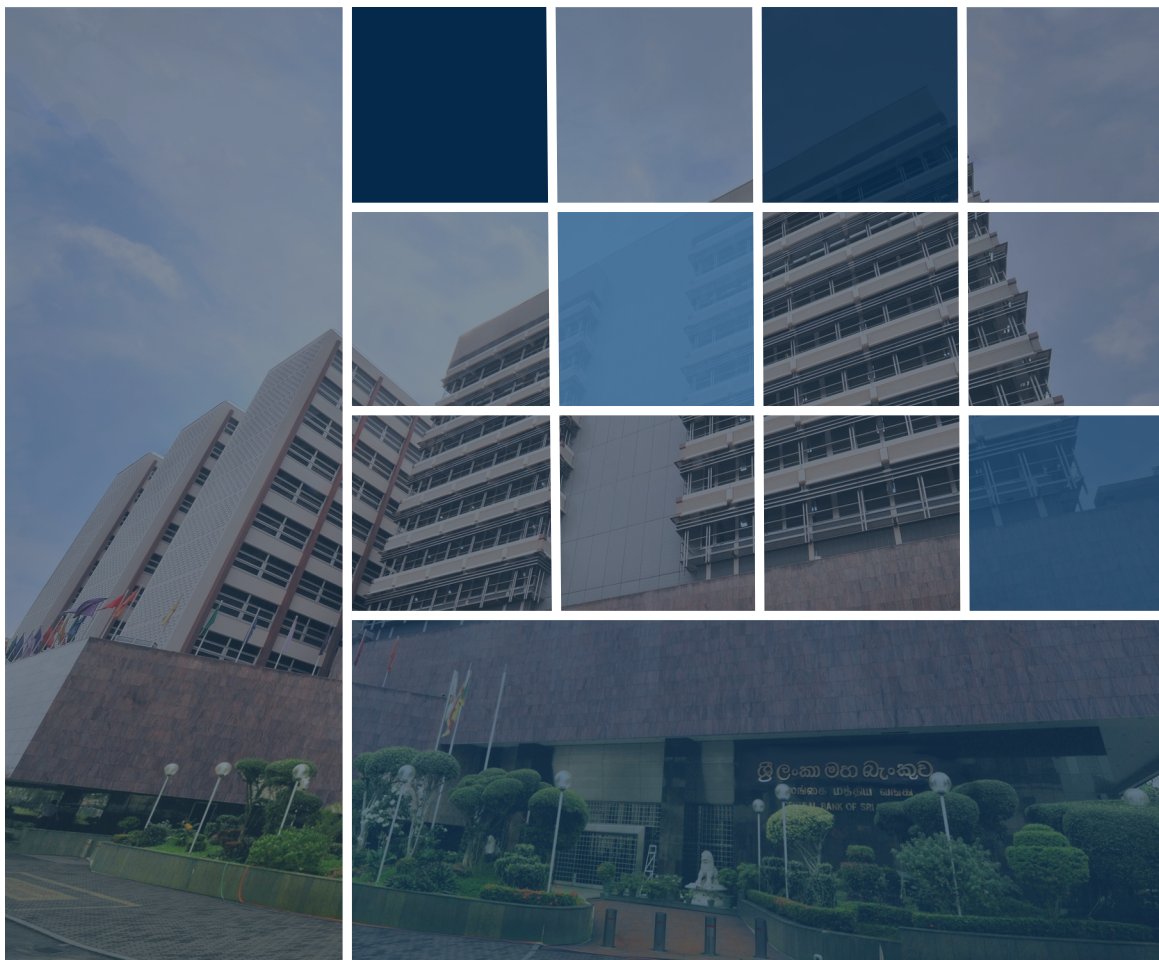


Weekly Economic Indicators

29th September 2017



Statistics Department
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Highlights

Inflation, as measured by the change in the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) (2013=100), increased in September 2017.

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), increased to 7.9 per cent in August 2017 from 6.3 per cent in July 2017, on year-on-year basis. Both Food and Non-food categories contributed towards the year-on-year inflation in August 2017. The change in the NCPI measured on an annual average basis increased from 6.2 per cent in July 2017 to 6.5 per cent in August 2017. When the monthly change is considered, the NCPI decreased from 122.4 index points in July 2017 to 122.3 index points in August 2017. This monthly decrease was mainly due to the decrease in prices of the items in the Food category. The NCPI Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy increased to 4.8 per cent in August 2017 from 4.2 per cent in July 2017 on year-on-year basis. Annual average NCPI Core inflation declined from 5.9 per cent in July 2017 to 5.8 per cent in August 2017.

Inflation, as measured by the change in the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) (2013=100), which is compiled by the DCS, increased to 7.1 per cent in September 2017 from 6.0 per cent in August 2017, on year-on-year basis. When monthly change for September 2017 is considered, the CCPI increased by 0.9 index points to 119.7 index points from 118.8 index points in August. This monthly increase was mainly due to the increase in prices of the items in the Food category, along with a monthly increase in Non-food category. CCPI Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy remained unchanged at 6.0 per cent in September 2017 from August 2017. Annual average CCPI Core inflation increased to 5.8 per cent in September 2017 from 5.6 per cent in August 2017.

GDP continue to grow at a moderate pace during the second quarter of 2017.

The GDP grew by 4.0 per cent in real terms in the second quarter of 2017, mainly attributable to 4.5 per cent growth in Services activities and 5.2 per cent growth in Industry activities while Agriculture activities contracted by 2.9 per cent, in value added terms.

During the first seven month of 2017, the domestic tea production increased marginally and production of rubber decreased due to the slowdown of tapping activities. Meanwhile, the coconut production also declined during the same period.

During the week, crude oil spot prices showed mixed performance.

At the beginning of the week, crude oil prices rose with Brent hitting its highest level in more than two years, after major oil producers said that global market is on its way to rebalancing, while Turkey has threatened to cut oil flows from Iraq's Kurdistan region. Later, prices fell after U.S. crude oil production rose to 9.55 million barrels per day, which was higher than the levels that prevailed prior to hurricane Harvey hitting the Gulf Coast. However, prices subsequently rose as tensions around northern Iraq continued following the Kurdistan region's vote in favour of independence which prompted supply concerns. Overall, both Brent and WTI prices rose by US\$ 0.7 and US\$ 1.3 per barrel, respectively, within the week.

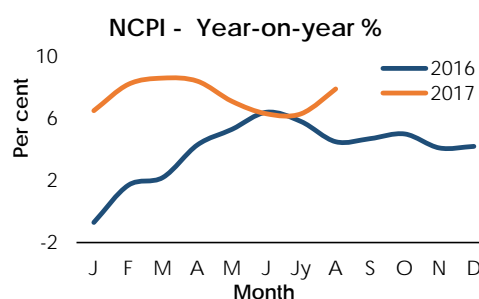
IIP showed a increase on year-on-year basis in July 2017.

The IIP in July 2017 has increased by 0.8 per cent in comparison with the corresponding month of 2016. Among the major sub divisions of the manufacturing industries; volume of products of 'Other non-metallic mineral products' (6.6%); 'Wearing Apparels' (3.1%) and 'Rubber and plastic products' (2.6%) have contributed to the overall increase in production during the month of July, 2017 compared to that of July, 2016 and 'Coke and refined petroleum products' and 'Beverages' decreased by 22.0% and 10.7% respectively during this period.

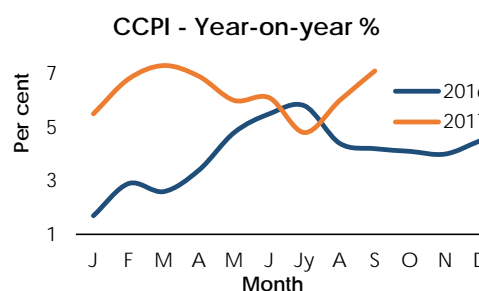
Real Sector

1.1 Prices Indices

Item (2013=100)	Aug 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI)	122.3	122.4	113.3
Monthly Change %	-0.1	-0.8	-1.6
Annual Average Change %	6.5	6.2	3.6
Year - on - Year Change %	7.9	6.3	4.5
Core Inflation - (NCPI)	123.0	122.9	117.4
Annual Average Change %	5.8	5.9	5.6
Year - on - Year Change %	4.8	4.2	6.0



Item (2013=100)	Sep 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI)	119.7	118.8	111.8
Monthly Change %	0.8	-0.5	-0.3
Annual Average Change %	5.8	5.5	3.9
Year - on - Year Change %	7.1	6.0	4.2
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	123.3	123	116.3
Annual Average Change %	5.8	5.6	4.8
Year - on - Year Change %	6.0	6.0	3.7

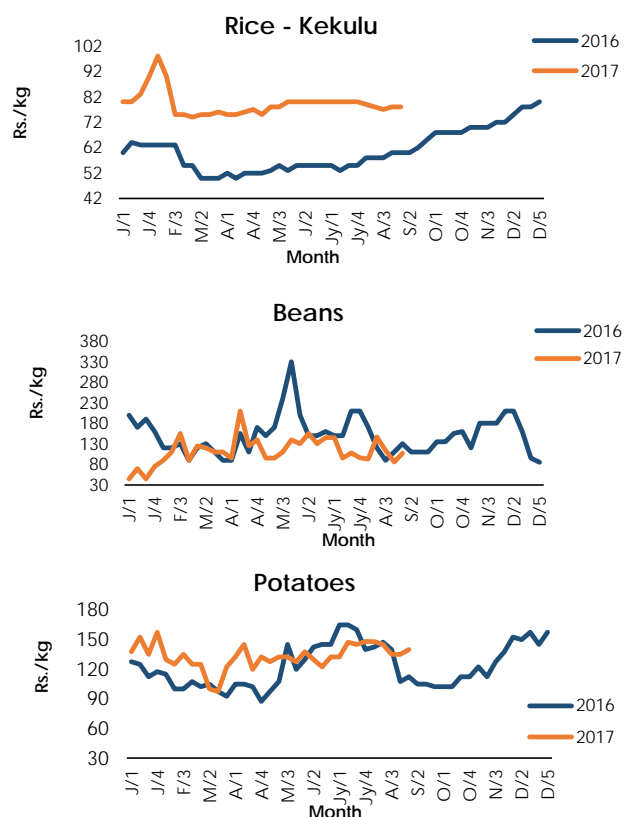


1.2 Pettah Market

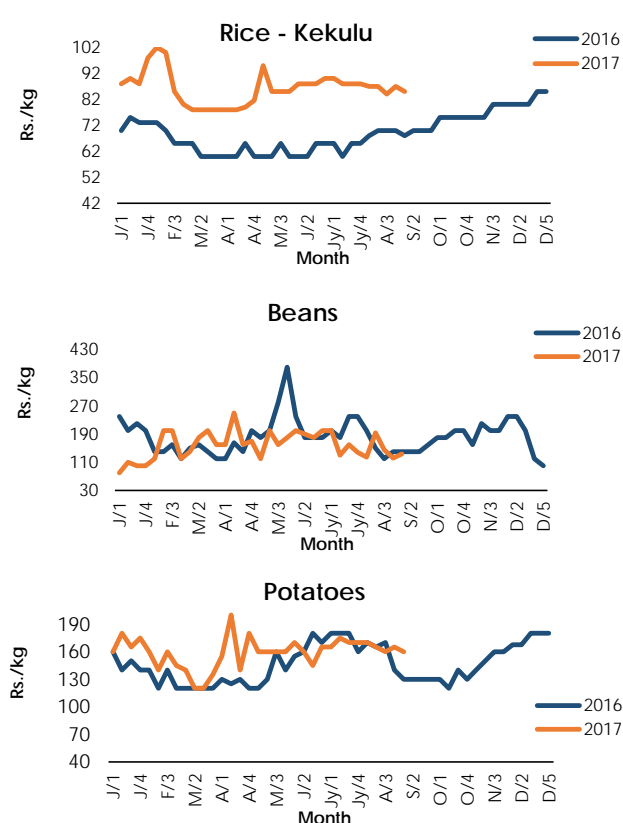
Food Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 29 th Sep 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 29 th Sep 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
Rs / Kg								
Rice								
Samba	102.00	102.00	92.20	80.97	107.00	107.00	98.00	90.39
Kekulu (Red)	83.00	83.00	77.80	60.29	89.00	89.00	86.20	68.73
Vegetables								
Beans	124.00	113.00	110.40	147.16	163.00	147.00	147.40	179.12
Cabbage	78.00	45.00	54.40	76.62	118.00	77.00	95.40	115.10
Carrots	100.00	85.00	107.00	121.42	138.00	113.00	146.40	158.24
Tomatoes	108.00	103.00	111.50	75.00	153.00	150.00	141.60	107.06
Pumpkins	36.00	41.00	49.60	60.29	58.00	67.00	80.40	83.33
Snake Gourd	88.00	80.00	95.60	76.18	138.00	120.00	133.20	112.94
Brinjals	152.00	123.00	112.40	66.57	176.00	150.00	155.80	103.92
Ash-Plantains	88.00	80.00	77.60	67.65	113.00	120.00	117.40	95.69
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	317.00	267.00	168.40	92.66	385.00	313.00	202.60	131.74
Big-Onions (Local)	73.00	68.00	n.a.	74.50	110.00	100.00	n.a.	96.47
Potatoes (N'Elia)	120.00	105.00	139.20	122.58	153.00	140.00	165.00	146.23
Dried Chillies (Imported)	200.00	190.00	182.00	293.68	235.00	225.00	220.00	350.78
Dhal (Indian)	133.00	133.00	131.00	160.16	150.00	148.00	148.60	171.41
Eggs	10.00	12.00	11.65	14.30	11.00	12.75	12.55	14.79
Coconut (Each)	68.00	67.00	61.00	34.69	82.00	78.00	74.20	47.60
Fish*								
Kelawalla	600.00	520.00	535.00	508.20	880.00	680.00	830.00	682.00
Balaya	240.00	220.00	292.50	327.29	340.00	320.00	392.50	424.79
Salaya	120.00	130.00	105.00	141.43	180.00	200.00	180.00	197.14
Paraw (Small)	550.00	570.00	583.33	540.36	650.00	680.00	683.33	638.54

* Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Peliyagoda.

Pettah Market-Wholesale Prices



Pettah Market-Retail Prices



1.3 Dambulla Market

Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 28 th Sep 2017	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	102.00	106.00
Kekulu (Red)	83.00	87.00
Vegetables		
Beans	172.50	193.00
Carrot	127.00	147.00
Tomatoes	105.00	125.00
Pumpkins	33.50	53.50
Snake Gourd	66.00	86.00
Ash-Plantains	69.50	89.50
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	275.00	287.50
Big-Onions (Local)	68.50	78.50
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	103.00	113.50
Dried Chillies(Imported)	180.00	191.50
Coconut (Each)	66.50	74.50

1.5 Marandagahamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 29 th Sep 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	99.80	97.10	91.93	77.58
Sudu Kekulu	86.30	85.60	82.86	62.91
Raw Red	81.30	81.20	81.14	59.59
Nadu	92.60	91.50	88.82	66.62

1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

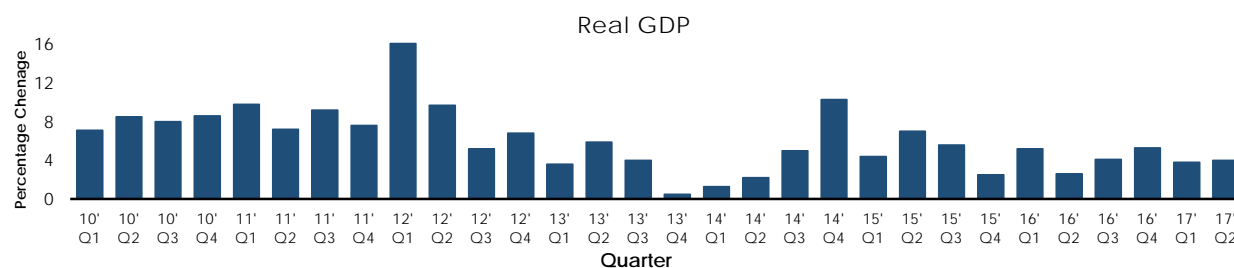
Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	28 th Sep 2017	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	98.00	100.00
Kekulu (Red)	85.00	85.00
Vegetables		
Beans	240.00	200.00
Cabbage	160.00	100.00
Carrots	160.00	140.00
Tomatoes	180.00	240.00
Pumpkins	100.00	100.00
Snake Gourd	180.00	140.00
Brinjals	140.00	160.00
Ash-Plantains	148.00	140.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Big-Onions (Imported)	120.00	120.00
Potatoes (Imported)	110.00	110.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	220.00	220.00
Dhal (Indian)	158.00	150.00
Eggs (Red)(Each)	14.00	14.00
Coconut (Each)	70.00	80.00
Fish		
Kelawalla	800.00	1,050.00
Balaya	300.00	450.00
Salaya	200.00	230.00
Paraw (Small)	880.00	850.00

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

Item	2015 Annual (a)(b)	2016 Annual (a)	2016 2 nd Qtr (a)(b)	2017 2 nd Qtr (a)
Agriculture	4.8	-4.2	-5.7	-2.9
Industry	2.1	6.7	2.0	5.2
Services	5.7	4.2	3.6	4.5
Taxes less subsidies on products	7.5	6.2	3.1	3.1
GDP	4.8	4.4	2.4	4.0

(a) Provisional (b) Revised

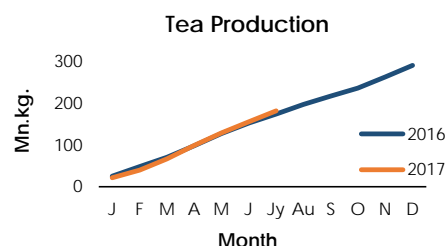
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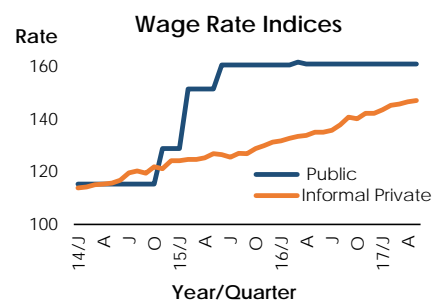
Item	Unit	2017(a) Jan - Jul	2016 Jan - Jul	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	181.10	175.80	3.00
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	51.30	53.10	-3.30
Coconut	(Mn Kg)	1,496.30	1,740.50	-14.00

(a) Provisional



1.8 Wages rate Indices

Item	2017 June	2016 June	% Change
Public Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	160.8	160.8	0.0
Informal Private Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	148.0	134.9	9.7
Agriculture	148.3	134.5	10.3
Industry	152.6	139.3	9.5
Services	143.5	130.8	9.7



1.9 Employment (a)

Item	2016 1 st Qtr	2017 (b) 1 st Qtr	2016 (b) Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	54.1	54.7	53.8
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.1	4.4

Employed Persons by Sectors (c) (as a % of total employment)

Agriculture	28.5	27	27.1
Industry	26	28	26.4
Services	45.5	45	46.5

(a) The working age population aged 15 and above

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



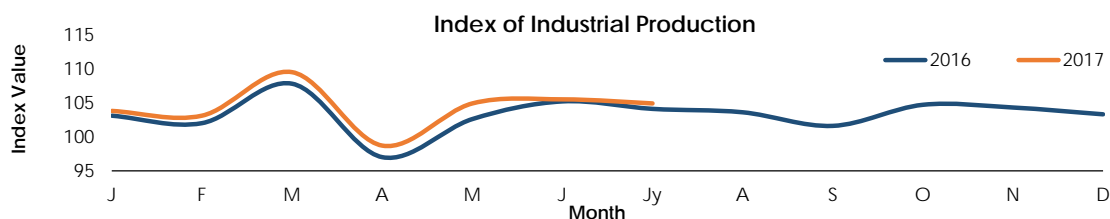
1.10 Index of Industrial Production (IIP) (2015 = 100) (a)

Item	Index of Industrial Production (IIP)		
	2017 July (b)	2016 July (b)	% Change
Index of Industrial Production	104.9	104.1	0.8
Food products	104.2	101.8	2.3
Wearing apparel	109.4	106.1	3.1
Other non-metallic mineral products	109.2	102.5	6.6
Coke and refined petroleum products	83.2	106.7	-22.0
Rubber and plastic products	108.0	105.2	2.6
Chemicals and chemical products	97.4	105.3	-7.5
Beverages	91.8	102.8	-10.7

(a) Major 7 sub divisions.

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(b) Provisional (c) Revised

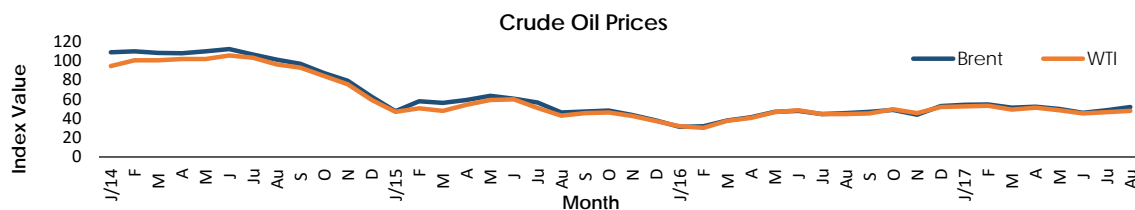


1.11 Average Crude Oil Prices

Month	2016			2017		
	Spot Prices (US \$/bbl)		CPC Import Prices (CIF) (US\$/bbl)(*)	Spot Prices (US \$/bbl)		CPC Import Prices (CIF) (US\$/bbl)(*)
	Brent (Benchmark price)	WTI (Benchmark price)		Brent (Benchmark price)	WTI (Benchmark price)	
January	31.10	31.96	31.87	54.41	52.50	57.39
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	49.81	48.48	51.66
June	47.82	48.76	50.95	45.87	45.18	48.47
July	44.54	44.65	46.10	48.52	46.63	49.75
August	45.50	44.72	46.71	52.04	48.04	53.07
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			
	2016			2017		
22 September	47.61	46.10		59.21	50.33	
23 September	47.11	44.36		-	-	
24 September	-	-		-	-	
25 September	-	-		60.52	51.84	
26 September	47.01	45.60		60.87	51.59	
27 September	45.35	44.65		59.84	52.14	
28 September	45.89	47.07		59.90	51.62	

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.



Highlights

Weekly AWPR for the week ending 29 September 2017 increased by 18 bps to 11.55% compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 21.2 %, on a year-on-year basis, in July 2017.

Net Credit to the Government from the banking system showed an increase of Rs. 19.8 bn in July 2017.

Credit to public corporations recorded a decrease of Rs. 37.7 bn in July 2017.

Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 50.5 bn in July 2017.

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

The total outstanding market liquidity increased to a surplus of Rs. 20.96 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 18.45 bn by the end of last week.

By 29 September 2017, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 0.17% to 6,438 points and the S&P SL20 Index declined by 0.11% to 3,688 points, compared to the previous week.

Monetary Sector

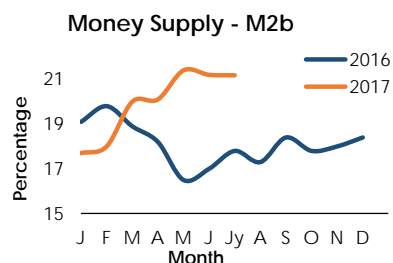
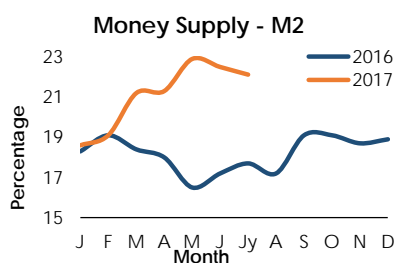
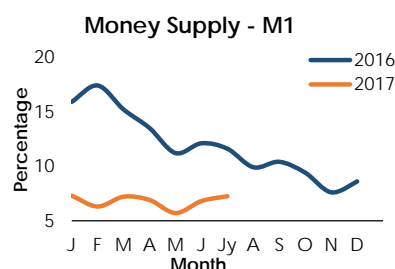
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 29 Sep 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago		
Policy Interest Rates					
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	7.25	7.25	7.00		
Standing Lending Facility Rate	8.75	8.75	8.50		
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR) (Weekly Average)	8.10	8.05	8.42		
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offered Rate (SLIBOR)					
1-day	8.11	8.09	8.43		
7-day	8.50	8.61	9.53		
1-Month	9.31	9.29	10.45		
3-Month	10.20	10.22	11.00		
6-Month	11.51	11.62	11.48		
12-Month	11.99	12.08	11.98		
Treasury Bill Yields (Excluding 10% withholding tax)					
91-day	8.71	-	8.55		
182-day	9.01	8.94	9.39		
364-day	9.10	9.10	10.11		
Licensed Commercial Banks					
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	11.55	11.37	12.26		
	Aug-17	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Savings Deposits	0.50-09.50	0.50-09.50	0.50-9.00		
One Year Fixed Deposits	4.89-15.00	4.89-15.00	4.50-15.00		
	Sep-17	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	9.25	9.21	7.56		
Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	11.81	11.78	9.67		
	Aug-17	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	13.90	13.83	12.54		
National Savings Bank (NSB)					
	Jul-17	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Savings Deposits	4.00	4.00	4.50		
One Year Fixed Deposits	11.00	11.00	10.00		
Treasury Bond Auction		05 Years & 00 Months		09 Years & 08 Months	
		28/9/2017		28/9/2017	
Coupon rate		10.00		11.75	
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)		10.09		10.31	
Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 29 Sep 2017	Week Ago	Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 29 Sep 2017	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	12.25	12.28	HSBC	9.10	8.93
People's Bank	12.23	11.83	Standard Chartered Bank	11.35	11.39
Hatton National Bank	12.19	11.80	Citi Bank	9.90	9.13
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	12.18	11.86	Deutsche Bank	10.79	9.95
Sampath Bank	12.49	12.86	Habib Bank	11.67	11.67
Seylan Bank	12.50	12.80	Indian Bank	13.17	13.17
Union Bank of Colombo	14.37	14.30	Indian Overseas Bank	13.67	13.67
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	13.79	14.07	MCB Bank	13.05	12.42
Nations Trust Bank	12.55	12.30	State Bank of India	12.69	12.69
DFCC Bank	13.37	13.55	Public Bank	13.00	13.00
NDB Bank	12.77	12.77	ICICI Bank	9.62	9.62
Amana Bank	12.77	13.04	Axis Bank	11.34	12.63
Cargills Bank	14.24	14.20			

2.2 Money Supply

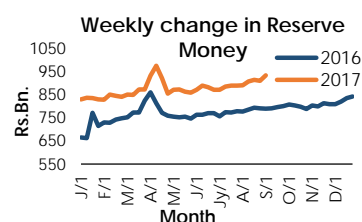
Item	Rs. bn			Annual Change (%)		
	2017 Jul (a)	Month Ago	Year Ago	2017 Jul (a)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Reserve Money	894.63	891.64	774.50	15.51	17.76	22.87
M1	768.43	753.89	716.58	7.24	6.84	11.61
M2	5367.00	5281.42	4394.70	22.12	22.52	17.75
M2b	5986.62	5872.51	4940.43	21.18	21.24	17.80
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-125.08	-246.03	-437.60	71.42	49.99	-81.39
Monetary Authorities	674.10	598.06	416.83	61.72	44.62	-19.11
Commercial Banks	-799.18	-844.09	-854.43	6.47	6.78	-12.94
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-288.79	-309.70	-286.95	-0.64	6.68	-9.66
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	-510.39	-534.39	-567.48	10.06	6.84	-14.67
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	6111.70	6118.54	5378.03	13.64	14.67	21.26
Net Credit to the Government	2254.46	2234.62	2032.04	10.95	11.43	17.08
Monetary Authorities	339.54	410.87	456.10	-25.55	-9.91	108.64
Commercial Banks	1914.91	1823.76	1575.94	21.51	17.71	3.89
DBUs	1548.48	1454.74	1185.17	30.65	25.67	-2.10
OBUs	366.43	369.02	390.78	-6.23	-5.80	27.57
Credit to Public Corporations	513.43	551.10	472.08	8.76	13.66	-0.78
DBUs	306.66	313.91	266.46	15.09	20.15	21.98
OBUs	206.77	237.19	205.62	0.56	6.08	-20.09
Credit to the Private Sector	4555.81	4505.31	3860.92	18.00	18.62	28.52
DBUs	4230.05	4186.83	3576.11	18.29	18.83	29.26
OBUs	325.75	318.48	284.82	14.37	15.89	19.92
Other Items (Net)	-1211.99	-1172.50	-987.01	-22.79	-23.07	-26.49

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b



2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	28 Sep 2017	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	912,775.60	918,230.72	-5,455.12



2.4 Money Market Activity(Overnight)

Item	25.09.2017	26.09.2017	27.09.2017	28.09.2017	29.09.2017
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.07	8.11	8.10	8.10	8.11
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	20,235	15,520	15,000	20,755	17,270
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	7.96	7.99	7.97	7.96	8.01
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	17,585	16,121	16,823	11,177	18,511

2.5 CBSL Securites Portfolio

Item	25.09.2017	26.09.2017	27.09.2017	28.09.2017	29.09.2017
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Face Value (Rs. Mn)	56,965.00	56,965.00	56,965.00	56,965.00	57,109.72
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Book Value (Rs. Mn)	56,291.65	56,325.50	56,333.12	56,346.38	56,284.52

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	25.09.2017	26.09.2017	27.09.2017	28.09.2017	29.09.2017
Short-Term Auction					
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	7.00	16.00	12.00	12.00	18.00
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	1	1	1	1	1
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	8.10	17.80	14.00	15.62	9.50
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	7.00	16.00	12.00	12.00	9.50
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	7.25	7.26	7.26	7.25	7.25
Outright Auctions					
Outright Sales Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Outright Purchase Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Settlement Date	-	-	-	-	-
Maturity Date	-	-	-	-	-
Tenure (No. of Days)	0	0	0	0	0
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Long 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
Settlement Date	-	-	-	-	-
Maturity Date	-	-	-	-	-
Tenure (No. of Days)	0	0	0	0	0
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Standing Facility					
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	2.783	2.564	6.238	7.019	13.889
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	1.069	3.949	2.192	4.846	2.428
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	8.714	14.615	16.046	14.173	20.961

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

Item	2017 End Aug (b)	2017 End Jul	2016 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,404,264	1,390,819	1,309,248
Local (accepted only locally)	27,950	28,192	29,109
Global (accepted globally)	1,376,314	1,362,627	1,280,139
Outstanding balance (Rs.mn)	81,799	80,415	74,892
Local (accepted only locally)	749	755	839
Global (accepted globally)	81,050	79,660	74,053

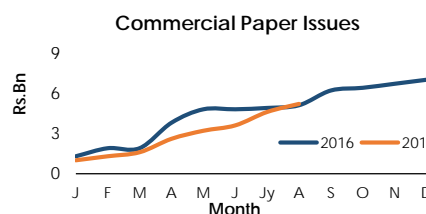
(a) Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks (LCBs) (b) Provisional

2.7 Commerical Paper Issues (a)

Item (Rs. bn.)	2017 End Aug(b)	2017 End Jul	2016 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative (c)	5.2	4.6	7.0
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	2.5	2.3	2.2

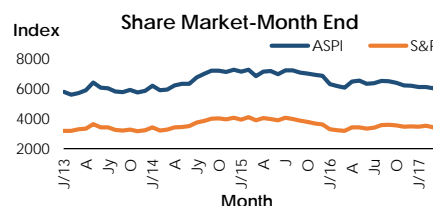
(a) Based on the information provided by LCBs and Licensed Specialised Banks (LSBs)

(b) Provisional (c) During the year



2.8 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 29 Sep 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,438.24	6,427.26	6,528.30
S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000) (S&P SL20)	3,687.97	3,692.15	3,622.93
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. mn)	730.00	887.80	784.00
Market Capitalisation (Rs.bn)	2,919.70	2,914.71	2,782.92



Government revenue increased in the first quarter of 2017.

Government revenue increased to 3.4 per cent of GDP in the first quarter of 2017 from 2.8 per cent in the first quarter of 2016 as a result of continued efforts taken by the government to enhance revenue collection. Tax revenue as a per cent of GDP in the first quarter of 2017 increased to 3.2 per cent as recorded in the first quarter of 2016. Non tax revenue as a per cent of GDP remained unchanged. During the first quarter of 2017 total revenue in nominal terms increased by 26.2 per cent to Rs. 436.0 billion from Rs. 345.6 billion in the first quarter of 2016, reflecting increases in tax revenue.

Total expenditure & net lending also increased in the first quarter of 2017.

Total expenditure and net lending as a percentage of GDP also increased to 4.9 per cent in the first quarter 2017 from 4.3 per cent in the first quarter of 2016 due to the increase in both recurrent expenditure, and capital expenditure and net lending. Accordingly, in nominal terms, total expenditure and net lending increased by 20.9 per cent to Rs. 636.3 billion in the first quarter of 2017 from Rs. 526.3 billion in the first quarter of 2016. Public investment, which amounted to 1.2 per cent of GDP in the first quarter of 2017, was significantly higher than 0.8 per cent of GDP recorded in the first quarter of 2016.

Budget deficit mainly financed through domestic sources.

In the first quarter of 2017, the overall budget deficit of Rs. 199.7 billion was mainly financed through domestic sources. Accordingly, foreign financing was a net repayment of Rs. 50.7 billion compared to the net repayment of Rs. 85.7 in the corresponding period of previous year, while the overall deficit was financed through domestic sources. Consequently, net domestic financing in the first quarter of 2017 amounted to Rs. 250.3 billion compared to Rs. 266.5 billion in the the first quarter of previous year.

Outstanding central government debt increased.

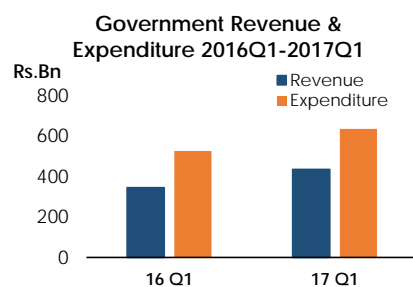
As at end March 2017, central government debt increased by 3.4 per cent to Rs. 9,702.8 billion from Rs. 9,387.3 billion recorded at the end of 2016. The domestic debt increased by Rs. 284.7 billion to Rs. 5,626.2 billion as at end March 2017 from Rs. 5,341.5 billion recorded as at end 2016, while the foreign debt increased to Rs. 4,076.7 billion by end March 2017 from Rs. 4,045.8 billion in end 2016.

Fiscal Sector

3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

Item	2016 Q1	2017 Q1(a)
Revenue and Grants	345.6	436.7
Revenue	345.6	436.0
Tax	325.4	415.1
Non tax	20.2	20.9
Grants	0.0	0.7
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	526.3	636.3
Recurrent	426.5	484.2
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	99.8	152.1

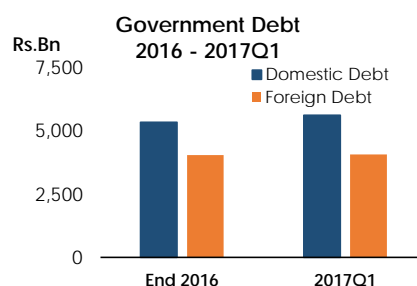
(a) Provisional



3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	End 2016	2017 Q1(a)
Total domestic debt	5,341.5	5,625.8
of which		
Treasury bills	779.6	781.2
Treasury bonds	3,714.8	3,802.2
Rupee loans	24.1	24.1
Total foreign debt	4,045.8	4,076.6
Total outstanding govt. debt	9,387.3	9,702.5

(a) Provisional



3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates for the week ending - 27th September 2017

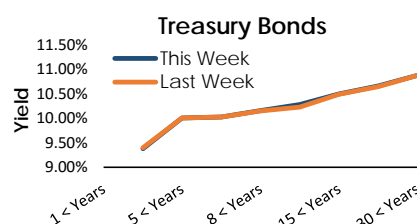
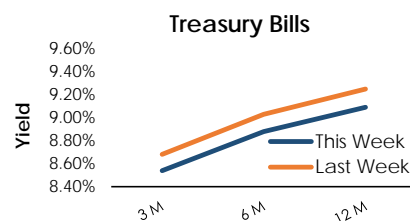
Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week
				Buying	Selling	Average	Week Average
Treasury Bills	3 Months	8.71%	-	8.63%	8.45%	8.54%	8.68%
	6 Months	9.01%	8.94%	8.96%	8.80%	8.88%	9.03%
	12 Months	9.10%	9.10%	9.16%	9.01%	9.09%	9.25%
Treasury Bonds(b)	< 2 Years	-	-	9.43%	9.33%	9.38%	9.40%
	< 5 Years	-	-	10.08%	9.95%	10.01%	10.01%
	< 6 Years	-	-	10.09%	9.97%	10.03%	10.03%
	< 8 Years	-	-	10.21%	10.12%	10.16%	10.15%
	< 10 Years	-	-	10.33%	10.22%	10.28%	10.23%
	< 15 Years	-	-	10.54%	10.46%	10.50%	10.49%
	< 20 Years	-	-	10.70%	10.61%	10.66%	10.65%
	< 30 Years	-	-	10.96%	10.80%	10.88%	10.88%

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 27/09/2017

(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 decreased while T-Bonds have increased during the reporting week compared to the previous week.

Security	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Secondary Market	
			This Week	Last Week
International Sovereign Bonds	4-Oct-20	6.250%	3.76%	3.56%
	27-Jul-21	6.250%	3.94%	3.80%
	18-Jan-22	5.750%	4.32%	4.01%
	25-Jul-22	5.875%	4.32%	4.12%
	14-Jan-19	6.000%	3.13%	2.89%
	11-Apr-19	5.125%	3.35%	3.07%
	3-Jun-25	6.125%	5.13%	4.98%
	3-Nov-25	6.850%	5.27%	5.08%
	18-Jul-26	6.825%	5.35%	5.18%
	11-May-27	6.200%	5.47%	5.28%



3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 27th September 2017)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	783,857.00	784,584.00
Treasury Bonds (a)	4,045,179.19	4,045,179.19
Total	4,829,036.19	4,829,763.19
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	289,727.17	277,857.86
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	638,594.19	639,309.47

The outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by foreigners was increased by 4.27 per cent during the reporting week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	23,000.00	23,000.00
Total Bids Received	43,887.00	65,028.00
Total Bids Accepted	16,647.00	22,422.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	-	-
Total Bids Received	-	-
Total Bids Accepted	-	-

The weekly T-bill auction was over subscribed by 1.9 times during the reporting week.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	41,255.06	30,158.81
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	303,629.58	255,225.37
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	78,560.41	81,365.72
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	602,625.00	581,058.78

The total secondary market transactions of T bills and T bonds increased by 8.26 percent in the reporting week compared to the previous week.

(a) Excludes Treasury bonds amounting to Rs. 69,787 million issued to settle dues of CPC and to capitalize Sri Lankan Airlines.

3.5 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bills) - 29/09/2017

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.84	8.44	99.84	8.28	0.00
1 Month	99.30	8.50	99.31	8.36	0.01
2 Month	98.59	8.57	98.61	8.44	0.02
3 Month	97.86	8.69	97.90	8.53	0.04
4 Month	97.11	8.79	97.16	8.64	0.05
5 Month	96.35	8.88	96.41	8.73	0.06
6 Month	95.57	8.99	95.64	8.85	0.07
7 Month	94.81	9.03	94.89	8.88	0.09
8 Month	94.04	9.06	94.14	8.92	0.09
9 Month	93.27	9.10	93.37	8.97	0.10
10 Month	92.50	9.13	92.61	8.99	0.11
11 Month	91.73	9.15	91.85	9.01	0.12
12 Month	90.94	9.19	91.09	9.03	0.16

3.6 Two way Qoutes (Treasury Bonds) - 29/09/2017

Treasury Bond By Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity Date (DD/MM/YY)	Days to Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	125	99.73	9.20	99.75	9.14	0.02
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	184	99.67	9.18	99.71	9.10	0.04
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	245	99.49	9.26	99.54	9.19	0.05
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	289	99.40	9.27	99.45	9.21	0.05
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	320	98.55	9.24	98.62	9.16	0.07
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	381	99.48	9.28	99.55	9.20	0.08
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	412	98.60	9.32	98.67	9.25	0.07
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	473	95.56	9.36	95.64	9.29	0.08
10.75%2019A	2	15-Jan-19	473	101.55	9.42	101.67	9.33	0.11
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	579	98.67	9.41	98.75	9.35	0.09
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	640	101.80	9.45	101.95	9.35	0.16
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	716	101.98	9.47	102.13	9.38	0.15
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	763	97.13	9.54	97.30	9.45	0.17
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	945	98.97	9.70	99.28	9.56	0.31
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	976	96.00	9.73	96.20	9.64	0.20
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,037	91.35	9.75	91.57	9.66	0.21
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	1,173	99.16	9.80	99.51	9.67	0.35
10.75%2021A	5	1-Mar-21	1,249	102.38	9.91	103.10	9.66	0.72
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	1,310	97.17	9.95	97.39	9.88	0.22
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	1,402	103.21	9.96	103.51	9.87	0.29
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	1,477	98.26	9.98	98.50	9.91	0.24
11.50%2021A	5	15-Dec-21	1,538	105.09	9.98	105.41	9.89	0.32
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	1,555	93.06	10.04	93.41	9.93	0.35
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	1,736	104.14	10.08	104.64	9.94	0.50
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	1,828	99.57	10.11	99.95	10.01	0.38
11.50%2023A	6	15-May-23	2,054	106.05	10.06	106.62	9.93	0.57
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,163	95.40	10.05	95.80	9.95	0.39
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,163	104.52	10.16	105.12	10.03	0.61
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	2,193	86.25	10.11	86.78	9.98	0.53
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	2,285	105.56	10.17	106.12	10.05	0.57
11.00%2024A	8	1-Aug-24	2,498	103.98	10.17	104.58	10.05	0.60
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	2,620	79.17	10.16	79.46	10.09	0.29
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	2,724	99.79	10.29	100.28	10.19	0.49
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	2,771	93.43	10.26	93.86	10.18	0.43
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	2,863	103.67	10.30	104.14	10.21	0.47
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,047	93.04	10.26	93.52	10.17	0.48
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,075	72.75	10.26	73.15	10.17	0.40
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,167	103.95	10.30	104.49	10.20	0.54
11.50%2026A	10	1-Aug-26	3,228	106.92	10.28	107.48	10.19	0.56
11.75%2027A	10	15-Jun-27	3,546	108.12	10.40	108.73	10.30	0.61
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	3,867	90.79	10.46	91.22	10.38	0.44
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	3,928	90.54	10.48	91.12	10.39	0.58
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	3,990	106.25	10.52	107.00	10.41	0.75
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,112	115.71	10.57	116.36	10.48	0.65
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	4,232	115.90	10.58	116.59	10.49	0.69
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	4,611	102.31	10.66	103.22	10.53	0.91
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	5,207	81.32	10.56	81.54	10.53	0.22
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	5,481	88.28	10.58	88.52	10.54	0.24
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	5,724	87.77	10.62	88.21	10.55	0.45
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	5,754	119.61	10.65	120.13	10.59	0.52
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	5,877	87.20	10.68	87.61	10.62	0.41
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	5,938	119.28	10.72	119.85	10.65	0.57
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	6,376	105.03	10.85	106.60	10.66	1.57
12.00%2041A	25	1-Jan-41	8,495	110.25	10.79	110.57	10.75	0.32
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	9,376	83.94	10.87	84.88	10.74	0.93
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	9,590	122.18	10.92	123.22	10.82	1.04
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	9,742	121.28	11.01	122.82	10.86	1.54
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10,015	110.93	11.21	114.52	10.83	3.59

Highlights

During the year up to 29 September 2017 the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the US dollar (2.2 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the pound sterling (10.4 per cent), euro (12.5 per cent), Japanese yen (5.3 per cent) and Indian rupee (5.7 per cent) during this period.

Earnings from exports grew by 6.5 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 6,413 million during the first seven months of 2017 due to increased earnings received from exports of tea, transport equipment, petroleum products, spices and seafood. Import expenditure increased by 9.2 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 11,742 million during the first seven months of 2017 largely due to higher imports of fuel, gold and rice. The trade deficit during the first seven months of 2017 widened to US dollars 5,329 million from US dollars 4,732 million in the corresponding period of 2016.

The export unit value index increased by 4.6 per cent (year-on-year) in July 2017 mainly driven by price increases in agricultural exports. The import unit value index in July 2017 decreased marginally by 0.4 per cent (year-on-year) reflecting price decreases in consumer goods and investment goods. The terms of trade improved by 5.0 per cent (year-on-year) to 105.5 index points in July 2017 due to increase in export prices and decrease in import prices.

The average price of tea (in the Colombo auction) increased to US dollars 3.86 per kg in July 2017 from US dollars 3.11 per kg in July 2016.

The import prices of wheat and crude oil increased in July 2017 (year-on-year), while import prices of rice and sugar declined.

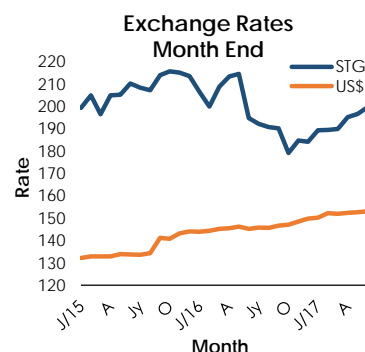
India, China, UK, Germany and France were the top five sources of tourist arrivals, accounting for 51.7 per cent of total tourist arrivals upto the month of August 2017.

The gross official reserves were estimated at US dollars 7,693.55 million as at 31 August 2017.

External Sector

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 29 Sep 2017			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	151.11	154.91	153.01	152.68	146.28
STG	202.01	208.82	205.42	207.49	190.64
Yen	1.34	1.39	1.36	1.37	1.45
Euro	176.96	183.61	180.29	182.54	164.22
INR(1)			2.34	2.36	2.21
SDR (As at 28 Sep 2017)			216.14	217.16	204.74
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)			Aug 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			200.00	344.75	190.77
Sales			-	-	57.58



Item	Week Ending 29 Sep 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
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Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) 32.04 42.29 39.11

(spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)

Forward Transactions

Forward Rates (US\$) (2)

1 Month	153.77	153.71	147.07
3 Months	155.17	155.13	148.65

Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)

23.68 23.98 48.44

Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 28 Sep 2017) 1,577.77 1,552.78 1,263.53

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

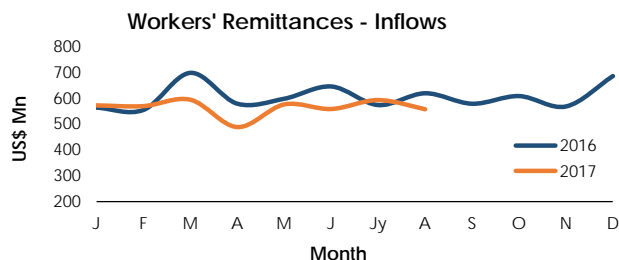
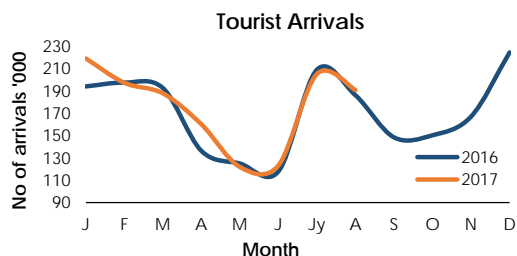
(b) Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates total for the Month

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

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

Item		2016 Aug (a)(b)	2017 Aug (c)(d)	2016 Jan-Aug (a)(b)	2017 Jan-Aug (c)(d)	% Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	186,288	190,928	1,359,906	1,406,854	3.5
Earnings from Tourism(d)	US\$ Mn.	319.60	327.56	2,333.11	2,413.65	3.45
	Rs.bn.	46.53	50.18	337.52	366.73	8.66
		2016 Aug	2017 Aug (c)	2016 Jan-Aug	2017 Jan-Aug(c)	% Change
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.	618.29	556.59	4,804.14	4,503.33	-6.26
	Rs. bn.	90.02	85.27	695.25	684.59	-1.53

(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



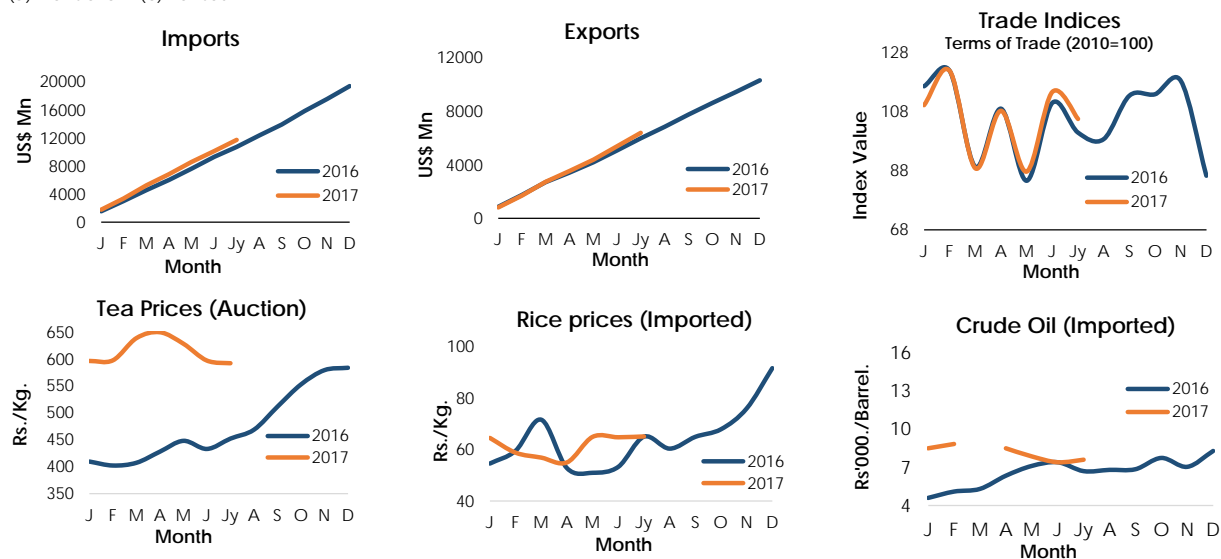
4.3 International Reserves & foreign Currency Liquidity as at 31st August 2017 (a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)					
Official Reserve Assets					7,693.55
(1) Foreign currency reserves					6,688.00
(a) Securities					3,179.91
(b) Total currency and deposits with					3,508.08
(i) other national central banks, BIS					2,059.39
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad					1.18
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country					1,447.51
(2) Reserve position in the IMF					67.64
(3) SDRs					2.30
(4) Gold					934.59
(5) Other reserve assets					1.02
Predetermined Short-Term Net Drains on Foreign Currency Assets (b)					
Item		Total	Maturity breakdown (residual maturity)		
			Up to 1 month	More than 1 and up to 3 months	More than 3 months and up to 1 year
1. Foreign currency loans, securities, and deposits					
outflows (-)	Principal	-3,789.49	-431.48	-121.3	-3,236.71
	Interest	-1,231.19	-110.75	-188.42	-932.03
inflows (+)	Principal				
	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)					
(i) Short positions (-)(c)		-1,900.74	-50.00	-910.74	-940.00
(ii) Long positions (+)					
3. Other (specify)		-0.05	-0.05		
inflows related to reverse repos (+)					
other accounts payable (-)		-0.05	-0.05		
(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					

4.4 External Trade

Item	US\$ Mn			Rs Mn		
	Jan-Jul 2017 (a)	Jan-Jul 2016	% Change	Jan-Jul 2017 (a)	Jan-Jul 2016	% Change
Exports	6,413.42	6021.83 (b)	6.50	974,171.69	870,613.72 (b)	11.89
Agricultural	1,559.69	1,312.60	18.82	236,955.75	189,812.34	24.84
Industrial	4,823.09	4683.30 (b)	2.98	732,558.03	677,052.42 (b)	8.20
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	224.33	196.82 (b)	13.97	34,119.00	28,449.61 (b)	19.93
Textiles and Garments	2,850.22	2,940.23	-3.06	432,837.70	425,049.52	1.83
Petroleum Products	213.53	162.37	31.51	32,435.87	23,475.29	38.17
Leather, Rubber products etc.	557.52	541.38	2.98	84,705.47	78,283.13	8.20
Other	977.49	842.50	16.02	148,459.98	121,794.88	21.89
Mineral	20.75	17.17	20.84	3,155.90	2,483.20	27.09
Other	9.89	8.76	12.99	1,502.01	1,265.76	18.67
Imports	11,742.17	10,753.79	9.19	1,782,529.66	1,554,929.52	14.64
Consumer Goods	2,558.36	2,431.11	5.23	388,383.57	351,437.02	10.51
Intermediate Goods	6,250.87	5,485.08	13.96	948,941.96	793,209.74	19.63
Investment Goods	2,799.02	2,829.85	-1.09	424,920.42	409,160.20	3.85
Other	133.92	7.75	1628.44	20,283.72	1,122.56	1,706.92
Trade Balance	-5,328.76	-4,731.97(b)		-808,357.98	-684,315.80(b)	18.90

(a) Provisional (b) Revised



4.5 Trade Indices (2000=100) (a)

Item	2017 July (b)	Month Ago (b)	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	141.39	137.41	124.08(c)
Quantity	143.78	131.62	131.95(c)
Unit Value	98.33	104.40	94.04(c)
Total Imports			
Value	142.40	137.91	128.23
Quantity	152.80	151.56	137.01
Unit Value	93.19	90.99	93.59
Terms of Trade	105.52	114.73	100.48(c)

(a) In US\$ Terms (b) Provisional (c) Revised

4.6 Commodity Prices

Item	July 2017 (a)	July 2016	% Change	July 2017 (a)	July 2016	% Change
	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Colombo Tea Auction	3.86	3.11	23.95	592.46	452.28	30.99
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	423.85	447.38	-5.26	65,131.14	65,052.61	0.12
Sugar	491.96	537.45	-8.46	75,598.08	78,148.80	-3.26
Wheat	254.68	250.06	1.85	39,135.65	36,360.49	7.63
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	49.75	46.10	7.91	7,644.98	6,703.93	14.04

(a) Provisional