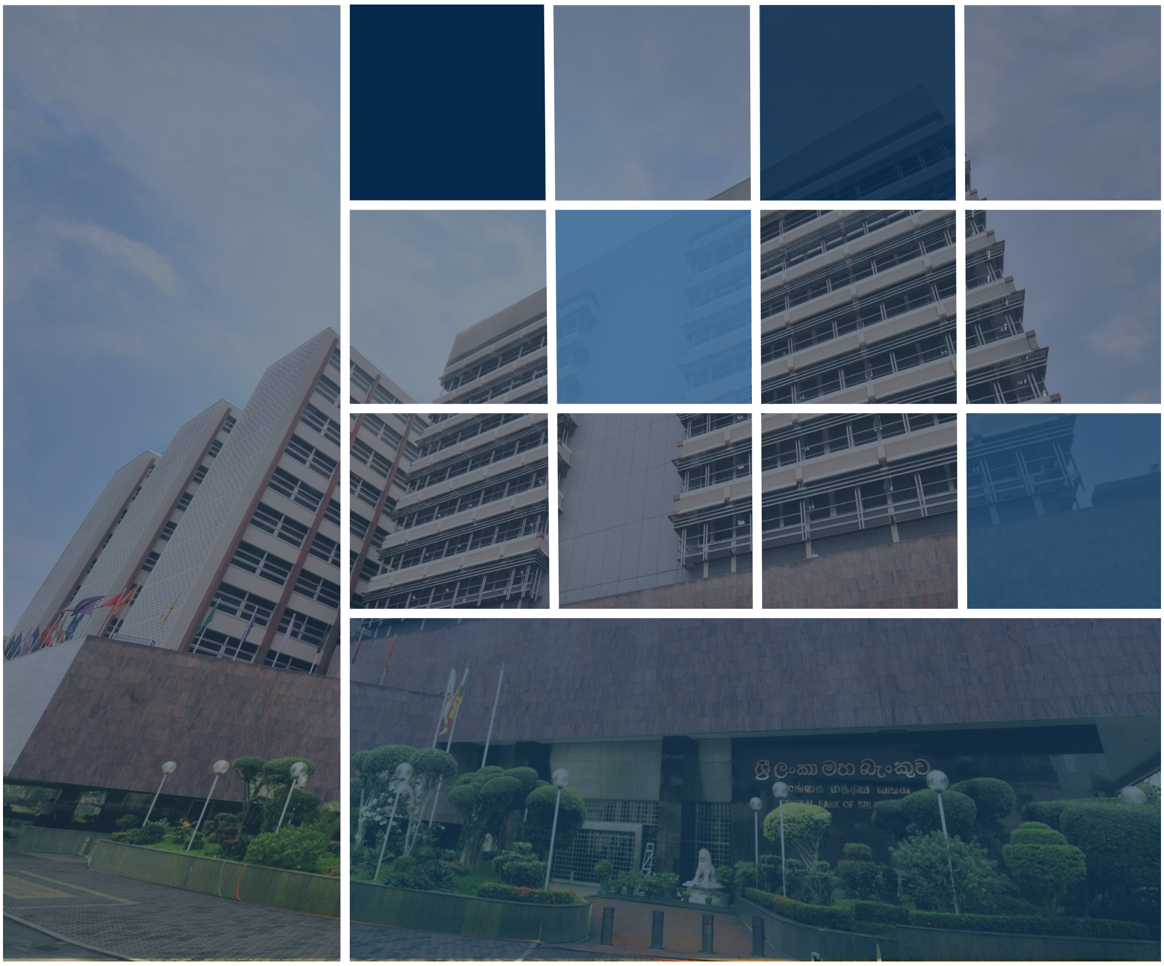
Weekly Economic Indicators

27th October 2017



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Highlights of the Week

Real Sector

The NCPI (2013=100) headline inflation accelerated to 8.6 per cent year-on-year in September 2017 from 7.9 per cent in August 2017. Both Food and Non-food categories contributed towards the year-on-year inflation in September 2017. The NCPI measured on an annual average basis increased from 6.5 per cent in August 2017 to 6.8 per cent in September 2017. When the monthly change is considered, the NCPI increased from 122.3 index points in August 2017 to 123.3 index points in September 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 to 4.6 per cent in September 2017 from 4.8 per cent in August 2017 on year-on-year basis. Annual average NCPI Core inflation declined from 5.8 per cent in August 2017 to 5.7 per cent in September 2017.

The Manufacturing Sector PMI recorded 59.0 in September 2017 which is an increase of 4.6 index points compared to August 2017.

The Services Sector PMI recorded 57.0 index points in September 2017 from 60.1 index points in August 2017.

The Unemployment rate declined on a year-on-year basis to 4.5 per cent in the 2017 Q2 from 4.6 per cent in 2016 Q2.

Economically active population in the economy (the Labour Force) increased by 4 per cent in 2017 Q2, year-on-year, due to the increase in employed population and unemployed population by 4.1 per cent and 0.7 per cent respectively.

At the beginning of the week, crude oil prices showed a mixed performance due to supply concerns in the Middle East and on news of impending restart of Britain's Buzzard oilfield and Iraq's plan to be exempted from OPEC production cuts. Later, prices rose after Saudi Arabia stated that it is determined to end the supply glut, raising the prospects of prolonging the output restraint once the OPEC-led supply cut pact comes to an end. However, WTI price subsequently fell due to a surprising increase in U.S. crude inventories by 856,000 barrels. Overall, Brent and WTI prices rose by US$ 0.7 per barrel and US$ 0.8 per barrel, respectively, within the week.

Monetary Sector

Weekly AWPR for the week ending 27 October 2017 increaseded by 23 bps to 11.32% compared to the previous week.

The reserve money decreased compared to the previous week mainly due to decrease in currency in circulation and deposits held by commercial banks.

The total outstanding market liquidity increased to a surplus of Rs.17.88 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 14.24 bn by the end of last week.

By 27 October 2017, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 0.61% to 6,613 points and the S&P SL20 Index increased by 1.07% to 3,873 points, compared to the previous week.

External Sector

During the year up to 27 October 2017 the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the US dollar (2.6 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the pound sterling (8.8 per cent), euro (11.8 per cent), Japanese yen (4.5 per cent) and Indian rupee (7.0 per cent) during this period.

Real Sector

1.1 Price Indices

Item (2013=100)	Sep 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI)	123.3	122.3	113.5
Monthly Change %	0.8	-0.1	0.2
Annual Average Change %	6.8	6.5	3.8
Year - on - Year Change %	8.6	7.9	4.7
Core Inflation - (NCPI)	123.1	123.0	117.7
Annual Average Change %	5.7	5.8	5.7
Year - on - Year Change %	4.6	4.8	5.7
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
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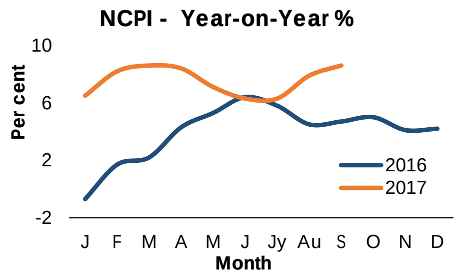

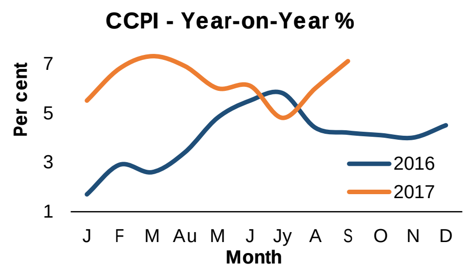

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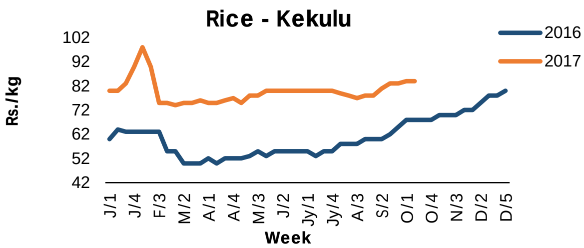
1.2 Prices

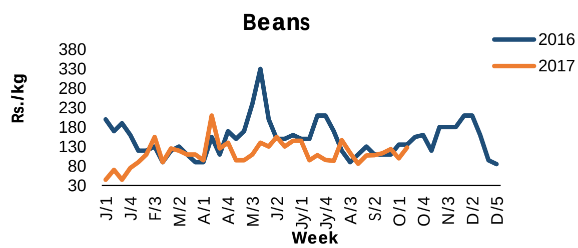
1.2.1 Pettah Market

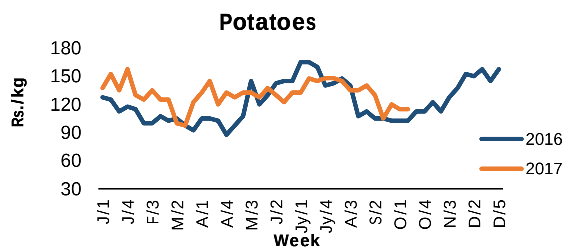
Food Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 27th Oct 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 27th Oct 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	104.00	103.00	99.25	80.97	111.00	108.00	104.25	90.39
Kekulu (Red)	84.00	82.00	81.25	60.29	90.00	90.00	87.50	68.73
Vegetables								
Beans	124.00	100.00	113.00	147.16	157.00	135.00	146.75	179.12
Cabbage	96.00	107.00	51.50	76.62	143.00	143.00	85.00	115.10
Carrots	118.00	100.00	86.25	121.42	146.00	133.00	120.50	158.24
Tomatoes	132.00	128.00	121.00	75.00	173.00	160.00	158.75	107.06
Pumpkins	50.00	57.00	36.75	60.29	76.00	85.00	59.50	83.33
Snake Gourd	92.00	90.00	82.75	76.18	120.00	123.00	125.00	112.94
Brinjals	118.00	130.00	136.00	66.57	153.00	163.00	171.00	103.92
Ash-Plantains	77.00	80.00	84.00	67.65	113.00	110.00	113.75	95.69
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	327.00	270.00	279.25	92.66	380.00	300.00	335.00	131.74
Big-Onions (Local)	148.00	112.50	93.38	74.50	177.00	135.00	121.25	96.47
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	108.00	110.00	123.75	122.58	140.00	140.00	152.50	146.23
Dried Chilies (Imported)	200.00	210.00	192.00	293.68	250.00	250.00	227.50	350.78
Dhal (Indian)	132.00	133.00	133.50	160.16	150.00	150.00	149.50	171.41
Eggs	9.50	9.00	11.56	14.30	10.50	10.00	12.44	14.79
Coconut (Each)	71.00	73.00	66.38	34.69	83.00	83.00	78.25	47.60
Fish*								
Kelawalla	500.00	500.00	605.00	508.20	800.00	800.00	860.00	682.00
Balaya	150.00	220.00	242.50	327.29	250.00	320.00	342.50	424.79
Salaya	80.00	140.00	122.50	141.43	140.00	200.00	195.00	197.14
Paraw (Small)	400.00	400.00	590.00	540.36	500.00	500.00	693.33	638.54

* Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Peliyagoda.

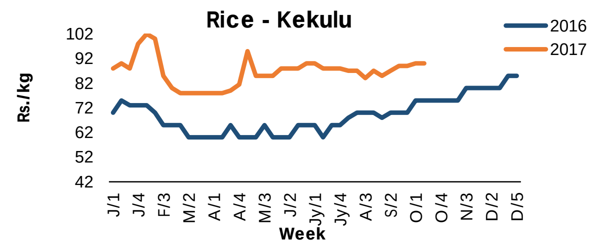
Pettah Market-Wholesale Prices

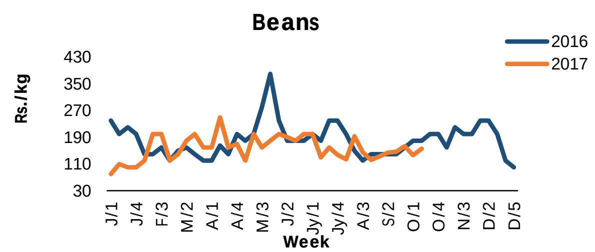


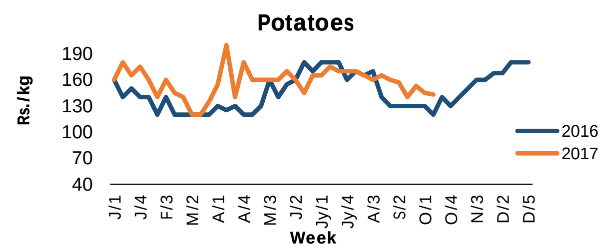




Pettah Market-Retail Prices







1.2.2 Dambulla Market

Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 26th Oct 2017	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	102.80	106.80
Kekulu (Red)	86.50	91.40
Vegetables		
Beans	120.50	141.00
Carrot	123.00	143.50
Tomatoes	119.00	139.00
Pumpkins	51.00	71.00
Snake Gourd	80.00	100.00
Ash-Plantains	69.00	89.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	287.30	298.80
Big-Onions (Local)	136.50	147.50
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	99.00	110.00
Dried Chilies(Imported)	200.50	211.50
Coconut (Each)	67.50	77.50

1.2.4 Marandagahamula Market

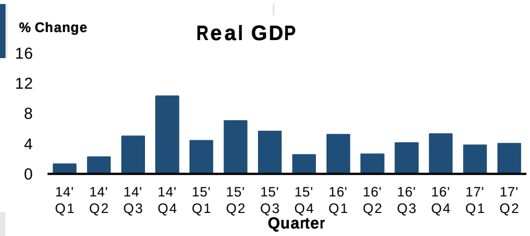
Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 27th Oct 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	101.70	102.00	96.29	77.58
Sudu Kekulu	87.50	87.50	85.11	62.91
Raw Red	81.60	82.25	81.26	59.59
Nadu	94.90	94.75	91.03	66.62

1.2.3 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	26th Oct 2017	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	110.00	105.00
Kekulu (Red)	90.00	90.00
Vegetables		
Beans	180.00	160.00
Cabbage	200.00	180.00
Carrots	200.00	200.00
Tomatoes	200.00	240.00
Pumpkings	100.00	80.00
Snake Gourd	180.00	180.00
Brinjals	180.00	160.00
Ash-Plantains	140.00	140.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Big-Onions (Imported)	170.00	120.00
Potatoes (Imported)	110.00	110.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	240.00	250.00
Dhal (Indian)	150.00	150.00
Eggs (Red)(Each)	10.00	11.00
Coconut (Each)	75.00	80.00
Fish		
Kelawalla	520.00	780.00
Balaya	200.00	360.00
Salaya	80.00	200.00
Paraw (Small)	350.00	620.00

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

Item	2015 Annual (a)(b)	2016 Annual (a)	2016 2nd Qtr (a)(b)	2017 2nd 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**

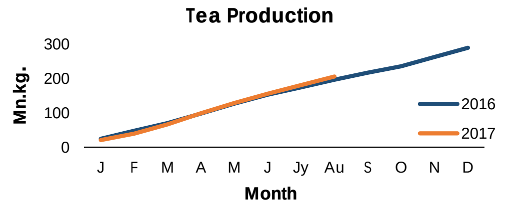


(a) Provisional (b) Revised

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.4 Agriculture Production

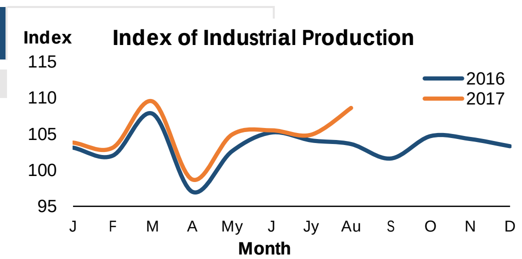
Item	Unit	2017(a) Jan - Aug	2016 Jan - Aug	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	205.78	199.02	3.40
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	58.20	58.55	-0.60
Coconut	(Mn Kg)	1,708.15	1,998.95	-14.55



(a) Provisional

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

Item	2017 Aug(b)	2016 Aug (b)	% Change
Index of Industrial Production (IIP)	**108.6**	**103.6**	**4.8**
Food products	108.6	103.3	5.1
Wearing apparel	109.8	101.6	8.1
Other non-metallic mineral products	108.6	108.5	0.1
Coke and refined petroleum products	106.1	96.1	10.4
Rubber and plastic products	106.9	106.7	0.0
Chemicals and chemical products	100.8	103.4	-2.5
Beverages	87.4	104.6	-16.4



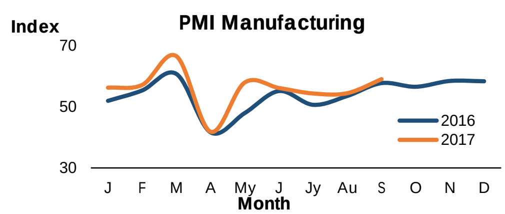
(a) Major 7 sub divisions (b) Provisional (c) Revised

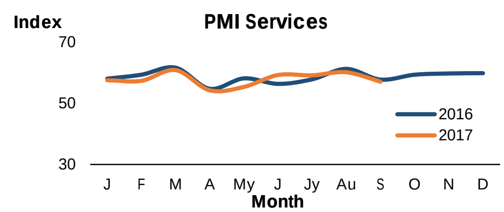
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.6 Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)

Month/Year	PMI Manufacturing			
	Sep. 2017	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2016	Aug. 2016
Index	59.0	54.4	57.7	53.5

PMI Services			
Sep. 2017	Aug. 2017	Sep. 2016	Aug. 2016
57.0	60.1	57.7	61.2

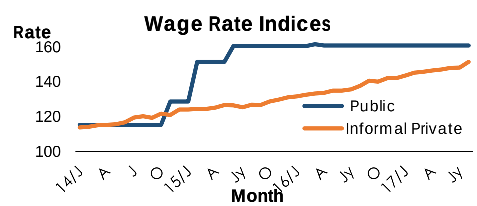




1.7 Wages and Employment

1.7.1 Wages rate Indicies

Item	2017 Aug	2016 Aug	% Change
Public Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	160.8	160.8	0.0
Informal Private Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	151.4	137.7	9.9
Agriculture	151.2	136.4	10.8
Industry	157.5	141.9	11.0
Services	145.6	134.3	8.5



1.7.2 Employment (a)

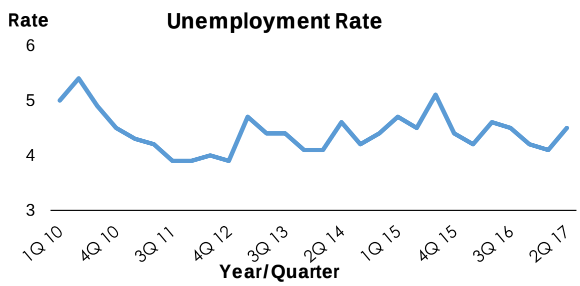
Item	2016 2nd Quarter	2017 (b) 2nd Quarter	2016 (b) Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	53.3	53.9	53.8
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.5	4.4
Employed Persons by Sectors (c) (as a % of total employment)			
Agriculture	25.1	26.0	27.1
Industry	27.1	28.3	26.4
Services	47.8	45.7	46.5

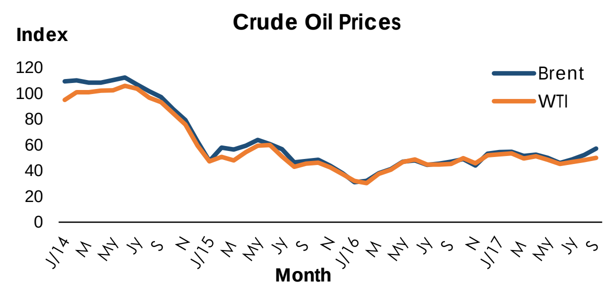
(a) The working age population aged 15 and above

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(b) Provisional

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





1.8 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	57.00	49.82	57.06
October	49.01	49.70	52.70			
November	44.01	45.66	47.66			
December	53.07	51.96	55.69			
	2016			2017		
20 October	50.12	50.31		58.39	51.63	
21 October	49.73	50.61		-	-	
22 October	-	-		-	-	
23 October	-	-		58.19	51.91	
24 October	49.15	50.18		58.34	52.32	
25 October	48.35	49.45		58.95	51.97	
26 October	48.28	48.75		59.05	52.41	

Sources: Reuters
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

(*) CPC import prices are not directly comparable with spot prices of WTI and Brent as import prices of CPC 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.

Monetary Sector

2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 27 Oct 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)	8.14	8.15	8.42
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offered Rate (SLIBOR)			
1-day	8.15	8.15	8.44
7-day	8.33	8.37	9.52
1-Month	9.26	9.22	10.59
3-Month	10.06	10.06	11.00
6-Month	11.71	11.66	11.52
12-Month	12.15	12.12	12.02
Treasury Bill Yields (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
91-day	8.76	8.79	-
182-day	9.12	9.12	9.48
364-day	9.51	9.46	10.24
Licensed Commercial Banks			
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	11.32	11.09	12.35
	Sep-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)			
	Sep-17	Month Ago	Year Ago
Savings Deposits	4.00	4.00	4.25
One Year Fixed Deposits	11.00	11.00	11.00

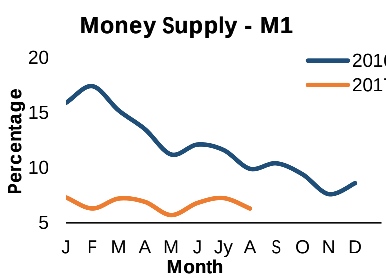
Treasury Bond Auction	05 Years & 00 Months	09 Years & 08 Months
	28/9/2017	28/9/2017
Coupon rate	10.00	11.75
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	10.09	10.31

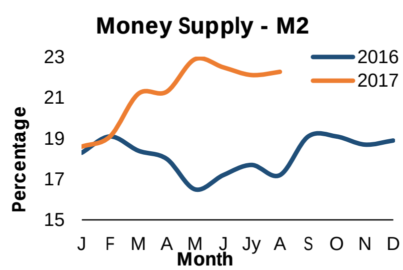
Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 27 Oct 2017	Week Ago	Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 27 Oct 2017	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	12.17	12.27	HSBC	9.24	9.20
People's Bank	11.77	13.04	Standard Chartered Bank	11.07	11.25
Hatton National Bank	11.78	11.91	Citi Bank	11.60	9.97
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	11.33	11.69	Deutsche Bank	10.03	10.02
Sampath Bank	11.63	12.18	Habib Bank	11.42	11.42
Seylan Bank	12.23	12.20	Indian Bank	12.92	12.92
Union Bank of Colombo	14.33	13.83	Indian Overseas Bank	13.42	13.42
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	14.00	15.90	MCB Bank	12.23	12.17
Nations Trust Bank	11.76	11.98	State Bank of India	12.53	12.53
DFCC Bank	12.78	13.70	Public Bank	13.00	13.00
NDB Bank	15.50	15.50	ICICI Bank	9.62	9.62
Amana Bank	13.06	12.65	Axis Bank	10.99	10.99
Cargills Bank	13.78	13.97			

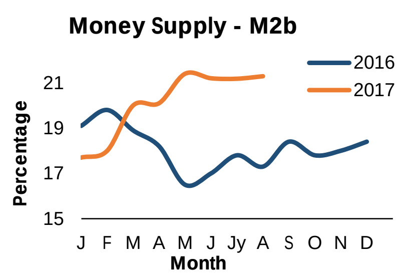
2.2 Money Supply

Item	Rs. bn			Annual Change (%)		
	2017 Aug (a)	Month Ago	Year Ago	2017 Aug (a)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Reserve Money	911.39	894.63	785.69	16.00	15.51	23.30
M1	759.14	768.43	714.18	6.29	7.24	9.88
M2	5,423.04	5,367.00	4,434.84	22.28	22.12	17.20
M2b	6,050.58	5,986.62	4,988.56	21.29	21.18	17.31
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-50.10	-125.08	-281.52	82.20	71.42	-0.96
Monetary Authorities	745.77	674.10	499.01	49.45	61.72	10.67
Commercial Banks	-795.86	-799.18	-780.53	-1.96	6.47	-6.96
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-312.95	-288.79	-268.90	-16.38	-0.64	-12.25
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	-482.91	-510.39	-511.63	5.61	10.06	-4.38
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	6,100.68	6,111.70	5,270.08	15.76	13.64	16.30
Net Credit to the Government	2,237.51	2,254.46	1,937.92	15.46	10.95	11.66
Monetary Authorities	293.54	339.54	396.55	-25.97	-25.55	62.15
Commercial Banks	1,943.97	1,914.91	1,541.37	26.12	21.51	3.37
DBUs	1,578.09	1,548.48	1,208.39	30.59	30.65	2.10
OBUs	365.88	366.43	332.98	9.88	-6.23	8.29
Credit to Public Corporations	502.94	513.43	441.50	13.92	8.76	-8.50
DBUs	304.77	306.66	266.63	14.30	15.09	19.99
OBUs	198.17	206.77	174.87	13.33	0.56	-32.82
Credit to the Private Sector	4,609.05	4,555.81	3,905.88	18.00	18.00	27.28
DBUs	4,281.67	4,230.05	3,616.59	18.39	18.29	27.63
OBUs	327.38	325.75	289.29	13.17	14.37	23.03
Other Items (Net)	-1,248.83	-1,211.99	-1,015.22	-23.01	-22.79	-34.37

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b

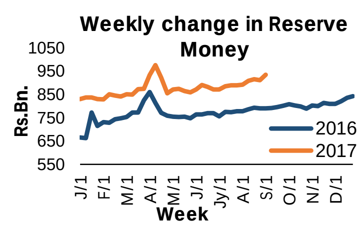






2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	26 Oct 2017	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	911,030.73	920,124.38	-9,093.66



2.4 Money Market Activity(Overnight)

Item	23.10.2017	24.10.2017	25.10.2017	26.10.2017	27.10.2017
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.14	8.14	8.14	8.15	8.14
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	35,005	21,970	22,095	18,690	21,735
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	7.70	7.71	7.67	7.66	7.65
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	12,516	10,803	12,055	13,007	6,206

2.5 CBSL Securites Portfolio

Item	23.10.2017	24.10.2017	25.10.2017	26.10.2017	27.10.2017
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Face Value (Rs. Mn)	51,986.04	51,986.04	51,986.04	51,986.04	51,986.04
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Book Value (Rs. Mn)	50,923.25	50,946.54	50,959.77	50,978.09	50,990.86

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	23.10.2017	24.10.2017	25.10.2017	26.10.2017	27.10.2017	
Short-Term Auction						
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	7.00	12.00	12.00	16.00	14.00	
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)	7.39	14.93	12.84	14.44	20.70	
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	7.00	12.00	12.00	14.44	14.00	
Minimum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	
Maximum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	
Outright Auctions						
Outright Sales Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	4.00
Outright Purchase Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Settlement Date	-	-	-	-	30.10.2017	30.10.2017
Maturity Date	-	-	-	-	15.12.2017	22.12.2017
Tenure (No. of Days)	0	0	0	0	46	53
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.20	7.70
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	4.00
Minimum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.45	8.48
Maximum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.47	8.50
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.46	8.49
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 Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Maximum Aaccepted 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)	4.033	13.329	5.281	9.248	6.233	
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.005	5.600	2.300	2.500	2.350	
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	11.028	19.729	14.981	21.184	17.883	

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

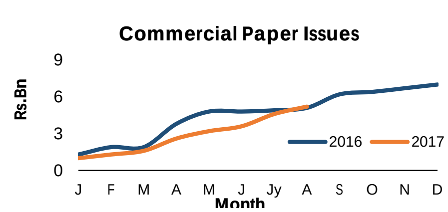
(a) Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks (LCBs) (b) Provisional

2.8 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

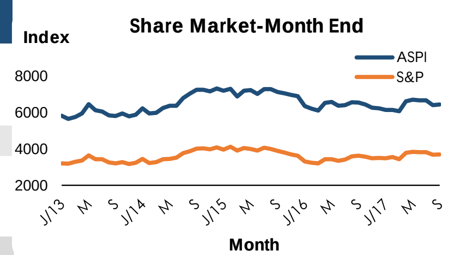
(a) Based on the information provided by LCBs and Licensed Specialised Banks (LSBs)

(b) Provisional (c) During the year



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 27 Oct 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,612.91	6,572.70	6,438.50
S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000) (S&P SL20)	3,872.50	3,831.42	3,584.06
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. mn)	833.40	981.50	421.00
Market Capitalisation (Rs.bn)	3,006.73	2,980.84	2,744.86
Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	27.64	88.94	34.36
Foreign Sales (Rs. mn)	88.84	37.04	52.80
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	-61.20	51.90	-18.44

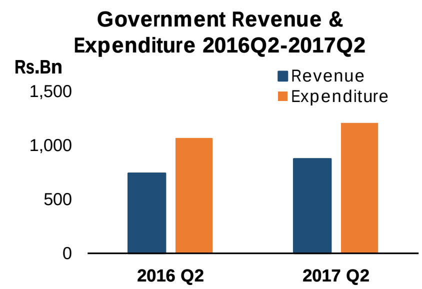


Fiscal Sector

3.1 Goverment Finance (Rs.bn)

Item	2016 Q2	2017 Q2(a)
Revenue and Grants	**742.3**	**877.6**
Revenue	741.8	876.3
Tax	684.9	819.0
Non tax	56.9	57.3
Grants	0.5	1.3
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	**1,070.6**	**1,210.2**
Recurrent	835.5	918.2
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	235.0	292.0

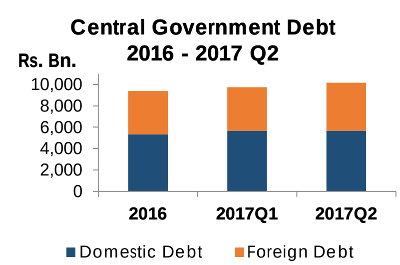
(a) Provisional



3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	End 2016	2017 Q2(a)
Total domestic debt	**5,341.5**	**5,666.5**
of which		
Treasury bills	779.6	768.1
Treasury bonds	3,714.8	3,798.5
Rupee loans	24.1	24.1
Total foreign debt	4,045.8	4,497.4
Total outstanding govt. debt	9,387.3	10,163.9

(a) Provisional

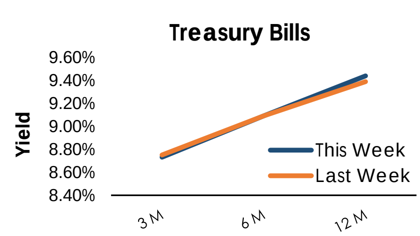


3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates for the week ending - 25th October 2017

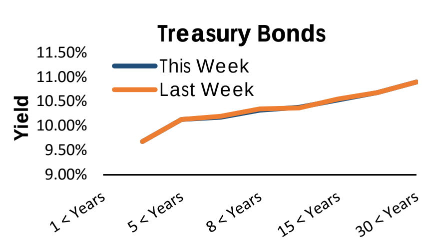
Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
				This Week			Last Week
		This Week	Last Week	Buying	Selling	Average	Average
Treasury Bills	3 Months	8.76%	8.79%	8.81%	8.65%	8.73%	8.75%
	6 Months	9.12%	9.12%	9.14%	9.04%	9.09%	9.09%
	12 Months	9.51%	9.46%	9.51%	9.36%	9.44%	9.39%
Treasury Bonds(b)	< 2 Years	-	-	9.73%	9.62%	9.68%	9.68%
	< 5 Years	-	-	10.19%	10.06%	10.13%	10.13%
	< 6 Years	-	-	10.24%	10.13%	10.18%	10.20%
	< 8 Years	-	-	10.36%	10.28%	10.32%	10.35%
	< 10 Years	-	-	10.43%	10.33%	10.38%	10.37%
	< 15 Years	-	-	10.57%	10.50%	10.53%	10.55%
	< 20 Years	-	-	10.73%	10.64%	10.68%	10.68%
	< 30 Years	-	-	10.98%	10.82%	10.90%	10.90%

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 25/10/2017
(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 and T-Bonds have shown a mixed behaviour 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%	3.70%	3.65%
	27-Jul-21	6.250%	3.90%	3.87%
	18-Jan-22	5.750%	4.13%	4.09%
	25-Jul-22	5.875%	4.24%	4.18%
	14-Jan-19	6.000%	3.01%	2.98%
	11-Apr-19	5.125%	3.20%	3.17%
	3-Jun-25	6.125%	5.02%	4.98%
	3-Nov-25	6.850%	5.12%	5.09%
	18-Jul-26	6.825%	5.22%	5.19%
	11-May-27	6.200%	5.34%	5.29%



3.4 Goverment Securities - Weekly Summery of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 25th October 2017)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	768,638.04	775,061.51
Treasury Bonds (a)	4,060,179.19	4,060,179.19
Total	**4,828,817.23**	**4,835,240.70**
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	301,690.46	298,765.33
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	641,765.79	641,215.77

The outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by foreigners has increased by 0.98 per cent during the reporting week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total Bids Received	62,458.00	40,182.00
Total Bids Accepted	19,594.00	14,747.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	-	-
Total Bids Received	-	-
Total Bids Accepted	-	-

The weekly T-bill auction was over subscribed by 3.1 times during the reporting week.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	18,447.26	8,071.43
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	279,189.93	251,553.75
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	51,375.90	42,766.66
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	505,367.67	309,008.34

The total secondary market transactions of T bills and T bonds increased by 39.74 per cent 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 Qoutes (Treasury Bills) - 27/10/2017

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	99.29	8.58	99.31	8.41	0.01
2 Month	98.58	8.67	98.60	8.52	0.02
3 Month	97.83	8.80	97.87	8.65	0.04
4 Month	97.08	8.87	97.13	8.74	0.04
5 Month	96.31	8.99	96.37	8.84	0.06
6 Month	95.50	9.13	95.54	9.04	0.05
7 Month	94.73	9.16	94.79	9.06	0.06
8 Month	93.94	9.22	94.01	9.11	0.07
9 Month	93.15	9.26	93.23	9.15	0.08
10 Month	92.34	9.33	92.44	9.20	0.10
11 Month	91.52	9.38	91.64	9.24	0.12
12 Month	90.61	9.52	90.76	9.37	0.15

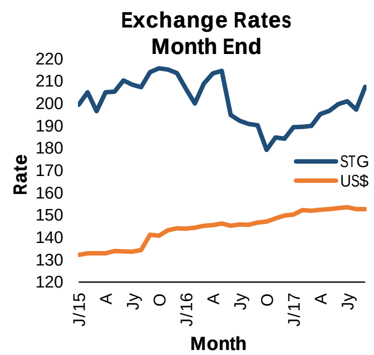
3.6 Two way Qoutes (Treasury Bonds) - 27/10/2017

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	97	99.79	9.15	99.81	9.06	0.02
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	156	99.70	9.17	99.74	9.08	0.04
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	217	99.55	9.26	99.61	9.17	0.05
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	261	99.42	9.31	99.50	9.21	0.07
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	292	98.56	9.38	98.64	9.27	0.09
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	353	99.35	9.46	99.45	9.35	0.10
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	384	98.49	9.53	98.59	9.43	0.10
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	445	95.56	9.58	95.67	9.49	0.10
10.75%2019A	2	15-Jan-19	445	101.20	9.65	101.33	9.54	0.13
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	551	98.42	9.65	98.59	9.52	0.18
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	612	101.34	9.70	101.51	9.58	0.17
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	688	101.35	9.79	101.54	9.67	0.19
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	735	96.78	9.80	96.93	9.71	0.15
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	917	98.48	9.95	98.73	9.83	0.25
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	948	95.81	9.86	96.00	9.77	0.20
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,009	91.22	9.90	91.43	9.81	0.21
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	1,145	98.83	9.94	99.11	9.83	0.28
10.75%2021A	5	1-Mar-21	1,221	101.98	10.03	102.28	9.92	0.30
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	1,282	96.86	10.08	97.11	10.00	0.25
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	1,374	102.66	10.12	102.94	10.03	0.28
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	1,449	98.09	10.04	98.27	9.99	0.18
11.50%2021A	5	15-Dec-21	1,510	104.51	10.13	104.88	10.02	0.36
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	1,527	92.91	10.12	93.19	10.03	0.29
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	1,708	103.69	10.18	104.12	10.07	0.43
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	1,800	99.17	10.21	99.59	10.10	0.42
11.50%2023A	6	15-May-23	2,026	105.15	10.26	105.70	10.13	0.55
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,135	94.69	10.22	95.07	10.13	0.38
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,135	104.08	10.25	104.59	10.13	0.52
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	2,165	85.94	10.22	86.38	10.11	0.44
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	2,257	104.94	10.29	105.41	10.19	0.47
11.00%2024A	8	1-Aug-24	2,470	103.11	10.34	103.74	10.21	0.63
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	2,592	78.77	10.29	79.00	10.23	0.23
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	2,696	99.38	10.37	99.86	10.27	0.48
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	2,743	92.71	10.42	93.02	10.36	0.31
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	2,835	103.25	10.37	103.72	10.29	0.48
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,019	92.54	10.36	92.87	10.30	0.33
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,047	72.44	10.36	72.71	10.30	0.27
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,139	103.12	10.44	103.69	10.34	0.57
11.50%2026A	10	1-Aug-26	3,200	106.11	10.41	106.69	10.32	0.58
11.75%2027A	10	15-Jun-27	3,518	107.85	10.43	108.43	10.34	0.58
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	3,839	90.47	10.52	90.80	10.46	0.33
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	3,900	90.45	10.51	90.80	10.45	0.36
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	3,962	106.34	10.50	106.89	10.42	0.55
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,084	115.56	10.59	115.97	10.53	0.41
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	4,204	115.77	10.60	116.21	10.54	0.44
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	4,583	102.05	10.70	102.88	10.58	0.83
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	5,179	81.24	10.58	81.46	10.55	0.22
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	5,453	88.16	10.60	88.39	10.56	0.24
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	5,696	87.66	10.64	88.11	10.57	0.45
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	5,726	119.40	10.67	119.92	10.61	0.52
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	5,849	87.10	10.70	87.51	10.64	0.41
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	5,910	119.07	10.74	119.64	10.67	0.57
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	6,348	104.73	10.89	106.29	10.69	1.56
12.00%2041A	25	1-Jan-41	8,467	110.06	10.81	110.38	10.77	0.32
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	9,348	83.81	10.89	84.74	10.76	0.93
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	9,562	121.97	10.94	123.00	10.84	1.03
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	9,714	121.08	11.03	122.61	10.88	1.54
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	9,987	110.70	11.23	114.28	10.86	3.57

External Sector

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item	Week Ending - 27 Oct 2017			Average Rate	
(Rs Per Unit)(a)	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US$	151.62	155.42	153.52	153.54	147.57
STG	198.30	204.99	201.65	201.53	180.39
Yen	1.32	1.37	1.35	1.36	1.41
Euro	175.33	181.92	178.63	181.52	160.83
INR(1)			2.37	2.36	2.20
SDR (As at 26 Oct 2017)			217.10	216.98	201.85
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US$ Mn.)			Sep 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			186.50	200.00	131.29
Sales			-	-	15.20



Item	Week Ending 27 Oct 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US$ Mn.)	49.18	29.61	20.55
(spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)			
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US$) (2)			
1 Month	154.71	154.57	148.43
3 Months	156.40	156.32	150.41
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US$ mn)	30.53	18.13	39.26
Outstanding Forward Volume (US$ mn) (As at 26 Oct 2017)	1,582.61	1,540.94	1,406.40

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

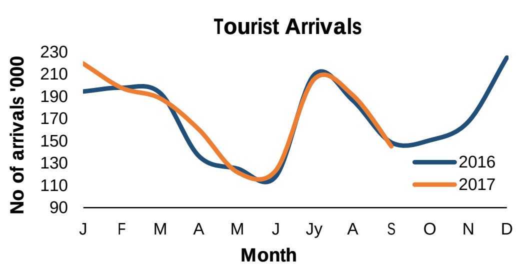
(b) Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates total for the Month

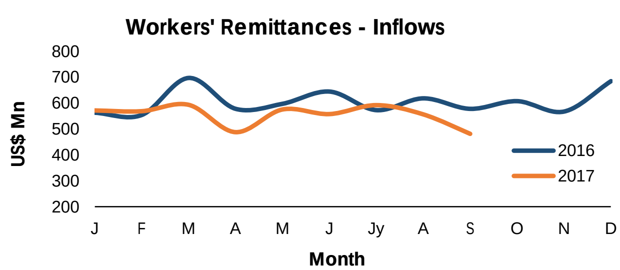
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

Item		2016 Sep (a)(b)	2017 Sep (c)(d)	2016 Jan-Sep (a)(b)	2017 Jan-Sep (c)(d)	% Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	148,499	145,077	1,508,405	1,551,931	2.89
Earnings from Tourism(d)	US$ Mn.	254.77	248.90	2,587.88	2,662.55	2.89
	Rs.bn.	37.14	38.06	374.66	404.79	8.04
		2016 Sep	2017 Sep (c)	2016 Jan-Sep	2017 Jan- Sep(c)	% Change
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US$ Mn.	577.88	481.38	5,382.02	4,984.71	-7.38
	Rs. bn.	84.25	73.60	779.49	758.20	-2.73

(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 Official Reserve Assets as at 30th September 2017 (a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)	**7,288.12**
(1) Foreign Currency Reserves	6,295.15
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	67.63
(3) SDRs	2.30
(4) Gold	922.02
(5) Other Reserve Assets	1.02

(a) Provisional

4.4 International Reserves & foriegn Currency Liqiudity 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)

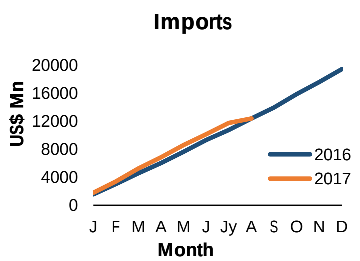
Item		Total	Maturity breakdown (residual maturity)		
			Up to 1 month	More than 1 and up to 3 months	More than 3 months and up to 1 year
1. Foreign currency loans, securities, and deposits					
outflows (–)	Principal	-3,789.49	-431.48	-121.3	-3,236.71
	Interest	-1,231.19	-110.75	-188.42	-932.03
inflows (+)	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		

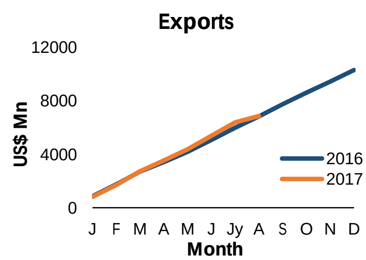
(a) Provisional
(b) This mainly includes only the predetermined outflows
(c) A major share of SWAP outstanding will be rolled over. This mainly includes SWAP arrangements with state banks which mobilised long-term foreign finance from international bond issuances

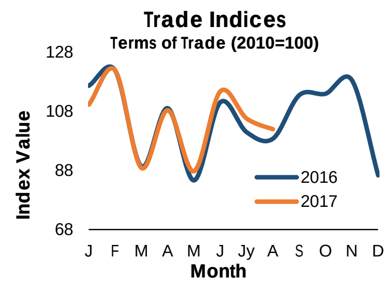
4.5 External Trade

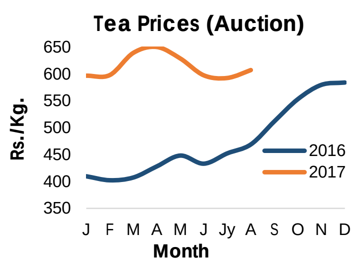
Item	US$ Mn			Rs Mn		
	Jan-Aug 2017 (a)	Jan-Aug 2016	% Change	Jan-Aug 2017 (a)	Jan-Aug 2016	% Change
Exports	**7,413.11**	**6,888.14 (b)**	**7.62**	**1,127,317.30**	**996,749.31 (b)**	**13.10**
Agricultural	1,815.05	1,520.60	19.36	276,075.06	220,097.25	25.43
Industrial	5,562.26	5,337.61 (b)	4.21	845,792.89	772,319.54 (b)	9.51
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	259.08	222.41 (b)	16.49	39,442.94	32,174.95 (b)	22.59
Textiles and Garments	3,283.45	3,333.65	-1.51	499,204.49	482,332.19	3.50
Petroleum Products	252.69	185.39	36.30	38,434.66	26,827.33	43.27
Leather, Rubber products etc.	645.06	624.09	3.36	98,115.72	90,325.59	8.62
Other	1,121.98	972.07	15.42	170,595.08	140,659.48	21.28
Mineral	24.52	19.68	24.56	3,733.74	2,849.36	31.04
Other	11.29	10.25	10.13	1,715.61	1,483.15	15.67
Imports	**13,599.07**	**12,402.88**	**9.64**	**2,066,993.84**	**1,795,038.46**	**15.15**
Consumer Goods	2,952.13	2,824.85	4.51	448,707.70	408,766.00	9.77
Intermediate Goods	7,271.71	6,309.04	15.26	1,105,327.17	913,177.98	21.04
Investment Goods	3,237.74	3,259.57	-0.67	492,129.52	471,727.42	4.32
Other	137.48	9.43	1358.34	20,829.45	1,367.07	1,423.66
Trade Balance	**-6,185.96**	**-5,514.75 (b)**	**-**	**-939,676.54**	**-798,289.16 (b)**	**-**

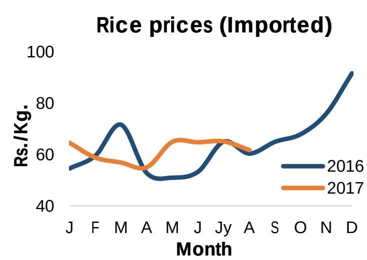
(a) Provisional (b) Revised

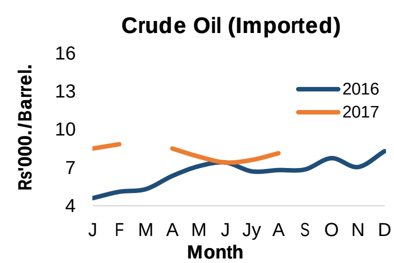












4.6 Trade Indices (2010=100) (a)

Item		2017 August (b)	Month Ago (b)	Year Ago
Total Exports				
	Value	139.27	141.25	120.57(c)
	Quantity	139.51	143.52	128.38(c)
	Unit Value	99.82	98.42	93.92(c)
Total Imports				
	Value	166.19	142.40	147.59
	Quantity	169.62	152.80	151.38
	Unit Value	97.98	93.19	97.50
Terms of Trade		101.88	105.61	96.33(c)

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

4.7 Commodity Prices

Item	August 2017 (a)	August 2016	% Change	August 2017 (a)	August 2016	% Change
	US$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Colombo Tea Auction	3.96	3.22	23.10	607.19	468.81	29.50
Imports (C I F)	US$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	402.97	414.84	-2.90	61,732.58	60,400.41	2.20
Sugar	479.65	558.56	-14.10	73,479.03	81,326.99	-9.60
Wheat	252.04	259.66	-2.90	38,610.60	37,807.16	2.10
	US$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	53.07	46.71	13.6	8,130.07	6,800.80	19.5

(a) Provisional