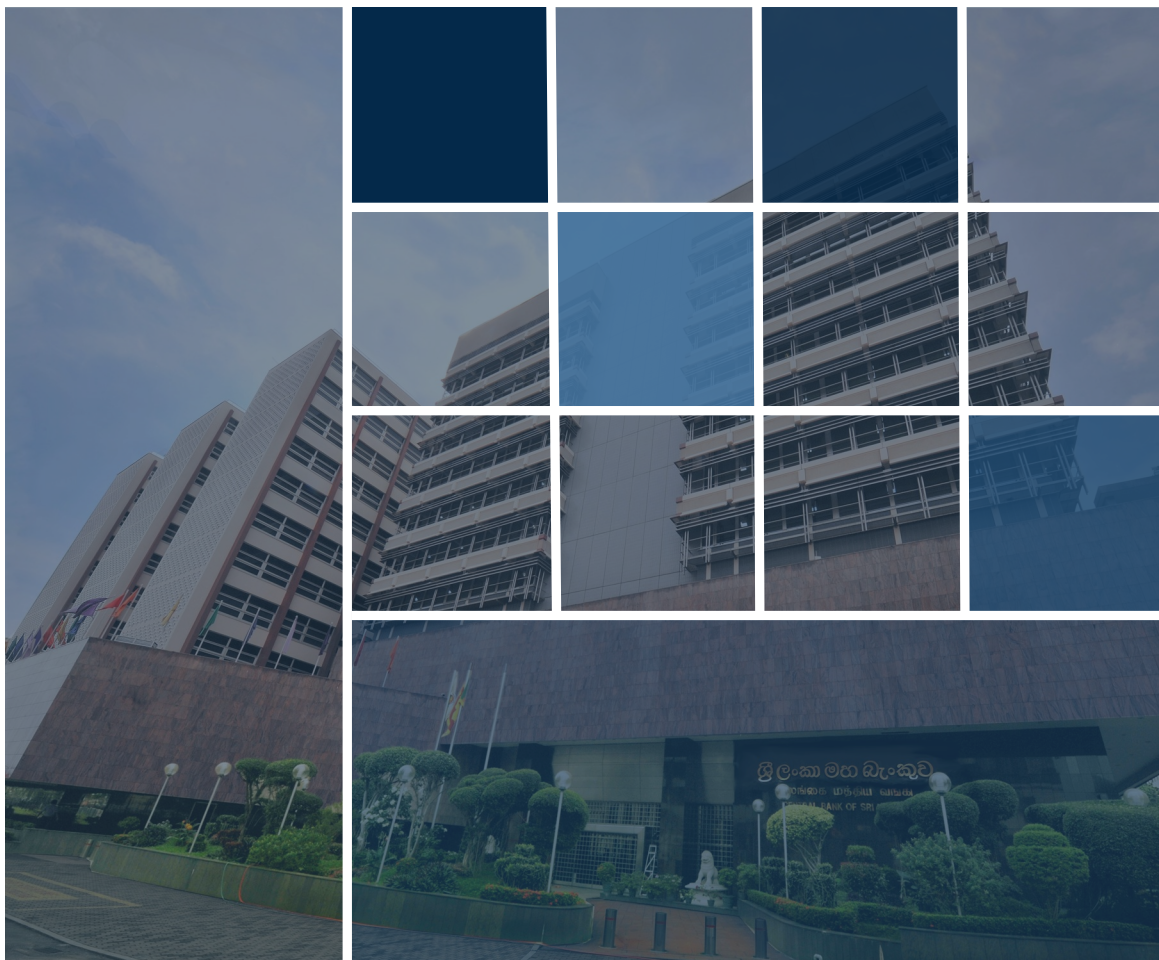


Weekly Economic Indicators

02nd March 2018



Statistics Department
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Highlights of the Week

Real Sector

The CCPI (2013=100) headline inflation decelerated to 4.5 % in February 2018 from 5.8 % in January 2018, on YoY basis. When the monthly change is considered, the CCPI declined by 0.9 index points to 121.9 in February 2018 from 122.8 in January 2018. CCPI Core inflation remained unchanged at 3.5 % in February 2018, on YoY basis. Annual average CCPI Core inflation decreased to 5.3 % in February 2018 from 5.6 % in January 2018.

During the period, crude oil prices largely followed a declining trend. At the beginning of the week prices rose supported by signs of robust production curbs by OPEC and non-OPEC countries. However, prices subsequently fell due to strong dollar and increase in U.S. crude oil stockpiles. Overall, both Brent and WTI prices fell by US\$ 3.3 per barrel and US\$ 2.4 per barrel, respectively, within the period.

Monetary Sector

Weekly AWPR for the week ending 02 March 2018 increased by 21 bps to 11.43% compared to the previous week.

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. 54.15 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 54.75 bn by the end of last week.

By 2 March 2018, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) declined by 0.28% to 6,557 points and the S&P SL 20 Index declined by 0.29% to 3,718 points, compared to the previous week.

External Sector

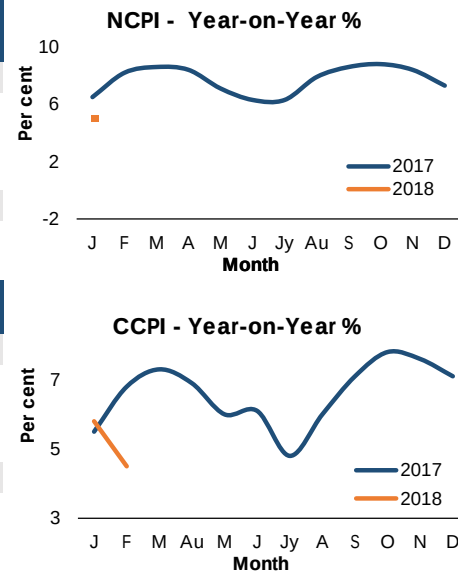
During the year up to 2 March 2018 the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the US dollar (1.4 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the pound sterling (3.8 per cent), euro (4.0 per cent), Japanese yen (7.3 per cent) while appreciated against the Indian rupee (0.4 per cent) during this period.

The gross official reserves were estimated at US dollars 7,669.98 million as at 31st January 2018.

Real Sector

1.1 Price Indices

Item (2013=100)	Jan 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Headline	125.8	126.6	119.3
Monthly Change %	-0.6	0.2	1.1
Annual Average Change %	7.6	7.7	4.6
Year - on - Year Change %	5.4	7.3	6.5
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Core	123.9	123.8	121.4
Annual Average Change %	4.5	4.9	6.2
Year - on - Year Change %	2.1	2.7	7.1
Item (2013=100)	Feb 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Headline	121.9	122.8	116.7
Monthly Change %	-0.7	-0.1	0.5
Annual Average Change %	6.4	6.6	4.6
Year - on - Year Change %	4.5	5.8	6.8
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Core	125.8	125.6	121.6
Annual Average Change %	5.3	5.6	5.0
Year - on - Year Change %	3.5	3.5	7.1



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

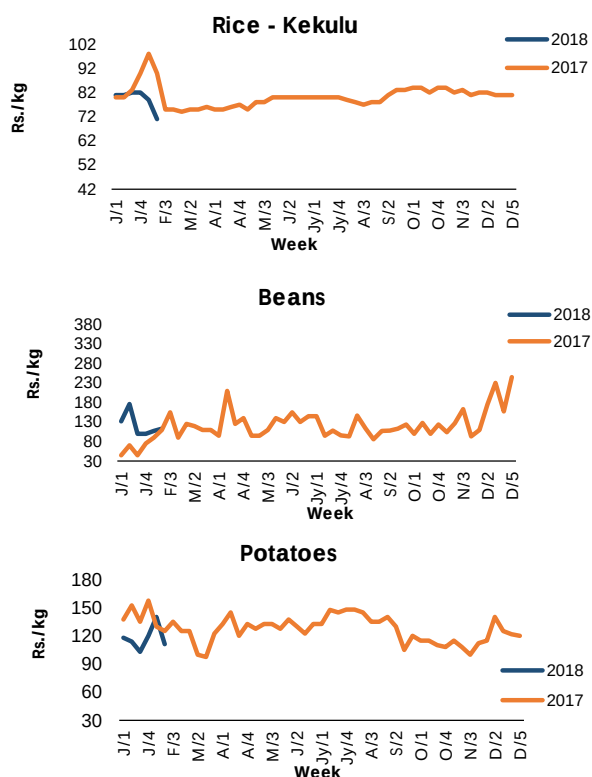
1.2 Prices

1.2.1 Pettah Market

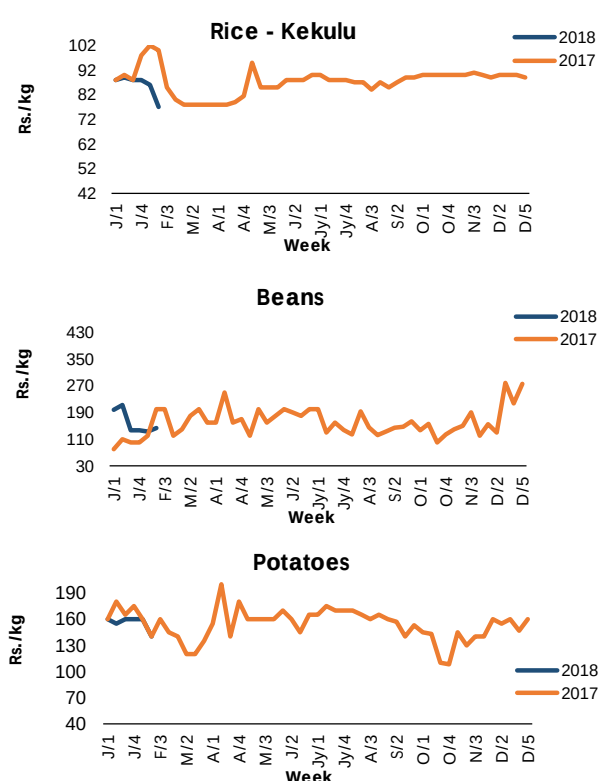
Food Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 02 nd Mar 2018	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 02 nd Mar 2018	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	106.00	102.00	102.50	94.82	113.00	109.00	110.00	99.92
Kekulu (Red)	78.00	72.00	73.25	80.30	84.00	79.00	80.00	86.84
Vegetables								
Beans	68.00	132.00	125.00	118.56	110.00	185.00	160.25	163.50
Cabbage	28.00	33.00	31.50	75.37	64.00	68.00	66.25	119.69
Carrots	68.00	80.00	76.50	120.95	110.00	120.00	112.50	163.42
Tomatoes	30.00	36.00	36.50	93.73	65.00	73.00	69.75	134.12
Pumpkins	60.00	56.00	48.75	61.84	83.00	80.00	73.75	90.00
Snake Gourd	56.00	63.00	58.25	96.74	88.00	93.00	89.00	134.00
Brinjals	83.00	70.00	52.75	94.90	125.00	113.00	85.75	132.54
Ash-Plantains	78.00	80.00	80.50	73.41	113.00	113.00	112.00	108.67
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	105.00	115.00	110.00	250.84	173.00	160.00	180.00	303.56
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	110.80	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	137.20
Potatoes (N'Elia)	90.00	83.00	110.00	127.34	123.00	120.00	142.50	155.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	225.00	225.00	220.00	189.80	270.00	265.00	268.75	236.54
Dhal (Indian)	108.00	108.00	109.00	135.31	123.00	123.00	125.00	151.46
Eggs	13.00	13.00	12.25	11.96	14.00	14.00	13.25	12.63
Coconut (Each)	81.00	80.00	77.25	61.72	95.00	93.00	84.00	74.31
Fish*								
Kelawalla	430.00	470.00	505.00	540.63	760.00	800.00	792.50	807.87
Balaya	250.00	250.00	302.50	301.46	350.00	350.00	402.50	404.68
Salaya	120.00	120.00	120.00	116.88	160.00	160.00	160.00	179.79
Paraw (Small)	400.00	400.00	490.00	538.02	500.00	500.00	590.00	647.62

* 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 28 th Feb 2018	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	109.00	114.00
Kekulu (Red)	73.50	78.50
Vegetables		
Beans	95.63	115.63
Carrot	73.13	93.75
Tomatoes	36.25	56.25
Pumpkins	53.75	73.75
Snake Gourd	46.88	66.88
Ash-Plantains	61.88	82.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	107.50	118.75
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Elia)	n.a.	n.a.
Dried Chillies(Imported)	222.50	232.50
Coconut (Each)	70.50	76.38

1.2.4 Marandagahamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 02 nd Mar 2018	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	89.50	82.30	84.58	92.96
Sudu Kekulu	75.63	75.40	75.58	83.16
Raw Red	75.00	77.00	75.58	80.21
Nadu	76.88	75.70	76.28	87.93

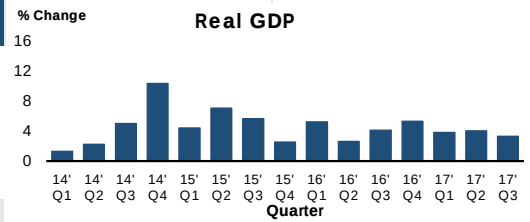
1.2.3 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	28 th Feb 2018	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	96.67	96.67
Kekulu (Red)	78.33	78.33
Vegetables		
Beans	176.67	146.67
Cabbage	96.67	96.67
Carrots	116.67	120.00
Tomatoes	76.67	100.00
Pumpkins	100.00	96.67
Snake Gourd	96.67	100.00
Brinjals	116.67	96.67
Ash-Plantains	136.67	136.67
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	216.67	236.67
Big-Onions (Imported)	76.67	86.67
Potatoes (Imported)	58.33	56.67
Dried Chillies (Imported)	256.67	256.67
Dhal (Indian)	116.67	116.67
Eggs (Red)(Each)	12.33	12.33
Coconut (Each)	73.33	73.33
Fish		
Kelawalla	693.33	733.33
Balaya	380.00	400.00
Salaya	156.67	96.67
Paraw (Small)	993.33	1,066.67

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 3 rd Qtr (a)(b)	2017 3 rd 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

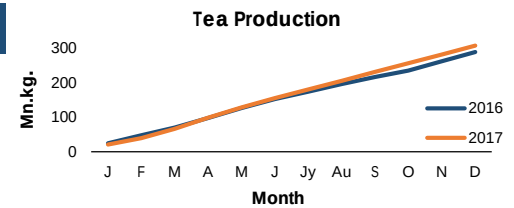


Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.4 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2017(a) Jan - Dec	2016 Jan - Dec	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	307.08	292.57	4.96
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	81.75	79.10	3.36
Coconut	(Mn Kg)	2,449.55	3,011.28	-18.65

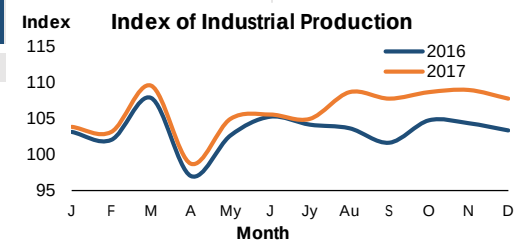
(a) Provisional



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

Item	2016 Dec(b)	2017 Dec (c)	% Change
Index of Industrial Production (IIP)	103.3	107.7	4.3
Food products	101.1	109.6	8.4
Wearing apparel	107.0	115.4	7.8
Other non-metallic mineral products	114.5	105.8	-7.6
Coke and refined petroleum products	96.4	103.1	7.0
Rubber and plastic products	100.8	111.8	10.9
Chemicals and chemical products	98.3	101.2	2.9
Beverages	101.4	88.2	-13.1

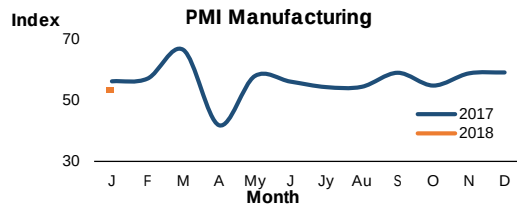
(a) Major 7 sub divisions (b) Revised (c) Provisional



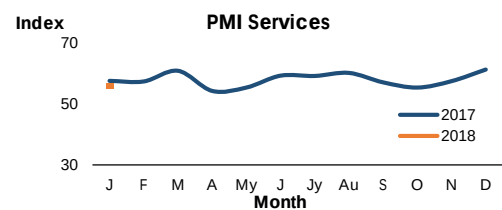
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.6 Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)

Month/Year	PMI Manufacturing			
	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2017	Dec. 2016
Index	51.7	59.1	56.2	58.3



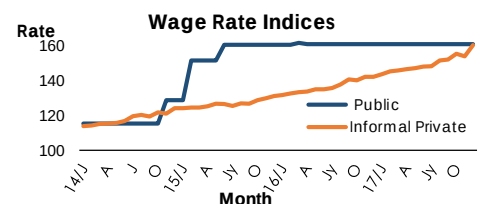
Month/Year	PMI Services			
	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2017	Dec. 2016
Index	56.6	61.2	57.5	59.8



1.7 Wages and Employment

1.7.1 Wage Rate Indices

Item	2017 December	2016 December	% Change
Public Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	160.8	160.8	0.0
Informal Private Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	160.2	143.1	11.9
Agriculture	159.9	143.0	11.9
Industry	165.1	147.6	11.9
Services	155.6	138.9	12.0



1.7.2 Employment (a)

Item	2016 3 rd Quarter	2017 (b) 3 rd Quarter	2016 (b) Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	53.8	53.6	53.8
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.2	4.4

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

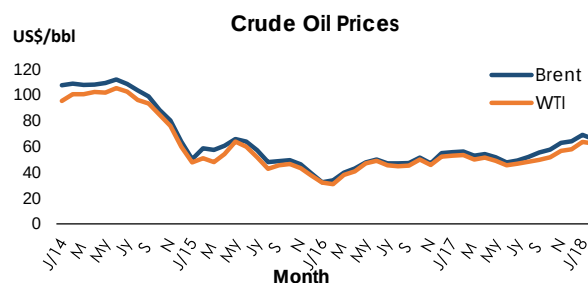
Agriculture	27.1	24.3	27.1
Industry	26.8	29.1	26.4
Services	46.1	46.6	46.5

(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 (a)

Month	2017			2018		
	Futures Prices (US\$/bbl)		CPC Import Prices (CIF) (US\$/bbl)(*)	Futures Prices (US\$/bbl)		CPC Import Prices (CIF) (US\$/bbl)(*)
	Brent (Benchmark price)	WTI (Benchmark price)		Brent (Benchmark price)	WTI (Benchmark price)	
January	55.67	52.83	57.39	69.02	63.55	72.04
February	55.99	53.41	58.65	65.80	62.26	
March	52.76	49.92	-			
April	53.98	51.27	56.48			
May	51.59	48.77	51.66			
June	47.71	45.34	48.47			
July	49.02	46.56	49.75			
August	51.87	48.18	53.07			
September	55.31	49.65	57.06			
October	57.52	51.56	59.53			
November	62.79	56.68	65.62			
December	63.92	57.82	66.82			
	2017			2018		
24 February	55.99	53.99		-	-	
25 February	-	-		-	-	
26 February	-	-		67.28	63.58	
27 February	56.08	54.03		67.57	64.01	
28 February	56.10	54.14		66.23	62.65	
01 March	56.48	53.97		64.68	61.61	
02 March	56.36	53.75		64.03	61.14	

Sources: Bloomberg
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

(a) Please note that crude oil prices are based on futures prices instead of spot prices, that have been published up to end 2017.

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

Monetary Sector

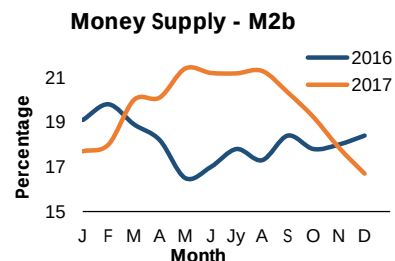
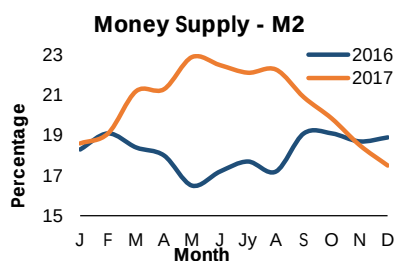
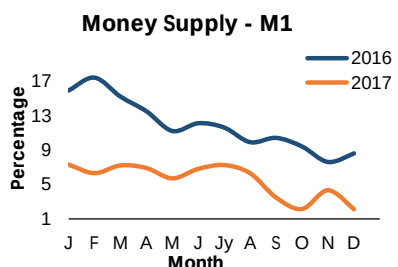
2.1 Interest Rates

Item		Week Ending 02 Mar 2018	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)		8.15	8.14	8.49	
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offered Rate (SLIBOR)					
1-day		8.15	8.15	8.50	
7-day		8.42	8.40	9.50	
1-Month		9.22	9.19	10.50	
3-Month		10.00	10.00	10.98	
6-Month		10.73	10.73	11.52	
12-Month		11.57	11.58	12.00	
Treasury Bill Yields (Excluding 10% withholding tax)					
91-day		-	8.24	9.38	
182-day		-	8.52	10.27	
364-day		9.59	9.45	10.66	
Licensed Commercial Banks					
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)		11.43	11.22	11.70	
		Jan-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Savings Deposits		0.50-09.50	0.50-09.50	0.50-9.00	
One Year Fixed Deposits		4.53-15.00	4.89-15.00	4.89-15.00	
		Feb-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)		9.05	9.08	8.66	
Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)		11.45	11.54	11.15	
		Jan-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)		14.06	13.88	13.28	
National Savings Bank (NSB)					
		Jan-2018	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		03 Years	07 Y & 05 Months		
		26/02/2018	26/02/2018		
Coupon rate		10.75	11.00		
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)		9.85	10.34		
Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 02 Mar 2018	Week Ago	Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 02 Mar 2018	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	12.06	12.04	HSBC	9.43	9.56
People's Bank	11.40	11.65	Standard Chartered Bank	11.18	11.23
Hatton National Bank	11.44	11.89	Citi Bank	10.20	10.88
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	11.32	11.28	Deutsche Bank	10.17	10.32
Sampath Bank	12.93	12.80	Habib Bank	11.79	11.79
Seylan Bank	13.19	13.02	Indian Bank	12.85	12.85
Union Bank of Colombo	14.48	14.18	Indian Overseas Bank	13.29	13.29
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	16.50	15.30	MCB Bank	11.98	11.95
Nations Trust Bank	11.72	11.69	State Bank of India	9.73	12.04
DFCC Bank	13.35	13.18	Public Bank	13.00	13.00
NDB Bank	13.92	12.76	ICICI Bank	11.19	11.74
Amana Bank	12.55	12.55	Axis Bank	11.15	10.90
Cargills Bank	12.72	13.32			

2.2 Money Supply

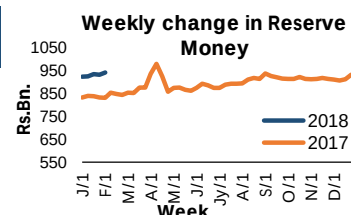
Item	Rs. bn			Annual Change (%)		
	2017 Dec(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago	2017 Dec(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Reserve Money	939.79	911.62	856.15	9.77	14.10	27.13
M1	793.30	751.29	776.62	2.15	4.32	8.62
M2	5,665.31	5,549.95	4,823.56	17.45	18.51	18.89
M2b	6,308.06	6,183.94	5,405.60	16.70	17.86	18.39
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	121.54	67.39	-231.24	152.56	123.49	22.45
Monetary Authorities	846.14	824.66	558.59	51.48	73.15	-3.05
Commercial Banks	-724.60	-757.27	-789.83	8.26	0.78	9.67
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-290.76	-308.22	-325.66	10.72	7.10	-10.07
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	-433.84	-449.05	-464.17	6.53	-4.09	19.76
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	6,186.52	6,116.55	5,636.83	9.75	10.53	15.89
Net Credit to the Government (c)	2,168.52	2,160.27	1,972.13	9.96	10.20	12.09
Monetary Authorities	225.08	210.08	413.02	-45.50	-49.66	79.63
Commercial Banks (c)	1,943.44	1,950.19	1,559.12	24.65	26.39	1.93
DBUs (c)	1,576.63	1,580.87	1,254.51	25.68	25.81	8.35
OBUs	366.81	369.32	304.61	20.42	28.93	-18.05
Credit to Public Corporations	514.36	482.86	495.11	3.89	2.94	-5.33
DBUs	319.73	295.99	289.73	10.36	7.87	14.02
OBUs	194.63	186.88	205.39	-5.24	-4.00	-23.61
Credit to the Private Sector	4,821.84	4,761.96	4,204.43	14.68	15.42	21.88
DBUs	4,494.59	4,438.00	3,891.85	15.49	15.98	22.15
OBUs	327.25	323.95	312.58	4.69	8.29	18.63
Other Items (Net) (c)	-1,318.19	-1,288.53	-1,034.84	-27.38	-26.15	-19.23

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b (c) Revised



2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	28 Feb 2018	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	938,104.80	939,965.63	-1,860.83



2.4 Money Market Activity(Overnight)

Item	26.02.2018	27.02.2018	28.02.2018	02.03.2018
Call Money Market				
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.14	8.12	8.12	8.14
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	19,825	17,675	26,780	25,375
Repo Market				
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	7.55	7.53	7.51	7.56
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	14,450	13,759	16,789	19,740

2.5 CBSL Securites Portfolio

Item	26.02.2018	27.02.2018	28.02.2018	02.03.2018
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Face Value (Rs. Mn)	16,487.03	13,487.03	13,262.03	13,154.39
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Book Value (Rs. Mn)	16,282.32	13,310.23	13,092.68	12,992.97

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	26.02.2018				27.02.2018				28.02.2018				02.03.2018			
Short-Term Auction																
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	30.00	13.00			35.00	8.00			20.00	10.00	7.00		30.00	7.00		
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00		
Tenure (No. of Days)	1	7			1	7			1	10	7		1	5		
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	21.61	0.00			21.23	9.90			12.35	0.00	0.00		24.75	14.30		
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	21.61	0.00			21.23	5.90			12.35	0.00	0.00		24.75	7.00		
Minimum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)	7.25	0.00			7.25	7.35			7.25	0.00	0.00		7.25	7.34		
Maximum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)	7.26	0.00			7.26	7.37			7.29	0.00	0.00		7.29	7.35		
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	7.25	0			7.25	7.35			7.26	0.00	0.00		7.26	7.35		
Outright Auctions																
Outright Sales Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	2.40	1.70	5.00	0.90	1.40	0.70	4.00	2.90	1.40	0.70	3.80	3.10	1.40	0.70	3.80	3.10
Outright Purchase Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Settlement Date	27.02.2018	27.02.2018	27.02.2018	27.02.2018	28.02.2018	28.02.2018	28.02.2018	28.02.2018	02.03.2018	02.03.2018	02.03.2018	02.03.2018	05.03.2018	05.03.2019	05.03.2020	05.03.2021
Maturity Date	06.04.2018	13.04.2018	20.04.2018	27.04.2018	06.04.2018	13.04.2018	20.04.2018	27.04.2018	06.04.2018	13.04.2018	20.04.2018	27.04.2018	06.04.2018	13.04.2018	20.04.2018	27.04.2018
Tenure (No. of Days)	38	45	52	59	37	44	51	58	35	42	49	56	32	39	46	53
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.90	2.00	1.20	2.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	1.40	0.70	2.00	2.00
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Minimum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)	8.10	8.15	8.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maximum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)	8.10	8.15	8.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	8.10	8.15	8.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Long Term Auction																
Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	7.50	7.50			10.00	10.00			10.00	10.00			10.00	10.00		
Reverse Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00		
Settlement Date	27.02.2018	27.02.2018			28.02.2018	28.02.2018			02.03.2018	02.03.2018			05.03.2018	05.03.2018		
Maturity Date	12.03.2018	19.03.2018			12.03.2018	19.03.2018			12.03.2018	19.03.2018			13.03.2018	20.03.2018		
Tenure (No. of Days)	13	20			12	19			10	17			8	15		
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00			1.00	0.50			0.00	0.00			3.50	0.00		
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00			1.00	0.50			0.00	0.00			0.50	0.00		
Minimum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)	0.00	0.00			7.40	7.48			0.00	0.00			7.38	0.00		
Maximum Aaccepted Rate (% p.a)	0.00	0.00			7.45	7.48			0.00	0.00			7.38	0.00		
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	0.00	0.00			7.43	7.48			0.00	0.00			7.38	0.00		
Standing Facility																
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)		22.740				13.765				22.468				6.283		
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)		1.815				0.025				0.371				1.615		
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)		67.018				62.401				63.385				54.147		

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

Item	2017 End Dec (b)	2017 End Nov	2016 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,459,883	1,446,502	1,309,248
Local (accepted only locally)	24,258	24,260	29,109
Global (accepted globally)	1,435,625	1,422,242	1,280,139
Outstanding balance (Rs.mn)	88,486.52	84,863.15	74,892.00
Local (accepted only locally)	724.84	731.76	839.00
Global (accepted globally)	87,761.67	84,131.39	74,053.00

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

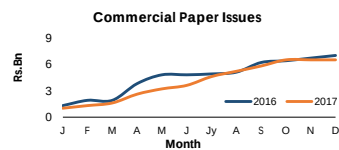
2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

Item (Rs. bn.)	2017 End Dec (b)	2017 End Nov	2016 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative (c)	6.5	6.5	7.0
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	1.7	1.7	2.2

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

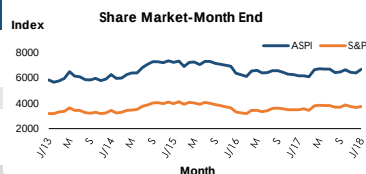
(b) Provisional

(c) During the year



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 02 Mar 2018	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,557.0	6,575.4	6,127.1
S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000) (S&P SL20)	3,717.6	3,728.3	3,533.1
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. mn)	1,760.3	865.4	1,230.9
Market Capitalisation (Rs.bn)	3,048.8	3,013.5	2,690.6
Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	64.0	328.2	344.4
Foreign Sales (Rs. mn)	203.3	345.1	51.7
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	-139.3	-16.9	292.6

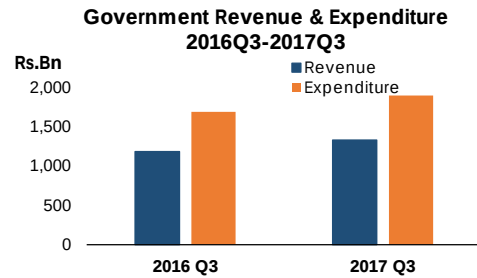


Fiscal Sector

3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

Item	2016 Q3	2017 Q3(a)
Revenue and Grants	1,180.0	1,330.6
Revenue	1,179.3	1,328.1
Tax	1,067.3	1,240.0
Non tax	112.0	88.2
Grants	0.7	2.4
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	1,686.0	1,890.0
Recurrent	1,308.3	1,437.8
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	377.7	452.1

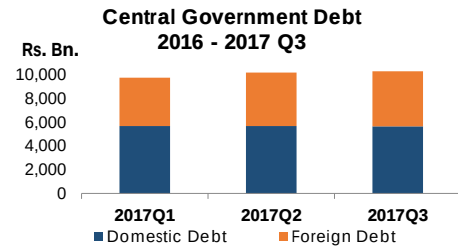
(a) Provisional



3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	End 2016	2017 Q3(a)
Total domestic debt	5,341.5	5,630.9
of which		
Treasury bills	779.6	761.4
Treasury bonds	3,714.8	3,774.2
Rupee loans	24.1	24.1
Total foreign debt	4,045.8	4,638.3
Total outstanding govt. debt	9,387.3	10,269.1

(a) Provisional



3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates for the week ending - 28th February 2018

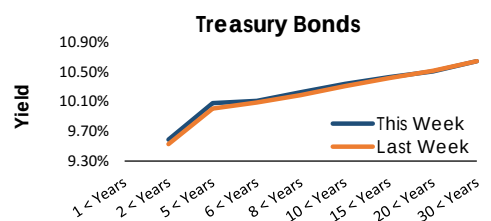
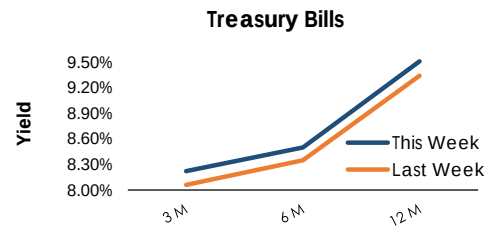
Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week Average
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	-	8.24%	8.31%	8.12%	8.22%	8.06%
	6 Months	-	8.52%	8.60%	8.40%	8.50%	8.35%
	12 Months	9.59%	9.45%	9.58%	9.43%	9.51%	9.34%
Treasury Bonds(b)	< 2 Years	-	-	9.64%	9.53%	9.59%	9.53%
	< 5 Years	-	-	10.15%	10.00%	10.08%	10.01%
	< 6 Years	-	-	10.17%	10.04%	10.11%	10.09%
	< 8 Years	-	-	10.27%	10.18%	10.23%	10.19%
	< 10 Years	-	-	10.39%	10.29%	10.34%	10.31%
	< 15 Years	-	-	10.47%	10.39%	10.43%	10.42%
	< 20 Years	-	-	10.56%	10.46%	10.51%	10.52%
	< 30 Years	-	-	10.77%	10.52%	10.65%	10.65%

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 28/02/2018

(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 increased and secondary market yield rates of T-Bonds have shown a mixed behaviour during the reporting week.

Security	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Secondary Market	
			This Week	Last Week
International Sovereign Bonds	4-Oct-20	6.250%	4.60%	4.63%
	27-Jul-21	6.250%	5.02%	4.97%
	18-Jan-22	5.750%	5.27%	5.20%
	25-Jul-22	5.875%	5.39%	5.33%
	14-Jan-19	6.000%	3.99%	4.07%
	11-Apr-19	5.125%	4.25%	4.34%
	3-Jun-25	6.125%	5.95%	5.82%
	3-Nov-25	6.850%	6.04%	5.91%
	18-Jul-26	6.825%	6.18%	6.06%
	11-May-27	6.200%	6.24%	6.13%



3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 28th February 2018)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	810,921.62	805,921.03
Treasury Bonds (a)	4,132,455.07	4,132,455.07
Total	4,943,376.69	4,938,376.10
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	321,162.27	320,665.87
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	656,571.25	658,720.23

The outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by foreigners has increased by 0.15 per cent during the reporting week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total Bids Received	78,804.00	72,466.00
Total Bids Accepted	30,000.00	30,000.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	40,000.00	-
Total Bids Received	81,874.00	-
Total Bids Accepted	32,020.00	-

The weekly T-bill auction was over subscribed by 2.6 times and T-bond auction was over subscribed by 2.0 times during the reporting week.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	38,530.96	12,816.76
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	210,472.13	199,225.06
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	51,070.47	53,856.69
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	596,399.45	617,293.53

The total secondary market transactions of T bills and T bonds have increased by 1.5 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 Quotes (Treasury Bills) - 02/03/2018

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.85	7.84	99.85	7.68	0.00
1 Month	99.35	7.96	99.36	7.78	0.02
2 Month	98.67	8.10	98.70	7.92	0.03
3 Month	97.94	8.35	97.98	8.17	0.04
4 Month	97.23	8.41	97.29	8.23	0.06
5 Month	96.51	8.50	96.58	8.32	0.08
6 Month	95.72	8.68	95.82	8.48	0.10
7 Month	94.97	8.75	95.06	8.58	0.10
8 Month	94.15	8.89	94.25	8.74	0.10
9 Month	93.29	9.07	93.46	8.84	0.17
10 Month	92.46	9.18	92.61	8.99	0.15
11 Month	91.60	9.29	91.74	9.13	0.14
12 Month	90.55	9.59	90.69	9.44	0.14

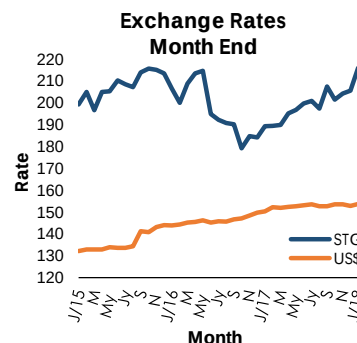
3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds) - 02/03/2018

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%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	30	99.99	8.35	100.00	8.21	0.01
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	91	99.93	8.60	99.96	8.47	0.03
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	135	99.89	8.72	99.93	8.61	0.04
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	166	99.38	8.89	99.44	8.75	0.06
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	227	99.78	9.09	99.89	8.91	0.11
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	258	99.18	9.20	99.32	8.99	0.14
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	319	96.91	9.40	96.98	9.31	0.07
10.75%2019A	2	15-Jan-19	319	101.10	9.38	101.21	9.25	0.11
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	425	98.94	9.46	99.06	9.35	0.12
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	486	101.25	9.56	101.41	9.43	0.16
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	562	101.37	9.61	101.55	9.49	0.18
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	609	97.45	9.68	97.60	9.58	0.15
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	791	99.07	9.72	99.30	9.60	0.23
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	822	96.52	9.75	96.73	9.64	0.21
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	883	92.43	9.78	92.65	9.67	0.22
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	1,019	99.11	9.86	99.39	9.74	0.28
10.75%2021A	5	1-Mar-21	1,095	102.08	9.93	102.36	9.82	0.28
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	1,156	97.37	9.98	97.64	9.88	0.27
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	1,248	103.09	9.91	103.42	9.79	0.33
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	1,323	98.58	9.92	98.75	9.86	0.17
11.50%2021A	5	15-Dec-21	1,384	104.53	10.02	104.91	9.90	0.37
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	1,401	93.79	9.98	94.05	9.90	0.26
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	1,582	103.82	10.08	104.33	9.94	0.52
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	1,674	99.52	10.13	100.06	9.98	0.55
11.50%2023A	6	15-May-23	1,900	105.13	10.20	105.73	10.05	0.60
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,009	95.34	10.13	95.83	10.01	0.48
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,009	104.08	10.21	104.77	10.05	0.69
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	2,039	86.98	10.11	87.36	10.01	0.39
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	2,131	105.02	10.23	105.52	10.12	0.50
11.00%2024A	8	1-Aug-24	2,344	103.25	10.29	103.90	10.15	0.65
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	2,466	80.05	10.15	80.33	10.08	0.28
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	2,570	99.72	10.31	100.23	10.20	0.51
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	2,617	93.63	10.27	94.03	10.19	0.40
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	2,709	103.16	10.38	103.72	10.27	0.56
10.35%2025A	8	15-Oct-25	2,784	100.74	10.20	101.13	10.13	0.39
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	2,893	93.30	10.25	93.61	10.19	0.31
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	2,921	73.67	10.25	73.92	10.20	0.25
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,013	103.38	10.37	104.08	10.25	0.70
11.50%2026A	10	1-Aug-26	3,074	105.97	10.41	106.78	10.27	0.81
11.75%2027A	10	15-Jun-27	3,392	107.60	10.45	108.41	10.32	0.81
11.25%2027A	10	15-Dec-27	3,575	105.32	10.37	105.97	10.26	0.65
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	3,713	91.45	10.38	91.74	10.33	0.29
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	3,774	91.21	10.41	91.63	10.33	0.43
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	3,836	106.25	10.50	107.09	10.38	0.85
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	3,958	116.27	10.45	116.82	10.37	0.55
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	4,078	116.49	10.46	117.05	10.38	0.56
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	4,457	102.98	10.55	103.89	10.42	0.91
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	5,053	82.64	10.39	82.93	10.35	0.29
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	5,327	89.59	10.40	89.87	10.36	0.27
11.20%2033A	15	15-Jan-33	5,433	104.36	10.61	105.59	10.45	1.22
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	5,570	89.13	10.44	89.55	10.38	0.42
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	5,600	121.01	10.47	121.53	10.41	0.53
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	5,723	88.56	10.50	88.98	10.44	0.42
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	5,784	120.66	10.54	121.19	10.48	0.53
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	6,222	106.73	10.64	108.18	10.46	1.45
12.00%2041A	25	1-Jan-41	8,341	111.60	10.64	112.07	10.59	0.47
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	9,222	85.26	10.70	86.14	10.58	0.88
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	9,436	123.99	10.74	124.89	10.65	0.90
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	9,588	123.27	10.81	130.22	10.18	6.95
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	9,861	113.13	10.97	116.58	10.62	3.45

External Sector

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 02 Mar 2018			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	153.12	156.90	155.01	155.13	151.28
STG	210.31	217.27	213.79	216.59	185.88
Yen	1.44	1.49	1.46	1.45	1.33
Euro	186.86	193.70	190.28	191.19	159.36
INR(1)			2.38	2.39	2.26
SDR (As at 28 Feb 2018)			223.93	225.06	204.78
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)			Jan 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			191.00	200.50	64.66
Sales			-	-	204.50



Item	Week Ending	Week Ago	Year Ago
	02 Mar 2018		

Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) 51.60 49.71 41.73

(spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)

Forward Transactions

Forward Rates (US\$) (2)

1 Month	155.88	156.10	152.84
3 Months	157.57	157.81	154.54

Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn) 28.38 21.98 63.94

Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 28 Feb 2018) 1,553.60 1,554.60 1,649.53

(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

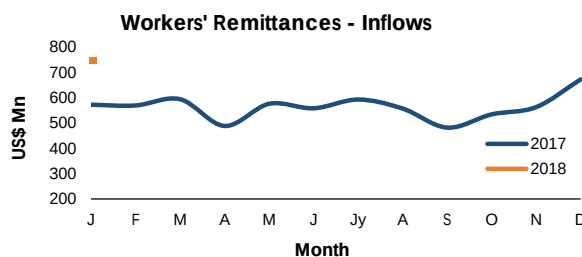
Item		2017 January	2018 January (a) (b)	% Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	219,360	246,972	12.6
Earnings from Tourism(d)	US\$ Mn.	406.8 (c)	458.0 (d)	12.6
	Rs.bn.	61.1 (c)	70.4 (d)	15.4
		2017 January (d)	2018 January (a)	% Change
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.	670.3	729.4	8.8
	Rs. bn.	100.6	112.2	11.5

(a) Provisional

(b) May be revised based on Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority survey results on average stay period and average spending per day estimates for 2018

(c) Revised based on Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority survey results on average stay period and average spending per day estimates for 2017

(d) Revised



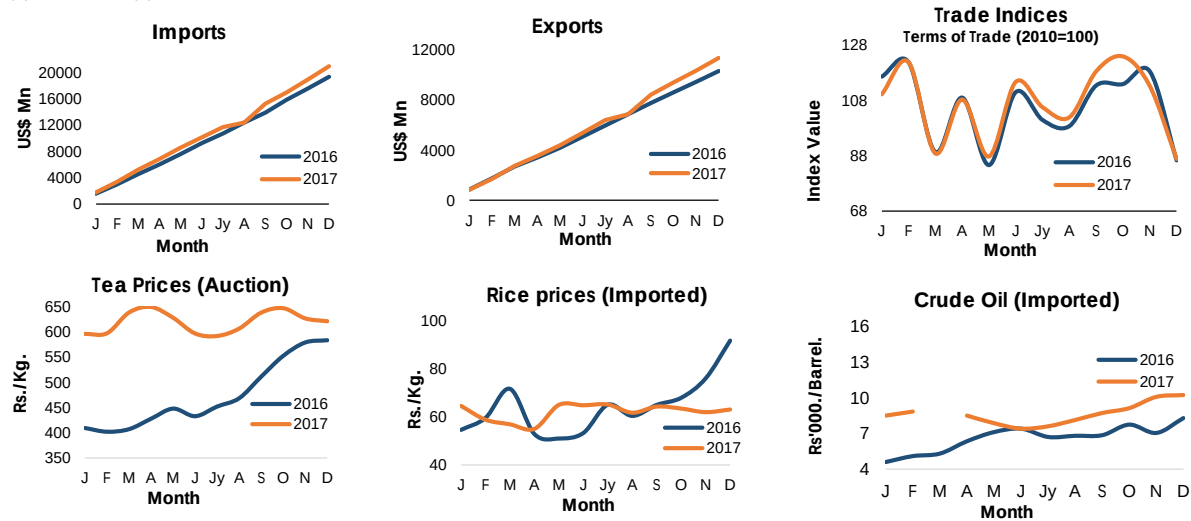
4.3 International Reserves & foreign Currency Liquidity as at 31st January 2018 (a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)					
Official Reserve Assets					7,669.98
(1) Foreign currency reserves					6,634.43
(a) Securities					4,399.45
(b) Total currency and deposits with					2,234.98
(i) other national central banks, BIS					1,086.12
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad					1.26
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country					1,147.60
(2) Reserve position in the IMF					69.64
(3) SDRs					4.57
(4) Gold					960.24
(5) Other reserve assets					1.10
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	-4,197.36	-69.38	-1,209.14	-2,918.84
	Interest	-1,231.18	-38.51	-184.04	-1,008.64
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)		-1,495.24	-90.00	-625.00	-780.24
(ii) Long positions (+)					
3. Other (specify)		-0.03	-0.03		
inflows related to reverse repos (+)					
other accounts payable (–)		-0.03	-0.03		
(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		
	2017(a)	2016	% Change	2017(a)	2016	% Change
Exports	11,360.42	10,309.74	10.19	1,732,439.63	1,500,765.68	15.44
Agricultural	2,767.16	2,326.09	18.96	422,031.05	338,726.55	24.59
Industrial	8,541.91	7,940.13	7.58	1,302,575.33	1,155,706.26	12.71
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	392.67	323.70	21.31	59,920.99	47,086.97	27.26
Textiles and Garments	5,031.95	4,884.09	3.03	767,253.95	710,767.91	7.95
Petroleum Products	434.34	286.86	51.41	66,280.26	41,793.85	58.59
Leather, Rubber products etc.	993.79	933.48	6.46	151,574.74	135,893.07	11.54
Other	1,689.16	1,512.00	11.70	257,545.39	220,164.45	16.98
Mineral	34.50	28.99	19.00	5,263.40	4,218.85	24.76
Other	16.86	14.53	16.02	2,569.86	2,114.01	21.56
Imports	20,979.80	19,182.84(b)	9.37	3,198,572.25	2,794,392.98(b)	14.46
Consumer Goods	4,502.55	4,318.96	4.25	686,423.54	628,861.80	9.15
Intermediate Goods	11,435.78	9,870.03	15.86	1,743,719.20	1,438,156.48	21.25
Investment Goods	4,894.69	4,980.80(b)	-1.73	746,175.02	725,472.66(b)	2.85
Other	146.78	13.05	1,024.57	22,254.50	1,902.04	1,070.03
Trade Balance	-9,619.38	-8,873.10(b)	-	-1,466,132.62	-1,293,627.31(b)	-

(a) Provisional (b) Revised



4.5 Trade Indices (2010=100) (a)

Item	2017 Dec (b)	Month (b)	Agro	Year Ago (c)
Total Exports				
Value	141.9		131.0	119.6
Quantity	175.1		124.4	158.9
Unit Value	81.1		105.3	75.3
Total Imports				
Value	183.3		173.7	162.5
Quantity	196.5		183.1	186.4
Unit Value	93.3		94.8	87.2
Terms of Trade	86.9		111.0	86.3

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

4.6 Commodity Prices

Item	2017 Dec (a)	2016 Dec	% Change	2017 Dec (a)	2016 Dec	% Change
	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Colombo Tea Auction	4.06	3.92	3.5	621.74	584.01	6.5
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	411.74	615.69	-33.1	63,057.54	91,665.48	-31.2
Sugar	435.75	596.87	-27.0	66,735.81	88,863.45	-24.9
Wheat	268.79	245.66	9.4	41,165.31	36,574.12	12.6
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	66.82	55.69	20.0	10,234.28	8,291.73	23.4

(a) Provisional