

# Weekly Economic Indicators

27 March 2015



Statistics Department

# Real Sector

Inflation, as measured by the change in the Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2006/07=100), which is computed by the Department of Census and Statistics, decreased to 0.6 per cent, the lowest level recorded since February 2004 on a year-on-year basis. Annual average inflation also declined from 3.2 per cent recorded in January to 2.9 per cent in February 2015.

Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy, declined significantly from 2.1 per cent in January 2015 to 0.8 per cent in February 2015 on a year on year basis. Annual average core inflation during February 2015 was 3.2 per cent, compared to 3.4 per cent recorded in January 2015.

The economy grew by 6.4 per cent in real terms during the fourth quarter of 2014, supported by the 8.5 per cent growth of the Industry sector and 6.7 per cent growth of the Services sector, while the Agriculture Sector contracted by 3.3 percent.

During the year 2014, the tea and rubber production recorded a decrease of 0.6 per cent and 24.4 per cent respectively. Meanwhile, the coconut production showed an increase of 14.2 per cent in 2014.

The FIPI increased by 6.9 per cent on a year-on-year basis in November 2014. This growth was mainly facilitated by increased production of wearing apparel as well as rubber and plastic products sectors. They have recorded a significant growth of 17.2 and 9.5 per cent respectively during this period. This was mainly attributed to increased domestic and international demand.

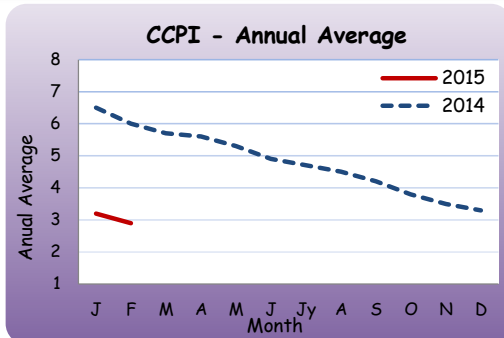
During the week crude oil spot prices showed mixed performance. At the beginning of the week, Brent crude oil price fell as Saudi Arabia has stood firm on its decision to maintain production levels, saying it would consider cutting output only if producers outside OPEC also do so. Prices further fell as the dollar regained against the euro and on persisting global oversupply. The Energy Information Administration reported U.S. crude stocks rose to extend their record build into the 11th consecutive week. However, prices then rose on strong U.S. and euro zone economic data including U.S. new home sales and improved Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index which rose to record highs. The business morale in Germany and France, the top two euro zone economies, improved. Prices increased further after Saudi Arabia and its Gulf allies launched a military operation involving air strikes in Yemen against Iran-backed Houthi rebels. Though this has not affected oil facilities of major Gulf producers yet, but fears that the conflict could spread and disrupt Middle East shipments supported the price increase.

## Highlights

# REAL SECTOR

## 1.1 Price Indices

Item	Feb 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2006 / 07 = 100)			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	178.9	183.2	177.8
Annual Average Change %	2.9	3.2	6.0
Year - on - Year Change %	0.6	3.2	4.2
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	172.0	173.6	170.6
Annual Average Change %	3.2	3.4	3.8
Year - on - Year Change %	0.8	2.1	3.1

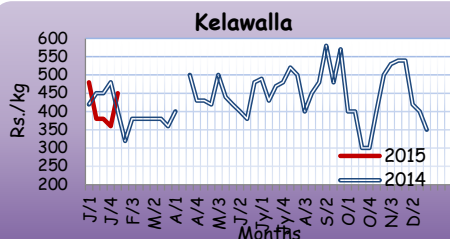
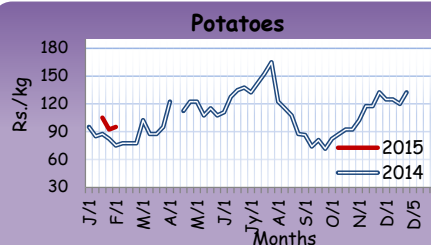
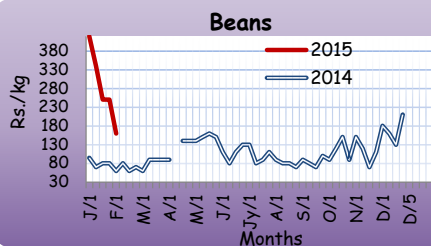
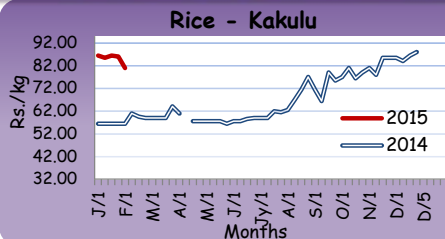


## 1.2 Pettah Market

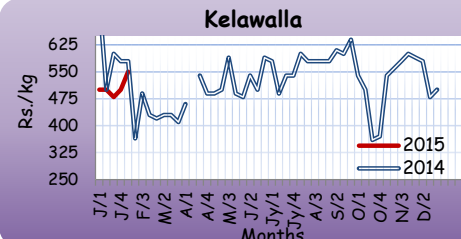
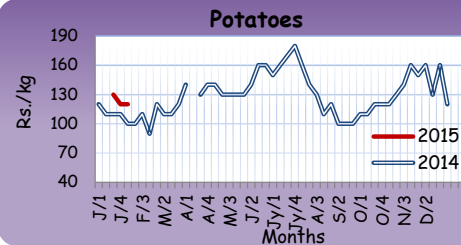
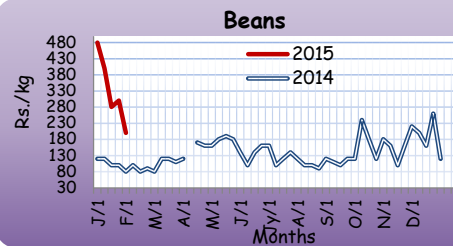
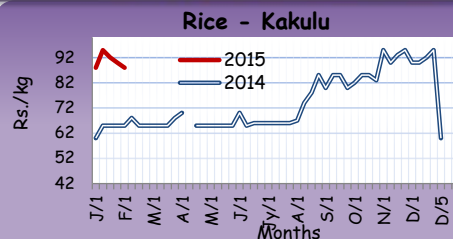
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
<b>Rice</b>								
Samba	82.50	77.50	80.88	78.30	88.00	88.00	89.75	84.04
Kekulu (Red)	69.00	71.00	75.50	67.44	75.00	77.00	83.50	74.33
<b>Vegetables</b>								
Beans	70.00	120.00	210.00	113.17	100.00	160.00	245.00	140.96
Cabbage	50.00	60.00	107.50	61.65	80.00	80.00	145.00	90.96
Carrots	110.00	90.00	152.50	109.81	140.00	120.00	195.00	138.08
Tomatoes	65.00	70.00	190.00	90.77	100.00	100.00	230.00	122.31
Pumpkins	60.00	70.00	145.00	37.38	80.00	100.00	175.00	56.83
Snake Gourd	50.00	60.00	92.50	69.90	80.00	80.00	127.50	96.73
Brinjals	35.00	60.00	63.88	71.35	60.00	80.00	90.00	98.65
Ash-Plantains	70.00	90.00	132.50	73.65	100.00	120.00	162.50	95.96
<b>Other Foods</b>								
Red-Onions (Local)	60.00	77.50	72.50	79.55	100.00	120.00	106.67	109.59
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a	n.a.	75.42	n.a	n.a	n.a.	99.07
Potatoes (N'Elia)	100.00	105.00	95.00	104.64	120.00	130.00	120.00	127.69
Dried Chilies (Imported)	210.00	210.00	225.25	193.24	240.00	260.00	265.00	230.38
Dhal (Indian)	150.00	152.00	152.25	140.94	165.00	165.00	168.75	159.23
Eggs (Red)	13.50	13.50	14.00	12.04	14.00	14.00	14.50	12.57
Coconut (Each)	47.50	47.50	45.00	38.63	55.00	60.00	53.75	50.10
<b>Fish*</b>								
Kelawalla	400.00	480.00	390.00	433.85	540.00	540.00	520.00	532.40
Balaya	280.00	340.00	290.00	295.00	380.00	400.00	345.00	349.04
Salaya	70.00	60.00	110.00	112.31	110.00	100.00	145.00	151.35
Paraw (Small)	340.00	380.00	375.00	435.58	400.00	450.00	425.00	487.88

\* Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Peliyagoda.

### Pettah Market - Wholesale Prices



### Pettah Market - Retail Prices



### 1.3 Dambulla Market

Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2015	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
<b>Rice</b>		
Samba	83.50	87.50
Kekulu (Red)	76.00	79.00
<b>Vegetables</b>		
Beans	68.00	123.00
Carrot	113.00	155.00
Tomatoes	60.00	89.00
Pumpkins	43.00	65.00
Snake Gourd	25.20	55.00
Ash-Plantains	62.70	89.50
<b>Other Foods</b>		
Red-Onions (Local)	61.00	88.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	95.00	123.00
Dried Chilies(Imported)	216.50	264.00
Coconut (Each)	48.20	57.00

### 1.5 Maradaghamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	75.70	75.50	76.86	75.74
Sudu Kekulu	62.90	64.50	69.53	69.11
Raw Red	75.52	76.30	78.42	67.25
Nadu	63.60	63.90	69.62	70.82

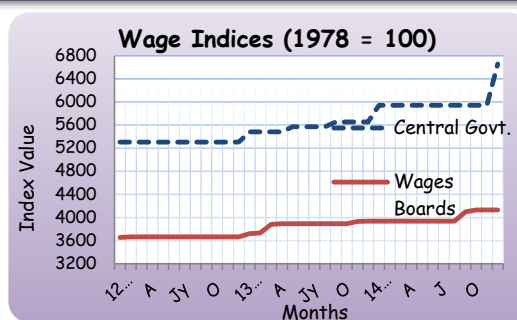
### 1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2015	Week Ago
<b>Rice</b>		
Samba	88.67	88.00
Kekulu (Red)	80.00	80.00
<b>Vegetables</b>		
Beans	103.33	100.00
Cabbage	100.00	100.00
Carrots	140.00	140.00
Tomatoes	120.00	100.00
Pumpkins	100.00	116.67
Snake Gourd	100.00	236.67
Brinjals	100.00	100.00
Ash-Plantains	160.00	156.67
<b>Other Foods</b>		
Red-Onions (Imported)	120.00	120.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	90.00	80.00
Potatoes (Imported)	90.00	83.33
Dried Chilies (Imported)	250.00	253.33
Dhal (Indian)	170.00	170.00
Eggs (Red)(Each)	14.00	14.00
Coconut (Each)	53.33	55.00
<b>Fish</b>		
Kelawalla	720.00	850.00
Balaya	420.00	425.00
Salaya	200.00	166.67
Paraw (Small)	720.00	830.00

## 1.6 Wage rate Indices

Item	2014(a) Dec	2013 Dec	% Change
(1978 = 100)			
Central Government Employees (b)	6,653.0	5,653.3	17.7
Workers in Wages Boards Trades	4,127.0	3,938.1	4.8
Agriculture	4,734.3	4,449.0	6.4
Industry & Commerce	3,459.1	3,459.1	0.0
Services	2,313.2	2,313.2	0.0

(a) Provisional

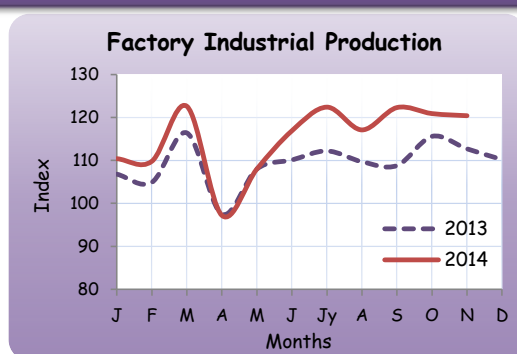


## 1.7 Factory Industry-Production (FIPI) ( 2010 = 100 ) (a)

Item	2014 (b) Nov	2013 Nov	% Change
<b>Factory Industry- Production Index</b>	<b>120.4</b>	<b>112.7</b>	<b>6.9</b>
Food products	107.2	102.6	4.5
Beverages	107.1	99.0	8.2
Tobacco products	84.2	103.0	-18.3
Wearing apparel	162.8	138.9	17.2
Chemicals and chemical products	85.8	84.3	1.8
Rubber and plastic products	134.1	122.5	9.5
Other non-metallic mineral products	104.9	100.8	4.1

(a) Major 7 sub divisions of FIPI out of 17 sub divisions.

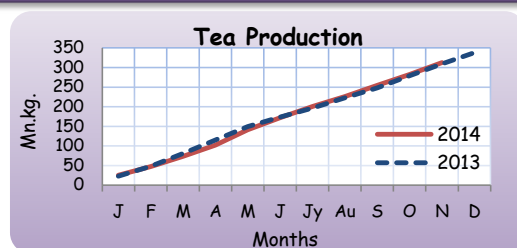
(b) Provisional



## 1.8 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2014* Jan - Dec	2013 Jan - Dec	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	338.0	340.0	-0.6
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	98.6	130.4	-24.4
Coconuts	(Mn Nuts)	2,870.0	2,513.3	14.2

\* Provisional



## 1.9 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices - Growth Rates

Item	2014* 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	2013 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	2014* Annual
Agriculture	-3.3	10.4	0.3
Industry	8.5	10.7	11.4
Services	6.7	6.5	6.5
<b>GDP</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>7.4</b>

\* Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



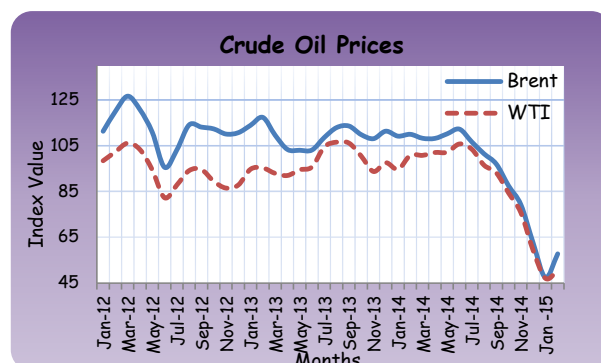
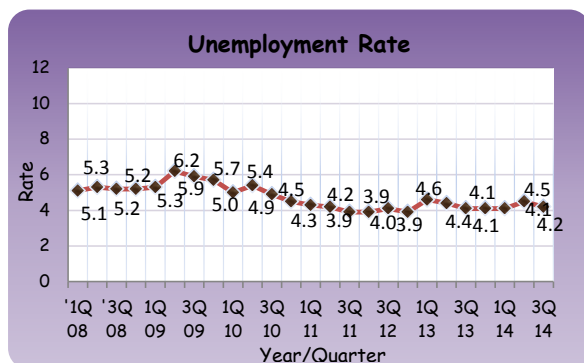
## 1.10 Employment (a)

Item	2014 (b) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	2013 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	2013 Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	53.2	53.8	53.8
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.4	4.4
<b>Employed Persons by Sectors % (c)</b>			
Agriculture	28.9	28.7	29.7
Industry	26.6	26.4	26.2
Services	44.5	44.9	44.1

(a) The working age population aged 15 and above (b) Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

(c) Based on the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) - Revision 4



## 1.11 Average Crude Oil Prices

Month	2014			2015		
	Spot Prices (US \$/bbl)		CPC Import Prices (C&F) (US\$/bbl)(*)	Spot Prices (US \$/bbl)		CPC Import Prices (C&F) (US\$/bbl)(*)
	Brent (Benchmark price)	WTI (Benchmark price)		Brent (Benchmark price)	WTI (Benchmark price)	
January	109.21	94.71	113.84	47.46	47.11	55.47
February	110.01	100.82	110.62	57.81	50.58	69.52
March	108.28	100.82	111.17			
April	108.22	102.07	110.25			
May	110.22	102.18	109.80			
June	112.27	105.79	113.42			
July	106.73	103.54	110.30			
August	101.51	96.54	111.21			
September	97.02	93.19	100.08			
October	87.51	84.40	99.39			
November	79.28	75.79	76.82			
December	62.55	59.29	75.98			
	2014			2015		
20 March	106.63	99.68		54.53	46.00	
23 March	-	-		53.92	47.40	
24 March	107.49	100.45		53.71	47.03	
25 March	107.91	99.66		54.28	48.75	
26 March	106.35	100.61		56.92	51.41	

Sources: Reuters

Energy Information Administration

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation

(\*) CPC import prices are not directly comparable with spot prices of WTI and Brent as CPC is 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

Weekly AWPR for the week ending 27 March 2015 increased marginally by 6 bps to 7.01 per cent compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 13.4 per cent in December 2014. NFA of the banking system declined by Rs. 12.1 billion in December 2014 compared to November 2014. NCG from the banking system showed an increase of Rs. 10.8 billion in December 2014 compared to November 2014, where credit to public corporations also showed an increase of Rs. 14.6 billion during the month. Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 76.5 in December 2014, compared to November 2014.

The reserve money increased compared to the previous week mainly due to increase in currency in circulation.

The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to Rs. 222.13 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 240.09 bn by the end of last week.

By 27 March 2015, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) declined by 2.57 per cent to 6,874 points while the S&P SL 20 Index declined by 2.88 per cent to 3,901 points compared to the previous week.

## Highlights

# MONETARY SECTOR

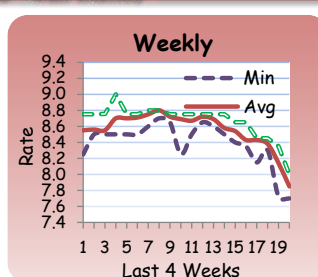
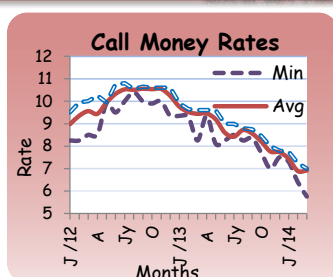
## 2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 2015 Mar 27	Week Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	7.01	6.95	9.04
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	6.60	6.79	6.65
- 182 days	6.70	6.87	6.82
- 364 days	6.80	6.99	7.05
Standing Deposit Facility	6.50	6.50	6.50
Standing Lending Facility	8.00	8.00	8.00
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	6.55	6.70	6.90
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate ( SLIBOR )			
1 day	6.62	6.71	7.00
7 days	6.90	6.98	7.45
1 Month	7.15	7.19	7.84
3 Months	7.37	7.47	8.34
6 Months	7.66	7.75	8.73
12 Months	8.02	8.10	9.23
Commercial Banks	Nov 2014	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits -	0.75-8.00	0.75-8.50	0.75-9.00
One Year Fixed Deposits -	3.95-12.00	3.95-12.00	6.00-16.00
	Feb 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	5.90	5.94	8.83
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	6.95	7.02	10.99
	Jan 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	11.68	11.91	14.83
NSB	Nov 2014	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits -	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits -	6.50	6.50	10.00
Treasury Bonds Auction	(4 Y & 6 Months) 26/03/2015	(8 Y & 5 Months) 26/03/2015	(6 Y & 4 Months) 17/03/2015
Coupon rate	10.60	11.20	11.00
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	8.92	9.73	9.55

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Mar 27	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	6.97	6.97
People's Bank	7.86	6.50
Hatton National Bank	7.19	7.36
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	7.19	6.99
Sampath Bank	6.79	6.86
Seylan Bank	7.69	7.04
Union Bank of Colombo	7.23	7.33
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	7.35	7.35
Nations Trust Bank	6.56	6.51
DFCC Vardhana Bank	6.97	6.95
NDB Bank	7.25	7.55
Amana Bank	8.78	8.81
Cargills Bank	7.07	7.50

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Mar 27	Week Ago
HSBC	6.88	6.88
Standard Chartered Bank	6.86	6.37
Citi Bank	7.04	6.93
Deutsche Bank	8.29	7.49
Habib Bank	5.95	5.45
Indian Bank	7.95	7.95
Indian Overseas Bank	8.45	8.45
MCB Bank	7.28	7.28
State Bank of India	8.05	8.05
Public Bank	8.00	8.00
ICICI Bank	9.09	9.09
Axis Bank	-	-

### Interest Rates - Call Money



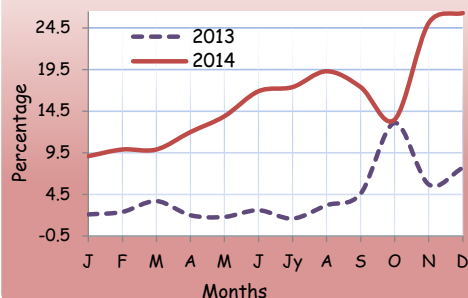


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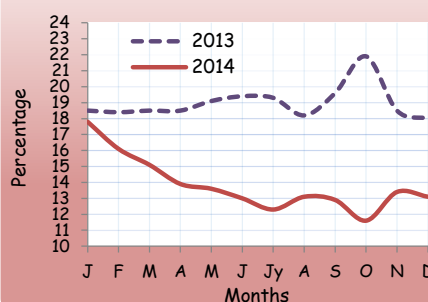
Item	Rs. Bn.			Annual Change (%)		
	2014 (a) December	Month Ago	Year Ago	2014 (a) December	Month Ago	Year Ago
M1	612.2	568.3	484.6	26.3	25.1	7.7
M2	3,460.6	3,398.5	3,058.8	13.1	13.4	18.0
M2b	3,875.9	3,794.8	3,417.9	13.4	12.8	16.7
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	15.1	27.2	-76.3	119.8	142.8	-195.5
Monetary Authorities	688.0	728.1	529.1	30.0	51.7	33.5
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-220.9	-247.2	-231.2	4.4	-25.3	-89.7
Foreign currency Banking Units (FCBUs)	-451.9	-453.6	-374.3	-20.7	-31.1	-24.6
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	3,860.7	3,767.6	3,494.2	10.5	9.9	18.3
DBUs	3,266.1	3,178.4	2,996.5	9.0	7.8	17.9
FCBUs	594.6	589.2	497.7	19.5	23.0	20.4
Net Credit to Government	1,435.9	1,425.1	1,301.3	10.3	7.5	24.5
Monetary Authorities	149.7	154.6	114.0	31.3	21.0	-59.1
DBUs	1,078.1	1,062.2	995.7	8.3	5.7	57.0
FCBUs	208.1	208.3	191.7	8.6	8.3	44.8
Credit to Corporations	446.0	431.5	365.1	22.2	40.1	24.8
DBUs	192.1	185.7	164.7	16.7	49.1	80.4
FCBUs	253.9	245.8	200.4	26.7	34.0	-0.4
Credit to the Private Sector	2,758.2	2,681.7	2,534.3	8.8	6.5	7.5
DBUs	2,503.3	2,429.8	2,327.4	7.6	5.2	7.1
FCBUs	254.9	251.9	207.0	23.2	20.2	11.1
Reserve Money	577.9	551.8	488.6	18.3	16.9	0.9

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b

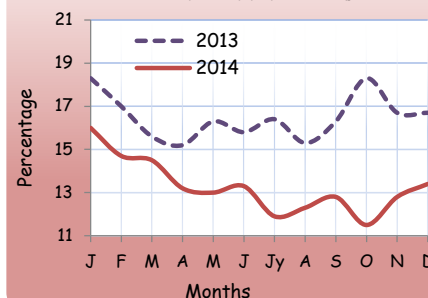
Money Supply - M<sub>1</sub>



Money Supply - M<sub>2</sub>



Money Supply - M<sub>2b</sub>



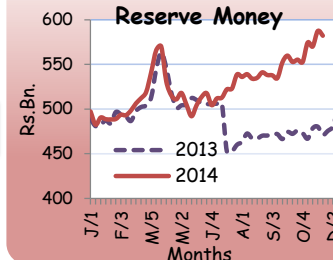
## 2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	26 Mar 2015	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	605,781	604,866	915

## 2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	23.03.2015	24.03.2015	25.03.2015	26.03.2015	27.03.2015
<b>Call Money Market</b>					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.70	6.67	6.57	6.60	6.59
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	2,950	2,765	4,345	5,250	4,450
<b>Repo Market</b>					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.84	6.71	6.69	6.54	6.51
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	5,055	6,284	4,735	6,160	3,886

Weekly change in Reserve Money



## 2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	23.03.2015	24.03.2015	25.03.2015	26.03.2015	27.03.2015
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	76,403	75,436	75,453	75,470	84,543

## 2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	23.03.2015	24.03.2015	25.03.2015	26.03.2015	27.03.2015
<b>Short-Term Auction</b>					
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	0	0	0	0	0
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Term Auction</b>					
Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reverse Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Standing Facility</b>					
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	104.82	97.02	97.30	94.20	99.48
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)</b>	<b>241.49</b>	<b>234.67</b>	<b>234.95</b>	<b>231.85</b>	<b>222.13</b>

## 2.7 Credit Cards \*

Item	2014 (a) End Oct	2014 End Sep	2013 End Dec
<b>Total Number of Active Cards</b>	1,008,022	997,309	951,625
Local (accepted only locally)	33,267	33,455	35,990
Global (accepted globally)	974,755	963,854	915,635
<b>Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)</b>	55,133	55,104	51,172
Local (accepted only locally)	1,249	1,232	1,260
Global (accepted globally)	53,883	53,872	49,913

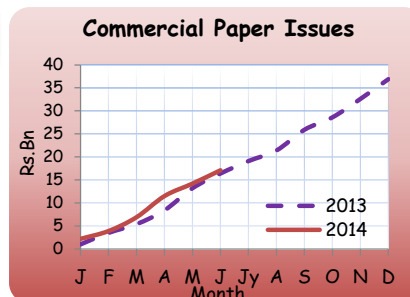
(a) Provisional \* Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks

## 2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (1)

Item (Rs. bn.)	2014 End Oct*	2014 End Sep	2013 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	7.7	7.1	28.3
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	4.2	3.9	7.4

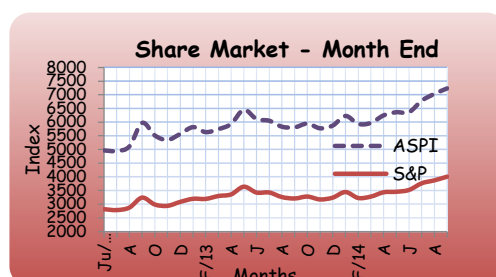
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(1) Based on the information provided by Licensed Commercial Banks and Licensed Specialised Banks



## 2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 27 Mar 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,874	7,055	5,993
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	3,901	4,017	3,274
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	868	882	649
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	2,914	2,990	2,504



## *Fiscal Sector*

During the first nine months of 2014, total revenue as a percentage of estimated GDP declined marginally to 8.4 per cent from 9.1 per cent in the corresponding period of 2013. However total revenue in nominal terms increased by 5.6 per cent to Rs. 828.2 billion during the first nine months of the year from Rs. 784.2 billion recorded during the same period in 2013 reflecting increases in both tax revenue (by Rs. 41.5 billion) and non tax revenue (by Rs. 2.5 billion). However, average monthly revenue during this period was around Rs. 92 billion.

Total expenditure and net lending as a percentage of estimated GDP declined to 13.4 per cent during the first nine months of 2014 compared to 14.7 per cent recorded in the corresponding period in 2013 mainly due to decline in both recurrent expenditure and capital expenditure and net lending. In nominal terms, total expenditure and net lending increased by 3.7 per cent to Rs.1,326.7 billion during the first nine months of 2014 from Rs. 1,279.1 billion in the corresponding period of 2013.

Total outstanding debt increased by Rs. 575.7 billion to Rs. 7,368.9 billion as at end September 2014 from Rs. 6,793.2 billion at end 2013. Foreign debt increased by Rs. 222.5 billion to Rs. 3,182.9 billion mainly due the issuance of International Sovereign Bond amounting to US dollars 1,000 million and US dollars 500 million in January and April 2014 respectively. Meanwhile, domestic debt increased by Rs. 353.2 billion to Rs. 4,186

The government made several changes to the Special Commodity Levy (SCL) during the month of September with a view to maintaining stable prices in the domestic market. Accordingly, SCL on the importation of rice was decreased from Rs. 5 per kg to Rs. 1 per kg for a period of three months while SCL on the importation of sugar was increased from Rs. 28 per kg to Rs. 33 per kg for a period of three months with effect from 05 September 2014. In addition, importation of fresh or chilled potatoes was suspended with effect from 06 September 2014.

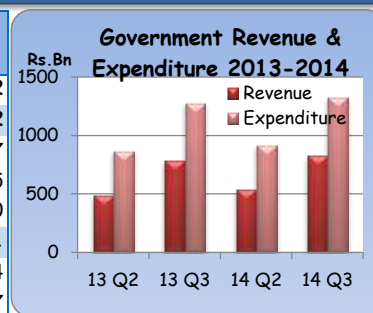
## Highlights

## FISCAL SECTOR

### 3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

Item	2014 * Jan-Sep	2013 Jan-Sep
<b>Revenue and Grants</b>	<b>836.9</b>	<b>787.2</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>828.2</b>	<b>784.2</b>
Tax	752.2	710.7
Non tax	76.0	73.5
<b>Grants</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Expenditure &amp; Lending Minus Repayments</b>	<b>1,326.7</b>	<b>1,279.1</b>
Current	962.1	920.4
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	364.6	358.7

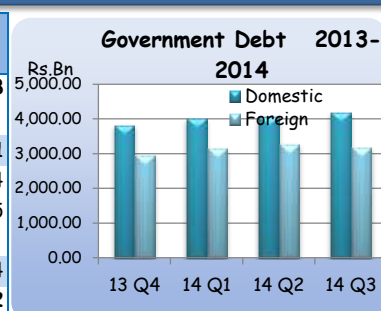
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### 3.2 Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	2014* End Sep	2013 End Dec
<b>Total domestic debt</b>	<b>4,186.0</b>	<b>3,832.8</b>
of which		
Treasury bills	620.1	700.1
Treasury bonds	2,821.0	2,452.4
Rupee loans	55.5	55.5
<b>Total foreign debt</b>	<b>3,182.9</b>	<b>2,960.4</b>
<b>Total outstanding govt. debt</b>	<b>7,368.9</b>	<b>6,793.2</b>

\* Provisional

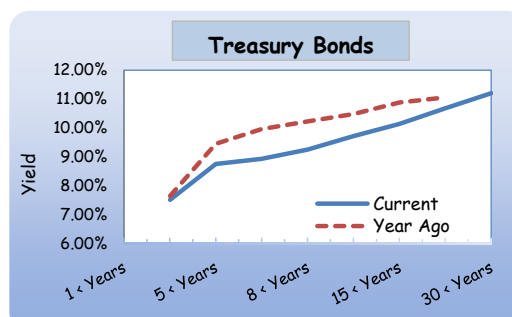
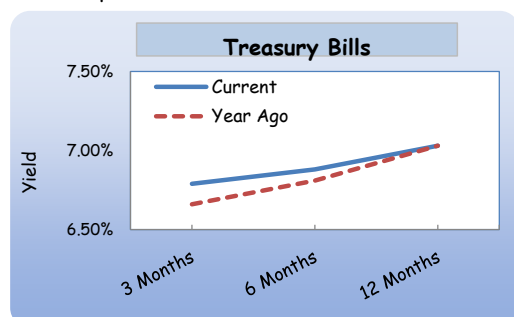


### 3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Security	Maturity	Primary Market*		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week Average
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	6.60%	6.79%	6.88%	6.69%	6.79%	6.98%
	6 Months	6.70%	6.87%	6.97%	6.79%	6.88%	7.12%
	12 Months	6.80%	6.99%	7.15%	6.91%	7.03%	7.25%
Treasury Bonds	2 < Years	-	-	7.61%	7.42%	7.51%	7.48%
	5 < Years	-	9.13%	8.83%	8.68%	8.75%	8.62%
	6 < Years	-	9.55%	8.99%	8.87%	8.93%	8.79%
	8 < Years	-	9.79%	9.32%	9.18%	9.25%	9.58%
	10 < Years	-	-	9.81%	9.61%	9.71%	9.79%
	15 < Years	-	-	10.35%	9.92%	10.14%	10.07%
	20 < Years	-	-	10.84%	10.52%	10.68%	10.64%
	30 < Years	-	-	11.42%	10.98%	11.20%	10.97%

\* Primary market transactions during the week ending 25/03/2015

The secondary market yield rates of T-bills abated while T-bond yield rates slightly elevated during the week compared against yield rates of the previous week.



### 3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 )

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	837,015.26	836,629.19
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,329,930.48	3,312,226.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,166,945.74</b>	<b>4,148,855.67</b>
Government Securities held by Foreigners	456,384.46	455,610.40
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	447,641.75	447,641.75
Outstanding stock of T-bills and T-bonds increased with new issuances during the week.		
Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
<b>Treasury Bills</b>		
Amount Offered	16,000.00	16,000.00
Total Bids Received	77,484.00	75,961.00
Total Bids Accepted	21,557.00	23,913.00
<b>Treasury Bonds</b>		
Amount Offered		34,000.00
Total Bids Received	No auction held	108,202.00
Total Bids Accepted		55,109.00
T-bill auction was substantially oversubscribed during the week, illustrating the improved investor preference for government securities.		
Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
<b>Treasury Bills</b>		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	43,240.00	48,423.48
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	192,535.60	227,890.79
<b>Treasury Bonds</b>		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	105,859.17	148,075.64
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	700,601.05	734,653.26
Secondary market activities has decreased during the week.		

a) Excludes Treasury bonds amounting to Rs.4,397 million issued to CWE in November 2003, Rs. 78,441 million issued to settle dues to CPC in January 2012, Rs. 13,125 million issued to capitalize Sri Lankan Airlines in March 2013.

### 3.5 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bills) - 27/03/2015

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.87	6.64	99.88	6.39	0.00
1 Month	99.45	6.68	99.47	6.48	0.02
2 Month	98.89	6.74	98.92	6.55	0.03
3 Month	98.33	6.77	98.37	6.62	0.04
4 Month	97.76	6.81	97.81	6.67	0.05
5 Month	97.19	6.84	97.25	6.69	0.06
6 Month	96.61	6.88	96.68	6.73	0.07
7 Month	96.02	6.92	96.10	6.78	0.08
8 Month	95.43	6.95	95.53	6.79	0.10
9 Month	94.83	6.98	94.95	6.83	0.12
10 Month	94.24	7.01	94.38	6.83	0.14
11 Month	93.64	7.04	93.81	6.84	0.17
12 Month	93.07	7.04	93.26	6.85	0.19

### 3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 27/03/2015

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
06.20%2015B	4	15-Jun-15	80	99.87	6.70	99.91	6.52	0.04
06.50%2015A	5	15-Jul-15	110	99.89	6.79	99.94	6.61	0.05
11.00%2015A	6	1-Aug-15	127	101.38	6.87	101.44	6.69	0.06
11.00%2015B	6	1-Sep-15	158	101.70	6.87	101.78	6.69	0.08
12.50%2015A	2	20-Sep-15	177	102.63	6.85	102.67	6.75	0.05
08.50%2015A	3	1-Nov-15	219	100.84	7.02	100.96	6.81	0.12
07.25%2016A	6	1-Apr-16	371	100.12	7.13	100.30	6.93	0.19
08.00%2016B	4	1-Jun-16	432	100.59	7.45	100.73	7.33	0.14
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	493	98.91	7.25	99.13	7.08	0.21
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	524	100.77	7.41	100.96	7.28	0.18
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	554	98.31	7.60	98.45	7.50	0.14
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	646	100.45	7.71	100.65	7.59	0.20
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	660	96.80	7.73	96.99	7.61	0.18
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	705	100.63	7.89	100.85	7.76	0.22
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	780	101.57	7.93	101.85	7.79	0.28
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	811	100.40	7.79	100.67	7.66	0.27
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	841	95.80	7.82	96.09	7.68	0.28
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	1,042	101.28	7.98	101.72	7.81	0.44
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	1,101	100.27	8.39	100.62	8.26	0.35
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	1,162	100.03	8.48	100.32	8.38	0.28
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	1,206	100.64	8.27	100.95	8.16	0.30
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	1,237	96.86	8.58	97.35	8.41	0.49
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	1,329	98.35	8.53	98.55	8.47	0.20
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	1,390	91.25	8.38	91.58	8.27	0.33
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,496	100.26	8.42	100.70	8.29	0.44
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	1,557	106.28	8.79	106.81	8.65	0.52
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,633	106.42	8.83	106.74	8.74	0.32
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,680	98.01	8.53	98.45	8.41	0.44
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,893	96.44	8.87	96.87	8.76	0.43
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,954	89.71	8.64	90.10	8.54	0.40
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	2,227	100.86	8.81	101.51	8.67	0.65
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	2,319	109.59	8.98	110.11	8.88	0.52
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,472	96.11	8.77	96.65	8.66	0.54
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,653	111.53	9.00	112.29	8.86	0.76
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,745	103.72	9.30	104.09	9.23	0.36
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	3,080	97.30	9.47	98.03	9.34	0.73
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	3,080	108.54	9.69	109.30	9.57	0.76
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	3,110	84.46	9.73	84.98	9.63	0.51
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	3,202	109.17	9.81	110.66	9.57	1.49
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,537	76.18	9.88	76.82	9.75	0.65
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	3,641	101.31	10.04	102.34	9.88	1.03
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,688	93.42	10.05	94.62	9.85	1.21
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,964	92.52	10.15	94.39	9.85	1.87
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,992	68.73	10.15	70.15	9.88	1.42
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,784	93.11	9.95	96.01	9.54	2.90
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,845	89.36	10.50	92.83	9.98	3.47
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	5,029	119.34	10.33	122.83	9.92	3.50
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	5,149	115.40	10.84	118.74	10.43	3.34
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	6,124	79.62	10.63	81.11	10.40	1.49
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	6,398	84.93	10.95	88.45	10.45	3.52
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,641	86.30	10.73	88.09	10.48	1.80
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,671	119.55	10.78	121.87	10.53	2.32
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,794	85.50	10.83	87.46	10.55	1.97
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,855	118.94	10.86	121.50	10.59	2.56
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	7,293	105.54	10.82	108.13	10.52	2.60
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	10,293	81.24	11.20	83.42	10.90	2.18
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,507	115.85	11.58	122.86	10.88	7.01
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,659	118.89	11.28	121.95	10.98	3.06
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10932	107.47	11.60	112.00	11.11	4.53



## External Sector

During the year so far (up to 27 March 2015) the rupee depreciated against the US dollar (1.39 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the euro (10.27 per cent) and the pound sterling (3.36 per cent) and depreciated against the Japanese yen (1.42 per cent) and the Indian rupee (2.23 per cent) during this period.

Earnings from exports amounted to US dollars 910 million in January 2015 registering a marginal increase of 0.6 per cent, year-on-year, led by industrial exports.

Earnings from industrial exports, which represent about 77 per cent of total exports, increased marginally by 0.9 per cent mainly due to an increase in export of petroleum products followed by machinery and mechanical appliances and leather, travel goods and footwear. Meanwhile, earnings from agricultural exports declined marginally by 0.6 per cent due to lower international commodity prices.

Expenditure on imports increased marginally by 1.6 per cent, year-on-year, to US dollars 1,682 million in January 2015, reflecting increases in consumer and investment good imports.

The major contribution to the increase in imports came from consumer goods mainly due to higher imports of rice and personal motor vehicles. The increase in investment goods was mainly led by imports of transport equipment with significant increase in imports of buses while intermediate goods declined by 18.7 per cent mainly due to the decline in expenditure on fuel imports.

As the decline in import prices was larger than the decline in export prices, the terms of trade improved in December 2014. Export price index declined by 4.3 per cent year-on-year to 113.3 index points, reflecting price declines in agricultural and industrial exports. Meanwhile, the import price index declined by 8.9 per cent, year-on-year, to 101.7 index points due to the decline in price level of major categories of imports.

On a cumulative basis, the terms of trade improved by 4.3 per cent to 97.6 index points in 2014 from 93.6 index points in 2013.

India, China, UK, Germany and France were the top five sources of tourist arrivals in February 2015, accounting for 94.23 per cent of total tourist arrivals during the month.

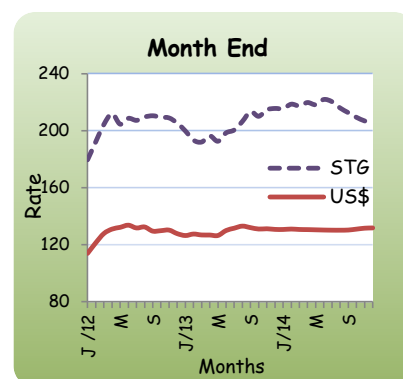
The average price of tea decreased to US dollars 3.22 per kg (in the Colombo auction) in January 2015 from US dollars 3.90 per kg in January 2014.

The average crude oil price declined to US dollars 55.47 per barrel in 2015 compared to US dollars 113.84 per barrel in January 2014.

# EXTERNAL SECTOR

## 4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)*	Week Ending - 27 Mar 2015			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	131.91	134.73	133.32	133.31	130.67
STG	195.19	200.79	197.99	196.86	216.63
Yen	1.10	1.14	1.12	1.10	1.28
Euro	142.59	147.33	144.96	142.37	180.05
INR(1)			2.11	2.13	2.17
SDR (As at 26 Mar 2015)			185.09	183.03	201.93
Central Bank purchases and sales** (US\$ Mn. )			February 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			49.40	0.00	40.95
Sales			122.00	173.81	19.30



				Week Ending 27 Mar 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)				44.03	22.19	8.60
Forward Transactions						
Forward Rates (US\$) <sup>(2)</sup>						
1 Month				133.82	133.69	131.27
3 Months				134.84	134.66	132.36
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)				25.93	32.64	27.12
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 26 Mar 2015)				1,165.41	1,151.71	1,006.60

\*Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30a.m.)

\*\*Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates total for the Month

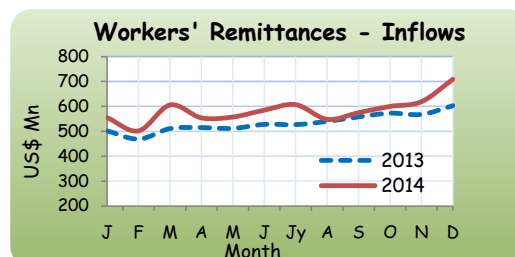
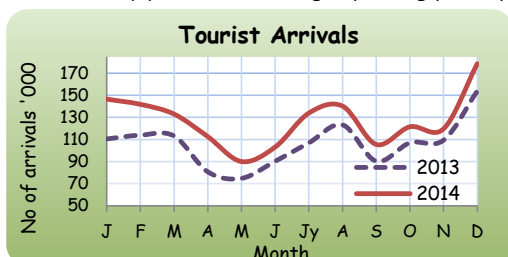
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

## 4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

Item(a)		2014 Feb (a)	2015 Feb (b)	2014 Jan-Feb	2015 Jan-Feb(a)	% Change
Tourist Arrivals	Number	141,878	165,541	288,453	321,787	11.6
Earnings from Tourism	US\$ Mn.	225.9	263.5	459.2	512.30	11.5
	Rs.bn.	29.5	35	60.1	67.7	12.7
		2014 Jan	2015 Jan	2013 Jan-Dec	2014 Jan-Dec	% Change
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.	555.5	523.5	6,407.0	7,017.8	9.5
	Rs. bn.	72.6	68.9	827.7	916.3	10.7

(a) Revised

(b) Provisional and may be revised based on Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority survey results on average stay period and average spending per day estimates for 2015



### 4.3 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015 <sup>(a)</sup>

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)				
<b>Official Reserve Asset</b>				<b>7,420.46</b>
(1) Foreign currency reserves				6,477.16
(a) Securities				3,339.43
(b) Total currency and deposits with				3,137.72
(i) other national central banks, BIS				1,206.25
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad				1.03
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country of which located in the reporting country				1,930.44
(2) Reserve position in the IMF				67.35
(3) SDRs				9.02
(4) Gold				865.99
(5) Other reserve assets				0.94
Predetermined Short-Term Net Drains on Foreign Currency Assets <sup>(b)</sup>				
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	-2,930.66	-687.28	-220.10	-2,023.28
Interest	-986.63	-69.04	-113.19	-804.41
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)				
(a) Short positions (-) <sup>(c)</sup>	-2,105.33	-585.65	-727.75	-791.93
(b) Long positions (+)				
3. Other (specify)	-0.23	-0.23		
inflows related to reverse repos (+)				
other accounts payable (-)	-0.23	-0.23		

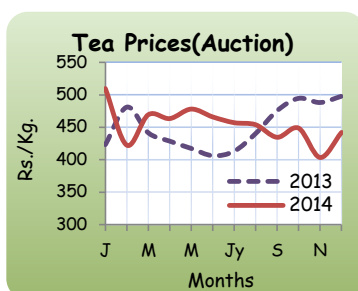
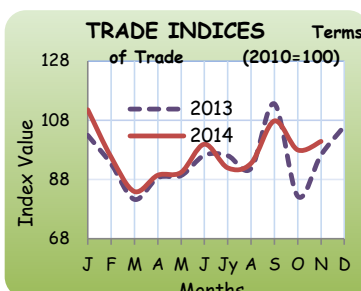
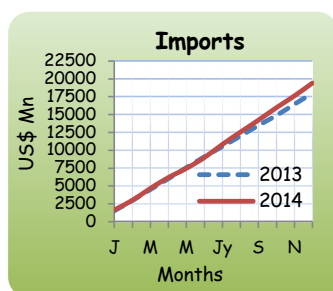
(a) Provisional

(b) This mainly includes only the predetermined outflows

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

## 4.4 External Trade

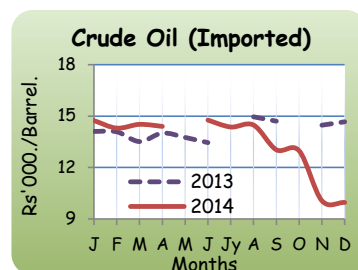
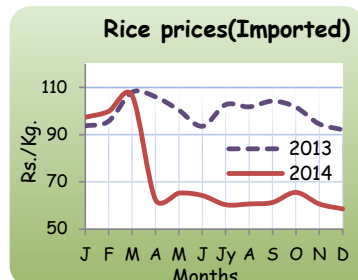
Item	US\$ Mn			Rs Mn		
	Jan 2015	Jan 2014	% Change	Jan 2015	Jan 2014	% Change
<b>Exports</b>	<b>909.8</b>	<b>903.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>119,682.0</b>	<b>118,168.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Agricultural	202.0	203.2	-0.6	26,569.9	26,562.0	0.0
Industrial	703.8	697.5	0.9	92,580.6	91,183.6	1.5
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	21.2	38.1	-44.4	2,786.9	4,983.7	-44.1
Textiles and Apparel	409.9	412.0	-0.5	53,916.7	53,855.6	0.1
Petroleum Products	55.5	33.2	67.3	7,303.2	4,338.8	68.3
Leather, Rubber etc	79.4	82.1	-3.3	10,449.9	10,737.8	-2.7
Other	137.8	132.1	4.3	18,124.0	17,267.7	5.0
Mineral	2.8	2.1	34.9	374.2	275.6	35.8
Other	1.2	1.1	6.4	157.3	147.0	7.0
<b>Imports</b>	<b>1,681.6</b>	<b>1,655.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>221,220.9</b>	<b>216,416.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Consumer Goods	397.3	253.6	56.7	52,269.9	33,150.7	57.7
Intermediate Goods	841.6	1,034.8	-18.7	110,717.3	135,273.1	-18.2
Investment Goods	441.8	366.3	20.6	58,124.6	47,885.4	21.4
Other	0.8	0.8	1.0	109.1	107.3	1.6
<b>Trade Balance</b>	<b>-771.9</b>	<b>-751.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-101,538.9</b>	<b>-98,248.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>



## 4.5 Trade Indices (2010= 100 ) (a)

Item	2014 Dec(b)	Month Ago (c)	Year Ago
<b>Total Exports</b>			
Value	139.89	128.21	137.46
Quantity	123.51	117.80	116.15 (c)
Unit Value	113.26	108.83	118.35 (c)
<b>Total Imports</b>			
Value	160.87	147.39	138.82
Quantity	158.15	135.89	124.35
Unit Value	101.72	108.46	111.64
<b>Terms of Trade</b>	111.35	100.34	106.01

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



## 4.6 International Commodity Prices

Item	Jan 2015	Jan 2014	% Change	Jan 2015	Jan 2014	% Change
<b>Colombo Auction Price</b>	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Tea Prices	3.22	3.90	-17.5	423.24	509.72	-17.0
<b>Imports (C I F)</b>	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	459.48	744.88	-38.3	60,444.56	97,377.77	-37.9
White Sugar	458.47	480.04	-4.5	60,311.58	62,754.78	-3.9
Wheat	298.39	317.28	-6.0	39,253.75	41,477.60	-5.4
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	55.47	113.84	-51.3	7,296.52	14,882.85	-51.0