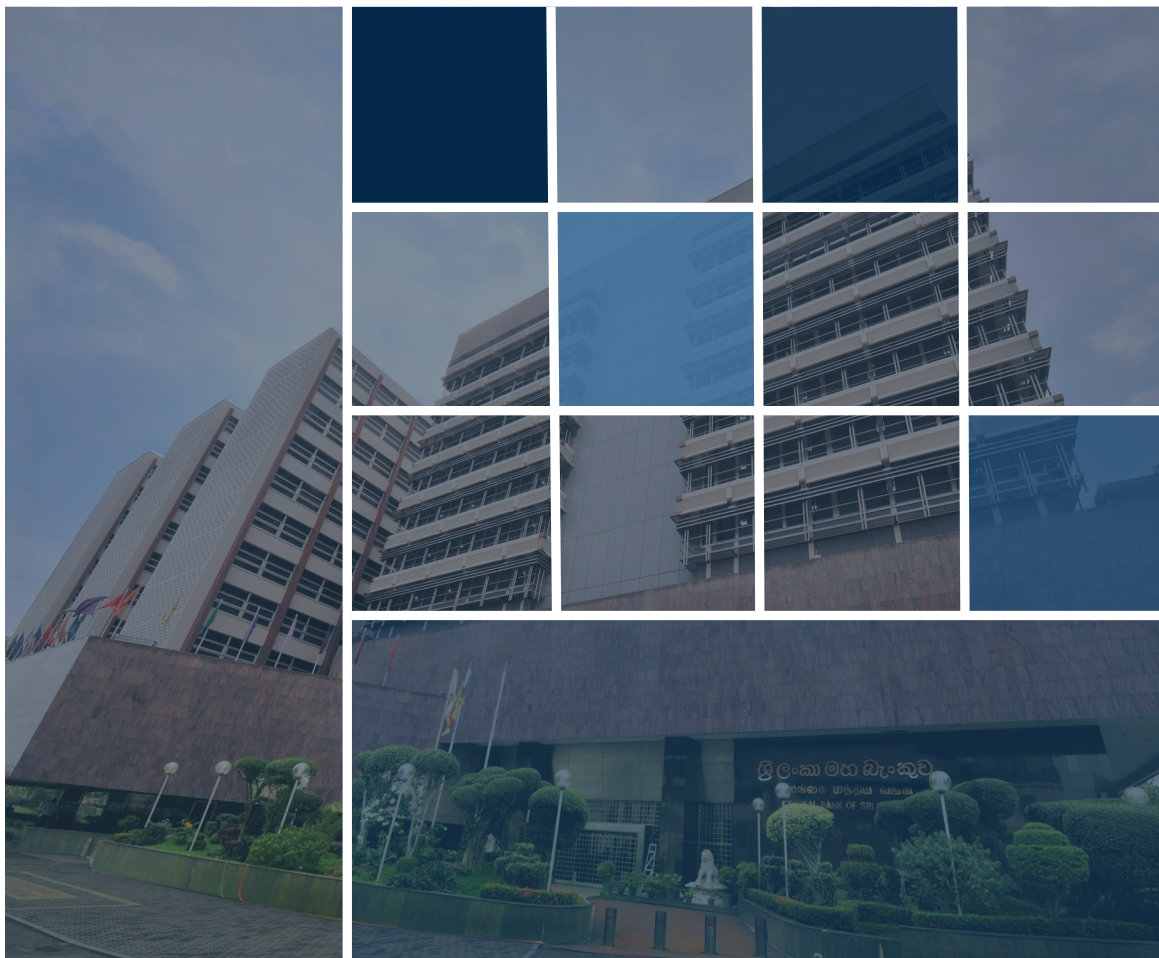


Weekly Economic Indicators

31st August 2018



Statistics Department
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Real Sector

The year-on-year CCPI headline inflation increased to 5.9 per cent in August 2018 from 5.4 per cent in July 2018. The change in the CCPI measured on an annual average basis remained unchanged at 5.6 per cent in August 2018. When monthly change is considered, the CCPI remained unchanged at 125.8 index points in August 2018. The CCPI Core inflation decreased to 3.7 per cent in August 2018 from 3.9 per cent in July 2018 on year-on-year basis.

During the period, crude oil prices largely followed an increasing trend. Price increases were mainly supported by risks of supply disruptions from Venezuela and Africa, a fall in US crude inventories and looming US sanctions against Iran's oil exports. However, price increases were limited due to rising non-OPEC oil production and intensifying trade war between the US and China. Overall, Brent and WTI prices rose by US\$ 2.0 per barrel and US\$ 1.6 per barrel, respectively, within the period.

Monetary Sector

Weekly AWPR for the week ending 31 August 2018 declined by 24 bps to 11.67% compared to the previous week.

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

The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to a surplus of Rs. 33.14 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 34.49 bn by the end of last week.

By 31 August 2018, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 0.46% to 6,080 points and the S&P SL 20 Index increased by 0.51% to 3,229 points, compared to the previous week.

External Sector

During the year up to 31 August 2018 the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the US dollar (5.3 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the euro (3.1 per cent), the pound sterling (2.2 per cent) and the Japanese yen (6.8 per cent) while appreciated the Indian rupee (4.5 per cent) during this period.

Earnings from exports grew by 6.2 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 5,732 million during the first half 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, gems, diamonds and jewellery and seafood. Import expenditure also increased by 12.7 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 11,441 million during the first half of 2018 largely due to higher imports of fuel, textiles and textile articles, personal vehicles, chemical products, gold, transport equipment and plastic and articles thereof. As a result, the deficit in the trade account expanded to US dollars 5,709 million during the first half of 2018 from US dollars 4,751 million in the corresponding period of 2017.

The export unit value index increased by 4.3 per cent (year-on-year) in June 2018 mainly due to high prices registered in industrial exports. The import unit value index in June 2018 increased by 7.5 per cent (year-on-year) due to high prices recorded in all major categories of imports. Accordingly, the terms of trade deteriorated by 3.0 per cent (year-on-year) to 110.8 index points in June 2018.

The average price of tea (in the Colombo auction) decreased to US dollars 3.42 per kg in June 2018 from US dollars 3.91 per kg in June 2017.

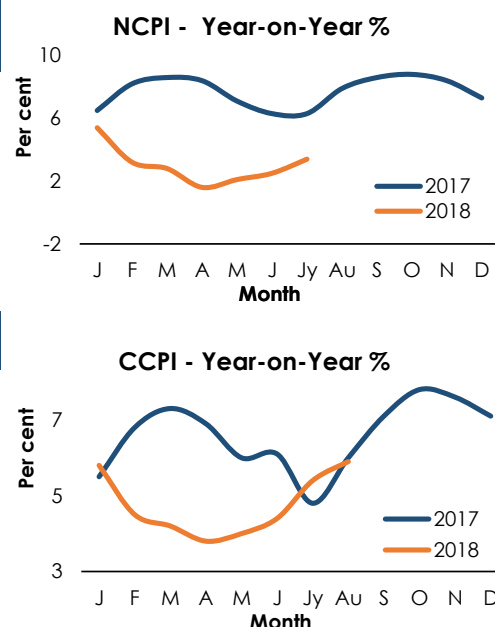
The import prices of rice, wheat and crude oil increased in June 2018 (year-on-year) while import price of sugar declined.

The gross official reserves were estimated at US dollars 8,429.7 million as at 31st July 2018.

Real Sector

1.1 Price Indices

Item (2013=100)	Jul 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Headline	126.6	126.5	122.4
Monthly Change %	0.1	1.8	-0.8
Annual Average Change %	5.1	5.3	6.2
Year - on - Year Change %	3.4	2.5	6.3
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Core	125.7	125.3	122.9
Annual Average Change %	2.7	2.9	5.9
Year - on - Year Change %	2.3	1.8	4.2
Item (2013=100)	August 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Headline	125.8	125.8	118.8
Monthly Change %	0.0	0.3	-0.5
Annual Average Change %	5.6	5.6	5.5
Year - on - Year Change %	5.9	5.4	6.0
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Core	127.5	127.3	123.0
Annual Average Change %	4.1	4.3	5.6
Year - on - Year Change %	3.7	3.9	6.0



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

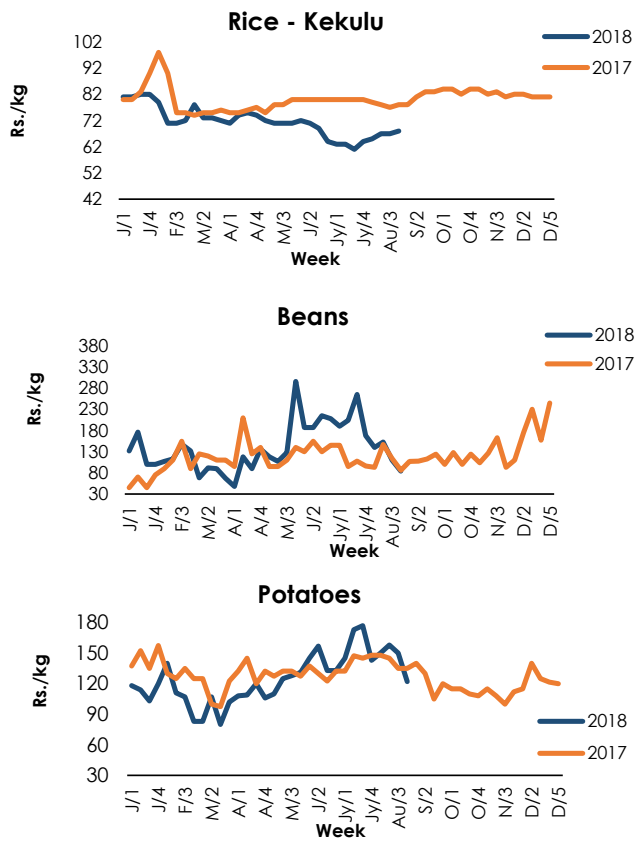
1.2 Prices

1.2.1 Pettah Market

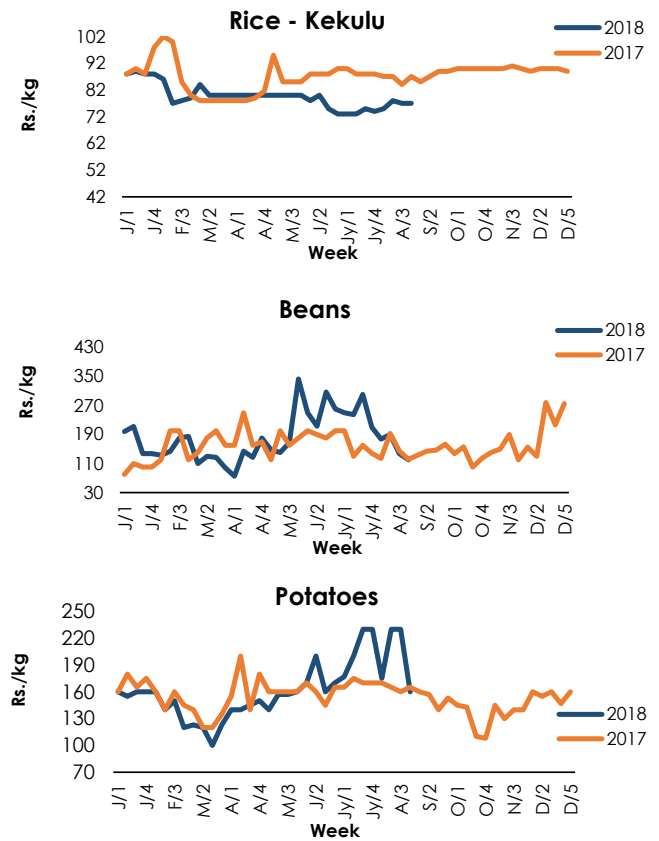
Food Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	31 st Aug 2018				31 st Aug 2018			
Rs / Kg					Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	103.00	103.00	106.00	94.82	110.00	112.00	114.50	99.92
Kekulu (Red)	68.00	68.00	62.75	80.30	78.00	77.00	73.75	86.84
Vegetables								
Beans	67.00	84.00	206.75	118.56	98.00	120.00	251.25	163.50
Cabbage	123.00	113.00	133.50	75.37	157.00	158.00	187.00	119.69
Carrots	303.00	330.00	178.00	120.95	337.00	378.00	234.75	163.42
Tomatoes	35.00	50.00	158.75	93.73	60.00	82.00	193.25	134.12
Pumpkins	58.00	69.00	51.75	61.84	80.00	105.00	79.75	90.00
Snake Gourd	67.00	60.00	98.25	96.74	97.00	93.00	143.75	134.00
Brinjals	117.00	135.00	70.75	94.90	147.00	180.00	120.50	132.54
Ash-Plantains	73.00	90.00	77.50	73.41	103.00	113.00	113.25	108.67
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	120.00	110.00	124.75	250.84	145.00	150.00	178.25	303.56
Big-Onions (Local)		n.a.	n.a.	110.80		n.a.	n.a.	137.20
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	120.00	122.00	159.50	127.34	145.00	160.00	209.25	155.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	250.00	248.00	252.50	189.80	300.00	295.00	289.00	236.54
Dhal (Indian)	98.00	97.00	103.25	135.31	105.00	113.00	118.50	151.46
Eggs	16.20	16.50	16.63	11.96	17.20	17.50	17.69	12.63
Coconut (Each)	48.00	46.00	54.25	61.72	60.00	60.00	68.25	74.31
Fish*								
Kelawalla	680.00	680.00	650.00	540.63	980.00	1000.00	976.67	807.87
Balaya	380.00	380.00	340.00	301.46	480.00	480.00	440.00	404.68
Salaya	140.00	160.00	212.50	116.88	180.00	200.00	260.00	179.79
Paraw (Small)	650.00	650.00	630.00	538.02	750.00	750.00	730.00	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 30 th Aug 2018	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	107.80	112.80
Kekulu (Red)	67.40	72.40
Vegetables		
Beans	116.50	136.50
Carrot	317.00	337.00
Tomatoes	19.90	40.20
Pumpkins	49.00	69.00
Snake Gourd	36.50	56.50
Ash-Plantains	65.00	85.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	86.00	98.50
Big-Onions (Local)	81.70	91.70
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	100.25	111.25
Dried Chilies(Imported)	244.50	254.50
Coconut (Each)	38.20	44.50

1.2.4 Marandagahamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 31 st Aug 2018	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	99.50	99.63	101.33	92.96
Sudu Kekulu	72.50	72.50	73.71	83.16
Raw Red	66.80	67.00	69.86	80.21
Nadu	76.70	75.25	74.76	87.93

1.2.3 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	30 th Aug 2018	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	106.67	109.33
Kekulu (Red)	73.33	79.00
Vegetables		
Beans	118.33	176.67
Cabbage	196.67	196.67
Carrots	396.67	396.67
Tomatoes	96.67	96.67
Pumpkins	136.67	136.67
Snake Gourd	136.67	176.67
Brinjals	196.67	146.67
Ash-Plantains	136.67	136.67
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	196.67	146.67
Big-Onions (Imported)	106.67	96.67
Potatoes (Imported)	86.67	95.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	276.67	266.67
Dhal (Indian)	106.67	106.67
Eggs (Red)(Each)	17.00	18.00
Coconut (Each)	68.33	63.33
Fish		
Kelawalla	896.67	956.67
Balaya	396.67	476.67
Salaya	276.67	296.67
Paraw (Small)	936.67	876.67

1.7.2 Employment (a)

Item	2017 1 st Qtr	2018 1 st Qtr (b)	2017 Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	54.7	52.0	54.1
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.5	4.2

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

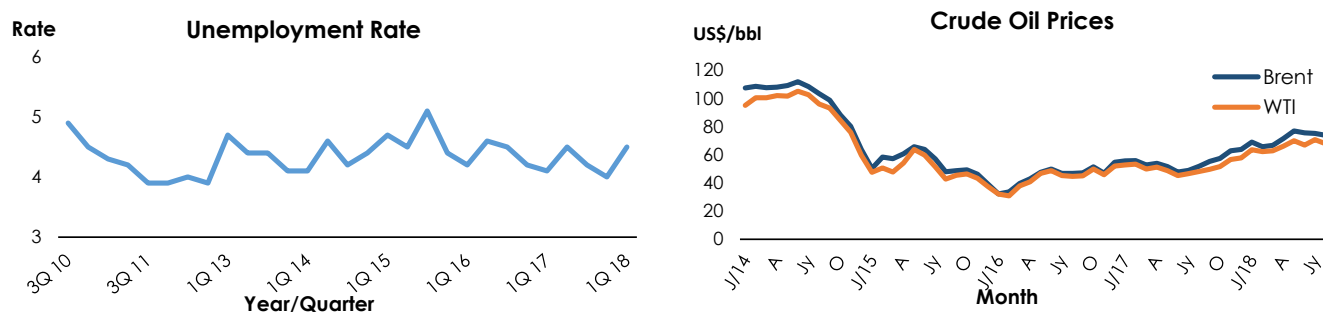
Agriculture	27.0	26.9	26.1
Industry	28.0	27.9	28.4
Services	45.0	45.2	45.5

(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	79.80
July	49.02	46.56	49.75	75.17	70.87	78.76
August	51.87	48.18	53.07	73.80	67.85	-
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		
25 Aug	52.37	47.73		-	-	
26 Aug	-	-		-	-	
27 Aug	-	-		75.71	68.61	
28 Aug	52.56	47.71		76.37	68.95	
29 Aug	52.08	46.83		75.91	68.54	
30 Aug	51.90	46.33		77.21	69.70	
31 Aug	50.76	45.90		77.72	70.24	

Sources: Bloomberg
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

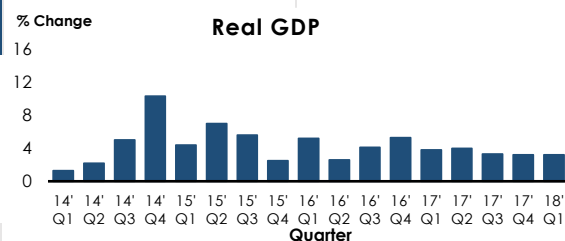
(a) Please note that crude oil prices are based on futures prices instead of spot prices, that have been published up to end 2017.

(*) 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.

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

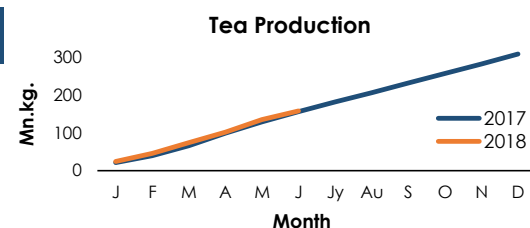


Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.4 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2018 Jan-Jun(a)	2017 Jan-Jun	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	157.59	156.78	0.52
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	39.28	45.07	-12.86
Coconut	(Mn Kg)	1,220.25	1,288.63	-5.31

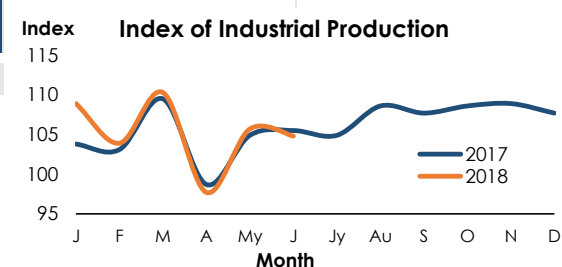
(a) Provisional



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

Item	2017 Jun (b)(c)	2018 Jun (c)	% Change
Index of Industrial Production (IIP)	104.4	104.8	0.4
Food products	101.9	102.7	0.8
Wearing apparel	117.8	113.6	-3.6
Other non-metallic mineral products	103.4	101.2	-2.1
Coke and refined petroleum products	69.4	92.7	33.7
Rubber and plastic products	110.6	116.8	5.6
Chemicals and chemical products	93.7	91.2	-2.7
Beverages	96.2	104.6	8.7

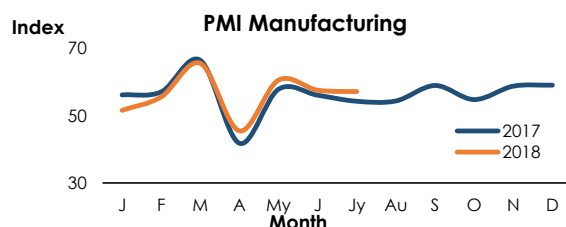
(a) Major 7 sub divisions (b) Revised (c) Provisional



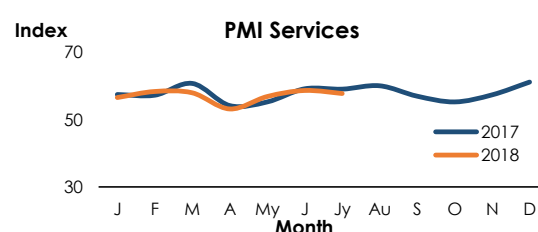
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.6 Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)

Month/Year	PMI Manufacturing			
	Jul 2018	Jun 2018	Jul 2017	Jun 2017
Index	57.2	57.6	54.3	56.1



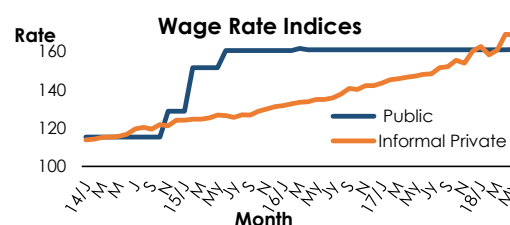
Month/Year	PMI Services			
	Jul 2018	Jun 2018	Jul 2017	Jun 2017
Index	57.8	58.7	59.1	59.2



1.7 Wages and Employment

1.7.1 Wage Rate Indices

Item	2018 Jun	2017 Jun	% Change
Public Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	161.0	160.8	0.0
Informal Private Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	168.9	148.0	14.1
Agriculture	173.1	148.3	16.7
Industry	170.9	152.6	12.0
Services	165.1	143.5	15.0



Monetary Sector

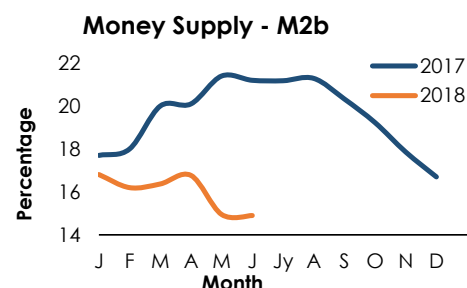
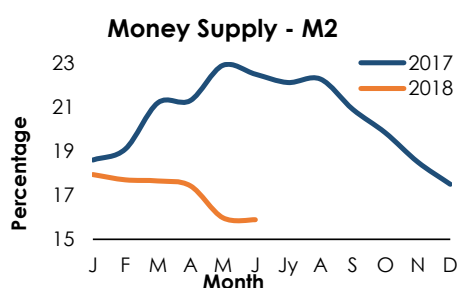
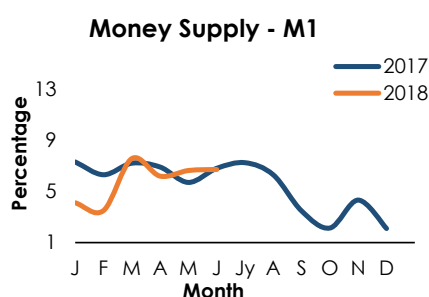
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 31 Aug 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)	7.84	7.80	8.32		
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offered Rate (SLIBOR)					
1-day	7.88	7.79	8.44		
7-day	8.59	8.60	9.25		
1-Month	9.00	9.00	9.99		
3-Month	10.09	10.14	10.59		
6-Month	10.65	10.71	12.00		
12-Month	11.50	11.50	12.41		
Treasury Bill Yields					
91-day	8.03	8.09	-		
182-day	-	8.60	9.30		
364-day	8.99	9.00	9.67		
Licensed Commercial Banks					
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	11.67	11.91	11.37		
	Jul-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Savings Deposits (a)	0.50-8.50	0.50-8.50	0.50-9.50		
One Year Fixed Deposits	4.00-15.00	4.53-15.00	4.89-15.00		
	Aug-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	8.66	8.64	9.21		
Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	10.81	10.82	11.78		
	Jul-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	14.07	14.05	13.83		
National Savings Bank (NSB)					
	Jul-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Savings Deposits	4.00	4.00	4.00		
One Year Fixed Deposits	10.50	10.50	11.00		
Treasury Bond Auction		04 Y & 11 Months	09 Y & 07 Months		
		13/8/2018	13/8/2018		
Coupon rate	10.20	10.75			
Weighted Average Yield	9.91	10.20			
(a) Revised					
Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 31 Aug 2018	Week Ago	Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 31 Aug 2018	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	12.45	12.28	HSBC	9.16	9.15
People's Bank	12.31	12.26	Standard Chartered Bank	11.55	11.43
Hatton National Bank	12.02	11.93	Citi Bank	10.48	11.29
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	11.85	11.65	Deutsche Bank	10.41	10.10
Sampath Bank	12.25	12.32	Habib Bank	11.70	11.70
Seylan Bank	13.20	13.29	Indian Bank	12.91	12.91
Union Bank of Colombo	14.84	15.43	Indian Overseas Bank	13.41	13.41
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	15.00	16.29	MCB Bank	12.16	11.86
Nations Trust Bank	12.47	12.16	State Bank of India	9.94	9.94
DFCC Bank	12.97	13.39	Public Bank	13.11	13.00
NDB Bank	12.26	12.29	ICICI Bank	11.86	10.70
Amana Bank	12.72	12.72	Axis Bank	12.41	12.41
Cargills Bank	15.16	14.26			

2.2 Money Supply

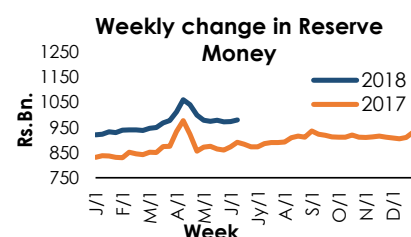
Item	Rs. bn			Annual Change (%)		
	2018 Jun(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago	2018 Jun(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Reserve Money	998.63	973.37	891.64	12.00	13.21	17.76
M1	804.51	790.97	753.89	6.71	6.63	6.84
M2	6,120.85	6,047.72	5,281.42	15.89	15.98	22.52
M2b	6,747.65	6,670.95	5,872.51	14.90	14.95	21.24
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	101.20	74.40	-246.03	141.13	123.36	49.99
Monetary Authorities	821.43	810.90	598.06	37.35	49.06	44.62
Commercial Banks	-720.22	-736.51	-844.09	14.67	14.61	6.78
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-340.58	-327.35	-309.70	-9.97	-3.26	6.68
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	-379.64	-409.16	-534.39	28.96	25.00	6.84
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	6,646.44	6,596.55	6,118.54	8.63	7.76	14.67
Net Credit to the Government	2,273.20	2,324.23	2,234.62	1.73	3.77	11.43
Monetary Authorities	307.35	291.38	410.87	-25.19	-29.73	-9.91
Commercial Banks	1,965.84	2,032.84	1,823.76	7.79	11.38	17.71
DBUs	1,615.22	1,650.33	1,454.74	11.03	13.54	25.67
OBUs	350.62	382.52	369.02	-4.99	2.94	-5.80
Credit to Public Corporations (c)	619.24	608.32	570.86	8.47	4.76	15.54
DBUs (c)	381.39	379.35	333.67	14.30	14.63	23.37
OBUs	237.85	228.97	237.19	0.28	-8.32	6.08
Credit to the Private Sector (c)	5,155.88	5,073.26	4,485.55	14.94	15.14	18.39
DBUs (c)	4,801.96	4,721.95	4,167.07	15.24	15.16	18.58
OBUs	353.92	351.31	318.48	11.13	14.95	15.89
Other Items (Net)	-1,401.87	-1,409.26	-1,172.50	-19.56	-27.56	-23.07

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



2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	30 Aug 2018	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	1,003,897.26	1,013,070.27	-9,173.00



2.4 Money Market Activity(Overnight)

Item	27.08.2018	28.08.2018	29.08.2018	30.08.2018	31.08.2018
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	7.78	7.79	7.86	7.87	7.92
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	11,900	13,820	10,330	8,385	12,240
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	7.67	7.68	7.78	7.97	8.07
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	17,515	17,891	18,006	19,110	14,092

2.5 CBSL Securites Portfolio

Item	27.08.2018	28.08.2018	29.08.2018	30.08.2018	31.08.2018
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Face Value (Rs. Mn)	35,898.12	35,898.12	35,898.12	35,898.12	32,572.12
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Book Value (Rs. Mn)	35,668.45	35,670.57	35,676.74	35,697.23	32,375.37

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	27.08.2018		28.08.2018	29.08.2018		30.08.2018		31.08.2018
Short-Term Auction								
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	5.00	15.00	6.00	5.00	15.00	25.00	3.00	25.00
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	1	2	2	1	7	1	4	1
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	3.13	12.00	3.57	2.65	6.50	15.58	3.40	16.32
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	3.13	12.00	3.57	2.65	6.50	15.58	0.00	6.79
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	7.50	7.55	7.50	7.57	7.99	7.50	0.00	7.70
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	7.60	7.75	8.10	8.10	8.00	8.10	0.00	7.99
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	7.56	7.65	7.79	7.95	7.99	7.95	0.00	7.93
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)								
Reverse Repo 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.)								
Standing Facility								
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	7.339		5.453	8.593		12.660		22.590
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	1.670		2.435	0.123		0.000		2.740
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	36.044		33.838	36.444		38.240		33.140

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

Item	2018 End Jul(b)	2018 End Jun	2017 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,581,918	1,557,069	1,459,883
Local (accepted only locally)	23,524	23,656	24,258
Global (accepted globally)	1,558,394	1,533,413	1,435,625
Outstanding balance (Rs.mn)	96,178	95,055	88,487
Local (accepted only locally)	728	705	725
Global (accepted globally)	95,450	94,351	87,762

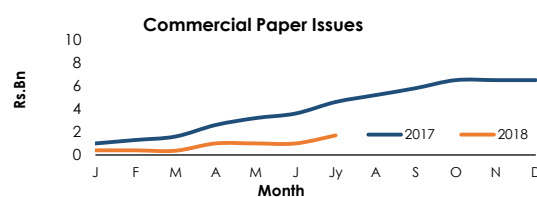
(a) Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks (LCBs) (b) Provisional

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

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

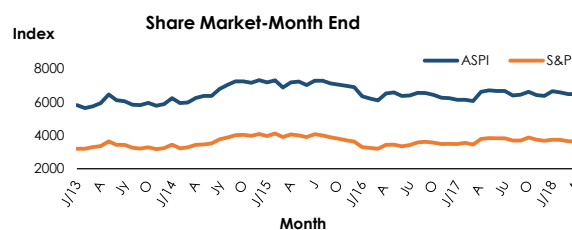
(a) Based on the information provided by LCBs and Licensed Specialised Banks (LSBs)

(b) Provisional (c) During the year



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 31 Aug 2018	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,080.3	6,052.7	6,390.7
S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000) (S&P SL20)	3,229.2	3,212.9	3,686.0
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. mn)	545.1	483.0	770.6
Market Capitalisation (Rs.bn)	2,848.5	2,835.6	2,897.7
Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	168.5	99.6	390.6
Foreign Sales (Rs. mn)	268.4	67.3	461.2
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	-99.9	32.3	-70.5

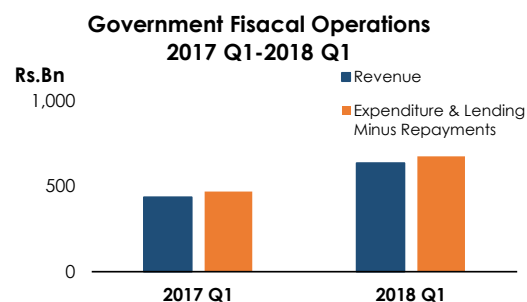


Fiscal Sector

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

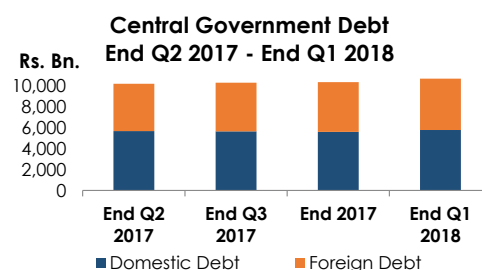
(a) Provisional



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 - 29th August 2018

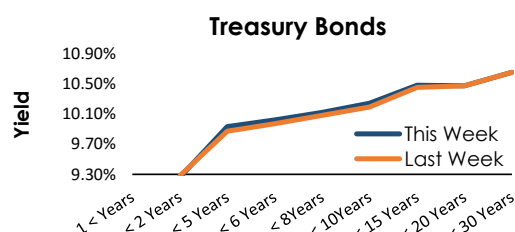
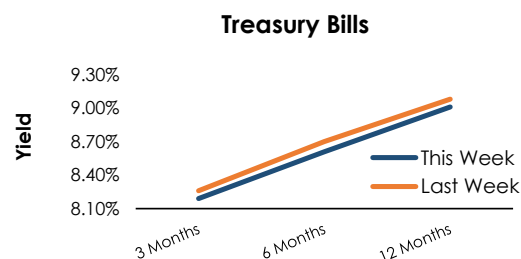
Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week Average
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	8.03%	8.09%	8.26%	8.13%	8.20%	8.19%
	6 Months	-	8.60%	8.67%	8.56%	8.62%	8.61%
	12 Months	8.99%	9.00%	9.05%	8.96%	9.01%	9.01%
Treasury Bonds(b)	< 2 Years	-	-	9.30%	9.19%	9.25%	9.26%
	< 5 Years	-	-	9.99%	9.91%	9.95%	9.93%
	< 6 Years	-	-	10.07%	9.99%	10.03%	10.02%
	< 8 Years	-	-	10.18%	10.07%	10.13%	10.12%
	< 10 Years	-	-	10.29%	10.19%	10.24%	10.24%
	< 15 Years	-	-	10.56%	10.40%	10.48%	10.48%
	< 20 Years	-	-	10.50%	10.43%	10.47%	10.47%
	< 30 Years	-	-	10.72%	10.57%	10.65%	10.65%

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 29/08/2018

(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 the 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%	5.35%	5.40%
	27-Jul-21	6.250%	5.60%	5.62%
	18-Jan-22	5.750%	5.86%	5.85%
	25-Jul-22	5.875%	5.97%	5.97%
	14-Jan-19	6.000%	4.80%	4.61%
	11-Apr-19	5.125%	4.63%	4.52%
	3-Jun-25	6.125%	6.85%	6.91%
	3-Nov-25	6.850%	6.84%	6.93%
	18-Jul-26	6.825%	6.96%	7.06%
	11-May-27	6.200%	7.02%	7.07%



3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 29th August 2018)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	798,863.18	798,619.00
Treasury Bonds (a)	4,178,798.54	4,178,798.54
Total	4,977,661.71	4,977,417.53
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	277,463.07	276,884.73
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	589,603.09	587,158.25

The outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by foreigners has increased by 0.21 per cent during the reporting week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	12,500.00	18,000.00
Total Bids Received	37,175.00	51,603.00
Total Bids Accepted	12,500.00	18,000.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	-	-
Total Bids Received	-	-
Total Bids Accepted	-	-

The weekly T-bill auction was over subscribed by 3 times during the reporting week

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	11,620.98	17,784.74
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	134,788.49	110,892.94
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	61,048.28	61,138.33
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	653,073.42	586,616.90

The total secondary market transactions of T bills and T bonds increased by 10.83 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) - 31/08/2018

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.85	7.99	99.85	7.83	0.00
1 Month	99.33	8.09	99.35	7.93	0.01
2 Month	98.65	8.19	98.68	8.03	0.03
3 Month	97.97	8.25	98.00	8.10	0.04
4 Month	97.25	8.38	97.29	8.24	0.04
5 Month	96.49	8.54	96.55	8.41	0.05
6 Month	95.73	8.67	95.78	8.55	0.06
7 Month	94.97	8.74	95.03	8.64	0.06
8 Month	94.20	8.82	94.28	8.69	0.08
9 Month	93.44	8.86	93.53	8.75	0.08
10 Month	92.66	8.93	92.76	8.81	0.09
11 Month	91.89	8.97	91.98	8.88	0.08
12 Month	91.10	9.03	91.19	8.93	0.09

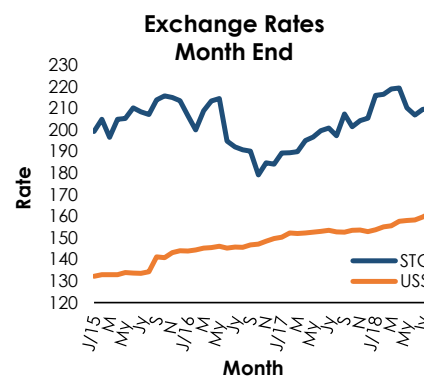
3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds) - 31/08/2018

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
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	45	100.02	8.34	100.03	8.21	0.02
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	76	99.89	8.35	99.92	8.21	0.03
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	137	98.91	8.61	98.94	8.52	0.04
10.75%2019A	2	15-Jan-19	137	100.69	8.71	100.74	8.59	0.04
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	243	99.69	8.95	99.77	8.83	0.07
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	304	101.20	9.04	101.28	8.94	0.08
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	380	101.46	9.09	101.56	8.99	0.10
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	427	98.71	9.17	98.84	9.05	0.13
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	609	99.83	9.35	99.98	9.25	0.16
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	640	97.82	9.36	97.99	9.25	0.17
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	701	94.55	9.37	94.73	9.25	0.19
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	837	100.07	9.45	100.32	9.33	0.25
10.75%2021A	5	1-Mar-21	913	102.60	9.56	102.80	9.47	0.20
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	974	98.66	9.57	98.85	9.49	0.19
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	1,066	103.35	9.65	103.63	9.54	0.27
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	1,141	99.36	9.69	99.62	9.59	0.26
11.50%2021A	5	15-Dec-21	1,202	104.87	9.72	105.13	9.63	0.26
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	1,219	95.06	9.76	95.37	9.65	0.31
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	1,400	104.29	9.82	104.64	9.71	0.35
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	1,492	100.39	9.88	100.73	9.78	0.34
10.00%2023A	6	15-Mar-23	1,657	100.16	9.95	100.44	9.88	0.28
11.50%2023A	6	15-May-23	1,718	105.61	9.97	106.01	9.87	0.40
10.20%2023A	5	15-Jul-23	1,779	100.85	9.97	101.08	9.91	0.23
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	1,827	96.27	9.97	96.58	9.88	0.31
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	1,827	104.55	10.02	104.91	9.93	0.36
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	1,857	88.35	9.97	88.54	9.92	0.19
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	1,949	105.38	10.06	105.85	9.95	0.47
11.00%2024A	8	1-Aug-24	2,162	103.93	10.10	104.30	10.02	0.36
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	2,284	81.42	10.07	81.72	10.00	0.30
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	2,388	100.46	10.15	100.98	10.04	0.52
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	2,435	94.60	10.13	94.97	10.05	0.37
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	2,527	103.94	10.19	104.63	10.05	0.68
10.35%2025A	8	15-Oct-25	2,602	100.75	10.19	101.27	10.09	0.52
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	2,711	93.91	10.19	94.34	10.10	0.43
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	2,739	75.09	10.18	75.46	10.09	0.37
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	2,831	104.09	10.22	104.73	10.10	0.64
11.50%2026A	10	1-Aug-26	2,892	106.63	10.25	107.30	10.13	0.67
11.75%2027A	10	15-Jun-27	3,210	108.22	10.30	109.00	10.17	0.79
11.25%2027A	10	15-Dec-27	3,393	105.93	10.24	106.51	10.15	0.59
10.75%2028A	10	15-Mar-28	3,484	102.55	10.32	103.37	10.19	0.82
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	3,531	92.32	10.27	92.97	10.16	0.65
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	3,592	92.01	10.31	92.68	10.19	0.68
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	3,654	107.21	10.33	107.93	10.22	0.72
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	3,776	116.96	10.29	117.41	10.23	0.45
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	3,896	116.84	10.35	117.38	10.28	0.54
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	4,275	103.50	10.47	104.60	10.31	1.10
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	4,871	82.98	10.38	83.42	10.31	0.44
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	5,145	89.25	10.48	89.85	10.39	0.61
11.20%2033A	15	15-Jan-33	5,251	104.34	10.60	106.15	10.36	1.82
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	5,388	87.76	10.66	89.53	10.40	1.76
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	5,418	119.31	10.63	121.54	10.37	2.23
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	5,541	88.78	10.49	89.52	10.38	0.74
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	5,602	120.64	10.51	121.52	10.41	0.88
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	6,040	107.76	10.50	108.59	10.40	0.83
12.00%2041A	25	1-Jan-41	8,159	111.30	10.66	113.51	10.43	2.21
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	9,040	85.29	10.70	87.21	10.45	1.92
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	9,254	123.90	10.74	126.50	10.49	2.61
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	9,406	123.60	10.77	126.10	10.54	2.50
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	9,679	115.51	10.73	117.02	10.58	1.51

External Sector

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit) (a)	Week Ending - 31 Aug 2018			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	159.54	162.75	161.15	160.52	152.74
STG	206.55	212.97	209.76	205.73	197.32
Yen	1.43	1.48	1.45	1.44	1.38
Euro	184.89	191.13	188.01	185.43	181.44
INR(1)			2.28	2.29	2.39
SDR (As at 30 Aug 2018)			226.27	224.37	216.65
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)			Jul 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			25.50	10.00	344.75
Sales			33.00	137.00	-



Item	Week Ending 31 Aug 2018	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	31.98	35.94	35.40

Forward Transactions

Forward Rates (US\$) (2)			
1 Month	161.93	161.35	153.68
3 Months	-	-	155.61
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	21.80	32.19	26.19
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 30 Aug 2018)	2,319.62	2,330.92	1,445.63

(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

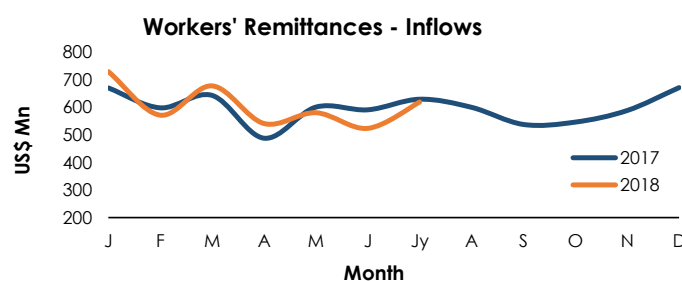
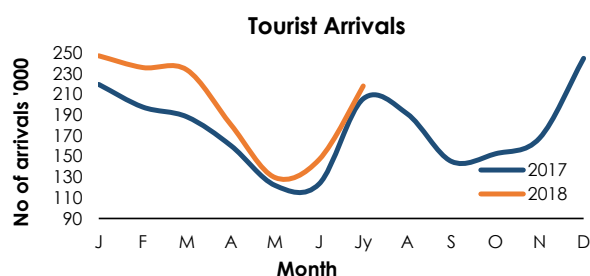
Item		2017 Jul	2018 Jul (a)(b)	2017 Jan - Jul	2018 Jan - Jul (a)(b)	% Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	205,482	217,829	1,215,926	1,382,476	13.7
Earnings from Tourism(d)	US\$ Mn.	381.1 (c)	404.0	2,255.0 (c)	2,563.8	13.7
	Rs.bn.	58.6 (c)	64.4	342.2 (c)	401.1	17.2
		2017 Jul (d)	2018 Jul (a)	2017 Jan - Jul (d)	2018 Jan - Jul (a)	% Change
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.	629.3	619.3	4,220.3	4,243.1	0.5
	Rs. bn.	96.7	98.7	640.7	664.3	3.7

(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



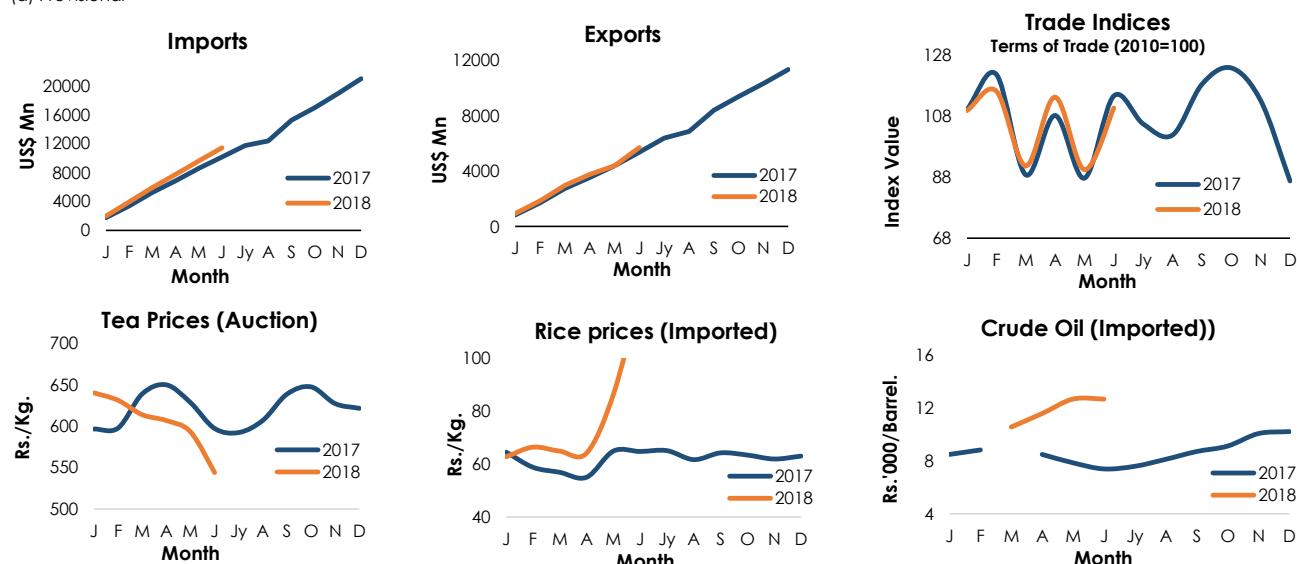
4.3 International Reserves & foreign Currency Liquidity as at 31st July 2018 (a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)					
Official Reserve Assets				8,429.67	
(1) Foreign currency reserves				7,573.22	
(a) Securities				4,628.11	
(b) Total currency and deposits with				2,945.10	
(i) other national central banks, BIS				1,358.94	
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad				1.18	
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country				1,584.99	
(2) Reserve position in the IMF				67.23	
(3) SDRs				6.26	
(4) Gold				781.81	
(5) Other reserve assets				1.16	
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	-4,784.67	-70.17	-902.04	-3,812.46
	Interest	-1,441.35	-23.45	-273.90	-1,144.01
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)	-885.24	-25.00	-308.43	-551.81
	(ii) Long positions (+)				
3. Other (specify)					
	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 □					

4.4 External Trade

Item	US\$ Mn			Rs Mn		
	Jan-June 2018(a)	Jan-June 2017	% Change	Jan-June 2018(a)	Jan-June 2017	% Change
Exports	5,731.86	5,397.55	6.19	895,710.34	818,067.98	9.49
Agricultural	1,272.34	1,306.40	-2.61	198,832.10	198,033.65	0.40
Industrial	4,433.67	4,065.79	9.05	692,838.53	616,185.97	12.44
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	232.29	190.82	21.73	36,282.07	28,969.59	25.24
Textiles and Garments	2,518.97	2,383.62	5.68	393,600.79	361,135.82	8.99
Petroleum Products	272.04	176.91	53.77	42,515.22	26,809.20	58.58
Leather, Rubber products etc.	503.97	466.20	8.10	78,751.62	70,672.59	11.43
Other	906.40	848.24	6.86	141,688.83	128,598.76	10.18
Mineral	16.69	16.95	-1.56	2,609.69	2,572.38	1.45
Other	9.17	8.42	8.91	1,430.01	1,275.98	12.07
Imports	11,441.07	10,148.99	12.73	1,786,940.59	1,537,714.05	16.21
Consumer Goods	2,620.74	2,221.85	17.95	409,384.34	336,676.57	21.60
Intermediate Goods	6,319.94	5,349.03	18.15	986,885.65	810,358.79	21.78
Investment Goods	2,432.38	2,447.17	-0.60	380,125.70	370,852.15	2.50
Other	68.00	130.95	-48.07	10,544.90	19,826.54	-46.81
Trade Balance	-5,709.21	-4,751.44	-	-891,230.25	-719,646.07	-

(a) Provisional



4.5 Trade Indices (2010=100) (a)

Item	2018(b) June	Month Ago (b)	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	145.3	128.6	137.4
Quantity	134.2	144.6	132.2
Unit Value	108.3	88.9	103.9
Total Imports			
Value	162.8	166.2	137.9
Quantity	166.5	169.2	151.6
Unit Value	97.8	98.2	91.0
Terms of Trade	110.8	90.5	114.2

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

4.6 Commodity Prices

Item	2018 June (a)	2017 May	% Change	2018 June (a)	2017 May	% Change
	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Colombo Tea Auction	3.42	3.91	-12.5	544.09	597.38	-8.9
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	782.44	424.08	84.5	124,464.16	64,812.50	92.0
Sugar	369.38	523.79	-29.5	58,757.84	80,051.46	-26.6
Wheat	247.92	229.31	8.1	39,437.25	35,044.99	12.5
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	79.80	48.47	64.6	12,693.98	7,408.24	71.35

(a) Provisional