemented in accordance with the clearly articulated Medium Term Debt Management Strategy (MTDS) prepared by the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. The primary focus of MTDS is to build a debt portfolio with an appropriate composition, focusing on the projected path of macroeconomic indicators and market environment in order to ensure financing as per the gross borrowings limit set by the Appropriation Act. At the same time, the Public Debt Department attempts to secure the debt of the Government at the least possible cost, while also ensuring that the underlying risks of the public debt portfolio is prudently managed.

In that context, the following mid-year statistics pertaining to the public debt profile of the country are released.

2003 to 19110	-2014			
Indicator	End 2005	End 2009	End 2013	End June 2014 (a)
Public Debt/ GDP (%)	90.6	86.2	78.3	<b>74.3</b> (b)
Domestic Debt (%)	51.6	49.8	44.2	41.4
Foreign Debt (%)	39.0	36.4	34.1	32.9
Average Time to Maturity (ATM) of				
Public Debt (Years)				
ATM of Domestic Debt	1.9	2.3	4.8	6.0
ATM of Foreign Debt	n. a	9.3	9.8	10.4
Short Term Domestic Public Debt (c)/				
Domestic Public Debt (%)	20.7	23.0	23.7	22.4
Time to Maturity of the Longest dated				
Treasury Bond (years)	8	10	30	30
Primary Market T-bill Yield Rates (%)				
91 - Day	10.10	7.67	7.54	6.51
182 – Day	10.37	8.65	7.85	6.69
364 - Day	10.39	9.32	8.29	6.99
Primary Market T-bond Yield Rates (%)				
05 - Year	10.99	10.32	10.64	8.93
10 - Year	-	10.09	11.80	10.00
30 - Year	-	-	12.50	11.75

## Key Indicators relating to Public Debt of Sri Lanka 2005 to Mid-2014

(a). Provisional
(b). Annual projection.
(c). Public debt held by residents with an original maturity of less than one year.