

Weekly Economic Indicators

17 July 2015



Statistics Department

Real Sector

Inflation, as measured by the change in the Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2006/07=100), which is compiled by the Department of Census and Statistics, declined marginally to 0.1 per cent, on an year-on-year basis in June 2015, from 0.2 per cent recorded in May 2015. Annual average inflation declined from 1.9 per cent in May 2015 to 1.7 per cent in June 2015.

Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy, increased to 2.8 per cent in June 2015, from 2.6 per cent in May 2015 on an year-on-year basis. Annual average core inflation declined marginally from 2.9 per cent in May 2015 to 2.8 per cent in June 2015.

The economy grew by 6.0 per cent in real terms during the first quarter of 2015, supported by 10.1 per cent growth of the Services activities and 2.9 per cent growth of the Agriculture related activities, while the Industry activities contracted by 1.9 per cent in value added terms.

Tea production during the first four months of 2015 has increased by 7.2 per cent from 103.4 million kg to 110.9 million kg. However, production of rubber and coconut recorded a decline of 11.7 per cent and 1.3 per cent respectively during the same period.

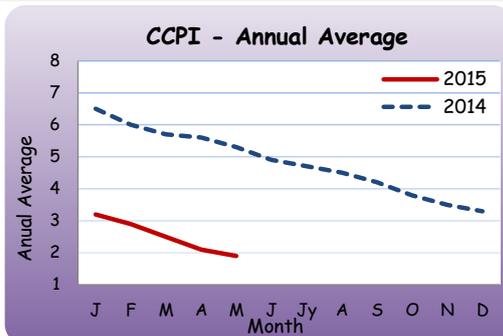
The FIPI increased by 8.2 per cent on a year-on-year basis in March 2015. This growth was mainly facilitated by increased production of beverages, wearing apparel, chemicals and chemical products sectors. They have recorded a significant growth of 9.2, 30.8 and 9.5 per cent respectively during this period. 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, crude oil prices fell as the market waited for an announcement on a nuclear deal between Iran and six global powers that could see an easing of sanctions and a gradual increase in Iranian oil exports. The deal was reached on 14th July, and under the agreement, sanctions imposed by the U.S., the European Union and the United Nations are to be lifted. However, prices then rose as traders expected a delay in Iranian crude supplies returning to the market. Most analysts agree that first Iranian oil exports could enter the global market in early 2016. Prices were then mixed after U.S. Energy Information Administration reported U.S. crude inventories fell by 4.3 million barrels, and on expectations that increased exports from Iran will add to a global supply glut. Towards the end of the week, prices fell as industry intelligence firm Genscape showed crude stocks at the Cushing, Oklahoma have risen by nearly 1 million barrels. However, price declines were limited as a power outage shut production at Britain's largest oilfield, Buzzard.

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

Item	June 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2006 / 07 = 100)			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	181.6	179.8	181.4
Annual Average Change %	1.7	1.9	4.9
Year - on - Year Change %	0.1	0.2	2.8
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	177.5	176.5	172.7
Annual Average Change %	2.8	2.9	3.0
Year - on - Year Change %	2.8	2.6	3.5

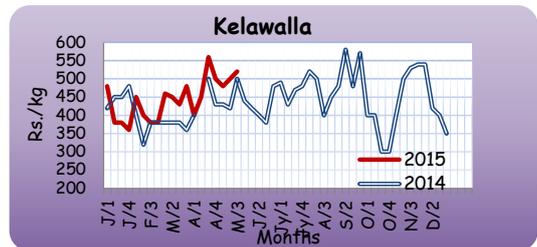
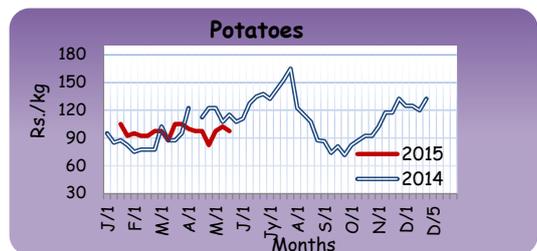
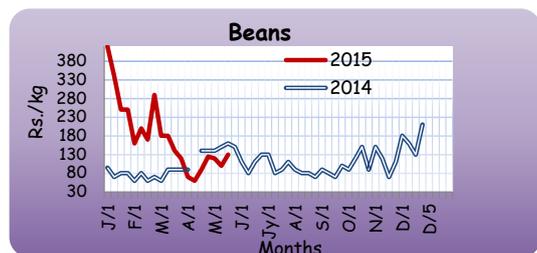
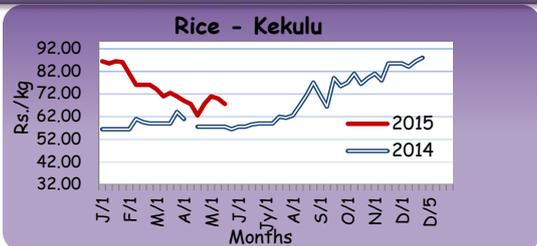


1.2 Pettah Market

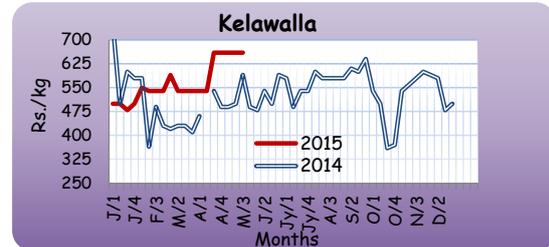
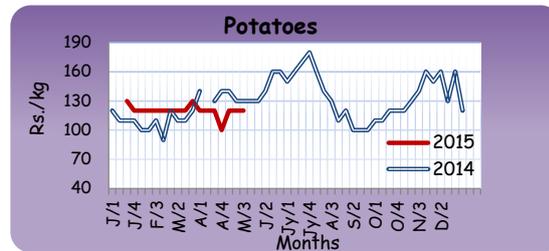
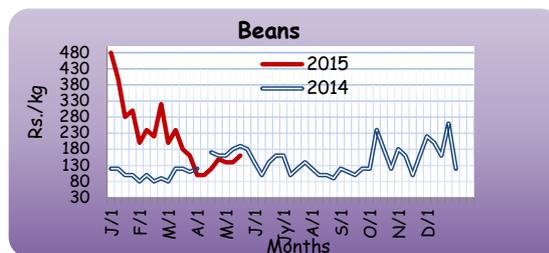
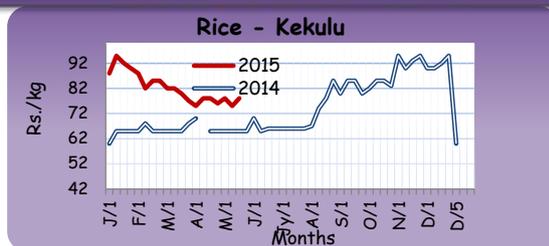
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 16 th July 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 16 th July 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	80.00	80.00	83.13	78.30	86.00	88.00	87.00	84.04
Kekulu (Red)	62.50	63.00	68.00	67.44	70.00	74.00	76.50	74.33
Vegetables								
Beans	160.00	140.00	163.75	113.17	200.00	180.00	206.25	140.96
Cabbage	40.00	40.00	72.50	61.65	70.00	80.00	107.50	90.96
Carrots	170.00	120.00	220.00	109.81	200.00	160.00	266.25	138.08
Tomatoes	140.00	90.00	45.00	90.77	180.00	120.00	75.00	122.31
Pumpkins	30.00	40.00	20.00	37.38	50.00	60.00	37.50	56.83
Snake Gourd	50.00	70.00	67.50	69.90	90.00	110.00	100.00	96.73
Brinjals	50.00	40.00	60.00	71.35	80.00	80.00	92.50	98.65
Ash-Plantains	90.00	70.00	67.50	73.65	120.00	100.00	92.50	95.96
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	135.00	145.00	133.75	79.55	160.00	170.00	163.75	109.59
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a	n.a	n.a.	75.42	n.a	n.a	n.a.	99.07
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	125.00	122.50	109.00	104.64	150.00	140.00	131.25	127.69
Dried Chilies (Imported)	235.00	235.00	233.75	193.24	270.00	270.00	270.00	230.38
Dhal (Indian)	165.00	165.00	172.00	140.94	180.00	180.00	186.75	159.23
Eggs (Red)	15.50	15.50	13.63	12.04	16.00	16.00	14.25	12.57
Coconut (Each)	32.50	30.00	40.50	38.63	45.00	45.00	50.75	50.10
Fish*								
Kelawalla	450.00	440.00	472.50	433.85	680.00	600.00	637.50	532.40
Balaya	220.00	330.00	347.50	295.00	300.00	380.00	435.00	349.04
Salaya	150.00	80.00	127.50	112.31	190.00	120.00	167.50	151.35
Paraw (Small)	580.00	600.00	570.00	435.58	650.00	650.00	636.67	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 16 th July 2015	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	82.00	86.00
Kekulu (Red)	62.50	66.50
Vegetables		
Beans	134.00	172.00
Carrot	160.50	201.00
Tomatoes	106.00	132.00
Pumpkins	22.10	40.50
Snake Gourd	40.00	69.50
Ash-Plantains	58.00	79.50
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	138.00	164.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	114.00	136.00
Dried Chilies(Imported)	235.50	266.00
Coconut (Each)	33.40	41.50

1.5 Maradaghamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 17 th July	Two Weeks Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	78.50	78.08	78.63	75.74
Sudu Kekulu	58.30	58.50	60.55	69.11
Raw Red	59.42	59.40	67.71	67.25
Nadu	60.10	62.40	65.20	70.82

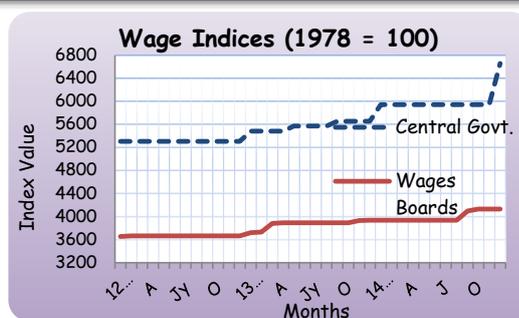
1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	16 th July 2015	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	88.00	90.00
Kekulu (Red)	74.33	75.00
Vegetables		
Beans	200.00	200.00
Cabbage	100.00	120.00
Carrots	240.00	186.67
Tomatoes	160.00	120.00
Pumpkins	60.00	60.00
Snake Gourd	140.00	140.00
Brinjals	80.00	70.00
Ash-Plantains	120.00	140.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Big-Onions (Imported)	90.00	93.33
Potatoes (Imported)	90.00	93.33
Dried Chilies (Imported)	250.00	243.33
Dhal (Indian)	170.00	180.00
Eggs (Red)(Each)	16.00	15.00
Coconut (Each)	53.33	56.67
Fish		
Kelawalla	840.00	840.00
Balaya	n.a.	n.a.
Salaya	200.00	158.33
Paraw (Small)	740.00	743.33

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

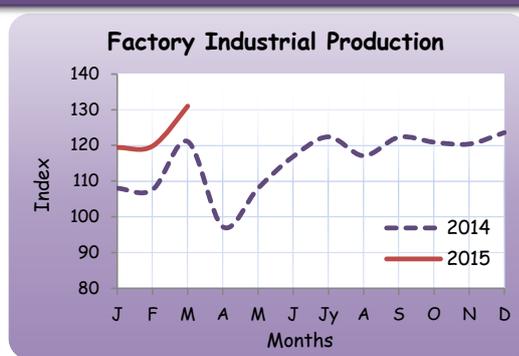


1.7 Factory Industry-Production (FIPI) (2010 = 100) (a)

Item	2015 (b) March	2014 March	% Change
Factory Industry- Production Index	131.0	121.1	8.2
Food products	116.2	109.3	6.3
Beverages	143.6	131.4	9.2
Tobacco products	84.3	102.1	-17.4
Wearing apparel	189.0	144.5	30.8
Chemicals and chemical products	87.2	79.6	9.5
Rubber and plastic products	137.6	148.3	-7.2
Other non-metallic mineral products	128.3	117.9	8.8

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

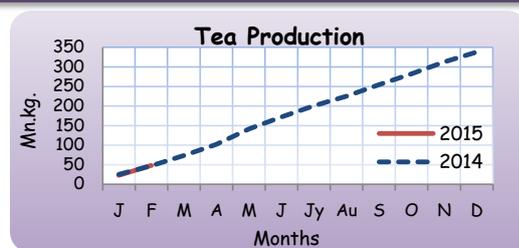
(b) Provisional



1.8 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2015(a) Jan - Apr	2014 Jan - Apr	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	110.9	103.4	7.2
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	37.7	42.7	-11.7
Coconuts	(Mn Nuts)	927.7	939.5	-1.3

(a) Provisional



1.9 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2010) Prices - Growth Rates in value added terms

Item	2015(a) 1 st Quarter	2014(a) 1 st Quarter	2014(a) Annual
Agriculture	2.9	-0.4	-2.2
Industry	-1.9	-3.4	1.2
Services	10.1	2.9	6.5
GDP	6.0	0.7	4.5

(a)Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



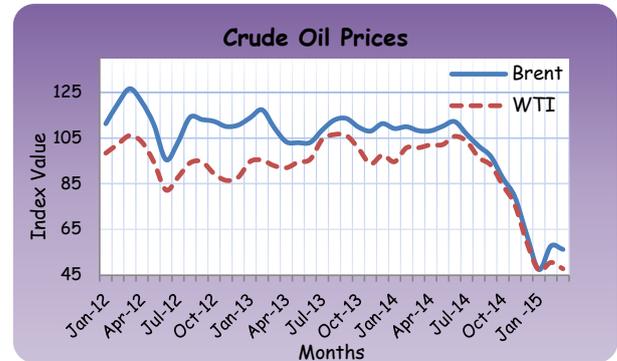
1.10 Employment (a)

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	60.53	59.82	-
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		
10 July	106.25	103.61		57.32	52.74	
13 July	-	-		57.53	52.19	
14 July	104.78	101.73		57.10	53.05	
15 July	103.22	100.56		57.39	51.40	
16 July	104.91	101.88		57.36	50.90	

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 17 July 2015 declined by 3 bps to 6.82 per cent compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 13.9 per cent in April 2015.

NFA of the banking system declined by Rs. 9.3 billion in April 2015 compared to March 2015.

NCG from the banking system showed an increase of Rs. 13.6 billion in April 2015 compared to March 2015, where credit to public corporations also showed an increase of Rs. 13.1 billion during the month.

Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 14.5 in April 2015 compared to March 2015.

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

The total outstanding market liquidity increased to Rs. 101.84 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 62.73 bn by the end of last week.

By 17 July 2015, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 2.55 per cent to 7,162 points while the S&P SL 20 Index increased by 2.78 per cent to 4,014 points, compared to the previous week.

MONETARY SECTOR

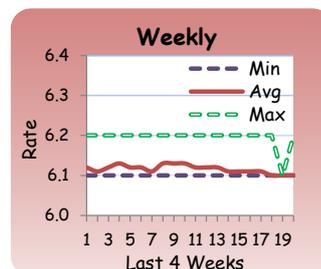
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 2015 Jul 17	Week Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	6.82	6.85	7.65
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	6.22	6.14	6.46
- 182 days	6.31	6.26	6.59
- 364 days	6.31	6.28	6.79
Standing Deposit Facility	6.00	6.00	6.50
Standing Lending Facility	7.50	7.50	8.00
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	6.15	6.14	6.82
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	6.13	6.15	6.88
7 days	6.30	6.30	7.28
1 Month	6.59	6.65	7.54
3 Months	6.80	6.81	7.98
6 Months	7.09	7.07	8.25
12 Months	7.39	7.41	8.72
Commercial Banks	March 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	3.95-15.00	5.50-14.75
	June 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.02	5.95	7.40
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	7.29	7.12	8.96
	May 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	11.39	11.53	14.01
NSB	March 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	(3 y & 3 Months) 14/07/15	(8 y & 1 Months) 14/07/15	(09 y & 09 Months) 12/06/15
Coupon rate	8.75	11.20	10.25
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	8.18	9.58	8.89

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Jul 17	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	7.46	7.70
People's Bank	8.55	8.54
Hatton National Bank	7.27	7.79
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	6.93	6.51
Sampath Bank	6.89	7.29
Seylan Bank	6.91	6.66
Union Bank of Colombo	7.15	6.69
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	7.50	7.50
Nations Trust Bank	6.39	7.25
DFCC Vardhana Bank	7.63	7.63
NDB Bank	7.30	7.60
Amana Bank	8.12	8.11
Cargills Bank	7.98	8.01

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Jul 17	Week Ago
HSBC	6.50	6.50
Standard Chartered Bank	6.47	6.40
Citi Bank	6.80	8.53
Deutsche Bank	7.79	6.73
Habib Bank	6.00	6.00
Indian Bank	8.50	8.50
Indian Overseas Bank	9.00	9.00
MCB Bank	7.45	8.35
State Bank of India	8.63	8.63
Public Bank	7.00	7.00
ICICI Bank	8.18	8.18
Axis Bank	-	-

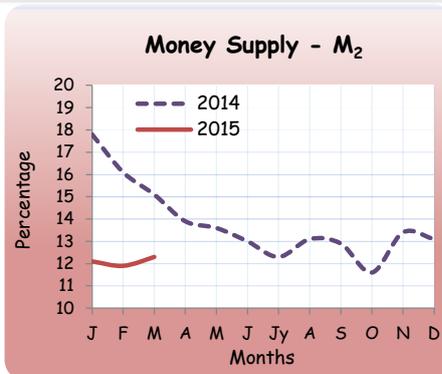
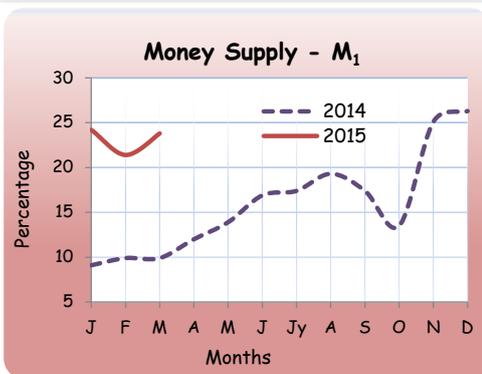
Interest Rates - Call Money



2.2 Money Supply

Item	Rs. Bn.			Annual Change (%)		
	2015 (a)	Month	Year	2015 (a)	Month	Year
	April	Apr	Apr	Apr	Apr	Apr
M1	630.3	633.3	507.4	24.2	23.8	12.0
M2	3,593.4	3,553.6	3,175.1	13.2	12.3	13.9
M2b	4,038.2	3,980.7	3,546.5	13.9	12.5	13.2
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-171.3	-162.0	124.2	-238.0	-268.5	230.5
Monetary Authorities	573.4	578.1	641.5	-10.6	-3.7	52.8
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-234.3	-224.4	-191.8	-22.1	-27.2	-34.5
Foreign currency Banking Units (FCBUs)	-510.5	-515.8	-325.5	-56.8	-57.3	12.6
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	4,209.5	4,142.7	3,422.3	23.0	20.4	6.0
DBUs	3,540.1	3,483.0	2,974.2	19.0	16.6	8.3
FCBUs	669.4	659.7	448.1	49.4	44.7	-7.1
Net Credit to Government	1,626.8	1,613.1	1,386.4	17.3	15.8	13.9
Monetary Authorities	226.0	223.7	145.5	55.3	54.0	-35.1
DBUs	1,132.6	1,126.8	1,044.6	8.4	6.8	22.7
FCBUs	268.1	262.7	196.2	36.6	36.1	38.5
Credit to Corporations	497.8	484.7	331.1	50.4	46.9	-3.9
DBUs	200.3	198.1	144.9	38.3	43.6	30.9
FCBUs	297.5	286.6	186.2	59.8	49.3	-20.4
Credit to the Private Sector	2,859.6	2,845.1	2,481.6	15.2	13.9	3.3
DBUs	2,619.0	2,608.9	2,274.6	15.1	13.5	2.7
FCBUs	240.6	236.2	207.0	16.2	18.5	9.3
Reserve Money	612.7	619.6	515.3	18.9	18.8	3.0

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b

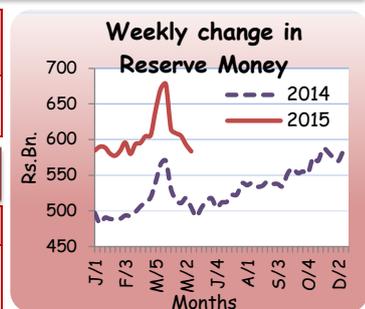


2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	16 July 2015	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	628,697	620,579	8,118

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	13.07.2015	14.07.2015	15.07.2015	16.07.2015	17.07.2015
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.17	6.18	6.14	6.13	6.12
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	13,205	10,815	7,635	7,535	9,965
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	5.91	5.91	5.91	5.90	5.81
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	6,831	6,479	3,205	2,207	1,603



2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	13.07.2015	14.07.2015	15.07.2015	16.07.2015	17.07.2015
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	55,151	55,162	63,117	63,131	65,826

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	13.07.2015	14.07.2015	15.07.2015	16.07.2015	17.07.2015
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)	64.40	63.21	101.26	98.78	101.84
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	64.40	63.21	101.26	98.78	101.84

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

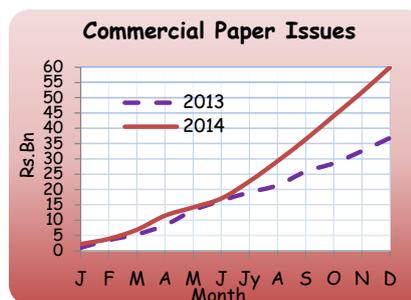
Item	2015 (b) End Jan	2014 End Dec	2013 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,036,910	1,032,833	951,625
Local (accepted only locally)	32,729	32,874	35,990
Global (accepted globally)	1,004,181	999,959	915,635
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	57,048	57,621	51,172
Local (accepted only locally)	1,195	1,234	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 17 July 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	7,162	6,984	6,722
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	4,014	3,905	3,747
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	1,050	664	1,319
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	3,043	2,967	2,817



Fiscal Sector

During the first quarter of 2015, total revenue as a percentage of estimated GDP remained unchanged at 2.5 per cent as in the corresponding period of 2014. However, in nominal terms, total revenue increased by 16.4 per cent to Rs. 285.6 billion during the first quarter of the year from Rs. 245.2 billion recorded during the same period in 2014 reflecting increases in both tax revenue (by Rs. 30.0 billion) non tax revenue (by Rs. 10.5 billion). However, average monthly revenue during this period was around Rs. 95.2 billion compared to the estimate of Rs. 125.4 billion in the Budget.

Total expenditure and net lending as a percentage of estimated GDP declined to 4.5 per cent during the first quarter of 2015 compared to 5.7 per cent recorded in the corresponding period in 2014 mainly due to decline in capital expenditure and net lending. The recurrent expenditure as a percentage of estimated GDP declined to 3.6 per cent from 4.1 per cent in the corresponding period of 2014. However, capital expenditure and net lending as a percentage of GDP considerably declined to 0.9 per cent during the first quarter of 2015 compared to 1.6 per cent in the same period of 2014.

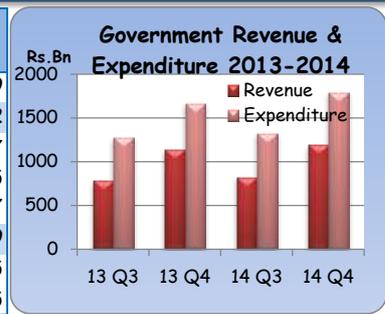
Total outstanding debt increased by Rs. 267.2 billion to Rs. 7,658.1 billion as at end March 2015 from Rs. 7,390.9 billion at end 2014. Foreign debt decreased by Rs. 43.7 billion to Rs. 3,069.4 billion mainly due the repayment of International Sovereign Bond amounting to US dollars 500 million. Meanwhile, domestic debt increased by Rs. 311.0 billion to Rs. 4,588.7 billion.

Special Commodity Levy (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. Accordingly, SCL on several essential goods was revised during the months of March 2015. Accordingly, SCL on mackerel was reduced to Rs. 6 per kg from Rs. 10 per kg with effect from 18 March 2015. Meanwhile, SCL on rice was increased to Rs. 40 per kg from Rs. 20 per kg.

FISCAL SECTOR

3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

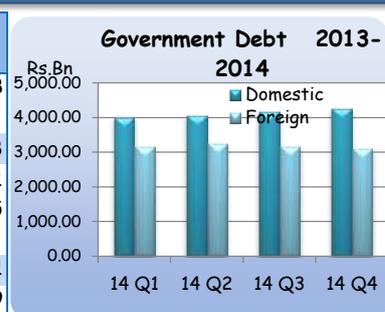
Item	2015 Q1 (a)	2014 Q1
Revenue and Grants	285.6	245.9
Revenue	285.6	245.2
Tax	257.7	227.7
Non tax	27.9	17.5
Grants	0.0	0.7
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	507.3	553.9
Current	410.9	399.5
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	96.4	154.5



(a) Provisional

3.2 Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	End March 2015 (a)	End 2014
Total domestic debt	4,588.7	4,277.8
of which		
Treasury bills	793.8	694.8
Treasury bonds	2,933.9	2,844.1
Rupee loans	55.5	55.5
Total foreign debt	3,069.4	3,113.1
Total outstanding govt. debt	7,658.1	7,390.9



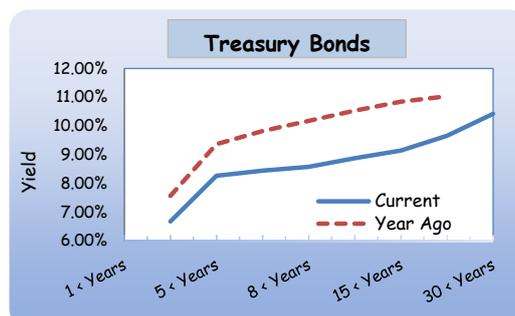
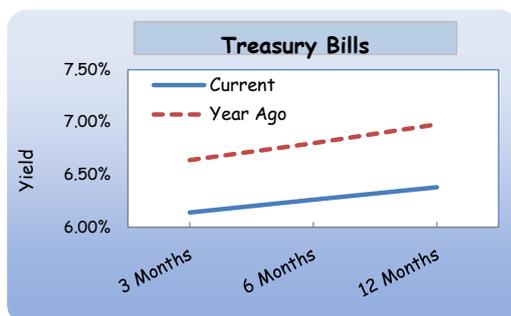
(a) Provisional

3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 15th July 2015

Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week
				Buying	Selling	Average	Average
Treasury Bills	3 Months	6.22%	6.14%	6.16%	6.04%	6.10%	6.05%
	6 Months	6.31%	6.26%	6.27%	6.15%	6.21%	6.14%
	12 Months	6.31%	6.28%	6.37%	6.25%	6.31%	6.26%
Treasury Bonds	2 < Years	-	-	6.66%	6.51%	6.58%	6.50%
	5 < Years	8.39%	8.20%	8.31%	8.18%	8.24%	8.11%
	6 < Years	9.08%	-	8.71%	8.55%	8.63%	8.54%
	8 < Years	9.14%	8.57%	9.17%	9.02%	9.10%	8.87%
	10 < Years	-	-	9.54%	9.33%	9.43%	9.11%
	15 < Years	-	-	9.57%	9.38%	9.47%	9.36%
	20 < Years	-	-	9.89%	9.63%	9.76%	9.62%
30 < Years	-	-	10.07%	9.73%	9.90%	9.79%	

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 15/7/2015

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



3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 15th July 2015)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	804,953.15	796,031.36
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,497,209.53	3,533,940.51
Total	4,302,162.68	4,329,971.87
Government Securities held by Foreigners	408,598.44	424,050.81
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	570,454.96	529,388.66

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

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	20,000.00	22,000.00
Total Bids Received	54,978.00	76,223.00
Total Bids Accepted	19,928.00	24,343.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	60,000.00	10,000.00
Total Bids Received	124,985.00	17,950.00
Total Bids Accepted	46,935.00	2,000.00

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)	31,624.32	18,647.69
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	161,636.91	191,196.35
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	75,113.26	49,649.45
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	779,536.52	812,153.64

Increased activities were observed in secondary market outright 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) - 17/07/2015

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.88	6.05	99.89	5.86	0.00
1 Month	99.50	6.09	99.51	5.97	0.01
2 Month	98.99	6.13	99.01	6.00	0.02
3 Month	98.47	6.19	98.50	6.08	0.03
4 Month	97.96	6.22	97.99	6.11	0.04
5 Month	97.43	6.25	97.48	6.13	0.05
6 Month	96.90	6.29	96.95	6.18	0.06
7 Month	96.37	6.31	96.44	6.19	0.07
8 Month	95.86	6.32	95.93	6.20	0.08
9 Month	95.32	6.34	95.41	6.22	0.09
10 Month	94.79	6.35	94.89	6.24	0.10
11 Month	94.26	6.37	94.36	6.26	0.10
12 Month	93.73	6.37	93.85	6.25	0.12

3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 17/07/2015

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
11.00%2015A	6	1-Aug-15	15	100.18	6.24	100.19	6.14	0.00
11.00%2015B	6	1-Sep-15	46	100.56	6.26	100.57	6.12	0.02
12.50%2015A	2	20-Sep-15	65	101.04	6.27	101.06	6.16	0.02
08.50%2015A	3	1-Nov-15	107	100.61	6.24	100.65	6.10	0.04
07.25%2016A	6	1-Apr-16	259	100.47	6.54	100.59	6.36	0.12
08.00%2016B	4	1-Jun-16	320	101.12	6.65	101.23	6.51	0.12
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	381	99.69	6.71	99.86	6.54	0.16
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	412	101.35	6.72	101.54	6.55	0.19
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	442	99.51	6.82	99.66	6.68	0.15
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	534	101.46	6.92	101.59	6.83	0.13
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	548	98.37	6.97	98.46	6.90	0.10
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	593	101.72	7.10	101.88	6.99	0.16
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	668	102.50	7.26	102.78	7.10	0.27
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	699	101.32	7.24	101.57	7.10	0.25
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	729	97.22	7.33	97.53	7.15	0.31
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	930	102.19	7.54	102.44	7.43	0.25
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	989	101.84	7.73	102.11	7.62	0.26
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	1,050	101.33	7.97	101.65	7.84	0.32
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	1,094	101.59	7.90	101.88	7.78	0.30
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	1,125	98.80	7.94	99.14	7.82	0.33
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	1,186	102.09	8.00	102.37	7.90	0.29
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	1,217	100.08	7.97	100.29	7.89	0.21
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	1,278	92.98	7.99	93.15	7.93	0.17
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,384	101.45	8.04	101.66	7.98	0.21
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	1,445	108.13	8.15	108.56	8.03	0.43
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,521	108.38	8.18	108.73	8.08	0.35
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,568	98.96	8.29	99.36	8.18	0.40
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	1,750	103.26	8.40	103.60	8.32	0.33
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,781	98.33	8.42	98.72	8.32	0.39
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,842	90.77	8.49	91.39	8.33	0.62
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	2,115	100.29	8.93	100.64	8.85	0.35
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	2,282	102.85	8.84	103.17	8.78	0.31
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	2,207	109.46	8.94	109.94	8.84	0.48
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,360	94.94	9.05	95.41	8.95	0.47
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,541	109.87	9.24	111.11	9.01	1.24
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,633	103.46	9.33	104.03	9.22	0.57
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,968	97.49	9.45	98.10	9.34	0.61
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,968	109.52	9.49	110.15	9.38	0.63
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	2,998	86.42	9.41	87.04	9.29	0.62
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	3,090	109.98	9.64	111.31	9.43	1.33
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,425	78.53	9.51	79.24	9.38	0.71
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	3,529	102.82	9.79	104.45	9.53	1.63
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,576	96.37	9.58	97.39	9.41	1.02
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,852	95.81	9.64	96.92	9.47	1.11
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,880	71.80	9.65	72.65	9.49	0.85
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,972	108.70	9.69	109.83	9.53	1.13
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,672	94.56	9.75	95.80	9.57	1.24
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,733	94.49	9.76	95.71	9.58	1.22
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,917	121.83	10.01	124.81	9.66	2.98
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	5,037	123.01	9.90	124.66	9.71	1.64
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	5,416	107.89	9.97	109.47	9.77	1.59
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	6,012	83.96	10.01	85.43	9.80	1.47
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	6,286	91.97	9.98	93.59	9.77	1.63
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,529	92.23	9.94	93.69	9.75	1.46
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,559	127.35	9.95	129.29	9.76	1.93
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,682	91.73	9.99	93.35	9.79	1.62
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,743	126.87	10.03	128.96	9.82	2.09
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	7,181	109.25	10.38	113.71	9.90	4.46
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	10,181	87.11	10.43	89.37	10.15	2.25
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,395	125.53	10.63	129.85	10.25	4.32
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,547	127.33	10.48	130.49	10.20	3.16
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10,820	115.1	10.79	120.42	10.28	5.33

External Sector

During the year so far (up to 17 July 2015) the rupee depreciated against the US dollar (2.06 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the euro (9.41 per cent) and the Japanese yen (1.85 per cent) and depreciated against the pound sterling (2.45 per cent) and the Indian rupee (1.87 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 June 2015, accounting for 49.9 per cent of total tourist arrivals upto the month of June 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 - 17 July 2015			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	132.15	135.35	133.75	133.59	130.18
STG	205.79	212.28	209.04	205.56	223.08
Yen	1.06	1.10	1.08	1.10	1.28
Euro	143.04	148.22	145.63	148.05	176.04
INR ⁽¹⁾			2.11	2.11	2.17
SDR (As at 16 July 2015)			186.16	186.70	200.67
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)			June 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			15.00	8.80	124.20
Sales			506.97	157.83	3.00



	Week Ending 17 July 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	27.14	19.67	34.80
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	134.33	134.16	130.35
3 Months	135.44	135.29	130.82
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	26.77	21.98	34.82
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 16 July 2015)	1,263.24	1,294.96	1,262.56

(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

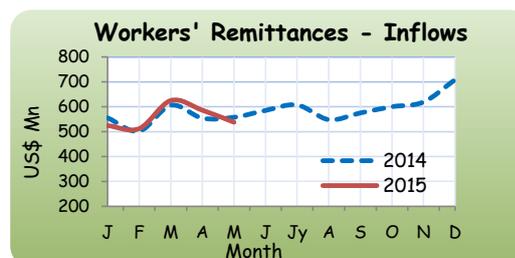
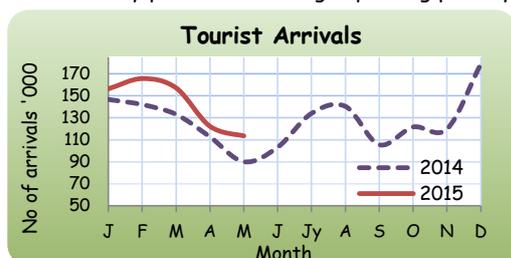
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

Item		2014	2015	2014	2015(b)	% Change
		June (a)	June (b)(c)	Jan-Jun (a)	Jan-Jun (c)	
Tourist Arrivals	Number	103,175	115,467	727,353	830,051	14.1
Earnings from Tourism	US\$ Mn.	164.2	183.8	1,157.9	1,321.40	14.1
	Rs.bn.	21.4	24.6	151.2	175.5	16.1
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



4.4 Official Reserve Assets as at 30th June 2015^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)	7,519.07
(1) Foreign currency reserves	6,600.17
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	67.10
(3) SDRs	11.80
(4) Gold	839.10
(5) Other reserve assets	0.90

(a) Provisional

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

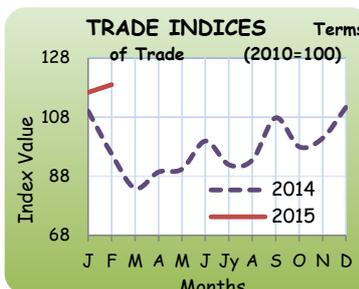
Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)		
Official Reserve Assets		6,845.77
(1) Foreign currency reserves		5,915.13
(a) Securities		3,555.42
(b) Total currency and deposits with		2,359.71
(i) other national central banks, BIS		1,118.47
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad		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	-750.50
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)	-2,484.58	-434.65	-722.50	-1,327.43
(b) Long positions (+)				
3. Other (specify)				
inflows related to reverse repos (+)	-0.08	-0.08		
other accounts payable (-)	-0.08	-0.08		

(a) Provisional

4.6 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

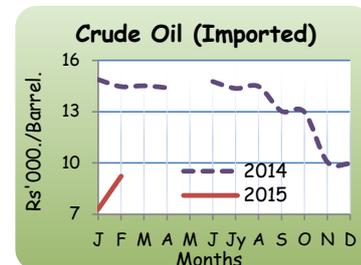
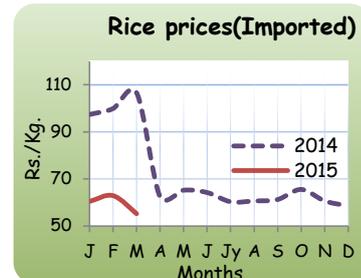


4.7 Trade Indices (2010= 100) (a)

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



4.8 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	-