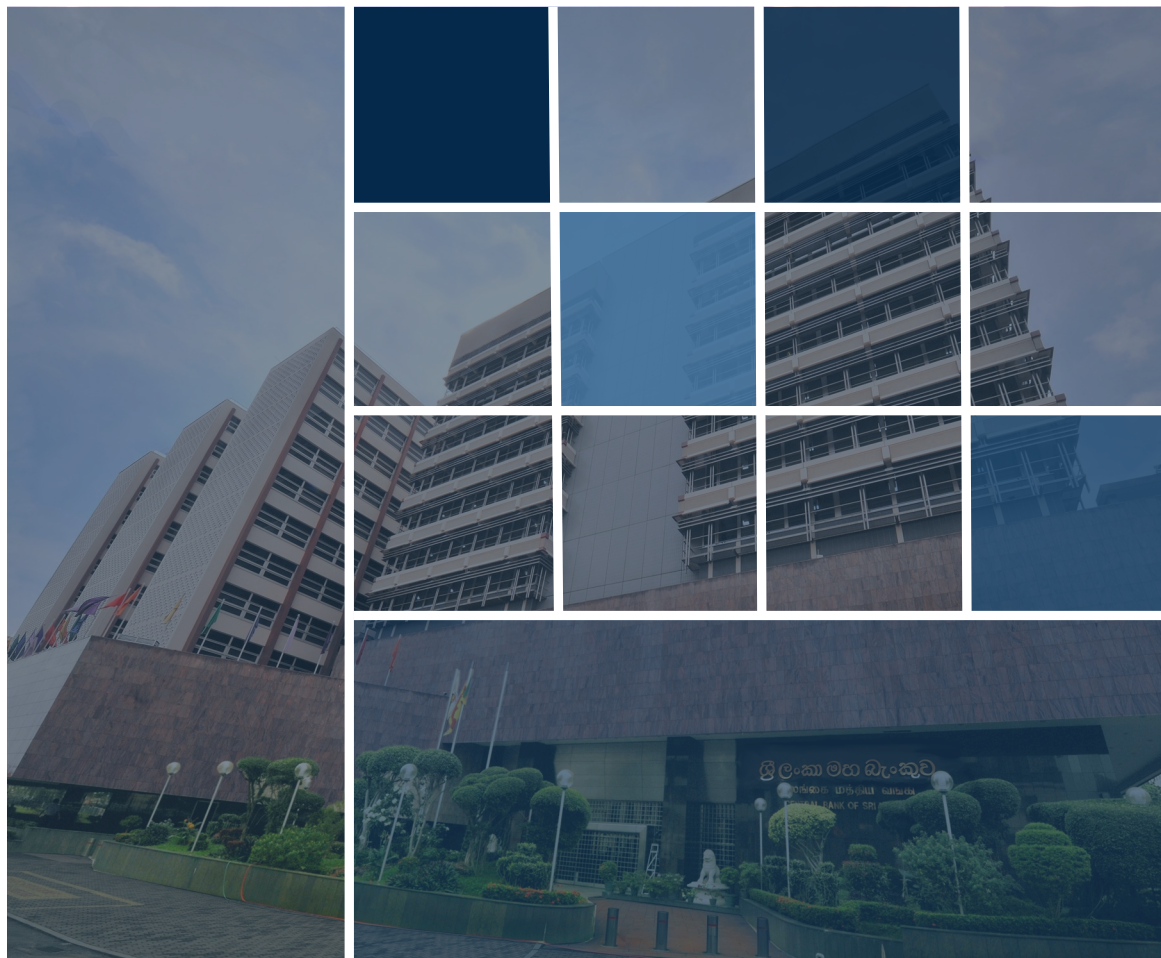


Weekly Economic Indicators

05th October 2018



Highlights of the Week

Real Sector

Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) decreased to 51.1% in 2018 Q2.
Employment in the Agriculture sector reached a record low of 1.9 Mn persons while employment in Services sector increased further.
Unemployment Rate increased to 4.6% in 2018 Q2 from 4.5% in 2018 Q1.

During the period, crude oil prices largely followed an increasing trend. Prices rose to near four-year high levels due to the prospects of tighter supply amid next round of US sanctions against Iran. However, price increases were limited due to rising US crude inventories and increased crude production from Saudi Arabia and Russia. Overall, both Brent and WTI prices rose by US\$ 2.1 per barrel and US\$ 1.5 per barrel, respectively, within the period.

Monetary Sector

Weekly AWPR for the week ending 05 October 2018 increased by 12 bps to 11.86% compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 13.5 %, on a year-on-year basis, in August 2018.

Net Credit to the Government from the banking system showed a decline of Rs. 45.7 bn in August 2018.

Credit to public corporations recorded an increase of Rs. 3.1 bn in August 2018.

Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 46.0 bn in August 2018.

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

The total outstanding market liquidity increased to a deficit of Rs. 106.940 bn by end of the week, compared to a deficit of Rs. 116.663 bn by the end of last week.

By 05 October 2018, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 0.37% to 5,884 points and the S&P SL 20 Index increased by 0.29% to 3,011 points, compared to the previous week.

External Sector

During the year up to 05 October 2018 the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the US dollar (10.1 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the euro (6.7 per cent), the pound sterling (7.2 per cent) and the Japanese yen (9.2 per cent) while appreciated the Indian rupee (3.3 per cent) during this period.

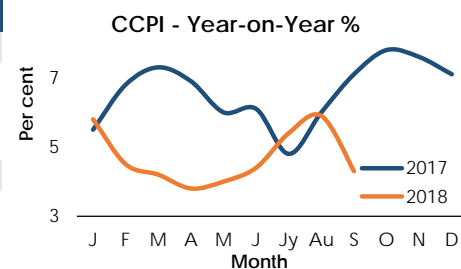
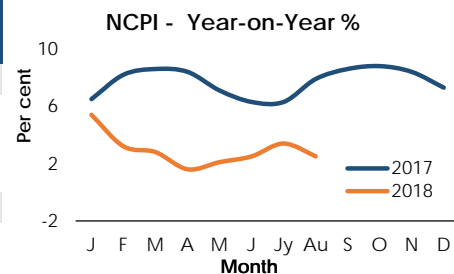
India, China, UK, Germany and France were the top five sources of tourist arrivals, accounting for 51.8 per cent of total tourist arrivals upto the month of September 2018.

The gross official reserves were estimated at US dollars 7,180.08 million as at 28th September 2018.

Real Sector

1.1 Price Indices

Item (2013=100)	Aug 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Headline	125.4	126.6	122.3
Monthly Change %	-0.9	0.1	-0.1
Annual Average Change %	4.7	5.1	6.5
Year - on - Year Change %	2.5	3.4	7.9
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Core	126.3	125.7	123.0
Annual Average Change %	2.5	2.7	5.8
Year - on - Year Change %	2.7	2.3	4.8
Item (2013=100)	Sep 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Headline	124.9	125.8	119.7
Monthly Change %	-0.7	0.0	0.8
Annual Average Change %	5.4	5.6	5.8
Year - on - Year Change %	4.3	5.9	7.1
Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) - Core	128.0	127.5	123.3
Annual Average Change %	3.9	4.1	5.8
Year - on - Year Change %	3.8	3.7	6.0



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

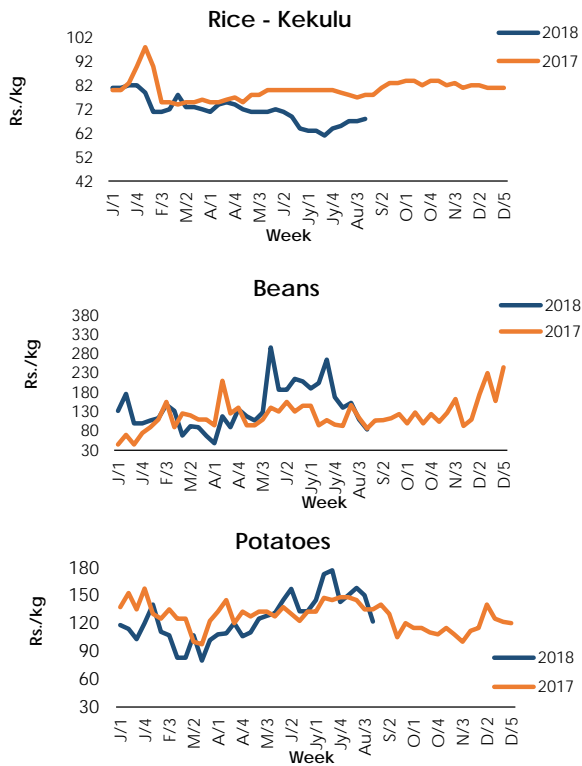
1.2 Prices

1.2.1 Pettah Market

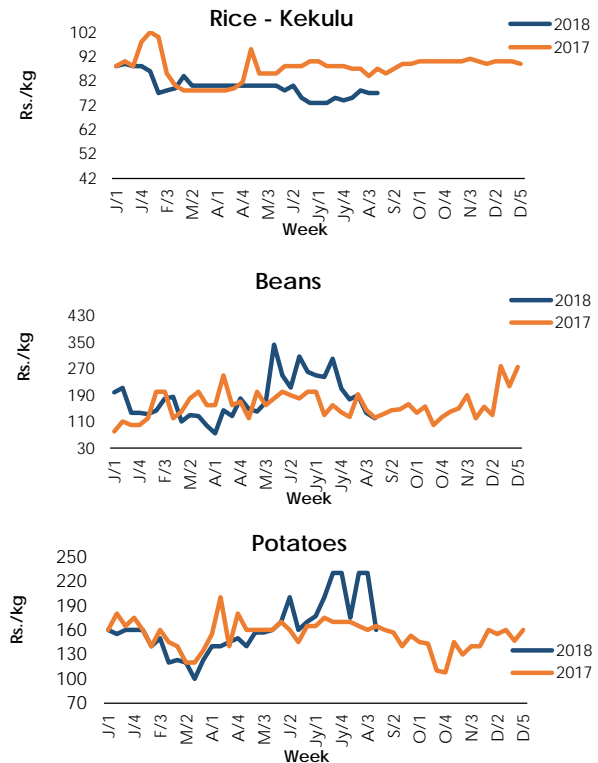
Food Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending	Week	Month	Year	Week	Week	Month	Year
	05 th Oct 2018	Ago	Ago	Ago Annual Avg	05 th Oct 2018	Ago	Ago	Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	104.00	104.00	104.00	94.82	110.00	113.00	112.00	99.92
Kekulu (Red)	68.00	68.00	67.75	80.30	78.00	78.00	78.00	86.84
Vegetables								
Beans	80.00	82.00	75.50	118.56	115.00	120.00	107.50	163.50
Cabbage	42.00	58.00	84.50	75.37	83.00	100.00	127.50	119.69
Carrots	84.00	124.00	157.75	120.95	133.00	164.00	201.00	163.42
Tomatoes	33.00	30.00	27.50	93.73	62.00	62.00	57.50	134.12
Pumpkins	38.00	41.00	51.25	61.84	66.00	66.00	73.50	90.00
Snake Gourd	75.00	68.00	64.50	96.74	115.00	100.00	97.50	134.00
Brinjals	62.00	75.00	93.00	94.90	110.00	115.00	129.75	132.54
Ash-Plantains	60.00	70.00	71.25	73.41	103.00	103.00	101.50	108.67
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	98.00	95.00	103.00	250.84	130.00	135.00	138.75	303.56
Big-Onions (Local)	68.00	72.00	77.75	110.80	95.00	95.00	98.25	137.20
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	95.00	102.00	104.00	127.34	135.00	145.00	138.25	155.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	250.00	250.00	248.75	189.80	295.00	295.00	291.25	236.54
Dhal (Indian)	101.00	100.00	97.00	135.31	115.00	113.00	110.75	151.46
Eggs	14.20	14.20	15.20	11.96	15.10	15.10	16.15	12.63
Coconut (Each)	45.00	49.00	51.25	61.72	55.00	59.00	61.25	74.31
Fish*								
Kelawalla	400.00	470.00	597.50	540.63	700.00	750.00	892.50	807.87
Balaya	200.00	230.00	240.00	301.46	300.00	340.00	340.00	404.68
Salaya	120.00	160.00	156.67	116.88	150.00	200.00	200.00	179.79
Paraw (Small)	400.00	n.a.	550.00	538.02	500.00	n.a.	650.00	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 04 th Oct 2018	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	106.80	111.80
Kekulu (Red)	71.00	76.00
Vegetables		
Beans	32.30	52.30
Carrot	48.20	68.20
Tomatoes	62.50	82.50
Pumpkins	80.50	100.50
Snake Gourd	99.50	119.50
Ash-Plantains	16.70	36.70
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	81.40	90.60
Big-Onions (Local)	239.50	249.50
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	66.30	76.30
Dried Chillies(Imported)	76.80	86.80
Coconut (Each)	38.70	43.90

1.2.4 Marandagahamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 05 th Oct 2018	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	96.00	95.13	95.47	92.96
Sudu Kekulu	72.10	71.50	72.24	83.16
Raw Red	66.70	66.50	66.58	80.21
Nadu	75.50	75.00	74.71	87.93

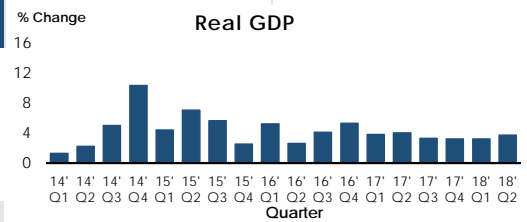
1.2.3 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	04 th Oct 2018	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	108.33	109.00
Kekulu (Red)	73.33	74.00
Vegetables		
Beans	128.33	138.33
Cabbage	158.33	158.33
Carrots	118.33	238.33
Tomatoes	68.33	78.33
Pumpkins	88.33	88.33
Snake Gourd	118.33	118.33
Brinjals	118.33	158.33
Ash-Plantains	118.33	138.33
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	118.33	119.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	88.33	88.33
Potatoes (Imported)	88.33	88.33
Dried Chillies (Imported)	278.33	278.33
Dhal (Indian)	108.33	107.33
Eggs (Red)(Each)	15.00	15.00
Coconut (Each)	58.33	58.33
Fish		
Kelawalla	796.67	976.67
Balaya	436.67	456.67
Salaya	156.67	256.67
Paraw (Small)	816.67	796.67

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 2 nd Qtr (a)(b)	2018 2 nd Qtr (a)
Agriculture	-3.8	-0.8	-3.1	4.5
Industry	5.8	4.6	5.6	2.3
Services	4.7	3.2	2.7	4.8
Taxes less subsidies on products	6.3	3.2	3.4	-0.6
GDP	4.5	3.3	3.0	3.7

(a) Provisional (b) Revised

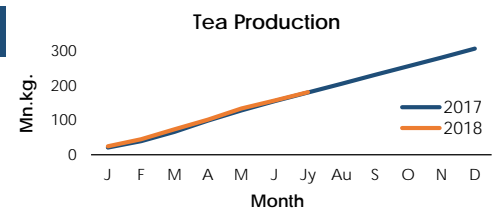


Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.4 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2018 Jan-Jul(a)	2017 Jan-Jul	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	181.44	182.49	-0.58
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	45.79	51.34	-10.81
Coconut	(Mn Kg)	1,447.68	1,496.34	-3.25

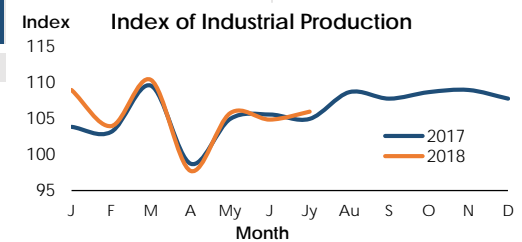
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1.5 Index of Industrial Production (IIP) (2015 = 100) (a)

Item	2017 Jul (b)(c)	2018 Jul (c)	% Change
Index of Industrial Production (IIP)	104.8	105.9	1.1
Food products	103.5	103.6	0.1
Wearing apparel	109.4	110.5	1.0
Other non-metallic mineral products	110.1	111.0	0.8
Coke and refined petroleum products	83.2	105.2	26.5
Rubber and plastic products	108.0	117.4	8.8
Chemicals and chemical products	97.4	86.1	-11.6
Beverages	91.8	84.4	-8.1

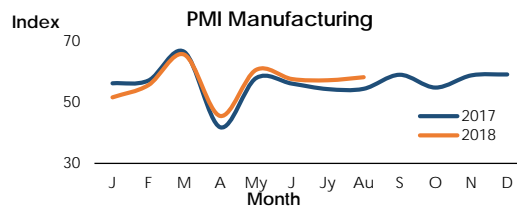
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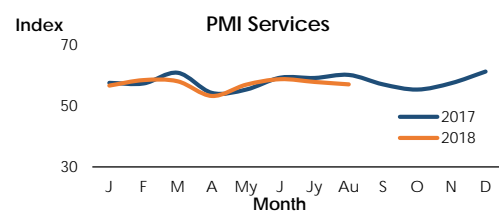
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.6 Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)

Month/Year	PMI Manufacturing			
	Aug 2018	Jul-18	Aug 2017	Jul 2017
Index	58.2	57.2	54.4	54.3



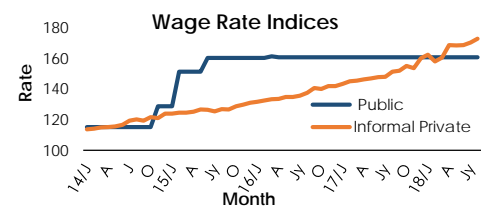
Month/Year	PMI Services			
	Aug 2018	Jul-18	Aug 2017	Jul 2017
Index	57.0	57.8	60.1	59.1



1.7 Wages and Employment

1.7.1 Wage Rate Indices

Item	2018 August	2017 August	% Change
Public Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	161.0	160.8	0.0
Informal Private Sector Employees (2012 = 100)	173.1	151.4	14.4
Agriculture	176.8	151.2	16.9
Industry	175.7	157.5	11.6
Services	169.0	145.6	16.1



1.7.2 Employment (a)

Item	2017 (b) 2 nd Qtr	2018 (b) 2 nd Qtr	2017 (b) Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	53.9	51.1	54.1
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.6	4.2

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

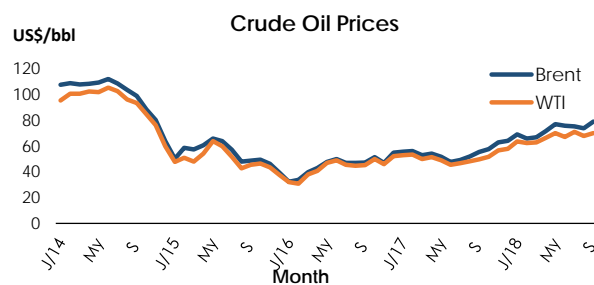
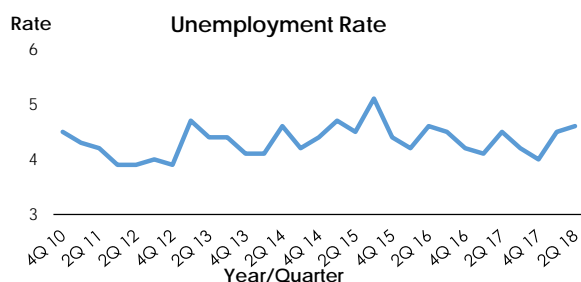
Agriculture	26.0	24.2	26.1
Industry	28.3	27.5	28.4
Services	45.7	48.3	45.5

(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	77.82
September	55.31	49.65	57.06	79.02	70.02	-
October	57.52	51.56	59.53	-	-	-
November	62.79	56.68	65.62	-	-	-
December	63.92	57.82	66.82	-	-	-
	2017			2018		
29 Sep	57.67	51.60	-	-	-	-
30 Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-
01 Oct	-	-	-	82.92	73.40	-
02 Oct	56.66	51.62	-	84.92	75.47	-
03 Oct	55.96	50.46	-	84.74	75.13	-
04 Oct	55.64	50.33	-	86.00	76.18	-
05 Oct	57.00	50.79	-	85.05	74.89	-

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

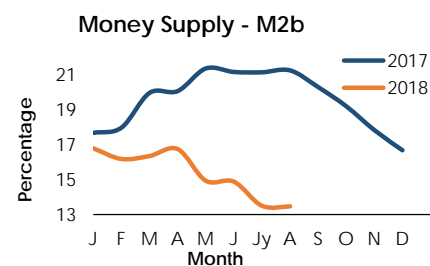
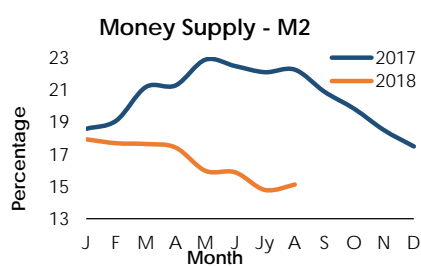
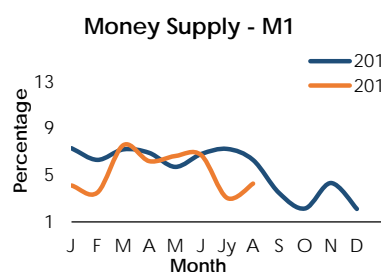
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 05 Oct 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)	8.43	8.29	8.11		
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offered Rate (SLIBOR)					
1-day	8.45	8.35	8.12		
7-day	8.65	8.60	8.46		
1-Month	9.18	9.09	9.26		
3-Month	10.00	10.01	10.16		
6-Month	10.60	10.62	11.55		
12-Month	11.50	11.50	12.03		
Treasury Bill Yields					
91-day	-	8.56	-		
182-day	-	-	9.08		
364-day	-	9.51	9.32		
Licensed Commercial Banks					
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	11.86	11.74	11.55		
	Aug-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Savings Deposits (a)	0.50-8.50	0.50-8.50	0.50-9.50		
One Year Fixed Deposits	4.53-15.00	4.00-15.00	4.89-15.00		
	Sep-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	8.69	8.66	9.25		
Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	10.84	10.81	11.81		
	Aug-2018	Month Ago	Year Ago		
Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	14.18	14.07	13.90		
National Savings Bank (NSB)					
	Aug-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					
	03 Y & 01 Month	07 Y & 01 Month			
	13/9/2018	13/9/2018			
Coupon rate	9.45	10.35			
Weighted Average Yield	10.03	10.32			
(a) Revised					
Bankwise - AWPR					
Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 05 Oct 2018	Week Ago	Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 05 Oct 2018	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	12.43	12.41	HSBC	8.95	9.04
People's Bank	12.15	12.33	Standard Chartered Bank	11.46	11.75
Hatton National Bank	11.99	11.95	Citi Bank	9.50	10.40
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	11.81	11.86	Deutsche Bank	10.50	10.06
Sampath Bank	12.47	13.20	Habib Bank	12.15	12.15
Seylan Bank	12.55	12.72	Indian Bank	13.22	13.15
Union Bank of Colombo	14.28	15.00	Indian Overseas Bank	13.72	13.65
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	16.00	17.00	MCB Bank	14.23	12.40
Nations Trust Bank	12.04	12.43	State Bank of India	10.07	10.99
DFCC Bank	12.96	12.87	Public Bank	13.79	13.00
NDB Bank	12.83	12.61	ICICI Bank	10.59	11.86
Amana Bank	12.56	12.56	Axis Bank	12.66	12.65
Cargills Bank	15.53	15.53			

2.2 Money Supply

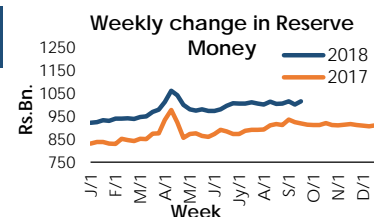
Item	Rs. bn			Annual Change (%)		
	2018 Aug(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago	2018 Aug(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Reserve Money	1,004.71	1,001.38	911.39	10.24	11.93	16.00
M1	791.55	791.77	759.14	4.27	3.04	6.29
M2	6,243.72	6,160.77	5,423.04	15.13	14.79	22.28
M2b	6,866.41	6,795.38	6,050.58	13.48	13.51	21.29
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	166.85	171.51	-50.10	433.06	237.12	82.20
Monetary Authorities	901.49	897.26	745.77	20.88	33.11	49.45
Commercial Banks	-734.64	-725.75	-795.86	7.69	9.19	-1.96
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-313.90	-335.86	-312.95	-0.30	-16.30	-16.38
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	-420.74	-389.89	-482.91	12.88	23.61	5.61
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	6,699.56	6,623.87	6,100.68	9.82	8.38	15.76
Net Credit to the Government	2,271.92	2,226.20	2,237.51	1.54	-1.25	15.46
Monetary Authorities	245.79	256.63	293.54	-16.27	-24.42	-25.97
Commercial Banks	2,026.12	1,969.57	1,943.97	4.23	2.85	26.12
DBUs	1,668.70	1,616.96	1,578.09	5.74	4.42	30.59
OBUs	357.42	352.62	365.88	-2.31	-3.77	9.88
Credit to Public Corporations (c)	639.50	636.37	521.49	22.63	19.66	15.56
DBUs (c)	399.74	396.29	323.31	23.64	21.92	16.97
OBUs	239.76	240.07	198.17	20.98	16.11	13.33
Credit to the Private Sector (c)	5,248.36	5,202.40	4,590.51	14.33	14.66	17.82
DBUs (c)	4,874.60	4,833.94	4,263.12	14.34	14.77	18.20
OBUs	373.76	368.45	327.38	14.17	13.11	13.17
Other Items (Net)	-1,460.21	-1,441.10	-1,248.83	-16.93	-18.90	-23.01

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



2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	04 Oct 2018	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	1,008,744.96	1,015,048.69	-6,303.74



2.4 Money Market Activity(Overnight)

Item	01.10.2018	02.10.2018	03.10.2018	04.10.2018	05.10.2018
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.42	8.44	8.44	8.45	8.40
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	12,835	16,075	11,330	14,230	15,700
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.31	8.26	8.33	8.36	8.30
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	3,855	4,554	3,300	5,988	6,594

2.5 CBSL Securites Portfolio

Item	01.10.2018	02.10.2018	03.10.2018	04.10.2018	05.10.2018
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Face Value (Rs. Mn)	23,103.60	23,103.60	23,103.60	36,360.60	42,024.60
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Book Value (Rs. Mn)	22,540.68	22,537.12	22,541.16	35,289.74	40,476.06

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	01.10.2018		02.10.2018		03.10.2018				04.10.2018	05.10.2018
Short-Term Auction										
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	0.00	0.00
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	30.00	10.00	18.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	-	-	10.00	13.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	1	7	1	7	1	7	-	-	1	1
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	21.00	12.75	12.15	9.75	13.85	14.76	-	-	15.25	14.55
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	21.00	10.00	12.15	9.75	13.85	14.76	-	-	10.00	13.00
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.08	8.25	8.05	8.20	8.06	8.18	-	-	8.20	8.17
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.21	8.34	8.20	8.30	8.18	8.27	-	-	8.20	8.22
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	8.19	8.29	8.16	8.25	8.14	8.22	-	-	8.20	8.19
Outright Auctions										
Outright Sales Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-
Outright Purchase Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	-	-	-	-	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	-	-
Settlement Date	-	-	-	-	04.10.2018	04.10.2018	04.10.2018	04.10.2018	-	-
Maturity Date	-	-	-	-	08.02.2019	22.02.2019	01.03.2019	08.03.2019	-	-
Tenure (No. of Days)	-	-	-	-	127	141	148	155	-	-
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	-	-	-	-	1.13	2.85	6.67	2.60	-	-
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	-	-	-	-	1.13	2.85	6.67	2.60	-	-
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	-	-	-	-	8.25	8.60	8.50	8.50	-	-
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	-	-	-	-	8.70	8.70	9.10	9.00	-	-
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	-	-	-	-	8.64	8.63	8.81	8.84	-	-
Long Term Auction										
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	40.00	-	20.00	-	-	-	-	-	20.00	20.00
Settlement Date	02.10.2018	-	03.10.2018	-	-	-	-	-	05.10.2018	08.10.2018
Maturity Date	16.10.2018	-	17.10.2018	-	-	-	-	-	19.10.2018	22.10.2018
Tenure (No. of Days)	14	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	14	14
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	28.35	-	31.00	-	-	-	-	-	5.50	5.40
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	28.35	-	20.00	-	-	-	-	-	5.50	5.40
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.20	-	8.24	-	-	-	-	-	8.26	8.25
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.45	-	8.35	-	-	-	-	-	8.30	8.25
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	8.28	-	8.25	-	-	-	-	-	8.29	8.25
Standing Facility										
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	6.147		3.581				6.886		11.683	13.660
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	21.385		19.352				13.887		7.509	14.240
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	-117.638		-117.421				-120.111		-105.086	-106.940

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 Aug (b)	2018 End Jul	2017 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative (c)	1.7	1.7	6.5
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	1.2	1.7	1.7

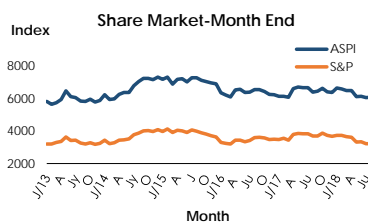
(a) Based on the information provided by LCBs and Licensed Specialised Banks (LSBs)

(b) Provisional (c) During the year



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 05 Oct 2018	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	5,883.8	5,862.2	6,507.1
S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000) (S&P SL20)	3,010.6	3,002.0	3,781.6
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. mn)	406.1	417.3	1,280.3
Market Capitalisation (Rs.bn)	2,763.0	2,752.9	2,950.9
Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	192.7	411.3	1,983.7
Foreign Sales (Rs. mn)	223.0	469.4	70.6
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	-30.2	-58.1	1,913.1

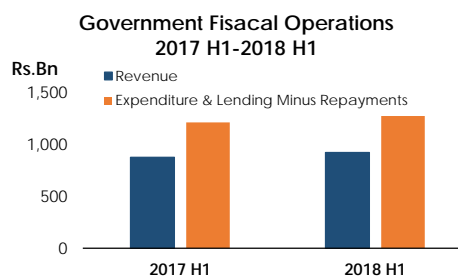


Fiscal Sector

3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

Item	2017 H1	2018 H1 (a)
Revenue and Grants	877.6	925.7
Revenue	876.3	920.8
Tax	819.0	845.3
Non tax	57.3	75.5
Grants	1.3	5.0
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	1,210.2	1,271.6
Recurrent	918.2	995.6
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	292.0	276.0

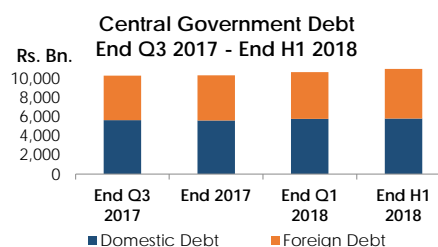
(a) Provisional



3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	End 2017	End 2018 H1(a)
Total domestic debt	5,594.4	5,791.8
of which		
Treasury bills	697.2	814.7
Treasury bonds	3,822.6	3,915.8
Rupee loans	24.1	24.1
Total foreign debt	4,718.6	5,202.6
Total outstanding govt. debt	10,313.0	10,994.4

(a) Provisional



3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates for the week ending - 03rd October 2018

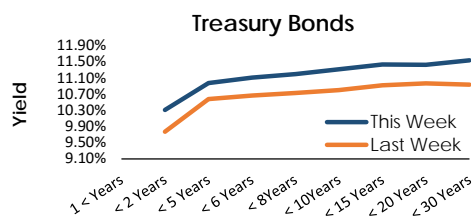
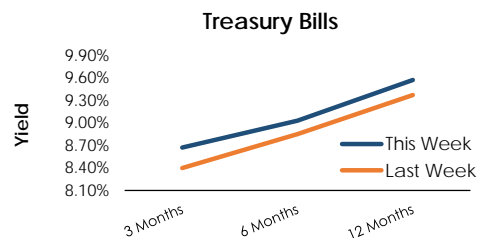
Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week Average
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	-	8.56%	8.79%	8.55%	8.67%	8.40%
	6 Months	-	-	9.14%	8.92%	9.03%	8.85%
	12 Months	-	9.51%	9.70%	9.43%	9.57%	9.37%
Treasury Bonds(b)	< 2 Years	-	-	10.43%	10.18%	10.31%	9.77%
	< 5 Years	-	-	11.06%	10.90%	10.98%	10.58%
	< 6 Years	-	-	11.20%	11.01%	11.11%	10.67%
	< 8 Years	-	-	11.31%	11.09%	11.20%	10.73%
	< 10 Years	-	-	11.43%	11.21%	11.32%	10.80%
	< 15 Years	-	-	11.58%	11.30%	11.44%	10.92%
	< 20 Years	-	-	11.55%	11.31%	11.43%	10.97%
< 30 Years	-	-	11.69%	11.38%	11.54%	10.94%	

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 03/10/2018

(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 increased during the reporting week.

Security	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Secondary Market	
			This Week	Last Week
International Sovereign Bonds	4-Oct-20	6.250%	5.94%	5.76%
	27-Jul-21	6.250%	6.11%	6.04%
	18-Jan-22	5.750%	6.32%	6.22%
	25-Jul-22	5.875%	6.38%	6.29%
	14-Jan-19	6.000%	4.88%	5.05%
Sovereign Bonds	11-Apr-19	5.125%	4.83%	4.82%
	3-Jun-25	6.125%	7.00%	6.98%
	3-Nov-25	6.850%	7.03%	7.03%
	18-Jul-26	6.825%	7.15%	7.10%
	11-May-27	6.200%	7.24%	7.15%



3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 03rd October 2018)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	789,356.65	787,600.22
Treasury Bonds (a)	4,238,798.54	4,238,798.54
Total	5,028,155.19	5,026,398.76
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	247,623.23	249,423.60
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	568,820.66	567,343.51

The outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by foreigners has decreased by 0.72 per cent during the reporting week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	6,000.00	8,000.00
Total Bids Received	13,922.00	17,302.00
Total Bids Accepted	-	5,102.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	-	-
Total Bids Received	-	-
Total Bids Accepted	-	-

The weekly T-bill auction was over subscribed by 2.3 times during the reporting week

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	10,634.23	11,740.45
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	130,112.05	94,141.96
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	113,031.45	72,846.71
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	584,257.86	580,967.08

The total secondary market transactions of T bills and T bonds increased by 10.31 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) - 05/10/2018

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.84	8.31	99.84	8.10	0.00
1 Month	99.31	8.44	99.33	8.21	0.02
2 Month	98.58	8.63	98.62	8.38	0.04
3 Month	97.84	8.77	97.90	8.54	0.06
4 Month	97.12	8.77	97.17	8.62	0.05
5 Month	96.34	8.90	96.41	8.74	0.06
6 Month	95.50	9.14	95.58	8.96	0.09
7 Month	94.71	9.20	94.80	9.04	0.09
8 Month	93.89	9.29	94.00	9.12	0.12
9 Month	93.07	9.37	93.20	9.19	0.13
10 Month	92.23	9.45	92.38	9.27	0.15
11 Month	91.38	9.53	91.55	9.34	0.17
12 Month	90.45	9.68	90.69	9.44	0.24

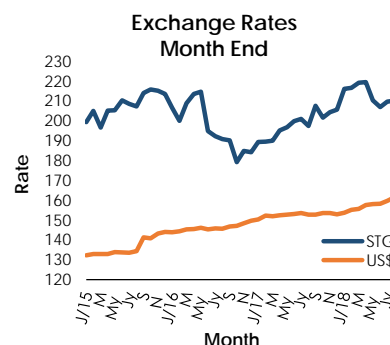
3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds) - 05/10/2018

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	10	99.99	8.79	99.99	8.63	0.00
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	41	99.85	9.08	99.88	8.85	0.03
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	102	99.03	9.13	99.08	8.95	0.05
10.75%2019A	2	15-Jan-19	102	100.28	9.49	100.36	9.18	0.09
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	208	99.43	9.53	99.53	9.33	0.11
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	269	100.43	9.94	100.67	9.59	0.25
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	345	100.48	10.04	100.71	9.78	0.23
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	392	97.88	10.13	98.10	9.90	0.22
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	574	98.50	10.30	98.81	10.08	0.31
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	605	96.48	10.35	96.76	10.16	0.28
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	666	93.15	10.41	93.43	10.23	0.27
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	802	98.07	10.49	98.45	10.29	0.38
10.75%2021A	5	1-Mar-21	878	100.24	10.62	100.70	10.41	0.45
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	939	96.23	10.71	96.62	10.53	0.39
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	1,031	100.53	10.76	100.92	10.60	0.39
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	1,106	96.70	10.76	97.06	10.61	0.36
11.50%2021A	5	15-Dec-21	1,167	101.75	10.83	102.11	10.69	0.36
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	1,184	92.08	10.96	92.49	10.80	0.41
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	1,365	100.82	10.91	101.51	10.69	0.68
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	1,457	97.00	10.95	97.60	10.76	0.60
10.00%2023A	6	15-Mar-23	1,622	96.64	10.97	97.21	10.80	0.57
11.50%2023A	6	15-May-23	1,683	101.84	10.97	102.35	10.83	0.51
10.20%2023A	5	15-Jul-23	1,744	97.12	10.98	97.60	10.85	0.47
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	1,792	92.55	11.00	93.05	10.86	0.50
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	1,792	100.47	11.07	101.22	10.87	0.75
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	1,822	84.78	11.05	85.32	10.89	0.55
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	1,914	101.10	11.11	101.80	10.93	0.70
11.00%2024A	8	1-Aug-24	2,127	99.29	11.16	100.04	10.98	0.75
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	2,249	77.33	11.19	78.05	11.00	0.72
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	2,353	95.60	11.22	96.52	11.02	0.92
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	2,400	89.74	11.25	90.62	11.04	0.89
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	2,492	98.86	11.24	99.82	11.03	0.96
10.35%2025A	8	15-Oct-25	2,567	95.65	11.26	96.65	11.05	1.00
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	2,676	88.60	11.33	89.74	11.08	1.14
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	2,704	70.67	11.30	71.63	11.06	0.96
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	2,796	98.61	11.27	99.71	11.05	1.10
11.50%2026A	10	1-Aug-26	2,857	101.04	11.29	102.26	11.06	1.22
11.75%2027A	10	15-Jun-27	3,175	101.99	11.38	103.33	11.14	1.34
11.25%2027A	10	15-Dec-27	3,358	99.20	11.39	100.49	11.16	1.30
10.75%2028A	10	15-Mar-28	3,449	96.05	11.44	97.62	11.16	1.57
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	3,496	86.27	11.39	87.44	11.17	1.17
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	3,557	86.14	11.39	87.30	11.17	1.16
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	3,619	100.58	11.40	102.08	11.14	1.51
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	3,741	109.25	11.44	110.68	11.21	1.43
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	3,861	109.36	11.45	110.88	11.21	1.52
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	4,240	96.57	11.54	98.67	11.20	2.11
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	4,836	76.08	11.57	77.60	11.30	1.53
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	5,110	82.48	11.56	84.48	11.23	2.00
11.20%2033A	15	15-Jan-33	5,216	97.26	11.59	99.15	11.32	1.89
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	5,353	81.52	11.66	83.48	11.33	1.96
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	5,383	111.61	11.58	113.61	11.32	2.01
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	5,506	81.73	11.59	83.33	11.33	1.60
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	5,567	111.65	11.60	113.71	11.33	2.06
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	6,005	99.62	11.55	101.39	11.31	1.77
12.00%2041A	25	1-Jan-41	8,124	103.13	11.60	105.40	11.33	2.28
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	9,005	78.62	11.65	80.60	11.36	1.98
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	9,219	114.46	11.70	117.39	11.39	2.93
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	9,371	114.37	11.72	117.40	11.39	3.03
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	9,644	105.62	11.80	108.88	11.43	3.26

External Sector

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 05 Oct 2018			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	167.80	171.68	169.74	168.92	153.15
STG	217.46	224.75	221.11	221.03	203.29
Yen	1.46	1.52	1.49	1.49	1.36
Euro	191.93	198.92	195.43	196.74	180.31
INR(1)			2.31	2.33	2.34
SDR (As at 04 Oct 2018)			235.79	236.76	216.20
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)		Aug 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Purchases		18.50	25.50	200.00	
Sales		42.50	33.00	-	



Item	Week Ending	Week Ago	Year Ago
	05 Oct 2018		

Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) 34.39 54.98 35.77

(spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)

Forward Transactions

Forward Rates (US\$) (2)

1 Month	170.65	170.03	154.00
3 Months	172.53	171.76	155.80

Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn) 22.70 32.08 16.53

Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 04 Oct 2018) 2,342.62 2,336.19 1,534.92

(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

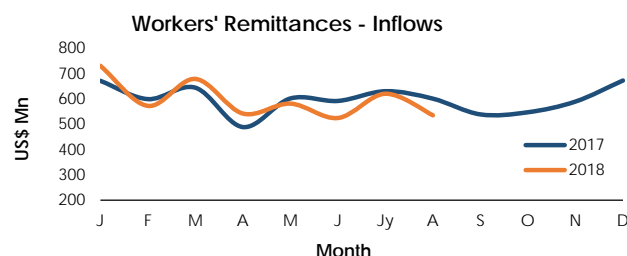
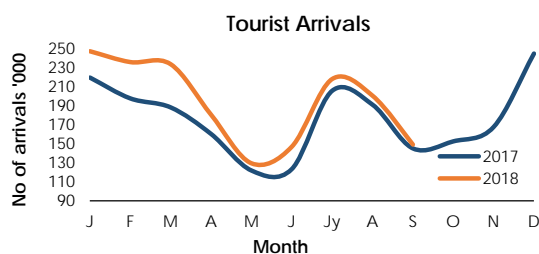
Item		2017	2018	2017	2018	% Change
		Sep	Sep (a)(b)	Jan - Sep	Jan - Sep (a)(b)	
Tourist Arrivals	Number	145,077	149,087	1,551,931	1,731,922	11.6
Earnings from Tourism(d)	US\$ Mn.	269.0 (c)	276.5	2,878.1 (c)	3,211.9	11.6
	Rs.bn.	41.1 (c)	45.5	437.6 (c)	506.1	15.7
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.	599.9	534.2	4,820.1	4,777.3	-0.9
	Rs. bn.	91.9	85.7	732.6	750.0	2.4

(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 28th September 2018 (a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)	7,180.08
(1) Foreign Currency Reserves	6,351.15
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	66.77
(3) SDRs	0.50
(4) Gold	760.56
(5) Other Reserve Assets	1.10

(a) Provisional

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

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)	
Official Reserve Assets	8,584.54
(1) Foreign currency reserves	7,747.18
(a) Securities	4,537.75
(b) Total currency and deposits with	3,209.43
(i) other national central banks, BIS	2,089.77
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad	1.17
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country	1,118.50
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	67.06
(3) SDRs	0.50
(4) Gold	768.69
(5) Other reserve assets	1.10

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	-4,751.73	-820.82	-125.71	-3,805.20
Interest	-1,441.25	-123.60	-304.16	-1,013.49
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	-233.43	-112.50	-539.31
(ii) Long positions (+)				
3. Other (specify)				
inflows related to reverse repos (+)	-0.13	-0.13		
other accounts payable (-)	-0.13	-0.13		

(a) Provisional

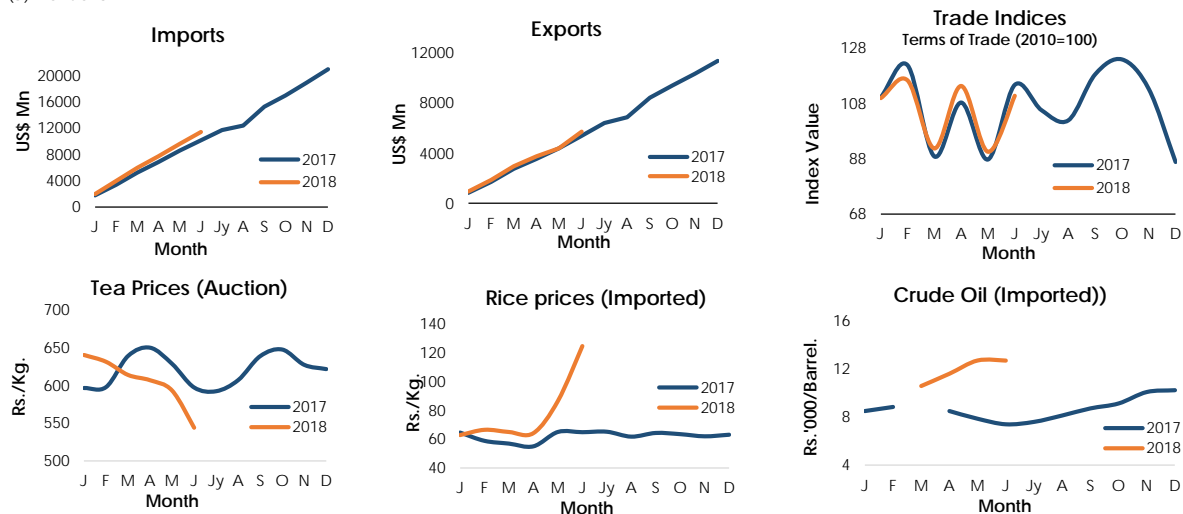
(b) This mainly includes only the predetermined outflows

(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-Jun 2018(a)	Jan-Jun 2017	% Change	Jan-Jun 2018(a)	Jan-Jun 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



4.6 Trade Indices (2010=100) (a)

Item	2018 Jun(b)	Month Ago (b)	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	142.6(c)	128.6	137.4
Quantity	134.2	144.6	132.2
Unit Value	106.3(c)	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	108.6(c)	90.5	114.2

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

4.7 Commodity Prices

Item	2018 June (a)	2017 June	% Change	2018 June (a)	2017 June	% 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
Crude Oil	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
	79.80	48.47	64.6	12,693.98	7,408.24	71.35

(a) Provisional