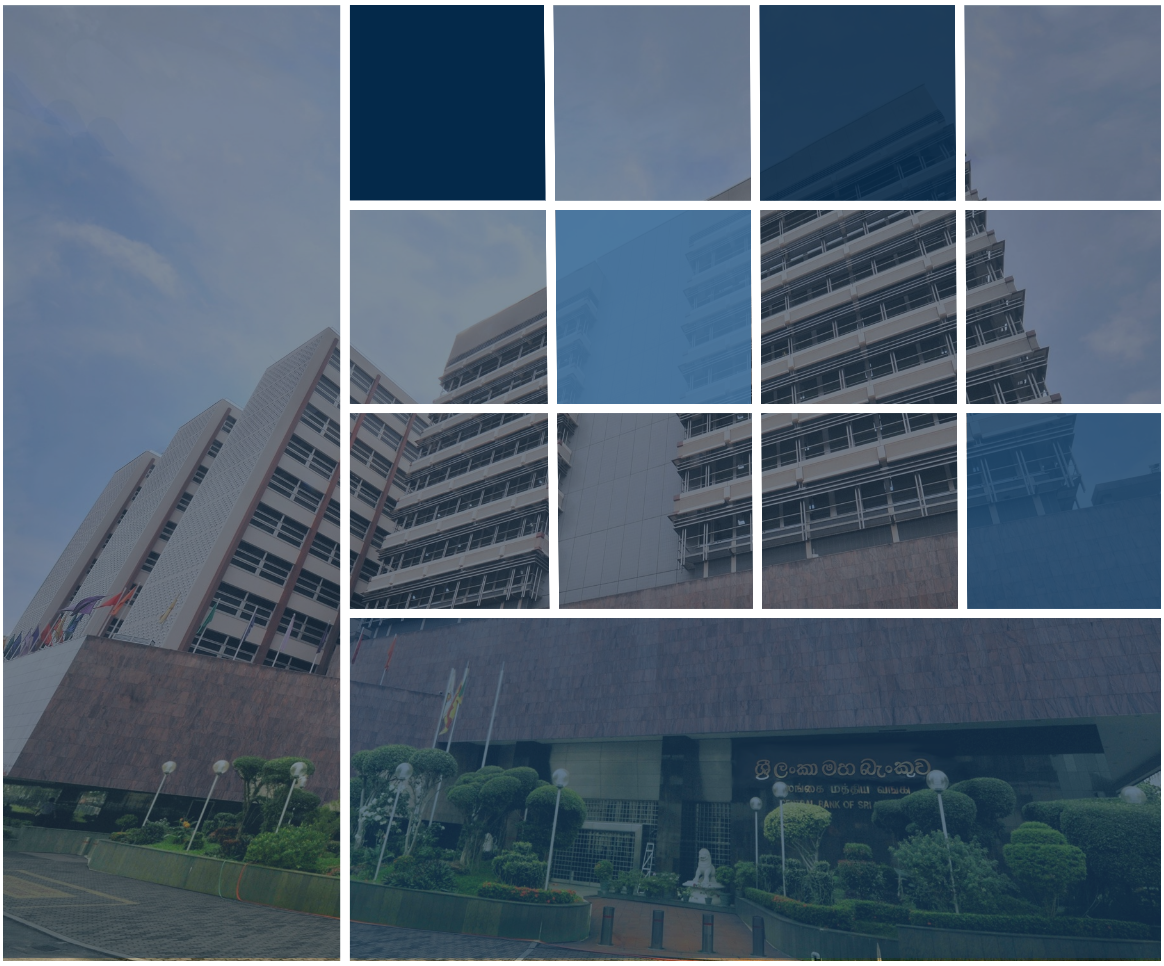
Weekly Economic Indicators

15th December 2017



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Highlights of the Week

Real Sector

GDP grew by 3.3 per cent in real terms in the third quarter of 2017, mainly attributable to 4.3 per cent growth in Services activities and 1.9 per cent growth in Industry activities while Agriculture activities contracted by 3.3 per cent, in value added terms.

During the first ten months of 2017, the domestic tea production increased due to the increasing trend in prices at the Colombo Tea Auction and the production of rubber increased marginally due to increaseing global demand. Meanwhile, the coconut production declined considerably for the same period.

The IIP in October 2017 has increased by 3.7 per cent in comparison with the corresponding month of 2016. Among the major sub divisions of the manufacturing industries; volume of products of 'Coke and refined petroleum products' (7.5%),'Wearing Apparels' (6.4%), 'Rubber and plastic products'(6.3%) and 'Food products' (4.5%) have contributed to the overall increase in production during the month of October, 2017 compared to that of October, 2016 and 'Beverages' and 'Other non-metallic mineral products' decreased by 15.1% and 2.9% respectively during this period.

The Manufacturing Sector PMI recorded 58.8 in November which is an increase of 4.0 index points compared to October 2017. This indicates that the Manufacturing activities expanded at a higher pace in November compared to October 2017.

The Services Sector PMI recorded 57.4 index points in November from 55.3 index points in October 2017. This indicates that the Services sector accelerated at a moderate pace in November 2017.

At the beginning of the week, crude oil spot prices rose with Brent crude oil price exceeding US$ 66 per barrel for the first time since mid-2015 as the shutdown of the Forties North Sea oil pipeline knocked out significant amount of supplies from the market. Subsequently, prices fell after industry data showed an increase in gasoline and distillate fuel stocks in the U.S. Further, U.S. oil production rose close to 10 million barrels per day. However, towards the end of the week, prices rose supported by the ongoing outage of the Forties pipeline in the North Sea and the OPEC-led production cuts. Hence, the overall volatility of both Brent and WTI prices within the period was marginal.

Monetary Sector

Weekly AWPR for the week ending 15 December 2017 declined by 32 bps to 11.26% compared to the previous week.

The reserve money increased compared to the previous week mainly due to increase in currency in circulation.

The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to a surplus of Rs. 19.17 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 22.90 bn by the end of last week.

By 15 December 2017, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 0.36% to 6,352 points and the S&P SL20 Index decreased by 0.55% to 3,693 points, compared to the previous week.

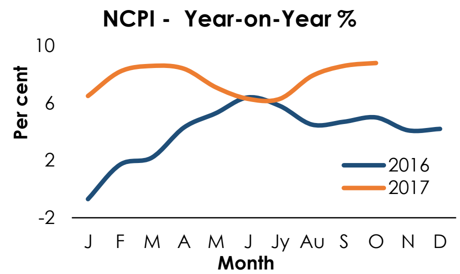
External Sector

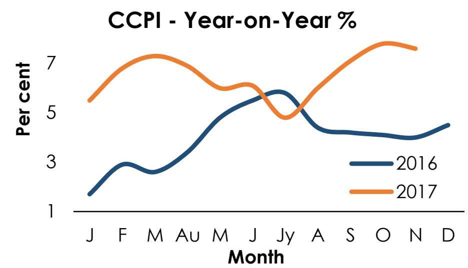
During the year up to 15 December 2017 the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the US dollar (2.3 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the Pound Sterling (10.7 per cent), Euro (12.7 per cent), Japanese Yen (5.9 per cent) and Indian Rupee (7.5 per cent) during this period.

Real Sector

1.1 Price Indices

Item (2013=100)	Oct 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI)	124.8	123.3	114.7
Monthly Change %	1.2	0.8	1.1
Annual Average Change %	7.1	6.8	4.0
Year - on - Year Change %	8.8	8.6	5.0
Core Inflation - (NCPI)	123.1	123.1	118.2
Annual Average Change %	5.6	5.7	5.7
Year - on - Year Change %	4.1	4.6	5.7
Item (2013=100)	**Nov 2017**	**Month Ago**	**Year Ago**
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI)	122.2	120.8	113.6
Monthly Change %	1.2	0.9	1.3
Annual Average Change %	6.4	6.1	4.0
Year - on - Year Change %	7.6	7.8	4.0
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	124.7	123.4	118.5
Annual Average Change %	6.0	6.0	4.5
Year - on - Year Change %	5.2	5.8	4.8





Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.2 Prices

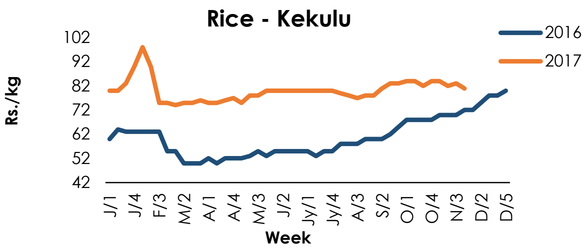
1.2.1 Pettah Market

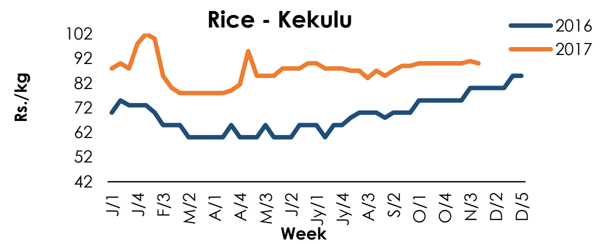
Food Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 15th Dec 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 15th Dec 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	106.00	103.00	104.60	80.97	110.00	110.00	110.60	90.39
Kekulu (Red)	81.00	82.00	82.40	60.29	90.00	90.00	90.00	68.73
Vegetables								
Beans	230.00	175.00	119.40	147.16	278.00	230.00	147.00	179.12
Cabbage	88.00	90.00	101.80	76.62	150.00	130.00	144.20	115.10
Carrots	106.00	125.00	149.40	121.42	153.00	160.00	188.40	158.24
Tomatoes	66.00	55.00	76.80	75.00	92.00	90.00	117.60	107.06
Pumpkins	53.00	60.00	59.60	60.29	80.00	80.00	85.50	83.33
Snake Gourd	125.00	105.00	119.60	76.18	167.00	140.00	154.20	112.94
Brinjals	130.00	120.00	140.20	66.57	165.00	160.00	174.00	103.92
Ash-Plantains	100.00	80.00	86.60	67.65	125.00	120.00	122.60	95.69
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	457.00	400.00	394.00	92.66	530.00	460.00	455.60	131.74
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	142.50	74.50	n.a.	n.a.	167.50	96.47
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	125.00	115.00	115.00	122.58	160.00	155.00	143.00	146.23
Dried Chilies (Imported)	210.00	210.00	211.70	293.68	260.00	250.00	248.00	350.78
Dhal (Indian)	115.00	118.00	121.80	160.16	130.00	130.00	139.40	171.41
Eggs	13.00	13.00	12.80	14.30	14.00	14.00	13.80	14.79
Coconut (Each)	81.00	80.00	78.80	34.69	90.00	85.00	91.20	47.60
Fish*								
Kelawalla	470.00	620.00	482.50	508.20	750.00	900.00	753.33	682.00
Balaya	230.00	350.00	240.00	327.29	350.00	450.00	353.33	424.79
Salaya	100.00	160.00	127.50	141.43	180.00	200.00	186.67	197.14
Paraw (Small)	450.00	500.00	501.25	540.36	570.00	600.00	593.33	638.54

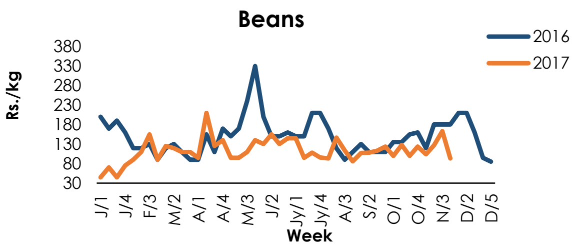
* Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Peliyagoda.

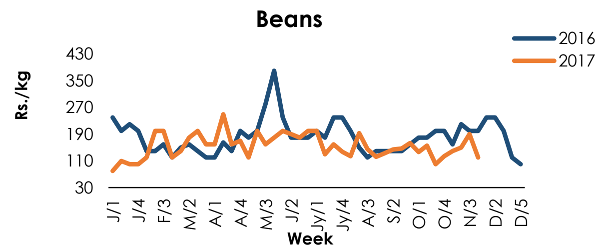
Pettah Market-Wholesale Prices

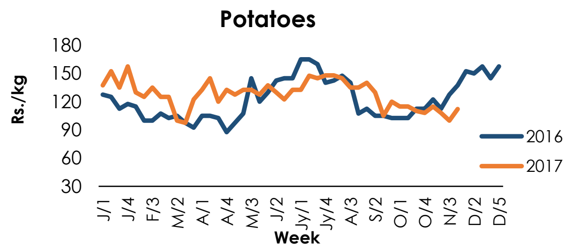
Pettah Market-Retail Prices

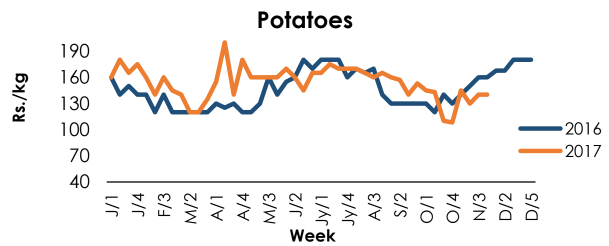












1.2.2 Dambulla Market

Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 14th Dec 2017	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	106.20	111.00
Kekulu (Red)	84.20	88.60
Vegetables		
Beans	225.00	246.00
Carrot	146.50	166.50
Tomatoes	62.00	82.00
Pumpkins	53.20	73.20
Snake Gourd	95.50	115.50
Ash-Plantains	78.50	98.50
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	362.00	373.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	107.50	118.50
Dried Chilies(Imported)	205.00	217.50
Coconut (Each)	73.50	80.40

1.2.4 Marandagahamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 15th Dec 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	104.25	103.70	102.00	77.58
Sudu Kekulu	89.75	88.30	86.50	62.91
Raw Red	84.63	83.80	82.90	59.59
Nadu	96.63	95.80	94.24	66.62

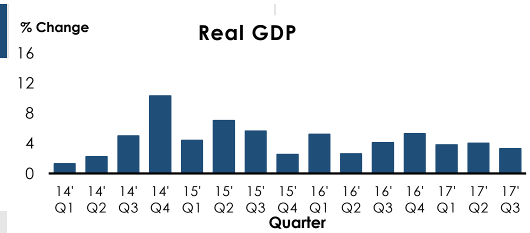
1.2.3 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	14th Dec 2017	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	110.00	110.00
Kekulu (Red)	87.00	90.00
Vegetables		
Beans	360.00	280.00
Cabbage	200.00	200.00
Carrots	200.00	200.00
Tomatoes	120.00	120.00
Pumpkings	120.00	120.00
Snake Gourd	180.00	200.00
Brinjals	180.00	180.00
Ash-Plantains	160.00	140.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	300.00	400.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	150.00	140.00
Potatoes (Imported)	80.00	70.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	240.00	220.00
Dhal (Indian)	130.00	125.00
Eggs (Red)(Each)	14.00	14.00
Coconut (Each)	95.00	75.00
Fish		
Kelawalla	420.00	620.00
Balaya	350.00	350.00
Salaya	180.00	160.00
Paraw (Small)	620.00	550.00

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 3rd Qtr (a)(b)	2017 3rd Qtr (a)
Agriculture	4.8	-4.2	-2.0	-3.3
Industry	2.1	6.7	5.9	1.9
Services	5.7	4.2	4.8	4.3
Taxes less subsidies on products	7.5	6.2	5.6	5.5
GDP	**4.8**	**4.4**	**4.6**	**3.3**

(a) Provisional (b) Revised

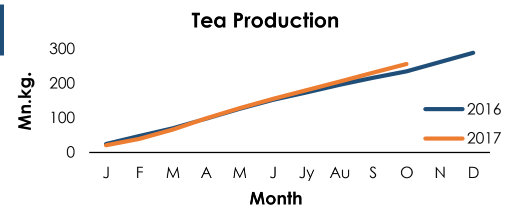


Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.4 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2017(a) Jan - Oct	2016 Jan - Oct	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	256.71	237.68	8.01
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	70.24	68.99	1.81
Coconut	(Mn Kg)	2,097.70	2,512.22	-16.50

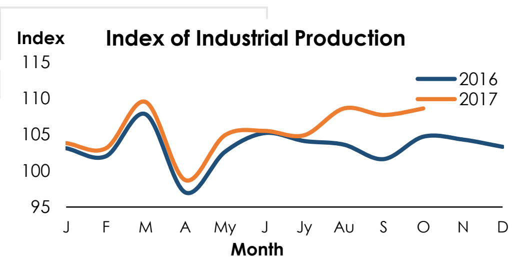
(a) Provisional



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

Item	2017 Oct(b)	2016 Oct (c)	% Change
Index of Industrial Production (IIP)	**108.6**	**104.7**	**3.7**
Food products	104.7	100.2	4.5
Wearing apparel	113.0	106.2	6.4
Other non-metallic mineral products	110.6	113.9	-2.9
Coke and refined petroleum products	105.4	98.0	7.5
Rubber and plastic products	112.7	106.0	6.3
Chemicals and chemical products	99.3	98.5	0.9
Beverages	99.5	117.2	-15.1

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

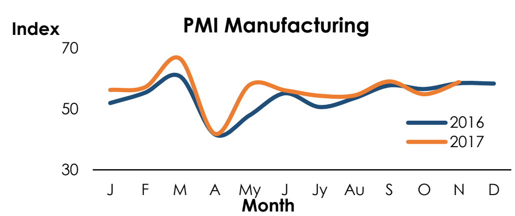


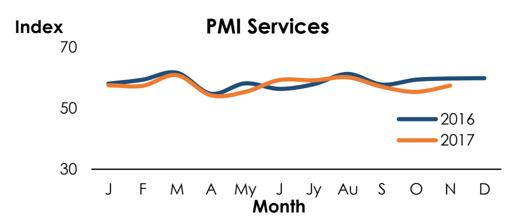
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.6 Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)

Month/Year	PMI Manufacturing			
	Nov. 2017	Oct. 2017	Nov. 2016	Oct. 2016
Index	58.8	54.8	58.4	56.5

PMI Services			
Nov. 2017	Oct. 2017	Nov. 2016	Oct. 2016
57.4	55.3	59.7	59.3

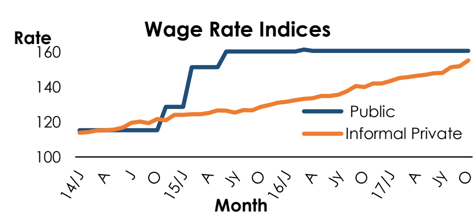




1.7 Wages and Employment

1.7.1 Wages rate Indicies

Item	2017 October	2016 October	% Change
Public Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	160.8	160.8	0.0
Informal Private Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	155.3	140.1	10.9
Agriculture	159.5	139.1	14.6
Industry	161.0	144.6	11.3
Services	148.0	136.1	8.7



1.7.2 Employment (a)

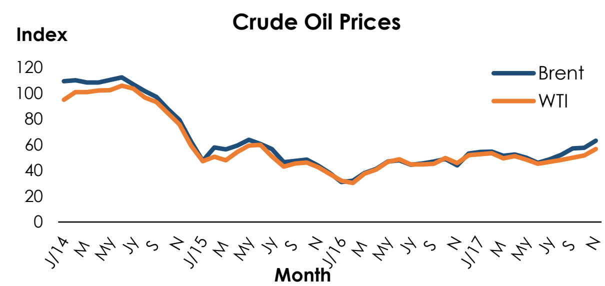
Item	2016 2nd Quarter	2017 (b) 2nd Quarter	2016 (b) Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	53.3	53.9	53.8
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.5	4.4
Employed Persons by Sectors (c) (as a % of total employment)			
Agriculture	25.1	26.0	27.1
Industry	27.1	28.3	26.4
Services	47.8	45.7	46.5

(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 Spot Prices (US $/bbl) Brent (Benchmark price)	2016 Spot Prices (US $/bbl) WTI (Benchmark price)	2016 CPC Import Prices (CIF) (US$/bbl)(*)	2017 Spot Prices (US $/bbl) Brent (Benchmark price)	2017 Spot Prices (US $/bbl) WTI (Benchmark price)	2017 CPC Import Prices (CIF) (US$/bbl)(*)
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	57.53	51.58	59.53
November	44.01	45.66	47.66	63.11	56.66	
December	53.07	51.96	55.69			
	2016			2017		
08 December	51.15	50.84		64.33	57.15	
09 December	51.74	51.51		-	-	
10 December	-	-		-	-	
11 December	-	-		66.17	57.84	
12 December	53.54	52.34		65.66	57.12	
13 December	52.68	52.99		64.41	56.59	
14 December	52.62	51.01		64.47	57.00	

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.

2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 15 Dec 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)	8.12	8.13	8.42
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offered Rate (SLIBOR)			
1-day	8.15	8.15	8.43
7-day	8.36	8.34	9.50
1-Month	9.14	9.06	10.60
3-Month	10.05	10.04	11.00
6-Month	11.76	11.76	11.51
12-Month	12.22	12.17	12.01
Treasury Bill Yields (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
91-day	-	7.97	-
182-day	8.48	8.76	9.56
364-day	9.04	9.34	10.11
Licensed Commercial Banks			
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	11.26	11.58	11.88
	Oct-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
	Nov-17	Month Ago	Year Ago
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	9.19	9.22	8.00
Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	11.69	11.72	10.25
	Oct-17	Month Ago	Year Ago
Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	13.89	13.83	13.08
National Savings Bank (NSB)			
	Oct-17	Month Ago	Year Ago
Savings Deposits	4.00	4.00	4.25
One Year Fixed Deposits	11.00	11.00	11.00

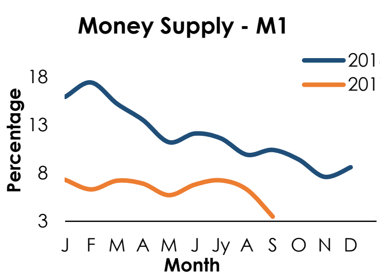
Treasury Bond Auction	05 Y & 05 Months	09 Y & 06 Months
	29/11/2017	29/11/2017
Coupon rate	11.50	11.75
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	10.20	10.36

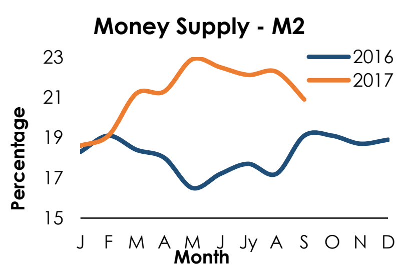
Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 15 Dec 2017	Week Ago	Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 15 Dec 2017	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	12.28	12.23	HSBC	9.10	9.10
People's Bank	13.52	12.70	Standard Chartered Bank	11.35	10.90
Hatton National Bank	12.10	12.12	Citi Bank	10.12	11.00
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	11.72	11.80	Deutsche Bank	10.26	9.75
Sampath Bank	13.45	13.49	Habib Bank	11.40	11.40
Seylan Bank	12.99	12.20	Indian Bank	12.90	12.90
Union Bank of Colombo	14.47	14.38	Indian Overseas Bank	13.40	13.40
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	13.38	12.22	MCB Bank	11.87	14.16
Nations Trust Bank	12.28	11.99	State Bank of India	11.99	11.99
DFCC Bank	13.94	13.77	Public Bank	11.25	13.50
NDB Bank	12.55	14.04	ICICI Bank	9.83	11.04
Amana Bank	12.59	13.04	Axis Bank	11.00	10.95
Cargills Bank	13.75	13.17			

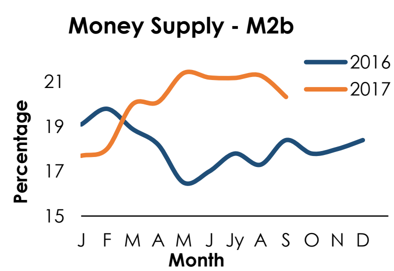
2.2 Money Supply

Item	Rs. bn			Annual Change (%)		
	2017 Sep (a)	Month Ago	Year Ago	2017 Sep (a)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Reserve Money	909.01	911.39	793.74	14.52	16.00	23.93
M1	754.62	759.14	729.32	3.47	6.29	10.43
M2	5,503.15	5,423.04	4,551.94	20.90	22.28	19.10
M2b	6,132.13	6,050.58	5,096.24	20.33	21.29	18.38
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	10.48	-50.10	-278.00	103.77	82.20	23.34
Monetary Authorities	776.19	745.77	498.47	55.71	49.45	15.62
Commercial Banks	-765.72	-795.86	-776.48	1.39	-1.96	2.18
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-300.72	-312.95	-276.10	-8.92	-16.38	-6.42
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	-465.00	-482.91	-500.38	7.07	5.61	6.36
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	6,121.66	6,100.68	5,374.24	13.91	15.76	15.14
Net Credit to the Government	2,223.55	2,237.51	1,948.92	14.09	15.46	9.59
Monetary Authorities	252.60	293.54	397.44	-36.44	-25.97	22.87
Commercial Banks	1,970.95	1,943.97	1,551.49	27.04	26.12	6.63
DBUs	1,603.40	1,578.09	1,215.90	31.87	30.59	7.75
OBUs	367.55	365.88	335.59	9.53	9.88	2.78
Credit to Public Corporations	497.52	502.94	452.19	10.02	13.92	-13.92
DBUs	303.48	304.77	266.75	13.77	14.30	11.12
OBUs	194.04	198.17	185.44	4.64	13.33	-34.99
Credit to the Private Sector	4,659.12	4,609.05	3,965.42	17.49	18.00	25.64
DBUs	4,335.42	4,281.67	3,678.28	17.87	18.39	26.24
OBUs	323.71	327.38	287.14	12.73	13.17	18.33
Other Items (Net)	-1,258.54	-1,248.83	-992.30	-26.83	-23.01	-25.23

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b

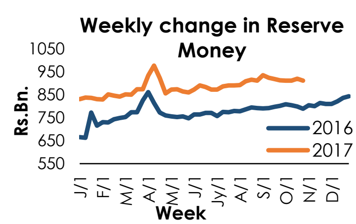






2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	14 Dec 2017	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	930,373.23	924,387.15	5,986.07



2.4 Money Market Activity(Overnight)

Item	11.12.2017	12.12.2017	13.12.2017	14.12.2017	15.12.2017
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.13	8.13	8.13	8.10	8.10
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	24,515	27,410	19,500	20,510	17,320
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	7.56	7.56	7.55	7.53	7.50
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	15,181	14,371	7,029	15,454	12,132

2.5 CBSL Securites Portfolio

Item	11.12.2017	12.12.2017	13.12.2017	14.12.2017	15.12.2017
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Face Value (Rs. Mn)	10,255.06	10,255.06	10,255.06	10,255.06	10,255.06
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Book Value (Rs. Mn)	9,697.73	10,052.63	10,056.50	10,060.30	10,059.41

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	11.12.2017	12.12.2017	13.12.2017	14.12.2017		15.12.2017
Short-Term Auction						
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	17.00	16.00	14.00	19.00	10.00	12.00
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	1	1	1	1	7	1
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	14.58	11.96	12.00	13.27	9.23	4.49
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	14.58	11.96	12.00	13.27	9.23	4.49
Minimum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.30	7.25
Maximum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)	7.26	7.26	7.26	7.26	7.40	7.25
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.33	7.25
Outright Auctions						
Outright Sales Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	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	0.00
Settlement Date	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maturity Date	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tenure (No. of Days)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	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	0.00
Maximum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)	0.00	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	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 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)	4.741	9.905	6.742	7.547		17.746
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.213	0.050	0.127	0.000		3.069
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	19.109	21.812	18.616	30.048		19.168

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

Item	2017 End Oct (b)	2017 End Sep	2016 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,427,854	1,412,601	1,309,248
Local (accepted only locally)	24,432	25,098	29,109
Global (accepted globally)	1,403,422	1,387,503	1,280,139
Outstanding balance (Rs.mn)	83,267.54	82,396.79	74,892.00
Local (accepted only locally)	744.60	758.91	839.00
Global (accepted globally)	82,522.94	81,637.88	74,053.00

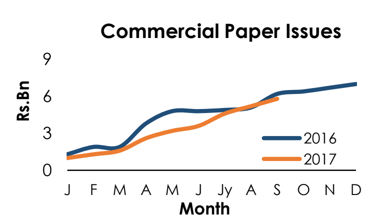
(a) Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks (LCBs) (b) Provisional

2.8 Commerical Paper Issues (a)

Item (Rs. bn.)	2017 End Oct (b)	2017 End Sep	2016 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative (c)	6.5	5.8	7.0
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	2.0	2.5	2.2

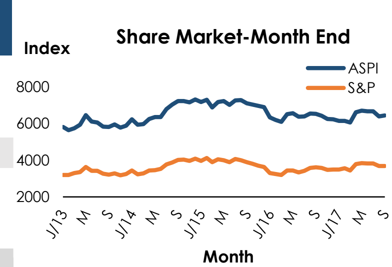
(a) Based on the information provided by LCBs and Licensed Specialised Banks (LSBs)

(b) Provisional (c) During the year



2.9 Share Market

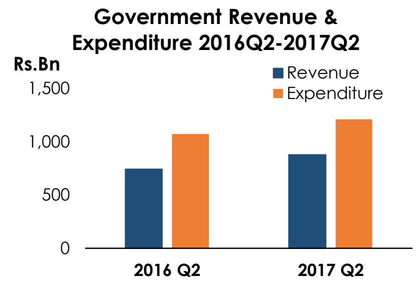
Item	Week Ending 15 Dec 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,352.10	6,375.21	6,285.53
S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000) (S&P SL20)	3,692.56	3,713.15	3,529.61
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. mn)	708.00	929.00	725.40
Market Capitalisation (Rs.bn)	2,892.17	2,906.03	2,682.33
Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	194.01	234.56	160.40
Foreign Sales (Rs. mn)	13.94	422.33	115.65
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	180.08	-187.77	44.74



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

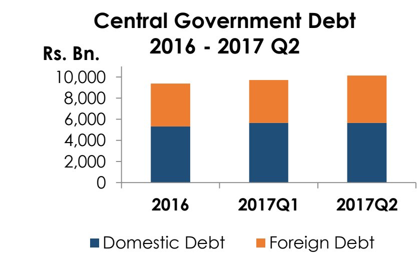
(a) Provisional



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

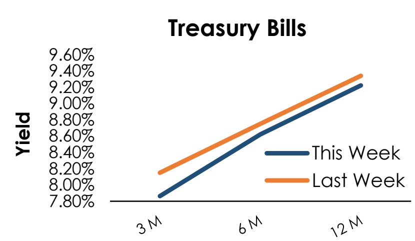


3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates for the week ending -13th December 2017

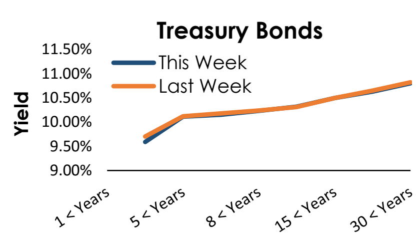
Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
				This Week			Last Week Average
		This Week	Last Week	Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	-	7.97%	7.95%	7.76%	7.86%	8.15%
	6 Months	8.48%	8.76%	8.71%	8.53%	8.62%	8.75%
	12 Months	9.04%	9.34%	9.30%	9.13%	9.22%	9.34%
Treasury Bonds(b)	< 2 Years	-	-	9.65%	9.54%	9.59%	9.70%
	< 5 Years	-	-	10.17%	10.05%	10.11%	10.12%
	< 6 Years	-	-	10.20%	10.10%	10.15%	10.18%
	< 8 Years	-	-	10.27%	10.18%	10.23%	10.24%
	< 10 Years	-	-	10.36%	10.28%	10.32%	10.31%
	< 15 Years	-	-	10.54%	10.46%	10.50%	10.50%
	< 20 Years	-	-	10.66%	10.59%	10.63%	10.65%
	< 30 Years	-	-	10.93%	10.67%	10.80%	10.82%

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 13/12/2017
(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 of T-Bonds have decreased during the reporting week.



Security	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Secondary Market	
			This Week	Last Week
International Sovereign Bonds	4-Oct-20	6.250%	4.08%	4.07%
	27-Jul-21	6.250%	4.27%	4.25%
	18-Jan-22	5.750%	4.48%	4.44%
	25-Jul-22	5.875%	4.52%	4.49%
	14-Jan-19	6.000%	3.56%	3.59%
	11-Apr-19	5.125%	3.72%	3.66%
	3-Jun-25	6.125%	5.19%	5.19%
	3-Nov-25	6.850%	3.26%	5.27%
	18-Jul-26	6.825%	5.34%	5.35%
	11-May-27	6.200%	5.44%	5.46%



3.4 Goverment Securities - Weekly Summery of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 13th December 2017)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	729,680.06	733,495.06
Treasury Bonds (a)	4,110,179.19	4,110,179.19
Total	**4,839,859.25**	**4,843,674.25**
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	323,009.88	321,026.72
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	638,548.70	640,106.54

The outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by foreigners has increased by 0.62 per cent during the reporting week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	17,500.00	17,500.00
Total Bids Received	72,129.00	79,759.00
Total Bids Accepted	17,394.00	17,189.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	-	-
Total Bids Received	-	-
Total Bids Accepted	-	-

The weekly T-bill auction was over subscribed by 4.1 times during the reporting week

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	17,153.34	21,100.00
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	212,722.47	177,160.15
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	27,954.07	45,109.93
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	536,762.60	540,356.93

The total secondary market transactions of T bills and T bonds increased by 1.39 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) - 15/12/2017

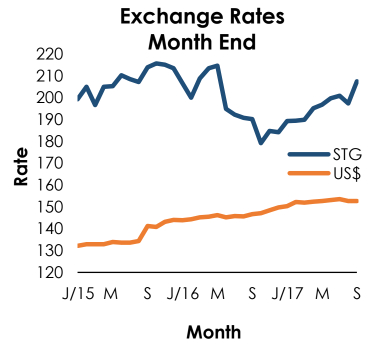
Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.86	7.53	99.86	7.41	0.00
1 Month	99.37	7.66	99.38	7.49	0.01
2 Month	98.73	7.75	98.76	7.57	0.03
3 Month	98.06	7.86	98.11	7.68	0.04
4 Month	97.36	8.04	97.42	7.86	0.06
5 Month	96.58	8.33	96.68	8.09	0.10
6 Month	95.78	8.56	95.86	8.40	0.08
7 Month	94.96	8.76	95.06	8.59	0.10
8 Month	94.18	8.86	94.30	8.68	0.12
9 Month	93.37	8.97	93.51	8.78	0.14
10 Month	92.59	9.02	92.73	8.85	0.14
11 Month	91.80	9.07	91.95	8.90	0.15
12 Month	90.95	9.17	91.12	9.00	0.17

3.6 Two way Qoutes (Treasury Bonds) - 15/12/2017

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	48	99.96	8.52	99.97	8.46	0.01
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	107	100.04	8.22	100.08	8.09	0.04
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	168	99.88	8.75	99.91	8.67	0.04
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	212	99.81	8.81	99.86	8.73	0.05
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	243	99.14	8.83	99.19	8.74	0.06
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	304	99.79	8.99	99.89	8.86	0.10
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	335	99.11	9.01	99.24	8.87	0.12
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	396	96.29	9.31	96.41	9.20	0.11
10.75%2019A	2	15-Jan-19	396	101.49	9.26	101.63	9.12	0.15
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	502	98.84	9.41	99.00	9.27	0.17
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	563	101.60	9.46	101.81	9.31	0.21
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	639	101.82	9.43	102.04	9.29	0.22
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	686	97.42	9.52	97.59	9.42	0.17
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	868	99.09	9.68	99.25	9.60	0.17
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	899	96.50	9.63	96.65	9.56	0.15
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	960	92.10	9.67	92.27	9.59	0.17
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	1,096	99.46	9.71	99.70	9.62	0.24
10.75%2021A	5	1-Mar-21	1,172	102.25	9.90	102.45	9.83	0.20
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	1,233	97.44	9.90	97.65	9.83	0.21
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	1,325	103.32	9.88	103.53	9.81	0.21
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	1,400	98.74	9.84	98.92	9.79	0.18
11.50%2021A	5	15-Dec-21	1,461	105.17	9.90	105.46	9.82	0.28
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	1,478	93.78	9.90	94.01	9.83	0.23
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	1,659	104.14	10.04	104.55	9.93	0.42
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	1,751	99.85	10.03	100.26	9.92	0.41
11.50%2023A	6	15-May-23	1,977	105.45	10.16	106.04	10.02	0.59
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,086	95.31	10.09	95.70	10.00	0.39
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,086	104.62	10.11	105.12	9.99	0.50
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	2,116	86.63	10.10	87.06	9.99	0.44
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	2,208	105.57	10.14	106.03	10.04	0.46
11.00%2024A	8	1-Aug-24	2,421	103.81	10.19	104.48	10.05	0.67
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	2,543	79.73	10.13	79.92	10.08	0.19
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	2,647	100.19	10.21	100.61	10.12	0.43
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	2,694	93.58	10.26	93.89	10.19	0.31
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	2,786	104.28	10.18	104.88	10.06	0.61
10.35%2025A	8	15-Oct-25	2,861	100.86	10.18	101.18	10.12	0.32
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	2,970	93.45	10.20	93.75	10.14	0.30
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	2,998	73.35	10.22	73.63	10.16	0.27
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,090	104.40	10.21	104.80	10.14	0.40
11.50%2026A	10	1-Aug-26	3,151	106.88	10.27	107.42	10.18	0.54
11.75%2027A	10	15-Jun-27	3,469	108.46	10.33	109.05	10.24	0.60
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	3,790	91.77	10.31	92.07	10.26	0.30
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	3,851	91.52	10.34	92.00	10.26	0.48
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	3,913	106.65	10.45	107.30	10.35	0.65
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,035	117.14	10.36	117.60	10.29	0.46
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	4,155	117.33	10.37	117.80	10.30	0.47
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	4,534	102.89	10.57	103.66	10.46	0.77
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	5,130	82.41	10.41	82.69	10.37	0.29
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	5,404	89.24	10.44	89.69	10.38	0.45
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	5,647	88.85	10.47	89.27	10.41	0.42
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	5,677	120.75	10.51	121.28	10.45	0.53
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	5,800	88.23	10.54	88.65	10.48	0.42
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	5,861	120.44	10.58	120.97	10.52	0.53
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	6,299	106.20	10.70	107.13	10.59	0.93
12.00%2041A	25	1-Jan-41	8,418	111.08	10.70	112.26	10.57	1.17
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	9,299	84.92	10.74	85.60	10.65	0.68
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	9,513	123.27	10.81	130.14	10.18	6.88
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	9,665	123.02	10.84	124.50	10.70	1.47
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	9,938	112.06	11.08	114.97	10.78	2.90

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item	Week Ending - 15 Dec 2017			Average Rate	
(Rs Per Unit)(a)	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US$	151.18	154.96	153.07	153.17	148.88
STG	202.44	209.23	205.84	206.45	186.88
Yen	1.34	1.39	1.37	1.35	1.27
Euro	177.12	183.74	180.43	180.23	156.53
INR(1)			2.38	2.38	2.20
SDR	(As at 14 Dec 2017)		216.66	216.53	201.31
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US$ Mn.)			Nov 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			206.00	97.00	9.45
Sales			-	-	116.91



Item	Week Ending 15 Dec 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US$ Mn.)	31.35	31.77	28.15
(spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)			
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US$) (2)			
1 Month	154.18	154.34	149.54
3 Months	155.78	156.16	151.23
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US$ mn)	25.94	19.69	67.43
Outstanding Forward Volume (US$ mn) (As at 14 Dec 2017)	1,574.41	1,559.09	1,267.27

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

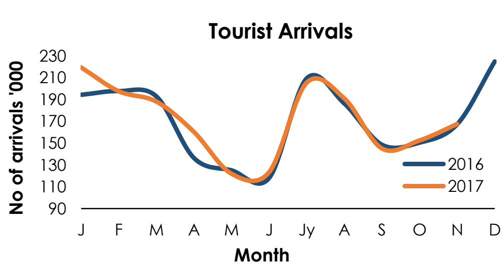
(b) Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates total for the Month

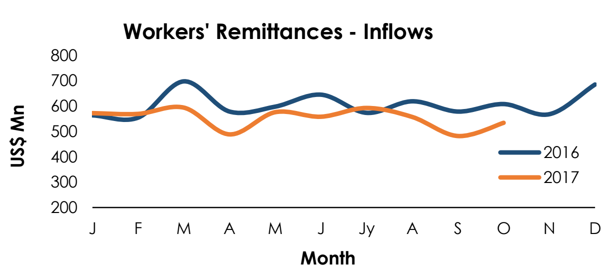
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

Item		2016 Nov (a)(b)	2017 Nov (c)(d)	2016 Jan-Nov (a)(b)	2017 Jan-Nov (c)(d)	% Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	167,217	167,511	1,826,041	1,871,871	2.50
Earnings from Tourism(d)	US$ Mn.	286.88	287.39	3,132.83	3,211.46	2.51
	Rs.bn.	42.39	44.16	454.96	489.10	7.50
		2016 Oct	2017 Oct (c)	2016 Jan-Oct	2017 Jan-Oct (c)	% Change
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US$ Mn.	607.53	533.48	5,989.55	5,518.20	-7.87
	Rs. bn.	89.23	81.90	868.72	840.10	-3.29

(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 November 2017 (a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)	**7,319.40**
(1) Foreign Currency Reserves	6,331.19
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	67.74
(3) SDRs	2.33
(4) Gold	917.07
(5) Other Reserve Assets	1.06

(a) Provisional

4.4 International Reserves & foriegn Currency Liqiudity as at 31st October 2017 (a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)	
Official Reserve Assets	**7,500.79**
(1) Foreign currency reserves	6,517.45
(a) Securities	3,817.38
(b) Total currency and deposits with	2,700.07
(i)other national central banks, BIS	1,058.00
(ii)banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad	1.18
(iii)banks headquartered outside the reporting country	1,640.89
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	67.22
(3) SDRs	2.32
(4) Gold	912.74
(5) Other reserve assets	1.06

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

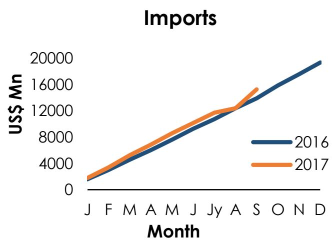
Item		Total	Maturity breakdown (residual maturity)		
			Up to 1 month	More than 1 and up to 3 months	More than 3 months and up to 1 year
1. Foreign currency loans, securities, and deposits					
outflows (–)	Principal	-4,193.39	-338.92	-748.61	-3,105.86
	Interest	-1,225.61	-122.18	-281.10	-822.33
inflows (+)	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)		-1,795.24	-10.00	-925.24	-860.00
(ii) Long positions (+)					
3. Other (specify)		-0.14	-0.14		
inflows related to reverse repos (+)					
other accounts payable (–)		-0.14	-0.14		

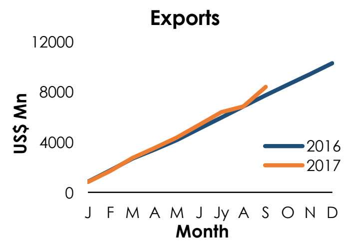
(a) Provisional
(b) This mainly includes only the predetermined outflows
(c) A major share of SWAP outstanding will be rolled over. This mainly includes SWAP arrangements with state banks which mobilised long-term foreign finance from international bond issuances

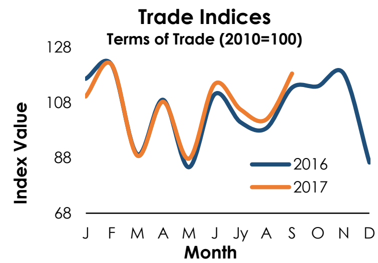
4.5 External Trade

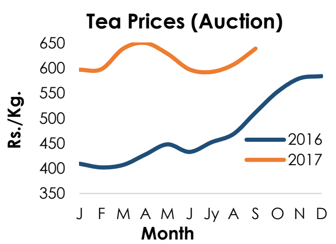
Item	US$ Mn 2017 Jan - Sep (a)	US$ Mn 2016 Jan - Sep(b)	US$ Mn % Change	Rs Mn 2017 Jan - Sep (a)	Rs Mn 2016 Jan - Sep(b)	Rs Mn % Change
Exports	**8,424.14**	**7,786.01**	**8.20**	**1,281,900.48**	**1,127,646.30**	**13.68**
Agricultural	2,077.76	1,744.55	19.10	316,243.45	252,746.68	25.12
Industrial	6,306.76	6,007.47	4.98	959,624.93	869,975.78	10.30
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	296.31	253.14	17.05	45,134.81	36,654.58	23.14
Textiles and Garments	3,714.99	3,715.84	-0.02	565,186.65	538,049.05	5.04
Petroleum Products	292.85	204.42	43.26	44,574.43	29,600.95	50.58
Leather, Rubber products etc.	735.01	705.81	4.14	111,868.64	102,239.94	9.42
Other	1,267.60	1,128.27	12.35	192,860.39	163,431.27	18.01
Mineral	27.02	22.74	18.80	4,115.73	3,295.18	24.90
Other	12.60	11.25	12.03	1,916.36	1,628.66	17.67
Imports	**15,263.67**	**13,911.14**	**9.72**	**2,321,507.80**	**2,014,920.16**	**15.22**
Consumer Goods	3,279.02	3,199.69	2.48	498,689.37	463,411.45	7.61
Intermediate Goods	8,221.15	7,084.62	16.04	1,250,494.07	1,026,246.38	21.85
Investment Goods	3,623.63	3,617.06	0.18	551,129.99	523,843.63	5.21
Other	139.87	9.78	1329.94	21,194.38	1,418.69	1,393.94
Trade Balance	**-6,839.54**	**-6,125.13**	**-**	**-1,039,607.33**	**-887,273.86**	**-**

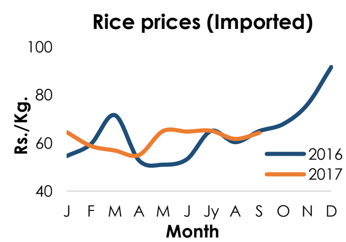
(a) Provisional (b) Revised

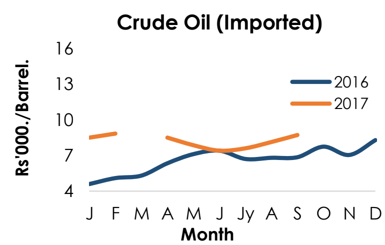












4.6 Trade Indices (2010=100) (a)

Item		2017 Sep (b)	Month Ago (b)	Year Ago (c)
Total Exports				
	Value	140.71	139.27	124.97
	Quantity	133.27	139.51	124.63
	Unit Value	105.59	99.82	100.27
Total Imports				
	Value	149.16	166.19	134.99
	Quantity	167.43	169.62	154.65
	Unit Value	89.09	97.98	87.29
Terms of Trade		118.51	101.88	114.87

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

4.7 Commodity Prices

Item	2017 Sep (a)	2016 Sep	% Change	2017 Sep (a)	2016 Sep	% Change
	US$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Colombo Tea Auction	4.18	3.51	19.06	638.92	511.68	24.87
Imports (C I F)	US$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	420.46	445.72	-5.67	64,287.61	64,978.85	-1.06
Sugar	460.91	580.28	-20.57	70,471.92	84,596.11	-16.70
Wheat	253.38	228.50	10.89	38,741.42	33,312.47	16.30
	US$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	57.06	46.99	21.43	8,723.82	6,850.06	27.35

(a) Provisional