

Real Sector

Inflation, as measured by the change in the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) (2013=100), which is compiled by the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS), decelerated to 8.4 per cent in April 2017 from 8.6 per cent in March 2017, on year-on-year basis. Both Food and Non-food categories contributed towards the year-on-year inflation in April 2017.

The change in the NCPI measured on an annual average basis increased to 6.0 per cent in April 2017 from 5.6 per cent in March 2017. When the monthly change is considered, the NCPI increased from 119.5 index points in March 2017 to 121.0 index points in April 2017. This monthly increase was mainly due to the increase in prices of the items in the Food category. The NCPI Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy decreased significantly to 5.9 per cent in April 2017 from 7.0 per cent in March 2017 on year-on-year basis. This decline is due to relatively low monthly change and base effect. Annual average NCPI Core inflation remained unchanged at 6.6 per cent in April 2017.

Inflation, as measured by the change in the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) (2013=100), which is compiled by the DCS, decreased to 6.9 per cent in April 2017 from 7.3 per cent in March 2017, on year-on-year basis. Annual average inflation increased to 5.3 per cent in April 2017 from 5.0 per cent in March 2017. The monthly increase in CCPI was 0.5 per cent. CCPI Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy decreased to 6.8 per cent in April 2017 from 7.3 per cent in March 2017 on year-on-year basis. Annual average CCPI Core inflation increased to 5.5 per cent in April 2017 from 5.3 per cent in March 2017.

The GDP grew by 4.4 per cent in real terms in 2016, mainly attributable to 4.2 per cent growth in Services activities and 6.7 per cent growth in Industry activities while Agriculture activities contracted by 4.2 per cent, in value added terms.

During the first quarter of 2017, production of tea declined due to dry weather conditions, while production of rubber decreased due to the slowdown of tapping activities. Meanwhile, the coconut production also declined during the same period.

The FIPI increased by 5.6 per cent on a year-on-year basis in March 2017. This increase was mainly due to increased production of food products, wearing apparel, chemicals and chemical products, rubber and plastic products and other non-metallic mineral products sub-sectors. This was mainly attributed to increased domestic and international demand.

During the week, crude oil prices showed mixed performance, although prices recorded an overall decrease in Brent and WTI prices per barrel by US\$ 0.5 per barrel and US\$ 1.8, respectively. At the beginning of the week, prices rose due to expectations that the OPEC-led supply cut may not only be extended but might also be deepened to tighten the market, at the next OPEC meeting on 25 May. However, prices subsequently fell after the meeting, as the OPEC and some non-OPEC producers agreed only to extend the pledge to cut around 1.8 million barrels per day until end March 2018, disappointing investors, who were betting on longer or deeper supply curbs. The White House proposal to sell half of the U.S. petroleum reserves also supported the price declines.

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

| Item | April 2017 | Month Ago | Year Ago |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| (2013 = 100) | | | |
| National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) | 121.0 | 119.5 | 111.6 |
| Monthly Change % | 1.3 | -0.3 | 1.5 |
| Annual Average Change % | 6.0 | 5.6 | 2.6 |
| Year - on - Year Change % | 8.4 | 8.6 | 4.3 |
| Core Inflation - (NCPI) | 122.5 | 122.3 | 115.7 |
| Annual Average Change % | 6.6 | 6.6 | 4.7 |
| Year - on - Year Change % | 5.9 | 7.0 | 5.9 |
| Item | April | Month | Year |
| | 2017 | 400 | A 00 |

| 10 | NCPI - Year-on-year |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 2016 |
| 9g 8 | 2017 |
| Anual Average | |
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| Item | April 2017 | Month Ago | Year Ago |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| (2013 = 100) | | | |
| Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) | 117.1 | 116.5 | 109.5 |
| Monthly Change % | 0.5 | -0.2 | 0.8 |
| Annual Average Change % | 5.3 | 5.0 | 2.4 |
| Year - on - Year Change % | 6.9 | 7.3 | 3.4 |
| Core Inflation - (CCPI) | 121.9 | 121.8 | 114.1 |
| Annual Average Change % | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.9 |
| Year - on - Year Change % | 6.8 | 7.3 | 3.5 |

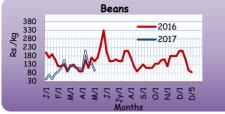


1.2 Pettah Market

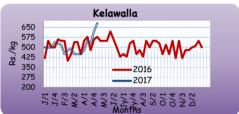
| | Average Wholesale Prices Average Retail | | | | tail Prices | | | |
|--------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Item | Week Ending 25 th May 2017 | Week Ago | Month Ago | Year Ago Annual Avg | Week Ending 25 th May 2017 | Week Ago | Month Ago | Year Ago Annual Avg |
| | | Rs / | Kg | | | Rs / | Kg | |
| Rice | | | | | | | | |
| Samba Kekulu (Red) | 95.00 80.00 | 90.00 78.00 | 85.75 75.75 | 80.97 60.29 | 100.00 85.00 | 95.00 85.00 | 90.00 79.13 | 90.39 68.73 |
| Vegetables | | | | | | | | |
| Beans | 140.00 | 110.00 | 142.50 | 147.16 | 180.00 | 200.00 | 185.00 | 179.12 |
| Cabbage | 150.00 | 110.00 | 106.25 | 76.62 | 160.00 | 200.00 | 137.50 | 115.10 |
| Carrots | 180.00 | 225.00 | 133.75 | 121.42 | 280.00 | 280.00 | 175.00 | 158.24 |
| Tomatoes | 55.00 | 75.00 | 133.75 | 75.00 | 120.00 | 100.00 | 170.00 | 107.06 |
| Pumpkins | 52.50 | 52.50 | 56.25 | 60.29 | 90.00 | 80.00 | 82.50 | 83.33 |
| Snake Gourd | 130.00 | 130.00 | 85.00 | 76.18 | 160.00 | 180.00 | 112.50 | 112.94 |
| Brinjals | 110.00 | 95.00 | 51.25 | 66.57 | 160.00 | 120.00 | 88.75 | 103.92 |
| Ash-Plantains | 55.00 | 55.00 | 67.50 | 67.65 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 98.75 | 95.69 |
| Other Foods | | | | | | | | |
| Red-Onions (Local) | 290.00 | 295.00 | 190.00 | 92.66 | 340.00 | 335.00 | 227.50 | 131.74 |
| Big-Onions (Local) | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 74.50 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 96.47 |
| Potatoes (N'Eliya) | 127.50 | 132.50 | 132.50 | 122.58 | 160.00 | 160.00 | 168.75 | 146.23 |
| Dried Chilies (Imported) | 150.00 | 150.00 | 167.50 | 293.68 | 200.00 | 220.00 | 220.00 | 350.78 |
| Dhal (Indian) | 140.00 | 140.00 | 137.25 | 160.16 | 155.00 | 158.00 | 157.25 | 171.41 |
| The Eggs | 9.00 | 9.80 | 12.17 | 14.30 | 10.50 | 10.00 | 12.83 | 14.79 |
| Coconut (Each) | 60.00 | 60.00 | 60.25 | 34.69 | 75.00 | 75.00 | 73.75 | 47.60 |
| Fish* | | | | | | | | |
| Kelawalla | n.a. | 600.00 | 545.00 | 508.20 | n.a. | 800.00 | 765.00 | 682.00 |
| Balaya | 400.00 | 380.00 | 352.50 | 327.29 | 500.00 | 480.00 | 452.50 | 424.79 |
| Salaya | 140.00 | 140.00 | 105.00 | 141.43 | 200.00 | 220.00 | 165.00 | 197.14 |
| Paraw (Small) | 580.00 | 400.00 | 587.50 | 540.36 | 680.00 | 550.00 | 687.50 | 638.54 |

^{*} Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Peliyagoda.



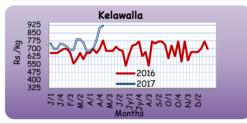












1.3 Dambulla Market

| | Week Ending 25 th May 2017 | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Item (Rs / Kg) | Wholesale (Average) | Retail (Average) | | |
| Rice | | | | |
| Samba | 91.00 | 95.00 | | |
| Kekulu (Red) | 79.00 | 83.00 | | |
| Vegetables | | | | |
| Beans | 140.00 | 161.00 | | |
| Carrot | 236.00 | 256.50 | | |
| Tomatoes | 62.50 | 82.50 | | |
| Pumpkins | 50.50 | 70.50 | | |
| Snake Gourd | 100.50 | 120.50 | | |
| Ash-Plantains | 55.50 | 75.50 | | |
| Other Foods | | | | |
| Red-Onions (Local) | 280.00 | 297.50 | | |
| Big-Onions (Local) | n.a. | n.a. | | |
| Potatoes (N'Eliya) | 123.00 | 138.50 | | |
| Dried Chilies(Imported) | 160.00 | 172.00 | | |
| Coconut (Each) | 55.50 | 65.80 | | |

1.5 Maradagahamula Market

| Average wholesale price of Rice | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|----------|--|--|--|
| Item | Week Ending | Week | Month | Year Ago | | | |
| (Rs / Kg) | 26 th May | Ago | Ago | rear Ago | | | |
| Samba | 91.00 | 88.50 | 85.13 | 77.58 | | | |
| Sudu Kekulu | 82.38 | 83.20 | 74.63 | 62.91 | | | |
| Raw Red | 77.75 | 78.30 | 75.31 | 59.59 | | | |
| Nadu | 86.00 | 86.70 | 75.78 | 66.62 | | | |

1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

| | Average Retail Prices | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|--|--|
| Item (Rs / Kg) | 25 th May 2017 | Week Ago | | |
| Rice | | | | |
| Samba | 98.00 | 95.00 | | |
| Kekulu (Red) | 85.00 | 85.00 | | |
| Vegetables | | | | |
| Beans | 197.00 | 197.00 | | |
| Cabbage | 178.00 | 237.00 | | |
| Carrots | 297.00 | 297.00 | | |
| Tomatoes | 107.00 | 137.00 | | |
| Pumpkings | 98.00 | 97.00 | | |
| Snake Gourd | 167.00 | 177.00 | | |
| Brinjals | 117.00 | 137.00 | | |
| Ash-Plantains | 117.00 | 137.00 | | |
| Other Foods | | | | |
| Red-Onions (Imported) | n.a. | 257.00 | | |
| Big-Onions (Imported) | 78.00 | 77.00 | | |
| Potatoes (Imported) | 137.00 | 127.00 | | |
| Dried Chilies (Imported) | 247.00 | 200.00 | | |
| Dhal (Indian) | 148.00 | 143.00 | | |
| Eggs (Red)(Each) | 12.00 | 13.00 | | |
| Coconut (Each) | 68.00 | 58.00 | | |
| Fish | | | | |
| Kelawalla | 957.00 | 957.00 | | |
| Balaya | 477.00 | 477.00 | | |
| Salaya | 237.00 | 197.00 | | |
| Paraw (Small) | 877.00 | 877.00 | | |

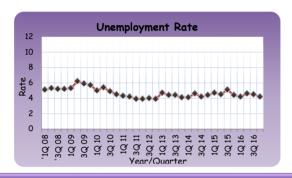
1.10 Employment (a)

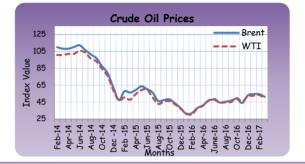
| Item | 2015 (b) 4 th Quarter | 2016 (b) 4 th Quarter | 2016 (b) Annual |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | • | • | |
| Labour Force Participation rate | 53.5 | 54.0 | 53.8 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| Employed Persons by Sectors (c) | | | |
| (as a % of total employment) | | | |
| Agriculture | 28.1 | 27.6 | 27.1 |
| Industry | 25.0 | 25.7 | 26.4 |
| Services | 46.9 | 46.7 | 46.5 |

⁽a) The working age population aged 15 and above

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

⁽b) Provisional (c) Based on the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) - Revision 4





1.11 Average Crude Oil Prices

| 2016 | | | | 2017 | | | |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | Spot Prices (US \$/bbl) | | CDC Townson | Spot Prices (US \$/bbl) | | CDC To a l | |
| Month | Brent (Benchmark price) | WTI (Benchmark price) | CPC Import Prices (C&F) (US\$/bbl)(*) | Brent (Benchmark price) | WTI (Benchmark price) | CPC Import Prices (C&F) (US\$/bbl)(*) | |
| January | 31.10 | 31.96 | 31.87 | 54.41 | 52.50 | 56.64 | |
| February | 31.93 | 30.32 | 35.36 | 54.50 | 53.41 | 58.65 | |
| March | 38.06 | 37.55 | 36.85 | 51.33 | 49.33 | - | |
| April | 41.25 | 40.75 | 44.05 | 52.25 | 51.17 | 56.48 | |
| May | 47.00 | 46.69 | 48.84 | | | | |
| June | 47.82 | 48.76 | 50.95 | | | | |
| July | 44.54 | 44.65 | 46.10 | | | | |
| August | 45.50 | 44.72 | 46.71 | | | | |
| September | 46.80 | 45.20 | 46.99 | | | | |
| October | 49.01 | 49.70 | 52.70 | | | | |
| November | 44.01 | 45.66 | 47.66 | | | | |
| December | 53.07 | 51.96 | 55.69 | | | | |
| | 20: | 16 | | 20 | 17 | | |
| 19 May | 47.21 | 48.16 | | 52.43 | 50.32 | | |
| 22 May | - | - | | 53.00 | 50.81 | | |
| 23 May | 47.97 | 48.12 | | 52.84 | 51.12 | | |
| 24 May | 48.62 | 48.04 | | 52.94 | 50.99 | | |
| 25 May | 49.07 | 49.10 | | 51.90 | 48.57 | | |

Sources: Reuters

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

^(*) CPC import prices are not directly comparable with spot prices of WTI and Brent as CPC is import prices include freight charges and the price is weighted for average prices of different types of crude oil. Also Part of the imports of CPC are on a term contract basis.

1.6 Wage rate Indices

| Item | 2017 March | 2016 March | % Change |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Public Sector Employees (2012 = 100) | 160.8 | 161.5 | -0.4 |
| Informal Private Sector Employees (2012 = 100) | 145.7 | 133.4 | 9.2 |
| Agriculture Industry Services | 144.7 151.3 140.7 | 133.4 137.4 129.7 | 8.4 10.1 8.5 |



1.7 Factory Industry-Production (FIPI) (2010 = 100) (a)

| Item | 2017 March (b) | 2016 March (b) | % Change |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Factory Tudystay, Decdystics Tudov | | | F / |
| Factory Industry- Production Index | 141.5 | 134.1 | 5.6 |
| Food products | 118.2 | 114.4 | 3.3 |
| Beverages | 144.2 | 151.0 | -4.5 |
| Tobacco products | 85.6 | 101.1 | -15.4 |
| Wearing apparel | 200.7 | 175.3 | 14.4 |
| Chemicals and chemical products | 95.5 | 87.5 | 9.1 |
| Rubber and plastic products | 162.7 | 148.9 | 9.3 |
| Other non-metallic mineral products | 148.9 | 140.1 | 6.3 |



- (a) Major 7 sub divisions of FIPI out of 17 sub divisions.
- (b) Provisional

1.8 Agriculture Production

| Item | Unit | 2017(a) Jan-Mar | 2016 Jan-Mar | % Change |
|----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Tea | (Mn Kg) | 66.2 | 70.4 | -6.1 |
| Rubber | (Mn Kg) | 23.3 | 28.2 | -17.2 |
| Coconuts | (Mn Nuts) | 683.6 | 731.1 | -6.5 |



(a) Provisional

1.9 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2010) Prices - Growth Rates in value added terms

| Item | 2015 4th Qtr (a)(b) | 2016 4th Qtr (a) | 2015 Annual (a)(b) | 2016 Annual (a) |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Agriculture | 0.5 | -8.4 | 4.8 | -4.2 |
| Industry | 1.1 | 9.2 | 2.1 | 6.7 |
| Services | 3.2 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 4.2 |
| Taxes less subsidies on products | 5.5 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 6.2 |
| GDP (1) Decided | 2.8 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.4 |



(a) Provisional (b) Revised

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Monetary Sector

Weekly AWPR for the week ending 26 May 2017 declined by 42 bps to 11.34% compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 20.0%, on a year-on-year basis, in March 2017.

Net Credit to the Government from the banking system showed an increase of Rs. 22.4 bn in March 2017.

Credit to public corporations recorded an increase of Rs. 18.6 bn in March 2017.

Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 82.0 bn in March 2017.

The reserve money decreased compared to the previous week mainly due to decrease in currency in circulation.

The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to a surplus of Rs. 4.80 bn by end of the week, compared to a surplus of Rs. 15.21 bn by the end of last week.

By 26 May 2017, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) declined by 0.47% to 6,698 points and the S&P SL20 Index declined by 0.42% to 3,829 points, compared to the previous week.

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2.1 Interest Rates

| Item | | Week Ending 26 May 2017 | Week Ago | Year Ago |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Policy Interest Rates | | | | |
| Standing Deposit Facility Rate | | 7.25 | 7.25 | 6.50 |
| Standing Lending Facility Rate | | 8.75 | 8.75 | 8.00 |
| Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR)(Weekly | Average) | 8.75 | 8.75 | 8.15 |
| Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offered Rate (SLIBOR) | | | | |
| 1-day | | 8.75 | 8.75 | 8.16 |
| 7-day | | 9.61 | 9.69 | 8.52 |
| 1-Month | | 10.75 | 10.72 | 9.30 |
| 3-Month | | 11.17 | 11.20 | 9.79 |
| 6-Month | | 12.00 | 12.00 | 10.27 |
| 12-Month | | 12.50 | 12.50 | 10.76 |
| Treasury Bill Yields (Excluding 10% withholding tax) | | | | |
| 91-day | | 9.62 | 9.62 | 8.71 |
| 182-day | | 10.40 | 10.42 | 9.67 |
| 364-day | | 10.73 | 10.73 | - |
| Licensed Commercial Banks | | | | |
| Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) |) | 11.34 | 11.76 | 10.00 |
| | | Mar 2017 | Month Ago | Year Ago |
| Savings Deposits | | 0.50-9.00 | 0.50-9.00 | 0.50-8.00 |
| One Year Fixed Deposits | | 4.89-15.00 | 4.89-15.00 | 3.95-15.00 |
| · | | Apr 2017 | Month Ago | Year Ago |
| Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) | | 8.89 | 8.81 | 6.58 |
| Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWF | DR) | 11.43 | 11.38 | 8.18 |
| | | Mar 2017 | Month Ago | Year Ago |
| Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR) | | 13.40 | 13.29 | 11.45 |
| National Savings Bank (NSB) | | Mar 2017 | Month Ago | Year Ago |
| Savings Deposits | | 4.25 | 4.25 | 4.50 |
| One Year Fixed Deposits | | 11.00 | 11.00 | 8.50 |
| Treasury Bond Auction | 01 Y & 08 Months | 04Y & 07 Months | 06 Y & 00 Months | 08 Y & 03 Months |
| Treasury bond Auction | 09/05/2017 | 09/05/2017 | 09/05/2017 | 09/05/2017 |
| Coupon rate | 10.75 | 11.50 | 11.50 | 11.00 |
| Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax) | 11.07 | 11.42 | 11.49 | 11.50 |

| Bankwise- AWPR | Week ending 26 May 2017 | Week Ago | Bankwise- AWPR | Week ending 26 May 2017 | Week Ago |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Bank of Ceylon | 12.44 | 12.44 | HSBC | 9.73 | 9.73 |
| People's Bank | 11.28 | 12.22 | Standard Chartered Bank | 11.48 | 11.85 |
| Hatton National Bank | 12.14 | 12.51 | Citi Bank | 9.55 | 9.25 |
| Commercial Bank of Ceylon | 11.86 | 12.64 | Deutsche Bank | 9.58 | 9.91 |
| Sampath Bank | 13.36 | 13.47 | Habib Bank | 11.00 | 11.00 |
| Seylan Bank | 13.36 | 12.75 | Indian Bank | 13.24 | 13.24 |
| Union Bank of Colombo | 14.25 | 14.60 | Indian Overseas Bank | 13.74 | 13.74 |
| Pan Asia Banking Corporation | 16.28 | 16.50 | MCB Bank | 12.24 | 12.43 |
| Nations Trust Bank | 13.02 | 13.05 | State Bank of India | 12.67 | 12.67 |
| DFCC Bank | 13.58 | 14.49 | Public Bank | 11.67 | 11.50 |
| NDB Bank | 12.57 | 15.00 | ICICI Bank | 12.17 | 12.19 |
| Amana Bank | 12.51 | 12.53 | Axis Bank | 12.74 | 12.74 |
| Cargills Bank | 13.20 | 14.12 | | | |

2.2 Money Supply

| | Rs. bn | | | Annual Change (%) | | | |
|---|-----------|----------|---------|-------------------|-------|--------|--|
| Item | 2017 | Month | Year | 2017 | Month | Year | |
| | March (a) | Ago | Ago | March (a) | Ago | Ago | |
| Reserve Money | 892.2 | 847.6 | 791.6 | 12.7 | 14.6 | 27.8 | |
| M_1 | 782.0 | 744.6 | 729.6 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 15.2 | |
| M_2 | 5,096.2 | 4,951.3 | 4,206.4 | 21.2 | 19.1 | 18.4 | |
| M _{2b} | 5,677.4 | 5,552.0 | 4,731.6 | 20.0 | 18.0 | 18.9 | |
| Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b) | -371.5 | -369.9 | -439.9 | 15.6 | 7.9 | -171.5 | |
| Monetary Authorities | 536.7 | 486.6 | 473.9 | 13.2 | 3.8 | -18.0 | |
| Commercial Banks | -908.2 | -856.4 | -913.8 | 0.6 | 1.6 | -23.5 | |
| Domestic Banking Units (DBUs) | -320.4 | -320.1 | -324.4 | 1.2 | -4.7 | -44.6 | |
| Offshore Banking Units (OBUs) | -587.8 | -536.3 | -589.4 | 0.3 | 5.0 | -14.3 | |
| Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b) | 6,048.9 | 5,921.8 | 5,171.5 | 17.0 | 16.0 | 24.8 | |
| Net Credit to the Government | 2,214.5 | 2,192.1 | 1,954.1 | 13.3 | 14.1 | 21.1 | |
| Monetary Authorities | 466.8 | 455.9 | 406.6 | 14.8 | 18.6 | 81.8 | |
| Commercial Banks | 1,747.8 | 1,736.2 | 1,547.5 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 11.4 | |
| DBUs | 1,353.0 | 1,380.5 | 1,141.2 | 18.6 | 20.9 | 1.3 | |
| OBUs | 394.8 | 355.6 | 406.3 | -2.8 | -9.9 | 54.6 | |
| Credit to Public Corporations | 553.4 | 534.8 | 514.9 | 7.5 | 1.6 | 6.2 | |
| DBUs | 304.4 | 301.6 | 253.8 | 20.0 | 18.6 | 28.1 | |
| OBUs | 249.0 | 233.1 | 261.1 | -4.6 | -14.3 | -8.9 | |
| Credit to the Private Sector | 4,375.2 | 4,293.2 | 3,634.6 | 20.4 | 21.0 | 27.7 | |
| DBUs | 4,065.8 | 3,965.9 | 3,368.7 | 20.7 | 21.1 | 29.1 | |
| OBUs | 309.4 | 327.3 | 265.8 | 16.4 | 20.6 | 12.5 | |
| Other Items (Net) | -1,094.3 | -1,098.3 | -931.9 | -17.4 | -23.6 | -16.5 | |

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M_{2b}







2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

| Item | 25 May 2017 | Week Ago | Change |
|------------------------|----------------|----------|--------|
| Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.) | 859,474 | 864,533 | -5,059 |

| 24 Mon | ev Market | Activity | (Overnight) |
|--------|-----------|----------|-------------|
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|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
| Item | 22.05.2017 | 23.05.2017 | 24.05.2017 | 25.05.2017 | 26.05.2017 | |
| Call Money Market | | | | | | |
| Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.) | 8.75 | 8.75 | 8.75 | 8.75 | 8.73 | |
| Gross Volume (Rs. Mn) | 16,220 | 16,990 | 18,285 | 21,155 | 20,700 | |
| Repo Market | | | | | | |
| Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.) | 8.79 | 8.77 | 8.79 | 8.78 | 8.78 | |
| Gross Volume (Rs. Mn) | 23,636 | 23,492 | 20,840 | 21,904 | 22,214 | |



| 2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
| Item | 22.05.2017 | 23.05.2017 | 24.05.2017 | 25.05.2017 | 26.05.2017 | |
| CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Face Value (Rs.mn) | 236,676 | 236,676 | 236,676 | 236,676 | 214,350 | |
| CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Book Value (Rs.mn) | 231,140 | 231,220 | 231,285 | 231,352 | 209,074 | |

2.6 Open Market Operations

| Item | 22.05.2017 | 23.05.2017 | 24.05.2017 | 25.05.2017 | 26.05.2017 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Short-Term Auction | | | | | |
| Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn) | 20.00 | 20.00 | 22.00 | 22.00 | 4.00 |
| Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Tenure (No. of Days) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Bids Received (Rs. bn) | 29.57 | 26.66 | 27.35 | 23.19 | 4.52 |
| Amount Accepted (Rs. bn) | 20.00 | 20.00 | 22.00 | 22.00 | 4.00 |
| Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.) | 7.28 | 7.27 | 7.27 | 7.26 | 7.26 |
| Term Auction | | | | | |
| Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Reverse Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Standing Facility | | | | | |
| Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn) | 12.26 | 10.38 | 11,27 | 4.36 | 8.29 |
| Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn) | 16.06 | 11.36 | 11.43 | 6.32 | 7.49 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn) | 16.21 | 19.02 | 21.84 | 20.05 | 4.80 |

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

| Item | | 2017 | 2016 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | End Feb | End Dec |
| Total Number of Active Cards | 1,346,783 | 1,327,489 | 1,309,248 |
| Local (accepted only locally) | 28,724 | 28,863 | 29,109 |
| Global (accepted globally) | 1,318,059 | 1,298,626 | 1,280,139 |
| Outstanding balance (Rs.mn) | 75,492 | 74,821 | 74,892 |
| Local (accepted only locally) | 808 | 813 | 839 |
| Global (accepted globally) | 74,684 | 74,008 | 74,053 |

(a) Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks (LCBs) (b) Provisional

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

| 2017 End Mar (b) | 2017 End Feb | 2016 End Dec |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1.6 | 1.3 | 7.0 |
| 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| | End Mar (b) 1.6 | End Mar (b) End Feb 1.6 1.3 |

(a) Based on the information provided by LCBs and

Licensed Specialised Banks (LSBs) (b) Provisional (c) During the year



2.9 Share Market Week Ending Item Week Ago Year Ago 26 May 2017 All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI) 6,698 6,730 6,569 S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000) (S&P SL20) 3,829 3,440 3,845 Average Daily Turnover (Rs. mn) 1,067 928 738 Market Capitalisation (Rs.bn) 2,963 2,967 2,799



Fiscal Sector

Total government revenue as a per cent of GDP increased for the second consecutive year in 2016. Government revenue increased to 14.2 per cent of GDP in 2016 from 13.3 per cent in 2015 as a result of continued efforts to enhance revenue collection during the year. This increase was led by the expansion in non tax revenue as a per cent of GDP to 1.9 per cent during the year from 0.9 per cent recorded in 2015, mainly due to the increase in profit and dividend transfers from SOBEs. However, tax revenue as a per cent of GDP in 2016 remained unchanged at 12.4 per cent as recorded in 2015. During the year, total revenue in nominal terms increased by 15.9 per cent to Rs. 1,686.1 billion from Rs. 1,454.9 billion in 2015, reflecting increases in both tax revenue and non tax revenue.

Total expenditure and net lending as a percentage of GDP declined to 19.7 per cent in 2016 from 20.9 per cent in 2015 due to the decline in both recurrent expenditure, and capital expenditure and net lending. Accordingly, the decline in total expenditure and net lending was a combined outcome of the decline in both recurrent expenditure by 0.7 percentage points to 14.8 per cent and capital expenditure and net lending by 0.5 percentage points to 4.9 per cent of GDP. However, in nominal terms, total expenditure and net lending increased by 1.9 per cent to Rs. 2,333.9 billion in 2016 from Rs. 2,290.4 billion in 2015. Public investment, which amounted to 5.0 per cent of GDP in 2016, was significantly lower than 5.5 per cent of GDP recorded in 2015.

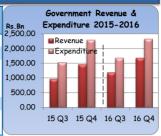
In 2016, the overall budget deficit of Rs. 640.3 billion was largely financed through foreign sources. Accordingly, foreign financing contributed to around 61.2 per cent of the total financing requirement in 2016 compared to 28.5 per cent in the previous year, while the balance was financed through domestic sources. Consequently, net domestic financing in 2016 amounted to Rs. 248.4 billion compared to Rs. 592.7 billion in the previous year and net foreign financing amounted to Rs. 391.9 billion compared to Rs. 236.8 billion recorded for 2015.

As at the end of 2016, government debt to GDP ratio increased to 79.3 per cent from 77.6 per cent recorded at the end of 2015. The domestic debt to GDP ratio declined marginally to 45.1 per cent by end 2016 from 45.3 per cent recorded as at end 2015, while the foreign debt to GDP ratio increased to 34.2 per cent by end 2016 from 32.4 per cent in 2015. In nominal terms, total outstanding government debt increased only by 10.4 per cent to Rs. 9,387.3 billion in 2016 compared to the high growth of 15.0 per cent in 2015.

FISCAL SECTOR

3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

| Item | 2015 | 2016* |
|--|---------|---------|
| Revenue and Grants | 1,460.9 | 1,693.6 |
| Revenue | 1,454.9 | 1,686.1 |
| Tax | 1,355.8 | 1,463.7 |
| Non tax | 99.1 | 222.4 |
| Grants | 6.0 | 7.5 |
| Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments | 2,290.4 | 2,333.9 |
| Recurrent | 1,701.7 | 1,757.8 |
| Capital & Lending Minus Repayments | 588.7 | 576.1 |
| (a) Descriptional | | |



(a) Provisional

3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs.bn)

| T4 | End | End |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Item | 2015 | 2016* |
| Total domestic debt | 4,959.2 | 5,341.5 |
| of which | | |
| Treasury bills | 658.2 | 779.6 |
| Treasury bonds | 3,305.2 | 3,714.8 |
| Rupee loans | 24.1 | 24.1 |
| | | |
| Total foreign debt | 3,544.0 | 4,045.8 |
| Total outstanding govt. debt | 8,503.2 | 9,387.3 |



(a)Provisional

3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates for the week ending - 24th May 2017

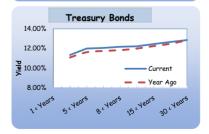
| | | Primary Market(a) | | | Secondary Market | | |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|------------------|---------|-----------|
| Security | Maturity | This Week | Last Week | T | his Week | | Last Week |
| | | THIS WEEK | Lasi Week | Buying | Selling | Average | Average |
| | 3 Months | 9.62% | 9.62% | 9.60% | 9.39% | 9.49% | 9.45% |
| Treasury Bills | 6 Months | 10.40% | 10.42% | 10.42% | 10.31% | 10.36% | 10.42% |
| | 12 Months | 10.73% | 10.73% | 10.73% | 10.60% | 10.67% | 10.70% |
| | < 2 Years | - | - | 11.12% | 11.02% | 11.07% | 11.06% |
| | < 5 Years | - | - | 11.60% | 11.49% | 11.54% | 11.52% |
| | < 6Years | - | - | 11.69% | 11.59% | 11.64% | 11.61% |
| Treasury Bonds(b) | < 8Years | - | - | 11.74% | 11.64% | 11.69% | 11.67% |
| Treasury Bonas(b) | < 10Years | - | - | 11.79% | 11.69% | 11.74% | 11.72% |
| | < 15 Years | - | - | 11.97% | 11.83% | 11.90% | 11.87% |
| | < 20 Years | - | - | 12.20% | 12.02% | 12.11% | 12.10% |
| | < 30 Years | - | - | 12.49% | 12.31% | 12.40% | 12.40% |

- (a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 24/05/2017
- (b) Weighted Average Yield Rate is calculated, if there are two or more yield rates within same maturity Period

The secondary market yield rates of T-Bills have shown a mixed behaviour and secondary market yield rates of all T-Bonds have increased across all maturities during the reporting week

| Security | Maturity Coupon | | Secondar | Secondary Market | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------|------------------|--|--|
| Security | Date | Rate | This Week | Last Week | | |
| | 4-Oct-20 | 6.250% | 4.14% | 4.12% | | |
| | 27-Jul-21 | 6.250% | 4.46% | 4.44% | | |
| | 18-Jan-22 | 5.750% | 4.76% | 4.72% | | |
| | 25-Jul-22 | 5.875% | 4.96% | 4.91% | | |
| International Sovereign | 14-Jan-19 | 6.000% | 3.56% | 3.55% | | |
| Bonds | 11-Apr-19 | 5.125% | 3.59% | 3.55% | | |
| | 3-Jun-25 | 6.125% | 5.67% | 5.65% | | |
| | 3-Nov-25 | 6.850% | 5.85% | 5.84% | | |
| | 18-Jul-26 | 6.825% | 5.90% | 5.89% | | |
| | 11-May-27 | 6.200% | n.a. | n.a. | | |





3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 24^{th} May 2017)

| Item | Volume in Rs Mn | | |
|--|-----------------|--------------|--|
| Tielli | This Week | Last Week | |
| Outstanding Stock of Government Securities | | | |
| Treasury Bills | 796,989.45 | 797,291.82 | |
| Treasury Bonds (a) | 4,013,234.84 | 4,013,234.84 | |
| Total | 4,810,224.29 | 4,810,526.66 | |
| T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners | 218,509.76 | 215,215.35 | |
| Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB) | 644,760.85 | 644,197.27 | |

The outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by foreigners increased by 1.53 per cent during the reporting week

| | Volume | in Rs Mn |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Primary Market Activities | This Week | Last Week |
| Treasury Bills | | |
| Amount Offered | 26,000.00 | 29,500.00 |
| Total Bids Received | 77,236.00 | 80,884.00 |
| Total Bids Accepted | 25,225.00 | 24,687.00 |
| Treasury Bonds | | |
| Amount Offered | - | - |
| Total Bids Received | - | - |
| Total Bids Accepted | - | - |

The weekly T-bill acution was over subscribed by 2.97 times during the reporting week

12 Month

| Secondary Market Activities | Volume in Rs Mn | | |
|--|-----------------|------------|--|
| Secondary Market Activities | This Week | Last Week | |
| Treasury Bills | | | |
| Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases) | 25,470.33 | 29,453.18 | |
| Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases) | 197,015.10 | 168,719.44 | |
| Treasury Bonds | | | |
| Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases) | 62,259.90 | 142,176.10 | |
| Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases) | 856,506.43 | 758,864.51 | |

The total secondary market transactions of T-bills and T-bonds increased by 3.82 per cent in the reporting week compared to the previous week

3.5 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bills) - 26/05/2017 Average Buying Average Selling Buying & Selling Remaining Maturity Yield % Yield % Price Price Spread 1-7 Days 99.83 99.83 0.00 9.02 8.82 1 Month 99.24 9.21 99.26 9.01 0.02 2 Month 98.46 9.37 98.49 9.17 0.03 3 Month 9.59 0.05 97.64 97.68 9.39 4 Month 96.74 9.92 96.80 9.72 0.07 5 Month 10.02 95.81 10.20 95.88 0.08 6 Month 94.86 10.41 94.92 10.30 0.06 7 Month 93.96 10.49 94.02 10.40 0.05 8 Month 93.07 10.54 93.15 10.42 0.07 9 Month 92.16 10.60 92.26 10.47 0.10 10 Month 91.25 10.64 91.36 10.51 0.10 11 Month 90.35 10.68 90.46 10.55 0.11

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⁽a) Excludes Treasury bonds amounting to Rs. 69,787 million (outstanding amount adjusted on 12.04.2017 due to maturities) issued to settle dues of CPC and to capitalize Sri Lankan Airlines.

| 3.6 Two wa | y Quote: | s (Treasury B | Bonds) - 2 | 26/05/2017 | | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Treasury Bond | Maturity Period | Maturity Date | Days to | Average | Yield % | Average | Yield % | Buying & Selling |
| By Series | (Years) | (DD/MM/YY) | Maturity | Buying Price | 71610 78 | Selling Price | 71610 78 | Spread |
| 08.00%2017B | 5 | 15-Jun-17 | 20 | 99.90 | 9.58 | 99.91 | 9.31 | 0.01 |
| 05.80%2017B | 6 | 15-Jul-17 | 50 | 99.43 | 9.76 | 99.47 | 9.46 | 0.04 |
| 08.50%2018 <i>A</i> | 15 | 1-Feb-18 | 251 | 98.69 | 10.50 | 98.80 | 10.32 | 0.11 |
| 08.50%2018 <i>C</i> | 5 | 1-Apr-18 | 310 | 98.30 | 10.61 | 98.46 | 10.41 | 0.16 |
| 08.50%2018D | 5 | 1-Jun-18 | 371 | 97.89 | 10.75 | 98.02 | 10.60 | 0.14 |
| 08.50%2018B | 15 | 15-Jul-18 | 415 | 97.58 | 10.80 | 97.72 | 10.66 | 0.15 |
| 07.50%2018 <i>A</i> | 15 4 | 15-Aug-18 | 446 507 | 96.31 | 10.78 | 96.42 | 10.67 | 0.12 |
| 08.75%2018 <i>A</i> 08.00%2018 <i>A</i> | 6 | 15-Oct-18 15-Nov-18 | 538 | 97.17 96.01 | 10.99 11.01 | 97.49 96.30 | 10.73 10.78 | 0.32 0.30 |
| 05.65%2019A | 8 | 15-Nov-18 15-Jan-19 | 599 | 92.13 | 11.01 | 92.25 | 10.78 | 0.13 |
| 10.75%2019A | 2 | 15-Jan-19 | 599 | 99.54 | 11.03 | 99.67 | 10.96 | 0.13 |
| 08.50%2019A | 10 | 1-May-19 | 705 | 95.57 | 11,11 | 95.71 | 11,02 | 0.14 |
| 10.60%2019A | 5 | 1-Jul-19 | 766 | 98.87 | 11,21 | 99.05 | 11,11 | 0.18 |
| 10.60%2019B | 5 | 15-Sep-19 | 842 | 98.68 | 11,25 | 98.90 | 11,14 | 0.22 |
| 08.00%2019A | 8 | 1-Nov-19 | 889 | 93.19 | 11.27 | 93.40 | 11.17 | 0.21 |
| 09.25%2020A | 5 | 1-May-20 | 1,071 | 94.80 | 11.38 | 95.11 | 11,25 | 0.31 |
| 08.00%2020A | 8 | 1-Jun-20 | 1,102 | 91.63 | 11.35 | 91.83 | 11,27 | 0.20 |
| 06.20%2020A | 10 | 1-Aug-20 | 1,163 | 86.44 | 11.39 | 86.68 | 11.29 | 0.24 |
| 09.50%2020A | 5 | 15-Dec-20 | 1,299 | 94.58 | 11.39 | 94.87 | 11.29 | 0.29 |
| 10.75%2021A | 5 | 1-Mar-21 | 1,375 | 97.83 | 11.46 | 98.15 | 11.35 | 0.33 |
| 09.00%2021A | 8 | 1-May-21 | 1,436 | 92.29 | 11.49 | 92.59 | 11.39 | 0.30 |
| 11.00%2021A | 7 | 1-Aug-21 | 1,528 | 98.33 | 11.50 | 98.68 | 11.39 | 0.35 |
| 09.45%2021A | 7 | 15-Oct-21 | 1,603 | 93.02 | 11.51 | 93.33 | 11.42 | 0.31 |
| 11.50%2021A | 5 | 15-Dec-21 | 1,664 | 99.98 | 11.50 | 100.28 | 11.42 | 0.29 |
| 08.00%2022 <i>A</i> | 10 | 1-Jan-22 | 1,681 | 87.40 | 11.61 | 87.77 | 11.49 | 0.37 |
| 11.20%2022A | 9 | 1-Jul-22 | 1,862 | 98.41 | 11.62 | 98.83 | 11.50 | 0.42 |
| 10.00%2022A | 8 | 1-Oct-22 | 1,954 | 93.59 | 11.64 | 93.99 | 11.53 | 0.40 |
| 11.50%2023A | 6 | 15-May-23 | 2,180 | 99.34 | 11.65 | 99.66 | 11.58 | 0.32 |
| 09.00%2023 <i>A</i> | 10 | 1-Sep-23 | 2,289 | 88.07 | 11.74 | 88.61 | 11.60 | 0.54 |
| 11.20%2023A | 9 | 1-Sep-23 | 2,289 | 97.92 | 11.67 | 98.34 | 11.57 | 0.41 |
| 07.00%2023 <i>A</i> | 20 | 1-Oct-23 | 2,319 | 79.27 | 11.71 | 79.76 | 11.59 | 0.49 |
| 11.40%2024A | 10 | 1-Jan-24 | 2,411 | 98.53 | 11.72 | 99.06 | 11.60 | 0.53 |
| 11.00%2024A | 8 | 1-Aug-24 | 2,624 | 96.67 | 11.69 | 97.04 | 11.61 | 0.38 |
| 06.00%2024 <i>A</i> 10.25%2025 <i>A</i> | 10 10 | 1-Dec-24 15-Mar-25 | 2,746 2,850 | 71.82 92.46 | 11.75 11.74 | 72.24 92.94 | 11.64 11.64 | 0.42 0.48 |
| 09.00%2025A | 12 | 1-May-25 | 2,897 | 86.00 | 11.74 | 86.47 | 11.66 | 0.47 |
| 11.00%2025A | 10 | | 2,989 | 96.11 | 11.75 | 96.58 | 11.65 | 0.47 |
| 09.00%2026A | 13 | 1-Aug-25 1-Feb-26 | 3,173 | 85.09 | 11.75 | 95.56 85.54 | 11.69 | 0.47 |
| 05.35%2026A | 15 | 1-Nar-26 | 3,201 | 65.37 | 11.79 | 65.75 | 11.70 | 0.38 |
| 11.00%2026A | 11 | 1-Mai -20 1-Jun-26 | 3,293 | 95.66 | 11.79 | 96.29 | 11.68 | 0.63 |
| 11.50%2026A | 10 | 1-Aug-26 | 3,354 | 98.45 | 11.77 | 98.99 | 11.68 | 0.54 |
| 09.00%2028B | 15 | 1-May-28 | 3,993 | 82.61 | 11.88 | 83.28 | 11.75 | 0.68 |
| 09.00%2028A | 15 | 1-Jul-28 | 4,054 | 82.34 | 11.90 | 83.19 | 11.75 | 0.84 |
| 11.50%2028A | 13 | 1-Sep-28 | 4,116 | 97.38 | 11.92 | 98.29 | 11.77 | 0.91 |
| 13.00%2029A | 15 | 1-Jan-29 | 4,238 | 106.50 | 11.95 | 107.25 | 11.83 | 0.75 |
| 13.00%2029B | 15 | 1-May-29 | 4,358 | 105.96 | 12.04 | 107.03 | 11.88 | 1.06 |
| 11.00%2030A | 15 | 15-May-30 | 4,737 | 93.64 | 11.98 | 94.39 | 11.86 | 0.75 |
| 08.00%2032A | 20 | 1-Jan-32 | 5,333 | 72.23 | 12.09 | 72.91 | 11.97 | 0.68 |
| 09.00%2032A | 20 | 1-Oct-32 | 5,607 | 78.44 | 12.12 | 79.21 | 11.99 | 0.77 |
| 09.00%2033 <i>A</i> | 20 | 1-Jun-33 | 5,850 | 77.93 | 12.16 | 78.80 | 12.01 | 0.87 |
| 13.25%2033 <i>A</i> | 20 | 1-Jul-33 | 5,880 | 107.30 | 12.20 | 108.54 | 12.03 | 1.24 |
| 09.00%2033B | 20 | 1-Nov-33 | 6,003 | 77.43 | 12.21 | 78.41 | 12.04 | 0.99 |
| 13.25%2034 <i>A</i> | 20 | 1-Jan-34 | 6,064 | 107.12 | 12.23 | 108.47 | 12.05 | 1.35 |
| 11.50%2035A | 20 | 15-Mar-35 | 6,502 | 94.48 | 12.26 | 96.77 | 11.94 | 2.29 |
| 12.00%2041A | 25 | 1-Jan-41 | 8,621 | 96.93 | 12.40 | 98.48 | 12.19 | 1.55 |
| 09.00%2043 <i>A</i> | 30 | 1-Jun-43 | 9,502 | 73.33 | 12.48 | 74.09 | 12.35 | 0.76 |
| 13.50%2044 <i>A</i> | 30 | 1-Jan-44 | 9,716 | 107.57 | 12.51 | 108.62 | 12.38 | 1.05 |
| 13.50%2044B | 30 | 1-Jun-44 | 9,868 | 107.31 | 12.55 | 108.24 | 12.43 | 0.93 |
| 12.50%2045A | 30 | 1-Mar-45 | 10,141 | 99.66 | 12.54 | 102.42 | 12.19 | 2.76 |

External Sector

During the year up to 26 May 2017 the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the US dollar (1.8 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the pound sterling (6.3 per cent), euro (7.5 per cent), Japanese yen (5.8 per cent) and Indian rupee (6.6 per cent) during this period.

Earnings from exports at US dollars 868 million in February 2017 registered a decline of 2.7 per cent from US dollars 892 million in February 2016, mainly due to lower industrial exports. On a cumulative basis, export earnings during the first two months of 2017 at US dollars 1,733 million, contracted by 3.2 per cent, year-on-year, mainly due to lower exports of textiles and garments, food, beverages and tobacco, gems, diamonds and jewellery and rubber products.

Expenditure on imports increased by 11.9 per cent, year-on-year, to US dollars 1,611 million in February 2017, continuing the double digit growth seen in imports for the fifth consecutive month. Higher expenditure incurred on intermediate goods contributed largely to this growth. On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports valued at US dollars 3,410 million during the first two months of 2017 increased by 12.6 per cent, year-on-year, led by import outlays on fuel, gold and rice

The terms of trade deteriorated marginally by 0.4 per cent to 121.8 index points in February 2017 compared to the corresponding month of previous year due to higher decrease of export prices compared to decrease recorded in import prices during the month. The export unit value index in February 2017 decreased marginally by 0.9 per cent, year-on-year, due to the decrease in price of industrial exports. The import unit value index decreased marginally by 0.5 per cent, year-on-year, in February 2017.

India, China, UK, Germany and France were the top five sources of tourist arrivals, accounting for 50.3 per cent of total tourist arrivals upto the month of April 2017.

The average price of tea (in the Colombo auction) increased to US dollars $3.96~\rm per~kg$ in February $2017~\rm from~US$ dollars $2.79~\rm per~kg$ in February $2016~\rm cm$

Import prices of rice and wheat declined compared to the corresponding month of 2016.

EXTERNAL SECTOR

4.1 Exchange Rates

| Item | Week En | ding - 26 | Averag | ge Rate | |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| (Rs Per Unit)(a) | Buying Rate | Selling Rate | Average Rate | Week Ago | Year Ago |
| US\$ | 150.77 | 154.57 | 152.67 | 152.52 | 146.06 |
| STG | 193.50 | 200.10 | 196.80 | 197.56 | 215.05 |
| Yen | 1.34 | 1.39 | 1.37 | 1.37 | 1.33 |
| Euro | 167.74 | 174.10 | 170.92 | 169.40 | 163.28 |
| INR ⁽¹⁾ | | | 2.36 | 2.35 | 2.17 |
| SDR | (As at 25 M | ay 2017) | 210.83 | 210.34 | 204.62 |
| Central Bank pure | chases and s | ales(b) | A pril | Month | Year |
| (US\$ Mn.) | | 2017 | Ago | Ago | |
| Purchases | | 257.92 | 192.23 | 14.95 | |
| S | ales | | - | 13.00 | 266.45 |



| | 25 May 2017 | Ago | Ago |
|--|-------------|----------|----------|
| Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) | 12.80 | 15.76 | 19.45 |
| (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks) | | | |
| Forward Transactions | | | |
| Forward Rates (US\$) (2) | | | |
| 1 Month | 153.88 | 153.79 | 147.20 |
| 3 Months | 155.80 | 155.60 | 148.40 |
| Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn) | 32.74 | 37.64 | 34.74 |
| Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 25 May 2017) | 1,315.80 | 1,311.01 | 1,491.52 |

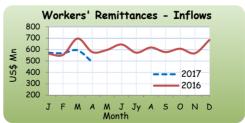
⁽a) Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30a.m.)

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

| Item | | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | % Change |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| Tielli | | Apr (a)(b) | Apr (c)(d) | Jan-Apr(a)(b) | Jan-Apr(c)(d) | 76 Change |
| Tourist Arrivals | Number | 136,367 | 160,249 | 721,185 | 765,202 | 6.1 |
| | | | | | | |
| Earnings from Tourism(d) | US\$ Mn. | 234.0 | 274.9 | 1,237.3 | 1,312.8 | 6.1 |
| | Rs.bn. | 33.7 | 41.7 | 178.1 | 198.2 | 11.3 |
| | | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | % Change |
| | | Apr | Apr (c) | Jan-Apr | Jan-Apr (c) | % Change |
| Workers' Remittances (Inflows) | US\$ Mn. | 578.0 | 487.9 | 2,371.4 | 2,221.7 | -6.3 |
| | Rs. bn. | 83.2 | 74.1 | 341.3 | 335.5 | -1.7 |

(a) Revised (b) Revised based on Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority survey results on average stay period and average spending per day estimates for 2016 (c) Provisional (d) May be revised based on Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority survey results on average stay period and average spending per day estimates for 2017





⁽b) Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates total for the Month

⁽¹⁾ Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

4.3 Official Reserve Assets as at 30th April 2017(a)

| Off | icial Reserve Assets (USD Mn) | 5,045.52 |
|-----|-------------------------------|----------|
| (1) | Foreign Currency Reserves | 4,072.19 |
| (2) | Reserve position in the IMF | 65.62 |
| (3) | SDRs | 0.16 |
| (4) | Gold | 906.57 |
| (5) | Other Reserve Assets | 0.98 |

(a) Provisional

4.4 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at 31st March 2017 (a)

| Official Reserve Assets (USD mn) | | | | |
|---|----------|--|--|--|
| Official Reserve Assets | 5,117.26 | | | |
| (1) Foreign currency reserves | 4,162.08 | | | |
| (a) Securities | 2,224.69 | | | |
| (b) Total currency and deposits with | 1,937.39 | | | |
| (i) other national central banks, BIS | 605.66 | | | |
| (ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad | 1.14 | | | |
| (iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country | 1,330.58 | | | |
| (2) Reserve position in the IMF | 64.93 | | | |
| (3) SDRs | 0.16 | | | |
| (4) Gold | 889.11 | | | |
| (5) Other reserve assets | 0.98 | | | |

Predetermined Short-Term Net Drains on Foreign Currency Assets^(b)

| Trederer mined onto 1- Term their brains on Foreign Guitency Assers | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Maturity breakdown (residual maturity) | | | | |
| Item | | Total | Up to 1 month | More than 1 and up to 3 months | More than 3 months and up to 1 year | | |
| 1. Foreign cur | rency loans, securities, and deposits | | | | | | |
| outflows (-) | Principal | -3,583.64 | -411.80 | -1,138.15 | -2,033.69 | | |
| out flows (-) | Interest | -1,076.62 | -67.23 | reakdown (residual m More than 1 Mo and up to 3 month months | -882.26 | | |
| inflows (+) | Principal | | | | | | |
| minows (+) | Interest | | | | | | |
| 2. Aggregate short and long positions in forwards and futures in foreign currencies vis-à-vis the domestic currency (including the forward leg of currency swaps) | | | | | | | |
| (a) Short positions (-) ^(c) (b) Long positions (+) | | -2,290.91 | -450.00 | -275.17 | -1,565.74 | | |
| 3. Other (specify) | | -0.04 | -0.04 | | | | |
| inflows related to reverse repos (+) | | | | | | | |
| other accounts payable (-) | | -0.04 | -0.04 | | | | |

⁽a) Provisional

⁽b) This mainly includes only the predetermined outflows

⁽c) A major share of SWAP outstanding will be rolled over. This mainly includes SWAP arrangements with state banks which mobilised long-term foreign finance from international bond issuances

4.5 External Trade US\$ Mn Rs Mn Item Jan - Feb Jan - Feb Jan - Feb Jan - Feb % Change % Change 2017 (a) 2017 (a) 2016 2016 **Exports** 257,670.1 (b) 1,732.5 1,790.2 (b) -3.2 260,669.8 1.2 Agricultural 10.2 52,042,5 398.5 361.6 59,966.2 15.2 1,421.5 (b) Industrial 1,327,4 -6.6 199,710.0 204,607.1 (b) -2.4 Food, Beverages and Tobacco 45.7 60.0 (b) -23.8 6,879.0 8,636.3 (b) -20.3 Textiles and Apparel 822.4 927.5 -11.3 123,729.4 133,501.6 -7.3 Petroleum Products 56.7 47.1 20.4 8,529.4 6,776.0 25.9 Leather, Rubber etc 148.5 155.9 -4.8 22,342,1 22,440.5 -0.4 Other 15.0 254.1 231.0 10.0 38,230.0 33,252.7 -15.6 Mineral 3.9 4.9 -19.3 592.4 701.7 Other 20.4 25.8 2.7 2,2 401.2 318.9

3,028.4

689.1

1,525.2

813.4

8.0

-1,238.2 (b)

(a) Provisional (b) Revised

Consumer Goods

Intermediate Goods

Investment Goods

Imports

Other

Trade Balance





3,409.6

702.0

1,857.5

792.5

57.5

-1,677.0



12.6

1.9

21.8

-2.6

6,976.0

35.4

512,920.3

105,620.1

279,452.7

119,217.4

8,630,1

-252,250.5



435,897.1

99,187.0

219,523.5

117,069.7

117.0

-178,227.0 (b)

17.7

6.5

27.3

1.8

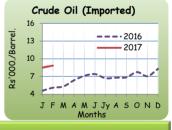
7,278.9

41.5

| 4.6 Trade Indices (2010= 100) (a) | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|-------|------------|--|--|--|
| Item | 2017 | Month | Year | | | |
| TIEUI | Feb (b) | Ago | Ago | | | |
| Total Exports | | | | | | |
| Value | 120.8 | 120.4 | 124.1 (c) | | | |
| Quantity | 113.1 | 122.8 | 115.1 (c) | | | |
| Unit Value | 106.8 | 98.0 | 107.8 (c) | | | |
| Total Imports | | | | | | |
| Value | 144.2 | 161.0 | 128.8 | | | |
| Quantity | 164.6 | 181.1 | 146.3 | | | |
| Unit Value | 87.6 | 88.9 | 88.1 | | | |
| Terms of Trade | 121.8 | 110.2 | 122.4 (c) | | | |







| 4.7 International Col | mmodity | Prices |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|
|-----------------------|---------|--------|

| 2 | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|----------|--|--|
| Item | February 2017 | February 2016 | % Change | February 2017 | February 2016 | % Change | | |
| | US\$ / Kg | | | | | | | |
| Tea Prices | 3.96 | 2.79 | 41.9 | 597.91 | 402.22 | 48.7 | | |
| Imports (C I F) | | US\$ / MT | | Rs / MT | | | | |
| Rice | 390.03 | 413.84 | -5.8 | 58,823.54 | 59,563.27 | -1.2 | | |
| White Sugar | 589.08 | 441.12 | 33.5 | 88,844.17 | 63,489.10 | 39.9 | | |
| Wheat | 227.49 | 232.87 | -2.3 | 34,309.65 | 33,517.25 | 2.4 | | |
| | US\$ / Barrel | | Rs / Barrel | | | | | |
| Crude Oil | 58.65 | 35.36 | 65.9 | 8,845.91 | 5,089.57 | 73.8 | | |