

Weekly Economic Indicators

08 May 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, remained unchanged at 0.1 per cent as recorded in the previous month, on an year-on-year basis, in April 2015. Annual average inflation declined from 2.5 per cent in March 2015 to 2.1 per cent in April 2015.

Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy, increased to 2.4 per cent in April 2015, from 1.4 per cent in March 2015 on an year-on-year basis. Annual average core inflation declined to 2.9 per cent in April 2015, from 3.0 per cent in March 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 first two months of 2015 while tea production increased by 1.7 per cent, rubber and coconut production declined by -7.3 and -3.4 respectively.

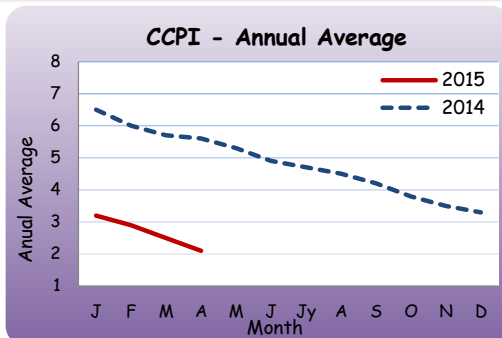
The FIPI increased by 6.9 per cent on a year-on-year basis in November 2014. This growth was mainly facilitated by increased production of wearing apparel as well as rubber and plastic products sectors. They have recorded a significant growth of 17.2 and 9.5 per cent respectively during this period. 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 rose supported by expectations that the supply glut will ease and weak Chinese factory activity reinforced views that stimulus measures would be rolled out. However, WTI price fell due to plentiful Middle East supplies. Crude oil prices further rose hitting their highest for this year supported by a disruption in Libyan crude exports, higher selling prices for Saudi oil and a weaker dollar. Saudi Arabia raised official selling prices for its Arab Light crude to Northwest Europe. Subsequently, U.S. Energy Information Administration reported crude stockpiles fell by 3.9 million barrels, the first drop in four months. However, OPEC suggested big policy changes are unlikely at the June meeting unless non-OPEC producers change their stance. Towards the end of the week, crude oil prices fell on resurgence of the dollar. The dollar which was on a downward trend since the start of May, rose on optimism that Friday's U.S. employment report for April would show strength after upbeat weekly jobless claims.

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

Item	April 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2006 / 07 = 100)			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	178.5	178.1	178.4
Annual Average Change %	2.1	2.5	5.6
Year - on - Year Change %	0.1	0.1	4.9
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	176.1	173.9	171.9
Annual Average Change %	2.9	3.0	3.3
Year - on - Year Change %	2.4	1.4	3.4

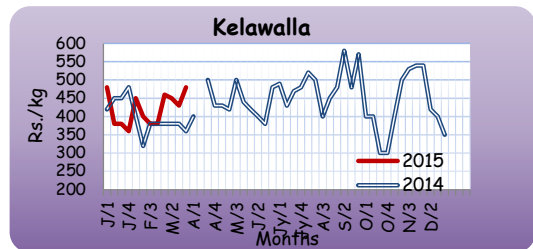
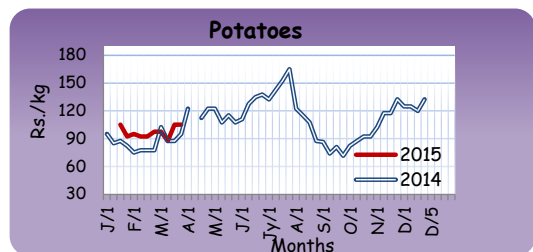
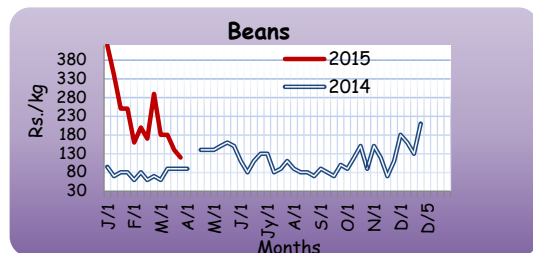
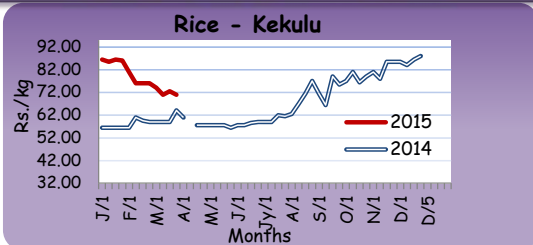


1.2 Pettah Market

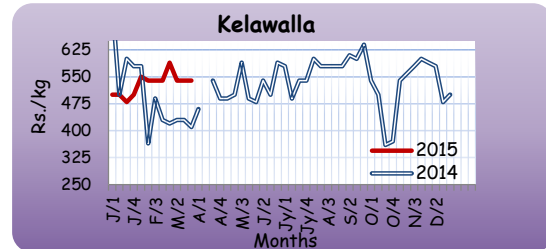
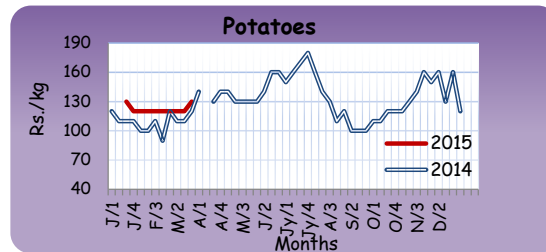
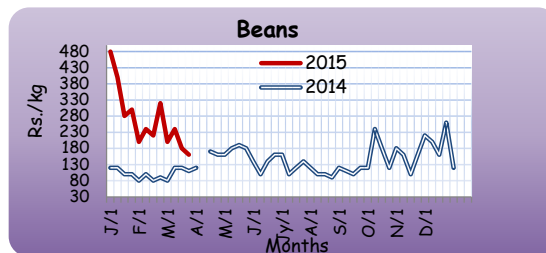
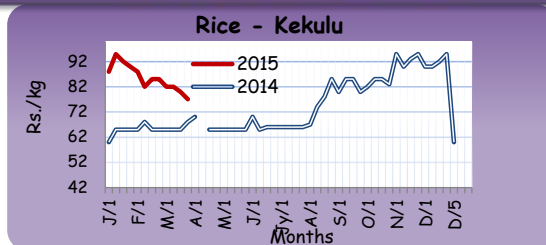
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 07 th May 2015	Two Weeks Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 07 th May 2015	Two Weeks Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	81.50	81.00	80.75	78.30	90.00	88.00	87.75	84.04
Kekulu (Red)	70.00	71.00	67.13	67.44	75.00	78.00	77.50	74.33
Vegetables								
Beans	100.00	120.00	98.75	113.17	140.00	140.00	127.50	140.96
Cabbage	50.00	50.00	47.50	61.65	80.00	80.00	80.00	90.96
Carrots	100.00	90.00	120.00	109.81	140.00	120.00	160.00	138.08
Tomatoes	50.00	30.00	55.00	90.77	80.00	60.00	87.50	122.31
Pumpkins	20.00	40.00	35.00	37.38	40.00	60.00	60.00	56.83
Snake Gourd	60.00	40.00	46.25	69.90	100.00	80.00	80.00	96.73
Brinjals	60.00	30.00	35.00	71.35	100.00	60.00	70.00	98.65
Ash-Plantains	70.00	50.00	67.50	73.65	100.00	80.00	100.00	95.96
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	80.00	60.00	63.75	79.55	120.00	100.00	100.00	109.59
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a	n.a.	75.42	n.a	n.a	n.a.	99.07
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	102.50	97.50	93.75	104.64	120.00	120.00	115.00	127.69
Dried Chilies (Imported)	210.00	208.00	208.00	193.24	250.00	240.00	250.00	230.38
Dhal (Indian)	178.00	160.00	154.25	140.94	189.00	175.00	168.75	159.23
Eggs (Red)	13.50	13.50	13.50	12.04	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.57
Coconut (Each)	47.50	47.50	47.50	38.63	60.00	60.00	61.25	50.10
Fish*								
Kelawalla	500.00	480.00	497.50	433.85	660.00	660.00	630.00	532.40
Balaya	380.00	360.00	300.00	295.00	480.00	400.00	370.00	349.04
Salaya	100.00	130.00	100.00	112.31	130.00	170.00	142.50	151.35
Paraw (Small)	480.00	520.00	475.00	435.58	520.00	600.00	552.50	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 07 th May 2015	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	82.00	86.83
Kekulu (Red)	70.50	77.00
Vegetables		
Beans	93.33	141.67
Carrot	93.33	141.67
Tomatoes	33.33	65.00
Pumpkins	16.33	36.67
Snake Gourd	31.67	58.33
Ash-Plantains	42.50	73.33
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	70.83	93.33
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	92.50	111.67
Dried Chilies(Imported)	213.33	260.00
Coconut (Each)	44.17	55.83

1.5 Maradaghamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice

Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 08 th May	Two Weeks Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	79.08	77.63	76.58	75.74
Sudu Kekulu	61.88	62.00	62.50	69.11
Raw Red	72.03	72.15	72.84	67.25
Nadu	66.50	65.50	64.21	70.82

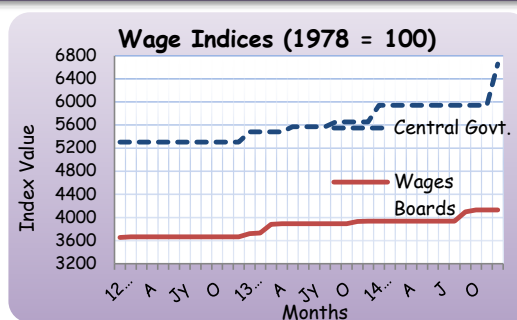
1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	06 th May 2015	Two Weeks Ago
Rice		
Samba	81.33	90.00
Kekulu (Red)	72.67	75.00
Vegetables		
Beans	156.67	113.33
Cabbage	100.00	80.00
Carrots	176.67	120.00
Tomatoes	80.00	80.00
Pumpkins	80.00	60.00
Snake Gourd	140.00	100.00
Brinjals	120.00	80.00
Ash-Plantains	120.00	120.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	120.00	120.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	120.00	80.00
Potatoes (Imported)	100.00	90.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	253.33	253.33
Dhal (Indian)	166.67	163.33
Eggs (Red)(Each)	14.00	13.67
Coconut (Each)	55.00	53.33
Fish		
Kelawalla	860.00	860.00
Balaya	400.00	n.a.
Salaya	150.00	150.00
Paraw (Small)	750.00	740.00

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 (b) Non-executive officers and minor employees

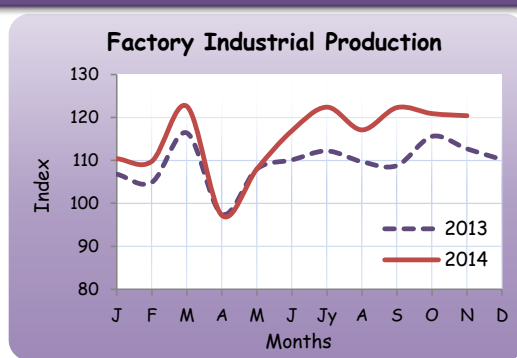


1.7 Factory Industry-Production (FIPI) (2010 = 100) (a)

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.

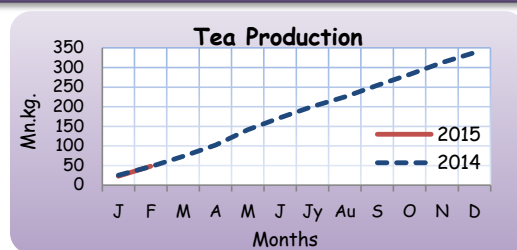
(b) Provisional



1.8 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2015(a) Jan - Feb	2014 Jan - Feb	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	48.7	47.9	1.7
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	20.3	21.9	-7.3
Coconuts	(Mn Nuts)	449.4	465.0	-3.4

(a) Provisional



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

Item	2014(a) 4 th Quarter	2013 4 th Quarter	2014(a) 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

(a)Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



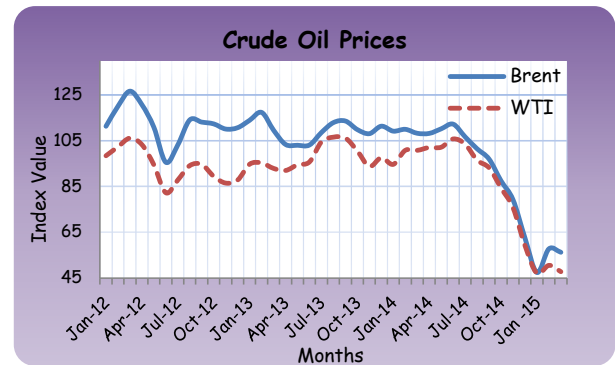
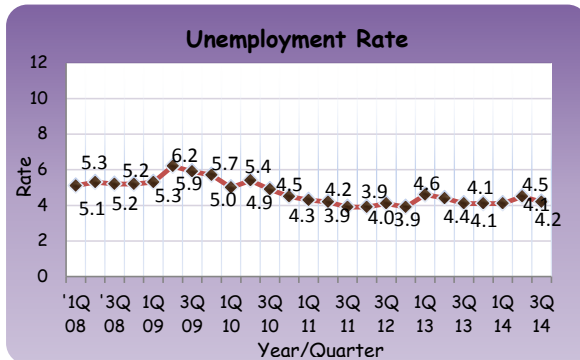
1.10 Employment (a)

Item	2014 (b) 4 th Quarter	2013 4 th Quarter	2014(b) Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	52.9	53.0	53.3
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.1	4.3
Employed Persons by Sectors % (c)			
Agriculture	30.4	30.6	28.5
Industry	25.4	25.2	26.5
Services	44.2	44.2	45.0

(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	59.32	54.45	-
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		
01 May	108.76	99.69		63.98	59.10	
04 May	-	-		64.47	58.92	
05 May	108.73	99.74		65.29	60.38	
06 May	109.10	99.81		66.07	60.93	
07 May	108.97	101.06		64.73	58.99	

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 08 May 2015 is remained same as previous week at 7.09 per cent.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 12.3 per cent in February 2015. NFA of the banking system declined by Rs. 3.3 billion in February 2015 compared to January 2015. NCG from the banking system showed an increase of Rs. 87.3 billion in February 2015 compared to January 2015, where credit to public corporations also showed a increase of Rs. 12.8 billion during the month. Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 24.5 in February 2015 compared to January 2015.

The reserve money decreased compared to the previous week mainly due to decrease in currency in circulation and deposit held by the commercial banks with central bank.

The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to Rs. 110.87 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 128.68 bn by the end of last week.

By 8 May 2015, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 0.47 per cent to 7,212 points while the S&P SL 20 Index increased by 0.13 per cent to 4,059 points, compared to the previous week.

MONETARY SECTOR

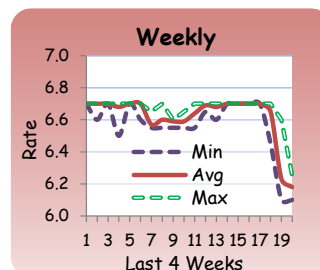
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 2015 May 08	Week Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	7.09	7.09	8.37
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	6.12	6.15	6.58
- 182 days	6.26	6.32	6.78
- 364 days	6.35	6.39	7.02
Standing Deposit Facility	6.00	6.00	6.50
Standing Lending Facility	7.50	7.50	8.00
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	6.12	6.12	6.94
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	6.12	6.11	6.99
7 days	6.29	6.29	7.43
1 Month	6.45	6.46	7.73
3 Months	6.69	6.73	8.01
6 Months	6.95	7.04	8.44
12 Months	7.23	7.30	8.91
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
	Apr 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	5.83	5.83	8.06
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	6.87	6.87	9.91
	Mar 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	11.50	11.62	14.44
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	(2 y & 9 Months) 05/05/2015	(5 Years) 05/05/2015	(8 Y& 5 Months) 26/03/2015
Coupon rate	8.50	9.25	11.20
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	-	8.46	9.73

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 May 08	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	7.49	7.49
People's Bank	7.00	9.13
Hatton National Bank	7.44	7.40
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	6.93	7.00
Sampath Bank	7.31	7.26
Seylan Bank	7.01	7.75
Union Bank of Colombo	6.90	7.10
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	7.50	7.50
Nations Trust Bank	6.42	6.55
DFCC Vardhana Bank	7.35	7.35
NDB Bank	7.41	7.30
Amana Bank	8.04	8.14
Cargills Bank	7.79	7.93

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 May 08	Week Ago
HSBC	6.73	6.85
Standard Chartered Bank	6.95	6.98
Citi Bank	6.95	6.87
Deutsche Bank	6.92	6.96
Habib Bank	6.16	5.90
Indian Bank	8.66	8.35
Indian Overseas Bank	9.16	8.90
MCB Bank	7.47	7.47
State Bank of India	8.87	8.69
Public Bank	8.00	8.00
ICICI Bank	8.44	8.71
Axis Bank	-	-

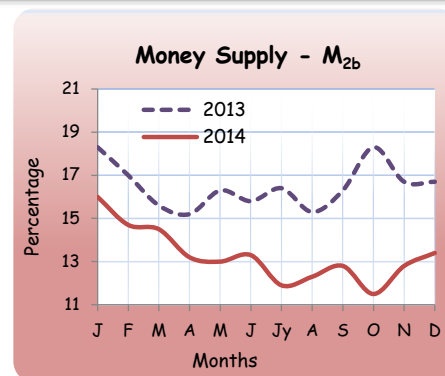
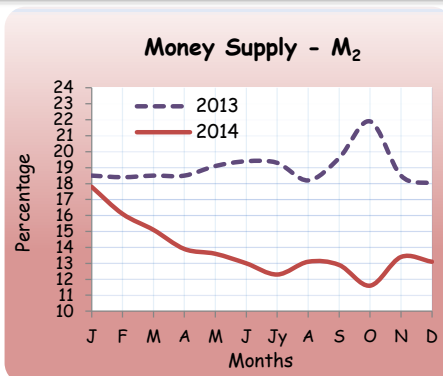
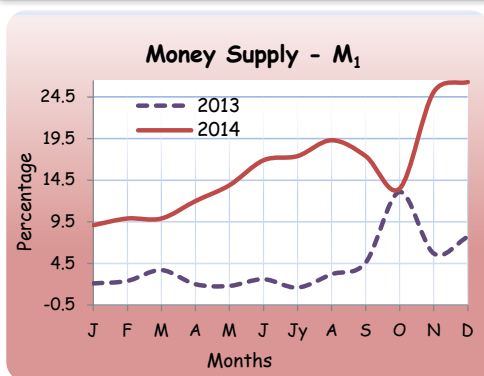
Interest Rates - Call Money



2.2 Money Supply

Item	Rs. Bn.			Annual Change (%)		
	2015 (a) February	Month Ago	Year Ago	2015 (a) February	Month Ago	Year Ago
M1	596.7	597.2	491.6	21.4	24.2	9.9
M2	3,492.6	3,467.6	3,120.2	11.9	12.1	16.1
M2b	3,926.6	3,896.0	3,495.4	12.3	12.6	14.7
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-121.6	-118.3	68.8	-276.8	-415.0	256.7
Monetary Authorities	618.8	613.4	618.7	0.0	16.4	60.6
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-236.4	-245.8	-198.7	-19.0	-26.0	-56.1
Foreign currency Banking Units (FCBUs)	-504.0	-485.9	-351.3	-43.5	-36.9	-16.3
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	4,048.2	4,014.3	3,426.6	18.1	15.2	10.8
DBUs	3,392.5	3,377.3	2,941.9	15.3	12.6	10.8
FCBUs	655.8	637.0	484.7	35.3	31.5	11.0
Net Credit to Government	1,644.8	1,557.5	1,344.6	22.3	13.7	20.5
Monetary Authorities	245.8	240.9	162.1	51.7	54.2	-33.9
DBUs	1,120.4	1,061.3	989.2	13.3	4.1	35.7
FCBUs	278.6	255.3	193.3	44.1	32.0	36.8
Credit to Corporations	481.7	468.9	339.8	41.8	30.8	13.3
DBUs	199.1	193.5	133.5	49.1	19.3	40.2
FCBUs	282.6	275.4	206.3	37.0	40.3	0.8
Credit to the Private Sector	2,803.7	2,779.2	2,490.7	12.6	11.5	4.4
DBUs	2,545.4	2,519.7	2,283.6	11.5	10.3	4.3
FCBUs	258.3	259.4	207.1	24.7	25.0	5.3
Reserve Money	583.0	576.1	494.6	17.9	18.7	1.6

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b

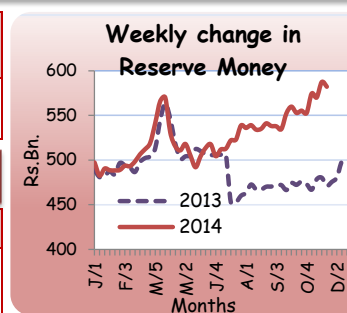


2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	07 May 2015	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	608,898	614,722	-5,824

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	05.05.2015	06.05.2015	07.05.2015	08.05.2015
Call Money Market				
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.11	6.12	6.13	6.12
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	9,205	9,530	8,100	8,225
Repo Market				
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	5.98	6.02	6.03	6.05
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	7,415	6,625	6,839	6,010



2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	05.05.2015	06.05.2015	07.05.2015	08.05.2015
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	70,706	71,521	70,736	60,795

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	05.05.2015	06.05.2015	07.05.2015	08.05.2015
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)	126.57	128.76	130.96	110.87
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.80	0.00	0.00
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	126.57	127.96	130.96	110.87

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

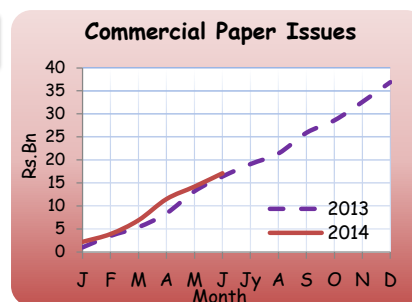
Item	2014 (b) End Nov	2014 End Oct	2013 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,017,947	1,008,022	951,625
Local (accepted only locally)	33,062	33,267	35,990
Global (accepted globally)	984,885	974,755	915,635
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	55,533	55,133	51,172
Local (accepted only locally)	1,212	1,249	1,260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

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

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

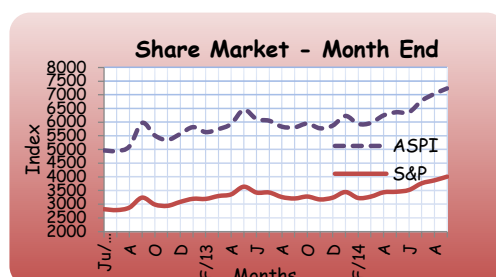
Item (Rs. bn.)	2014 End Nov(b)	2014 End Oct	2013 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	7.7	7.7	28.3
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	3.5	4.2	7.4

(a) Based on the information provided by Licensed Commercial Banks and Licensed Specialised Banks (b) provisional



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 08 May 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	7,212	7,179	6,276
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	4,059	4,053	3,447
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	1,147	801	1,121
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	3,064	3,049	2,628



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.

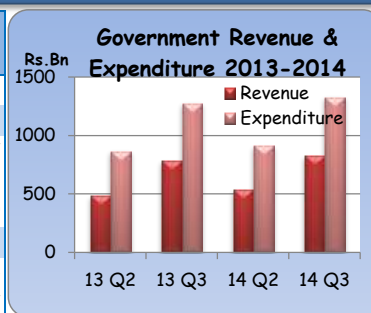
Total outstanding debt increased by Rs. 575.7 billion to Rs. 7,368.9 billion as at end September 2014 from Rs. 6,793.2 billion at end 2013. Foreign debt increased by Rs. 222.5 billion to Rs. 3,182.9 billion mainly due the issuance of International Sovereign Bond amounting to US dollars 1,000 million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

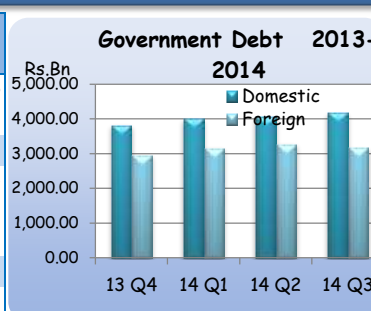
Item	2014 (a)	2013
	Jan-Sep	Jan-Sep
Revenue and Grants	836.9	787.2
Revenue	828.2	784.2
Tax	752.2	710.7
Non tax	76.0	73.5
Grants	8.7	3.0
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	1,326.7	1,279.1
Current	962.1	920.4
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	364.6	358.7



(a) Provisional

3.2 Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	2014(a)	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



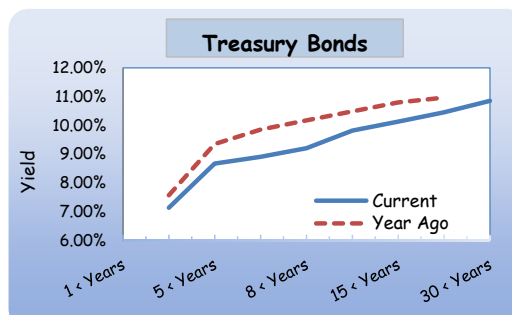
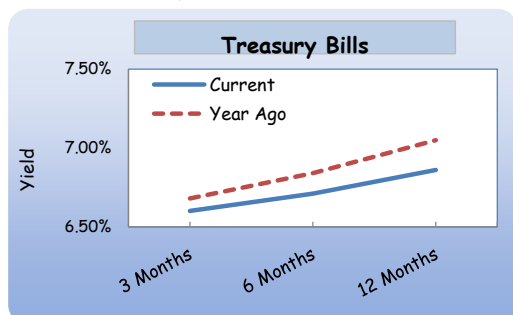
(a) Provisional

3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 06th May 2015

Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			Last Week Average
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	6.12%	6.15%	6.27%	6.11%	6.19%	6.22%
	6 Months	6.26%	6.32%	6.41%	6.26%	6.34%	6.37%
	12 Months	6.35%	6.39%	6.56%	6.41%	6.48%	6.52%
Treasury Bonds	2 < Years	-	-	6.83%	6.70%	6.77%	6.82%
	5 < Years	8.46%	7.96%	8.29%	8.19%	8.24%	8.20%
	6 < Years	-	-	8.51%	8.41%	8.46%	8.40%
	8 < Years	-	-	8.65%	8.55%	8.60%	8.54%
	10 < Years	-	8.98%	8.98%	8.86%	8.92%	8.89%
	15 < Years	-	-	9.39%	9.22%	9.31%	9.30%
	20 < Years	-	-	9.73%	9.56%	9.65%	9.65%
30 < Years	-	-	10.99%	10.61%	10.80%	10.79%	

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 6/5/2015

The secondary market yield behavior of T-bonds was increasing while yield rates of T-bills 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 - 06th May 2015)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	836,044.53	844,421.89
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,453,093.03	3,433,388.03
Total	4,289,137.56	4,277,809.92
Government Securities held by Foreigners	457,262.54	458,952.93
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	472,439.78	460,931.75

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	25,000.00	21,000.00
Total Bids Received	77,111.00	70,516.00
Total Bids Accepted	32,256.00	25,410.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	10,000.00	20,000.00
Total Bids Received	34,270.00	71,124.00
Total Bids Accepted	5,750.00	19,705.00

T-bill and T-bond auctions were substantially oversubscribed during the week, as the preference for government securities continued.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	16,891.85	18,510.28
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	110,941.96	173,608.13
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	44,786.40	90,941.05
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	401,022.90	670,725.21

Decreased activities were observed in secondary market transactions during the shortened 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) - 08/05/2015

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.88	6.11	99.89	5.89	0.00
1 Month	99.49	6.15	99.51	5.99	0.01
2 Month	98.98	6.19	99.01	6.05	0.02
3 Month	98.47	6.20	98.50	6.07	0.03
4 Month	97.94	6.26	97.99	6.12	0.05
5 Month	97.41	6.30	97.46	6.17	0.05
6 Month	96.88	6.33	96.94	6.21	0.06
7 Month	96.33	6.37	96.40	6.26	0.06
8 Month	95.80	6.39	95.87	6.29	0.07
9 Month	95.25	6.42	95.35	6.29	0.10
10 Month	94.72	6.44	94.83	6.31	0.11
11 Month	94.18	6.46	94.30	6.33	0.12
12 Month	93.63	6.47	93.75	6.35	0.12

3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 08/05/2015

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	38	99.98	6.25	100.00	6.06	0.02
06.50%2015A	5	15-Jul-15	68	100.02	6.26	100.05	6.11	0.03
11.00%2015A	6	1-Aug-15	85	101.02	6.40	101.05	6.27	0.03
11.00%2015B	6	1-Sep-15	116	101.39	6.36	101.44	6.21	0.05
12.50%2015A	2	20-Sep-15	135	102.16	6.38	102.20	6.25	0.05
08.50%2015A	3	1-Nov-15	177	100.96	6.43	101.02	6.29	0.06
07.25%2016A	6	1-Apr-16	329	100.56	6.59	100.72	6.40	0.17
08.00%2016B	4	1-Jun-16	390	101.27	6.74	101.41	6.60	0.14
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	451	99.61	6.72	99.79	6.57	0.17
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	482	101.38	6.87	101.56	6.73	0.18
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	512	99.29	6.93	99.40	6.85	0.11
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	604	101.52	7.00	101.65	6.91	0.14
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	618	98.06	7.03	98.21	6.93	0.15
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	663	101.87	7.13	102.05	7.02	0.18
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	738	102.80	7.24	103.05	7.10	0.25
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	769	101.37	7.28	101.58	7.17	0.21
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	799	96.94	7.33	97.17	7.21	0.23
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	1,000	102.56	7.44	102.83	7.33	0.27
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	1,059	101.57	7.88	101.84	7.78	0.27
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	1,120	101.40	7.97	101.63	7.89	0.23
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	1,164	101.81	7.84	102.09	7.74	0.28
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	1,195	98.43	8.05	98.78	7.93	0.35
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	1,287	99.80	8.07	100.00	8.00	0.20
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	1,348	92.95	7.89	93.13	7.83	0.19
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,454	101.61	8.02	101.98	7.91	0.37
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	1,515	107.94	8.29	108.25	8.21	0.30
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,591	108.44	8.25	108.76	8.16	0.32
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,638	99.49	8.14	99.94	8.02	0.44
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	1,820	102.83	8.54	103.28	8.43	0.45
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,851	98.65	8.33	99.14	8.21	0.49
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,912	91.00	8.35	91.46	8.24	0.45
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	2,185	101.85	8.60	102.24	8.51	0.39
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	2,277	112.01	8.48	112.45	8.39	0.44
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,430	97.07	8.58	97.61	8.48	0.53
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,611	113.69	8.59	114.26	8.49	0.57
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,703	108.17	8.49	108.67	8.40	0.50
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	3,038	101.37	8.76	101.92	8.67	0.55
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	3,038	114.08	8.78	114.71	8.68	0.64
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	3,068	88.28	9.02	89.05	8.88	0.76
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	3,160	114.90	8.89	115.75	8.76	0.85
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,495	80.76	9.05	81.30	8.95	0.54
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	3,599	107.90	9.02	108.43	8.94	0.53
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,646	99.35	9.10	100.16	8.98	0.81
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,922	99.07	9.13	99.98	9.00	0.90
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,950	74.10	9.18	74.80	9.05	0.70
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	4,042	113.25	9.08	115.15	8.83	1.90
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,742	97.52	9.33	98.75	9.17	1.23
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,803	97.07	9.39	98.32	9.22	1.25
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,987	122.91	9.90	124.36	9.73	1.45
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	5,107	124.00	9.81	125.56	9.63	1.56
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	6,082	87.75	9.48	88.89	9.33	1.14
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	6,356	94.29	9.68	97.42	9.30	3.13
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,599	94.48	9.65	95.09	9.58	0.61
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,629	129.23	9.78	130.52	9.65	1.30
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,752	92.43	9.90	93.43	9.78	1.00
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,813	119.92	10.75	122.75	10.45	2.83
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	7,251	107.37	10.60	109.88	10.32	2.52
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	10,251	84.00	10.83	86.31	10.53	2.31
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,465	121.63	11.00	126.46	10.55	4.82
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,617	120.66	11.1	124.52	10.73	3.86
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10,890	114.19	10.88	118.64	10.45	4.45

External Sector

During the year so far (up to 08 May 2015) the rupee depreciated against the US dollar (1.69 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the euro (6.56 per cent) and depreciated against the pound sterling (1.06 per cent), the Japanese yen (1.25 per cent) and the Indian rupee (0.46 per cent) during this period.

Cumulative export earnings during the first two months of 2015 amounted to US dollars 1,801 million with an increase of 3.1 per cent mainly led by industrial products, particularly petroleum products and textiles and garments. Meanwhile, earnings from agricultural exports recorded a marginal increase during the period, with significant increase in exports of spices and coconut products amidst the decline in exports of sea food and tea.

The reduction in import price index year-on-year, over the decline in export price index resulted in an improvement of 5.7% in the terms of trade in January 2015.

In line with the significant price reduction recorded for some key commodities in international markets such as petroleum products and wheat and maize, the import price index declined by 14.5% in January 2015.

The export price index decreased by 9.6%, mainly due to decrease of prices of tea, rubber, spices, petroleum products etc over the increase in prices of textiles and garments, gems, diamonds and jewellery.

India, China, UK, Germany and France were the top five sources of tourist arrivals in April 2015, accounting for 49.0 per cent of total tourist arrivals upto the month of April 2015.

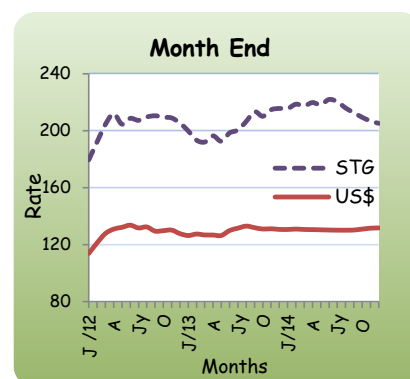
The average price of tea in the Colombo auction decreased in February 2015 compared to the corresponding month of 2014, mainly due to subdued demand from main export markets such as Russia.

Further, the import prices of rice, sugar and crude oil prices declined compared to the corresponding month of 2014.

EXTERNAL SECTOR

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 08 May 2015			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	132.95	135.78	134.37	134.05	130.60
STG	204.80	210.64	207.72	206.83	221.38
Yen	1.10	1.14	1.12	1.13	1.28
Euro	148.45	153.37	150.91	149.02	181.63
INR(1)			2.08	2.09	2.18
SDR (As at 07 May 2015)			188.01	186.91	203.34
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)			March 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			18.10	49.40	81.90
Sales			101.65	122.00	74.25



	Week Ending 08 May 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	17.06	20.09	42.43
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	134.17	134.30	131.13
3 Months	135.03	134.60	132.10
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	26.43	39.38	30.23
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 29 Apr 2015)	1,216.93	1,152.93	941.01

(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

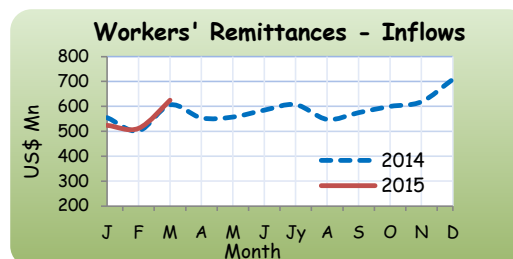
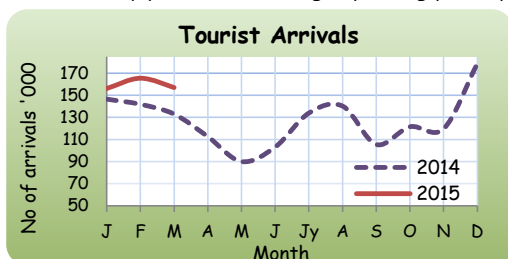
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

Item		2014	2015	2014	2015(b)	% Change
		April (a)	Apr (b)(c)	Jan-Apr(a)	Jan-Apr(c)	
Tourist Arrivals	Number	112,631	122,217	534,132	601,055	12.5
Earnings from Tourism	US\$ Mn.	179.3	194.6	850.3	956.80	12.5
	Rs.bn.	23.4	25.9	111.1	126.8	14.1
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn. Rs. bn.	2014	2015	2014	2015	% Change
		March	March(b)	Jan-Mar	Jan-Mar(b)	
		605.9	625.5	1,663.4	1,660.7	-0.2
		79.1	83.1	217.4	219.9	1.1

(a) Revised

(b) Provisional (c) 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 30th April 2015^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)	7,432.99
(1) Foreign currency reserves	6,506.57
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	67.30
(3) SDRs	8.90
(4) Gold	849.30
(5) Other reserve assets	0.92

(a) Provisional

4.3 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at 31st March 2015 ^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)					
Official Reserve Asset				6,819.55	
(1) Foreign currency reserves				5,894.96	
(a) Securities				3,196.52	
(b) Total currency and deposits with				2,698.44	
(i) other national central banks, BIS				1,297.43	
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad				0.99	
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country of which located in the reporting country				1,400.02	
(2) Reserve position in the IMF				66.02	
(3) SDRs				8.85	
(4) Gold				848.8	
(5) Other reserve assets				0.92	
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	-3,025.54	-58.52	-779.95	-2,187.07
	Interest	-996.12	-96.11	-43.86	-856.14
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)					
		-2,215.33	-820.40	-342.00	-1,052.93
(b) Long positions (+)					
3. Other (specify)					
inflows related to reverse repos (+)					
		-0.12	-0.12		
other accounts payable (-)					
		-0.12	-0.12		

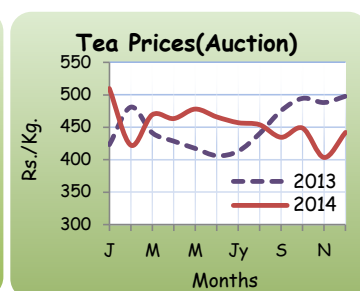
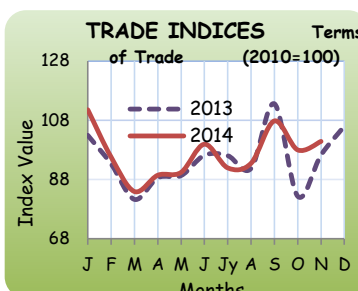
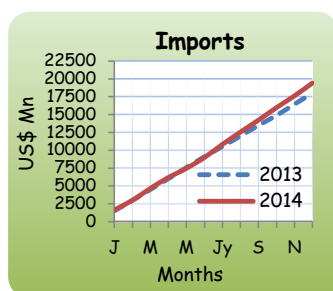
(a) Provisional

(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\$ Bn			Rs Bn		
	Jan-Feb 2014	Jan-Feb 2015	% Change	Jan-Feb 2014	Jan-Feb 2015	% Change
Exports	1.7	1.8	3.1	228.4	238.0	4.2
Agricultural	0.4	0.4	0.1	52.9	53.5	1.2
Industrial	1.3	1.4	3.9	174.6	183.3	5.0
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	0.1	0.0	-24.3	7.3	5.6	-23.5
Textiles and Apparel	0.8	0.8	2.7	105.7	109.7	3.7
Petroleum Products	0.1	0.1	44.8	8.2	12.0	46.1
Leather, Rubber etc	0.2	0.2	-3.7	21.4	20.8	-2.7
Other	0.2	0.3	8.8	32.1	35.3	10.0
Mineral	0.0	0.0	59.0	0.6	0.9	60.8
Other	0.0	0.0	5.8	0.3	0.3	6.9
Imports	3.1	3.2	4.4	402.2	424.2	5.5
Consumer Goods	0.5	0.7	57.1	62.4	99.1	58.7
Intermediate Goods	1.9	1.7	-14.5	253.4	218.8	-13.7
Investment Goods	0.7	0.8	22.1	86.2	106.2	23.3
Other	0.0	0.0	-25.8	0.2	0.2	-25.1
Trade Balance	-1.3	-1.4	6.0	-173.9	-186.2	7.1

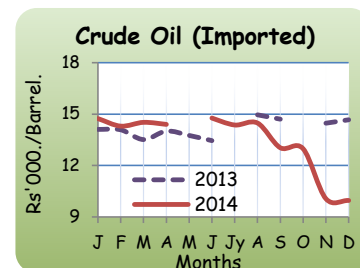
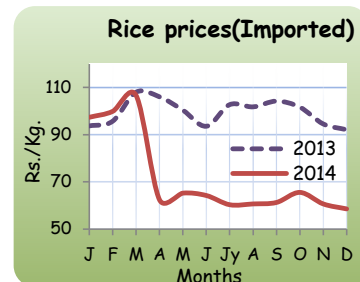


4.5 Trade Indices (2010= 100) (a)

Item	2015		
	Jan(b)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	126.62	139.89	125.81
Quantity	119.78	123.51	107.60
Unit Value	105.71	113.26	116.92
Total Imports			
Value	150.50	160.87	148.16
Quantity	165.68	158.15	139.45
Unit Value	90.84	101.72	106.24
Terms of Trade	116.37	111.35	110.05

(a) In US\$ Terms

(b) Provisional



4.6 International Commodity Prices

Item	Feb 2014	Feb 2015	% Change	Feb 2014	Feb 2015	% Change
	Colombo Auction Price	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg	
Tea Prices	3.68	3.14	-14.6	481.15	416.90	-13.4
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	763.56	474.00	-37.9	99,889.17	62,913.62	-37.0
White Sugar	459.93	450.50	-2.1	60,168.58	59,794.10	-0.6
Wheat	312.84	326.45	4.3	40,925.91	43,329.20	5.9
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	110.62	69.52	-37.2	14,471.53	9,226.91	-36.2