

Weekly Economic Indicators

24 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 five months of 2015 has increased marginally by 0.3 per cent from 142.6 million kg to 143.1 million kg. However, production of rubber during the first five months of 2015 recorded a decline of 17.3 per cent. Meanwhile, coconut production during the first four months of 2015 has declined by 1.3 per cent

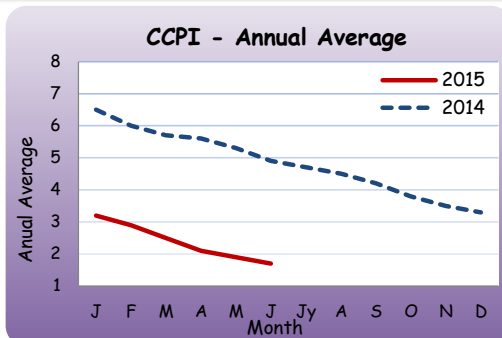
The FIPI increased by 8.2 per cent on a year-on-year basis in March 2015. This growth was mainly facilitated by increased production of beverages, wearing apparel, chemicals and chemical products sectors. They have recorded a significant growth of 9.2, 30.8 and 9.5 per cent respectively during this period. 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 WTI price fell on stronger dollar and ample supply of both crude and refined products, while Brent price fell marginally after data showed U.S. energy firms cut seven oil rigs and Saudi Arabia's crude oil exports fell in May to their lowest since December despite record output. Prices were then mixed as the American Petroleum Institute reported U.S. crude stocks rose by 2.3 million barrels, while the dollar fell from a three-month high. WTI price further fell after U.S. government data showed U.S. crude stocks rose by 2.5 million barrels and crude oil stocks at Cushing, Oklahoma rose by 813,000 barrels. However, OPEC delegates indicated they expect the recent price drop to be short-lived and that they would not deter from a strategy of keeping output high to protect market share. Prices further fell on persistent concerns about ample supply and shaky demand.

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

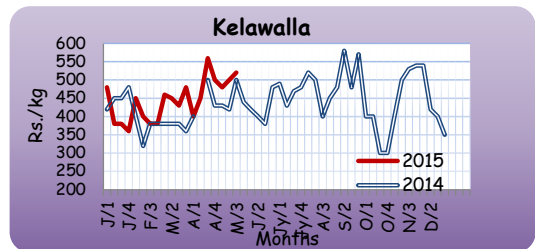
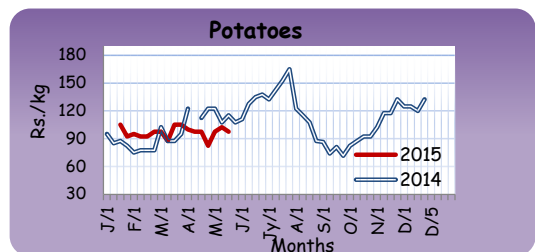
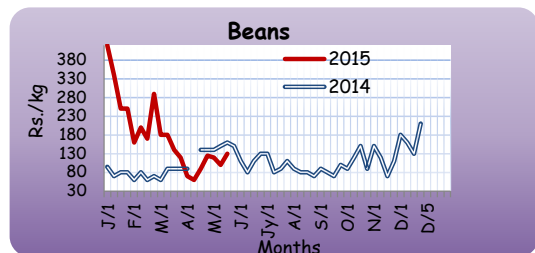
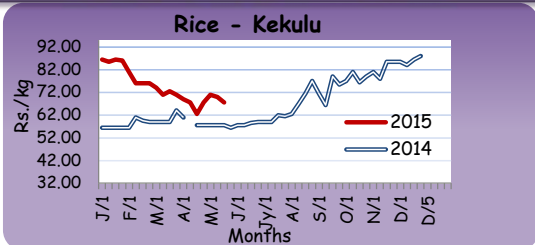


1.2 Pettah Market

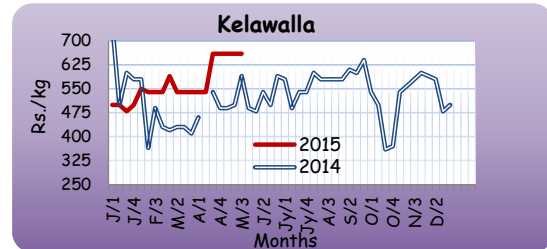
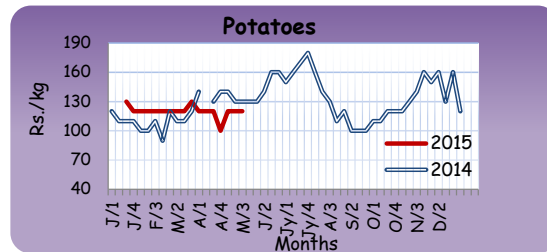
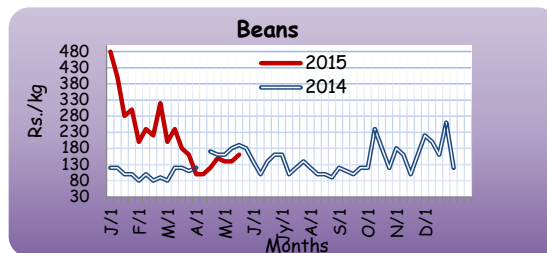
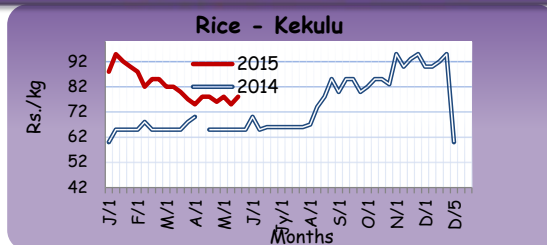
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 21 st July 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 21 st July 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	80.00	80.00	83.13	78.30	86.00	86.00	87.00	84.04
Kekulu (Red)	60.00	62.50	68.00	67.44	68.00	70.00	76.50	74.33
Vegetables								
Beans	140.00	160.00	163.75	113.17	180.00	200.00	206.25	140.96
Cabbage	50.00	40.00	72.50	61.65	80.00	70.00	107.50	90.96
Carrots	120.00	170.00	220.00	109.81	160.00	200.00	266.25	138.08
Tomatoes	90.00	140.00	45.00	90.77	140.00	180.00	75.00	122.31
Pumpkins	20.00	30.00	20.00	37.38	40.00	50.00	37.50	56.83
Snake Gourd	60.00	50.00	67.50	69.90	100.00	90.00	100.00	96.73
Brinjals	50.00	50.00	60.00	71.35	80.00	80.00	92.50	98.65
Ash-Plantains	70.00	90.00	67.50	73.65	100.00	120.00	92.50	95.96
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	n.a.	135.00	133.75	79.55	n.a.	160.00	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	125.00	109.00	104.64	150.00	150.00	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)	31.00	32.50	40.50	38.63	45.00	45.00	50.75	50.10
Fish*								
Kelawalla	480.00	450.00	472.50	433.85	680.00	680.00	637.50	532.40
Balaya	300.00	220.00	347.50	295.00	360.00	300.00	435.00	349.04
Salaya	120.00	150.00	127.50	112.31	160.00	190.00	167.50	151.35
Paraw (Small)	520.00	580.00	570.00	435.58	590.00	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 23 rd July 2015	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	82.00	86.00
Kekulu (Red)	62.50	67.50
Vegetables		
Beans	128.00	161.00
Carrot	126.00	171.00
Tomatoes	71.50	111.00
Pumpkins	23.00	42.50
Snake Gourd	30.00	61.00
Ash-Plantains	53.50	76.50
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	130.00	168.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	115.00	134.00
Dried Chilies(Imported)	229.50	265.00
Coconut (Each)	33.20	40.00

1.5 Maradaghamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 24 th July	Two Weeks Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	78.10	78.50	78.63	75.74
Sudu Kekulu	57.80	58.30	60.55	69.11
Raw Red	58.50	59.42	67.71	67.25
Nadu	58.10	60.10	65.20	70.82

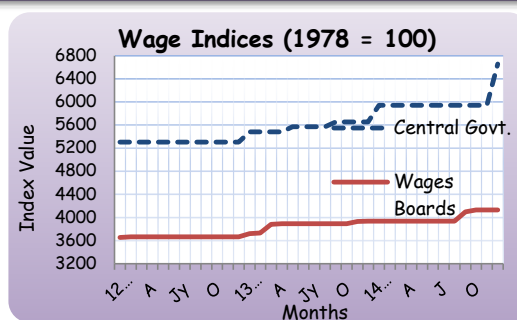
1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	22 nd July 2015	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	90.00	88.00
Kekulu (Red)	68.33	74.33
Vegetables		
Beans	180.00	200.00
Cabbage	100.00	100.00
Carrots	180.00	240.00
Tomatoes	180.00	160.00
Pumpkins	60.00	60.00
Snake Gourd	146.67	140.00
Brinjals	80.00	80.00
Ash-Plantains	140.00	120.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Big-Onions (Imported)	90.00	90.00
Potatoes (Imported)	90.00	90.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	256.67	250.00
Dhal (Indian)	176.67	170.00
Eggs (Red)(Each)	16.00	16.00
Coconut (Each)	58.33	53.33
Fish		
Kelawalla	720.00	840.00
Balaya	453.33	n.a.
Salaya	250.00	200.00
Paraw (Small)	890.00	740.00

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

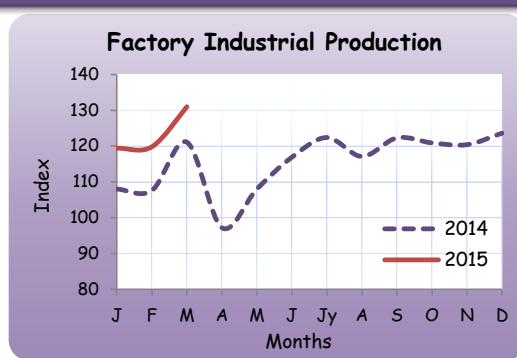


1.7 Factory Industry-Production (FIPI) (2010 = 100) (a)

Item	2015 (b) 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.

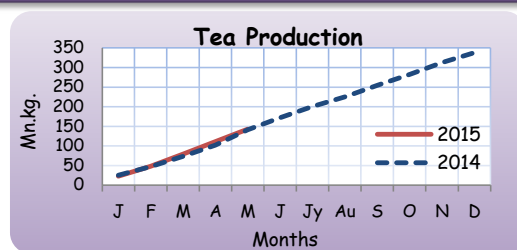
(b) Provisional



1.8 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2015(a) Jan - May	2014 Jan - May	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	143.1	142.6	0.3
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	43.9	53.1	-17.3
Coconuts	(Mn Nuts)	927.7	939.5	-1.3

(a) Provisional

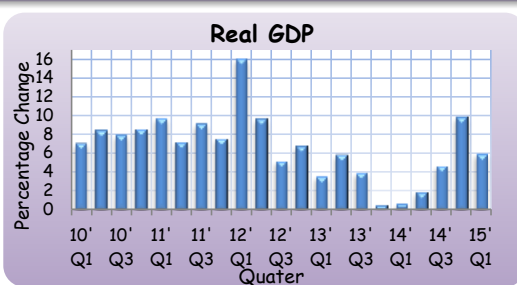


1.9 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2010) Prices - Growth Rates in value added terms

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



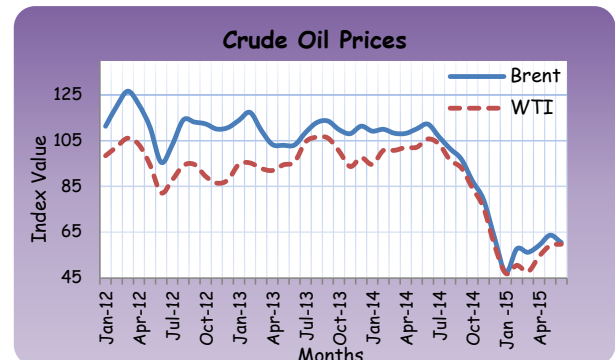
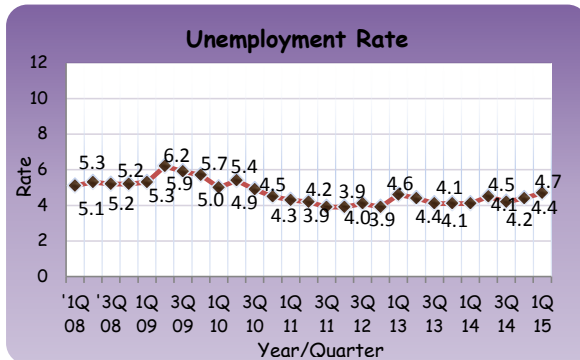
1.10 Employment (a)

Item	2015 (b) 1 st Quarter	2014 1 st Quarter	2014 Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	53.6	53.4	53.3
Unemployment rate	4.7	4.1	4.3
Employed Persons by Sectors % (c)			
Agriculture	29.4	26.4	28.5
Industry	25.9	27.8	26.5
Services	44.7	45.7	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	66.21
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		
17 July	105.84	103.84		56.43	50.88	
20 July	-	-		56.47	50.11	
21 July	105.51	105.34		55.69	50.59	
22 July	106.28	104.59		56.46	49.27	
23 July	106.65	103.81		55.86	48.11	

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 24 July 2015 increased by 16 bps to 6.98 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 mainly due to increase in deposit held by the commercial banks with central bank.

The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to Rs. 83.6 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 101.8 bn by the end of last week.

By 24 July 2015, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 1.50 per cent to 7,269 points while the S&P SL 20 Index increased by 1.44 per cent to 4,072 points, compared to the previous week.

MONETARY SECTOR

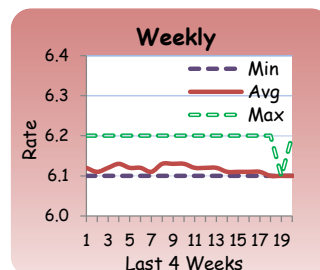
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 2015 Jul 24	Week Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	6.98	6.82	7.62
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	6.25	6.22	6.43
- 182 days	6.38	6.31	6.54
- 364 days	6.39	6.31	6.68
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	6.15	6.74
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	6.13	6.13	6.78
7 days	6.30	6.30	7.24
1 Month	6.59	6.59	7.49
3 Months	6.80	6.80	7.96
6 Months	7.09	7.09	8.22
12 Months	7.39	7.39	8.64
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 24	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	7.32	7.46
People's Bank	8.55	8.55
Hatton National Bank	7.16	7.27
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	6.83	6.93
Sampath Bank	7.40	6.89
Seylan Bank	7.15	6.91
Union Bank of Colombo	7.08	7.15
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	7.50	7.50
Nations Trust Bank	6.52	6.39
DFCC Vardhana Bank	7.63	7.63
NDB Bank	7.64	7.30
Amana Bank	8.11	8.12
Cargills Bank	8.03	7.98

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Jul 24	Week Ago
HSBC	6.50	6.50
Standard Chartered Bank	6.30	6.47
Citi Bank	7.09	6.80
Deutsche Bank	7.12	7.79
Habib Bank	6.00	6.00
Indian Bank	8.50	8.50
Indian Overseas Bank	9.00	9.00
MCB Bank	7.09	7.45
State Bank of India	8.63	8.63
Public Bank	7.00	7.00
ICICI Bank	8.18	8.18
Axis Bank	-	-

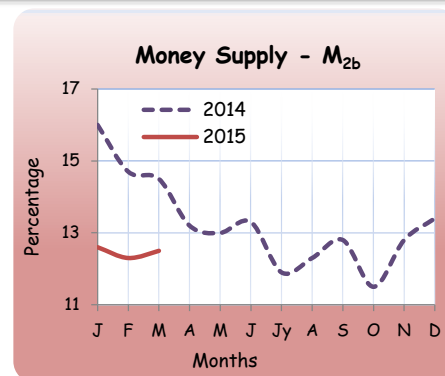
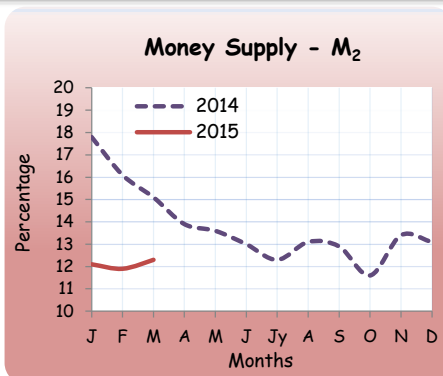
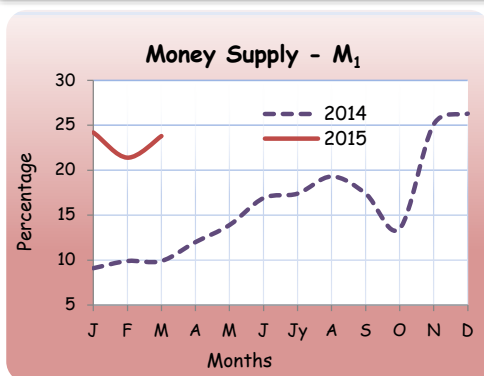
Interest Rates - Call Money



2.2 Money Supply

Item	Rs. Bn.			Annual Change (%)		
	2015 (a)	Month	Year	2015 (a)	Month	Year
	April	Ag	Ag	April	Ag	Ag
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

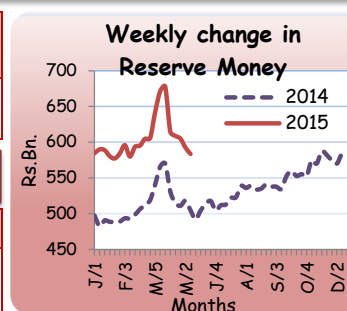


2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	23 July 2015	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	629,334	628,697	637

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	20.07.2015	21.07.2015	22.07.2015	23.07.2015	24.07.2015
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.11	6.13	6.11	6.13	6.14
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	5,805	5,105	7,735	6,300	4,190
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	5.80	5.83	5.81	5.61	6.00
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	3,824	3,168	2,024	3,167	2,878



2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	20.07.2015	21.07.2015	22.07.2015	23.07.2015	24.07.2015
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	65,868	65,882	65,896	65,910	65,924

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	20.07.2015	21.07.2015	22.07.2015	23.07.2015	24.07.2015
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)	95.18	92.51	89.08	82.56	83.57
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	95.18	92.51	89.08	82.56	83.57

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

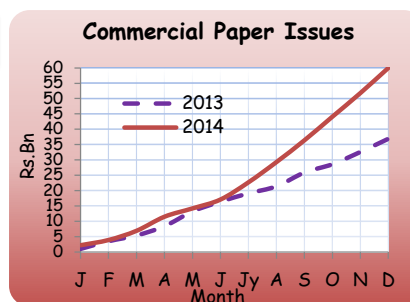
Item	2015 (b) End Jan	2014 End Dec	2013 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,036,910	1,032,833	951,625
Local (accepted only locally)	32,729	32,874	35,990
Global (accepted globally)	1,004,181	999,959	915,635
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	57,048	57,621	51,172
Local (accepted only locally)	1,195	1,234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

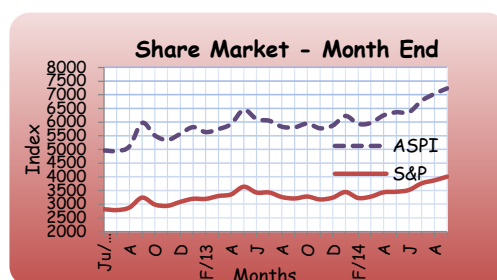
Item (Rs. bn.)	2015 End Jan(b)	2014 End Dec	2013 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	0.1	8.2	28.3
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	3.0	3.5	7.4

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



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 24 July 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	7,269	7,162	6,781
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	4,072	4,014	3,767
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	1,287	1,050	1,122
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	3,089	3,043	2,842



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.

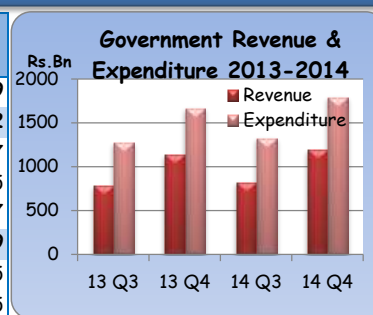
Total outstanding debt increased by Rs. 267.2 billion to Rs. 7,658.1 billion as at end March 2015 from Rs. 7,390.9 billion at end 2014. Foreign debt decreased by Rs. 43.7 billion to Rs. 3,069.4 billion mainly due the repayment of International Sovereign Bond amounting to US dollars 500 million. Meanwhile,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

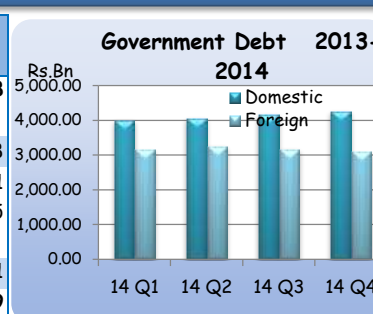
Item	2015 Q1 (a)	2014 Q1
Revenue and Grants	285.6	245.9
Revenue	285.6	245.2
Tax	257.7	227.7
Non tax	27.9	17.5
Grants	0.0	0.7
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	507.3	553.9
Current	410.9	399.5
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	96.4	154.5



(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



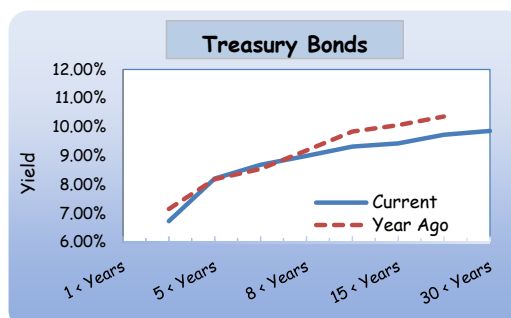
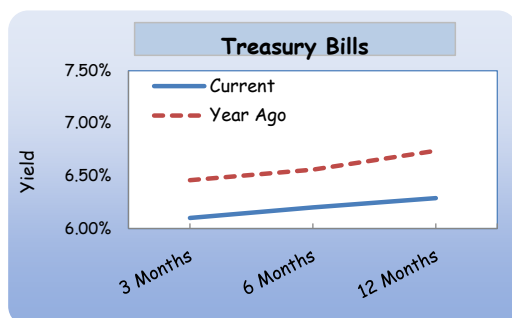
(a) Provisional

3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 22nd 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	6.25%	6.22%	6.16%	6.04%	6.10%	6.10%
	6 Months	6.38%	6.31%	6.27%	6.14%	6.20%	6.21%
	12 Months	6.39%	6.31%	6.35%	6.22%	6.29%	6.31%
Treasury Bonds	2 < Years	-	-	6.80%	6.66%	6.73%	6.58%
	5 < Years	-	8.39%	8.27%	8.16%	8.21%	8.24%
	6 < Years	-	9.08%	8.73%	8.65%	8.69%	8.63%
	8 < Years	-	9.14%	9.06%	8.95%	9.00%	9.10%
	10 < Years	-	-	9.37%	9.26%	9.32%	9.43%
	15 < Years	-	-	9.49%	9.36%	9.43%	9.47%
	20 < Years	-	-	9.84%	9.63%	9.73%	9.76%
30 < Years	-	-	10.01%	9.73%	9.87%	9.90%	

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 22/7/2015

The secondary market yield rates of T-bills and T-bond 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 - 22nd July 2015)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	806,189.17	804,953.15
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,497,209.53	3,497,209.53
Total	4,303,398.70	4,302,162.68
Government Securities held by Foreigners	404,060.64	408,598.44
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	570,028.61	570,454.96

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

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	24,000.00	20,000.00
Total Bids Received	79,745.00	54,978.00
Total Bids Accepted	30,725.00	19,928.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered		60,000.00
Total Bids Received	No auction held	124,985.00
Total Bids Accepted		46,935.00

T-bills auction was substantially oversubscribed during the week as the preference for government securities remained among institutional investors.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	18,971.83	31,624.32
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	141,886.22	161,636.91
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	94,657.86	75,113.26
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	718,974.47	779,536.52

Increased activities were observed in secondary market Treasury Bond 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) - 24/07/2015

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.88	6.00	99.89	5.81	0.00
1 Month	99.50	6.08	99.51	5.96	0.01
2 Month	98.99	6.13	99.01	6.00	0.02
3 Month	98.47	6.20	98.50	6.08	0.03
4 Month	97.95	6.25	97.99	6.13	0.04
5 Month	97.42	6.28	97.47	6.15	0.05
6 Month	96.89	6.31	96.95	6.19	0.06
7 Month	96.35	6.34	96.43	6.21	0.07
8 Month	95.84	6.34	95.92	6.22	0.08
9 Month	95.31	6.36	95.40	6.24	0.09
10 Month	94.77	6.38	94.88	6.24	0.11
11 Month	94.24	6.38	94.36	6.26	0.11
12 Month	93.72	6.39	93.84	6.26	0.12

3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 24/07/2015

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	8	100.10	6.16	100.10	5.99	0.00
11.00%2015B	6	1-Sep-15	39	100.48	6.18	100.49	6.04	0.01
12.50%2015A	2	20-Sep-15	58	100.94	6.20	100.96	6.08	0.02
08.50%2015A	3	1-Nov-15	100	100.58	6.21	100.62	6.07	0.04
07.25%2016A	6	1-Apr-16	252	100.55	6.40	100.66	6.24	0.11
08.00%2016B	4	1-Jun-16	313	101.22	6.49	101.34	6.35	0.12
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	374	99.81	6.59	99.96	6.44	0.15
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	405	101.33	6.72	101.53	6.53	0.21
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	435	99.66	6.69	99.79	6.58	0.13
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	527	101.55	6.84	101.70	6.74	0.14
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	541	98.44	6.93	98.55	6.85	0.11
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	586	101.80	7.04	101.93	6.95	0.14
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	661	102.67	7.14	102.87	7.02	0.20
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	692	101.36	7.21	101.63	7.06	0.26
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	722	97.39	7.24	97.71	7.06	0.32
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	923	102.38	7.45	102.66	7.33	0.28
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	982	102.05	7.63	102.31	7.53	0.25
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	1,043	101.67	7.83	101.95	7.72	0.28
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	1,087	101.54	7.91	101.93	7.76	0.39
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	1,118	98.79	7.95	99.19	7.80	0.39
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	1,179	102.73	7.77	102.94	7.70	0.21
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	1,210	100.17	7.94	100.36	7.87	0.19
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	1,271	92.56	8.15	93.20	7.93	0.64
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,377	101.40	8.06	101.68	7.97	0.28
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	1,438	108.60	8.01	108.98	7.90	0.38
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,514	108.57	8.12	108.92	8.02	0.35
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,561	99.17	8.23	99.52	8.13	0.35
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	1,743	104.02	8.21	104.45	8.10	0.43
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,774	98.52	8.37	98.93	8.27	0.41
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,835	91.63	8.27	92.05	8.16	0.42
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	2,108	101.71	8.61	102.13	8.52	0.42
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	2,275	103.12	8.78	103.44	8.72	0.31
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	2,200	110.43	8.74	110.99	8.62	0.56
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,353	95.79	8.87	96.36	8.75	0.57
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,534	110.40	9.14	110.93	9.04	0.53
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,626	104.03	9.22	104.40	9.15	0.37
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,961	98.43	9.28	98.88	9.20	0.45
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,961	110.17	9.38	110.76	9.28	0.59
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	2,991	86.95	9.31	87.43	9.22	0.48
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	3,083	111.37	9.42	112.20	9.28	0.84
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,418	79.61	9.31	80.01	9.24	0.40
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	3,522	104.15	9.58	105.20	9.41	1.05
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,569	97.61	9.38	98.14	9.29	0.53
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,845	96.61	9.52	97.47	9.38	0.86
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,873	72.84	9.46	73.41	9.36	0.57
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,965	110.00	9.50	110.82	9.39	0.83
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,665	96.68	9.45	98.03	9.26	1.36
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,726	95.29	9.64	96.38	9.49	1.09
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,910	123.46	9.82	126.42	9.48	2.95
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	5,030	124.58	9.72	126.00	9.56	1.43
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	5,409	109.11	9.82	110.58	9.64	1.47
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	6,005	84.96	9.87	86.30	9.68	1.35
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	6,279	92.74	9.88	94.44	9.67	1.70
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,522	93.41	9.79	95.02	9.59	1.61
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,552	128.86	9.80	130.93	9.60	2.07
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,675	92.83	9.85	94.56	9.64	1.73
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,736	128.28	9.89	130.51	9.67	2.24
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	7,174	109.85	10.32	114.51	9.82	4.66
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	10,174	90.42	10.03	92.38	9.80	1.96
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,388	127.37	10.47	131.80	10.08	4.43
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,540	129.61	10.28	132.57	10.03	2.96
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10813	115.77	10.73	121.34	10.20	5.57

External Sector

During the year so far (up to 24 July 2015) the rupee depreciated against the US dollar (1.98 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the euro (8.62 per cent) and the Japanese yen (1.76 per cent) and depreciated against the pound sterling (1.58 per cent) and the Indian rupee (1.08 per cent) during this period.

On cumulative basis, exports earnings during the first five months of 2015 increased marginally by 0.2 per cent year-on-year to US dollars 4,471million. The increase was led by industrial exports which increased by 3.5 per cent.

On a cumulative basis, during the first five months of 2015, expenditure on imports increased by 4.3 per cent, year-on-year, to US dollars 7,868 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 April 2015. Export price index decreased by 4.2 per cent, year-on-year, to 98.5 index points, reflecting price declines in all sub sector in agricultural exports. Meanwhile, the import price index declined by 11.3 per cent, year-on-year, to 101.9 index points due to the decline in price level of consumer and intermediate 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.

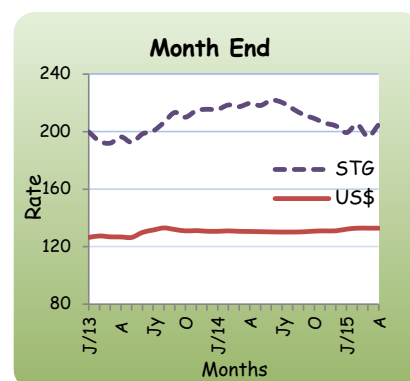
The average price of tea further declined to US dollars 2.96 per kg in May 2015 from US dollars 3.08 per kg (in the Colombo auction) in April 2015 and from US dollars 3.66 per kg in May 2014 . Further, the import prices of sugar, wheat and crude oil prices declined compared to the corresponding month of 2014.

Highlights

EXTERNAL SECTOR

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 24 July 2015			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	132.09	135.29	133.69	133.75	130.23
STG	204.15	210.59	207.37	209.04	221.83
Yen	1.06	1.10	1.08	1.08	1.28
Euro	144.14	149.36	146.75	145.63	175.19
INR ⁽¹⁾			2.09	2.11	2.17
SDR (As at 23 July 2015)			186.64	186.16	200.33
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 24 July 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	28.88	27.14	-
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	134.33	134.33	130.49
3 Months	135.46	135.44	131.08
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	31.29	26.77	35.60
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 23 July 2015)	1,203.63	1,263.24	1,336.98

(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

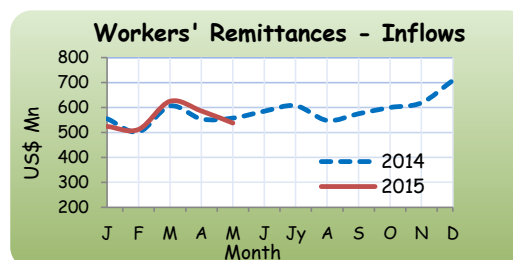
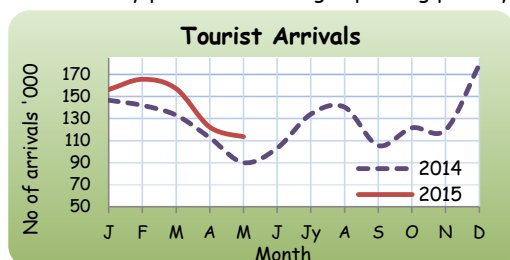
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

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)

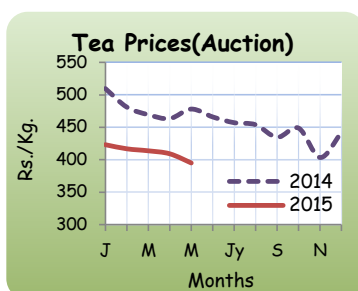
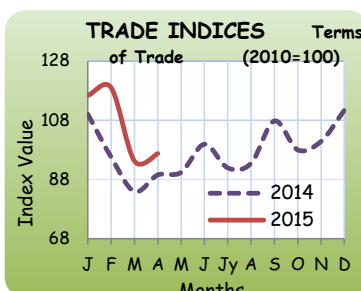
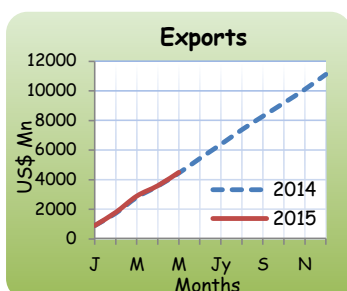
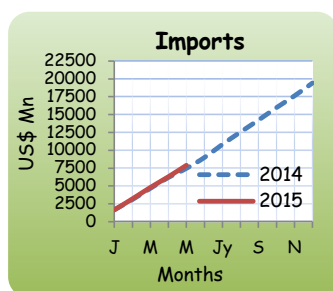
Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)		
Official Reserve Assets		6,845.77
(1) Foreign currency reserves		5,915.13
(a) Securities		3,555.42
(b) Total currency and deposits with		2,359.71
(i) other national central banks, BIS		1,118.47
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad		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-May 2015	Jan-May 2014	% Change	Jan-May 2015	Jan-May 2014	% Change
Exports	4.5	4.5	0.2	593.4	583.2	1.7
Agricultural	1.0	1.1	-7.5	135.1	143.8	-6.0
Industrial	3.4	3.3	3.5	455.4	433.2	5.1
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	0.1	0.1	-9.0	14.7	15.9	-7.5
Textiles and Apparel	2.0	2.0	0.7	262.9	257.0	2.3
Petroleum Products	0.2	0.2	11.4	23.3	20.6	12.9
Leather, Rubber etc	0.4	0.4	-4.1	52.3	53.7	-2.6
Other	0.8	0.7	16.9	102.2	86.0	18.8
Mineral	0.0	0.0	-64.3	2.0	5.5	-63.7
Other	0.0	0.0	18.6	0.9	0.7	20.5
Imports	7.9	7.5	4.3	1,044.1	985.9	5.9
Consumer Goods	1.9	1.3	44.9	254.3	172.7	47.2
Intermediate Goods	4.0	4.7	-13.4	536.5	609.8	-12.0
Investment Goods	1.9	1.6	22.6	252.2	202.6	24.4
Other	0.0	0.0	66.3	1.2	0.7	69.2
Trade Balance	-3.4	-3.1	10.2	-450.7	-402.6	11.9

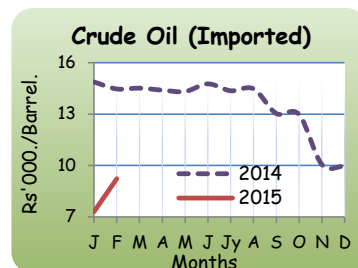
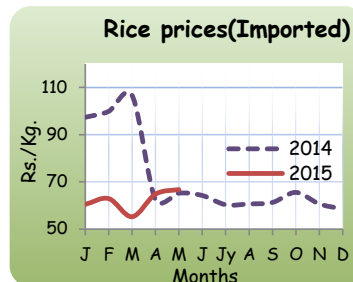


4.7 Trade Indices (2010= 100) (a)

Item	2015 Apr (b)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	99.1	148.1	106.4
Quantity	100.6	156.1	103.5
Unit Value	98.5	94.9	102.8
Total Imports			
Value	133.4	141.5	129.3
Quantity	131.0	140.6	112.6
Unit Value	101.9	100.6	114.8
Terms of Trade	96.7	94.2	89.5

(a) In US\$ Terms

(b) Provisional



4.8 International Commodity Prices

Item	May 2015	May 2014	% Change	May 2015	May 2014	% Change
Colombo Auction Price	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Tea Prices	2.96	3.66	-19.3	395.06	478.12	-17.4
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	499.73	499.96	0.0	66,711.37	65,221.74	2.3
White Sugar	394.81	505.47	-21.9	52,705.65	65,940.89	-20.1
Wheat	290.90	314.43	-7.5	38,833.74	41,018.99	-5.3
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	63.09	109.80	-42.5	8,422.19	14,323.96	-41.2