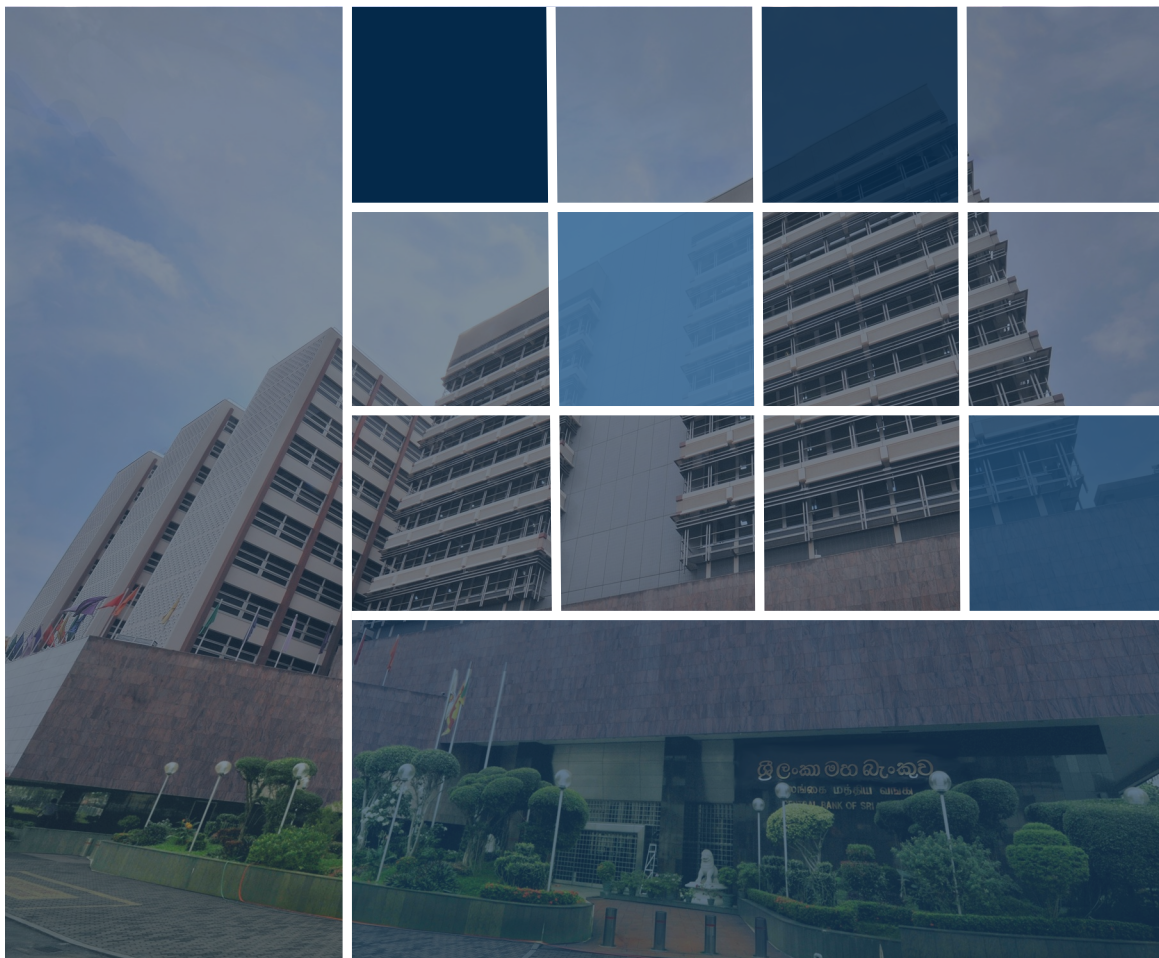


Weekly Economic Indicators

26th July 2018



Statistics Department
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Highlights of the Week

Real Sector

The year-on-year NCPI headline inflation increased to 2.5 per cent in June 2018 from 2.1 per cent in May 2018. The change in the NCPI measured on an annual average basis decreased from 5.7 per cent in May 2018 to 5.3 per cent in June 2018. When monthly change is considered, the NCPI increased from 124.3 index points in May 2018 to 126.5 index points in June 2018 largely due to the increase in prices of the items in the Food category. The NCPI Core inflation increased from 1.7 per cent in May 2018 to 1.8 per cent in June 2018 on year-on-year basis.

During the period, crude oil prices largely followed an increasing trend. Prices fell at the beginning of the period due to the risk of oversupply. However, prices rose subsequently due to Saudi Arabia suspending crude oil shipments via the strategic Red Sea shipping lane and the data showing US oil inventories falling to a 3 1/2 year low levels. Overall, Brent and WTI prices rose by US\$ 1.8 per barrel and US\$ 1.5 per barrel, respectively, within the period.

Monetary Sector

Weekly AWPR for the week ending 26 July 2018 increased by 02 bps to 11.44% compared to the previous week.

The reserve money increased compared to the previous week mainly due to increase in deposits held by commercial banks.

The total outstanding market liquidity increased to a surplus of Rs. 41.65 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 33.47 bn by the end of last week.

By 26 July 2018, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 0.60% to 6,154 points and the S&P SL 20 Index decreased by 1.18% to 3,360 points, compared to the previous week.

External Sector

During the year up to 26 July 2018 the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the US dollar (4.2 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the pound sterling (2.4 per cent), euro (2.5 per cent) and Japanese yen (5.8 per cent) while appreciated against the Indian rupee (2.8 per cent) during this period.

Earnings from exports grew by 6.7 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 4,707 million during first five months of 2018 mainly due to higher export earnings from textiles and garments, tea, rubber products, petroleum products, food, beverages and tobacco, machinery and mechanical appliances and gems, diamonds and jewellery. Import expenditure also increased by 11.8 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 9,622 million during first five months of 2018 largely due to higher imports of fuel, textiles and textile articles, personal vehicles, gold, chemical products, fertiliser and plastic and articles thereof. As a result, the deficit in the trade account expanded to US dollars 4,914 million during the first five months of 2018 from US dollars 4,198 million in the corresponding period of 2017.

The export unit value index increased by 5.5 per cent (year-on-year) in May 2018 mainly due to high prices registered in industrial exports. The import unit value index in May 2018 increased by 1.8 per cent (year-on-year) mainly due to high prices recorded in intermediate goods imports. Accordingly, the terms of trade improved by 3.6 per cent (year-on-year) to 90.5 index points in May 2018.

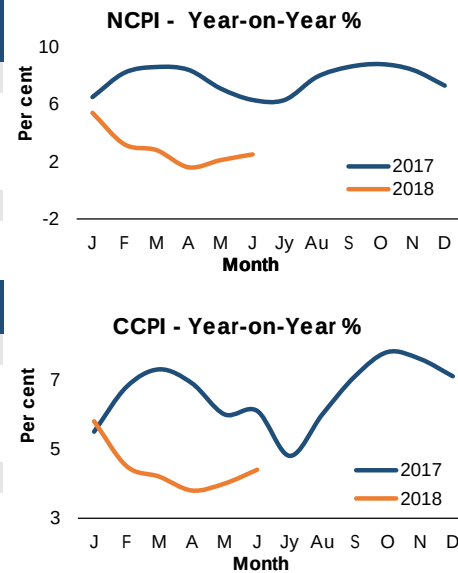
The average price of tea (in the Colombo auction) decreased to US dollars 3.76 per kg in May 2018 from US dollars 4.13 per kg in May 2017.

The import prices of rice, wheat and crude oil increased in May 2018 (year-on-year) while import price of sugar declined.

Real Sector

1.1 Price Indices

Item (2013=100)	Jun 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Headline	126.5	124.3	123.4
Monthly Change %	1.8	1.1	1.3
Annual Average Change %	5.3	5.7	6.1
Year - on - Year Change %	2.5	2.1	6.3
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Core	125.3	125.1	123.1
Annual Average Change %	2.9	3.1	6.1
Year - on - Year Change %	1.8	1.7	4.1
Item (2013=100)	Jun 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Headline	125.4	122.9	120.1
Monthly Change %	2.0	1.2	1.6
Annual Average Change %	5.6	5.7	5.5
Year - on - Year Change %	4.4	4.0	6.1
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Core	127.0	126.4	122.8
Annual Average Change %	4.4	4.5	5.5
Year - on - Year Change %	3.4	3.2	5.1



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

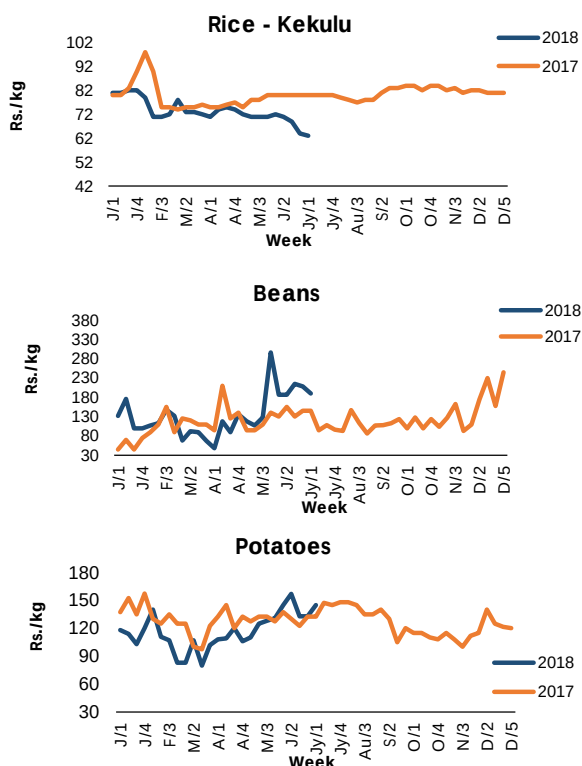
1.2 Prices

1.2.1 Pettah Market

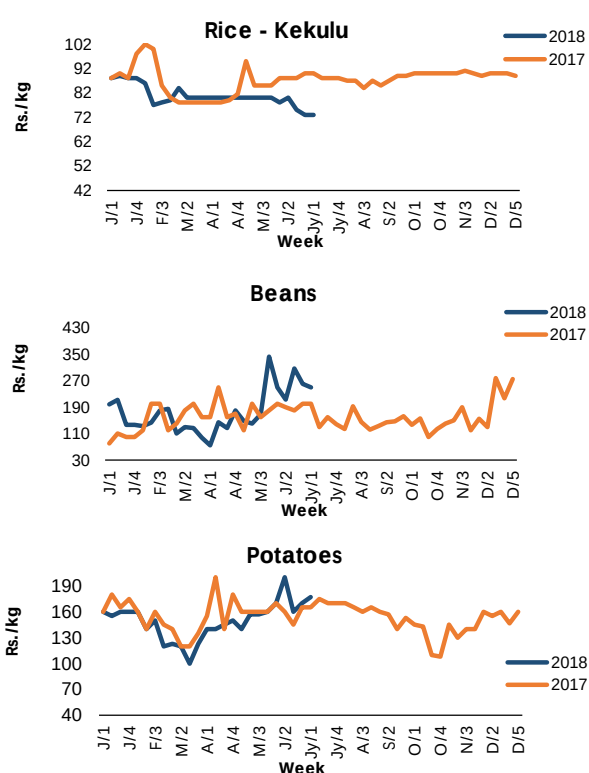
Food Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	26 th Jul 2018				26 th Jul 2018			
Rs / Kg					Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	106.00	106.00	106.00	94.82	113.00	114.00	112.60	99.92
Kekulu (Red)	64.00	61.00	69.40	80.30	74.00	75.00	77.20	86.84
Vegetables								
Beans	168.00	265.00	218.60	118.56	210.00	300.00	274.60	163.50
Cabbage	128.00	127.00	102.20	75.37	163.00	170.00	146.00	119.69
Carrots	180.00	200.00	239.60	120.95	218.00	245.00	288.20	163.42
Tomatoes	98.00	150.00	160.60	93.73	145.00	170.00	201.00	134.12
Pumpkins	73.00	48.00	30.00	61.84	100.00	77.00	57.60	90.00
Snake Gourd	94.00	100.00	112.60	96.74	135.00	140.00	151.60	134.00
Brinjals	74.00	80.00	123.20	94.90	115.00	130.00	171.40	132.54
Ash-Plantains	73.00	90.00	77.20	73.41	113.00	120.00	118.60	108.67
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	132.00	110.00	124.20	250.84	175.00	175.00	170.00	303.56
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	110.80	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	137.20
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	143.00	177.00	139.80	127.34	230.00	230.00	172.00	155.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	250.00	250.00	250.60	189.80	283.00	283.00	294.00	236.54
Dhal (Indian)	103.00	102.00	97.87	135.31	117.00	117.00	120.60	151.46
Eggs	17.50	16.50	14.76	11.96	18.75	17.50	15.74	12.63
Coconut (Each)	55.00	53.00	69.60	61.72	68.00	68.00	83.00	74.31
Fish*								
Kelawalla	680.00	650.00	630.00	540.63	1000.00	980.00	886.00	807.87
Balaya	360.00	380.00	346.00	301.46	460.00	480.00	446.00	404.68
Salaya	220.00	250.00	206.00	116.88	250.00	300.00	262.00	179.79
Paraw (Small)	680.00	n.a.	690.00	538.02	780.00	n.a.	790.00	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 25 th Jul 2018	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	103.50	108.50
Kekulu (Red)	66.50	71.00
Vegetables		
Beans	207.00	228.00
Carrot	203.00	233.00
Tomatoes	98.00	119.00
Pumpkins	58.00	77.50
Snake Gourd	72.50	94.00
Ash-Plantains	68.00	87.50
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	97.50	108.50
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a
Potatoes (N'Elia)	141.88	155.63
Dried Chillies(Imported)	250.50	260.50
Coconut (Each)	41.20	47.00

1.2.4 Marandagahamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 26 th Jul 2018	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	101.00	101.90	101.05	92.96
Sudu Kekulu	71.75	74.50	77.92	83.16
Raw Red	67.50	70.10	74.76	80.21
Nadu	72.25	75.50	81.26	87.93

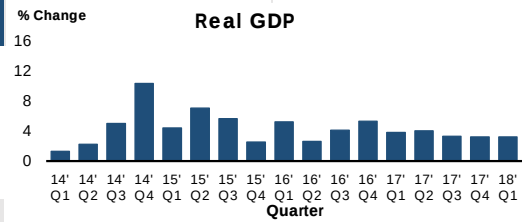
1.2.3 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	25 th Jul 2018	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	111.33	106.67
Kekulu (Red)	78.33	79.33
Vegetables		
Beans	276.67	316.67
Cabbage	236.67	236.67
Carrots	316.67	276.67
Tomatoes	196.67	198.33
Pumpkins	116.67	118.33
Snake Gourd	196.67	196.67
Brinjals	136.67	116.67
Ash-Plantains	136.67	136.67
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	156.67	176.67
Big-Onions (Imported)	86.67	93.33
Potatoes (Imported)	176.67	96.67
Dried Chillies (Imported)	286.67	266.67
Dhal (Indian)	116.67	106.67
Eggs (Red)(Each)	18.00	14.67
Coconut (Each)	68.33	78.33
Fish		
Kelawalla	976.67	920.00
Balaya	416.67	580.00
Salaya	256.67	300.00
Paraw (Small)	876.67	1,000.00

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

Item	2016 Annual (a)(b)	2017 Annual (a) (b)	2017 1 st Qtr (a)(b)	2018 1 st Qtr (a)
Agriculture	-3.8	-0.8	-4.4	4.8
Industry	5.8	4.6	3.7	0.9
Services	4.7	3.2	4.3	4.4
Taxes less subsidies on products	6.3	3.2	2.3	1.2
GDP	4.5	3.3	3.4	3.2

(a) Provisional (b) Revised

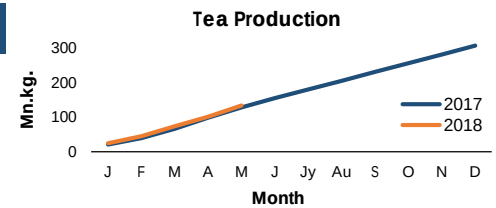


Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.4 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2018 Jan-May(a)	2017 Jan-May	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	134.56	128.83	4.45
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	32.75	38.44	-14.82
Coconut	(Mn Kg)	997.27	1,068.52	-6.67

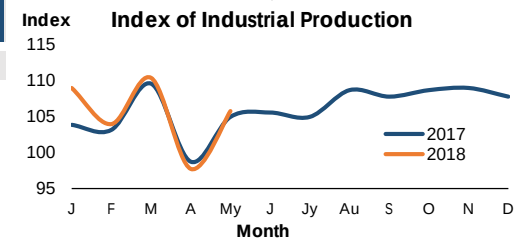
(a) Provisional



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

Item	2017 May (b)(c)	2018 May (c)	% Change
Index of Industrial Production (IIP)	103.7	105.7	2.0
Food products	100.2	103.1	2.9
Wearing apparel	110.3	114.1	3.5
Other non-metallic mineral products	110.0	98.8	-10.2
Coke and refined petroleum products	101.5	115.2	13.5
Rubber and plastic products	115.0	110.4	-4.0
Chemicals and chemical products	80.5	97.4	20.9
Beverages	88.1	91.3	3.6

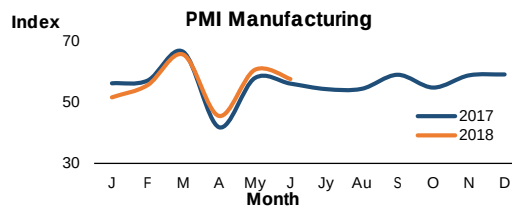
(a) Major 7 sub divisions (b) Revised (c) Provisional



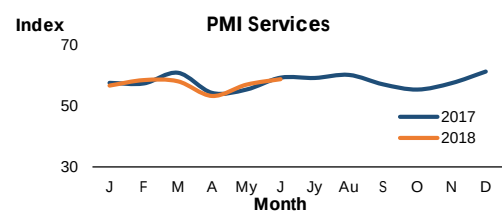
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.6 Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)

Month/Year	PMI Manufacturing			
	Jun 2018	May 2018	Jun 2017	May 2017
Index	57.6	60.6	56.1	57.9



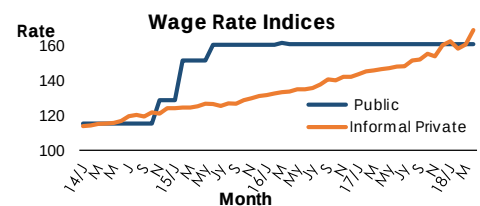
Month/Year	PMI Services			
	Jun 2018	May 2018	Jun 2017	May 2017
Index	58.7	56.9	59.2	55.3



1.7 Wages and Employment

1.7.1 Wage Rate Indices

Item	2018 April	2017 April	% Change
Public Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	161.0	160.8	0.0
Informal Private Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	168.9	146.5	15.2
Agriculture	170.9	147.1	16.2
Industry	171.4	152.3	12.6
Services	165.5	140.7	17.6



1.7.2 Employment (a)

Item	2016 4 th Qtr	2017 (b) 4 th Qtr	2017 (b)
Labour Force Participation rate	54.0	54.1	54.1
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.0	4.2

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

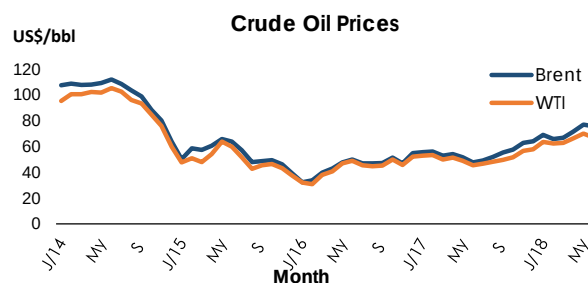
Agriculture	27.6	27.0	26.1
Industry	25.7	28.3	28.4
Services	46.7	44.7	45.5

(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	-	66.69	62.80	67.97
April	53.98	51.27	56.48	71.55	66.21	74.31
May	51.59	48.77	51.66	76.88	69.92	80.68
June	47.71	45.34	48.47	75.70	66.93	
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		
21 Jul	49.35	46.98		-	-	
22 Jul	-	-		-	-	
23 Jul	-	-		72.84	68.07	
24 Jul	47.97	45.68		72.78	67.70	
25 Jul	48.85	46.59		73.85	68.81	
26 Jul	50.56	48.28		74.68	69.58	

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

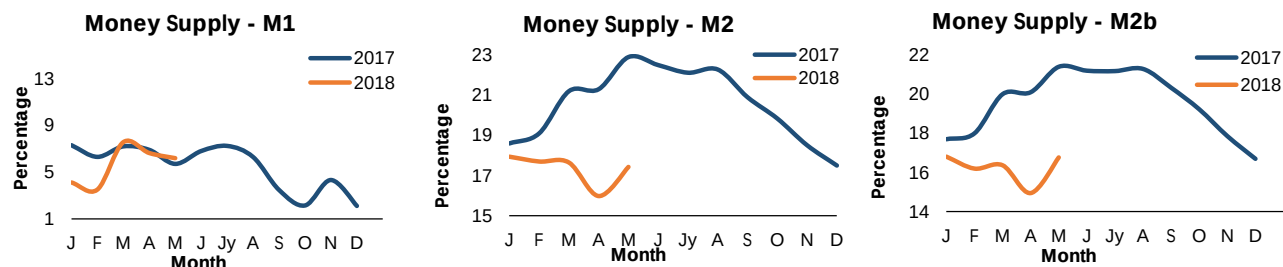
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 26 Jul 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)	8.50	8.49	8.72		
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offered Rate (SLIBOR)					
1-day	8.50	8.50	8.75		
7-day	8.76	8.75	9.47		
1-Month	9.04	9.04	10.32		
3-Month	10.15	10.10	11.16		
6-Month	10.76	10.76	12.00		
12-Month	11.50	11.50	12.46		
Treasury Bill Yields					
91-day	8.24	8.25	9.44		
182-day	8.74	8.75	9.71		
364-day	9.27	9.31	9.99		
Licensed Commercial Banks					
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	11.44	11.42	12.00		
	Jun-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Savings Deposits (a)	0.50-8.50	0.50-9.50	0.50-9.00		
One Year Fixed Deposits	4.53-15.00	4.53-15.00	4.89-15.00		
	Jun-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	8.92	8.91	9.13		
Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	11.26	11.23	11.66		
	May-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	14.06	14.13	13.57		
National Savings Bank (NSB)					
	May-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		07 Y & 03 Months	14 Y & 06 Months		
		12/7/2018	12/7/2018		
Coupon rate	10.35	11.20			
Weighted Average Yield	10.53	10.88			
(a) Revised					
Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 26 Jul 2018	Week Ago	Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 26 Jul 2018	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	12.18	12.14	HSBC	9.18	9.12
People's Bank	11.91	11.55	Standard Chartered Bank	11.34	11.28
Hatton National Bank	11.86	11.79	Citi Bank	10.20	10.31
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	11.46	11.35	Deutsche Bank	10.55	10.15
Sampath Bank	11.75	11.90	Habib Bank	11.70	11.70
Seylan Bank	12.90	13.45	Indian Bank	12.70	12.70
Union Bank of Colombo	14.76	15.40	Indian Overseas Bank	13.20	13.20
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	15.34	16.44	MCB Bank	12.68	11.41
Nations Trust Bank	12.14	11.97	State Bank of India	10.65	10.65
DFCC Bank	12.81	13.16	Public Bank	12.82	12.86
NDB Bank	13.21	12.74	ICICI Bank	10.26	10.26
Amana Bank	12.65	12.57	Axis Bank	12.20	12.20
Cargills Bank	15.31	13.97			

2.2 Money Supply

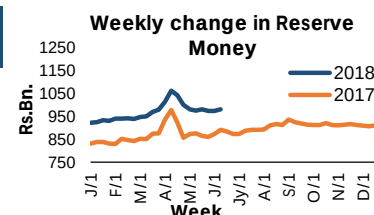
Item	Rs. bn			Annual Change (%)		
	2018 May(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago	2018 May(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Reserve Money	973.37	1,000.06	859.79	13.21	12.93	17.26
M1	790.97	812.55	741.78	6.63	6.19	5.69
M2	6,047.72	6,043.71	5,214.38	15.98	17.43	22.95
M2b	6,670.95	6,691.73	5,803.17	14.95	16.77	21.37
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	74.40	119.45	-318.52	123.36	135.04	31.87
Monetary Authorities	810.90	835.20	544.02	49.06	63.38	28.74
Commercial Banks	-736.51	-715.76	-862.55	14.61	16.00	3.09
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-327.35	-339.96	-317.00	-3.26	-5.79	4.09
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	-409.16	-375.80	-545.54	25.00	29.19	2.51
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	6,596.55	6,572.28	6,121.69	7.76	8.25	16.63
Net Credit to the Government	2,324.23	2,322.49	2,239.74	3.77	5.27	13.95
Monetary Authorities	291.38	291.83	414.65	-29.73	-38.83	1.83
Commercial Banks	2,032.84	2,030.66	1,825.09	11.38	17.43	17.11
DBUs	1,650.33	1,656.01	1,453.50	13.54	22.82	25.23
OBUs	382.52	374.64	371.59	2.94	-1.63	-6.59
Credit to Public Corporations (c)	608.32	581.02	580.69	4.76	0.85	16.50
DBUs (c)	379.35	362.16	330.93	14.63	12.68	21.91
OBUs	228.97	218.86	249.76	-8.32	-14.08	10.03
Credit to the Private Sector (c)	5,073.26	5,044.46	4,406.02	15.14	15.29	18.65
DBUs (c)	4,721.95	4,684.42	4,100.40	15.16	15.18	19.13
OBUs	351.31	360.05	305.63	14.95	16.80	12.50
Other Items (Net)	-1,409.26	-1,375.68	-1,104.76	-27.56	-26.66	-18.93

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



2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	25 Jul 2018	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	1,010,200.73	1,005,986.61	4,214.11



2.4 Money Market Activity(Overnight)

Item	23.07.2018	24.07.2018	25.07.2018	26.07.2018
Call Money Market				
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.50	8.50	8.49	8.49
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	24,655	23,715	31,200	35,650
Repo Market				
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.35	8.34	8.34	8.33
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	20,807	20,645	16,198	11,340

2.5 CBSL Securites Portfolio

Item	23.07.2018	24.07.2018	25.07.2018	26.07.2018
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Face Value (Rs. Mn)	41,087.77	41,087.77	41,087.77	41,038.94
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Book Value (Rs. Mn)	40,528.08	40,551.11	40,546.84	40,520.20

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	23.07.2018	24.07.2018	25.07.2018	26.07.2018
Short-Term Auction				
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	8.00	9.00	5.00	20.00
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)	15.70	13.42	4.53	23.54
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	8.00	9.00	3.50	13.00
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.00	7.85	7.90	7.80
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.00	8.00	7.90	7.80
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	8.00	7.94	7.90	7.80
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 Offered (Rs. bn)	10.00		10.00	10.00
Reverse Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00		0.00	0.00
Settlement Date	24.07.2018		26.07.2018	30.07.2018
Maturity Date	07.08.2018		09.08.2018	13.08.2018
Tenure (No. of Days)	14		14	14
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	22.00		20.00	20.00
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	10.00		0.00	0.00
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.32		0.00	0.00
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.35		0.00	0.00
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	8.33		0.00	0.00
Standing Facility				
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	11.806	8.923	8.480	19.081
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	6.102	2.793	1.692	0.434
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	35.454	36.880	32.038	41.647

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

Item	2018 End Jun(b)	2018 End May	2017 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,557,069	1,541,902	1,459,883
Local (accepted only locally)	23,656	23,793	24,258
Global (accepted globally)	1,533,413	1,518,109	1,435,625
Outstanding balance (Rs.mn)	95,055	93,884	88,487
Local (accepted only locally)	705	703	725
Global (accepted globally)	94,351	93,181	87,762

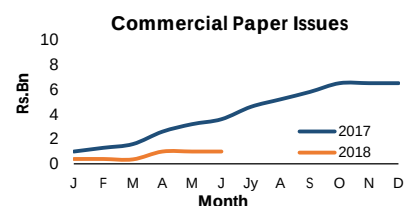
(a) Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks (LCBs) (b) Provisional

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

Item (Rs. bn.)	2018 End Jun (b)	2018 End May	2017 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative (c)	1.0	1.0	6.5
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	1.7	1.7	1.7

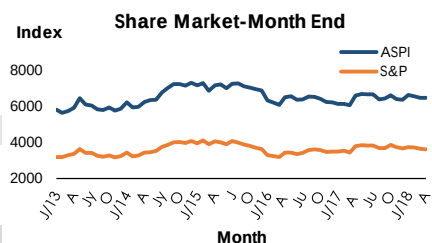
(a) Based on the information provided by LCBs and Licensed Specialised Banks (LSBs)

(b) Provisional (c) During the year



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 26 Jul 2018	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,154.0	6,191.2	6,669.1
S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000) (S&P SL20)	3,360.4	3,400.4	3,830.6
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. mn)	276.1	428.9	424.6
Market Capitalisation (Rs.bn)	2,881.7	2,899.1	3,024.5
Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	137.3	57.7	85.7
Foreign Sales (Rs. mn)	306.9	31.5	46.8
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	-169.6	26.2	38.9

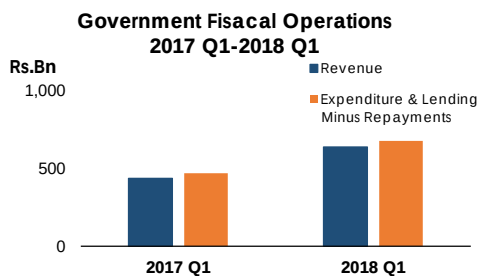


Fiscal Sector

3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

Item	2017 Q1	2018 Q1 (a)
Revenue and Grants	436.7	469.4
Revenue	436.0	469.1
Tax	415.1	425.3
Non tax	20.9	43.8
Grants	0.7	0.3
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	636.3	675.2
Recurrent	484.2	527.5
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	152.1	147.7

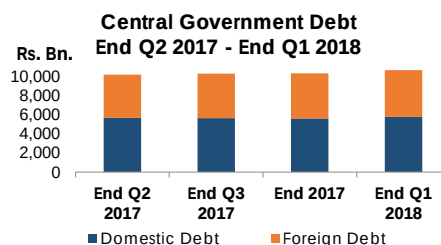
(a) Provisional



3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	End 2017	End 2018 Q1(a)
Total domestic debt	5,594.4	5,770.9
of which		
Treasury bills	697.2	787.7
Treasury bonds	3,822.6	3,872.8
Rupee loans	24.1	24.1
Total foreign debt	4,718.6	4,883.2
Total outstanding govt. debt	10,313.0	10,654.1

(a) Provisional



3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates for the week ending - 25th July 2018

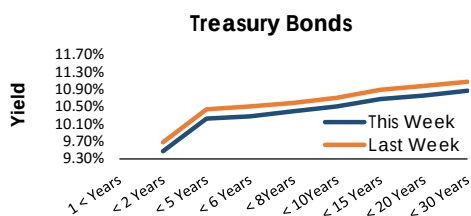
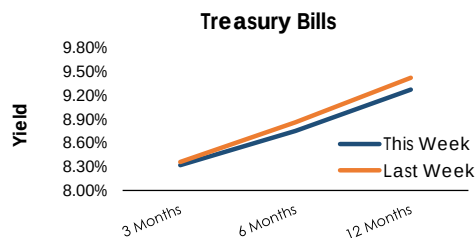
Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week Average
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	8.24%	8.25%	8.40%	8.24%	8.32%	8.37%
	6 Months	8.74%	8.75%	8.83%	8.66%	8.75%	8.85%
	12 Months	9.27%	9.31%	9.32%	9.21%	9.27%	9.38%
Treasury Bonds(b)	< 2 Years	-	-	9.53%	9.42%	9.48%	9.61%
	< 5 Years	-	-	10.28%	10.18%	10.23%	10.36%
	< 6 Years	-	-	10.33%	10.22%	10.28%	10.43%
	< 8 Years	-	10.53%	10.45%	10.34%	10.40%	10.51%
	< 10 Years	-	-	10.57%	10.44%	10.51%	10.65%
	< 15 Years	-	10.88%	10.74%	10.62%	10.68%	10.82%
	< 20 Years	-	-	10.82%	10.69%	10.76%	10.92%
	< 30 Years	-	-	10.95%	10.79%	10.87%	11.01%

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 25/07/2018

(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 and 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%	5.22%	5.31%
	27-Jul-21	6.250%	5.48%	5.64%
	18-Jan-22	5.750%	5.72%	5.91%
	25-Jul-22	5.875%	5.83%	6.03%
	14-Jan-19	6.000%	4.28%	4.37%
	11-Apr-19	5.125%	4.31%	4.52%
	3-Jun-25	6.125%	6.67%	6.85%
	3-Nov-25	6.850%	6.77%	6.96%
	18-Jul-26	6.825%	6.84%	7.04%
	11-May-27	6.200%	6.87%	7.10%



3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 25th July 2018)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	804,101.82	824,158.82
Treasury Bonds (a)	4,178,644.04	4,189,359.77
Total	4,982,745.86	5,013,518.59
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	288,066.93	294,664.65
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	583,076.19	582,522.65

The outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by foreigners has marginally decreased by 2.24 per cent during the reporting week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	24,000.00	15,000.00
Total Bids Received	76,391.00	83,173.00
Total Bids Accepted	24,000.00	15,000.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	-	80,000.00
Total Bids Received	-	225,439.00
Total Bids Accepted	-	80,000.00

The weekly T-bill auction was over subscribed by 3.2 times during the reporting week.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	10,270.21	8,630.79
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	173,567.08	146,838.23
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	41,951.27	37,935.55
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	608,484.93	716,440.09

The total secondary market transactions of T bills and T bonds decreased by 8.31 per cent in the reporting week compared to the previous week.

(a) Excludes Treasury bonds amounting to Rs. 56,662 million issued to settle dues of CPC.

3.5 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bills) - 26/07/2018

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.85	8.02	99.85	7.87	0.00
1 Month	99.33	8.19	99.34	8.02	0.01
2 Month	98.63	8.31	98.66	8.12	0.03
3 Month	97.93	8.40	97.97	8.24	0.04
4 Month	97.20	8.52	97.24	8.38	0.05
5 Month	96.44	8.66	96.50	8.51	0.06
6 Month	95.65	8.83	95.73	8.66	0.09
7 Month	94.85	8.94	94.93	8.81	0.08
8 Month	94.06	9.04	94.15	8.90	0.09
9 Month	93.25	9.13	93.35	8.99	0.10
10 Month	92.45	9.19	92.54	9.08	0.09
11 Month	91.63	9.26	91.73	9.15	0.10
12 Month	90.81	9.32	90.92	9.21	0.11

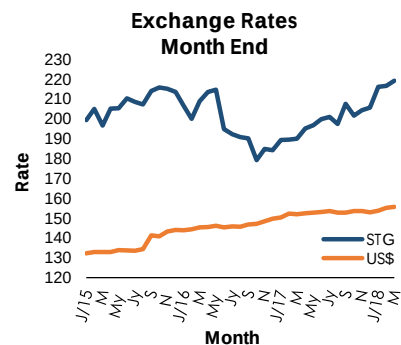
3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds) - 26/07/2018

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
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	20	99.94	8.34	99.95	8.20	0.01
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	81	100.00	8.54	100.03	8.39	0.03
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	112	99.76	8.67	99.80	8.53	0.04
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	173	98.51	8.95	98.59	8.76	0.08
10.75%2019A	2	15-Jan-19	173	100.82	8.90	100.91	8.71	0.09
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	279	99.43	9.25	99.54	9.10	0.11
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	340	101.09	9.33	101.19	9.22	0.10
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	416	101.24	9.40	101.36	9.29	0.12
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	463	98.33	9.41	98.46	9.30	0.13
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	645	99.53	9.53	99.70	9.42	0.18
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	676	97.32	9.60	97.53	9.47	0.21
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	737	93.95	9.57	94.12	9.47	0.17
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	873	99.63	9.67	99.88	9.55	0.25
10.75%2021A	5	1-Mar-21	949	102.07	9.82	102.29	9.72	0.22
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	1,010	97.94	9.86	98.17	9.76	0.23
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	1,102	102.85	9.88	103.13	9.77	0.29
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	1,177	98.64	9.95	98.90	9.85	0.27
11.50%2021A	5	15-Dec-21	1,238	104.28	9.97	104.61	9.86	0.33
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	1,255	94.07	10.08	94.25	10.02	0.18
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	1,436	103.51	10.09	103.84	9.99	0.33
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	1,528	99.50	10.14	99.81	10.05	0.32
10.00%2023A	6	15-Mar-23	1,693	99.13	10.23	99.42	10.15	0.29
11.50%2023A	6	15-May-23	1,754	104.52	10.27	104.95	10.16	0.43
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	1,863	94.96	10.29	95.33	10.19	0.37
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	1,863	103.47	10.30	103.93	10.19	0.46
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	1,893	87.01	10.29	87.35	10.20	0.34
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	1,985	104.29	10.34	104.79	10.23	0.50
11.00%2024A	8	1-Aug-24	2,198	103.05	10.31	103.49	10.21	0.44
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	2,320	80.12	10.35	80.55	10.24	0.43
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	2,424	99.21	10.41	99.75	10.30	0.54
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	2,471	93.08	10.45	93.54	10.35	0.46
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	2,563	102.87	10.41	103.46	10.29	0.59
10.35%2025A	8	15-Oct-25	2,638	99.57	10.43	100.13	10.32	0.56
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	2,747	92.48	10.47	93.01	10.36	0.54
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	2,775	73.62	10.47	74.06	10.36	0.44
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	2,867	102.59	10.50	103.25	10.38	0.66
11.50%2026A	10	1-Aug-26	2,928	105.37	10.49	106.02	10.37	0.66
11.75%2027A	10	15-Jun-27	3,246	106.79	10.55	107.40	10.45	0.61
11.25%2027A	10	15-Dec-27	3,429	104.24	10.52	104.91	10.41	0.67
10.75%2028A	10	15-Mar-28	3,520	101.32	10.52	102.01	10.41	0.69
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	3,567	90.16	10.64	91.06	10.48	0.90
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	3,628	90.46	10.57	91.24	10.44	0.78
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	3,690	105.45	10.60	106.23	10.48	0.78
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	3,812	114.41	10.67	115.33	10.54	0.92
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	3,932	114.59	10.68	115.53	10.55	0.93
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	4,311	101.57	10.76	102.74	10.58	1.17
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	4,907	81.01	10.70	81.46	10.62	0.46
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	5,181	87.64	10.71	88.17	10.63	0.53
11.20%2033A	15	15-Jan-33	5,287	103.05	10.78	104.02	10.65	0.97
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	5,424	87.17	10.75	87.73	10.66	0.57
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	5,454	117.59	10.84	118.73	10.71	1.14
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	5,577	86.75	10.79	87.49	10.68	0.74
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	5,638	118.15	10.81	119.17	10.69	1.02
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	6,076	105.13	10.83	106.13	10.70	1.00
12.00%2041A	25	1-Jan-41	8,195	109.64	10.85	110.73	10.73	1.09
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	9,076	83.97	10.88	84.98	10.74	1.00
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	9,290	121.97	10.93	123.52	10.78	1.54
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	9,442	121.67	10.96	123.21	10.81	1.54
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	9,715	111.25	11.17	113.78	10.90	2.53

External Sector

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 26 Jul 2018			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	157.78	160.97	159.38	159.71	153.46
STG	207.28	213.73	210.51	207.89	200.02
Yen	1.41	1.47	1.44	1.42	1.37
Euro	183.94	190.18	187.06	185.99	178.78
INR(1)			2.32	2.32	2.38
SDR (As at 25 Jul 2018)			224.10	223.60	215.42
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)			June 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			10.00	30.75	136.00
Sales			137.00	220.85	-



Item	Week Ending	Week Ago	Year Ago
	26 Jul 2018		

Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.)

40.25

31.92

62.31

(spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)

Forward Transactions

Forward Rates (US\$) (2)

1 Month

160.58

160.70

154.78

3 Months

162.12

162.17

156.77

Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)

30.64

26.75

37.81

Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn)

(As at 25 Jul 2018)

2,296.57

2,248.27

1,359.37

(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

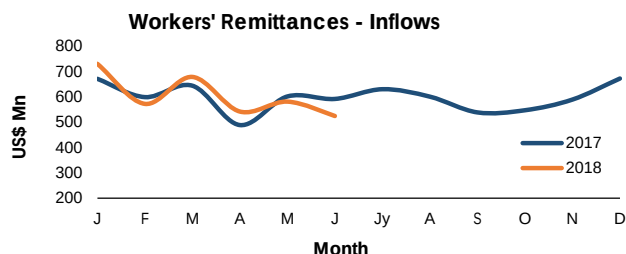
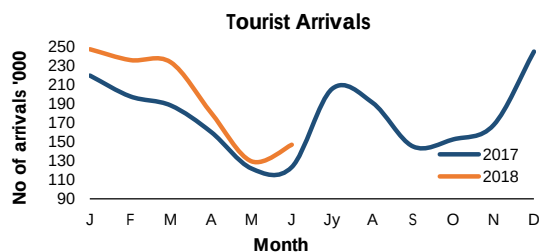
Item		2017 Jun	2018 Jun (a)(b)	2017 Jan - Jun	2018 Jan - Jun (a)(b)	% Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	123,351	146,828	1,010,444	1,164,647	15.3
Earnings from Tourism(d)	US\$ Mn.	228.8 (c)	272.3	1,873.9 (c)	2,159.9	15.3
	Rs.bn.	35.0 (c)	43.3	283.6 (c)	336.7	18.7
		2017 Jun (d)	2018 Jun (a)	2017 Jan - Jun (d)	2018 Jan - Jun (a)	% Change
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.	590.9	523.6	3,591.0	3,623.8	0.9
	Rs. bn.	90.3	83.3	544.0	565.7	4.0

(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 Official Reserve Assets as at 29th Jun 2018 (a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)	9,247.45
(1) Foreign Currency Reserves	8,377.22
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	67.31
(3) SDRs	2.12
(4) Gold	799.98
(5) Other Reserve Assets	0.83

(a) Provisional

4.4 International Reserves & foreign Currency Liquidity as at 31st May 2018 (a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)					
Official Reserve Assets					8,808.92
(1) Foreign currency reserves					7,904.85
(a) Securities					4,728.53
(b) Total currency and deposits with					3,176.32
(i)other national central banks, BIS					1,312.33
(ii)banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad					1.19
(iii)banks headquartered outside the reporting country					1,862.80
(2) Reserve position in the IMF					67.79
(3) SDRs					2.14
(4) Gold					833.31
(5) Other reserve assets					0.83
Predetermined Short-Term Net Drains on Foreign Currency Assets (USD mn)(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	-5,446.25	-222.79	-1,314.30	-3,909.17
	Interest	-1,412.49	-59.92	-250.70	-1,101.87
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)		-945.24	-160.00	-308.43	-476.81
(ii) Long positions (+)					
3. Other (specify)		-0.12	-0.12		
inflows related to reverse repos (+)					
other accounts payable (–)		-0.12	-0.12		

(a) Provisional

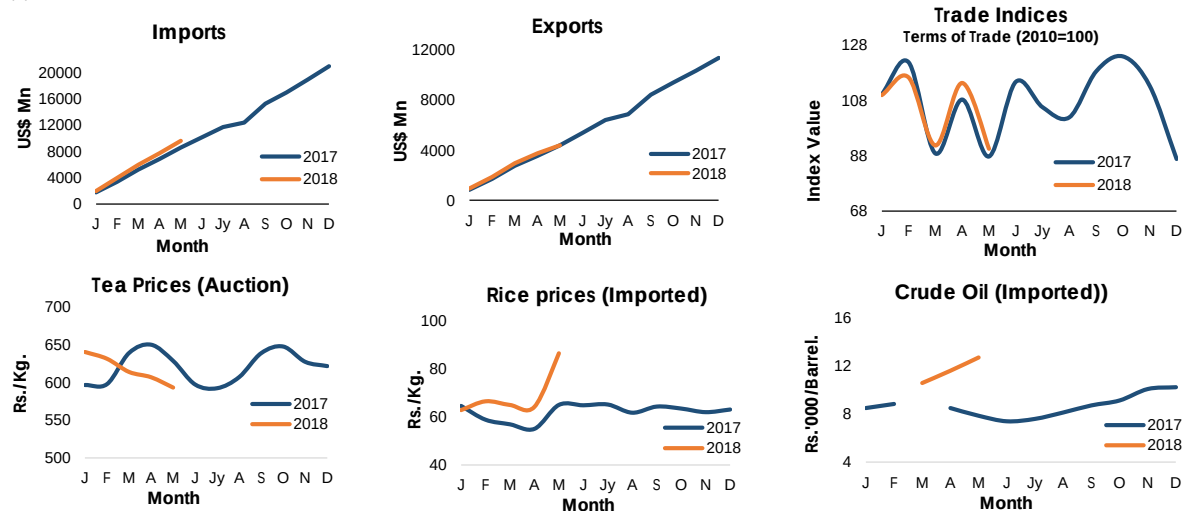
(b) This mainly includes only the predetermined outflows

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

4.5 External Trade

Item	US\$ Mn			Rs Mn		
	Jan-May 2018(a)	Jan-May 2017	% Change	Jan-May 2018(a)	Jan-May 2017	% Change
Exports	4,707.49	4,410.25	6.74	732,762.95	667,177.74	9.83
Agricultural	1,052.95	1,074.39	-2.00	163,933.71	162,575.72	0.84
Industrial	3,632.93	3,315.95	9.56	565,464.52	501,588.45	12.73
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	193.56	131.95	46.70	30,121.41	19,972.37	50.82
Textiles and Garments	2,065.49	1,985.50	4.03	321,466.65	300,291.36	7.05
Petroleum Products	219.31	147.74	48.45	34,127.70	22,350.73	52.69
Leather, Rubber products etc.	414.14	377.72	9.64	64,461.95	57,149.48	12.80
Other	740.43	673.05	10.01	115,286.82	101,824.51	13.22
Mineral	13.54	12.62	7.27	2,108.54	1,910.25	10.38
Other	8.08	7.29	10.80	1,256.18	1,103.31	13.86
Imports	9,621.59	8,608.06	11.77	1,497,513.93	1,302,212.42	15.00
Consumer Goods	2,194.83	1,899.14	15.57	341,633.18	287,357.30	18.89
Intermediate Goods	5,372.53	4,556.92	17.90	836,180.52	689,300.34	21.31
Investment Goods	1,988.91	2,041.87	-2.59	309,581.50	308,911.14	0.22
Other	65.32	110.12	-40.68	10,118.73	16,643.64	-39.20
Trade Balance	-4,914.10	-4,197.81	-	-764,750.98	-635,034.68	-

(a) Provisional



4.6 Trade Indices (2010=100) (a)

Item	2018(b) May	Month Ago (b)	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	128.6	110.7	117.1
Quantity	144.6	101.3	139.0
Unit Value	88.9	109.2	84.2
Total Imports			
Value	166.2	160.5	154.4
Quantity	169.2	168.0	160.0
Unit Value	98.2	95.5	96.5
Terms of Trade	90.5	114.3	87.3

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

4.7 Commodity Prices

Item	2018 May (a)	2017 May	% Change	2018 May (a)	2017 May	% Change
	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Colombo Tea Auction	3.76	4.13	-8.9	593.36	628.71	-5.6
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	547.74	426.51	28.4	86,487.05	64,971.41	33.1
Sugar	392.63	551.60	-28.8	61,996.02	84,027.16	-26.2
Wheat	256.17	239.90	6.8	40,449.67	36,545.50	10.7
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	80.68	51.66	56.2	12,739.72	7,869.99	61.9

(a) Provisional