

Weekly Economic Indicators

02 April 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 0.1 per cent on an year-on-year basis in March 2015, from 0.6 per cent recorded in February 2015. Annual average inflation also declined from 2.9 per cent in February 2015 to 2.5 per cent in March 2015.

Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy, increased to 1.4 per cent in March 2015, from 0.8 per cent in February 2015 on an year-on-year basis. Annual average core inflation declined to 3.0 per cent in March 2015, from 3.2 per cent in February 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 per cent.

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.

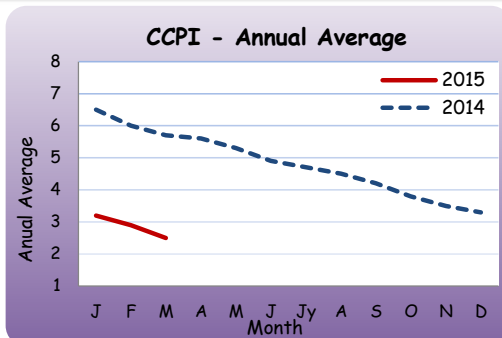
The FIPI increased by 6.9 per cent on a year-on-year basis in November 2014. This growth was mainly facilitated by increased production of wearing apparel as well as rubber and plastic products sectors. They have recorded a significant growth of 17.2 and 9.5 per cent respectively during this period. 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, prices fell as Iran and six world powers tried to negotiate a deal on Tehran's nuclear program before the March 31 deadline that could end Western sanctions and allow the OPEC member to ship more crude into an already flooded market. However, they faced difficulty in reaching a preliminary nuclear accord with Iran before the March 31st midnight deadline. U.S. was willing to continue talks beyond Tuesday to reach the interim agreement, but stressed that discussions had to be productive. However, prices then rose as U.S. crude oil output fell and the U.S. government announced a smaller-than-feared rise in weekly stockpiles. Energy Information Administration reported U.S. crude production dropped by 0.4 per cent to 9.4 million barrels per day, the first weekly decline since the end of January, and inventories rose by 4.8 million barrels last week against expectation for a 5.2 million barrel build.

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

Item	March 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2006 / 07 = 100)			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	178.1	178.9	177.9
Annual Average Change %	2.5	2.9	5.7
Year - on - Year Change %	0.1	0.6	4.2
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	173.9	172.0	171.5
Annual Average Change %	3.0	3.2	3.5
Year - on - Year Change %	1.4	0.8	3.4

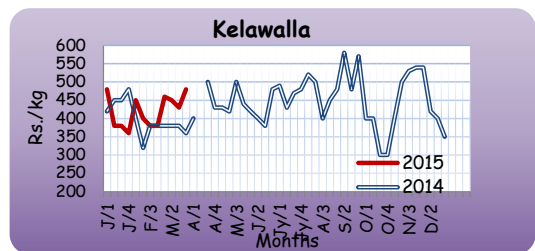
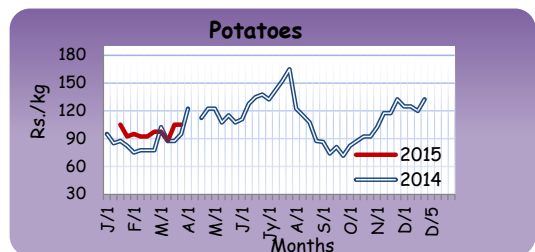
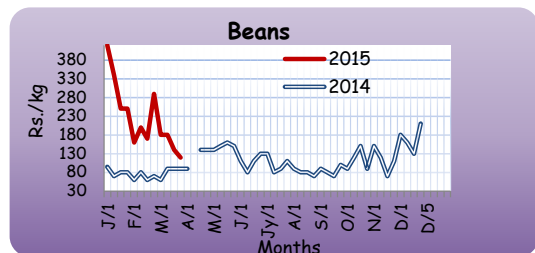
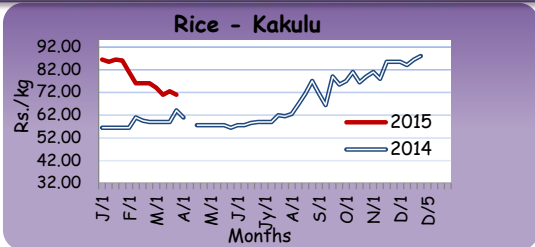


1.2 Pettah Market

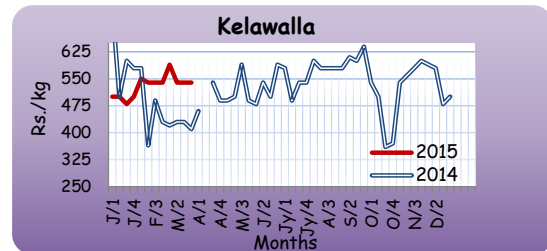
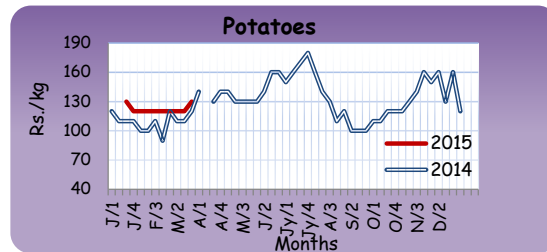
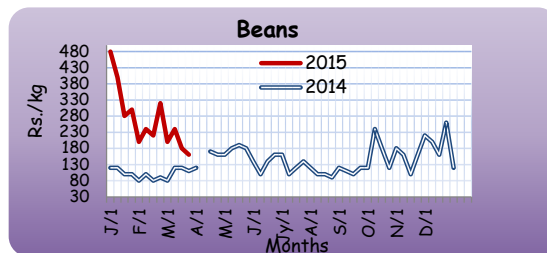
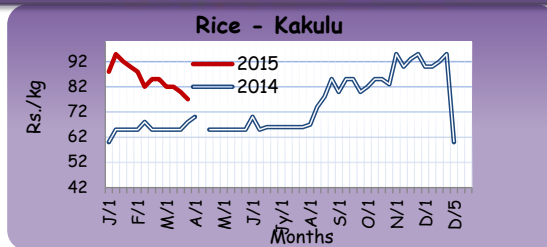
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 02 nd April 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 02 nd April 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	82.50	82.50	82.25	78.30	87.00	88.00	88.00	84.04
Kekulu (Red)	67.50	69.00	71.00	67.44	78.00	75.00	78.50	74.33
Vegetables								
Beans	60.00	70.00	127.50	113.17	100.00	100.00	170.00	140.96
Cabbage	60.00	50.00	58.75	61.65	80.00	80.00	90.00	90.96
Carrots	120.00	110.00	102.50	109.81	160.00	140.00	135.00	138.08
Tomatoes	60.00	65.00	66.25	90.77	90.00	100.00	105.00	122.31
Pumpkins	40.00	60.00	82.50	37.38	70.00	80.00	107.50	56.83
Snake Gourd	35.00	50.00	65.00	69.90	70.00	80.00	90.00	96.73
Brinjals	30.00	35.00	56.25	71.35	60.00	60.00	82.50	98.65
Ash-Plantains	80.00	70.00	92.50	73.65	120.00	100.00	115.00	95.96
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	55.00	60.00	69.38	79.55	90.00	100.00	107.50	109.59
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a	n.a.	75.42	n.a	n.a	n.a.	99.07
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	97.50	100.00	99.38	104.64	120.00	120.00	122.50	127.69
Dried Chilies (Imported)	208.00	210.00	210.00	193.24	260.00	240.00	257.50	230.38
Dhal (Indian)	150.00	150.00	150.50	140.94	165.00	165.00	166.25	159.23
Eggs (Red)	13.50	13.50	13.50	12.04	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.57
Coconut (Each)	47.00	47.50	47.38	38.63	60.00	55.00	58.75	50.10
Fish*								
Kelawalla	450.00	400.00	440.00	433.85	540.00	540.00	540.00	532.40
Balaya	180.00	280.00	295.00	295.00	250.00	380.00	375.00	349.04
Salaya	70.00	70.00	75.00	112.31	110.00	110.00	117.50	151.35
Paraw (Small)	420.00	340.00	395.00	435.58	480.00	400.00	457.50	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 01 st Apr 2015	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	82.00	86.80
Kekulu (Red)	67.50	72.50
Vegetables		
Beans	41.00	80.00
Carrot	108.00	165.00
Tomatoes	40.50	73.00
Pumpkins	22.00	45.00
Snake Gourd	15.70	37.00
Ash-Plantains	58.00	81.50
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	56.50	81.50
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	85.50	107.00
Dried Chilies(Imported)	214.50	261.00
Coconut (Each)	48.10	57.50

1.5 Maradagamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 02 nd Apr	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	75.50	75.70	75.98	75.74
Sudu Kekulu	63.50	62.90	64.55	69.11
Raw Red	74.55	75.52	76.28	67.25
Nadu	63.30	63.60	65.25	70.82

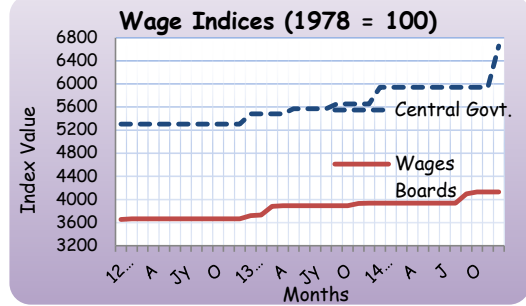
1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	01 st Apr 2015	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	89.33	88.67
Kekulu (Red)	78.33	80.00
Vegetables		
Beans	80.00	103.33
Cabbage	86.67	100.00
Carrots	140.00	140.00
Tomatoes	120.00	120.00
Pumpkins	80.00	100.00
Snake Gourd	96.67	100.00
Brinjals	60.00	100.00
Ash-Plantains	160.00	160.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	120.00	120.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	70.00	90.00
Potatoes (Imported)	83.33	90.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	250.00	250.00
Dhal (Indian)	163.33	170.00
Eggs (Red)(Each)	14.00	14.00
Coconut (Each)	55.00	53.33
Fish		
Kelawalla	680.00	720.00
Balaya	n.a.	420.00
Salaya	100.00	200.00
Paraw (Small)	680.00	720.00

1.6 Wage rate Indices

Item	2015(a) Jan	2014 Jan	% Change
(1978 = 100)			
Central Government Employees (b)	6,653.0	5,939.0	12.0
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

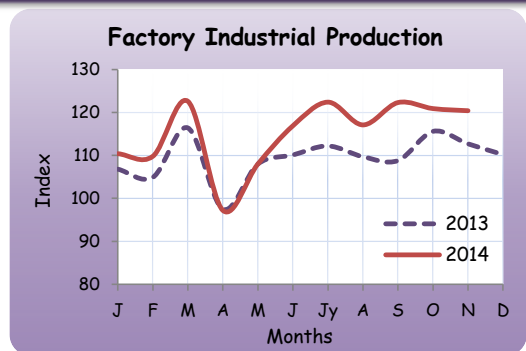


1.7 Factory Industry-Production (FIPI) (2010 = 100) (a)

Item	2014 (b) Nov	2013 Nov	% Change
Factory Industry- Production Index	120.4	112.7	6.9
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.

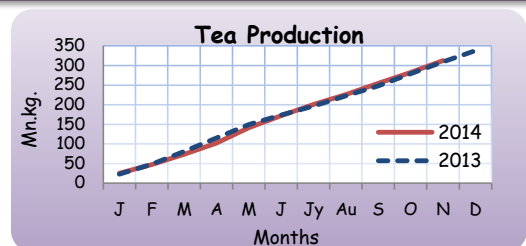
(b) Provisional



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

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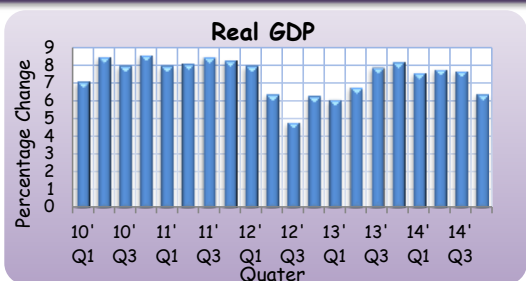


1.9 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices - Growth Rates

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

* Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



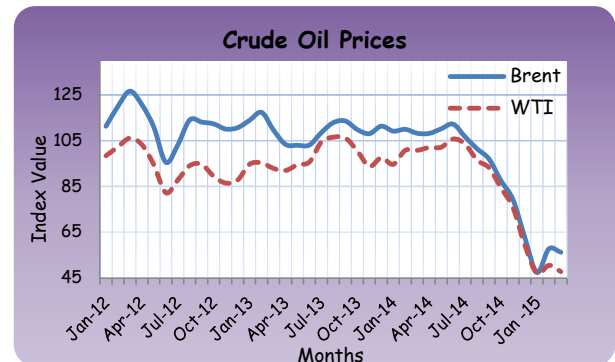
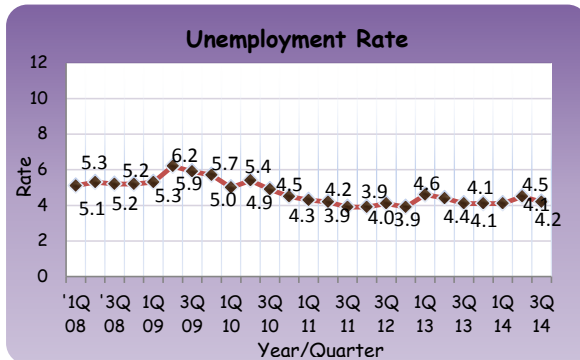
1.10 Employment (a)

Item	2014 (b) 3 rd Quarter	2013 3 rd Quarter	2013 Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	53.2	53.8	53.8
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.4	4.4
Employed Persons by Sectors % (c)			
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	56.30	47.82	
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		
27 March	107.03	101.25		56.34	48.83	
30 March	-	-		53.64	48.66	
31 March	106.40	101.57		53.29	47.72	
01 April	106.15	99.69		55.48	50.12	

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 02 April 2015 increased marginally by 8 bps to 7.09 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 and deposit held by the commercial banks with central bank.

The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to Rs. 153.21 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 222.13 bn by the end of last week.

By 02 April 2015, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 1.09 per cent to 6,948 points while the S&P SL 20 Index increased by 0.21 per cent to 3,910 points compared to the previous week.

MONETARY SECTOR

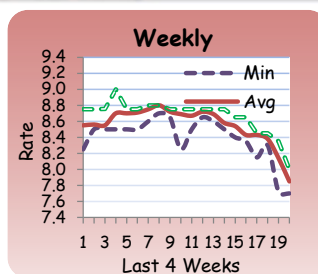
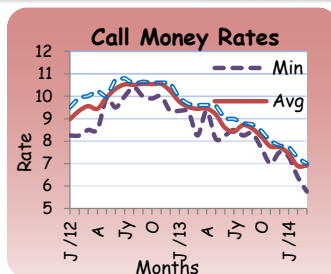
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 2015 Apr 02	Week Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	7.09	7.01	8.57
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	6.65	6.60	6.64
- 182 days	6.68	6.70	6.81
- 364 days	6.76	6.80	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)	6.65	6.55	6.97
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	6.70	6.62	7.00
7 days	6.87	6.90	7.47
1 Month	7.11	7.15	7.76
3 Months	7.30	7.37	8.18
6 Months	7.63	7.66	8.72
12 Months	7.92	8.02	9.22
Commercial Banks	Dec 2014	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits -	0.50-8.00	0.75-8.00	0.75-9.14
One Year Fixed Deposits -	3.95-12.00	3.95-12.00	6.00-16.00
	Mar 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	5.83	5.90	8.45
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	6.87	6.95	10.47
	Feb 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	11.62	11.68	14.71
NSB	Dec 2014	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits -	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits -	6.50	6.50	9.25
Treasury Bonds Auction	(5 Y & 2 Months) 30/03/2015	(10 years) 30/03/2015	(8 Y & 5 Months) 26/03/2015
Coupon rate	8.00	10.25	11.20
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	9.07	10.03	9.73

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Apr 02	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	7.28	6.97
People's Bank	7.86	7.86
Hatton National Bank	7.30	7.19
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	7.01	7.19
Sampath Bank	6.93	6.79
Seylan Bank	6.93	7.69
Union Bank of Colombo	7.25	7.23
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	7.45	7.35
Nations Trust Bank	6.39	6.56
DFCC Vardhana Bank	6.97	6.97
NDB Bank	7.10	7.25
Amana Bank	8.68	8.78
Cargills Bank	7.74	7.07

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Apr 02	Week Ago
HSBC	6.87	6.88
Standard Chartered Bank	7.04	6.86
Citi Bank	6.85	7.04
Deutsche Bank	7.14	8.29
Habib Bank	5.95	5.95
Indian Bank	8.35	7.95
Indian Overseas Bank	8.45	8.45
MCB Bank	7.45	7.28
State Bank of India	8.69	8.05
Public Bank	8.00	8.00
ICICI Bank	8.83	9.09
Axis Bank	-	-

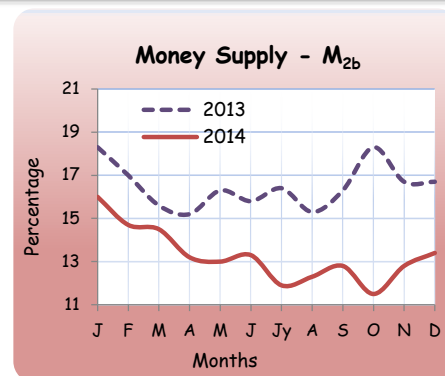
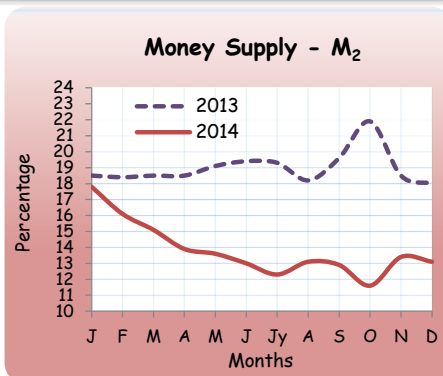
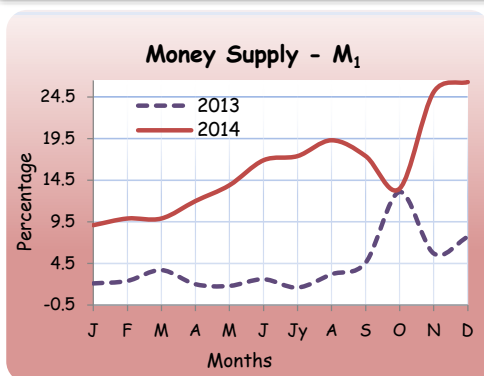
Interest Rates - Call Money



2.2 Money Supply

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

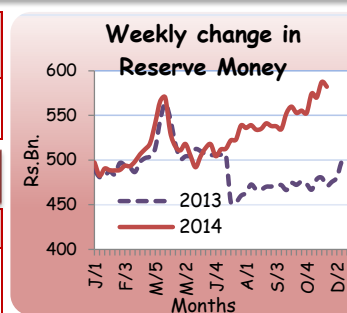


2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	01 Apr 2015	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	642,097	603,053	39,044

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	30.03.2015	31.03.2015	01.04.2015	02.04.2015
Call Money Market				
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.59	6.64	6.69	6.68
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	3,800	8,632	17,230	15,195
Repo Market				
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.42	6.40	6.64	6.72
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	5,275	6,879	12,330	7,739



2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	30.03.2015	31.03.2015	01.04.2015	02.04.2015
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	64,764	64,779	56,927	43,117

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	30.03.2015	31.03.2015	01.04.2015	02.04.2015
Short-Term Auction				
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	0	0	0	0
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Term Auction				
Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reverse Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Standing Facility				
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	76.24	71.05	54.35	50.56
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.00
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	198.89	193.70	176.84	153.21

2.7 Credit Cards *

Item	2014 (a) End Nov	2014 End Oct	2013 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,017,947	1,008,022	951,625
Local (accepted only locally)	33,062	33,267	35,990
Global (accepted globally)	984,885	974,755	915,635
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	55,533	55,133	51,172
Local (accepted only locally)	1,212	1,249	1,260
Global (accepted globally)	54,321	53,883	49,913

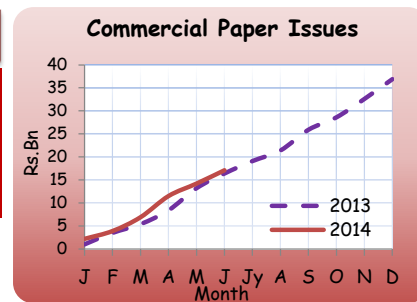
(a) Provisional * Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (1)

Item (Rs. bn.)	2014 End Nov*	2014 End Oct	2013 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	7.7	7.7	28.3
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	3.5	4.2	7.4

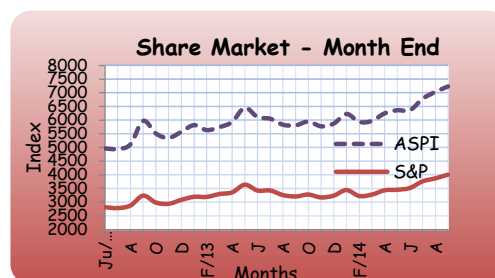
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(1) Based on the information provided by Licensed Commercial Banks and Licensed Specialised Banks



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 02 Apr 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,948	6,874	6,005
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	3,910	3,901	3,282
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	617	868	1,512
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	2,945	2,914	2,513



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.

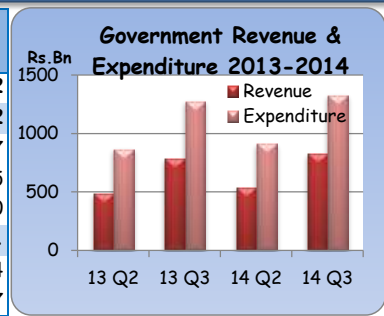
Total outstanding debt increased by Rs. 575.7 billion to Rs. 7,368.9 billion as at end September 2014 from Rs. 6,793.2 billion at end 2013. Foreign debt increased by Rs. 222.5 billion to Rs. 3,182.9 billion mainly due the issuance of International Sovereign Bond amounting to US dollars 1,000 million 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.

FISCAL SECTOR

3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

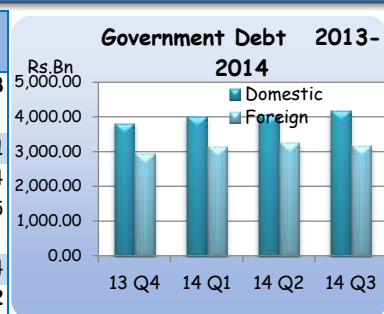
Item	2014 *	2013
	Jan-Sep	Jan-Sep
Revenue and Grants	836.9	787.2
Revenue	828.2	784.2
Tax	752.2	710.7
Non tax	76.0	73.5
Grants	8.7	3.0
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	1,326.7	1,279.1
Current	962.1	920.4
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	364.6	358.7



* Provisional **Revised

3.2 Government Debt (Rs.bn)

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



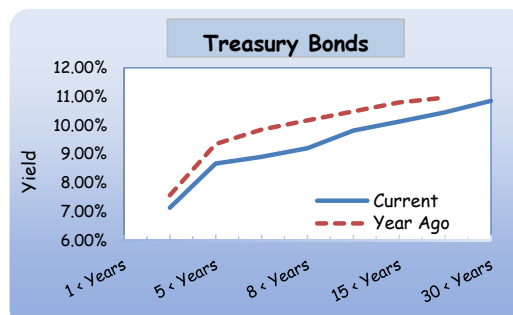
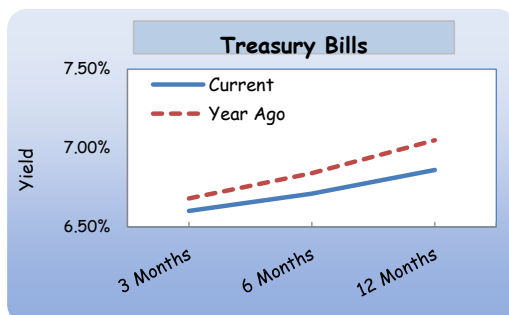
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3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 01st April 2015

Security	Maturity	Primary Market*		Secondary Market			Last Week Average
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	6.55%	6.60%	6.67%	6.54%	6.60%	6.79%
	6 Months	6.68%	6.70%	6.77%	6.65%	6.71%	6.88%
	12 Months	6.76%	6.80%	6.95%	6.77%	6.86%	7.03%
Treasury Bonds	2 < Years	-	-	7.22%	7.07%	7.14%	7.51%
	5 < Years	9.07%	-	8.72%	8.61%	8.67%	8.75%
	6 < Years	-	-	8.97%	8.86%	8.91%	8.93%
	8 < Years	9.73%	-	9.27%	9.14%	9.21%	9.25%
	10 < Years	10.03%	-	9.88%	9.75%	9.82%	9.71%
	15 < Years	-	-	10.30%	9.97%	10.13%	10.14%
	20 < Years	-	-	10.54%	10.37%	10.45%	10.68%
30 < Years	-	-	11.02%	10.68%	10.85%	11.20%	

* Primary market transactions during the week ending 01/04/2015

The secondary market yield rates of T-bills and T-bonds marginally declined 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 - 01st April 2015)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	829,205.47	837,015.26
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,383,419.03	3,329,930.48
Total	4,212,624.50	4,166,945.74
Government Securities held by Foreigners	456,479.51	456,384.46
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	460,931.75	447,641.75

Outstanding stock of T-bonds and SLDBs increased with new issuances during the week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	19,000.00	16,000.00
Total Bids Received	58,593.00	77,484.00
Total Bids Accepted	21,491.00	21,557.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	55,000.00	
Total Bids Received	186,028.00	No auction held
Total Bids Accepted	64,713.00	

T-bill and T-bond auctions were substantially oversubscribed during the week, with the continuous market preference for government securities.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	57,836.75	43,240.00
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	199,820.77	192,535.60
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	152,600.59	105,859.17
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	767,426.04	700,601.05

Increased activities are observed in secondary market transactions 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) - 02/04/2015

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.87	6.52	99.88	6.33	0.00
1 Month	99.46	6.59	99.47	6.41	0.01
2 Month	98.91	6.63	98.94	6.47	0.03
3 Month	98.36	6.66	98.39	6.51	0.04
4 Month	97.79	6.73	97.83	6.59	0.04
5 Month	97.22	6.77	97.28	6.63	0.06
6 Month	96.66	6.78	96.73	6.64	0.07
7 Month	96.07	6.83	96.14	6.71	0.07
8 Month	95.49	6.86	95.58	6.73	0.09
9 Month	94.92	6.87	95.02	6.74	0.10
10 Month	94.32	6.92	94.44	6.76	0.13
11 Month	93.72	6.94	93.88	6.77	0.16
12 Month	93.18	6.94	93.32	6.79	0.15

3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 02/04/2015

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	74	99.95	6.36	99.99	6.12	0.05
06.50%2015A	5	15-Jul-15	104	99.96	6.55	100.01	6.36	0.05
11.00%2015A	6	1-Aug-15	121	101.39	6.64	101.46	6.42	0.07
11.00%2015B	6	1-Sep-15	152	101.72	6.65	101.81	6.44	0.09
12.50%2015A	2	20-Sep-15	171	102.70	6.49	102.76	6.35	0.07
08.50%2015A	3	1-Nov-15	213	100.93	6.82	101.06	6.60	0.13
07.25%2016A	6	1-Apr-16	365	100.23	7.01	100.44	6.78	0.21
08.00%2016B	4	1-Jun-16	426	100.73	7.32	100.90	7.17	0.17
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	487	99.19	7.03	99.43	6.84	0.24
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	518	101.05	7.20	101.25	7.05	0.20
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	548	98.61	7.40	98.81	7.25	0.21
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	640	100.62	7.60	100.92	7.42	0.30
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	654	97.06	7.58	97.33	7.42	0.27
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	699	100.77	7.80	101.02	7.66	0.24
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	774	101.66	7.88	101.91	7.75	0.25
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	805	100.52	7.73	100.80	7.59	0.28
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	835	96.05	7.71	96.35	7.56	0.30
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	1,036	101.35	7.95	101.92	7.73	0.57
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	1,095	100.22	8.41	100.56	8.29	0.34
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	1,156	99.93	8.52	100.21	8.42	0.28
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	1,200	100.89	8.18	101.24	8.06	0.34
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	1,231	96.95	8.56	97.41	8.39	0.47
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	1,323	98.38	8.53	98.68	8.43	0.30
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	1,384	91.37	8.35	91.75	8.23	0.38
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,490	100.37	8.39	100.88	8.24	0.51
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	1,551	106.13	8.83	106.64	8.69	0.51
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,627	106.26	8.86	106.64	8.76	0.38
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,674	98.08	8.51	98.73	8.34	0.65
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,887	95.63	9.07	95.92	9.00	0.29
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,948	89.69	8.65	90.09	8.55	0.39
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	2,221	100.45	8.90	101.06	8.77	0.61
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	2,313	109.08	9.08	109.56	8.98	0.48
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,466	96.15	8.76	96.83	8.63	0.68
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,647	110.91	9.10	111.76	8.95	0.84
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,739	103.58	9.33	104.26	9.20	0.68
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	3,074	97.47	9.44	98.18	9.31	0.71
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	3,074	108.37	9.72	109.03	9.61	0.66
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	3,104	84.27	9.77	85.21	9.58	0.94
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	3,196	109.05	9.83	110.57	9.58	1.51
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,531	76.07	9.90	77.11	9.70	1.04
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	3,635	100.81	10.12	101.62	9.99	0.81
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,682	92.54	10.20	94.63	9.85	2.09
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,958	91.91	10.25	94.55	9.83	2.64
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,986	67.99	10.30	70.57	9.80	2.57
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,778	93.35	9.92	97.13	9.38	3.78
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,839	88.08	10.70	93.06	9.95	4.99
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	5,023	118.23	10.46	122.42	9.96	4.20
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	5,143	113.94	11.03	117.84	10.54	3.91
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	6,118	79.69	10.62	80.68	10.47	0.99
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	6,392	84.11	11.08	88.10	10.50	3.99
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,635	86.48	10.70	87.55	10.55	1.07
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,665	119.77	10.75	122.53	10.46	2.76
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,788	85.68	10.80	87.10	10.60	1.43
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,849	119.02	10.85	121.35	10.60	2.33
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	7,287	105.25	10.85	106.96	10.65	1.71
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	10,287	76.86	11.85	80.54	11.30	3.68
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,501	112.91	11.90	118.10	11.35	5.19
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,653	112.49	11.95	117.65	11.40	5.17
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10926	105.39	11.84	110.78	11.24	5.39

External Sector

During the year so far (up to 02 April 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 (11.44 per cent) and the pound sterling (3.53 per cent) and depreciated against the Japanese yen (1.22 per cent) and the Indian rupee (3.20 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.

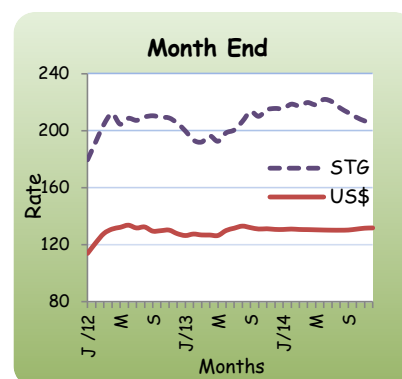
The average price of tea decreased to US dollars 3.22 per kg (in the Colombo auction) in January 2015 from US dollars 3.90 per kg in January 2014.

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 - 02 Apr 2015			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	131.92	134.74	133.33	133.32	130.73
STG	194.90	200.49	197.70	197.99	217.44
Yen	1.10	1.13	1.12	1.12	1.26
Euro	141.09	145.79	143.44	144.96	180.36
INR(1)			2.14	2.11	2.18
SDR (As at 01 Apr 2015)			183.37	184.23	201.87
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 02 Apr 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	31.69	8.60	56.45
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	133.60	133.82	131.30
3 Months	134.68	134.84	132.40
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	46.88	25.93	25.76
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

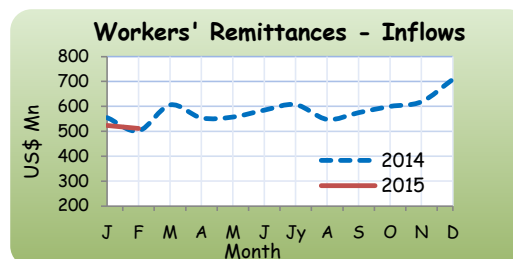
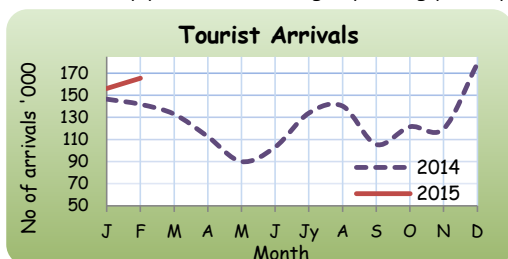
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

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	35.0	60.1	67.7	12.7
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)		2014 Feb	2015 Feb	2014 Jan-Feb	2015 Jan-Feb	% Change
	US\$ Mn.	502.0	511.6	1,057.5	1,035.2	-2.1
	Rs. bn.	65.7	67.9	138.3	136.8	-1.1

(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 Official Reserve Assets as at 31st March 2015^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)	6,835.73
(1) Foreign currency reserves	5,909.37
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	66.00
(3) SDRs	8.70
(4) Gold	848.80
(5) Other reserve assets	2.87

(a) Provisional

4.3 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at 28th February 2015 ^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)	
Official Reserve Asset	7,420.46
(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^(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	-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 (-) ^(c)	-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		

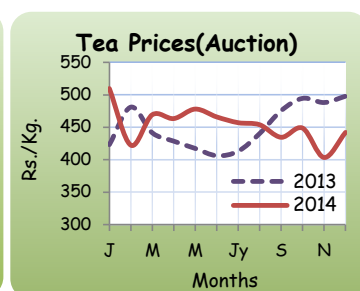
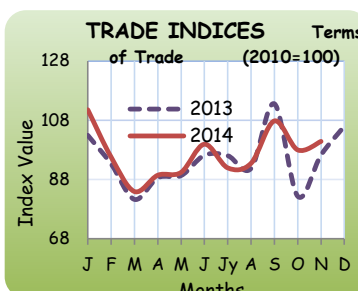
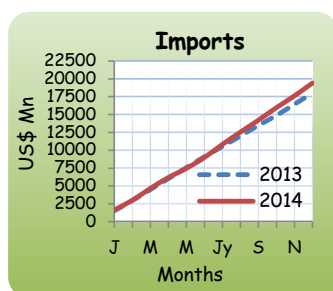
(a) Provisional

(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

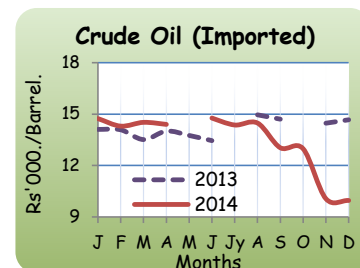
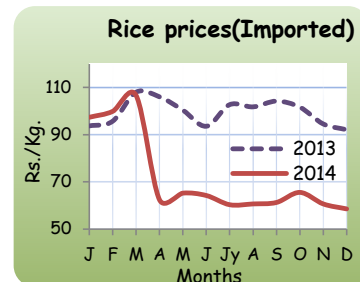
Item	US\$ Mn			Rs Mn		
	Jan 2015	Jan 2014	% Change	Jan 2015	Jan 2014	% Change
Exports	909.8	903.9	0.6	119,682.0	118,168.1	1.3
Agricultural	202.0	203.2	-0.6	26,569.9	26,562.0	0.0
Industrial	703.8	697.5	0.9	92,580.6	91,183.6	1.5
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	21.2	38.1	-44.4	2,786.9	4,983.7	-44.1
Textiles 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
Imports	1,681.6	1,655.5	1.6	221,220.9	216,416.6	2.2
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
Trade Balance	-771.9	-751.5	2.7	-101,538.9	-98,248.4	3.3



4.5 Trade Indices (2010= 100) (a)

Item	2014 Dec(b)	Month Ago (c)	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	139.89	128.21	137.46
Quantity	123.51	117.80	116.15 (c)
Unit Value	113.26	108.83	118.35 (c)
Total Imports			
Value	160.87	147.39	138.82
Quantity	158.15	135.89	124.35
Unit Value	101.72	108.46	111.64
Terms of Trade	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
Colombo Auction Price	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Tea Prices	3.22	3.90	-17.5	423.24	509.72	-17.0
Imports (C I F)	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
Crude Oil	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
	55.47	113.84	-51.3	7,296.52	14,882.85	-51.0