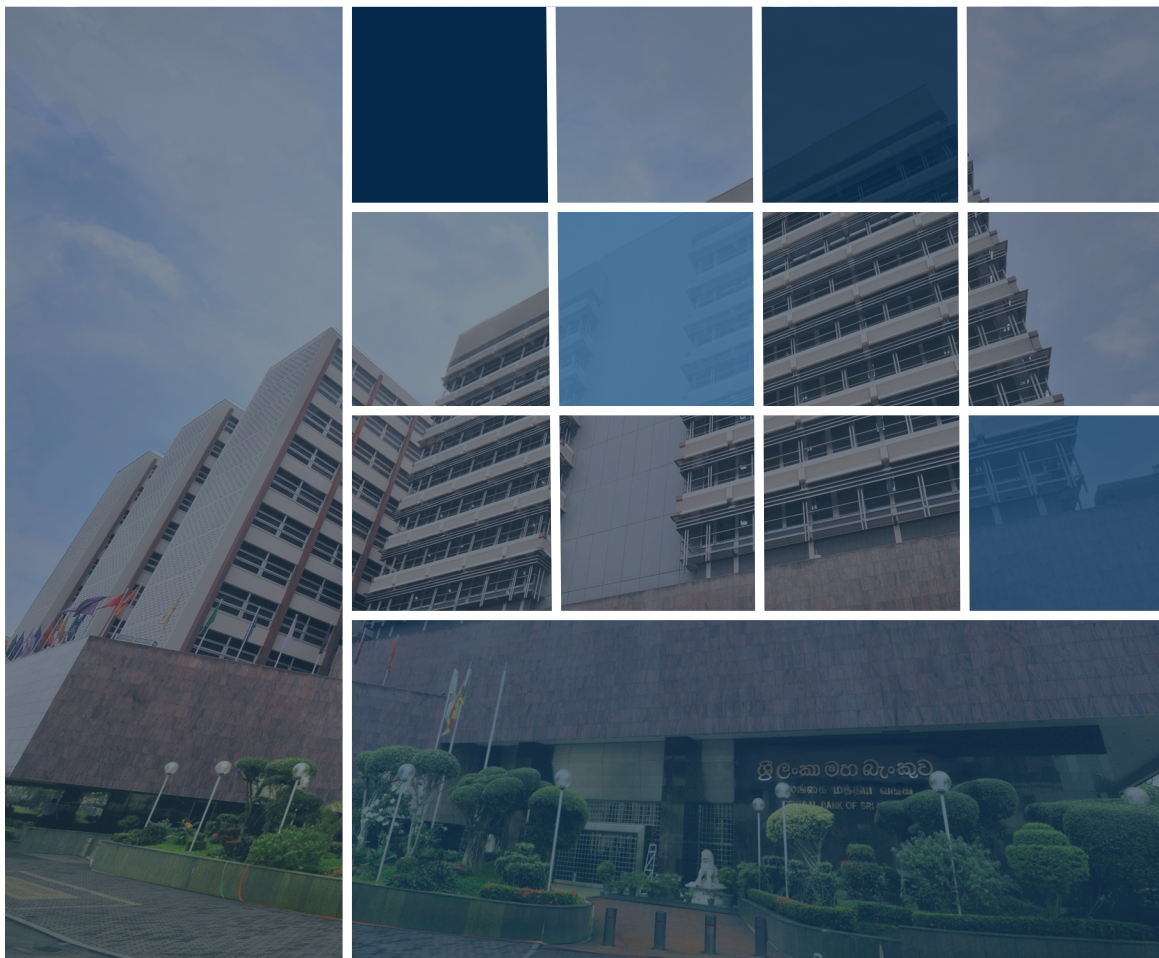


Weekly Economic Indicators

04th May 2018



Statistics Department
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Highlights of the Week

Real Sector

During the period, crude oil prices showed mixed performance. At the beginning of the week, prices fell amid high US crude oil production and inventories, and stronger US dollar. US oil production hit a fresh record high level of 10.62 million barrels per day (bpd) while US crude inventories have risen by 6.2 million barrels. However, prices rose subsequently due to looming geopolitical risks from possible new US sanctions against Iran. Overall, Brent and WTI prices fell by US\$ 1.6 per barrel and US\$ 0.2 per barrel, respectively, within the period.

Monetary Sector

Weekly AWPR for the week ending 04 May 2018 increased by 24 bps to 11.45% 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 excess of Rs. 4.10 bn by end of the week, compared to a surplus of Rs. 3.53 bn by the end of last week.

By 04 May 2018, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 0.37% to 6,507 points and the S&P SL 20 Index decreased by 0.54% to 3,640 points, compared to the previous week.

External Sector

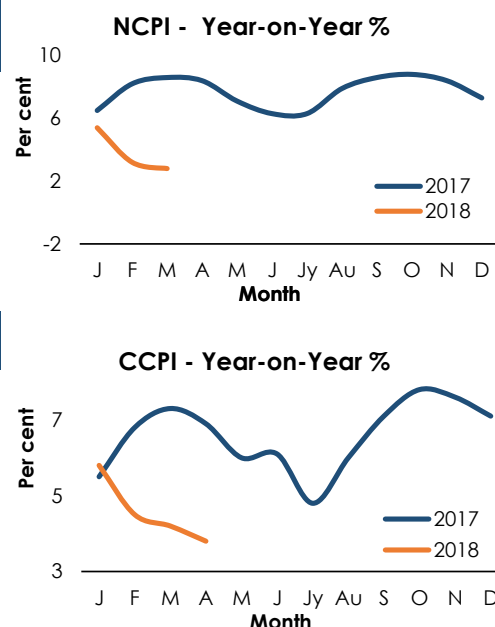
During the year up to 4 May 2018 the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the US dollar (3.2 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the pound sterling (4.1 per cent), euro (3.6 per cent) and Japanese yen (6.4 per cent) while appreciated against the Indian rupee (0.8 per cent) during this period.

The gross official reserves were estimated at US dollars 9,927.31 million as at 27th April 2018.

Real Sector

1.1 Price Indices

Item (2013=100)	Mar 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Headline	122.8	123.7	119.5
Monthly Change %	-0.7	-1.7	-0.3
Annual Average Change %	6.7	7.2	5.6
Year - on - Year Change %	2.8	3.2	8.6
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Core	124.6	124.4	122.3
Annual Average Change %	3.6	4.1	6.6
Year - on - Year Change %	1.9	2.0	7.0
Item (2013=100)	Apr 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Headline	121.5	121.4	117.1
Monthly Change %	0.1	-0.4	0.5
Annual Average Change %	5.9	6.1	5.3
Year - on - Year Change %	3.8	4.2	6.9
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Core	126.2	125.9	121.9
Annual Average Change %	4.7	5.0	5.5
Year - on - Year Change %	3.5	3.4	6.8



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

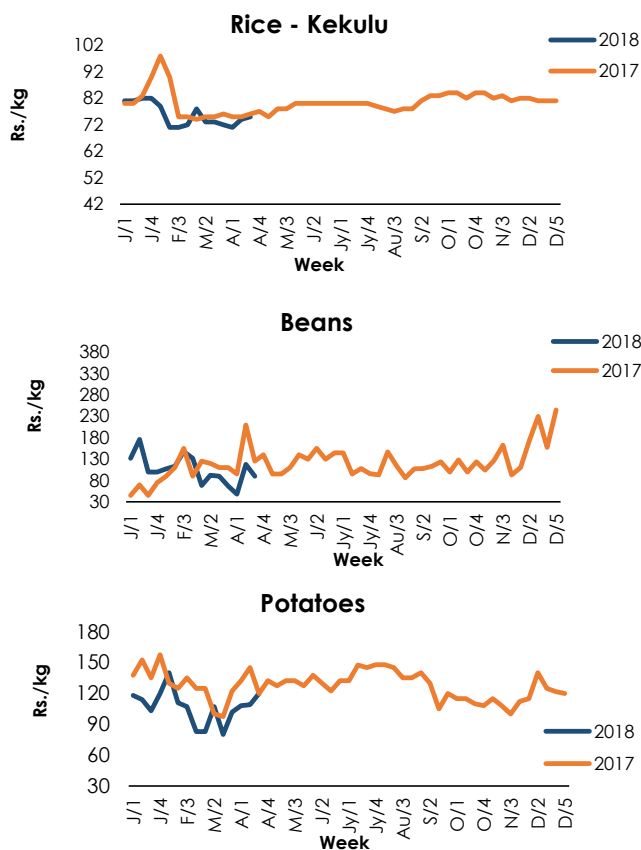
1.2 Prices

1.2.1 Pettah Market

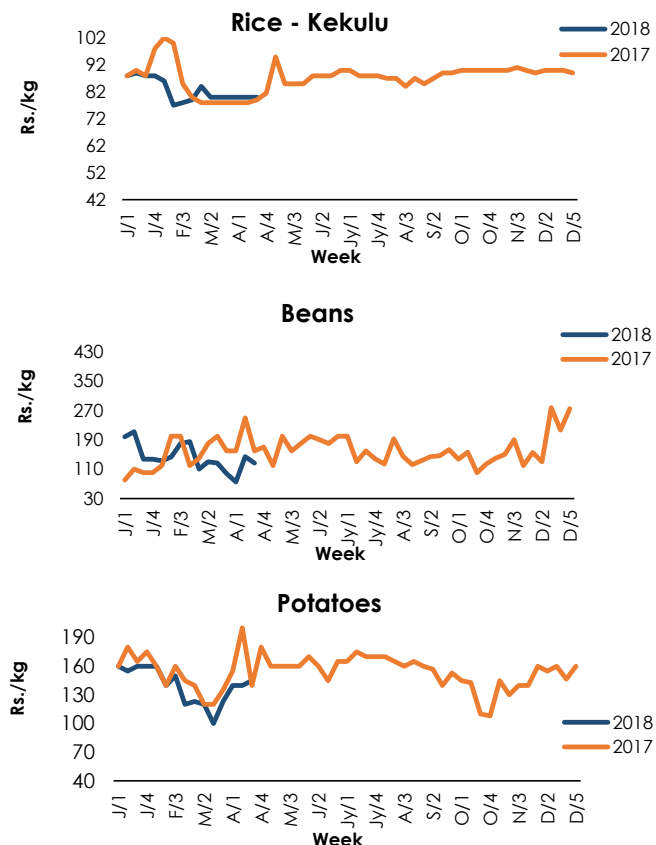
Food Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending	Week	Month	Year	Week	Week	Month	Year
	04 th May 2018	Ago	Ago	Ago Annual Avg	04 th May 2018	Ago	Ago	Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	106.00	104.00	104.00	94.82	113.00	110.00	110.00	99.92
Kekulu (Red)	72.00	74.00	73.50	80.30	80.00	80.00	80.00	86.84
Vegetables								
Beans	118.00	136.00	98.00	118.56	148.00	180.00	131.50	163.50
Cabbage	40.00	38.00	36.00	75.37	65.00	80.00	69.75	119.69
Carrots	96.00	106.00	90.25	120.95	138.00	155.00	128.75	163.42
Tomatoes	40.00	34.00	31.50	93.73	68.00	70.00	62.25	134.12
Pumpkins	34.00	28.00	27.50	61.84	53.00	48.00	49.25	90.00
Snake Gourd	80.00	90.00	65.50	96.74	115.00	127.00	99.25	134.00
Brinjals	76.00	48.00	54.50	94.90	110.00	80.00	86.25	132.54
Ash-Plantains	58.00	47.00	51.50	73.41	90.00	75.00	74.25	108.67
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	112.00	117.00	123.75	250.84	180.00	170.00	175.00	303.56
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	110.80	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	137.20
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	110.00	106.00	110.75	127.34	140.00	150.00	143.75	155.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	245.00	255.00	256.25	189.80	285.00	290.00	295.50	236.54
Dhal (Indian)	105.00	105.00	105.00	135.31	118.00	120.00	120.00	151.46
Eggs	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.96	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.63
Coconut (Each)	79.00	75.00	71.25	61.72	90.00	83.00	82.25	74.31
Fish*								
Kelawalla	580.00	530.00	535.00	540.63	950.00	880.00	867.50	807.87
Balaya	400.00	350.00	322.50	301.46	500.00	450.00	422.50	404.68
Salaya	160.00	100.00	115.00	116.88	200.00	140.00	155.00	179.79
Paraw (Small)	n.a.	450.00	533.33	538.02	n.a.	550.00	633.33	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 03 rd May 2018	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	108.33	113.33
Kekulu (Red)	71.67	76.67
Vegetables		
Beans	135.00	145.00
Carrot	105.00	125.00
Tomatoes	34.17	54.17
Pumpkins	18.00	38.00
Snake Gourd	58.33	78.33
Ash-Plantains	36.67	56.67
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	110.83	120.83
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	103.75	115.00
Dried Chillies(Imported)	252.50	262.50
Coconut (Each)	66.83	72.17

1.2.4 Marandagahamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 04 th May 2018	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	96.25	95.80	96.58	92.96
Sudu Kekulu	77.63	76.30	76.45	83.16
Raw Red	76.25	74.60	74.53	80.21
Nadu	79.25	77.20	79.79	87.93

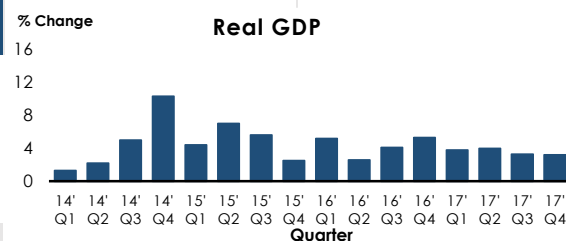
1.2.3 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	03 rd May 2018	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	108.00	108.00
Kekulu (Red)	83.00	78.00
Vegetables		
Beans	158.00	135.00
Cabbage	117.00	100.00
Carrots	157.00	127.00
Tomatoes	78.00	78.00
Pumpkins	60.00	87.00
Snake Gourd	137.00	118.00
Brinjals	97.00	78.00
Ash-Plantains	137.00	128.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	197.00	177.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	78.00	58.00
Potatoes (Imported)	87.00	68.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	277.00	247.00
Dhal (Indian)	117.00	120.00
Eggs (Red)(Each)	11.50	11.50
Coconut (Each)	73.00	68.00
Fish		
Kelawalla	823.00	797.00
Balaya	447.00	477.00
Salaya	147.00	157.00
Paraw (Small)	847.00	877.00

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

Item	2016 Annual (a)(b)	2017 Annual (a)	2016 4 th Qtr (a)(b)	2017 4 th Qtr (a)
Agriculture	-3.8	-0.8	-6.2	7.1
Industry	5.8	3.9	5.6	2.7
Services	4.7	3.2	6.2	3.2
Taxes less subsidies on products	6.3	3.2	8.0	2.3
GDP	4.5	3.1	5.4	3.2

(a) Provisional (b) Revised

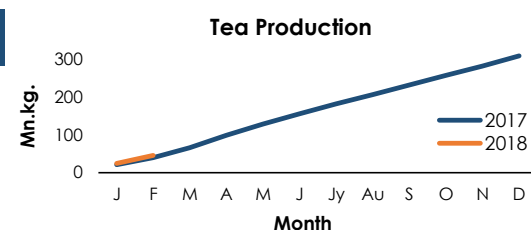


Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.4 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2018 Feb(a)	2017 Feb	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	45.33	40.15	12.90
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	13.61	15.31	-11.13
Coconut	(Mn Kg)	372.39	464.63	-19.85

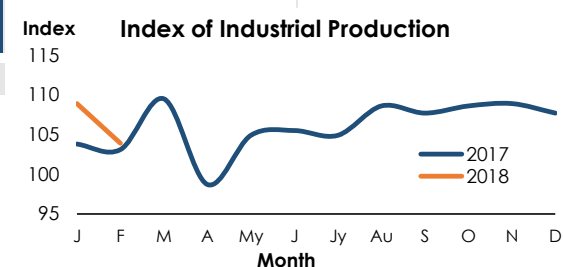
(a) Provisional



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

Item	2017 Feb (b)	2018 Feb (c)	% Change
Index of Industrial Production (IIP)	103.4	103.9	0.5
Food products	102.9	106.6	3.7
Wearing apparel	110.7	119.4	7.8
Other non-metallic mineral products	110.7	107.6	-2.7
Coke and refined petroleum products	89.1	56.6	-36.5
Rubber and plastic products	100.1	108.0	7.9
Chemicals and chemical products	102.3	99.4	-2.9
Beverages	93.1	100.7	8.1

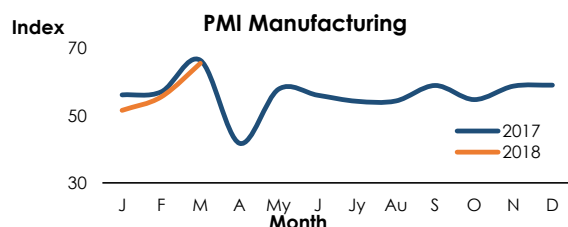
(a) Major 7 sub divisions (b) Revised (c) Provisional



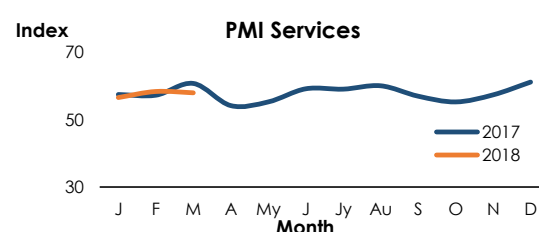
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.6 Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)

Month/Year	PMI Manufacturing			
	Mar. 2018	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2017	Feb. 2017
Index	65.6	55.6	66.5	57.1



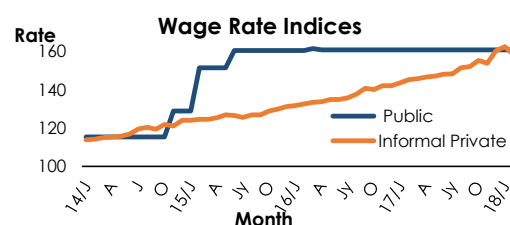
Month/Year	PMI Services			
	Mar. 2018	Feb. 2018	Mar. 2017	Feb. 2017
Index	58.0	58.4	60.8	57.3



1.7 Wages and Employment

1.7.1 Wage Rate Indices

Item	2018 February	2017 February	% Change
Public Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	160.8	160.8	0.0
Informal Private Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	158.2	145.2	9.0
Agriculture	157.7	145.2	8.6
Industry	164.9	149.6	10.2
Services	152.1	140.9	7.9



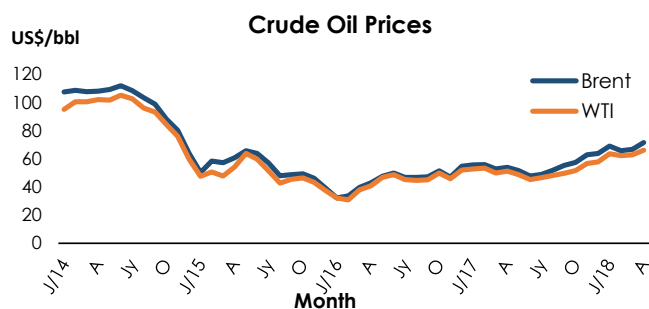
Employed Persons by Sectors (c) (as a % of total employment)

(a) The working age population aged 15 and above

(b) Provisional

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

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



Sources: Bloomberg
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

Monetary Sector

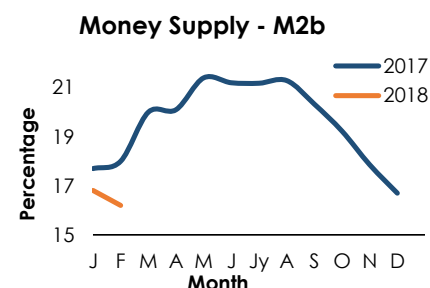
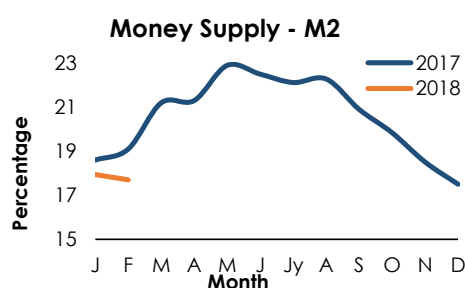
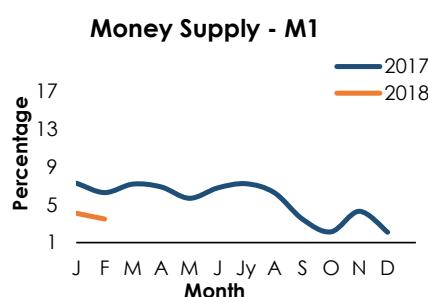
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 04 May 2018	Week Ago	Year Ago		
Policy Interest Rates					
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	7.25	7.25	7.25		
Standing Lending Facility Rate	8.50	8.50	8.75		
Average Weighted Call Money Rate (AWCMR) (Weekly Average)	7.89	7.84	8.73		
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offered Rate (SLIBOR)					
1-day	7.90	7.90	8.75		
7-day	8.29	8.35	9.83		
1-Month	8.76	8.91	10.75		
3-Month	10.01	10.03	11.27		
6-Month	10.61	10.61	12.00		
12-Month	11.40	11.40	12.50		
Treasury Bill Yields					
91-day	-	8.10	-		
182-day	-	-	10.53		
364-day	9.61	9.59	10.83		
Licensed Commercial Banks					
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	11.45	11.21	11.78		
	Mar-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	4.53-15.00	4.89-15.00		
	Apr-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	8.98	9.00	8.89		
Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	11.38	11.41	11.43		
	Mar-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	14.04	14.03	13.40		
National Savings Bank (NSB)					
	Mar-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Savings Deposits	4.00	4.00	4.25		
One Year Fixed Deposits	10.50	10.50	11.00		
Treasury Bond Auction		02 Y & 07 Months	07 Y & 05 Months		
		26/04/2018	26/04/2018		
Coupon rate	9.50	10.35			
Weighted Average Yield	9.79	10.11			
Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 04 May 2018	Week Ago	Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 04 May 2018	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	12.17	12.26	HSBC	10.15	9.44
People's Bank	11.29	11.75	Standard Chartered Bank	10.74	11.30
Hatton National Bank	11.38	11.92	Citi Bank	10.77	10.56
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	11.43	11.33	Deutsche Bank	10.26	9.83
Sampath Bank	12.20	13.37	Habib Bank	11.77	11.60
Seylan Bank	12.50	11.89	Indian Bank	12.77	12.60
Union Bank of Colombo	13.95	13.54	Indian Overseas Bank	13.27	13.10
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	15.50	14.48	MCB Bank	13.90	11.85
Nations Trust Bank	11.73	11.78	State Bank of India	10.76	10.49
DFCC Bank	13.31	13.69	Public Bank	13.00	13.00
NDB Bank	13.37	12.85	ICICI Bank	11.06	11.06
Amana Bank	12.58	12.57	Axis Bank	10.80	11.38
Cargills Bank	11.96	14.43			

2.2 Money Supply

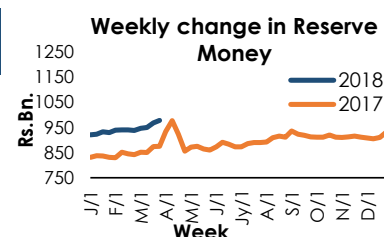
Item	Rs. bn			Annual Change (%)		
	2018 Feb(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago	2018 Feb(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Reserve Money	938.13	929.98	847.63	10.68	12.25	14.65
M1	770.85	773.42	744.60	3.53	4.11	6.29
M2	5,826.70	5,739.01	4,951.31	17.68	17.94	19.07
M2b	6,450.50	6,378.37	5,551.96	16.18	16.81	18.03
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	115.96	127.57	-369.88	131.35	138.92	7.94
Monetary Authorities	869.19	863.68	486.57	78.64	71.90	3.84
Commercial Banks	-753.23	-736.11	-856.45	12.05	11.33	1.60
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-326.36	-321.01	-320.14	-1.94	1.27	-4.65
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	-426.87	-415.10	-536.31	20.40	17.81	4.99
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	6,334.54	6,250.80	5,921.84	6.97	7.99	15.99
Net Credit to the Government	2,245.72	2,221.41	2,192.11	2.45	5.13	14.12
Monetary Authorities	225.58	232.55	455.94	-50.52	-43.38	18.59
Commercial Banks	2,020.14	1,988.86	1,736.17	16.36	16.83	13.01
DBUs	1,653.63	1,625.11	1,380.53	19.78	18.64	20.94
OBUs	366.51	363.76	355.64	3.06	9.37	-9.93
Credit to Public Corporations	523.91	506.86	534.78	-2.03	-2.17	1.59
DBUs	334.23	318.28	301.64	10.80	6.70	18.59
OBUs	189.68	188.57	233.14	-18.64	-14.20	-14.30
Credit to the Private Sector	4,921.62	4,863.40	4,293.21	14.64	15.18	21.04
DBUs	4,567.50	4,525.40	3,965.87	15.17	15.88	21.08
OBUs	354.12	338.00	327.35	8.18	6.60	20.56
Other Items (Net)	-1,356.71	-1,340.87	-1,098.27	-23.53	-25.87	-23.62

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b



2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	03 May 2018	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	979,303.75	988,257.09	-8,953.34



2.4 Money Market Activity(Overnight)

Item	01.05.2018	02.05.2018	03.05.2018	04.05.2018
Call Money Market				
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	7.87	7.89	7.90	7.89
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	21,250	17,220	14,065	21,370
Repo Market				
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	7.98	7.99	7.99	7.99
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	16,403	14,534	15,705	19,027

2.5 CBSL Securites Portfolio

Item	01.05.2018	02.05.2018	03.05.2018	04.05.2018
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Face Value (Rs. Mn)	50,521.53	50,521.53	50,521.53	50,521.53
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Book Value (Rs. Mn)	48,849.60	48,880.44	48,885.15	48,900.00

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	01.05.2018	02.05.2018	03.05.2018	04.05.2018
Short-Term Auction				
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	10.00	10.00	12.00	9.00
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	1	1	1	1
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	7.50	14.90	8.20	13.45
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	7.50	10.00	8.20	9.00
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	7.50	7.50	7.25	7.49
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	7.60	7.60	7.55	7.50
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	7.54	7.54	7.51	7.50
Outright Auctions				
Outright Sales Amount Offered (Rs. bn)				
Outright Purchase Amount Offered (Rs. bn)				
Settlement Date				
Maturity Date				
Tenure (No. of Days)				
Bids Received (Rs. bn)				
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)				
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)				
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)				
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)				
Long Term Auction				
Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)				
Reverse Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)				
Settlement Date				
Maturity Date				
Tenure (No. of Days)				
Bids Received (Rs. bn)				
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)				
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)				
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)				
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)				
Standing Facility				
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	14.28	7.26	10.83	6.47
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	4.75	15.80	8.86	11.37
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	17.026	1.465	10.166	4.096

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

Item	2018 End Mar (b)	2018 End Feb	2017 End Dec (c)
Total Number of Active Cards	1,502,710	1,488,341	1,459,883
Local (accepted only locally)	23,826	23,985	24,258
Global (accepted globally)	1,478,884	1,464,356	1,435,625
Outstanding balance (Rs.mn)	89,375	88,927	88,487
Local (accepted only locally)	692	701	725
Global (accepted globally)	88,683	88,226	87,762

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

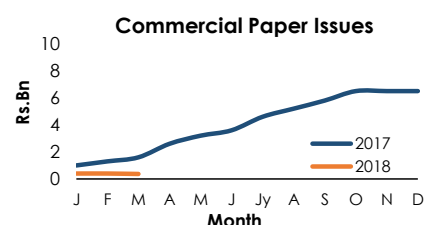
2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

Item (Rs. bn.)	2018 End Mar (b)	2018 End Feb (b)	2017 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative (c)	0.4	0.4	6.5
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	1.1	1.1	1.7

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

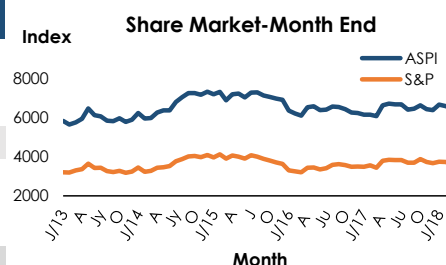
(b) Provisional

(c) During the year



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 4 May 2018	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,506.7	6,531.1	6,602.4
S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000) (S&P SL20)	3,640.5	3,660.1	3,785.2
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. mn)	495.1	623.8	1,033.6
Market Capitalisation (Rs.bn)	3,037.9	3,049.3	2,910.1
Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	201.4	544.6	164.5
Foreign Sales (Rs. mn)	166.6	597.6	102.3
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	34.8	-53.0	62.2

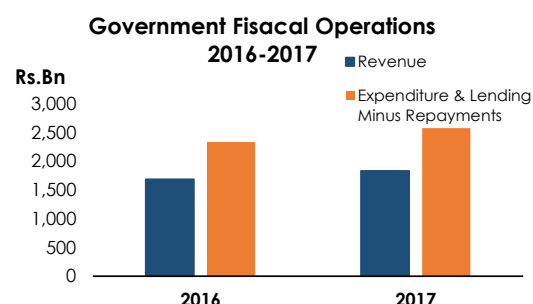


Fiscal Sector

3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

Item	2016	2017 (a)
Revenue and Grants	1,693.6	1,839.6
Revenue	1,686.1	1,831.5
Tax	1,463.7	1,670.2
Non tax	222.4	161.4
Grants	7.5	8.0
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	2,333.9	2,573.1
Recurrent	1,757.8	1,927.7
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	576.1	645.4

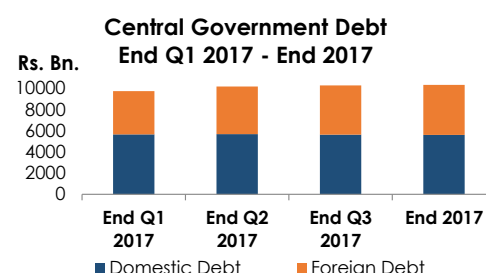
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3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	End 2016	2017 (a)
Total domestic debt	5,341.5	5,594.4
of which		
Treasury bills	779.6	697.2
Treasury bonds	3,714.8	3,822.6
Rupee loans	24.1	24.1
Total foreign debt	4,045.8	4,718.6
Total outstanding govt. debt	9,387.3	10,313.0

(a) Provisional



3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates for the week ending - 02nd May 2018

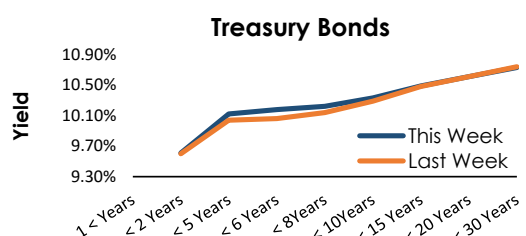
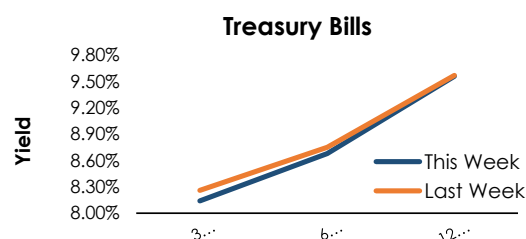
Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week Average
Treasury Bills	3 Months	-	8.10%	8.20%	8.07%	8.14%	8.26%
	6 Months	-	-	8.75%	8.60%	8.68%	8.75%
	12 Months	9.61%	9.59%	9.61%	9.50%	9.56%	9.57%
Treasury Bonds(b)	< 2 Years	-	-	9.66%	9.56%	9.61%	9.60%
	< 5 Years	-	-	10.17%	10.07%	10.12%	10.04%
	< 6 Years	-	-	10.23%	10.13%	10.18%	10.06%
	< 8 Years	10.11%	-	10.26%	10.17%	10.22%	10.14%
	< 10 Years	-	-	10.37%	10.29%	10.33%	10.29%
	< 15 Years	-	-	10.53%	10.45%	10.49%	10.48%
	< 20 Years	-	-	10.65%	10.57%	10.61%	10.61%
	< 30 Years	-	-	10.84%	10.61%	10.73%	10.74%

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 02/05/2018

(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 decreased and secondary market yield rates of T-Bonds have shown a mixed behaviour.

Security	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Secondary Market	
			This Week	Last Week
International Sovereign Bonds	4-Oct-20	6.250%	4.80%	4.76%
	27-Jul-21	6.250%	5.22%	5.19%
	18-Jan-22	5.750%	5.47%	5.49%
	25-Jul-22	5.875%	5.62%	5.64%
	14-Jan-19	6.000%	4.10%	4.15%
	11-Apr-19	5.125%	4.19%	4.15%
	3-Jun-25	6.125%	6.39%	6.38%
	3-Nov-25	6.850%	6.48%	6.46%
	18-Jul-26	6.825%	6.62%	6.61%
	11-May-27	6.200%	6.72%	6.73%



3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 02nd May 2018)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	874,999.53	887,303.30
Treasury Bonds (a)	4,177,060.87	4,152,060.87
Total	5,052,060.39	5,039,364.21
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	318,554.04	324,027.08
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	596,536.42	620,379.21

The outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by foreigners has decreased by 1.69 per cent during the reporting week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	28,000.00	28,000.00
Total Bids Received	77,041.00	88,506.00
Total Bids Accepted	28,000.00	28,000.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	25,000.00	-
Total Bids Received	100,246.00	-
Total Bids Accepted	25,000.00	-

The weekly T-bill auction was over subscribed by 2.8 times during the reporting week and T-bond auction was over subscribed by 4.0 times during the reporting week.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	29,747.25	39,051.80
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	160,391.95	145,177.17
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	89,860.67	45,999.57
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	587,439.75	623,721.83

The total secondary market transactions of T bills and T bonds increased by 1.58 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) - 04/05/2018

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.85	7.83	99.85	7.68	0.00
1 Month	99.34	7.99	99.36	7.83	0.01
2 Month	98.67	8.08	98.70	7.94	0.02
3 Month	97.98	8.20	98.01	8.07	0.03
4 Month	97.23	8.42	97.28	8.27	0.05
5 Month	96.49	8.54	96.55	8.39	0.06
6 Month	95.67	8.77	95.75	8.61	0.08
7 Month	94.83	8.98	94.92	8.82	0.09
8 Month	94.00	9.13	94.13	8.93	0.13
9 Month	93.19	9.21	93.31	9.04	0.12
10 Month	92.36	9.30	92.45	9.18	0.10
11 Month	91.49	9.42	91.60	9.29	0.11
12 Month	90.52	9.62	90.63	9.50	0.11

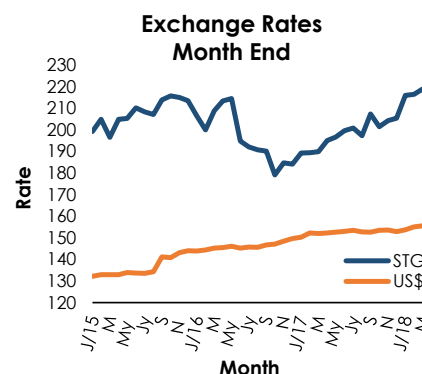
3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds) - 04/05/2018

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%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	28	99.99	8.36	100.00	8.25	0.01
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	72	99.94	8.59	99.96	8.49	0.02
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	103	99.63	8.69	99.66	8.58	0.03
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	164	99.96	8.81	100.01	8.70	0.05
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	195	99.49	8.99	99.57	8.84	0.08
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	256	97.40	9.57	97.47	9.45	0.08
10.75%2019A	2	15-Jan-19	256	100.82	9.47	100.93	9.30	0.11
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	362	99.07	9.51	99.17	9.40	0.10
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	423	100.97	9.68	101.10	9.55	0.14
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	499	101.13	9.68	101.26	9.58	0.13
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	546	97.68	9.71	97.79	9.62	0.12
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	728	98.98	9.82	99.23	9.69	0.24
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	759	96.74	9.76	96.94	9.66	0.19
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	820	92.88	9.80	93.09	9.69	0.21
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	956	99.04	9.92	99.31	9.80	0.27
10.75%2021A	5	1-Mar-21	1,032	101.81	9.99	102.13	9.86	0.32
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	1,093	97.52	9.98	97.74	9.89	0.22
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	1,185	103.06	9.86	103.33	9.77	0.27
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	1,260	98.38	10.01	98.68	9.91	0.30
11.50%2021A	5	15-Dec-21	1,321	104.24	10.06	104.57	9.95	0.34
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	1,338	93.97	10.00	94.22	9.91	0.25
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	1,519	103.50	10.14	103.91	10.02	0.41
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	1,611	99.31	10.19	99.80	10.05	0.49
10.00%2023A	6	15-Mar-23	1,776	98.94	10.28	99.40	10.15	0.46
11.50%2023A	6	15-May-23	1,837	104.83	10.25	105.48	10.08	0.65
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	1,946	95.20	10.18	95.76	10.04	0.56
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	1,946	103.66	10.28	104.31	10.13	0.65
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	1,976	87.16	10.14	87.66	10.01	0.50
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	2,068	104.56	10.31	105.09	10.19	0.53
11.00%2024A	8	1-Aug-24	2,281	102.91	10.35	103.50	10.22	0.60
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	2,403	80.09	10.23	80.63	10.10	0.54
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	2,507	99.64	10.32	100.08	10.23	0.45
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	2,554	93.60	10.31	93.99	10.22	0.39
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	2,646	102.91	10.41	103.49	10.30	0.59
10.35%2025A	8	15-Oct-25	2,721	100.57	10.24	100.96	10.16	0.40
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	2,830	93.38	10.25	93.77	10.18	0.39
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	2,858	74.03	10.25	74.35	10.18	0.32
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	2,950	103.15	10.41	103.78	10.30	0.63
11.50%2026A	10	1-Aug-26	3,011	105.75	10.44	106.51	10.30	0.75
11.75%2027A	10	15-Jun-27	3,329	107.44	10.46	108.03	10.36	0.59
11.25%2027A	10	15-Dec-27	3,512	105.27	10.37	105.92	10.26	0.64
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	3,650	91.46	10.39	91.75	10.34	0.29
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	3,711	91.00	10.46	91.42	10.38	0.42
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	3,773	105.77	10.56	106.35	10.47	0.58
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	3,895	115.66	10.52	116.20	10.44	0.54
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	4,015	115.91	10.52	116.46	10.45	0.55
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	4,394	102.51	10.63	103.38	10.50	0.88
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	4,990	82.11	10.49	82.40	10.45	0.28
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	5,264	88.97	10.50	89.24	10.46	0.27
11.20%2033A	15	15-Jan-33	5,370	103.65	10.70	104.60	10.57	0.95
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	5,507	88.51	10.54	88.92	10.48	0.41
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	5,537	120.04	10.57	120.56	10.51	0.52
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	5,660	87.95	10.60	88.36	10.54	0.41
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	5,721	119.70	10.64	120.22	10.58	0.52
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	6,159	105.27	10.81	106.48	10.66	1.21
12.00%2041A	25	1-Jan-41	8,278	110.65	10.74	111.11	10.69	0.46
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	9,159	84.55	10.80	85.41	10.68	0.86
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	9,373	122.92	10.84	123.80	10.75	0.88
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	9,525	122.23	10.91	129.06	10.28	6.83
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	9,798	113.08	10.97	115.69	10.71	2.61

External Sector

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit) (a)	Week Ending - 04 May 2018			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	155.98	158.99	157.49	157.21	152.44
STG	210.83	217.11	213.97	218.97	196.38
Yen	1.42	1.47	1.45	1.44	1.35
Euro	185.83	191.88	188.85	190.37	166.05
INR(1)			2.37	2.36	2.37
SDR (As at 03 May 2018)			225.87	227.32	207.99
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)			Mar 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			98.50	93.00	192.23
Sales			-	-	13.00



Item	Week Ending	Week Ago	Year Ago
	04 May 2018		
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.)	48.99	42.28	31.04

(spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)

Forward Transactions

Forward Rates (US\$) (2)

1 Month	158.67	157.84	153.31
3 Months	160.08	159.44	155.12

Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)

Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	(As at 03 May 2018)	2,071.79	2,047.58	1,365.64
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(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 Mar	2018 Mar (a)(b)	2017 Jan - Mar	2018 Jan - Mar (a)(b)	% Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	188,076	233,382	604,953	707,924	17.0
Earnings from Tourism(d)	US\$ Mn.	348.8 (c)	432.8	1,121.9 (c)	1,312.9	17.0
	Rs.bn.	52.8 (c)	67.4	169.1 (c)	203.2	20.2
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.	643.1	677.7	1,911.4	1,978.6	3.5
	Rs. bn.	97.4	105.5	288.2	306.2	6.3

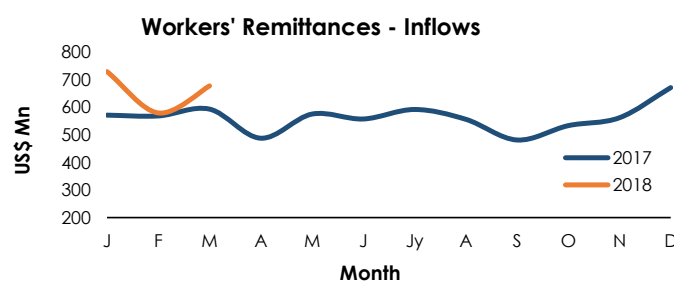
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(b) May be revised based on Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority survey results on average stay period and average spending per day estimates for 2018

(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

(e) February 2018 data has been revised based on revised data provided by a LCB



4.3 Official Reserve Assets as at 27th April 2018 (a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)	9,927.31
(1) Foreign Currency Reserves	9,015.35
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	68.81
(3) SDRs	0.57
(4) Gold	841.49
(5) Other Reserve Assets	1.09

(a) Provisional

4.4 International Reserves & foreign Currency Liquidity as at 29th March 2018 (a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)	
Official Reserve Assets	7,319.75
(1) Foreign currency reserves	6,353.26
(a) Securities	4,752.60
(b) Total currency and deposits with	1,600.66
(i) other national central banks, BIS	862.55
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad	1.26
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country	736.84
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	69.57
(3) SDRs	0.57
(4) Gold	894.92
(5) Other reserve assets	1.43

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	-5,116.39	-256.35	-722.59	-4,137.45
Interest	-1,236.20	-67.08	-185.82	-983.29
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)	-1,235.24	-260.00	-240.00	-735.24
(ii) Long positions (+)				
3. Other (specify)	-0.10	-0.10		
inflows related to reverse repos (+)				
other accounts payable (–)	-0.10	-0.10		

(a) Provisional

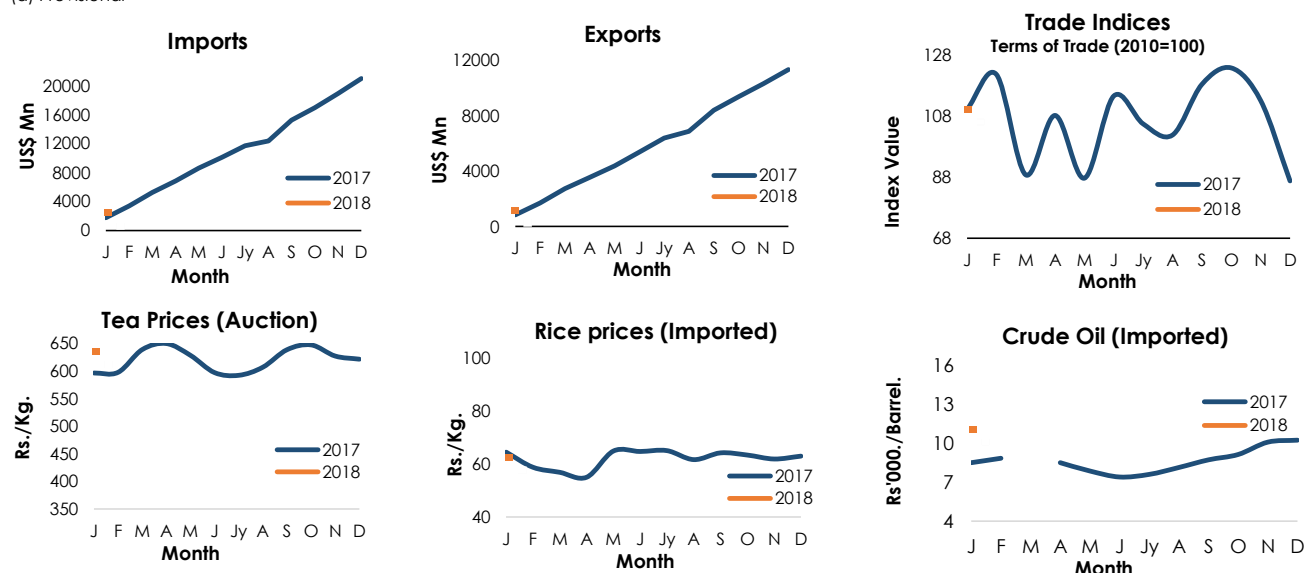
(b) This mainly includes only the predetermined outflows

(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		
	2018 Jan(a)	2017 Jan	% Change	2018 Jan(a)	2017 Jan	% Change
Exports	965.37	864.72	11.64	148,475.47	129,789.44	14.40
Agricultural	204.12	193.68	5.39	31,394.64	29,070.48	7.99
Industrial	757.61	667.99	13.42	116,522.36	100,262.19	16.22
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	48.16	22.06	118.30	7,407.75	3,311.59	123.69
Textiles and Garments	434.81	426.33	1.99	66,874.89	63,989.35	4.51
Petroleum Products	52.74	29.49	78.83	8,111.73	4,426.56	83.25
Leather, Rubber products etc.	84.04	67.30	24.88	12,925.41	10,100.73	27.97
Other	137.86	122.82	12.25	21,202.59	18,433.96	15.02
Mineral	1.44	1.72	-16.19	222.12	258.63	-14.12
Other	2.19	1.32	65.66	336.35	198.14	69.75
Imports	2,014.49	1,798.94	11.98	309,831.90	270,011.77	14.75
Consumer Goods	441.45	358.80	23.03	67,896.22	53,854.54	26.07
Intermediate Goods	1,133.31	950.62	19.22	174,305.09	142,682.84	22.16
Investment Goods	436.85	432.25	1.07	67,188.77	64,878.30	3.56
Other	2.87	57.27	-94.98	441.82	8,596.09	-94.86
Trade Balance	-1,049.12	-934.23	-	-161,356.42	-140,222.33	-

(a) Provisional



4.6 Trade Indices (2010=100) (a)

Item	2018 Jan (b)	Month Ago (b)	Year Ago (c)
Total Exports			
Value	134.4	141.9	120.4
Quantity	128.1	175.1	122.4
Unit Value	104.9	81.1	98.4
Total Imports			
Value	180.3	183.3	161.0
Quantity	188.9	196.5	181.1
Unit Value	95.4	93.3	88.9
Terms of Trade	109.9	86.9	110.6

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

4.7 Commodity Prices

Item	2018 Jan (a)	2017 Jan	% Change	2018 Jan (a)	2017 Jan	% Change
	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Colombo Tea Auction	4.16	3.98	4.7	640.45	596.71	7.3
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	408.40	430.10	-5.0	62,812.67	64,555.66	-2.7
Sugar	435.64	594.05	-26.7	67,002.83	89,163.31	-24.9
Wheat	245.91	249.72	-1.5	37,821.64	37,481.19	0.9
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	72.04	57.39	25.5	11,080.16	8,614.58	28.6

(a) Provisional