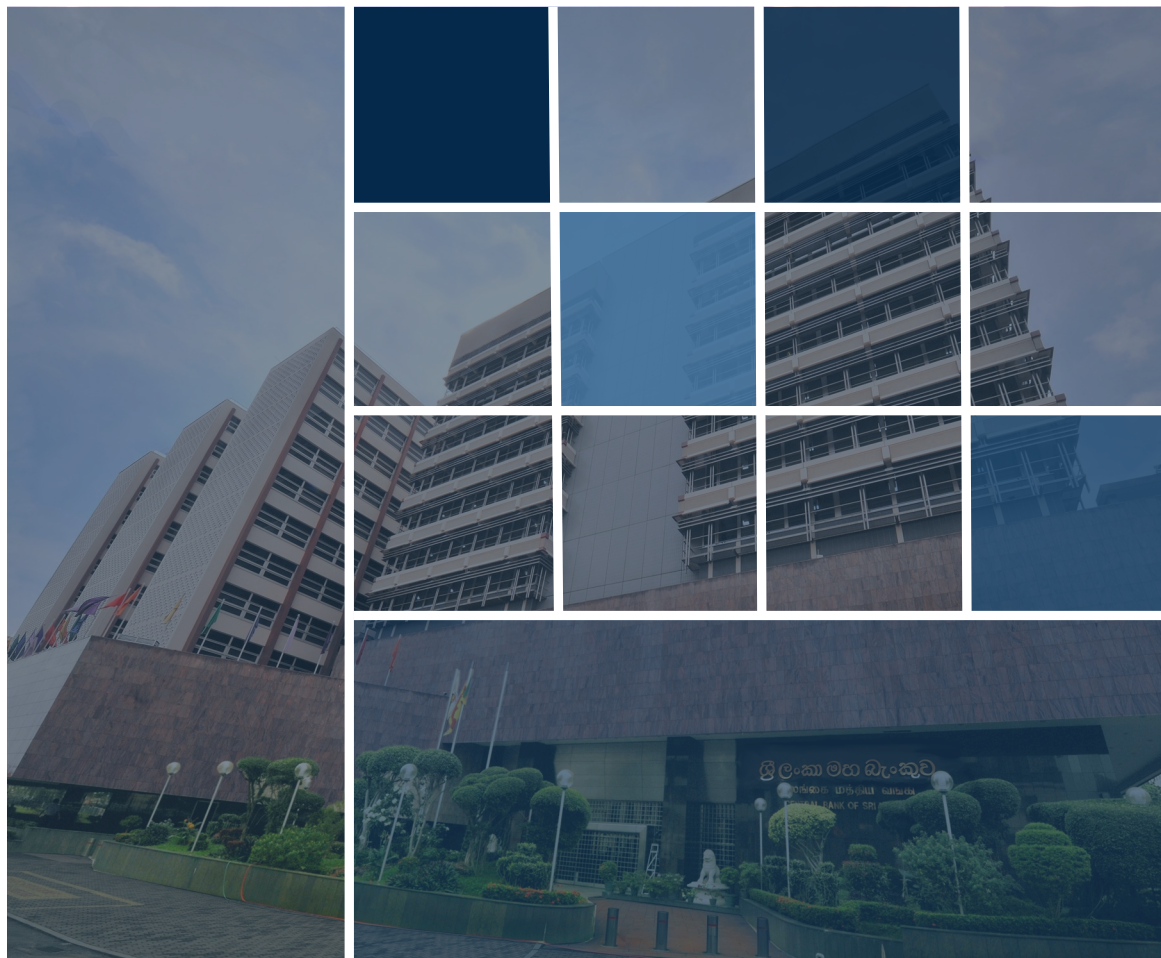


Weekly Economic Indicators

26th October 2018



Statistics Department
Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Highlights of the Week

Real Sector

The year-on-year NCPI headline inflation decreased to 0.9 per cent in September 2018, the lowest since January 2016, from 2.5 per cent in August 2018 on year-on-year basis. The change in the NCPI measured on an annual average basis decreased to 4.0 per cent in September 2018 from 4.7 per cent in August 2018. When the monthly change is considered, the NCPI decreased from 125.4 index points in August 2018 to 124.4 index points in September 2018 due to decline in prices of the items in the Food category. The NCPI Core inflation increased to 3.1 per cent in September 2018 from 2.7 per cent in August 2018 on year-on-year basis.

During the period, crude oil prices largely followed a declining trend. At the beginning of the week prices rose marginally, ahead of US sanctions against Iran's crude oil exports. However, subsequently prices fell to two-month low levels supported by sharp sell-off in global stock markets. Prices again rose towards the end of the week, with the rebound in US stock market. Overall, both Brent and WTI prices fell by US\$ 3.3 per barrel and US\$ 2.4 per barrel, respectively, within the period.

Monetary Sector

Weekly AWPR for the week ending 26 October 2018 increased by 41 bps to 12.82% compared to the previous week.

The reserve money decreased compared to the previous week mainly due to decrease in currency in circulation.

The total outstanding market liquidity increased to a deficit of Rs. 119.596 bn by end of the week, compared to a deficit of Rs. 125.475 bn by the end of last week.

By 26 October 2018, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 1.23% to 5,832 points and the S&P SL 20 Index increased by 2.76% to 2,997 points, compared to the previous week.

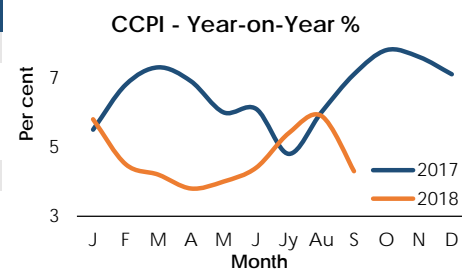
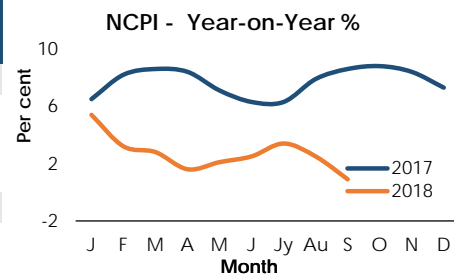
External Sector

During the year up to 26 October 2018 the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the US dollar (11.6 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee depreciated against the euro (7.1 per cent), the pound sterling (7.2 per cent) and the Japanese yen (11.9 per cent) while appreciated against the Indian rupee (1.1 per cent) during this period.

Real Sector

1.1 Price Indices

Item (2013=100)	Sep 2018	Month Ago	Year Ago
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Headline	124.4	125.4	123.3
Monthly Change %	-0.8	-0.9	0.8
Annual Average Change %	4.0	4.7	6.8
Year - on - Year Change %	0.9	2.5	8.6
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) - Core	126.9	126.3	123.1
Annual Average Change %	2.4	2.5	5.7
Year - on - Year Change %	3.1	2.7	4.6
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

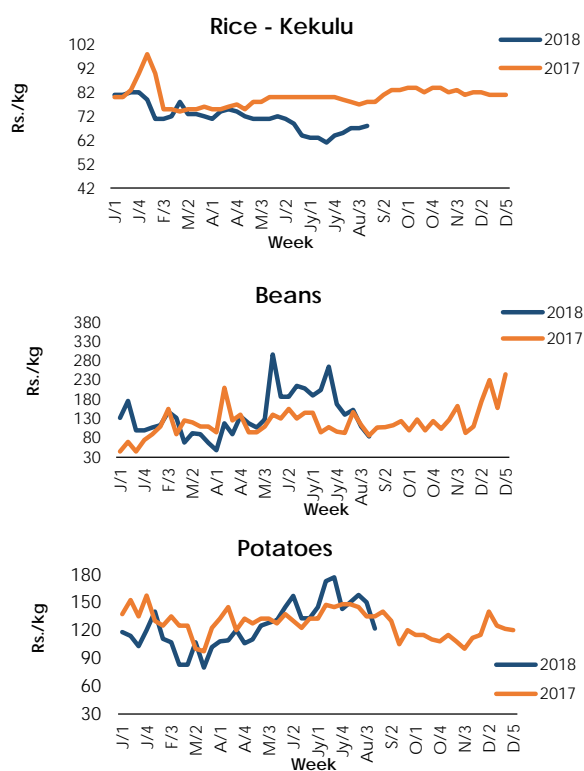
1.2 Prices

1.2.1 Pettah Market

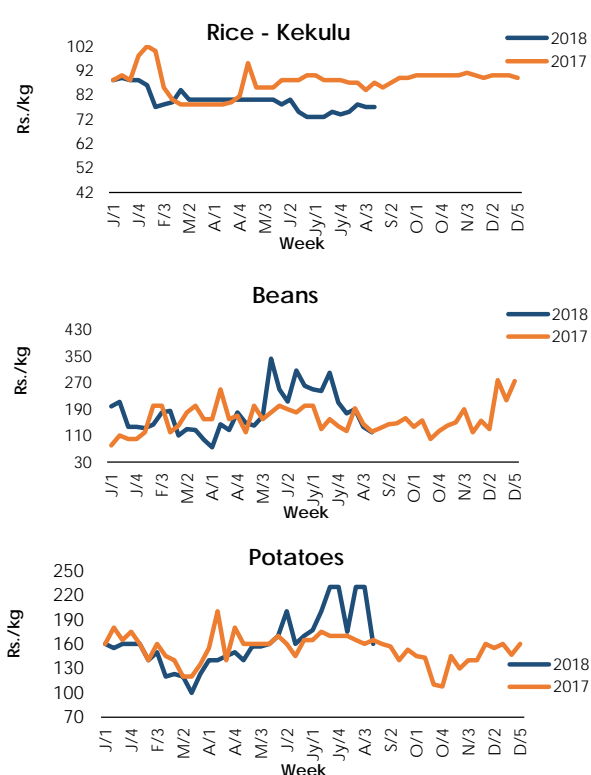
Food Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	26 th Oct 2018				26 th Oct 2018			
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	101.00	101.00	104.00	94.82	108.00	108.00	112.00	99.92
Kekulu (Red)	70.00	70.00	67.75	80.30	80.00	80.00	78.00	86.84
Vegetables								
Beans	187.00	170.00	75.50	118.56	263.00	198.00	107.50	163.50
Cabbage	90.00	82.00	84.50	75.37	145.00	143.00	127.50	119.69
Carrots	137.00	140.00	157.75	120.95	180.00	198.00	201.00	163.42
Tomatoes	150.00	96.00	27.50	93.73	200.00	142.00	57.50	134.12
Pumpkins	62.00	43.00	51.25	61.84	80.00	76.00	73.50	90.00
Snake Gourd	120.00	122.00	64.50	96.74	157.00	175.00	97.50	134.00
Brinjals	137.00	120.00	93.00	94.90	180.00	168.00	129.75	132.54
Ash-Plantains	70.00	70.00	71.25	73.41	120.00	108.00	101.50	108.67
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	130.00	117.00	103.00	250.84	167.00	160.00	138.75	303.56
Big-Onions (Local)	85.00	85.00	77.75	110.80	105.00	125.00	98.25	137.20
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	100.00	102.00	104.00	127.34	137.00	140.00	138.25	155.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	243.00	243.00	248.75	189.80	290.00	290.00	291.25	236.54
Dhal (Indian)	103.00	103.00	97.00	135.31	115.00	115.00	110.75	151.46
Eggs	11.30	11.00	15.20	11.96	12.00	12.00	16.15	12.63
Coconut (Each)	47.00	45.00	51.25	61.72	57.00	55.00	61.25	74.31
Fish*								
Kelawalla	430.00	480.00	597.50	540.63	650.00	700.00	892.50	807.87
Balaya	200.00	300.00	240.00	301.46	300.00	400.00	340.00	404.68
Salaya	90.00	100.00	156.67	116.88	140.00	140.00	200.00	179.79
Paraw (Small)	n.a.	n.a.	550.00	538.02	n.a.	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 25 th Oct 2018	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	100.00	105.00
Kekulu (Red)	72.00	77.00
Vegetables		
Beans	165.00	185.00
Carrot	146.25	166.25
Tomatoes	80.00	100.00
Pumpkins	32.50	52.50
Snake Gourd	97.50	117.50
Ash-Plantains	62.50	82.50
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	111.88	124.38
Big-Onions (Local)	80.00	92.50
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	95.38	105.00
Dried Chillies(Imported)	238.50	248.50
Coconut (Each)	39.63	45.13

1.2.4 Marandagahamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 26 th Oct 2018	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	97.80	96.00	95.47	92.96
Sudu Kekulu	75.60	72.90	72.24	83.16
Raw Red	69.00	67.50	66.58	80.21
Nadu	79.70	78.00	74.71	87.93

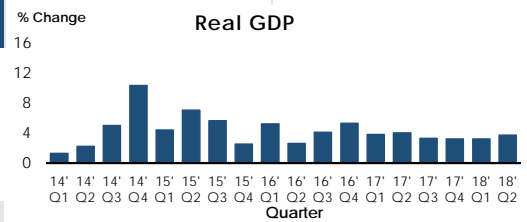
1.2.3 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	26 th Oct 2018	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	109.33	109.33
Kekulu (Red)	74.00	74.00
Vegetables		
Beans	278.33	278.33
Cabbage	178.33	158.33
Carrots	278.33	238.33
Tomatoes	158.33	138.33
Pumpkins	98.33	98.33
Snake Gourd	178.33	158.33
Brinjals	178.33	138.33
Ash-Plantains	158.33	138.33
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	198.33	118.33
Big-Onions (Imported)	98.33	88.33
Potatoes (Imported)	98.33	88.33
Dried Chillies (Imported)	288.33	278.33
Dhal (Indian)	108.33	108.67
Eggs (Red)(Each)	15.00	15.00
Coconut (Each)	58.33	58.33
Fish		
Kelawalla	963.33	976.67
Balaya	476.67	436.67
Salaya	196.67	156.67
Paraw (Small)	796.67	756.67

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

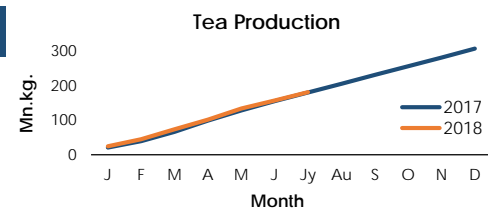


Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

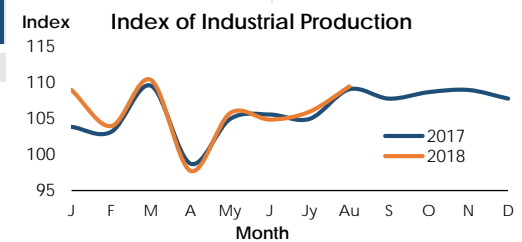
(a) Provisional



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

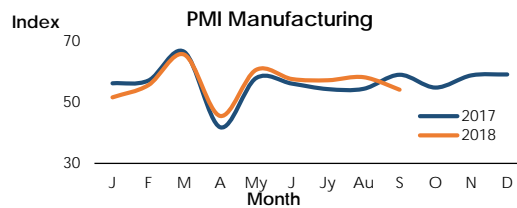
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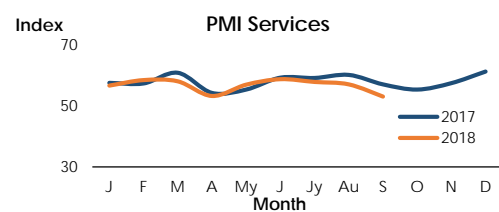
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

1.6 Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)

Month/Year	PMI Manufacturing			
	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2017
Index	54.1	58.2	59.0	54.4



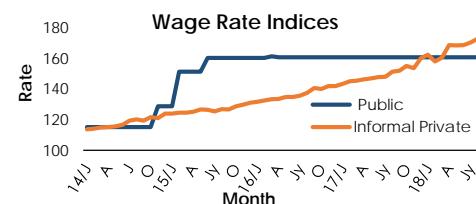
Month/Year	PMI Services			
	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2017	Aug 2017
Index	53.0	57.0	57.0	60.1



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)

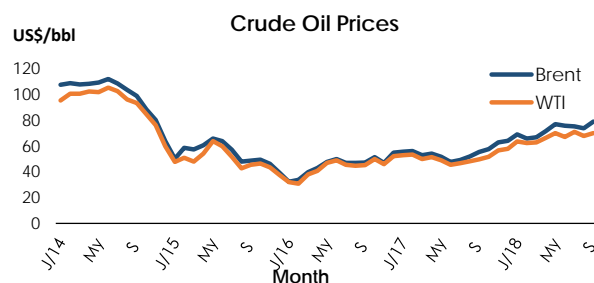
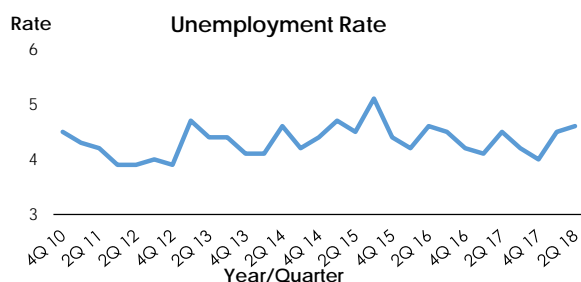
Agriculture	26.0	24.2	26.1
Industry	28.3	27.5	28.4
Services	45.7	48.3	45.5

(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	83.26
October	57.52	51.56	59.53	-	-	-
November	62.79	56.68	65.62	-	-	-
December	63.92	57.82	66.82	-	-	-
	2017			2018		
20 October	57.32	51.39	-	-	-	-
21 October	-	-	-	-	-	-
22 October	-	-	-	79.71	69.17	-
23 October	57.85	52.08	-	79.76	69.37	-
24 October	57.36	51.88	-	76.59	66.24	-
25 October	58.38	52.42	-	75.50	66.26	-
26 October	58.39	52.12	-	76.44	66.76	-

Sources: Bloomberg
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

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

(*) CPC import prices are not directly comparable with futures prices of WTI and Brent as CPC's import prices include freight charges and the price is weighted for average prices of different types of crude oil. Also part of the imports of CPC are on a term contract basis.

Monetary Sector

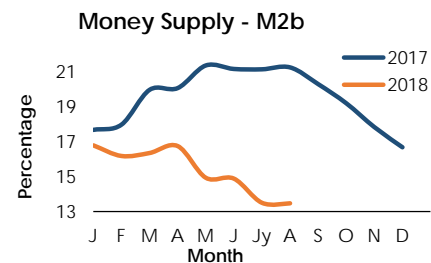
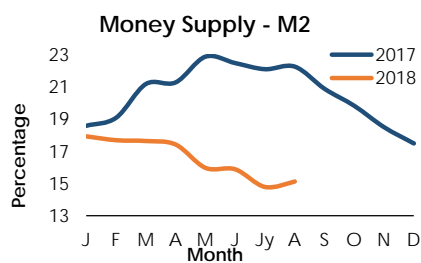
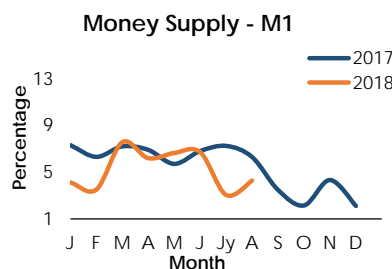
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 26 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	8.45	8.14		
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offered Rate (SLIBOR)					
1-day	8.45	8.46	8.15		
7-day	8.72	8.72	8.35		
1-Month	9.22	9.22	9.25		
3-Month	10.01	10.01	10.05		
6-Month	10.61	10.60	11.69		
12-Month	11.50	11.50	12.14		
Treasury Bill Yields					
91-day	-	9.48	8.76		
182-day	-	9.75	9.12		
364-day	10.39	10.44	9.51		
Licensed Commercial Banks					
Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	12.82	12.41	11.09		
	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 26 Oct 2018	Week Ago	Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 26 Oct 2018	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	12.61	12.59	HSBC	9.92	8.95
People's Bank	12.91	13.00	Standard Chartered Bank	12.00	11.70
Hatton National Bank	12.80	12.40	Citi Bank	11.17	9.77
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	12.44	12.41	Deutsche Bank	10.42	10.44
Sampath Bank	13.65	14.04	Habib Bank	12.22	12.22
Seylan Bank	12.43	12.70	Indian Bank	13.22	13.22
Union Bank of Colombo	15.67	15.36	Indian Overseas Bank	13.72	13.72
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	16.00	16.00	MCB Bank	12.47	12.09
Nations Trust Bank	12.94	13.11	State Bank of India	10.07	10.07
DFCC Bank	14.12	13.39	Public Bank	13.00	13.00
NDB Bank	13.41	13.23	ICICI Bank	14.25	14.25
Amana Bank	13.01	13.01	Axis Bank	12.72	12.72
Cargills Bank	14.35	14.26			

2.2 Money Supply

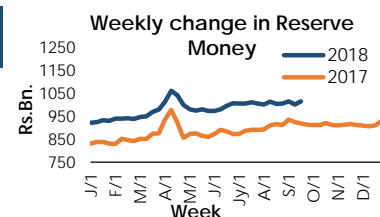
Item	Rs. bn			Annual Change (%)		
	2018 Aug(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago	2018 Aug(a)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Reserve Money	1,004.71	1,001.38	911.39	10.24	11.93	16.00
M1	791.55	791.77	759.14	4.27	3.04	6.29
M2	6,243.72	6,160.77	5,423.04	15.13	14.79	22.28
M2b	6,866.41	6,795.38	6,050.58	13.48	13.51	21.29
Net Foreign 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	639.50	636.37	521.49	22.63	19.66	15.56
DBUs	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	5,248.36	5,202.40	4,590.51	14.33	14.66	17.82
DBUs	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



2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	25 Oct 2018	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs. Mn.)	1,009,765.82	1,014,619.03	-4,853.21



2.4 Money Market Activity(Overnight)

Item	22.10.2018	23.10.2018	25.10.2018	26.10.2018
Call Money Market				
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.45	8.44	8.44	8.43
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	8,835	14,180	13,635	14,875
Repo Market				
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.45	8.46	8.46	8.46
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	10,995	5,950	10,900	11,173

2.5 CBSL Securites Portfolio

Item	22.10.2018	23.10.2018	25.10.2018	26.10.2018
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Face Value (Rs. Mn)	48,403.60	50,503.60	50,503.60	54,443.60
CBSL Treasury Bill Holdings -Book Value (Rs. Mn)	46,595.02	48,578.63	48,612.48	52,381.91

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	22.10.2018					23.10.2018					25.10.2018					26.10.2018				
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)	11.00	15.00	-	-	-	10.00	18.00	12.00	20.00	-	-	-	5.00	10.00	-	-	-			
Tenure (No. of Days)	1	7	-	-	-	1	7	1	7	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-			
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	13.45	13.00	-	-	-	10.35	5.27	14.92	14.60	-	-	-	8.30	8.00	-	-	-			
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	11.00	13.00	-	-	-	10.00	5.27	12.00	14.60	-	-	-	5.00	8.00	-	-	-			
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.40	8.40	-	-	-	8.40	8.41	8.41	8.44	-	-	-	8.42	8.45	-	-	-			
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.41	8.45	-	-	-	8.42	8.45	8.44	8.46	-	-	-	8.44	8.45	-	-	-			
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	8.40	8.44	-	-	-	8.41	8.44	8.42	8.45	-	-	-	8.43	8.45	-	-	-			
Outright Auctions																				
Outright Sales Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	-	-	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00				
Settlement Date	23.10.2018	23.10.2018	23.10.2018	23.10.2018	23.10.2018	-	-	26.10.2018	26.10.2018	26.10.2018	26.10.2018	26.10.2018	29.10.2018	29.10.2018	29.10.2018	29.10.2018				
Maturity Date	26.04.2019	03.05.2019	10.05.2019	17.05.2019	24.05.2019	-	-	11.01.2019	08.02.2019	29.03.2019	19.04.2019	26.07.2019	04.01.2019	18.01.2019	25.01.2019	01.02.2019				
Tenure (No. of Days)	185	192	199	206	213	-	-	77	105	154	175	273	67	81	88	95				
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	0.47	0.94	1.71	2.63	3.75	-	-	4.21	0.11	1.19	1.57	1.60	0.60	1.00	2.30	4.25				
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.10	-	-	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	1.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.63	9.68	-	-	9.35	0.00	0.00	9.69	9.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.63	9.70	-	-	9.41	0.00	0.00	9.69	9.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.63	9.68	-	-	9.39	0.00	0.00	9.69	9.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Long Term Auction																				
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	20.00	-	-	-	-	10.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Settlement Date	23.10.2018	-	-	-	-	25.10.2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Maturity Date	07.11.2018	-	-	-	-	08.11.2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Tenure (No. of Days)	15	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	18.10	-	-	-	-	6.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	17.10	-	-	-	-	6.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Minimum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.45	-	-	-	-	8.44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Maximum Accepted Rate (% p.a)	8.46	-	-	-	-	8.46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	8.46	-	-	-	-	8.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Standing Facility																				
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	-	-	7.162	-	-	1.694	-	-	-	9.655	-	-	-	-	6.766	-	-			
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	-	-	10.150	-	-	14.788	-	-	-	17.925	-	-	-	-	14.566	-	-			
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	-	-	-126.003	-	-	-124.690	-	-	-	-122.066	-	-	-	-	-119.596	-	-			

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

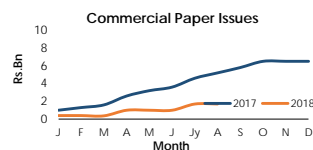
(a) Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks (LCBs) (b) Provisional

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

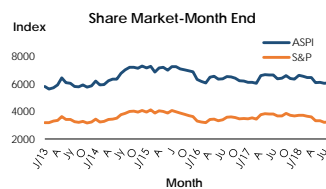
(a) Based on the information provided by LCBs and Licensed Specialised Banks (LSBs)

(b) Provisional (c) During the year



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 26 Oct 2018	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	5,832.0	5,761.1	6,633.2
S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index (2004 = 1,000) (S&P SL20)	2,997.3	2,916.8	3,896.0
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. mn)	786.3	874.5	876.6
Market Capitalisation (Rs.bn)	2,736.0	2,705.4	3,016.0
Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	1,055.4	27.2	614.5
Foreign Sales (Rs. mn)	1,103.7	35.3	578.4
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. mn)	-48.3	-8.1	36.1

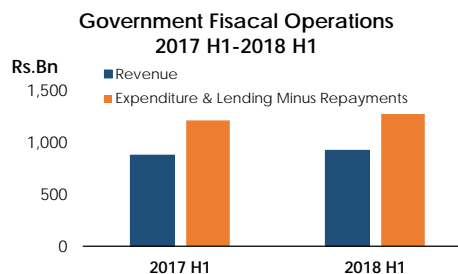


Fiscal Sector

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

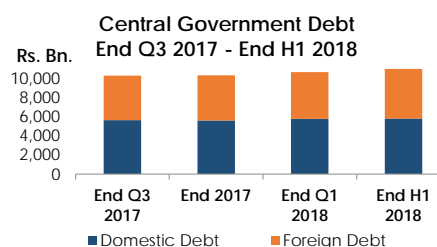
(a) Provisional



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 - 23rd October 2018

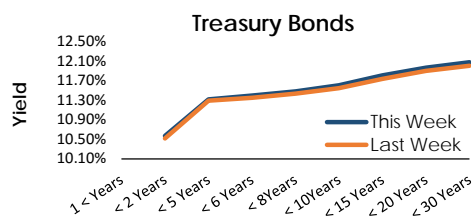
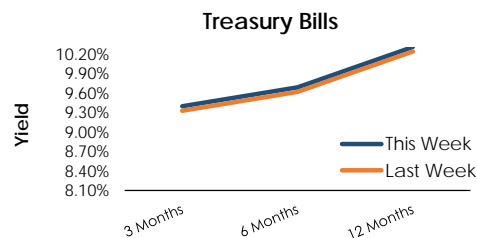
Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week Average
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	-	9.48%	9.53%	9.26%	9.40%	9.33%
	6 Months	-	9.75%	9.83%	9.55%	9.69%	9.62%
	12 Months	10.39%	10.44%	10.43%	10.18%	10.31%	10.24%
Treasury Bonds(b)	< 2 Years	-	-	10.67%	10.47%	10.57%	10.52%
	< 5 Years	-	11.69%	11.39%	11.25%	11.32%	11.29%
	< 6 Years	-	-	11.48%	11.31%	11.40%	11.35%
	< 8 Years	-	-	11.57%	11.39%	11.48%	11.44%
	< 10 Years	-	-	11.71%	11.50%	11.61%	11.55%
	< 15 Years	-	11.90%	11.94%	11.67%	11.81%	11.74%
	< 20 Years	-	-	12.10%	11.83%	11.97%	11.90%
	< 30 Years	-	-	12.22%	11.94%	12.08%	12.01%

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 23/10/2018

(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%	6.49%	6.35%
	27-Jul-21	6.250%	6.88%	6.74%
	18-Jan-22	5.750%	7.05%	6.85%
	25-Jul-22	5.875%	7.07%	6.94%
	14-Jan-19	6.000%	5.62%	5.18%
International Sovereign Bonds	11-Apr-19	5.125%	5.51%	5.34%
	3-Jun-25	6.125%	7.77%	7.56%
	3-Nov-25	6.850%	7.81%	7.60%
	18-Jul-26	6.825%	7.93%	7.72%
	11-May-27	6.200%	8.04%	7.82%



3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 23rd October 2018)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	789,690.65	789,540.65
Treasury Bonds (a)	4,242,266.54	4,242,266.54
Total	5,031,957.19	5,031,807.19
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	232,105.19	236,053.10
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	578,634.72	574,467.78

The outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds held by foreigners has decreased by 1.67 per cent during the reporting week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	7,500.00	8,000.00
Total Bids Received	34,293.00	27,465.00
Total Bids Accepted	7,500.00	7,897.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	-	40,000.00
Total Bids Received	-	103,674.00
Total Bids Accepted	-	40,000.00

The weekly T-bill auction was over subscribed by 4.6 times during the reporting week.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	10,826.83	10,402.68
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	61,809.35	73,905.82
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	61,365.42	121,451.53
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	497,233.59	703,014.52

The total secondary market transactions of T bills and T bonds decreased by 30.54 per cent in the reporting week compared to the previous week.

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

3.5 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bills) - 26/10/2018

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.83	8.83	99.84	8.58	0.00
1 Month	99.26	9.04	99.28	8.73	0.03
2 Month	98.47	9.30	98.51	9.08	0.04
3 Month	97.66	9.51	97.72	9.24	0.07
4 Month	96.86	9.56	96.93	9.34	0.07
5 Month	96.03	9.66	96.11	9.46	0.08
6 Month	95.15	9.83	95.28	9.57	0.13
7 Month	94.31	9.89	94.44	9.67	0.13
8 Month	93.44	9.97	93.57	9.78	0.13
9 Month	92.57	10.05	92.72	9.84	0.16
10 Month	91.67	10.14	91.83	9.94	0.16
11 Month	90.73	10.26	90.91	10.06	0.18
12 Month	89.73	10.41	89.94	10.20	0.21

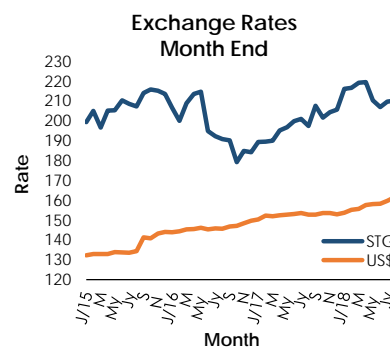
3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds) - 26/10/2018

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
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	20	99.92	9.11	99.93	8.91	0.01
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	81	99.16	9.38	99.21	9.15	0.05
10.75%2019A	2	15-Jan-19	81	100.23	9.39	100.28	9.16	0.05
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	187	99.27	9.99	99.36	9.79	0.10
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	248	100.26	10.15	100.39	9.95	0.13
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	324	100.29	10.23	100.42	10.07	0.13
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	371	97.75	10.39	98.00	10.12	0.25
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	553	98.16	10.59	98.39	10.42	0.23
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	584	96.24	10.61	96.50	10.42	0.27
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	645	93.00	10.64	93.28	10.45	0.28
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	781	97.78	10.68	98.13	10.49	0.35
10.75%2021A	5	1-Mar-21	857	99.76	10.86	100.04	10.72	0.28
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	918	95.89	10.91	96.31	10.71	0.42
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	1,010	100.09	10.95	100.64	10.71	0.55
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	1,085	96.37	10.91	96.69	10.78	0.32
11.50%2021A	5	15-Dec-21	1,146	101.27	11.00	101.73	10.83	0.46
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	1,163	91.73	11.15	92.06	11.02	0.33
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	1,344	99.77	11.26	100.39	11.06	0.61
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	1,436	96.00	11.28	96.65	11.07	0.65
10.00%2023A	6	15-Mar-23	1,601	95.45	11.34	95.81	11.23	0.36
11.50%2023A	6	15-May-23	1,662	100.57	11.33	101.13	11.17	0.56
10.20%2023A	5	15-Jul-23	1,723	95.75	11.38	96.09	11.28	0.34
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	1,771	91.48	11.33	91.77	11.24	0.29
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	1,771	99.19	11.41	99.80	11.25	0.61
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	1,801	83.95	11.33	84.25	11.24	0.30
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	1,893	99.89	11.42	100.54	11.25	0.65
11.00%2024A	8	1-Aug-24	2,106	98.03	11.47	98.67	11.31	0.64
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	2,228	76.70	11.40	77.14	11.28	0.44
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	2,332	94.51	11.48	95.41	11.27	0.90
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	2,379	89.01	11.44	89.59	11.30	0.58
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	2,471	97.37	11.56	98.32	11.35	0.95
10.35%2025A	8	15-Oct-25	2,546	94.35	11.55	95.19	11.37	0.83
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	2,655	87.89	11.50	88.50	11.36	0.61
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	2,683	70.07	11.49	70.68	11.33	0.61
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	2,775	97.05	11.59	97.91	11.41	0.86
11.50%2026A	10	1-Aug-26	2,836	99.27	11.64	100.18	11.46	0.91
11.75%2027A	10	15-Jun-27	3,154	100.42	11.67	101.55	11.46	1.14
11.25%2027A	10	15-Dec-27	3,337	98.12	11.58	99.08	11.41	0.96
10.75%2028A	10	15-Mar-28	3,428	94.66	11.70	95.80	11.49	1.14
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	3,475	85.23	11.60	86.19	11.42	0.96
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	3,536	84.56	11.70	85.61	11.50	1.05
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	3,598	98.53	11.75	99.88	11.51	1.35
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	3,720	107.62	11.69	108.93	11.48	1.31
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	3,840	107.64	11.72	109.01	11.50	1.37
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	4,219	94.71	11.85	96.25	11.59	1.55
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	4,815	74.31	11.91	75.74	11.64	1.43
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	5,089	80.86	11.84	82.32	11.59	1.46
11.20%2033A	15	15-Jan-33	5,195	94.78	11.97	96.98	11.63	2.20
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	5,332	79.87	11.94	81.45	11.67	1.58
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	5,362	108.78	11.96	110.81	11.69	2.03
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	5,485	79.48	11.98	81.10	11.70	1.63
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	5,546	108.72	11.98	110.80	11.71	2.08
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	5,984	97.05	11.91	98.63	11.69	1.59
12.00%2041A	25	1-Jan-41	8,103	99.58	12.05	101.72	11.78	2.14
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	8,984	75.78	12.10	77.50	11.83	1.72
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	9,198	110.50	12.15	112.89	11.88	2.39
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	9,350	110.32	12.18	112.72	11.90	2.39
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	9,623	103.94	12.00	105.39	11.83	1.46

External Sector

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 26 Oct 2018			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	170.56	174.44	172.50	171.05	153.69
STG	217.60	224.89	221.25	222.87	204.08
Yen	1.51	1.57	1.54	1.52	1.36
Euro	192.67	199.68	196.17	196.03	181.81
INR(1)			2.36	2.33	2.37
SDR (As at 25 Oct 2018)			239.52	238.14	216.70
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
	26 Oct 2018		

Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) 33.06 45.00 43.16

(spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)

Forward Transactions

Forward Rates (US\$) (2)

1 Month	173.62	171.69	154.64
3 Months	175.15	174.19	156.40

Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn) 19.15 31.79 26.10

Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 25 Oct 2018) 2,276.20 2,277.19 1,540.94

(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

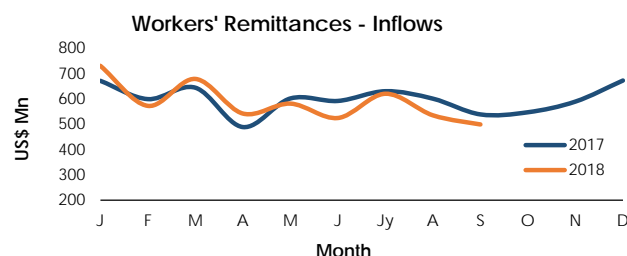
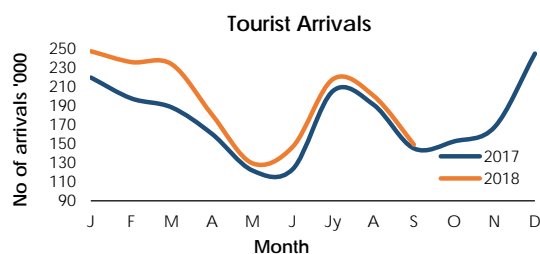
Item		2017	2018	2017	2018	% Change
		Sep	Sep (a)(b)	Jan - Sep	Jan - Sep (a)(b)	
Tourist Arrivals	Number	145,077	149,087	1,551,931	1,731,922	11.6
Earnings from Tourism(d)	US\$ Mn.	269.0 (c)	276.5	2,878.1 (c)	3,211.9	11.6
	Rs.bn.	41.1 (c)	45.5	437.6 (c)	506.1	15.7
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.	537.8	498.2	5,357.9	5,275.5	-1.5
	Rs. bn.	82.2	81.9	814.9	831.9	2.1

(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 (+)				
other accounts payable (-)	-0.13	-0.13		

(a) Provisional

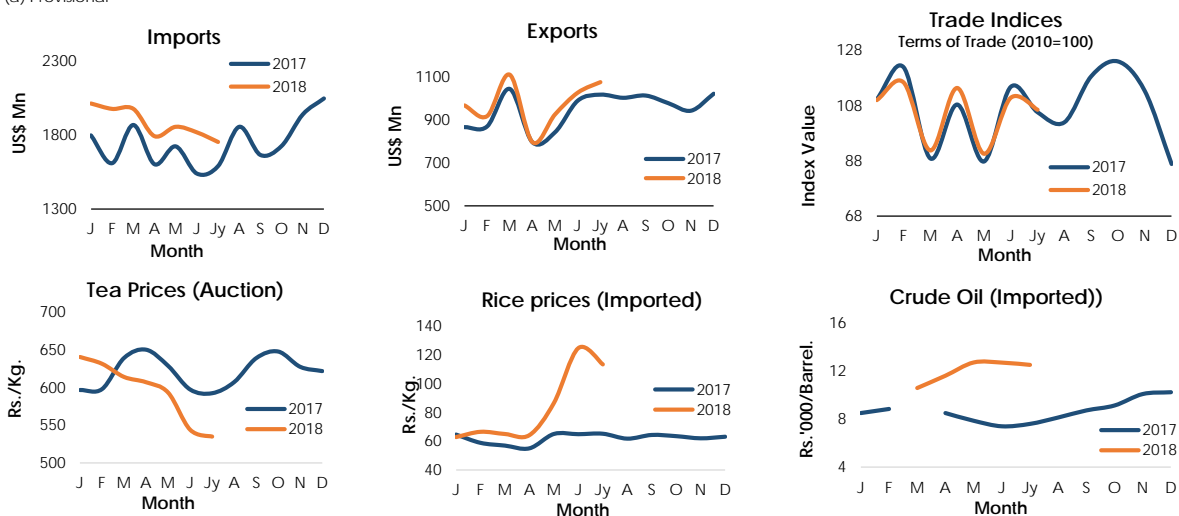
(b) This mainly includes only the predetermined outflows

(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