

Weekly Economic Indicators

25 September 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, remained unchanged at -0.2 per cent in August 2015, as recorded in the previous month, on an year-on-year basis. Annual average inflation declined to 1.0 per cent in August 2015 from 1.3 per cent in July 2015. CCPI decreased by 0.5 per cent from July to August 2015.

Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy, increased to 3.9 per cent in August 2015, from 3.5 per cent in July 2015 on an year-on-year basis. Annual average core inflation remained unchanged at 2.8 per cent, for the third consecutive month.

The GDP grew by 6.7 per cent in real terms during the second quarter of 2015, mainly attributable to 7.9 per cent growth in Services activities, supported by the growth in Industry activities by 2.0 per cent and Agriculture activities by 5.0 per cent in value added terms.

Tea production during the first seven months of 2015 declined by 2.1 per cent from 202.6 million kg to 198.4 million kg. Meanwhile, coconut production during the first Six months of 2015 has increased by 4.4 per cent. However, production of rubber during the first seven months of 2015 recorded a substantial decline of 15.9 per cent.

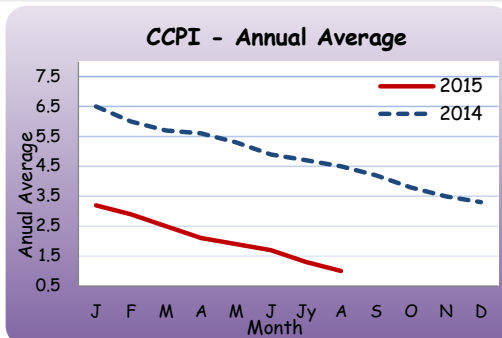
The FIPI increased by 14 per cent on a year-on-year basis in May 2015. This growth was mainly facilitated by increased production of tobacco, wearing apparel and other non-metallic mineral products sectors. They have recorded a significant growth of 16.9, 29.8 and 38.4 per cent respectively during this 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 prices rose on signs of declining stockpiles and less drilling that could reduce future output. Goldman Sachs reported U.S. oil-rig reductions suggested a decline of more than 250,000 barrels per day in U.S. crude production between the second and fourth quarters of this year. Industry group American Petroleum Institute reported that U.S. crude stocks were estimated to have dropped. Prices then fell as U.S. equity markets slumped to a two-week low. However, prices were then mixed after U.S. energy Information Administration reported crude oil stocks fell by 1.9 million barrels while gasoline stockpiles rose by 1.4 million barrels. However, Brent price again fell after weak data from Japan reinforced concerns over global economic growth. Japan's core consumer prices fell by 0.1 per cent in August from a year earlier, marking the first year-on-year drop since April 2013.

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

Item	August 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2006 / 07 = 100)			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	181.9	182.8	182.3
Annual Average Change %	1.0	1.3	4.5
Year - on - Year Change %	-0.2	-0.2	3.5
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	180.0	178.9	173.2
Annual Average Change %	2.8	2.8	3.2
Year - on - Year Change %	3.9	3.5	3.9

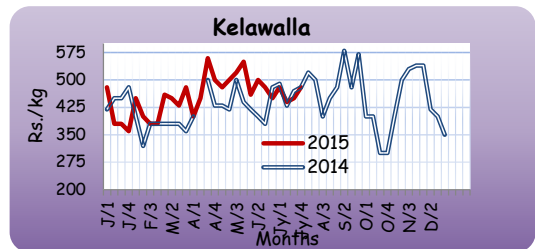
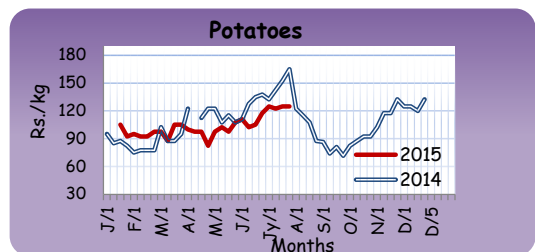
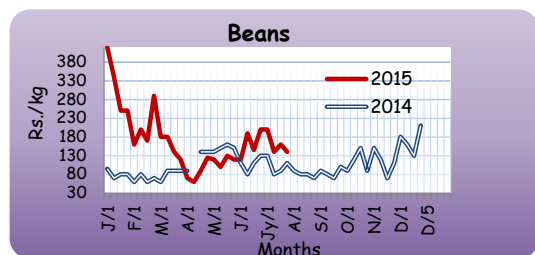
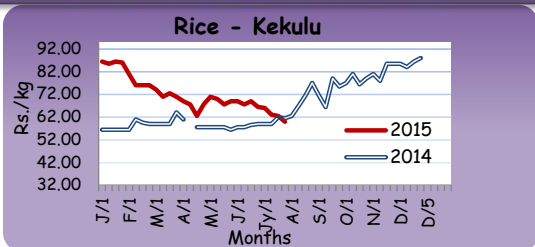


1.2 Pettah Market

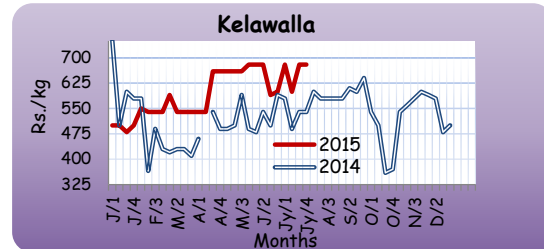
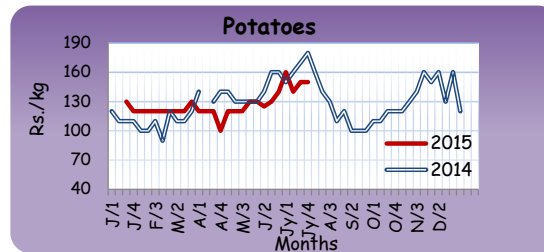
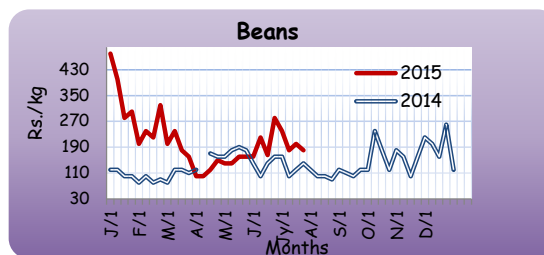
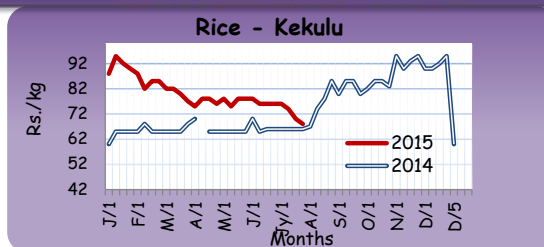
Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 23 rd Sep 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 23 rd Sep 2015	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	81.50	81.00	80.00	78.30	88.00	88.00	87.00	84.04
Kekulu (Red)	58.00	59.00	59.13	67.44	68.00	70.00	68.75	74.33
Vegetables								
Beans	120.00	120.00	90.00	113.17	150.00	160.00	120.00	140.96
Cabbage	50.00	40.00	52.50	61.65	70.00	80.00	82.50	90.96
Carrots	50.00	60.00	98.75	109.81	80.00	100.00	130.00	138.08
Tomatoes	40.00	50.00	52.50	90.77	80.00	80.00	82.50	122.31
Pumpkins	40.00	30.00	40.00	37.38	70.00	50.00	65.00	56.83
Snake Gourd	40.00	60.00	50.00	69.90	80.00	80.00	77.50	96.73
Brinjals	40.00	70.00	48.75	71.35	80.00	100.00	77.50	98.65
Ash-Plantains	50.00	80.00	68.75	73.65	80.00	100.00	97.50	95.96
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	72.50	75.00	85.62	79.55	95.00	120.00	115.00	109.59
Big-Onions (Local)	75.00	75.00	103.13	75.42	100.00	90.00	125.00	99.07
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	92.50	102.50	108.88	104.64	120.00	120.00	131.25	127.69
Dried Chilies (Imported)	275.00	260.00	240.00	193.24	340.00	330.00	277.50	230.38
Dhal (Indian)	168.00	168.00	167.25	140.94	185.00	185.00	181.50	159.23
Eggs (Red)	13.50	13.00	15.63	12.04	14.00	14.00	16.25	12.57
Coconut (Each)	37.00	37.00	36.25	38.63	50.00	50.00	49.50	50.10
Fish*								
Kelawalla	480.00	430.00	520.00	433.85	600.00	480.00	665.00	532.40
Balaya	270.00	250.00	267.50	295.00	330.00	300.00	337.50	349.04
Salaya	140.00	140.00	132.50	112.31	180.00	180.00	177.50	151.35
Paraw (Small)	480.00	560.00	532.50	435.58	550.00	600.00	582.50	487.88

* Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Peliyagoda.

Pettah Market - Wholesale Prices



Pettah Market - Retail Prices



1.3 Dambulla Market

Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 24 th Sep 2015	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	83.20	86.50
Kekulu (Red)	62.40	67.50
Vegetables		
Beans	109.50	148.00
Carrot	74.50	112.00
Tomatoes	53.00	78.00
Pumpkins	32.70	46.00
Snake Gourd	40.50	65.00
Ash-Plantains	54.50	75.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	76.50	112.00
Big-Onions (Local)	75.50	102.00
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	90.50	112.00
Dried Chilies(Imported)	274.80	320.00
Coconut (Each)	35.40	45.00

1.5 Maradaghamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice				
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 25 th Sep	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	79.80	79.70	76.99	75.74
Sudu Kekulu	57.75	58.50	55.33	69.11
Raw Red	57.50	58.10	56.87	67.25
Nadu	59.75	60.70	55.72	70.82

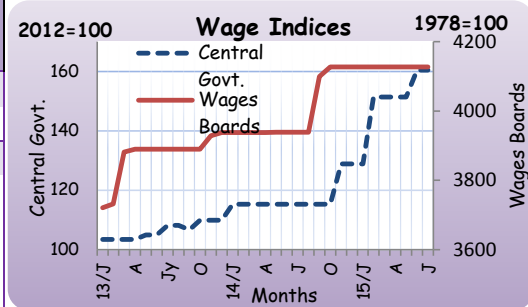
1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	23 rd Sep 2015	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	90.00	90.00
Kekulu (Red)	69.00	73.00
Vegetables		
Beans	140.00	160.00
Cabbage	80.00	120.00
Carrots	120.00	120.00
Tomatoes	100.00	100.00
Pumpkins	80.00	80.00
Snake Gourd	100.00	107.00
Brinjals	90.00	100.00
Ash-Plantains	80.00	140.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	90.00
Big-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (Imported)	90.00	90.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	260.00	267.00
Dhal (Indian)	190.00	183.00
Eggs (Red)(Each)	15.00	15.00
Coconut (Each)	55.00	60.00
Fish		
Kelawalla	640.00	740.00
Balaya	n.a.	n.a.
Salaya	160.00	160.00
Paraw (Small)	890.00	890.00

1.6 Wage rate Indices

Item	2015(a) July	2014 July	% Change
(2012 = 100)			
Central Government Employees	160.4	115.3	39.1
(1978 = 100)			
Workers in Wages Boards Trades	4,127.1	3,938.3	4.8
Agriculture	4,734.4	4,449.3	6.4
Industry & Commerce	3,459.1	3,459.1	0.0
Services	2,313.2	2,313.2	0.0

(a) Provisional

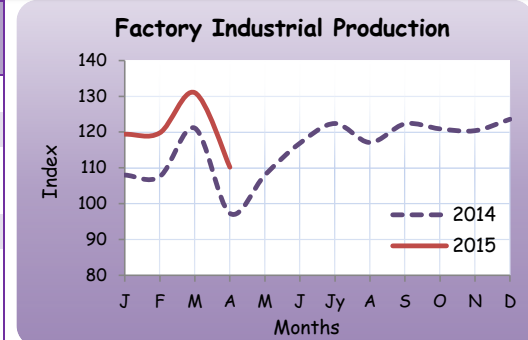


1.7 Factory Industry-Production (FIPI) (2010 = 100) (a)

Item	2015 (b) May	2014 May	% Change
Factory Industry- Production Index	123.1	108.0	14.0
Food products	103.3	100.5	2.8
Beverages	121.8	109.7	11.0
Tobacco products	96.2	82.3	16.9
Wearing apparel	168.2	129.6	29.8
Chemicals and chemical products	94.5	85.4	10.7
Rubber and plastic products	138.4	134.0	3.3
Other non-metallic mineral products	114.8	83.0	38.4

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

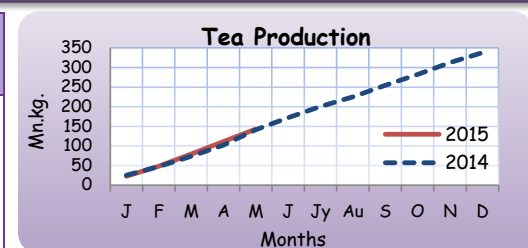
(b) Provisional



1.8 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2015(a) Jan - Jul	2014 Jan - Jul	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	198.4	202.6	-2.1
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	57.0	67.8	-15.9
		Jan - Jun	Jan - Jun	
Coconuts	(Mn Nuts)	1,488.8	1,425.7	4.4

(a) Provisional

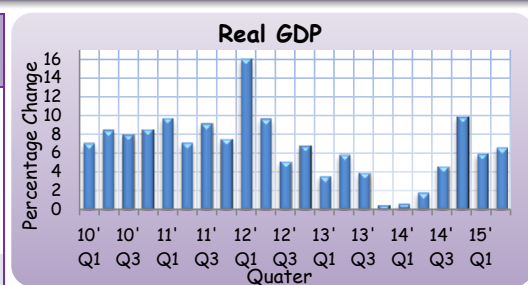


1.9 GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2010) Prices - Growth Rates in value added terms

Item	2015(a) 2 nd Quarter	2014(a) 2 nd Quarter	2014(a) Annual
Agriculture	5.0	-0.9	-2.2
Industry	2.0	-5.9	1.2
Services	7.9	5.5	6.5
GDP	6.7	1.9	4.5

(a)Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics



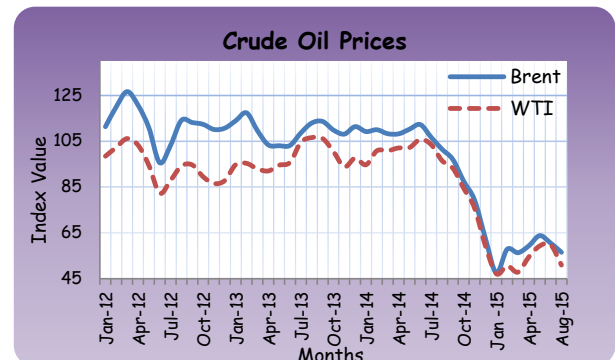
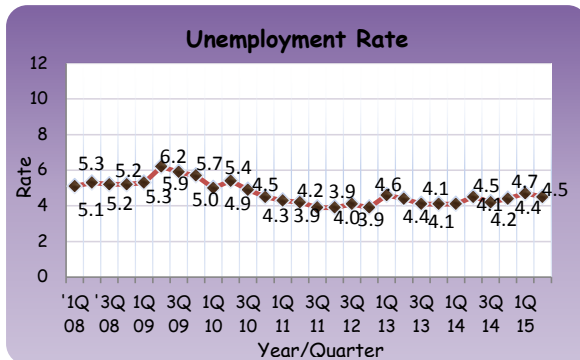
1.10 Employment (a)

Item	2015 (b) 2 nd Quarter	2014 2 nd Quarter	2014 Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	54.3	53.6	53.3
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.5	4.3
Employed Persons by Sectors (c) (as a % of total employment)			
Agriculture	28.4	28.2	28.5
Industry	25.7	26.0	26.5
Services	45.9	45.8	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	56.48	50.90	60.49
August	101.51	96.54	111.21	46.43	42.87	-
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		
18 September	96.42	93.07		47.28	44.71	
21 September	-	-		47.64	46.67	
22 September	95.12	91.46		46.79	46.17	
23 September	94.62	91.55		48.10	44.53	
24 September	94.28	93.60		47.16	44.94	

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 25 September 2015 increased by 19 basis points to 7.08 compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 15.3 per cent on a year-on-year basis in June 2015.

NFA of the banking system declined by Rs. 28.5 billion in June 2015.

NCG from the banking system showed an increase of Rs. 11.1 billion in June 2015.

Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 61.5 in June 2015.

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

The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to Rs. 64.41 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 73.03 bn by the end of last week.

By 25 September 2015, Both All Share Price Index (ASPI) and S&P SL 20 Index increased marginally by 0.04 per cent to 7,111 points and 3,887 points, respectively, compared to the previous week.

MONETARY SECTOR

2.1 Interest Rates

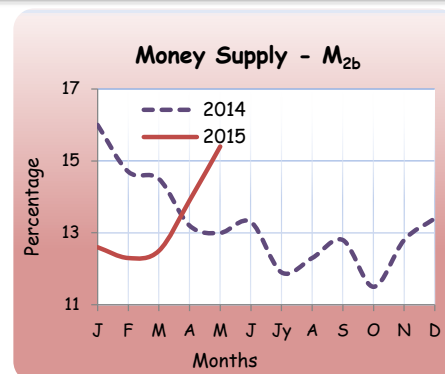
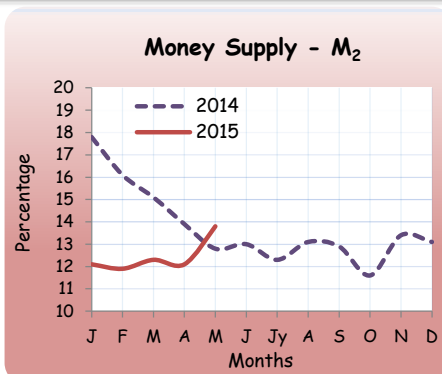
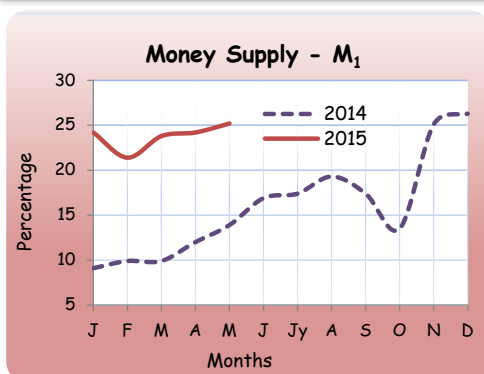
Item	Week Ending 2015 Sep 25	Week Ago	Year Ago	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	7.08	6.89	7.15	
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)				
- 91 days	6.78	6.79	-	
- 182 days	7.07	-	-	
- 364 days	7.18	7.17	5.89	
Standing Deposit Facility	6.00	6.00	6.50	
Standing Lending Facility	7.50	7.50	8.00	
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	6.35	6.35	6.50	
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)				
1 day	6.35	6.35	6.52	
7 days	6.53	6.50	6.82	
1 Month	6.83	6.85	6.98	
3 Months	7.16	7.12	7.19	
6 Months	7.44	7.36	7.39	
12 Months	7.77	7.65	7.68	
Commercial Banks	July 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Saving Deposits -	0.50-8.00	0.50-8.00	0.75-8.00	
One Year Fixed Deposits -	3.50-15.00	3.50-15.00	4.55-13.00	
	August 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.01	6.00	7.02	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	7.23	7.21	8.44	
	July 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	11.17	11.25	13.53	
NSB	July 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	(4 Y 7 Months) 15/09/2015	(7 Years) 15/09/2015	(9 Y 10 Months) 15/09/2015	(12 Y 11 Months) 15/09/2015
Coupon rate	9.25	10.00	11.00	11.50
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	9.58	9.95	10.38	10.88

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Sep 25	Week Ago	Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2015 Sep 25	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	7.77	7.74	HSBC	6.40	6.43
People's Bank	8.13	8.50	Standard Chartered Bank	7.37	7.03
Hatton National Bank	7.84	7.13	Citi Bank	8.40	7.50
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	7.38	6.99	Deutsche Bank	7.13	6.62
Sampath Bank	7.89	7.48	Habib Bank	5.82	5.82
Seylan Bank	7.25	7.23	Indian Bank	8.32	8.32
Union Bank of Colombo	7.20	7.37	Indian Overseas Bank	8.82	8.82
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	7.50	7.50	MCB Bank	7.95	7.37
Nations Trust Bank	6.72	6.54	State Bank of India	8.32	8.32
DFCC Vardhana Bank	7.51	7.76	Public Bank	8.60	8.34
NDB Bank	7.42	7.62	ICICI Bank	8.93	8.44
Amana Bank	8.43	8.42	Axis Bank	-	-
Cargills Bank	7.54	7.58			

2.2 Money Supply

Item	Rs. Bn.			Annual Change (%)		
	2015 (a)	Month	Year	2015 (a)	Month	Year
	June	Agg	Agg	June	Agg	Agg
M1	629.4	630.8	519.2	21.2	25.2	16.9
M2	3,677.5	3,641.3	3,214.3	14.4	14.5	13.0
M2b	4,141.1	4,102.8	3,592.8	15.3	15.4	13.3
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-205.5	-177.0	163.6	-225.6	-211.2	196.8
Monetary Authorities	538.6	550.5	706.9	-23.8	-17.6	93.2
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-249.1	-234.6	-212.7	-17.1	-15.1	-23.4
Foreign currency Banking Units (FCBUs)	-495.0	-492.8	-330.6	-49.7	-61.7	8.8
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	4,346.6	4,279.7	3,429.3	26.8	26.0	2.7
DBUs	3,686.8	3,618.7	2,967.6	24.2	22.1	3.2
FCBUs	659.8	661.0	461.7	42.9	52.7	-0.4
Net Credit to Government	1,673.8	1,662.7	1,377.4	21.5	20.9	9.0
Monetary Authorities	186.7	201.5	142.8	30.8	37.8	-38.8
DBUs	1,208.8	1,191.2	1,031.5	17.2	15.3	16.8
FCBUs	278.3	270.0	203.1	37.0	37.9	38.0
Credit to Corporations	482.6	496.9	349.2	38.2	50.4	4.5
DBUs	202.4	202.5	151.6	33.5	39.2	38.6
FCBUs	280.3	294.4	197.6	41.8	59.3	-12.2
Credit to the Private Sector	2,963.2	2,908.2	2,481.7	19.4	17.6	2.0
DBUs	2,722.0	2,660.6	2,266.0	20.1	17.1	1.1
FCBUs	241.1	247.6	215.8	11.7	22.3	13.2
Reserve Money	608.0	589.8	507.7	19.8	18.1	1.5

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b

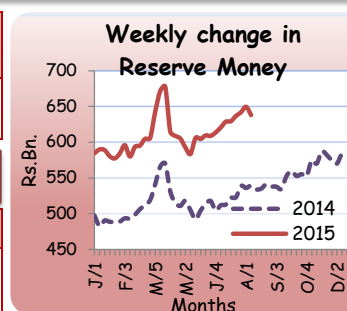


2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	24 Sep 2015	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	647,413	649,445	-2,031

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	21.09.2015	22.09.2015	23.09.2015	24.09.2015	25.09.2015
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.35	6.35	6.35	0.00	6.35
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	31,470	21,535	24,760	0	17,360
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	6.49	6.44	6.52	0.00	6.47
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	12,561	16,128	18,875	0	17,096



2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	21.09.2015	22.09.2015	23.09.2015	24.09.2015	25.09.2015
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	170,620	170,636	170,674	0	170,742

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	21.09.2015	22.09.2015	23.09.2015	24.09.2015	25.09.2015
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)	78.28	78.36	59.73	0.00	64.41
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	2.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	78.28	78.36	59.73	0.00	64.41

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

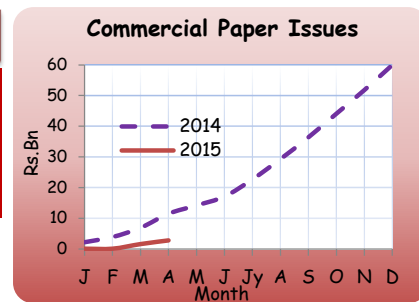
Item	2015 (b) End June	2015 End May	2014 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,083,977	1,073,874	1,032,833
Local (accepted only locally)	31,803	32,005	32,874
Global (accepted globally)	1,052,174	1,041,869	999,959
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	57,396	57,252	57,621
Local (accepted only locally)	1,212	1,206	1,234
Global (accepted globally)	56,184	56,046	56,387

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

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

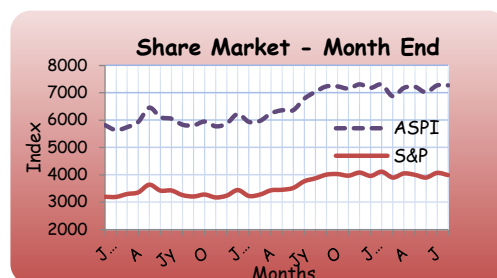
Item (Rs. bn.)	2015 End June(b)	2015 End May	2014 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	4.9	4.8	8.2
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	6.0	6.3	3.5

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



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 25 Sep 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	7,111	7,108	7,233
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	3,887	3,886	4,013
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	836	654	1,873
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	3,021	3,020	3,058



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.

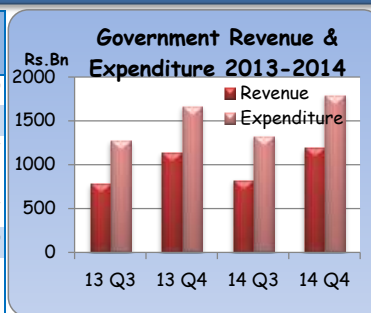
Total outstanding debt increased by Rs. 267.2 billion to Rs. 7,658.1 billion as at end March 2015 from Rs. 7,390.9 billion at end 2014. Foreign debt decreased by Rs. 43.7 billion to Rs. 3,069.4 billion mainly due the repayment of International Sovereign Bond amounting to US dollars 500 million. Meanwhile,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

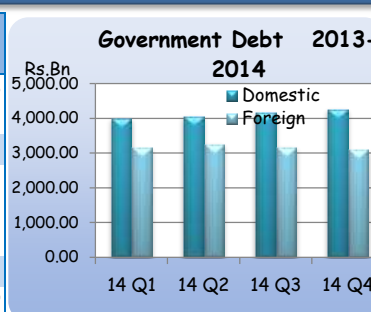
Item	2015 Q1 (a)	2014 Q1
Revenue and Grants	285.6	245.9
Revenue	285.6	245.2
Tax	257.7	227.7
Non tax	27.9	17.5
Grants	0.0	0.7
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	507.3	553.9
Current	410.9	399.5
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	96.4	154.5



(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

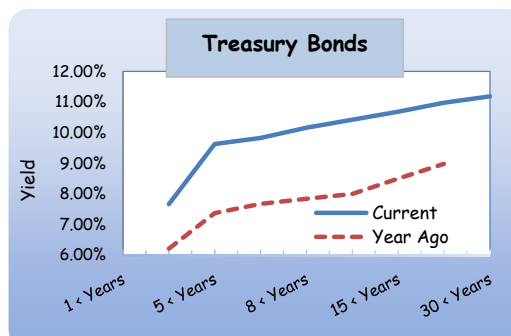
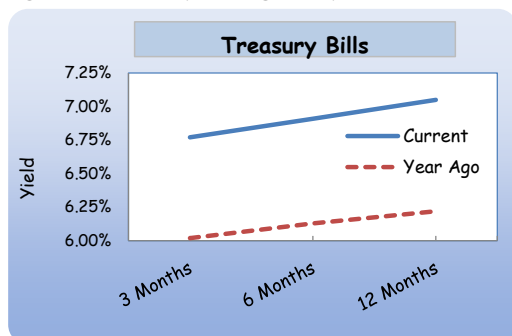
3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 23rd September 2015

Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			Last Week Average
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	6.78%	6.79%	6.92%	6.62%	6.77%	6.79%
	6 Months	7.07%	-	6.99%	6.83%	6.91%	6.92%
	12 Months	7.18%	7.17%	7.13%	6.97%	7.05%	7.09%
Treasury Bonds	2 < Years	-	-	7.76%	7.57%	7.67%	7.31%
	5 < Years	-	9.58%	9.71%	9.54%	9.63%	9.37%
	6 < Years	-	-	9.90%	9.76%	9.83%	9.59%
	8 < Years(b)	-	9.95%	10.23%	10.09%	10.16%	9.91%
	10 < Years	-	10.38%	10.51%	10.35%	10.43%	10.10%
	15 < Years(b)	-	10.88%	10.77%	10.60%	10.69%	10.33%
	20 < Years	-	-	11.10%	10.86%	10.98%	10.31%
30 < Years	-	-	11.41%	10.97%	11.19%	10.95%	

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 23/09/2015

(b) Rounded to the closest maturity

The secondary market yield rates of medium term maturity T-bonds adjusted upward while yield rates of T-bills remained at levels 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 - 23rd September 2015)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	842,101.00	843,008.19
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,504,952.80	3,500,426.75
Total	4,347,053.80	4,343,434.94
Government Securities held by Foreigners	333,244.53	342,841.96
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	607,507.27	603,364.44

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

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	22,000.00	24,000.00
Total Bids Received	61,238.00	50,581.00
Total Bids Accepted	28,334.00	5,571.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered		16,000.00
Total Bids Received	No auction held	73,137.00
Total Bids Accepted		28,784.00

T-bill auction was 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)	15,941.52	9,921.18
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	213,252.14	190,266.03
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	121,686.10	87,374.57
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	790,408.68	797,330.94

Increased activities were observed in secondary market T-bill transactions and T-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) - 25/09/2015

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.88	6.38	99.88	6.18	0.00
1 Month	99.46	6.58	99.48	6.38	0.02
2 Month	98.90	6.70	98.93	6.50	0.03
3 Month	98.30	6.91	98.37	6.63	0.07
4 Month	97.73	6.92	97.79	6.73	0.06
5 Month	97.14	6.97	97.21	6.80	0.07
6 Month	96.55	7.01	96.63	6.84	0.08
7 Month	95.93	7.09	96.03	6.92	0.09
8 Month	95.34	7.11	95.44	6.95	0.10
9 Month	94.73	7.14	94.85	6.98	0.12
10 Month	94.14	7.14	94.28	6.98	0.13
11 Month	93.54	7.16	93.69	7.00	0.15
12 Month	92.93	7.18	93.10	7.02	0.16

3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 25/09/2015

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
08.50%2015A	3	1-Nov-15	37	100.14	6.82	100.17	6.58	0.02
07.25%2016A	6	1-Apr-16	189	100.06	7.12	100.14	6.96	0.08
08.00%2016B	4	1-Jun-16	250	100.43	7.32	100.54	7.16	0.11
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	311	99.22	7.35	99.37	7.16	0.15
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	342	100.52	7.41	100.65	7.26	0.13
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	372	98.90	7.54	99.08	7.35	0.18
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	464	100.25	7.77	100.52	7.55	0.26
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	478	97.52	7.82	97.73	7.65	0.21
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	523	100.58	7.81	100.81	7.63	0.24
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	598	100.95	8.10	101.19	7.95	0.24
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	629	99.78	8.13	100.13	7.91	0.35
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	659	96.08	8.17	96.38	7.99	0.30
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	860	100.22	8.39	100.61	8.20	0.39
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	919	99.90	8.54	100.30	8.37	0.40
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	980	99.46	8.72	99.94	8.52	0.48
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	1,024	99.57	8.67	100.08	8.46	0.51
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	1,055	96.91	8.73	97.35	8.55	0.44
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	1,116	99.93	8.77	100.32	8.62	0.39
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	1,147	97.74	8.83	98.05	8.72	0.31
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	1,208	90.58	9.00	90.86	8.90	0.28
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,314	98.38	9.03	98.89	8.86	0.51
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	1,375	103.98	9.31	104.45	9.17	0.47
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,451	104.14	9.33	104.82	9.12	0.68
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,498	95.45	9.36	96.04	9.18	0.59
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	1,680	98.80	9.57	99.22	9.46	0.41
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,711	94.28	9.54	94.92	9.36	0.64
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,772	87.15	9.57	87.61	9.44	0.46
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	2,045	97.13	9.67	97.82	9.51	0.69
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	2,212	98.72	9.73	99.26	9.61	0.54
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	2,137	105.28	9.79	105.83	9.67	0.55
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,290	91.71	9.80	92.35	9.65	0.64
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,471	105.99	9.96	106.66	9.82	0.68
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,563	99.85	10.03	100.53	9.89	0.68
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,898	94.25	10.07	94.71	9.98	0.46
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,898	106.08	10.07	106.51	9.99	0.43
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	2,928	83.01	10.15	83.59	10.03	0.58
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	3,020	106.38	10.23	107.24	10.08	0.86
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,355	74.77	10.31	75.57	10.15	0.80
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	3,459	99.45	10.34	100.49	10.17	1.04
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,506	91.62	10.40	92.36	10.27	0.74
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	3,598	103.67	10.39	104.61	10.24	0.94
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,782	91.20	10.41	92.17	10.24	0.98
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,810	67.81	10.50	68.52	10.35	0.71
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,902	102.25	10.64	103.44	10.45	1.19
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,602	88.68	10.65	89.73	10.48	1.05
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,663	88.75	10.63	89.78	10.46	1.03
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	4,725	104.98	10.78	105.81	10.66	0.84
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,847	115.71	10.74	117.34	10.54	1.63
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	4,967	115.80	10.76	117.46	10.55	1.66
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	5,346	100.50	10.93	102.35	10.68	1.85
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	5,942	79.47	10.69	80.57	10.52	1.11
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	6,216	85.86	10.84	87.43	10.61	1.57
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,459	85.24	10.90	86.45	10.72	1.22
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,489	117.84	10.95	119.59	10.75	1.76
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,612	84.30	11.02	86.02	10.77	1.72
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,673	116.92	11.07	119.43	10.79	2.51
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	7,111	102.38	11.20	104.99	10.88	2.61
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	10,111	81.05	11.23	83.45	10.90	2.40
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,325	119.28	11.23	123.10	10.85	3.82
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,477	117.51	11.41	121.80	10.98	4.29
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10,750	107.33	11.61	112.62	11.04	5.29

External Sector

During the year so far (up to 25 September 2015) the rupee depreciated against the US dollar (7.03 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the euro (1.17 per cent) and depreciated against the pound sterling (4.91 per cent), Japanese yen (6.43 per cent) and the Indian rupee (2.86 per cent) during this period.

On cumulative basis, exports earnings during the first six months of 2015 recorded a decline of 0.6 per cent, year-on-year, to US dollars 5,415 million. The decline was led by agricultural exports and mineral exports. On a cumulative basis, during the first six months of 2015, expenditure on imports increased by 5.7 per cent, year-on-year, to US dollars 9,501 million mainly led by consumer goods imports followed by investment goods imports.

As import prices declined substantially offsetting the decline in export prices, the terms of trade improved substantially in June 2015. Export price index decreased by 3.1 per cent, year-on-year, to 105.3 index points, reflecting price declines in all sub sector in exports. Meanwhile, the import price index declined by 8.1 per cent, year-on-year, to 99.6 index points due to the decline in price level of intermediate categories of imports.

India, China, UK, Germany and France were the top five sources of tourist arrivals in August 2015, accounting for 50 per cent of total tourist arrivals upto the month of August 2015.

The average price of tea increased marginally to US dollars 2.97 per kg in June 2015 from US dollars 2.96 per kg in May 2015 it declined from US dollars 3.58 per kg in June 2014.

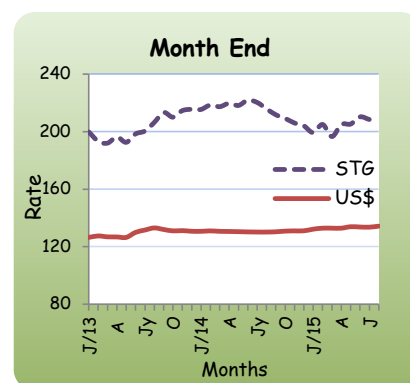
Further, the import prices of sugar, wheat and crude oil prices declined compared to the corresponding month of 2014.

Highlights

EXTERNAL SECTOR

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 25 Sep 2015			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	138.20	142.90	140.55	140.35	130.27
STG	209.77	217.95	213.86	218.47	212.69
Yen	1.15	1.20	1.17	1.17	1.19
Euro	153.66	160.35	157.01	159.97	166.40
INR ⁽¹⁾			2.13	2.13	2.14
SDR (As at 24 Sep 2015)			197.72	198.50	194.15
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)			August 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			0.00	0.00	315.20
Sales			447.25	352.58	44.50



	Week Ending 25 sep 2015	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	33.59	37.79	50.80
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	141.59	140.54	130.75
3 Months	142.70	142.30	131.28
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	18.92	16.69	37.08
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 24 Sep 2015)	1,324.02	1,372.11	1,245.51

(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

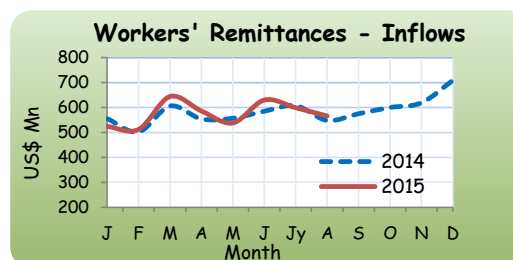
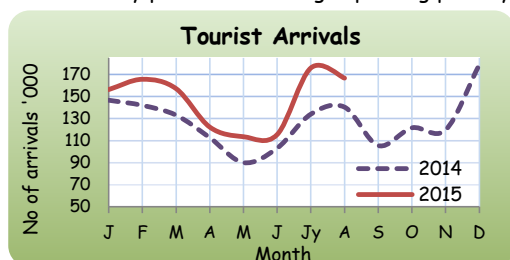
(1) Central Bank indicative rate (2) Weekly average based on actual transactions.

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

Item		2014	2015	2014	2015(b)	% Change
		Aug (a)	Aug (b)(c)	Jan-Aug (a)	Jan-Aug (c)	
Tourist Arrivals	Number	140,319	166,610	1,001,643	1,172,465	17.1
Earnings from Tourism	US\$ Mn.	223.4	265.2	1,594.5	1,866.50	17.1
	Rs.bn.	29.1	35.5	208.1	248.4	19.4
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)	US\$ Mn.	548.1	566	4,514.7	4,598.0	1.8
	Rs. bn.	71.4	75.8	589.1	612.3	3.9

(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 31st August 2015 ^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)					
Official Reserve Assets				6,457.72	
(1) Foreign currency reserves				5,572.66	
(a) Securities				2,789.53	
(b) Total currency and deposits with				2,783.13	
(i) other national central banks, BIS				2,408.11	
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad				1.03	
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country				373.99	
(2) Reserve position in the IMF				67.18	
(3) SDRs				9.10	
(4) Gold				807.76	
(5) Other reserve assets				1.02	
Predetermined Short-Term Net Drains on Foreign Currency Assets ^(b)					
Item	Total	Maturity breakdown (residual maturity)			
		Up to 1 month	More than 1 and up to 3 months	More than 3 months and up to 1 year	
1. Foreign currency loans, securities, and deposits					
outflows (-)	Principal	-3,359.10	-417.20	-243.41	-2,698.49
	Interest	-1,097.65	-70.19	-122.14	-905.32
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)					
		-3,389.58	-571.58	-539.00	-2,279.00
(b) Long positions (+)					
3. Other (specify)					
inflows related to reverse repos (+)		-0.94	-0.94		
other accounts payable (-)		-0.94	-0.94		

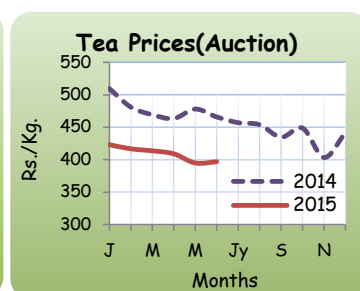
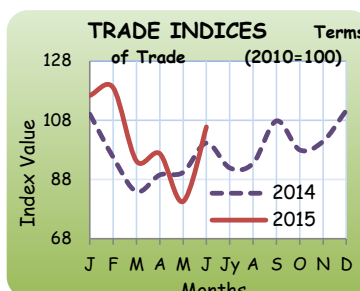
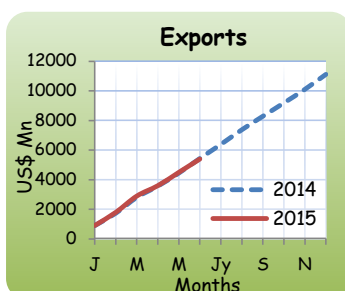
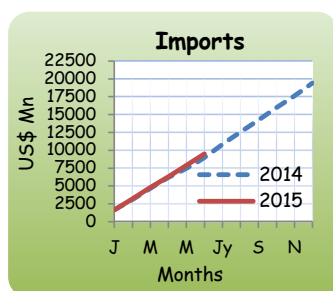
(a) Provisional

(b) This mainly includes only the predetermined outflows

(c) A major share of SWAP outstanding will be rolled over. This mainly includes SWAP arrangements with state banks which mobilised long-term foreign finance from international bond issuances

4.6 External Trade

Item	US\$ Bn			Rs Bn		
	Jan-Jun 2015	Jan-Jun 2014	% Change	Jan-Jun 2015	Jan-Jun 2014	% Change
Exports	5.4	5.4	-0.6	719.8	711.7	1.1
Agricultural	1.2	1.4	-8.3	165.5	177.2	-6.6
Industrial	4.1	4.0	2.6	551.0	527.7	4.4
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	0.1	0.1	-7.4	17.7	18.8	-5.7
Textiles and Apparel	2.4	2.4	-0.3	319.7	315.1	1.5
Petroleum Products	0.2	0.2	21.6	29.8	24.1	23.6
Leather, Rubber etc	0.5	0.5	-6.5	62.4	65.6	-4.8
Other	0.9	0.8	14.5	121.4	104.2	16.5
Mineral	0.0	0.0	-61.4	2.3	5.9	-60.7
Other	0.0	0.0	14.4	1.1	0.9	16.4
Imports	9.5	9.0	5.7	1,262.8	1,173.4	7.6
Consumer Goods	2.3	1.6	44.3	306.7	208.8	46.8
Intermediate Goods	4.9	5.6	-11.7	652.2	726.0	-10.2
Investment Goods	2.3	1.8	25.1	302.6	237.8	27.3
Other	0.0	0.0	54.6	1.3	0.8	57.4
Trade Balance	-4.1	-3.5	15.6	-543.0	-461.7	17.6

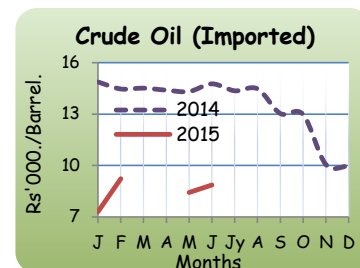
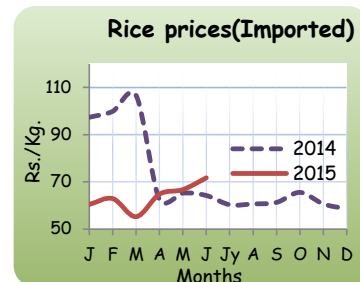


4.7 Trade Indices (2010= 100) (a)

Item	2015 Jun (b)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	131.4	122.8	137.2
Quantity	124.7	148.3	126.1
Unit Value	105.3	82.8	108.8
Total Imports			
Value	146.2	141.9	128.8
Quantity	146.7	138.0	118.8
Unit Value	99.6	102.9	108.5
Terms of Trade	105.7	80.5	100.3

(a) In US\$ Terms

(b) Provisional



4.8 International Commodity Prices

Item	Jun 2015	Jun 2014	% Change	Jun 2015	Jun 2014	% Change
Colombo Auction Price	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Tea Prices	2.97	3.58	-17.1	397.15	466.00	-14.8
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	535.70	492.89	8.7	71,727.60	64,217.62	11.7
White Sugar	401.16	510.38	-21.4	53,713.03	66,496.68	-19.2
Wheat	275.49	314.90	-12.5	36,886.25	41,027.47	-10.1
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	66.21	113.42	-41.6	8,865.32	14,777.37	-40.0