

Weekly Economic Indicators

30 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 to -0.2 per cent, on an year-on-year basis in July 2015, from 0.1 per cent recorded in June 2015. Annual average inflation declined from 1.7 per cent in June 2015 to 1.3 per cent in July 2015. CCPI increased by 0.7 per cent from June to July 2015.

Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy, increased to 3.5 per cent in July 2015, from 2.8 per cent in June 2015 on an year-on-year basis. Annual average core inflation remained unchanged at 2.8 per cent, as recorded in the previous month.

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

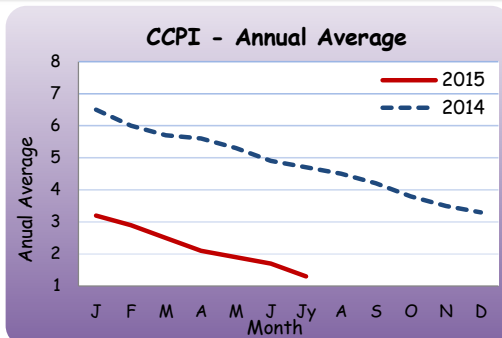
The FIPI increased by 8.2 per cent on a year-on-year basis in March 2015. This growth was mainly facilitated by increased production of beverages, wearing apparel, chemicals and chemical products sectors. They have recorded a significant growth of 9.2, 30.8 and 9.5 per cent respectively during this period. This was mainly attributed to increased domestic and international demand.

During the week crude oil spot prices largely followed an increasing trend. At the beginning of the week WTI price fell after a steep drop in China's stock markets sparked concerns about the economic health of the world's second largest energy consumer. Chinese stocks fell more than 8 per cent, the biggest one-day drop in eight years, driving European equities markets to a two-week low. Crude oil prices then rose as expectations for a drop in U.S. stockpiles offset concerns over a global oil supply glut and China's stock market meltdown. The American Petroleum Institute said that U.S. crude inventories fell by 1.9 million barrels last week, against Reuters forecast of a drop of just about 200,000 barrels. Prices further rose after U.S. government data showed a larger than expected draw in U.S. crude inventories. Energy Information Administration reported U.S. crude stocks fell by 4.2 million barrels and distillate stocks rose by 2.6 million barrels against predicted 1.5 million barrel gain.

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

Item	July 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2006 / 07 = 100)			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	182.8	181.6	183.2
Annual Average Change %	1.3	1.7	4.7
Year - on - Year Change %	-0.2	0.1	3.6
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	178.9	177.5	172.9
Annual Average Change %	2.8	2.8	3.1
Year - on - Year Change %	3.5	2.8	3.7

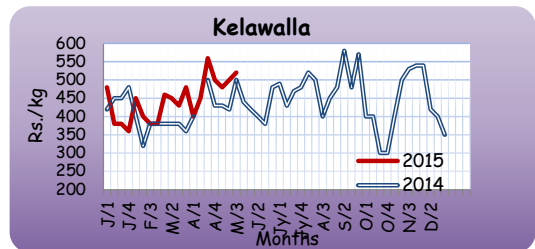
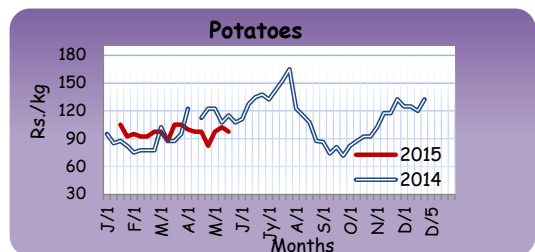
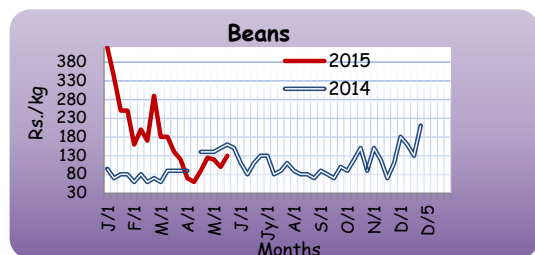
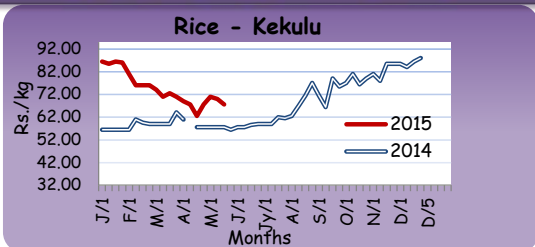


1.2 Pettah Market

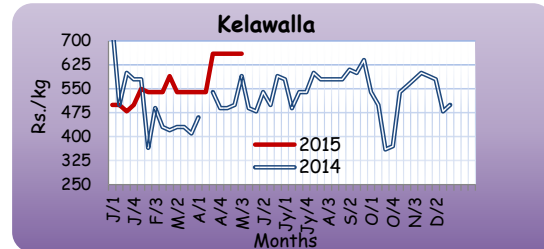
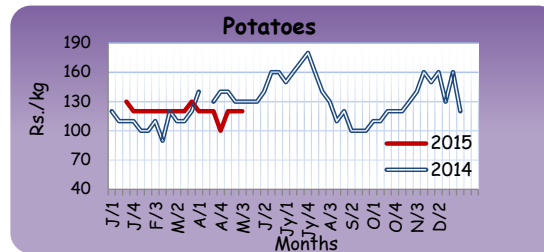
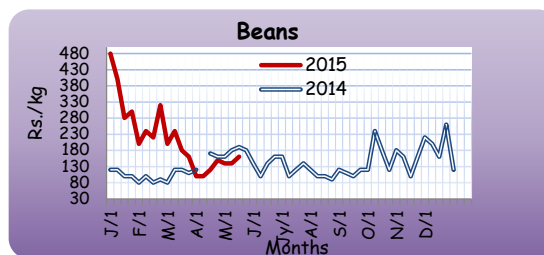
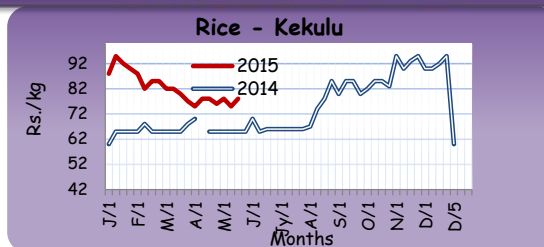
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 29 th July 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 29 th July 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	81.00	80.00	83.13	78.30	86.00	86.00	87.00	84.04
Kekulu (Red)	56.50	60.00	68.00	67.44	66.00	68.00	76.50	74.33
Vegetables								
Beans	120.00	140.00	163.75	113.17	160.00	180.00	206.25	140.96
Cabbage	50.00	50.00	72.50	61.65	80.00	80.00	107.50	90.96
Carrots	100.00	120.00	220.00	109.81	140.00	160.00	266.25	138.08
Tomatoes	80.00	90.00	45.00	90.77	120.00	140.00	75.00	122.31
Pumpkins	40.00	20.00	20.00	37.38	60.00	40.00	37.50	56.83
Snake Gourd	50.00	60.00	67.50	69.90	80.00	100.00	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	70.00	67.50	73.65	100.00	100.00	92.50	95.96
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	90.00	n.a.	133.75	79.55	115.00	n.a.	163.75	109.59
Big-Onions (Local)	95.00	n.a.	n.a.	75.42	120.00	n.a.	n.a.	99.07
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	107.50	125.00	109.00	104.64	130.00	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)	168.00	165.00	172.00	140.94	180.00	180.00	186.75	159.23
Eggs (Red)	16.00	15.50	13.63	12.04	17.00	16.00	14.25	12.57
Coconut (Each)	36.50	31.00	40.50	38.63	50.00	45.00	50.75	50.10
Fish*								
Kelawalla	440.00	480.00	472.50	433.85	650.00	680.00	637.50	532.40
Balaya	220.00	300.00	347.50	295.00	300.00	360.00	435.00	349.04
Salaya	130.00	120.00	127.50	112.31	160.00	160.00	167.50	151.35
Paraw (Small)	500.00	520.00	570.00	435.58	550.00	590.00	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 29 th July 2015	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	82.00	86.00
Kekulu (Red)	63.00	68.00
Vegetables		
Beans	139.00	179.00
Carrot	130.50	167.00
Tomatoes	87.00	121.00
Pumpkins	40.50	60.00
Snake Gourd	35.00	64.00
Ash-Plantains	51.50	74.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	81.50	120.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	109.50	125.00
Dried Chilies(Imported)	235.10	265.00
Coconut (Each)	33.80	41.30

1.5 Maradaghamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 30 th July	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	78.53	78.10	78.63	75.74
Sudu Kekulu	57.63	57.80	60.55	69.11
Raw Red	58.20	58.50	67.71	67.25
Nadu	58.25	58.10	65.20	70.82

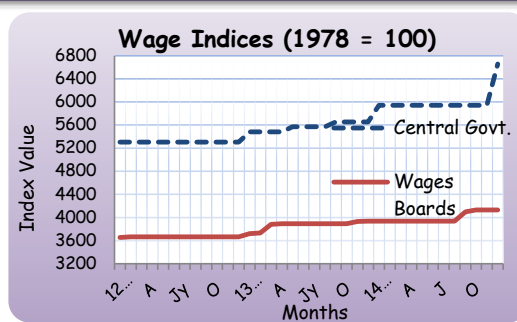
1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	30 th July 2015	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	90.00	90.00
Kekulu (Red)	69.00	68.33
Vegetables		
Beans	200.00	180.00
Cabbage	100.00	100.00
Carrots	180.00	180.00
Tomatoes	160.00	180.00
Pumpkins	70.00	60.00
Snake Gourd	140.00	146.67
Brinjals	100.00	80.00
Ash-Plantains	140.00	140.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Big-Onions (Imported)	100.00	90.00
Potatoes (Imported)	90.00	90.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	257.00	256.67
Dhal (Indian)	180.00	176.67
Eggs (Red)(Each)	17.00	16.00
Coconut (Each)	55.00	58.33
Fish		
Kelawalla	760.00	720.00
Balaya	n.a.	453.33
Salaya	200.00	250.00
Paraw (Small)	840.00	890.00

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

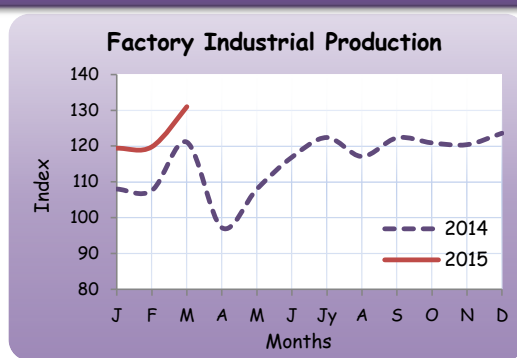


1.7 Factory Industry-Production (FIPI) (2010 = 100) (a)

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.

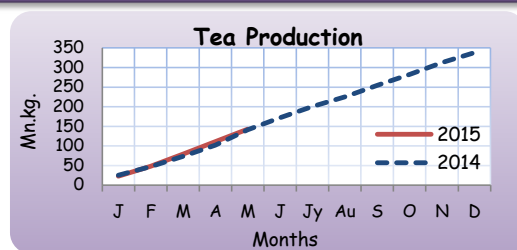
(b) Provisional



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

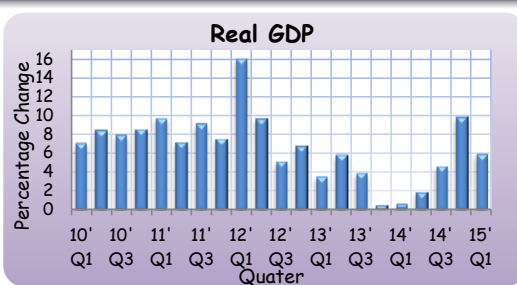


1.9 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2010) Prices - Growth Rates in value added terms

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



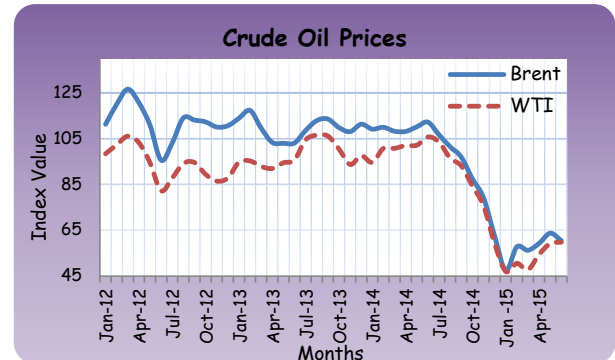
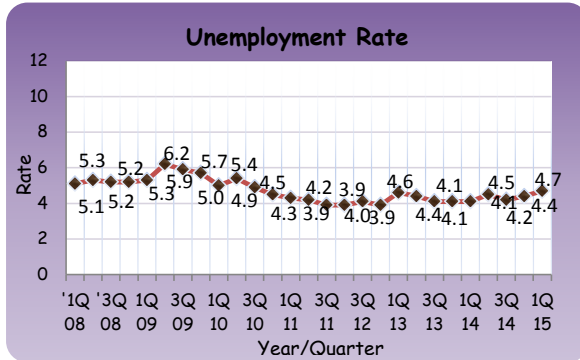
1.10 Employment (a)

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		
24 July	105.58	102.76		54.39	47.98	
27 July	-	-		54.77	47.17	
28 July	106.65	105.68		55.30	47.97	
29 July	106.93	104.91		55.43	48.77	

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 30 July 2015 is at 6.98 which remained the same as 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 decreased compared to the previous week mainly due to decrease in deposits held by the commercial banks with central bank.

The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to Rs. 73.48 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 83.6 bn by the end of last week.

By 30 July 2015, the All Share Price Index (ASPI) increased by 0.87 per cent to 7,332 points while the S&P SL 20 Index increased by 0.89 per cent to 4,108 points, compared to the previous week.

MONETARY SECTOR

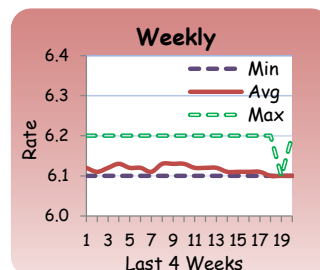
2.1 Interest Rates

Item	Week Ending 2015 Jul 30	Week Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	6.98	6.98	7.91
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	6.28	6.25	6.36
- 182 days	6.43	6.38	6.47
- 364 days	6.48	6.39	6.58
Standing Deposit Facility	6.00	6.00	6.50
Standing Lending Facility	7.50	7.50	8.00
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	6.13	6.12	6.69
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	6.13	6.13	6.77
7 days	6.30	6.30	7.20
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	7.42	7.39	8.57
Commercial Banks	April 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	5.45-14.50
	July 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.00	6.02	7.16
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	7.21	7.29	8.64
	June 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	11.25	11.39	13.83
NSB	April 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Saving Deposits -	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits -	6.50	6.50	7.50
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 30	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	7.43	7.32
People's Bank	8.55	8.55
Hatton National Bank	7.15	7.16
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	7.66	6.83
Sampath Bank	6.91	7.40
Seylan Bank	6.96	7.15
Union Bank of Colombo	6.66	7.08
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	7.50	7.50
Nations Trust Bank	6.59	6.52
DFCC Vardhana Bank	7.74	7.63
NDB Bank	7.32	7.64
Amana Bank	8.11	8.11
Cargills Bank	7.50	8.03

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Jul 30	Week Ago
HSBC	6.50	6.50
Standard Chartered Bank	6.59	6.30
Citi Bank	6.86	7.09
Deutsche Bank	6.77	7.12
Habib Bank	6.00	6.00
Indian Bank	8.50	8.50
Indian Overseas Bank	9.00	9.00
MCB Bank	6.69	7.09
State Bank of India	8.63	8.63
Public Bank	7.00	7.00
ICICI Bank	8.53	8.18
Axis Bank	-	-

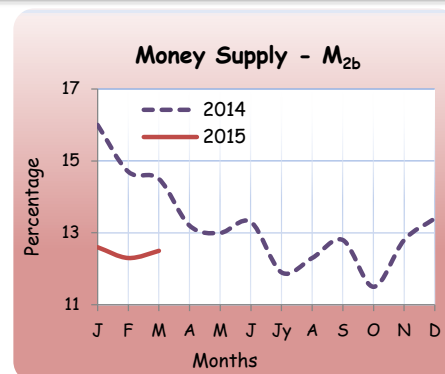
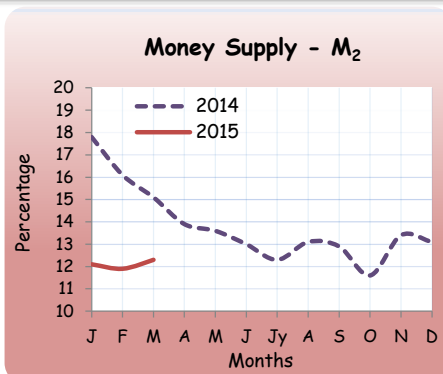
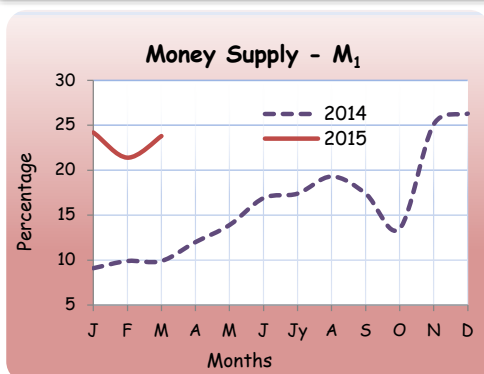
Interest Rates - Call Money



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

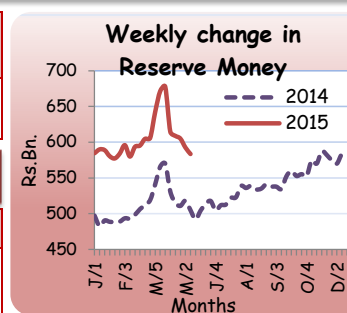


2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	29 July 2015	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	627,111	629,334	-2,223

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	27.07.2015	28.07.2015	29.07.2015	30.07.2015
Call Money Market				
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.14	6.13	6.13	6.10
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	3,530	3,397	5,570	2,275
Repo Market				
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	5.83	5.81	5.81	5.89
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	2,209	2,536	1,478	14,247



2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	27.07.2015	28.07.2015	29.07.2015	30.07.2015
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	65,966	65,979	65,993	66,007

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	27.07.2015	28.07.2015	29.07.2015	30.07.2015
Short-Term Auction				
Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reverse Repo Amount Offered (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	0	0	0	0
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Term Auction				
Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reverse Repo Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Standing Facility				
Standing Deposit Facility (Rs. bn)	83.54	79.33	77.14	73.48
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	83.54	79.33	77.14	73.48

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

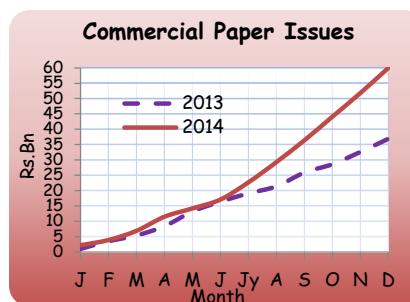
Item	2015 (b) End Feb	2014 End Jan	2013 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,043,233	1,036,910	951,625
Local (accepted only locally)	32,566	32,729	35,990
Global (accepted globally)	1,010,667	1,004,181	915,635
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	56,811	57,048	51,172
Local (accepted only locally)	1,206	1,195	1,260
Global (accepted globally)	55,604	55,853	49,913

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

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

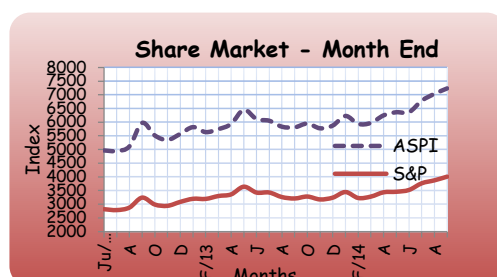
Item (Rs. bn.)	2015 End Feb(b)	2014 End Jan	2013 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	0.1	0.1	28.3
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	2.5	3.0	7.4

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



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 30 July 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	7,332	7,269	6,802
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	4,108	4,072	3,768
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	1,905	1,287	898
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	3,115	3,089	2,852



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.

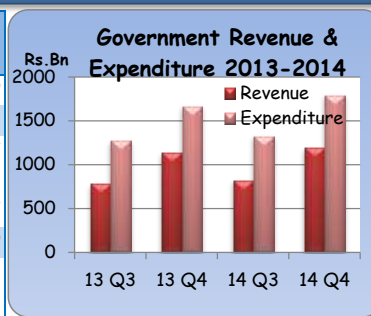
Total outstanding debt increased by Rs. 267.2 billion to Rs. 7,658.1 billion as at end March 2015 from Rs. 7,390.9 billion at end 2014. Foreign debt decreased by Rs. 43.7 billion to Rs. 3,069.4 billion mainly due the repayment of International Sovereign Bond amounting to US dollars 500 million. Meanwhile,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

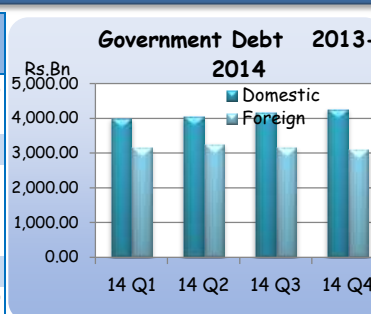
Item	2015 Q1 (a)	2014 Q1
Revenue and Grants	285.6	245.9
Revenue	285.6	245.2
Tax	257.7	227.7
Non tax	27.9	17.5
Grants	0.0	0.7
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	507.3	553.9
Current	410.9	399.5
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	96.4	154.5



(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

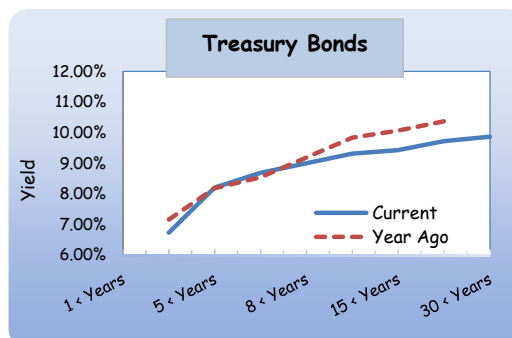
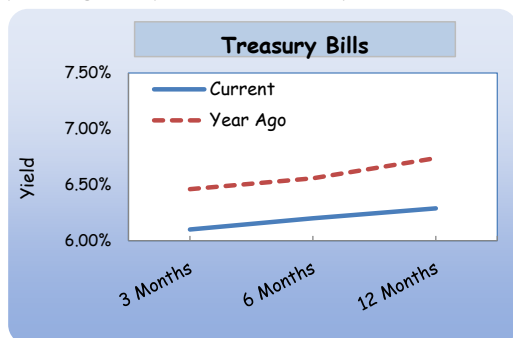
3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 29th July 2015

Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week
				Buying	Selling	Average	Average
Treasury Bills	3 Months	6.28%	6.25%	6.23%	6.12%	6.18%	6.10%
	6 Months	6.43%	6.38%	6.35%	6.23%	6.29%	6.20%
	12 Months	6.48%	6.39%	6.42%	6.30%	6.36%	6.29%
Treasury Bonds	2 < Years	-	-	6.80%	6.66%	6.73%	6.73%
	5 < Years(b)	8.19%	-	8.27%	8.17%	8.22%	8.21%
	6 < Years	8.87%	-	8.76%	8.68%	8.72%	8.69%
	8 < Years	-	-	9.06%	8.96%	9.01%	9.00%
	10 < Years	-	-	9.41%	9.28%	9.35%	9.32%
	15 < Years	-	-	9.49%	9.41%	9.45%	9.43%
	20 < Years	-	-	9.81%	9.63%	9.72%	9.73%
30 < Years	-	-	10.01%	9.74%	9.87%	9.87%	

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 29/07/2015

(b) Rounded to the closest Maturity

The secondary market yield rates of T-bills and T-bond adjusted upward across short and medium term maturities 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 - 29th July 2015)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	807,340.91	806,189.17
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,497,209.53	3,497,209.53
Total	4,304,550.44	4,303,398.70
Government Securities held by Foreigners	401,171.45	404,060.64
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	569,602.26	570,028.61

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

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	19,000.00	24,000.00
Total Bids Received	58,831.00	79,745.00
Total Bids Accepted	26,453.00	30,725.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	40,000.00	
Total Bids Received	156,795.00	No auction held
Total Bids Accepted	50,640.00	

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)	25,138.22	18,971.83
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	124,480.09	141,886.22
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	33,984.19	94,657.86
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	568,426.19	718,974.47

Increased activities were observed in secondary market T-bill 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) - 30/07/2015

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.88	6.03	99.89	5.85	0.00
1 Month	99.50	6.14	99.51	6.02	0.01
2 Month	98.98	6.19	99.00	6.07	0.02
3 Month	98.46	6.26	98.49	6.14	0.03
4 Month	97.93	6.30	97.97	6.19	0.04
5 Month	97.40	6.33	97.45	6.21	0.05
6 Month	96.86	6.36	96.92	6.24	0.06
7 Month	96.32	6.39	96.39	6.27	0.07
8 Month	95.81	6.39	95.88	6.28	0.08
9 Month	95.27	6.41	95.35	6.30	0.09
10 Month	94.74	6.42	94.84	6.30	0.10
11 Month	94.20	6.43	94.30	6.32	0.10
12 Month	93.68	6.43	93.79	6.31	0.12

3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 30/07/2015

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	2	100.02	6.21	100.03	6.01	0.00
11.00%2015B	6	1-Sep-15	33	100.40	6.21	100.42	6.07	0.01
12.50%2015A	2	20-Sep-15	52	100.84	6.24	100.85	6.12	0.02
08.50%2015A	3	1-Nov-15	94	100.54	6.23	100.58	6.07	0.04
07.25%2016A	6	1-Apr-16	246	100.51	6.44	100.63	6.26	0.12
08.00%2016B	4	1-Jun-16	307	101.18	6.51	101.30	6.36	0.12
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	368	99.79	6.62	99.96	6.45	0.16
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	399	101.28	6.76	101.50	6.54	0.23
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	429	99.64	6.72	99.77	6.60	0.13
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	521	101.42	6.92	101.57	6.82	0.14
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	535	98.33	7.02	98.45	6.93	0.12
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	580	101.76	7.05	101.90	6.96	0.13
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	655	102.65	7.14	102.83	7.03	0.18
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	686	101.28	7.25	101.54	7.10	0.26
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	716	97.33	7.29	97.66	7.10	0.33
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	917	102.51	7.38	102.83	7.25	0.31
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	976	102.10	7.61	102.38	7.49	0.28
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	1,037	101.66	7.83	101.94	7.72	0.29
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	1,081	101.53	7.91	101.85	7.79	0.31
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	1,112	98.80	7.95	99.19	7.80	0.39
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	1,173	102.92	7.70	103.11	7.63	0.19
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	1,204	100.21	7.92	100.39	7.86	0.18
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	1,265	93.01	8.00	93.33	7.89	0.31
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,371	101.39	8.06	101.70	7.96	0.31
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	1,432	108.53	8.02	108.94	7.90	0.41
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,508	108.33	8.18	108.68	8.08	0.34
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,555	99.10	8.25	99.49	8.14	0.40
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	1,737	104.03	8.20	104.44	8.10	0.41
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,768	98.47	8.39	98.88	8.28	0.41
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,829	91.78	8.24	92.21	8.13	0.43
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	2,102	101.06	8.76	101.54	8.65	0.48
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	2,269	102.99	8.81	103.24	8.76	0.26
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	2,194	110.17	8.78	110.72	8.67	0.54
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,347	95.66	8.90	96.30	8.76	0.65
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,528	110.26	9.16	110.78	9.07	0.53
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,620	104.06	9.21	104.40	9.15	0.34
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,955	98.52	9.26	99.06	9.16	0.55
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,955	112.86	8.93	116.18	8.40	3.32
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	2,985	87.05	9.29	87.55	9.20	0.50
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	3,077	111.27	9.43	112.23	9.27	0.96
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,412	79.15	9.40	79.82	9.28	0.66
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	3,516	104.09	9.59	105.29	9.40	1.19
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,563	97.61	9.38	97.92	9.33	0.31
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,839	96.61	9.52	97.30	9.41	0.69
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,867	72.87	9.46	73.06	9.43	0.19
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,959	109.99	9.50	110.27	9.46	0.29
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,659	96.68	9.45	97.81	9.29	1.14
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,720	95.29	9.64	96.09	9.53	0.80
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,904	123.30	9.83	126.00	9.53	2.70
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	5,024	124.56	9.72	125.81	9.58	1.25
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	5,403	109.10	9.82	110.29	9.67	1.19
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	5,999	84.28	9.96	86.00	9.72	1.72
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	6,273	92.74	9.88	94.18	9.70	1.44
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,516	93.41	9.79	94.62	9.64	1.20
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,546	128.85	9.80	130.55	9.64	1.71
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,669	92.84	9.85	94.32	9.67	1.49
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,730	128.26	9.89	130.29	9.69	2.03
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	7,168	110.15	10.28	114.67	9.80	4.52
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	10,168	90.42	10.03	92.38	9.80	1.96
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,382	127.36	10.47	131.79	10.08	4.43
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,534	129.60	10.28	132.56	10.03	2.96
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10,807	114.85	10.82	119.25	10.39	4.40

External Sector

During the year so far (up to 30 July 2015) the rupee depreciated against the US dollar (1.91 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the euro (8.75 per cent) and the Japanese yen (2.03 per cent) and depreciated against the pound sterling (2.13 per cent) and the Indian rupee (1.10 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.

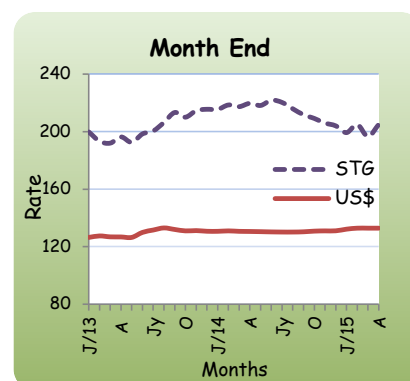
The average price of tea further declined to US dollars 2.96 per kg in May 2015 from US dollars 3.08 per kg (in the Colombo auction) in April 2015 and from US dollars 3.66 per kg in May 2014 . Further, the import prices of sugar, wheat and crude oil prices declined compared to the corresponding month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

Highlights

EXTERNAL SECTOR

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 30 July 2015			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	132.01	135.21	133.61	133.69	130.19
STG	205.27	211.73	208.50	207.37	220.66
Yen	1.06	1.10	1.08	1.08	1.28
Euro	143.95	149.16	146.56	146.75	174.52
INR ⁽¹⁾			2.09	2.09	2.17
SDR (As at 29 July 2015)			186.91	186.64	199.63
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 30 July 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	17.13	28.88	41.49
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	134.22	134.33	130.46
3 Months	135.27	135.46	131.07
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	20.16	31.29	20.40
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 29 July 2015)	1,255.15	1,203.63	1,283.74

(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

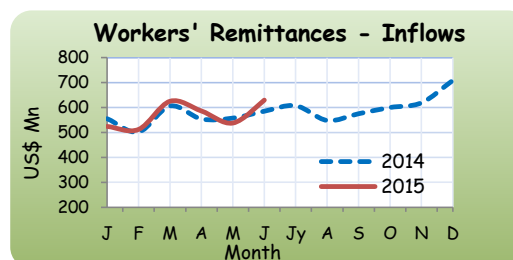
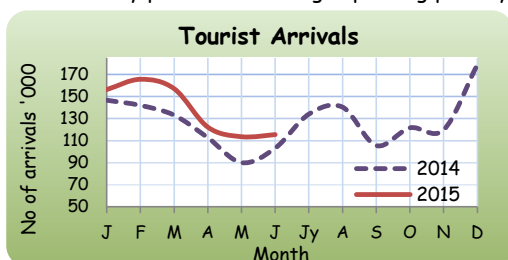
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

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)		2014	2015	2014	2015	% Change
	US\$ Mn.	June	June (b)	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun(a)	
	US\$ Mn.	585.1	629.6	3,360.0	3,432.7	2.2
	Rs. bn.	76.2	84.3	438.8	456.4	4.0

(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



4.5 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at 30th June 2015 ^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)					
Official Reserve Assets^(b)					7,525.49
(1) Foreign currency reserves					6,606.37
(a) Securities					3,531.45
(b) Total currency and deposits with					3,074.92
(i) other national central banks, BIS					1,813.46
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad					1.05
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country					1,260.41
(2) Reserve position in the IMF					67.30
(3) SDRs					11.82
(4) Gold					839.06
(5) Other reserve assets					0.94
Predetermined Short-Term Net Drains on Foreign Currency Assets ^(c)					
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	-3,205.89	-427.50	-680.57	-2,097.82
	Interest	-1,098.86	-250.17	-102.78	-745.92
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 (-) ^(d)					
		-2,459.58	-800.65	-455.93	-1,203.00
(b) Long positions (+)					
3. Other (specify)					
inflows related to reverse repos (+)		-0.14	-0.14		
other accounts payable (-)		-0.14	-0.14		

(a) Provisional

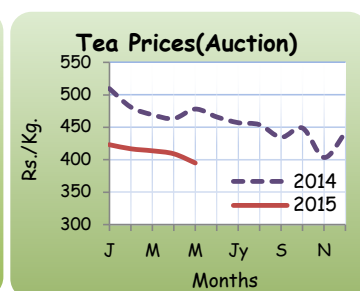
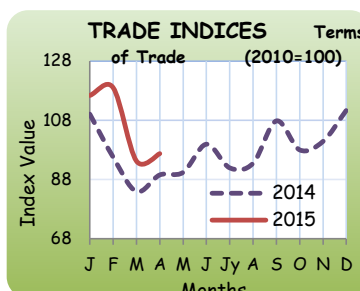
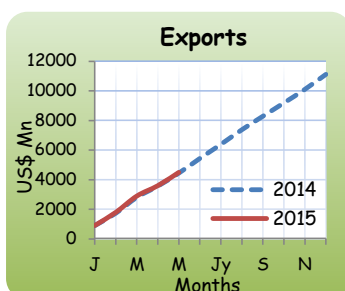
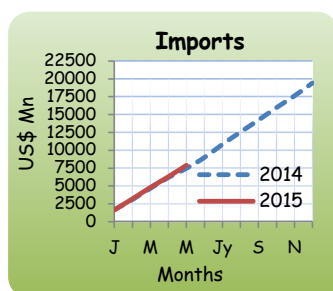
(b) By end June 2015, the gross official reserves were equivalent to 4.5 months of imports

(c) This mainly includes only the predetermined outflows

(d) 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

4.6 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

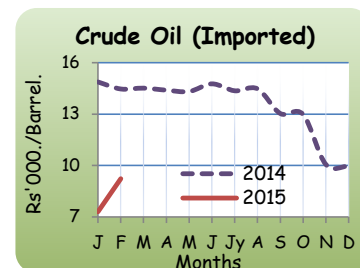
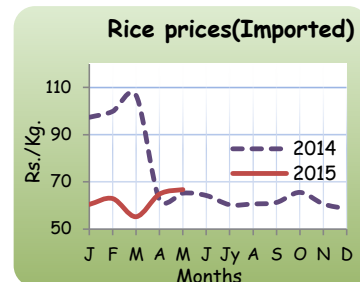


4.7 Trade Indices (2010= 100) (a)

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