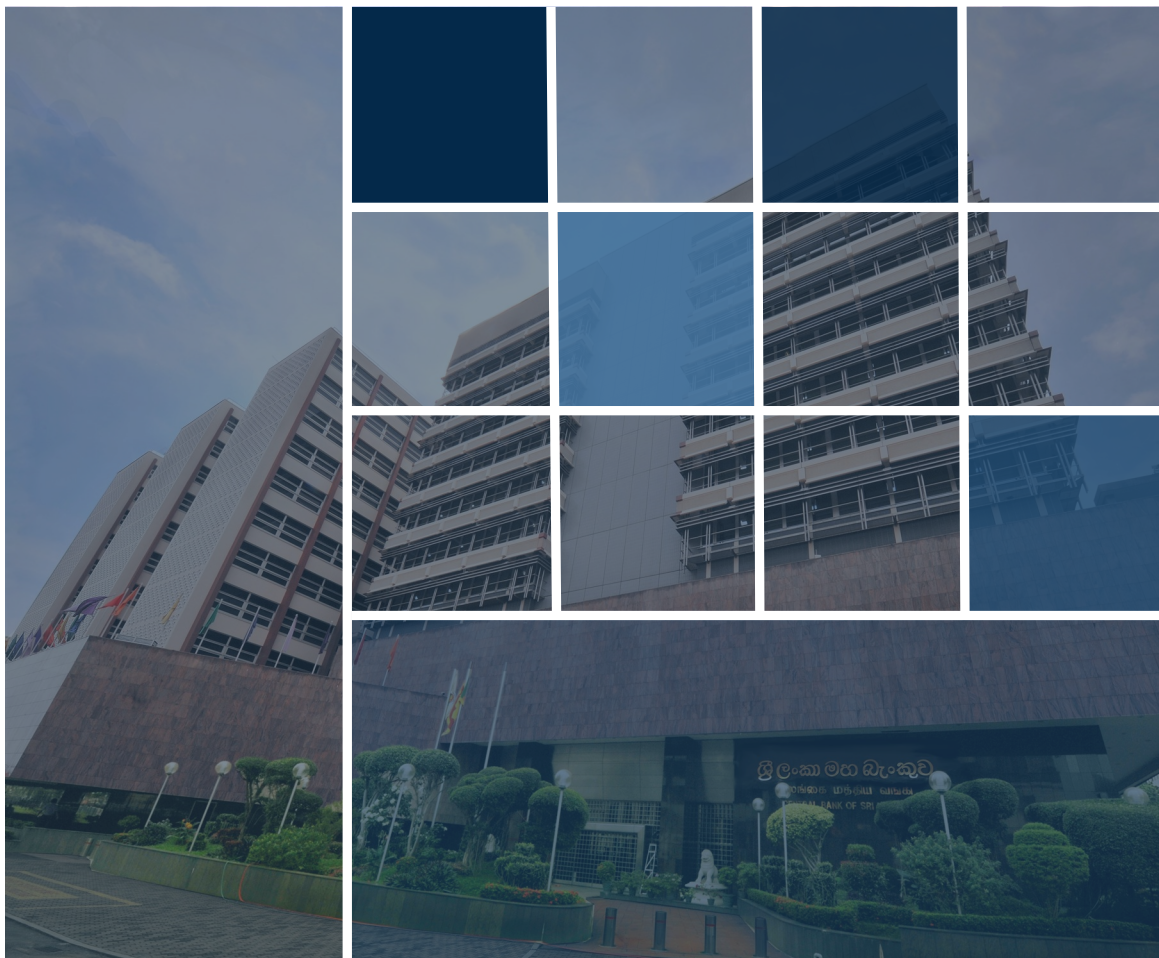


Weekly Economic Indicators

12th October 2018



Highlights of the Week

Real Sector

During the first eight months of the year 2018, domestic tea production reported a marginal decline partially due to the effect of declining auction prices. Production of rubber also declined considerably due to lower auction prices. Although coconut production continued to recover since April 2018 from the lagged effect of adverse weather conditions, overall production remained marginally negative during the first eight months of the year.

The IIP in August 2018 has increased by 0.4 per cent in comparison with the corresponding month of 2017. Among the major sub divisions of the manufacturing industries; 'Beverages' (17.5%); 'Coke and refined petroleum products' (9.3%); 'Rubber and plastic products' (5.5%) and 'Wearing apparel' (5.1%) have contributed to the overall increase in production volumes during the month of August, 2018 compared to that of August, 2017 and 'Chemicals and chemical products', 'Other non-metallic mineral products' and 'Food products' decreased by 12.4% , 2.0% and 0.5% respectively during this period.

During the period, crude oil prices largely followed a declining trend. At the beginning of the week, prices rose due to falling crude exports from Iran and as a hurricane has caused a shutdown of nearly 40 per cent of the US Gulf of Mexico crude oil output. However, subsequently prices fell to three-week low levels due to rising US crude oil inventories and a sharp fall in global equity markets. Overall, both Brent and WTI prices fell by US\$ 2.8 per barrel and US\$ 2.7 per barrel, respectively, within the period.

Monetary Sector

Weekly AWPR for the week ending 12 October 2018 increased by 48 bps to 12.34% 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 decreased to a deficit of Rs. 115.218 bn by end of the week, compared to a deficit of Rs. 106.940 bn by the end of last week.

By 12 October 2018, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) declined by 1.17% to 5,815 points and the S&P SL 20 Index declined by 2.12% to 2,947 points, compared to the previous week.

External Sector

During the year up to 12 October 2018 the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the US dollar (10.8 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the euro (8.2 per cent), the pound sterling (9.4 per cent) and the Japanese yen (11.2 per cent) while appreciated against the Indian rupee (3.1 per cent) during this period.

Earnings from exports grew by 6.1 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 6,805 million during the first seven months of 2018 mainly due to higher export earnings from textiles and garments, petroleum products, machinery and mechanical appliances, food, beverages and tobacco, rubber products, base metals and articles and gems, diamonds and jewellery. Import expenditure also increased by 12.4 per cent (year-on-year) to US dollars 13,196 million during the first seven months of 2018 largely due to higher imports of fuel, textiles and textile articles, personal vehicles, chemical products, gold, transport equipment, base metals and fertiliser. As a result, the deficit in the trade account expanded to US dollars 6,391 million during the first seven months of 2018 from US dollars 5,327 million in the corresponding period of 2017.

The export unit value index increased by 4.8 per cent (year-on-year) in July 2018 mainly due to high prices registered in industrial exports. The import unit value index in July 2018 increased by 8.3 per cent (year-on-year) due to high prices recorded in all major categories of imports. Accordingly, the terms of trade deteriorated by 3.2 per cent (year-on-year) to 106.4 index points in July 2018.

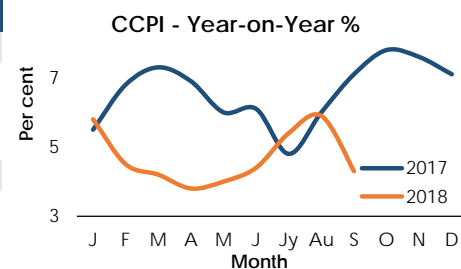
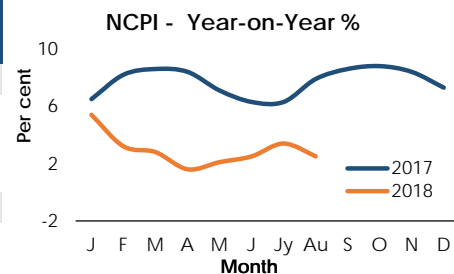
The average price of tea (in the Colombo auction) decreased to US dollars 3.36 per kg in July 2018 from US dollars 3.86 per kg in July 2017.

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

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

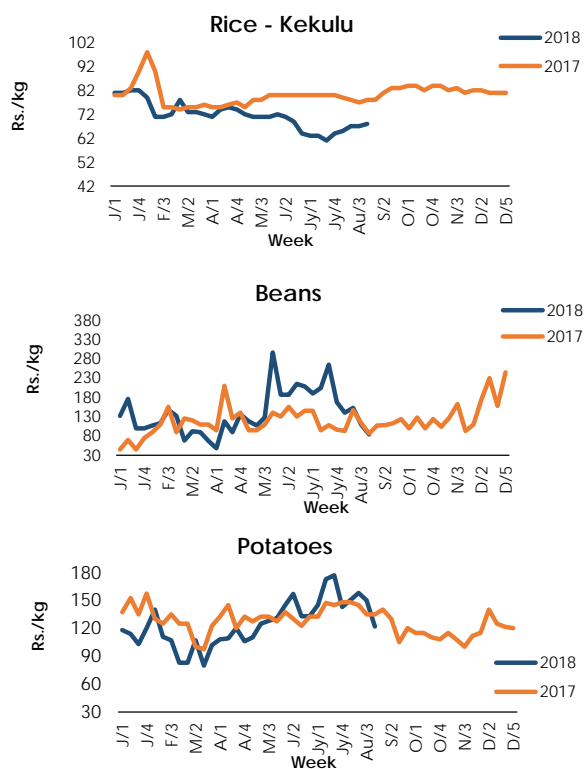
1.2 Prices

1.2.1 Pettah Market

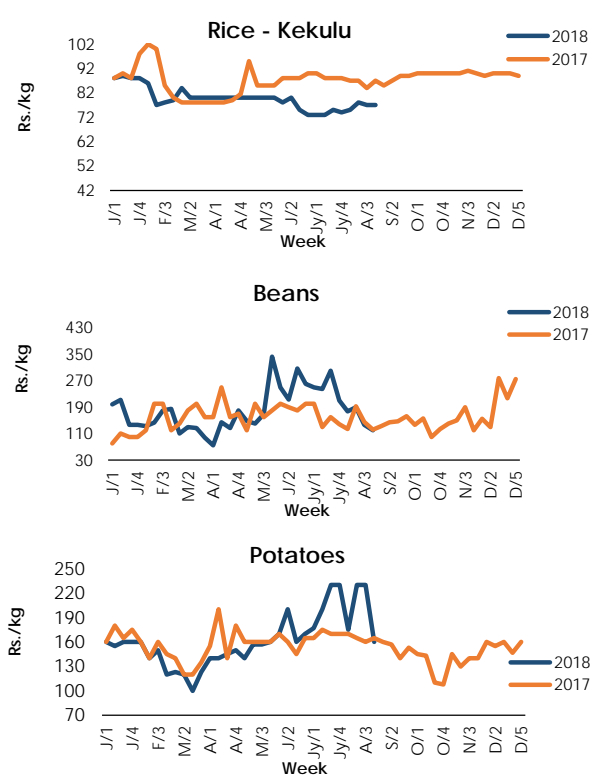
Food Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending	Week	Month	Year	Week	Week	Month	Year
	12 th Oct 2018	Ago	Ago	Ago Annual Avg	12 th Oct 2018	Ago	Ago	Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	98.00	104.00	104.00	94.82	108.00	110.00	112.00	99.92
Kekulu (Red)	70.00	68.00	67.75	80.30	80.00	78.00	78.00	86.84
Vegetables								
Beans	170.00	80.00	75.50	118.56	220.00	115.00	107.50	163.50
Cabbage	65.00	42.00	84.50	75.37	110.00	83.00	127.50	119.69
Carrots	133.00	84.00	157.75	120.95	200.00	133.00	201.00	163.42
Tomatoes	63.00	33.00	27.50	93.73	110.00	62.00	57.50	134.12
Pumpkins	47.00	38.00	51.25	61.84	70.00	66.00	73.50	90.00
Snake Gourd	105.00	75.00	64.50	96.74	140.00	115.00	97.50	134.00
Brinjals	85.00	62.00	93.00	94.90	140.00	110.00	129.75	132.54
Ash-Plantains	70.00	60.00	71.25	73.41	120.00	103.00	101.50	108.67
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	117.00	98.00	103.00	250.84	143.00	130.00	138.75	303.56
Big-Onions (Local)	70.00	68.00	77.75	110.80	115.00	95.00	98.25	137.20
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	85.00	95.00	104.00	127.34	120.00	135.00	138.25	155.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	248.00	250.00	248.75	189.80	290.00	295.00	291.25	236.54
Dhal (Indian)	104.00	101.00	97.00	135.31	115.00	115.00	110.75	151.46
Eggs	13.20	14.20	15.20	11.96	14.10	15.10	16.15	12.63
Coconut (Each)	45.00	45.00	51.25	61.72	53.00	55.00	61.25	74.31
Fish*								
Kelawalla	450.00	400.00	597.50	540.63	800.00	700.00	892.50	807.87
Balaya	260.00	200.00	240.00	301.46	360.00	300.00	340.00	404.68
Salaya	130.00	120.00	156.67	116.88	180.00	150.00	200.00	179.79
Paraw (Small)	n.a.	400.00	550.00	538.02	n.a.	500.00	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 11 th Oct 2018	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	94.50	109.50
Kekulu (Red)	71.00	76.00
Vegetables		
Beans	107.50	127.50
Carrot	103.00	133.00
Tomatoes	35.20	55.50
Pumpkins	32.70	52.70
Snake Gourd	52.50	72.50
Ash-Plantains	64.50	84.50
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	91.50	105.50
Big-Onions (Local)	62.50	72.50
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	89.50	99.50
Dried Chillies(Imported)	239.30	249.30
Coconut (Each)	40.30	45.80

1.2.4 Marandagahamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 12 th Oct 2018	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	96.00	96.00	95.47	92.96
Sudu Kekulu	72.40	72.10	72.24	83.16
Raw Red	67.10	66.70	66.58	80.21
Nadu	75.60	75.50	74.71	87.93

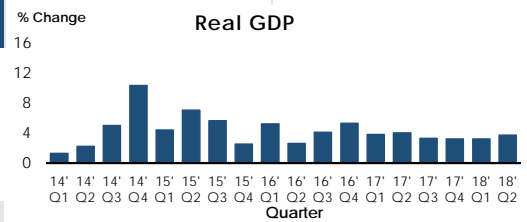
1.2.3 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	12 th Oct 2018	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	109.33	108.33
Kekulu (Red)	74.67	73.33
Vegetables		
Beans	178.33	128.33
Cabbage	158.33	158.33
Carrots	178.33	118.33
Tomatoes	68.33	68.33
Pumpkins	88.33	88.33
Snake Gourd	138.33	118.33
Brinjals	118.33	118.33
Ash-Plantains	138.33	118.33
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	118.33	118.33
Big-Onions (Imported)	88.33	88.33
Potatoes (Imported)	101.67	88.33
Dried Chillies (Imported)	278.33	278.33
Dhal (Indian)	109.00	108.33
Eggs (Red)(Each)	15.00	15.00
Coconut (Each)	58.33	58.33
Fish		
Kelawalla	796.67	796.67
Balaya	336.67	436.67
Salaya	196.67	156.67
Paraw (Small)	756.67	816.67

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

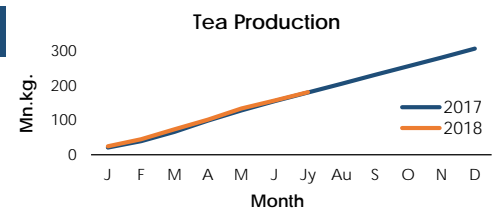


Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.4 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2018 Jan-Aug(a)	2017 Jan-Aug	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	202.81	207.35	-2.19
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	52.33	58.20	-10.08
Coconut	(Mn Kg)	1,679.27	1,708.15	-1.69

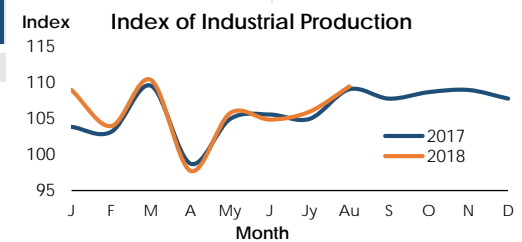
(a) Provisional



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

Item	2017 Aug(b)(c)	2018 Aug (c)	% Change
Index of Industrial Production (IIP)	109.0	109.4	0.4
Food products	109.7	109.1	-0.5
Wearing apparel	109.8	115.4	5.1
Other non-metallic mineral products	109.3	107.1	-2.0
Coke and refined petroleum products	106.1	116.0	9.3
Rubber and plastic products	106.9	112.7	5.5
Chemicals and chemical products	100.8	88.3	-12.4
Beverages	87.4	102.6	17.5

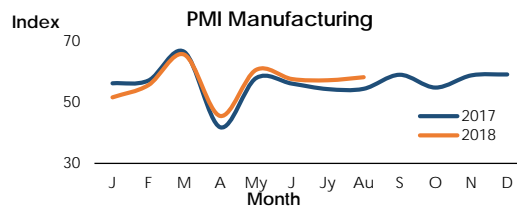
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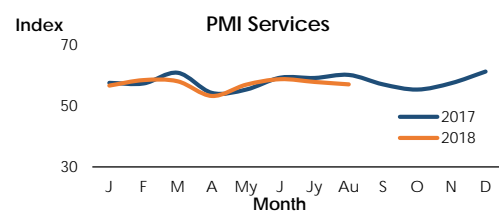
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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



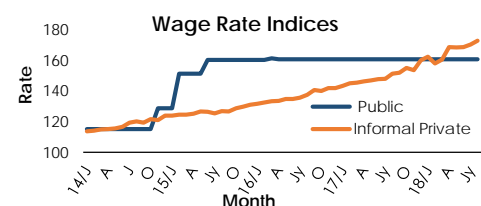
Month/Year	PMI Services			
	Aug 2018	Jul-18	Aug 2017	Jul 2017
Index	57.0	57.8	60.1	59.1



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)

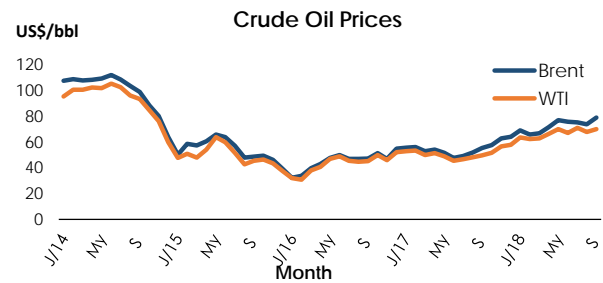
Agriculture	26.0	24.2	26.1
Industry	28.3	27.5	28.4
Services	45.7	48.3	45.5

(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		
06 Oct	56.88	50.72	-	-	-	-
07 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-
08 Oct	-	-	-	83.30	73.83	-
09 Oct	55.75	49.45	-	83.99	74.35	-
10 Oct	55.89	49.70	-	84.85	74.70	-
11 Oct	56.70	51.07	-	82.16	72.36	-
12 Oct	56.60	51.02	-	80.53	71.18	-

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

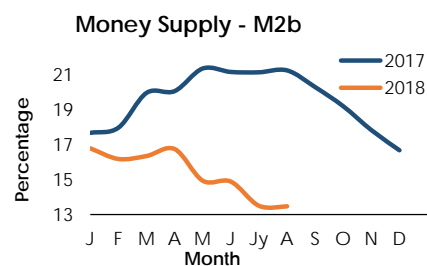
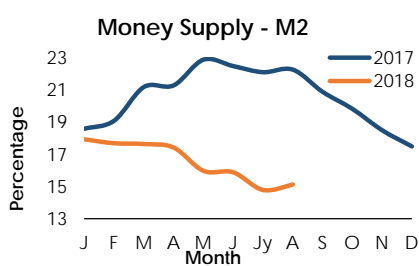
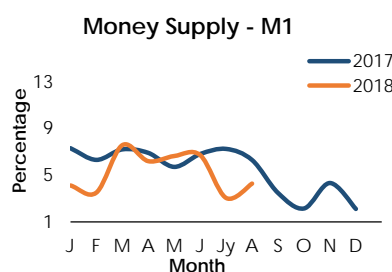
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 12 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	8.43	8.14		
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offered Rate (SLIBOR)					
1-day	8.45	8.45	8.15		
7-day	8.68	8.65	8.43		
1-Month	9.23	9.18	9.22		
3-Month	10.02	10.00	10.11		
6-Month	10.60	10.60	11.62		
12-Month	11.50	11.50	12.07		
Treasury Bill Yields					
91-day	9.28	-	8.78		
182-day	-	-	9.10		
364-day	10.19	-	9.41		
Licensed Commercial Banks					
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	12.34	11.86	11.63		
	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)					
	Sep-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 & 09 Month	14 Y & 03 Month			
	11/10/2018	11/10/2018			
Coupon rate	10.20	11.20			
Weighted Average Yield	11.69	11.90			
(a) Revised					
Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 12 Oct 2018	Week Ago	Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 12 Oct 2018	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	12.50	12.43	HSBC	8.95	8.95
People's Bank	12.09	12.15	Standard Chartered Bank	11.79	11.46
Hatton National Bank	12.25	11.99	Citi Bank	9.77	9.50
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	11.88	11.81	Deutsche Bank	10.25	10.50
Sampath Bank	13.91	12.47	Habib Bank	12.22	12.15
Seylan Bank	12.61	12.55	Indian Bank	13.22	13.22
Union Bank of Colombo	15.53	14.28	Indian Overseas Bank	13.72	13.72
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	16.98	16.00	MCB Bank	12.47	14.23
Nations Trust Bank	12.41	12.04	State Bank of India	10.07	10.07
DFCC Bank	12.56	12.96	Public Bank	11.86	13.79
NDB Bank	13.27	12.83	ICICI Bank	10.59	10.59
Amana Bank	12.55	12.56	Axis Bank	12.72	12.66
Cargills Bank	15.53	15.53			

2.2 Money Supply

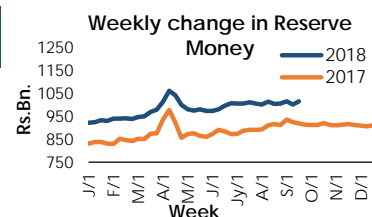
Item	Rs. bn			Annual Change (%)		
	2018 Aug(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago	2018 Aug(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Reserve Money	1,004.71	1,001.38	911.39	10.24	11.93	16.00
M1	791.55	791.77	759.14	4.27	3.04	6.29
M2	6,243.72	6,160.77	5,423.04	15.13	14.79	22.28
M2b	6,866.41	6,795.38	6,050.58	13.48	13.51	21.29
Net Foreign 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	11 Oct 2018	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	1,009,221.53	1,008,744.96	476.57



2.4 Money Market Activity(Overnight)

Item	08.10.2018	09.10.2018	10.10.2018	11.10.2018	12.10.2018
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.39	8.41	8.44	8.45	8.45
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	15,085	16,395	15,880	17,680	12,775
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.33	8.30	8.32	8.39	8.36
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	10,126	12,987	6,693	3,213	5,642

2.5 CBSL Securites Portfolio

Item	08.10.2018	09.10.2018	10.10.2018	11.10.2018	12.10.2018
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Face Value (Rs. Mn)	42,024.60	42,024.60	42,024.60	42,024.60	49,403.60
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Book Value (Rs. Mn)	40,508.96	40,518.22	40,528.06	40,538.60	47,504.38

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	08.10.2018		09.10.2018		10.10.2018		11.10.2018					12.10.2018	
Short-Term Auction													
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	-	0.00	0.00
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	6.00	5.00	11.00	10.00	11.00	10.00	13.00	10.00	-	-	-	7.00	15.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	1	7	1	7	1	7	1	7	-	-	-	1	7
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	12.27	0.00	9.05	4.00	6.00	0.00	10.75	13.05	-	-	-	9.75	13.16
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	6.00	0.00	9.05	4.00	0.00	0.00	5.75	10.00	-	-	-	7.00	0.00
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.23	0.00	8.20	8.25	0.00	0.00	8.24	8.25	-	-	-	8.25	0.00
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.27	0.00	8.27	8.30	0.00	0.00	8.25	8.35	-	-	-	8.30	0.00
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	8.25	0.00	8.24	8.26	0.00	0.00	8.25	8.27	-	-	-	8.28	0.00
Outright Auctions													
Outright Sales Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-
Outright Purchase Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	-	-
Settlement Date	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.10.2018	12.10.2018	12.10.2018	12.10.2018	12.10.2018	-	-
Maturity Date	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.03.2019	05.04.2019	12.04.2019	26.04.2019	03.05.2019	-	-
Tenure (No. of Days)	-	-	-	-	-	-	168	175	182	196	203	-	-
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.96	3.76	5.94	1.19	1.16	-	-
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.27	2.00	4.00	0.89	0.22	-	-
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.40	9.45	9.00	9.00	9.60	-	-
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.45	9.55	9.68	9.60	9.70	-	-
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.44	9.46	9.47	9.43	9.61	-	-
Long Term Auction													
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00		0.00		0.00		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	15.00		25.00		15.00		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Settlement Date	09.10.2018		10.10.2018		11.10.2018		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maturity Date	23.10.2018		25.10.2018		25.10.2018		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tenure (No. of Days)	14		15		14		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	8.38		11.00		0.00		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	8.38		11.00		0.00		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.23		8.13		0.00		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.32		8.28		0.00		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	8.26		8.21		0.00		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Standing Facility													
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	11.644		5.694		2.921				6.506			11.352	
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	15.647		17.611		22.965				15.316			25.945	
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	-98.763		-112.352		-107.669				-112.185			-115.218	

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

Item	2018 End Aug (b)	2018 End Jul	2017 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,594,356	1,581,918	1,459,883
Local (accepted only locally)	23,353	23,524	24,258
Global (accepted globally)	1,571,003	1,558,394	1,435,625
Outstanding balance (Rs.mn)	98,190	96,178	88,487
Local (accepted only locally)	740	728	725
Global (accepted globally)	97,450	95,450	87,762

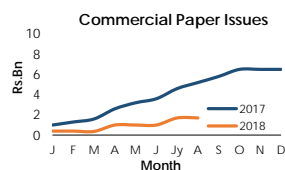
(a) Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks (LCBs) (b) Provisional

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

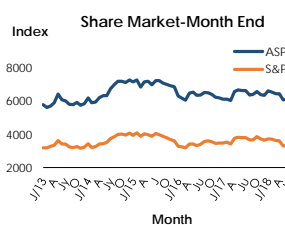
(a) Based on the information provided by LCBs and Licensed Specialised Banks (LSBs)

(b) Provisional (c) During the year



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 12 Oct 2018	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	5,815.0	5,883.8	6,621.6
S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000) (S&P SL20)	2,946.6	3,010.6	3,917.6
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. mn)	311.4	406.1	1,489.1
Market Capitalisation (Rs. bn)	2,730.7	2,763.0	3,003.0
Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	14.4	192.7	373.1
Foreign Sales (Rs. mn)	325.9	223.0	647.1
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	-311.5	-30.2	-274.1

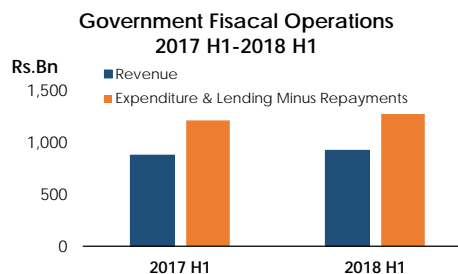


Fiscal Sector

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

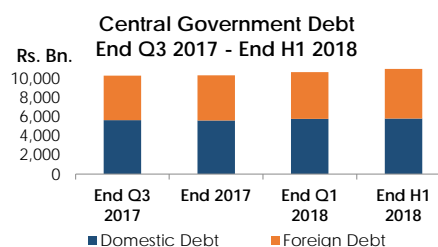
(a) Provisional



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 - 10th October 2018

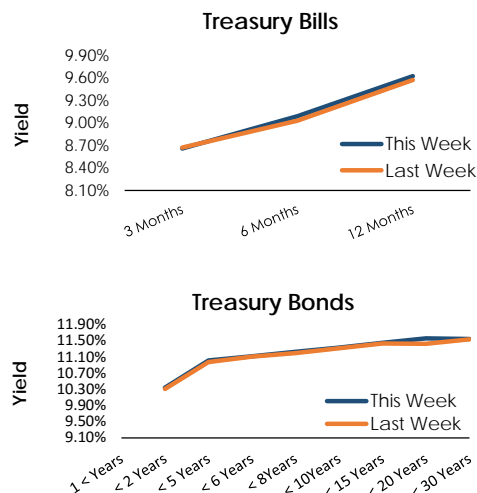
Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week Average
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	9.28%	-	8.77%	8.55%	8.66%	8.67%
	6 Months	-	-	9.18%	9.00%	9.09%	9.03%
	12 Months	10.19%	-	9.73%	9.50%	9.62%	9.57%
Treasury Bonds(b)	< 2 Years	-	-	10.43%	10.24%	10.34%	10.31%
	< 5 Years	-	-	11.09%	10.94%	11.02%	10.98%
	< 6 Years	-	-	11.21%	11.03%	11.12%	11.11%
	< 8 Years	-	-	11.32%	11.13%	11.23%	11.20%
	< 10 Years	-	-	11.43%	11.23%	11.33%	11.32%
	< 15 Years	-	-	11.58%	11.32%	11.45%	11.44%
	< 20 Years	-	-	11.70%	11.41%	11.56%	11.43%
	< 30 Years	-	-	11.70%	11.40%	11.55%	11.54%

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

(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 have mixed behaviour and the secondary market yield rates of 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%	6.20%	5.94%
	27-Jul-21	6.250%	6.40%	6.11%
	18-Jan-22	5.750%	6.64%	6.32%
	25-Jul-22	5.875%	6.74%	6.38%
	14-Jan-19	6.000%	4.92%	4.88%
	11-Apr-19	5.125%	4.98%	4.83%
	3-Jun-25	6.125%	7.39%	7.00%
3-Nov-25	6.850%	7.45%	7.03%	
International Sovereign Bonds	18-Jul-26	6.825%	7.56%	7.15%
	11-May-27	6.200%	7.70%	7.24%



3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 10th October 2018)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	789,356.65	789,356.65
Treasury Bonds (a)	4,238,798.54	4,238,798.54
Total	5,028,155.19	5,028,155.19
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	241,345.99	247,623.23
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	574,545.08	568,820.66

The outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by foreigners has decreased by 2.53 per cent during the reporting week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	11,000.00	6,000.00
Total Bids Received	17,311.00	13,922.00
Total Bids Accepted	11,000.00	-
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	-	-
Total Bids Received	-	-
Total Bids Accepted	-	-

The weekly T-bill auction was over subscribed by 1.6 times during the reporting week.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	7,560.30	10,634.23
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	86,501.38	130,112.05
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	71,625.90	113,031.45
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	798,681.91	584,257.86

The total secondary market transactions of T bills and T bonds increased by 15.08 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) - 12/10/2018

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.83	8.64	99.84	8.38	0.01
1 Month	99.27	8.86	99.30	8.54	0.03
2 Month	98.50	9.13	98.54	8.88	0.04
3 Month	97.70	9.34	97.76	9.07	0.07
4 Month	96.92	9.37	97.00	9.14	0.08
5 Month	96.09	9.52	96.18	9.29	0.09
6 Month	95.19	9.75	95.33	9.48	0.13
7 Month	94.40	9.73	94.54	9.49	0.14
8 Month	93.55	9.81	93.71	9.57	0.16
9 Month	92.68	9.89	92.88	9.62	0.20
10 Month	91.80	9.97	92.04	9.69	0.23
11 Month	90.92	10.04	91.17	9.77	0.25
12 Month	89.83	10.32	90.10	10.04	0.27

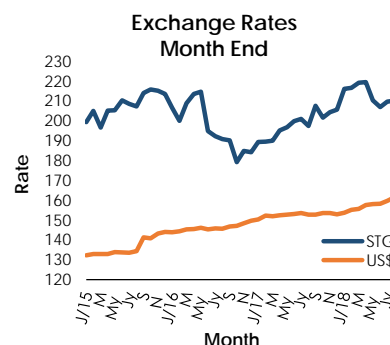
3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds) - 12/10/2018

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	3	99.99	9.04	100.00	8.78	0.00
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	34	99.86	9.23	99.88	8.97	0.02
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	95	99.02	9.40	99.10	9.11	0.07
10.75%2019A	2	15-Jan-19	95	100.17	9.83	100.27	9.43	0.11
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	201	98.99	10.40	99.17	10.06	0.18
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	262	100.14	10.34	100.34	10.05	0.20
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	338	100.12	10.44	100.38	10.14	0.26
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	385	97.36	10.70	97.67	10.38	0.30
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	567	97.72	10.87	98.18	10.54	0.46
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	598	95.60	10.99	96.07	10.66	0.47
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	659	92.25	11.05	92.80	10.68	0.55
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	795	96.92	11.12	97.66	10.72	0.74
10.75%2021A	5	1-Mar-21	871	99.09	11.18	99.58	10.94	0.49
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	932	95.24	11.19	95.76	10.94	0.53
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	1,024	99.16	11.34	99.75	11.09	0.59
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	1,099	95.20	11.38	95.85	11.11	0.65
11.50%2021A	5	15-Dec-21	1,160	100.29	11.38	100.94	11.13	0.65
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	1,177	90.81	11.48	91.35	11.27	0.54
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	1,358	99.00	11.53	99.83	11.24	0.84
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	1,450	95.17	11.55	95.99	11.28	0.82
10.00%2023A	6	15-Mar-23	1,615	94.64	11.58	95.43	11.34	0.80
11.50%2023A	6	15-May-23	1,676	98.79	11.84	99.71	11.58	0.92
10.20%2023A	5	15-Jul-23	1,737	94.53	11.72	95.11	11.55	0.58
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	1,785	89.74	11.82	91.14	11.41	1.40
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	1,785	97.86	11.78	99.42	11.35	1.57
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	1,815	82.42	11.77	84.01	11.29	1.59
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	1,907	98.26	11.85	99.96	11.40	1.70
11.00%2024A	8	1-Aug-24	2,120	97.28	11.65	98.82	11.28	1.54
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	2,242	74.91	11.87	76.45	11.44	1.53
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	2,346	92.68	11.91	94.36	11.51	1.68
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	2,393	86.89	11.94	88.45	11.56	1.57
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	2,485	95.75	11.92	97.53	11.53	1.78
10.35%2025A	8	15-Oct-25	2,560	93.29	11.78	95.07	11.39	1.78
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	2,669	85.74	11.98	87.63	11.55	1.89
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	2,697	68.01	12.00	69.53	11.60	1.52
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	2,789	95.38	11.93	97.24	11.55	1.86
11.50%2026A	10	1-Aug-26	2,850	98.04	11.89	99.92	11.51	1.88
11.75%2027A	10	15-Jun-27	3,168	98.50	12.03	100.99	11.56	2.49
11.25%2027A	10	15-Dec-27	3,351	95.40	12.09	97.80	11.64	2.40
10.75%2028A	10	15-Mar-28	3,442	92.93	12.02	95.29	11.58	2.36
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	3,489	82.64	12.11	84.61	11.72	1.97
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	3,550	83.17	11.97	84.92	11.63	1.75
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	3,612	97.03	12.02	99.43	11.59	2.40
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	3,734	104.83	12.15	106.81	11.83	1.98
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	3,854	104.88	12.16	106.95	11.83	2.07
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	4,233	93.44	12.06	95.59	11.70	2.16
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	4,829	72.46	12.25	74.36	11.89	1.90
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	5,103	78.68	12.22	80.73	11.86	2.05
11.20%2033A	15	15-Jan-33	5,209	94.03	12.08	96.00	11.78	1.97
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	5,346	78.28	12.22	80.24	11.88	1.96
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	5,376	106.58	12.27	109.15	11.91	2.58
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	5,499	77.76	12.27	79.80	11.92	2.04
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	5,560	106.56	12.28	109.22	11.92	2.66
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	5,998	95.06	12.20	97.75	11.81	2.69
12.00%2041A	25	1-Jan-41	8,117	98.06	12.25	101.24	11.84	3.18
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	8,998	74.56	12.30	77.21	11.87	2.65
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	9,212	108.81	12.35	112.62	11.91	3.82
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	9,364	108.63	12.38	112.58	11.92	3.95
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	9,637	100.35	12.45	104.36	11.95	4.00

External Sector

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 12 Oct 2018			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	169.05	172.93	170.99	169.74	153.40
STG	222.69	230.14	226.41	221.11	203.32
Yen	1.50	1.55	1.52	1.49	1.37
Euro	194.88	201.95	198.41	195.43	182.11
INR(1)			2.31	2.31	2.36
SDR (As at 11 Oct 2018)			239.22	235.79	216.82
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)		Sep 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Purchases		3.00	18.50	186.50	
Sales		297.50	42.50	-	



Item	Week Ending	Week Ago	Year Ago
	12 Oct 2018		

Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) 27.22 34.39 35.08

(spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)

Forward Transactions

Forward Rates (US\$) (2)

1 Month	171.89	170.65	154.14
3 Months	174.17	172.53	155.66

Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn) 16.86 22.70 19.48

Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 11 Oct 2018) 2,276.23 2,342.62 1,546.50

(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

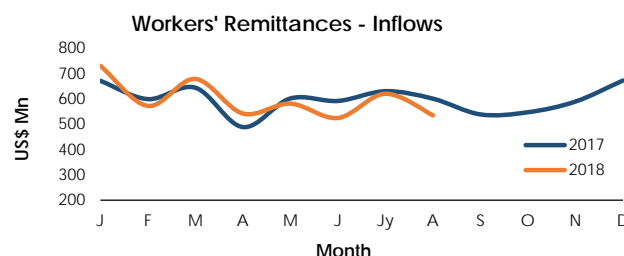
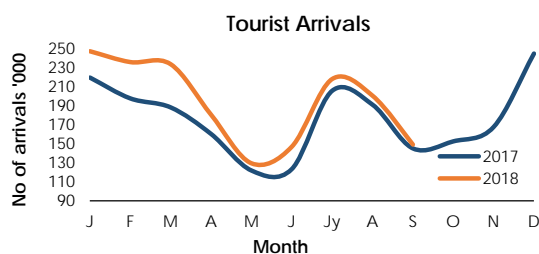
Item		2017	2018	2017	2018	% Change
		Sep	Sep (a)(b)	Jan - Sep	Jan - Sep (a)(b)	
Tourist Arrivals	Number	145,077	149,087	1,551,931	1,731,922	11.6
Earnings from Tourism(d)	US\$ Mn.	269.0 (c)	276.5	2,878.1 (c)	3,211.9	11.6
	Rs.bn.	41.1 (c)	45.5	437.6 (c)	506.1	15.7
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.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

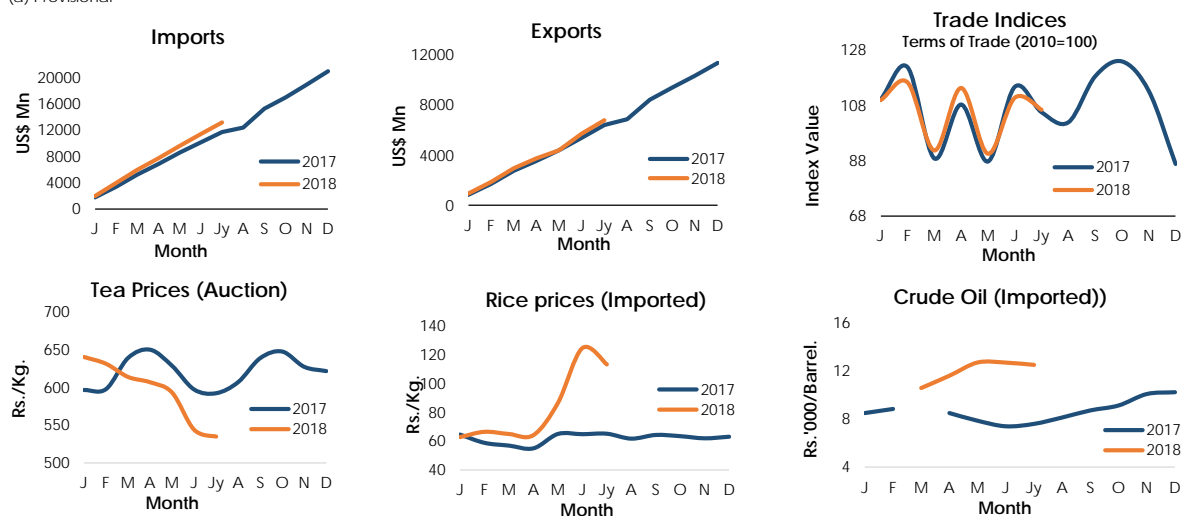
(b) This mainly includes only the predetermined outflows

(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-Jul 2018(a)	Jan-Jul 2017	% Change	Jan-Jul 2018(a)	Jan-Jul 2017	% Change
Exports	6,805.03	6,412.74	6.12	1,066,705.66	974,066.93	9.51
Agricultural	1,498.02	1,559.69	-3.95	234,791.20	236,955.75	-0.91
Industrial	5,277.25	4,822.41	9.43	827,253.27	732,453.27	12.94
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	271.05	224.33	20.83	42,458.64	34,119.00	24.44
Textiles and Garments	2,984.60	2,850.22	4.71	467,793.62	432,837.70	8.08
Petroleum Products	340.87	212.58	60.35	53,481.75	32,290.03	65.63
Leather, Rubber products etc.	594.46	557.52	6.63	93,170.69	84,705.47	9.99
Other	1,086.27	977.75	11.10	170,348.57	148,501.07	14.71
Mineral	19.45	20.75	-6.26	3,049.78	3,155.90	-3.36
Other	10.31	9.89	4.22	1,611.41	1,502.01	7.28
Imports	13,195.54	11,740.12	12.40	2,066,492.68	1,782,216.57	15.95
Consumer Goods	3,010.10	2,556.30	17.75	471,423.24	388,070.47	21.48
Intermediate Goods	7,295.21	6,250.87	16.71	1,142,282.44	948,941.96	20.37
Investment Goods	2,818.71	2,799.02	0.70	441,682.35	424,920.42	3.94
Other	71.52	133.92	-46.60	11,104.65	20,283.72	-45.25
Trade Balance	-6,390.51	-5,327.38	-	-999,787.02	-808,149.64	-

(a) Provisional



4.6 Trade Indices (2010=100) (a)

Item	2018 Jul(b)	Month Ago (b)	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	149.4	142.6	141.3
Quantity	144.7	134.2	143.4
Unit Value	103.2	106.3	98.5
Total Imports			
Value	157.0	162.8	142.4
Quantity	161.8	166.5	158.8
Unit Value	97.1	97.8	89.7
Terms of Trade	106.4	108.6	109.9

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

4.7 Commodity Prices

Item	2018 Jul (a)	2017 Jul	% Change	2018 Jul (a)	2017 Jul	% Change
	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Colombo Tea Auction	3.36	3.86	-12.8	535.80	592.46	-9.6
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	710.07	423.85	67.5	113,141.21	65,131.14	73.7
Sugar	369.72	491.96	-24.8	58,910.89	75,598.08	-22.1
Wheat	283.97	254.68	11.5	45,246.41	39,135.65	15.6
Crude Oil	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
	78.76	49.75	58.3	12,549.48	7,644.98	64.20

(a) Provisional