

Weekly Economic Indicators

26 June 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, increased marginally to 0.2 per cent, on a year-on-year basis in May 2015, from 0.1 per cent recorded in April 2015. Annual average inflation declined from 2.1 per cent in April 2015 to 1.9 per cent in May 2015.

Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy, increased marginally to 2.6 per cent in May 2015, from 2.4 per cent in April 2015 on a year-on-year basis. Annual average core inflation remained unchanged at 2.9 per cent in May, compared to April 2015.

The economy grew by 6.4 per cent in real terms during the first quarter of 2015, supported by the 7.5 per cent growth of the Services sector and 6.5 per cent growth of the Industry sector, while the Agriculture Sector contributed marginally growing by 0.7 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.

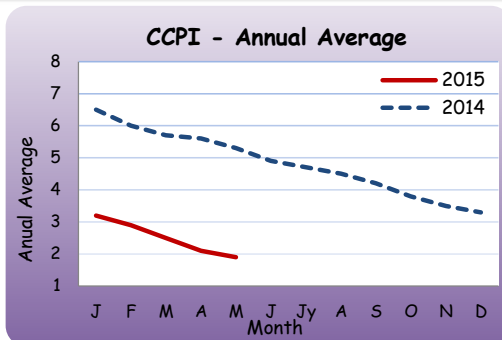
The FIPI increased by 11.3 per cent on a year-on-year basis in February 2015. This growth was mainly facilitated by increased production of beverages, tobacco and wearing apparel products sectors. They have recorded a significant growth of 18.7, 16.1 and 22.3 per cent respectively during this period. This was mainly attributed to increased domestic and international demand.

Crude oil spot prices which rose at the beginning of the week started to decline towards the end of the week. At the beginning of the week prices rose on hopes for a Greek bailout deal and as oil services firm Genscape reported a near 2 million barrel stockpile draw at Cushing, Oklahoma. Crude oil prices further rose ahead of U.S. inventory data which is expected to show more crude draws. Further, the Iranian parliament passed a bill banning U. N. inspectors access to its military sites and scientists, potentially delaying Tehran from meeting June 30 deadline on a nuclear accord crucial for resuming crude exports. Prices then fell after U.S. government reports showing an eighth straight weekly drop in U.S. crude stockpiles was offset by a large build in refined products. Data showed gasoline stockpiles rose by 680,000 barrels and inventories of distillates, which include diesel and heating oil, rose by 1.8 million barrels, although crude stockpiles fell by 4.9 million barrels. Prices further fell due to potential negative impact from Greece's debt crisis on European energy demand after Greece failed to reach a deal with international creditors.

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

Item	May 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2006 / 07 = 100)			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	179.8	178.5	179.5
Annual Average Change %	1.9	2.1	5.3
Year - on - Year Change %	0.2	0.1	3.2
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	176.5	176.1	172.1
Annual Average Change %	2.9	2.9	3.1
Year - on - Year Change %	2.6	2.4	3.3

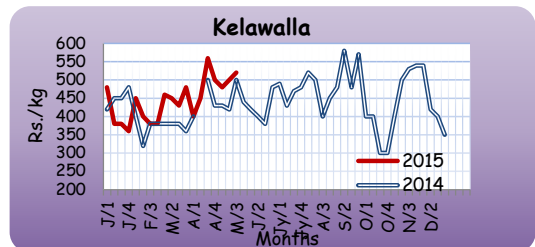
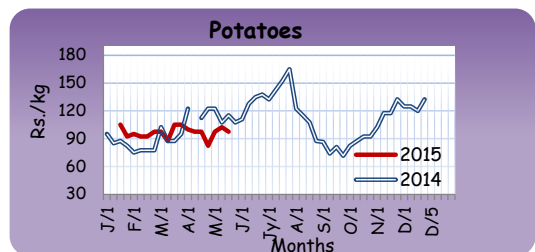
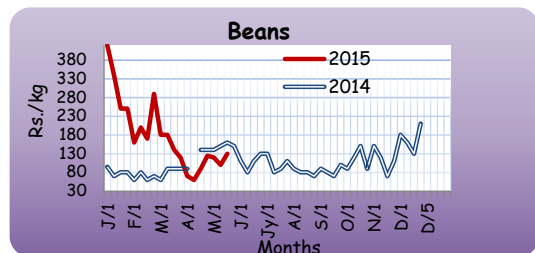
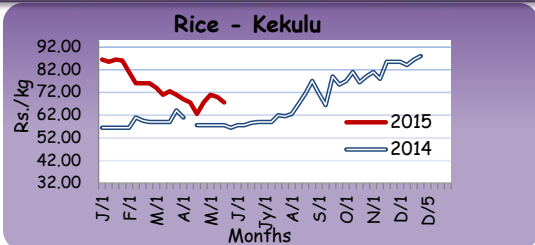


1.2 Pettah Market

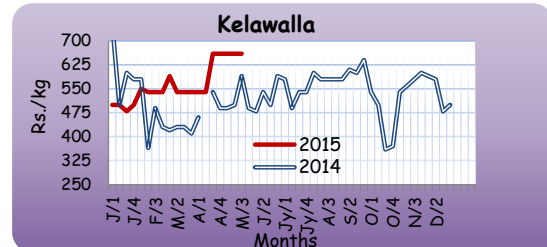
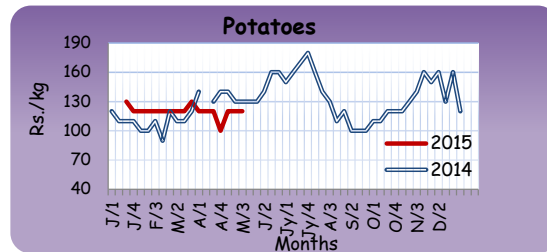
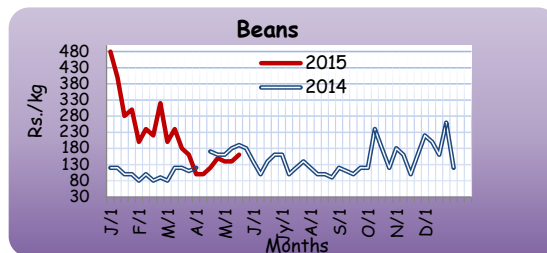
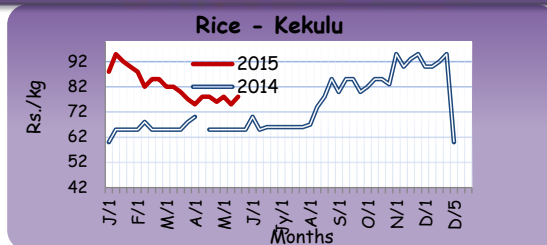
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 25 th June 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 25 th June 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	83.00	83.00	82.13	78.30	86.00	87.00	89.00	84.04
Kekulu (Red)	66.50	69.00	68.38	67.44	76.00	76.00	76.50	74.33
Vegetables								
Beans	200.00	145.00	117.50	113.17	280.00	165.00	155.00	140.96
Cabbage	60.00	50.00	52.50	61.65	100.00	70.00	87.50	90.96
Carrots	250.00	170.00	125.00	109.81	300.00	185.00	165.00	138.08
Tomatoes	60.00	30.00	41.25	90.77	100.00	50.00	72.50	122.31
Pumpkins	20.00	20.00	27.50	37.38	40.00	40.00	47.50	56.83
Snake Gourd	80.00	60.00	70.00	69.90	120.00	90.00	105.00	96.73
Brinjals	30.00	50.00	72.50	71.35	60.00	70.00	105.00	98.65
Ash-Plantains	80.00	60.00	65.00	73.65	100.00	80.00	95.00	95.96
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	140.00	155.00	90.62	79.55	170.00	175.00	122.50	109.59
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a	n.a.	75.42	n.a	n.a	n.a.	99.07
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	117.50	105.00	102.50	104.64	140.00	130.00	122.50	127.69
Dried Chilies (Imported)	250.00	220.00	213.00	193.24	280.00	260.00	245.00	230.38
Dhal (Indian)	165.00	173.00	175.50	140.94	185.00	182.00	189.75	159.23
Eggs (Red)	14.50	13.00	13.50	12.04	15.00	14.00	14.00	12.57
Coconut (Each)	34.00	48.00	43.75	38.63	45.00	58.00	55.00	50.10
Fish*								
Kelawalla	450.00	480.00	542.50	433.85	600.00	590.00	670.00	532.40
Balaya	360.00	350.00	372.50	295.00	420.00	470.00	452.50	349.04
Salaya	190.00	140.00	90.00	112.31	240.00	170.00	127.50	151.35
Paraw (Small)	580.00	n.a.	527.50	435.58	650.00	n.a	610.00	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 25 th June 2015	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	80.50	83.50
Kekulu (Red)	67.50	72.50
Vegetables		
Beans	199.00	244.00
Carrot	193.00	240.00
Tomatoes	49.50	74.00
Pumpkins	14.10	29.00
Snake Gourd	38.00	70.00
Ash-Plantains	47.30	69.50
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	108.00	157.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	118.50	143.00
Dried Chilies(Imported)	227.00	261.00
Coconut (Each)	36.20	45.00

1.5 Maradaghamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 26 th June	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	79.10	79.76	78.57	75.74
Sudu Kekulu	60.50	61.10	61.95	69.11
Raw Red	68.00	68.90	68.85	67.25
Nadu	65.72	66.30	65.18	70.82

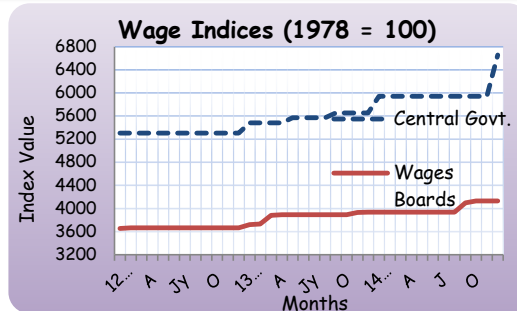
1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	24 th June 2015	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	88.00	89.33
Kekulu (Red)	72.67	77.00
Vegetables		
Beans	250.00	240.00
Cabbage	100.00	120.00
Carrots	253.33	280.00
Tomatoes	100.00	100.00
Pumpkins	50.00	60.00
Snake Gourd	120.00	120.00
Brinjals	80.00	140.00
Ash-Plantains	140.00	120.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	160.00	180.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	120.00	100.00
Potatoes (Imported)	120.00	100.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	246.67	256.67
Dhal (Indian)	173.33	180.00
Eggs (Red)(Each)	14.00	14.00
Coconut (Each)	55.00	53.33
Fish		
Kelawalla	753.33	780.00
Balaya	416.67	n.a.
Salaya	200.00	150.00
Paraw (Small)	780.00	850.00

1.6 Wage rate Indices

Item	2015(a) Mar	2014 Mar	% Change
(1978 = 100)			
Central Government Employees (b)	7,843.1	5,939.0	32.1
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

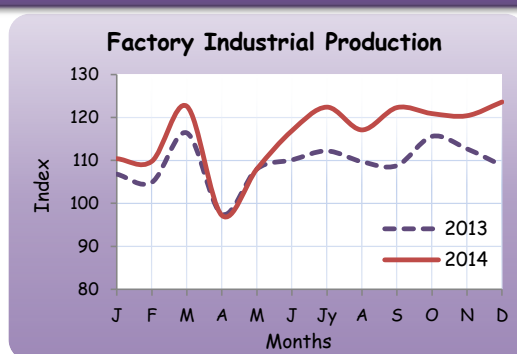


1.7 Factory Industry-Production (FIPI) (2010 = 100) (a)

Item	2015 (b) Feb	2014 Feb	% Change
Factory Industry- Production Index	119.8	107.6	11.3
Food products	103.2	94.6	9.1
Beverages	118.5	99.8	18.7
Tobacco products	101.4	87.3	16.1
Wearing apparel	169.4	138.6	22.3
Chemicals and chemical products	77.4	70.2	10.2
Rubber and plastic products	124.9	125.0	-0.1
Other non-metallic mineral products	106.5	103.7	2.7

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

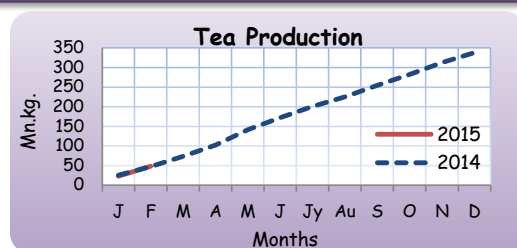
(b) Provisional



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

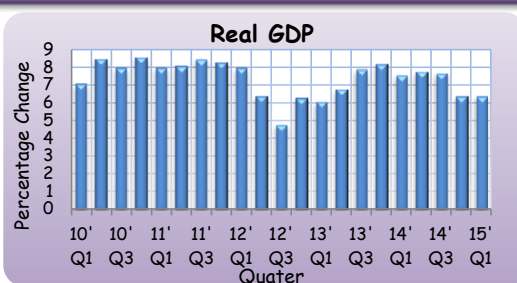


1.9 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices - Growth Rates

Item	2015(a) 1 st Quarter	2014 1 st Quarter	2014(a) Annual
Agriculture	0.7	0.2	0.3
Industry	6.5	12.6	11.4
Services	7.5	6.5	6.5
GDP	6.4	7.6	7.4

(a)Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



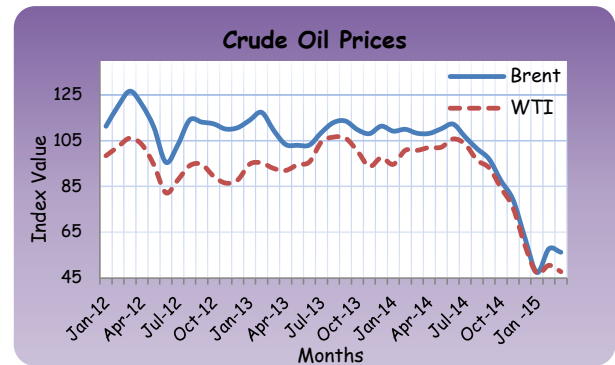
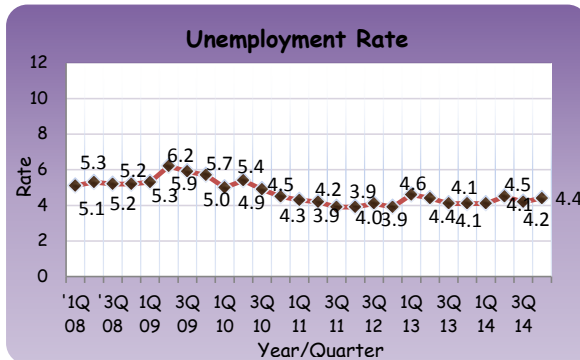
1.10 Employment (a)

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	63.76	59.26	63.09
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		
19 June	115.59	107.08		57.96	59.62	
22 June	-	-		59.09	60.01	
23 June	113.67	106.83		60.22	61.05	
24 June	113.79	106.64		60.18	60.01	
25 June	112.89	107.04		58.79	59.59	

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 26 June 2015 increased by 20 bps to 7.13 per cent compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 12.5 per cent in March 2015. NFA of the banking system declined by Rs. 40.5 billion in March 2015 compared to February 2015. NCG from the banking system showed a decrease of Rs. 31.6 billion in March 2015 compared to February 2015, where credit to public corporations also showed an increase of Rs. 3 billion during the month. Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 41.4 in March 2015 compared to February 2015.

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

The total outstanding market liquidity increased to Rs 68.33 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 63.01 bn by the end of last week.

By 26 June 2015, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) declined by 0.27 per cent to 7,016 points while the S&P SL 20 Index also declined by 0.150 per cent to 3,901 points, compared to the previous week.

MONETARY SECTOR

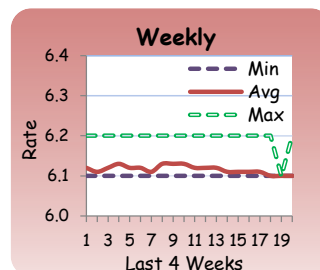
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 2015 Jun 26	Week Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	7.13	6.93	8.08
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	6.08	6.08	6.51
- 182 days	6.18	6.18	6.69
- 364 days	6.28	6.28	6.99
Standing Deposit Facility	6.00	6.00	6.50
Standing Lending Facility	7.50	7.50	8.00
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	6.10	6.10	6.97
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	6.11	6.11	7.00
7 days	6.25	6.30	7.42
1 Month	6.48	6.50	7.72
3 Months	6.72	6.75	8.00
6 Months	6.97	7.01	8.40
12 Months	7.26	7.31	8.87
Commercial Banks	February 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits -	0.50-8.00	0.50-8.00	0.75-9.00
One Year Fixed Deposits -	3.95-15.00	3.95-12.00	5.60-15.50
	May 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	5.95	5.83	7.74
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	7.12	6.87	9.45
	April 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	11.53	11.5	14.18
NSB	February 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits -	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits -	6.50	6.50	8.00
Treasury Bonds Auction	(2 years) 23/06/15	(3 y & 5 Months) 23/06/15	(09 y & 09 Months) 12/06/15
Coupon rate	8.00	8.00	10.25
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	6.70	7.18	8.89

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Jun 26	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	7.67	7.46
People's Bank	7.43	8.58
Hatton National Bank	7.84	7.01
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	6.61	6.46
Sampath Bank	6.95	6.94
Seylan Bank	7.44	6.81
Union Bank of Colombo	7.07	7.36
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	7.50	7.50
Nations Trust Bank	6.38	6.53
DFCC Vardhana Bank	7.45	6.99
NDB Bank	7.12	7.73
Amana Bank	8.06	8.06
Cargills Bank	7.68	7.90

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Jun 26	Week Ago
HSBC	6.57	6.58
Standard Chartered Bank	6.55	6.90
Citi Bank	8.21	7.85
Deutsche Bank	7.21	8.24
Habib Bank	6.05	6.05
Indian Bank	8.55	8.55
Indian Overseas Bank	9.05	9.05
MCB Bank	8.05	8.34
State Bank of India	8.70	8.70
Public Bank	7.09	7.09
ICICI Bank	8.15	8.15
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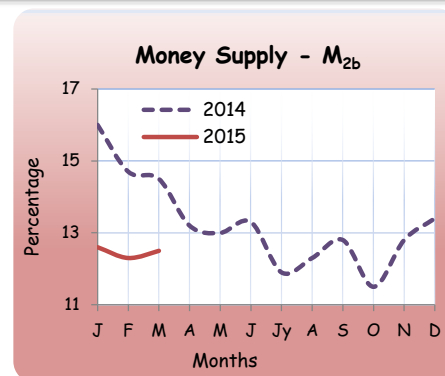
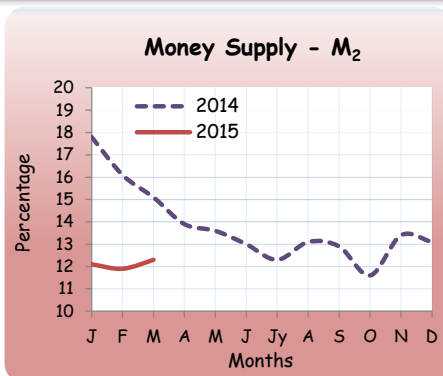
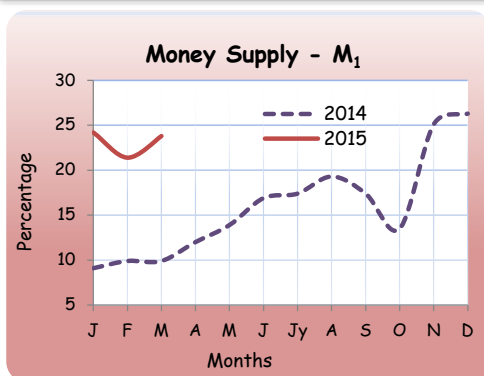
Interest Rates - Call Money



2.2 Money Supply

Item	Rs. Bn.			Annual Change (%)		
	2015 (a)	Month	Year	2015 (a)	Month	Year
	March	Ago	Ago	March	Ago	Ago
M1	633.3	596.7	511.4	23.8	21.4	9.9
M2	3,553.6	3,492.6	3,165.8	12.3	11.9	15.1
M2b	3,980.7	3,926.6	3,538.1	12.5	12.3	14.5
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-162.0	-121.6	96.2	-268.5	-276.8	191.1
Monetary Authorities	578.1	618.8	600.4	-3.7	0.0	52.4
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-224.4	-236.4	-176.4	-27.2	-19.0	-13.3
Foreign currency Banking Units (FCBUs)	-515.8	-504.0	-327.8	-57.3	-43.5	4.7
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	4,142.7	4,048.2	3,441.9	20.4	18.1	7.7
DBUs	3,483.0	3,392.5	2,986.0	16.6	15.3	9.2
FCBUs	659.7	655.8	455.9	44.7	35.3	-1.0
Net Credit to Government	1,613.1	1,644.8	1,393.2	15.8	22.3	18.0
Monetary Authorities	223.7	245.8	145.3	54.0	51.7	-45.2
DBUs	1,126.8	1,120.4	1,054.9	6.8	13.3	36.2
FCBUs	262.7	278.6	193.0	36.1	44.1	36.9
Credit to Corporations	484.7	481.7	330.0	46.9	41.8	-1.7
DBUs	198.1	199.1	137.9	43.6	49.1	36.0
FCBUs	286.6	282.6	192.0	49.3	37.0	-18.0
Credit to the Private Sector	2,845.1	2,803.7	2,498.3	13.9	12.6	4.3
DBUs	2,608.9	2,545.4	2,298.9	13.5	11.5	4.0
FCBUs	236.2	258.3	199.3	18.5	24.7	7.2
Reserve Money	619.6	583.0	521.6	18.8	17.9	1.8

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b

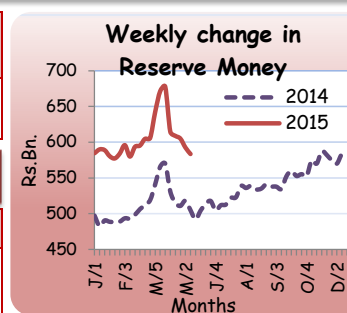


2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	25 June 2015	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	608,863	609,482	-619

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	22.06.2015	23.06.2015	24.06.2015	25.06.2015	26.06.2015
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.10
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	11,760	11,465	12,435	14,340	8,095
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	5.78	5.83	5.82	5.79	5.88
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	7,385	8,399	9,092	9,712	7,929



2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	22.06.2015	23.06.2015	24.06.2015	25.06.2015	26.06.2015
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	25,304	25,310	25,315	25,320	36,352

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	22.06.2015	23.06.2015	24.06.2015	25.06.2015	26.06.2015
Short-Term Auction					
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
Term Auction					
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
Standing Facility					
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	65.41	62.50	59.74	57.10	68.33
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	65.41	62.50	59.74	57.10	68.33

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

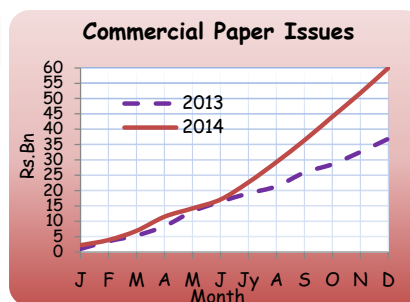
Item	2015 (b) End Jan	2014 End Dec	2013 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,036,910	1,032,833	951,625
Local (accepted only locally)	32,729	32,874	35,990
Global (accepted globally)	1,004,181	999,959	915,635
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	57,048	57,621	51,172
Local (accepted only locally)	1,195	1,234	1,260
Global (accepted globally)	55,853	56,387	49,913

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

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

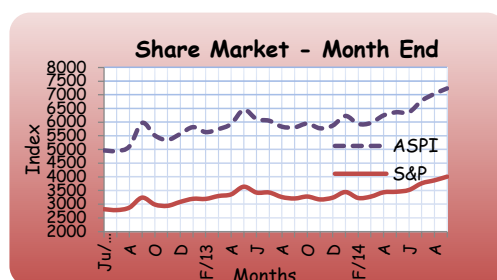
Item (Rs. bn.)	2015 End Jan(b)	2014 End Dec	2013 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	0.1	8.2	28.3
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	3.0	3.5	7.4

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



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 26 June 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	7,016	7,035	6,328
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	3,901	3,906	3,508
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	679	986	829
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	2,981	2,989	2,652



Fiscal Sector

Total government revenue, as a percentage of GDP, declined to 12.2 per cent in 2014 from 13.1 per cent in the previous year, while tax revenue as a percentage of GDP declined significantly to 10.7 per cent from 11.6 per cent in 2013. Non tax revenue as a percentage of GDP remained unchanged at 1.5 per cent. However, total revenue in nominal terms, increased by 5.1 per cent to Rs. 1,195.2 billion in 2014 from Rs. 1,137.4 billion in 2013. Non tax revenue in nominal terms increased to Rs. 144.8 billion by 10.1 per cent in 2014 in contrast to the decline of 7.7 per cent in the previous year.

Total expenditure and net lending as a percentage of GDP declined to 18.3 per cent in 2014 from 19.2 per cent in 2013. The decline in total expenditure and net lending was a combined outcome of the reduction in recurrent expenditure by 0.4 percentage points to 13.5 per cent of GDP and capital expenditure and net lending by 0.6 percentage points to 4.8 per cent of GDP. However, in nominal terms total expenditure and net lending increased by 7.6 per cent to Rs. 1,795.9 billion in 2014 from Rs. 1,669.4 billion in 2013.

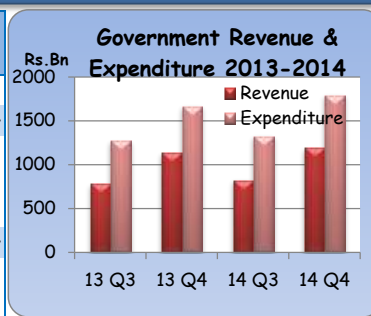
The declining trend in the government debt to GDP ratio continued in 2014. The total government debt to GDP ratio declined to 75.5 per cent from 78.3 per cent at end 2013. In nominal terms, total debt increased by Rs. 597.6 billion to Rs. 7,390.9 billion as at end 2014 from Rs. 6,793.2 billion at end 2013. Foreign debt increased by Rs. 152.7 billion to Rs. 3,113.1 billion, while domestic debt increased by Rs. 445 billion to Rs. 4,277.8 billion.

Several measures were introduced to increase revenue from VAT and NBT. Accordingly, the base of VAT and NBT was further broadened to enhance tax collection. Tax structure on motor vehicles, cigarettes and liquor was further simplified to enhance the revenue collection by removing several taxes at the point of import. SCL was revised from time to time during the year, providing necessary protection for domestic agricultural producers while reducing volatility in commodity prices in the domestic market. The income tax structure for Small and Medium scale Enterprises (SMEs) was further streamlined, while providing concessions for professionals.

FISCAL SECTOR

3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

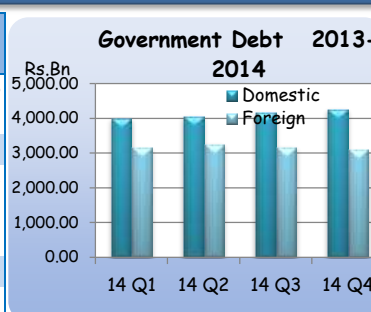
Item	2014 (a)	2013
Revenue and Grants	1,204.6	1,153.3
Revenue	1,195.2	1,137.4
Tax	1,050.4	1,005.9
Non tax	144.8	131.6
Grants	9.4	15.9
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	1,795.9	1,669.4
Current	1,322.9	1,205.2
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	473.0	464.2



(a) Provisional

3.2 Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	2014(a)	2013
Total domestic debt	4,277.8	3,832.8
of which		
Treasury bills	694.8	700.1
Treasury bonds	2,844.1	2,452.4
Rupee loans	55.5	55.5
Total foreign debt	3,113.1	2,960.4
Total outstanding govt. debt	7,390.9	6,793.2



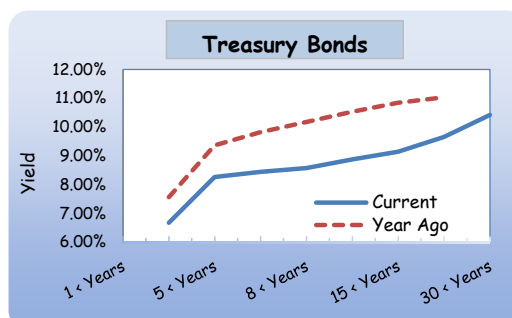
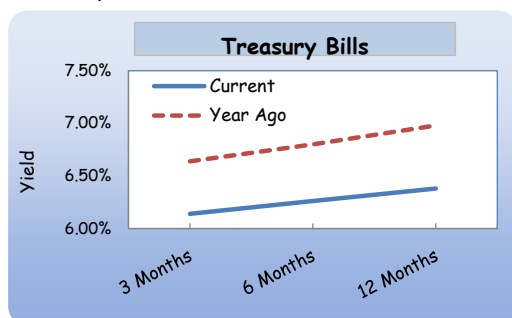
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3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 24th June 2015

Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week
				Buying	Selling	Average	Average
Treasury Bills	3 Months	6.08%	6.08%	6.12%	6.00%	6.06%	6.06%
	6 Months	6.18%	6.18%	6.22%	6.09%	6.15%	6.16%
	12 Months	6.28%	6.28%	6.33%	6.21%	6.27%	6.29%
Treasury Bonds	2 < Years	6.70%	-	6.58%	6.44%	6.51%	6.43%
	5 < Years	-	-	8.26%	8.13%	8.20%	8.03%
	6 < Years	-	-	8.65%	8.53%	8.59%	8.32%
	8 < Years	-	8.56%	8.96%	8.87%	8.91%	8.57%
	10 < Years	-	8.89%	9.12%	9.04%	9.08%	8.85%
	15 < Years	-	-	9.28%	9.20%	9.24%	9.11%
	20 < Years	-	-	9.56%	9.41%	9.49%	9.50%
30 < Years	-	-	9.88%	9.66%	9.77%	9.76%	

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 24/6/2015

The secondary market yield rates of T-bonds marginally elevated while T-bill rates 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 - 24th June 2015)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	791,096.49	791,761.62
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,496,640.51	3,496,640.51
Total	4,287,737.00	4,288,402.13
Government Securities held by Foreigners	432,513.52	435,357.52
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	520,537.59	520,924.40

Outstanding stock of government securities decreased during the week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	22,000.00	22,000.00
Total Bids Received	47,068.00	57,987.00
Total Bids Accepted	14,667.00	24,867.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	2,000.00	12,000.00
Total Bids Received	12,200.00	46,950.00
Total Bids Accepted	3,000.00	15,000.00

T-bills and T-bonds 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)	29,042.43	39,022.13
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	167,068.78	133,990.68
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	45,814.27	96,176.52
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	740,905.31	715,279.17

Increased activities are observed in secondary market repo 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) - 26/06/2015

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.88	6.01	99.89	5.78	0.00
1 Month	99.50	6.04	99.52	5.90	0.01
2 Month	99.00	6.09	99.02	5.95	0.02
3 Month	98.49	6.12	98.52	6.01	0.03
4 Month	97.98	6.15	98.01	6.05	0.03
5 Month	97.46	6.18	97.51	6.07	0.05
6 Month	96.93	6.22	96.99	6.10	0.06
7 Month	96.41	6.25	96.47	6.14	0.06
8 Month	95.88	6.26	95.94	6.17	0.06
9 Month	95.36	6.29	95.44	6.19	0.07
10 Month	94.84	6.30	94.92	6.20	0.08
11 Month	94.30	6.32	94.39	6.22	0.09
12 Month	93.76	6.35	93.88	6.22	0.12

3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 26/06/2015

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
06.50%2015A	5	15-Jul-15	19	100.01	6.11	100.02	5.99	0.01
11.00%2015A	6	1-Aug-15	36	100.44	6.24	100.46	6.11	0.01
11.00%2015B	6	1-Sep-15	67	100.82	6.25	100.84	6.10	0.03
12.50%2015A	2	20-Sep-15	86	101.39	6.25	101.41	6.16	0.02
08.50%2015A	3	1-Nov-15	128	100.74	6.24	100.79	6.11	0.05
07.25%2016A	6	1-Apr-16	280	100.54	6.49	100.67	6.32	0.13
08.00%2016B	4	1-Jun-16	341	101.28	6.55	101.40	6.43	0.11
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	402	99.74	6.64	99.93	6.46	0.18
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	433	101.41	6.72	101.62	6.54	0.21
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	463	99.53	6.78	99.65	6.68	0.12
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	555	101.63	6.85	101.77	6.75	0.14
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	569	98.39	6.91	98.49	6.84	0.10
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	614	101.99	6.96	102.13	6.88	0.14
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	689	102.98	7.03	103.20	6.90	0.22
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	720	101.58	7.13	101.79	7.01	0.21
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	750	97.30	7.24	97.58	7.09	0.28
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	951	102.55	7.40	102.78	7.30	0.24
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	1,010	102.17	7.61	102.39	7.52	0.23
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	1,071	102.11	7.68	102.29	7.61	0.18
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	1,115	101.92	7.78	102.20	7.68	0.28
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	1,146	99.27	7.76	99.53	7.67	0.26
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	1,238	100.47	7.83	100.72	7.75	0.24
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	1,299	93.14	7.90	93.43	7.80	0.29
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,405	101.69	7.98	102.11	7.85	0.41
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	1,466	108.72	8.02	109.01	7.93	0.30
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,542	108.68	8.12	109.13	8.00	0.45
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,589	99.40	8.16	99.80	8.05	0.40
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	1,771	103.66	8.31	104.19	8.18	0.53
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,802	98.70	8.33	99.16	8.21	0.46
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,863	90.58	8.51	91.06	8.39	0.48
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	2,136	100.88	8.80	101.23	8.72	0.36
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	2,228	109.80	8.88	110.28	8.78	0.48
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,381	95.56	8.91	96.06	8.81	0.50
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,562	111.43	8.97	111.91	8.88	0.47
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,654	104.75	9.09	105.22	9.00	0.47
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,989	99.21	9.14	99.74	9.04	0.53
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,989	112.04	9.08	112.58	8.99	0.55
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	3,019	87.62	9.17	88.16	9.06	0.54
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	3,111	113.05	9.16	113.61	9.07	0.56
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,446	79.72	9.27	80.10	9.20	0.38
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	3,550	106.48	9.22	107.25	9.11	0.77
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,597	98.01	9.31	98.35	9.26	0.35
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,873	97.90	9.31	98.49	9.22	0.59
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,901	73.19	9.38	73.51	9.32	0.33
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,993	110.73	9.41	111.21	9.34	0.47
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,693	96.84	9.43	97.54	9.33	0.70
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,754	96.45	9.48	97.17	9.38	0.72
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,938	125.29	9.62	126.78	9.45	1.48
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	5,058	126.58	9.51	127.53	9.40	0.96
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	5,437	110.90	9.61	112.73	9.39	1.83
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	6,033	86.78	9.61	87.84	9.47	1.07
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	6,307	94.16	9.70	95.99	9.47	1.83
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,550	95.06	9.58	95.80	9.49	0.74
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,580	131.15	9.59	132.11	9.50	0.95
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,703	94.68	9.62	95.47	9.53	0.78
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,764	129.47	9.78	131.05	9.63	1.58
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	7,202	112.62	10.02	115.66	9.70	3.04
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	10,202	89.16	10.18	91.51	9.90	2.35
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,416	126.65	10.53	130.65	10.18	4.00
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,568	127.92	10.43	131.10	10.15	3.19
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10,841	116.64	10.64	120.57	10.27	3.93

External Sector

During the year so far (up to 26 June 2015) the rupee depreciated against the US dollar (1.99 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the euro (6.61 per cent) and the Japanese yen (1.25 per cent) and depreciated against the pound sterling (3.06 per cent) and the Indian rupee (1.70 per cent) during this period.

On a cumulative basis, exports earnings during the first four months of 2015 decreased marginally by 0.3 per cent year-on-year to US dollars 3,569 million. The decrease was led by agricultural exports which decreased by 6.9 per cent and mineral exports which decreased by 69.1 per cent.

On a cumulative basis, during the first four months of 2015, expenditure on imports increased by 1.5 per cent, year-on-year, to US dollars 6,283 million mainly led by consumer goods imports followed by investment goods imports.

As import prices declined substantially offsetting the marginal decline in export prices, the terms of trade improved substantially in March 2015. Export price index decreased marginally by 0.3 per cent, year-on-year, to 94.9 index points, reflecting price declines in agricultural and mineral exports.

Meanwhile, the import price index declined by 11.4 per cent, year-on-year, to 100.6 index points due to the decline in price level of major categories of imports.

India, China, UK, Germany and France were the top five sources of tourist arrivals in May 2015, accounting for 49.8 per cent of total tourist arrivals upto the month of May 2015.

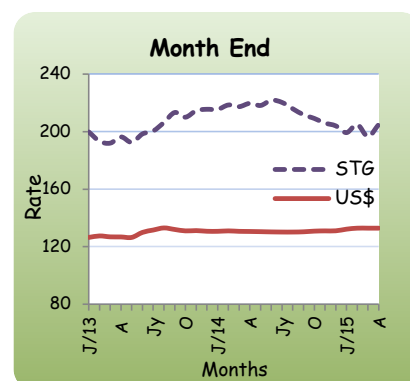
The average price of tea further declined to US dollars 3.08 per kg in April 2015 from US dollars 3.55 per kg in April 2014 in line with the decline recorded in export price of tea by 11.2 per cent. Further, the import prices of sugar and wheat prices declined compared to the corresponding month of 2014.

Highlights

EXTERNAL SECTOR

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 26 June 2015			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	132.08	135.27	133.68	134.22	130.30
STG	207.16	213.65	210.41	213.20	221.34
Yen	1.07	1.10	1.08	1.09	1.28
Euro	146.82	152.10	149.46	152.63	177.53
INR ⁽¹⁾			2.10	2.11	2.17
SDR (As at 25 June 2015)			188.11	189.91	200.98
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)			May 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			8.80	60.50	131.50
Sales			157.83	159.50	0.00



	Week Ending 26 June 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	30.31	30.25	47.69
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	134.45	134.59	130.73
3 Months	135.48	135.80	131.67
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	17.65	30.85	26.21
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 25 June 2015)	1,307.57	1,374.48	1,086.42

(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

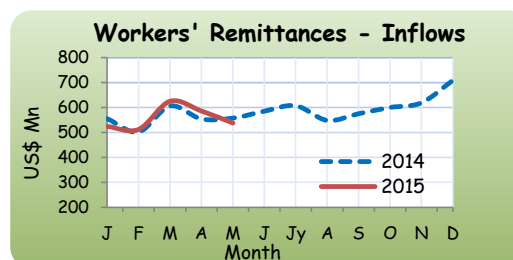
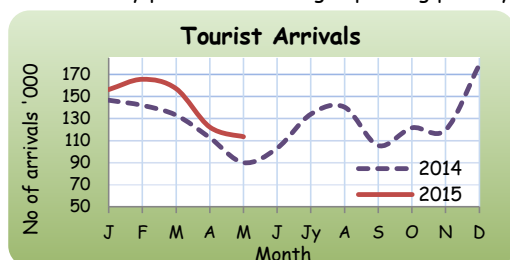
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

Item		2014	2015	2014	2015(b)	% Change
		May (a)	May (b)(c)	Jan-May(a)	Jan-May(c)	
Tourist Arrivals	Number	90,046	113,529	624,178	714,584	14.5
Earnings from Tourism	US\$ Mn.	143.3	180.7	993.6	1,137.60	14.5
	Rs.bn.	18.7	24.1	129.8	150.9	16.2
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn. Rs. bn.	2014	2015	2014	2015	% Change
		May	May (b)	Jan-May	Jan-May(a)	
		557.5	537.7	2,774.8	2,803.1	1.0
		72.7	71.8	362.5	372.1	2.6

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

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)					
Official Reserve Assets					6,845.77
(1) Foreign currency reserves					5,915.13
(a) Securities					3,555.42
(b) Total currency and deposits with					2,359.71
(i) other national central banks, BIS					1,118.47
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad					1.02
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country					1,240.21
(2) Reserve position in the IMF					66.54
(3) SDRs					11.68
(4) Gold					851.51
(5) Other reserve assets					0.90
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	-3,028.59	-378.12	-799.56	-1,850.91
	Interest	-1,060.67	-28.44	-281.72	-750.5
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)					
(b) Long positions (+)					
3. Other (specify)					
inflows related to reverse repos (+)					
other accounts payable (-)					

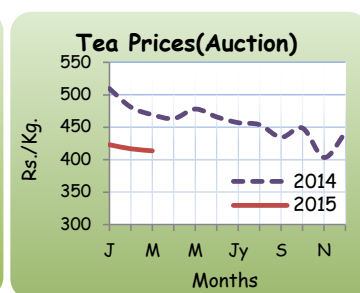
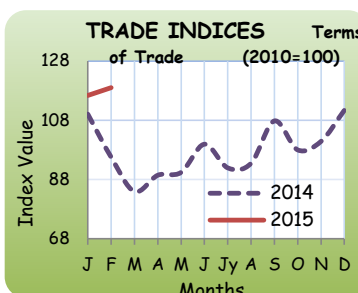
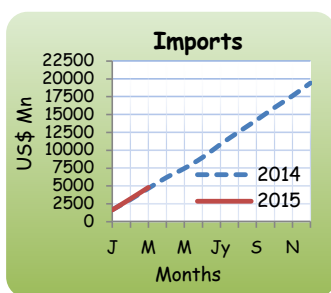
(a) Provisional

(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-Apr 2015	Jan-Apr 2014	% Change	Jan-Apr 2015	Jan-Apr 2014	% Change
Exports	3.6	3.6	-0.3	473.0	468.0	1.1
Agricultural	0.8	0.9	-6.9	106.2	112.5	-5.6
Industrial	2.8	2.7	2.8	364.5	349.7	4.2
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	0.1	0.1	-14.9	11.1	12.9	-13.8
Textiles and Apparel	1.6	1.6	-0.8	210.4	209.3	0.5
Petroleum Products	0.1	0.1	1.9	17.3	16.8	3.2
Leather, Rubber etc	0.3	0.3	-5.6	40.4	42.2	-4.3
Other	0.6	0.5	22.7	85.2	68.5	24.4
Mineral	0.0	0.0	-69.1	1.6	5.2	-68.7
Other	0.0	0.0	11.3	0.7	0.6	12.8
Imports	6.3	6.2	1.5	832.4	809.3	2.9
Consumer Goods	1.6	1.0	50.1	207.7	136.5	52.2
Intermediate Goods	3.2	3.9	-18.6	417.8	506.2	-17.5
Investment Goods	1.6	1.3	22.3	206.0	166.1	24.0
Other	0.0	0.0	68.4	1.0	0.6	71.0
Trade Balance	-2.7	-2.6	3.9	-359.5	-341.4	5.3

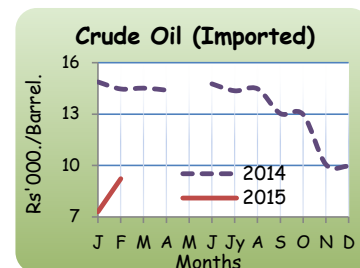
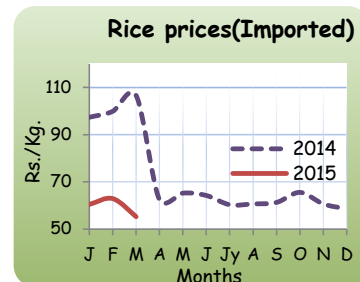


4.5 Trade Indices (2010= 100) (a)

Item	2015 Mar (b)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	147.6	124.1	148.9
Quantity	155.5	112.3	156.3
Unit Value	94.9	110.5	95.3
Total Imports			
Value	141.5	136.9	149.6
Quantity	140.6	144.3	131.8
Unit Value	100.6	94.9	113.5
Terms of Trade	106.2	104.0	83.9

(a) In US\$ Terms

(b) Provisional



4.6 International Commodity Prices

Item	Apr 2015	Apr 2014	% Change	Apr 2015	Apr 2014	% Change
Colombo Auction Price	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Tea Prices	3.08	3.55	-13.2	409.22	463.49	-11.7
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	487.61	477.91	2.0	64,803.51	62,425.33	3.8
White Sugar	409.60	491.76	-16.7	54,436.20	64,234.46	-15.3
Wheat	291.07	311.28	-6.5	38,683.13	40,659.94	-4.9
Crude Oil	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
	-	110.25	-	-	14,401.10	-