

Weekly Economic Indicators

01 April 2016



Statistics Department

Real Sector

Inflation, as measured by the change in the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) (2013=100), increased to 1.7 per cent in February 2016 from -0.7 per cent in January 2016, on year-on-year basis. The main contributor towards the increase in year-on-year inflation was the Non-food category, with increases observed in Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco; Clothing and Footwear; Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance; Health; Transport and Miscellaneous Goods and Services sub categories, which surpassed the overall price decline observed in the food category in the NCPI. The change in the NCPI measured on an annual average basis decreased to 2.6 per cent in February 2016 from 2.9 per cent recorded in January 2016. When the monthly change in the NCPI is considered, the NCPI decreased by 1.1 per cent from January 2016 to February 2016.

Inflation, as measured by the change in the Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2006/07=100), decreased to 2.0 per cent in March 2016 from 2.7 per cent in February 2016, on an year-on-year basis. Annual average inflation increased to 1.1 per cent from 0.9 per cent recorded in February 2016. The monthly change in CCPI in March 2016 was -1.1 per cent.

The GDP grew by 4.8 per cent in real terms in 2015, mainly attributable to 5.3 per cent, 3.0 per cent and 5.5 per cent growth in Services activities, Industry activities and Agriculture activities, respectively, in value added terms.

Tea and Coconut production during 2016 January increased by 7.8 per cent and 6.0 per cent to 25.1 million kg and 246.5 million nuts respectively. However, Rubber production recorded a decrease of 12.1 per cent to 9.5 million kg during the month.

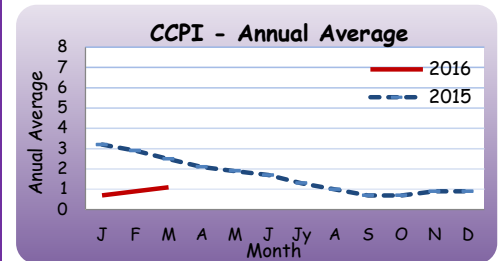
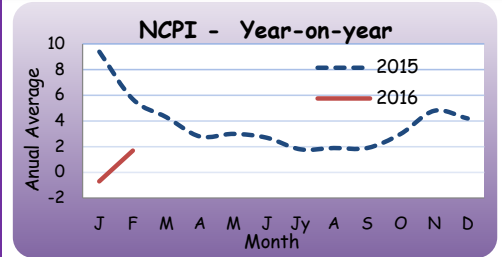
The FIPI increased marginally by 0.7 per cent on a year-on-year basis in December 2015. This growth was mainly facilitated by increased production of other non- metallic mineral products and chemicals and chemical products sectors. They have recorded significant growths of 25.8 and 13.0 per cent respectively, 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 fell as analysts forecast another rise of U.S. crude stockpiles to record levels. A preliminary Reuters survey showed U.S. commercial crude inventories were expected to rise by 3.2 million barrels. Subsequently, official data by U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) showed U.S. crude stocks rose by 2.3 million barrels to 534.8 million barrels while Reuters data showed crude output from OPEC rose in March to 32.47 million bpd from 32.37 million bpd in February. Prices further fell after Kuwait and Saudi Arabia decided to resume oil production at the jointly operated 300,000 bpd Khafji field, at a time when production is supposed to be frozen. Subsequently, prices rose on data showing another fall in U.S. oil output in January after EIA reported U.S. crude oil production fell by 56,000 bpd to 9.179 million bpd.

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

Item	February 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2013 = 100)			
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI)	110.8	112.0	108.9
Monthly Change %	-1.1	-1.1	-3.5
Year - on - Year Change %	1.7	-0.7	5.7
Annual Average Change %	2.6	2.9	-
Item	March 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2006 / 07 = 100)			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	181.7	183.8	178.1
Annual Average Change %	1.1	0.9	2.5
Year - on - Year Change %	2.0	2.7	0.1
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	181.7	181.8	173.9
Annual Average Change %	3.9	3.7	3.0
Year - on - Year Change %	4.5	5.7	1.4



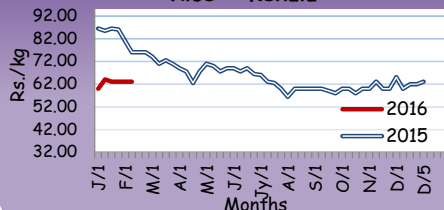
1.2 Pettah Market

Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 30 th Mar 2016	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 30 th Mar 2016	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	77.50	80.00	84.00	83.22	91.50	88.00	91.63	90.10
Kekulu (Red)	52.00	52.00	57.00	66.15	60.00	60.00	66.25	75.20
Vegetables								
Beans	80.00	130.00	115.00	160.49	100.00	160.00	142.50	196.86
Cabbage	60.00	80.00	85.00	79.31	100.00	120.00	120.00	117.94
Carrots	90.00	110.00	187.50	146.27	120.00	140.00	222.50	184.90
Tomatoes	40.00	50.00	40.63	89.80	80.00	80.00	65.00	126.18
Pumpkins	25.00	40.00	97.50	49.12	50.00	60.00	123.75	72.94
Snake Gourd	90.00	80.00	60.00	73.73	120.00	120.00	85.00	106.57
Brinjals	70.00	80.00	62.50	72.56	100.00	120.00	90.00	105.69
Ash-Plantains	60.00	60.00	77.50	81.08	80.00	80.00	100.00	110.59
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	65.00	50.00	57.50	105.28	90.00	90.00	90.00	135.34
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	95.17	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	124.67
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	102.50	87.50	105.63	107.98	120.00	120.00	125.00	130.80
Dried Chilies (Imported)	315.00	310.00	315.63	248.90	360.00	350.00	365.00	291.08
Dhal (Indian)	160.00	150.00	158.75	161.98	175.00	169.00	168.00	177.43
Eggs (Red)	18.50	18.50	16.00	14.17	19.00	19.00	16.50	14.77
Coconut (Each)	34.50	33.50	36.75	41.00	45.00	45.00	46.25	53.18
Fish*								
Kelawalla	580.00	480.00	487.50	453.14	660.00	660.00	630.00	598.24
Balaya	380.00	330.00	355.00	295.00	480.00	430.00	450.00	361.20
Salaya	100.00	120.00	132.50	114.71	160.00	170.00	180.00	156.08
Paraw (Small)	600.00	550.00	560.00	484.69	700.00	650.00	637.50	547.96

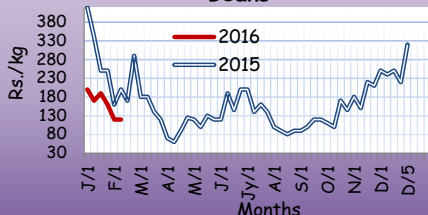
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Pettah Market - Wholesale Prices

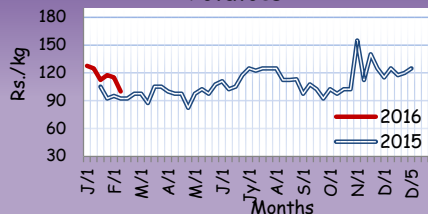
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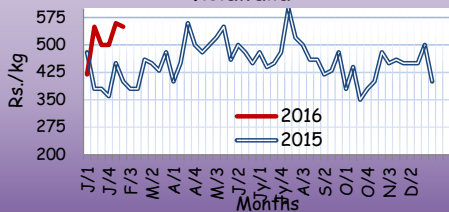
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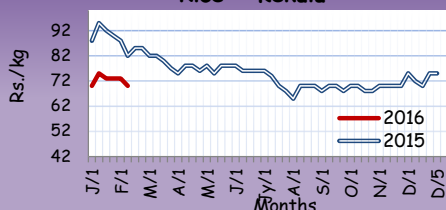


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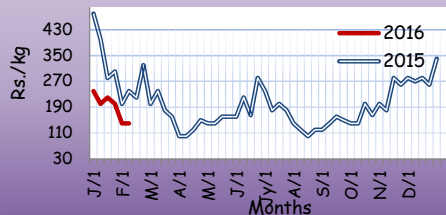


Pettah Market - Retail Prices

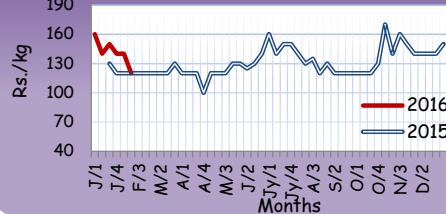
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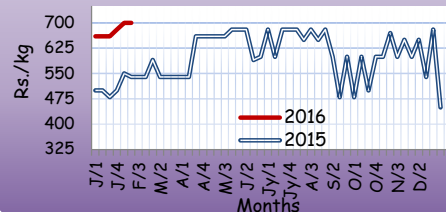
Beans



Potatoes



Kelawalla



1.3 Dambulla Market

Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 31 st Mar 2016	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	77.90	82.50
Kekulu (Red)	56.50	60.90
Vegetables		
Beans	81.50	119.00
Carrot	111.00	154.00
Tomatoes	36.00	62.00
Pumpkins	20.00	37.00
Snake Gourd	43.50	66.00
Ash-Plantains	42.00	68.50
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	58.50	90.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	91.50	108.00
Dried Chilies(Imported)	317.50	357.00
Coconut (Each)	33.60	45.00

1.5 Maradaghamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice

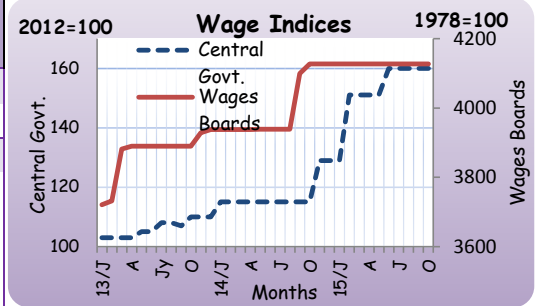
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 01 st Apr	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	74.30	77.50	77.43	79.56
Sudu Kekulu	59.40	54.50	56.18	62.37
Raw Red	56.50	54.67	55.65	66.17
Nadu	60.50	55.83	57.80	64.24

1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	01 st Apr 2016	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	90.00	90.00
Kekulu (Red)	67.00	67.00
Vegetables		
Beans	116.67	136.67
Cabbage	136.67	160.00
Carrots	156.67	136.67
Tomatoes	96.67	76.67
Pumpkins	73.33	66.67
Snake Gourd	116.67	116.67
Brinjals	136.67	156.67
Ash-Plantains	116.67	116.67
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	123.33	143.33
Big-Onions (Imported)	76.67	83.33
Potatoes (Imported)	76.67	90.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	336.67	336.67
Dhal (Indian)	176.67	170.00
Eggs (Red)(Each)	18.33	17.33
Coconut (Each)	53.33	53.33
Fish		
Kelawalla	856.67	686.67
Balaya	n.a.	n.a.
Salaya	200.00	126.67
Paraw (Small)	756.67	963.33

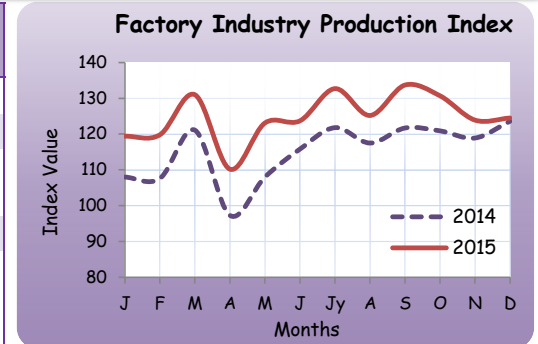
1.6 Wage rate Indices

Item	2016 Jan	2015 Jan	% Change
(2012 = 100)			
Central Government Employees	160.4	128.8	24.5
(1978 = 100)			
Workers in Wages Boards Trades	4,127.1	4,127.0	0.0
Agriculture	4,734.5	4,734.3	0.0
Industry & Commerce	3,459.1	3,459.1	0.0
Services	2,313.2	2,313.2	0.0



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

Item	2015 (b) Dec	2014 Dec	% Change
Factory Industry- Production Index	124.5	123.6	0.7
Food products	112.1	107.6	4.2
Beverages	108.3	116.1	-6.7
Tobacco products	89.7	86.0	4.3
Wearing apparel	176.1	179.2	-1.8
Chemicals and chemical products	97.9	86.7	13.0
Rubber and plastic products	130.0	141.1	-7.8
Other non-metallic mineral products	121.4	96.5	25.8

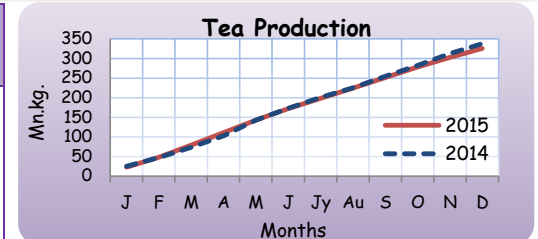


(a) Major 7 sub divisions of FIPI out of 17 sub divisions.

(b) Provisional

1.8 Agriculture Production

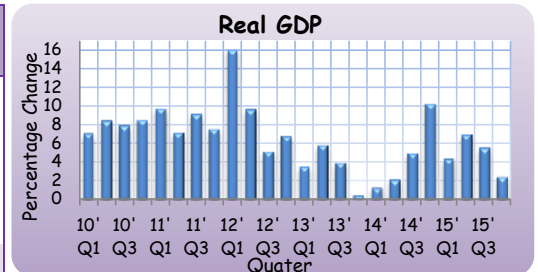
Item	Unit	2016(a) Jan	2015 Jan	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	25.1	23.3	7.8
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	9.5	10.8	-12.1
Coconuts	(Mn Nuts)	246.5	232.5	6.0



(a) Provisional

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

Item	2015(b) 4 th Quarter	2014(a)(b) 4 th Quarter	2015(b) Annual	2014(a)(b) Annual
Agriculture	-0.5	5.0	5.5	4.9
Industry	1.9	11.7	3.0	3.5
Services	2.7	11.7	5.3	5.2
GDP	2.5	10.3	4.8	4.9



(a) Revised (b) Provisional

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

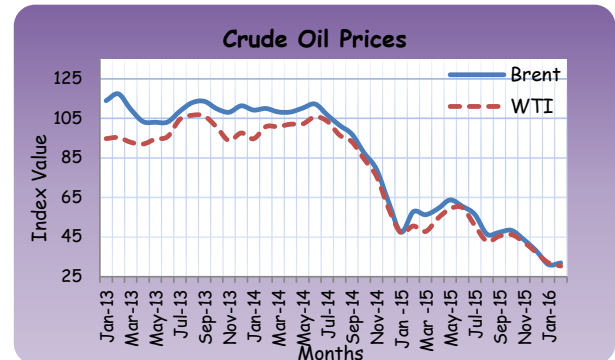
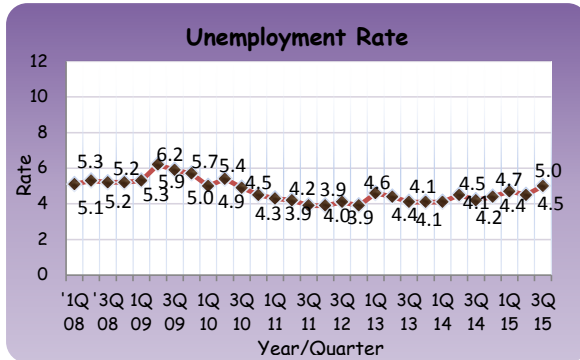
1.10 Employment (a)

Item	2015 (b) 3 rd Quarter	2014 3 rd Quarter	2014 Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	53.8	53.2	53.3
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.2	4.3
Employed Persons by Sectors (c) (as a % of total employment)			
Agriculture	27.4	29.0	28.5
Industry	27.2	26.6	26.5
Services	45.5	44.5	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	2015			2016		
	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	47.46	47.11	55.47	31.10	31.96	31.87
February	57.81	50.58	69.52	31.93	30.32	
March	56.30	47.82	-	38.06	37.55	
April	59.32	54.45	-			
May	63.76	59.26	63.09			
June	60.53	59.82	66.17			
July	56.48	50.90	60.49			
August	46.43	42.87	54.92			
September	47.41	45.48	48.65			
October	48.36	46.22	49.26			
November	43.68	42.44	45.46			
December	38.08	37.21	41.21			
	2015			2016		
24 March	53.71	47.03		37.78	38.14	
28 March	-	-		37.47	37.99	
29 March	-	-		36.35	36.91	
30 March	53.64	48.66		37.30	36.91	
31 March	53.29	47.72		37.31	36.94	

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 01 April 2016 increased by 7 bps to 9.19 per cent compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 19.1 per cent on a year-on-year basis in January 2016.

NFA of the banking system declined by Rs. 62.2 billion in January 2016. NCG from the banking system showed an increase of Rs. 108.6 billion in January 2016.

Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 43.6 billion in January 2016.

The reserve money increased compared to the previous week mainly due to increase in currency in circulation and deposits held by commercial banks.

The total outstanding market liquidity decreased to Rs. 32.75 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 3.87 bn by the end of last week.

By 01 April 2016, All Share Price Index (ASPI) declined by 0.15 per cent to 6,083 points while S&P SL 20 Index increased by 0.46 per cent to 3,212 points, compared to the previous week.

MONETARY SECTOR

2.1 Interest Rates

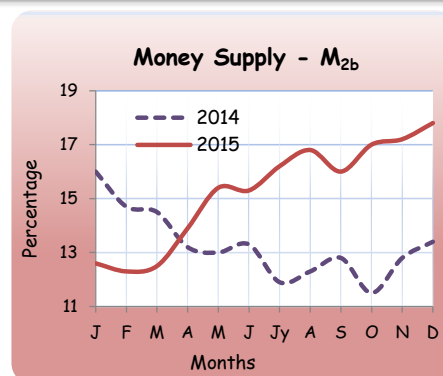
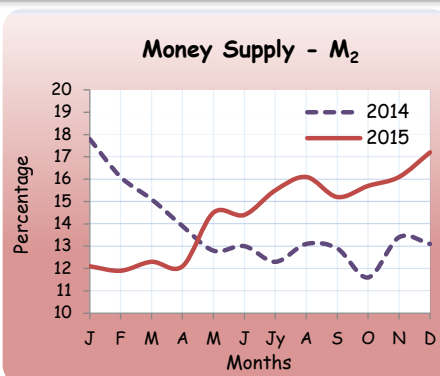
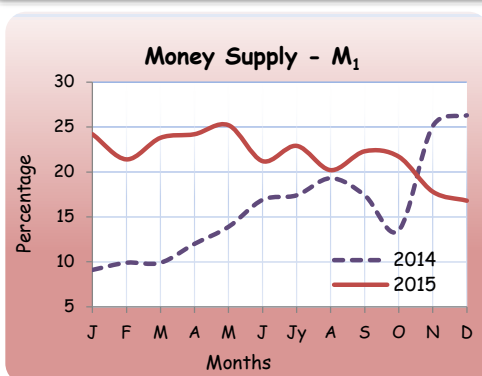
Item	Week Ending 2016 Apr 01	Week Ago	Year Ago	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	9.19	9.12	11.50	
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)				
- 91 days	8.90	8.30	6.55	
- 182 days	9.76	9.29	6.68	
- 364 days	10.64	9.90	6.76	
Standing Deposit Facility	6.50	6.50	6.50	
Standing Lending Facility	8.00	8.00	8.00	
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	8.06	7.95	8.00	
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)				
1 day	8.13	8.01	6.68	
7 days	8.50	8.29	6.85	
1 Month	9.07	8.90	7.13	
3 Months	9.36	9.21	7.30	
6 Months	9.69	9.51	7.62	
12 Months	10.17	9.97	7.92	
Commercial Banks	Dec 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Saving Deposits -	0.50-8.00	0.50-8.50	0.50-8.00	
One Year Fixed Deposits -	3.95-15.00	3.95-15.00	3.95-12.00	
	Mar 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.44	6.33	5.83	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	7.92	7.75	6.87	
	Feb 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	11.30	11.15	11.62	
NSB	Dec 2015	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Saving Deposits -	5.00	5.00	5.00	
One Year Fixed Deposits -	7.25	7.25	6.50	
Treasury Bonds Auction	(1 Y & 10 Months) 31/03/2016	(3 Y & 3 Months) 31/03/2016	(5 Y & 4 Months) 31/03/2016	(12 Y & 5 Months) 31/03/2016
Coupon rate	8.50	10.60	11.00	11.50
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	11.75	11.75	13.00	13.72

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2016 Apr 01	Week Ago	Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2016 Apr 01	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	8.82	8.83	HSBC	7.69	7.22
People's Bank	8.81	8.97	Standard Chartered Bank	8.66	8.71
Hatton National Bank	9.68	9.47	Citi Bank	8.22	8.22
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	9.14	10.03	Deutsche Bank	8.00	8.06
Sampath Bank	9.25	9.90	Habib Bank	7.28	7.28
Seylan Bank	8.97	9.15	Indian Bank	9.78	9.78
Union Bank of Colombo	11.67	11.86	Indian Overseas Bank	10.28	10.28
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	11.36	11.16	MCB Bank	9.76	8.89
Nations Trust Bank	9.13	8.85	State Bank of India	9.71	9.08
DFCC Bank	10.26	10.14	Public Bank	9.25	9.50
NDB Bank	10.49	10.25	ICICI Bank	10.64	10.68
Amana Bank	10.52	10.41	Axis Bank	10.19	9.89
Cargills Bank	9.50	9.90			

2.2 Money Supply

Item	Rs. Bn.			Annual Change (%)		
	2016 (a) January	Month Ago	Year Ago	2016 (a) January	Month Ago	Year Ago
M1	692.4	715.0	597.2	15.9	16.8	24.2
M2	4,103.0	4,057.2	3,467.6	18.3	17.2	12.1
M2b	4,638.3	4,565.9	3,896.0	19.1	17.8	12.6
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-360.4	-298.2	-118.3	-204.7	-2,071.2	-415.0
Monetary Authorities	489.5	576.2	613.4	-20.2	-16.3	16.4
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-298.0	-295.9	-245.8	-21.2	-33.9	-26.0
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	-551.9	-578.5	-485.9	-13.6	-28.0	-36.9
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	4,998.7	4,864.1	4,014.3	24.5	26.0	15.2
Monetary Authorities and DBUs	4,265.2	4,109.0	3,377.3	26.3	25.8	12.6
OBUs	733.5	755.1	637.0	15.2	27.0	31.5
Net Credit to Government	1,868.0	1,759.5	1,557.5	19.9	22.5	13.7
Monetary Authorities	336.5	229.9	240.9	39.7	53.6	54.2
DBUs	1,155.8	1,157.8	1,061.3	8.9	7.4	4.1
OBUs	375.7	371.7	255.3	47.2	78.6	32.0
Credit to Public Corporations	527.6	523.0	468.9	12.5	17.2	30.8
DBUs	249.8	254.1	193.5	29.1	32.3	19.3
OBUs	277.9	268.9	275.4	0.9	5.9	40.3
Credit to the Private Sector	3,493.1	3,449.6	2,779.2	25.7	25.1	11.5
DBUs	3,215.7	3,186.1	2,519.7	27.6	27.3	10.3
OBUs	277.5	263.5	259.4	7.0	3.4	25.0
Reserve Money	718.6	673.4	576.1	24.7	16.5	18.7

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b

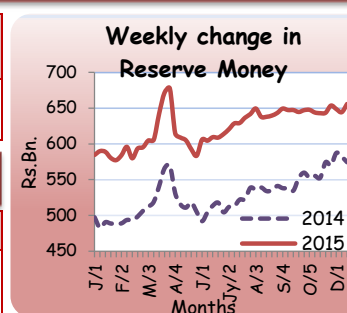


2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	31 Mar 2016	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	791,607	771,847	19,760

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	28.03.2016	29.03.2016	30.03.2016	31.03.2016	01.04.2016
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	7.98	8.03	8.05	8.09	8.14
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	17,995	16,720	17,060	13,050	18,900
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.01	7.98	8.00	8.03	8.05
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	30,922	36,161	30,415	27,596	28,198



2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	28.03.2016	29.03.2016	30.03.2016	31.03.2016	01.04.2016
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	198,389	199,483	210,694	221,546	250,116

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	28.03.2016	29.03.2016	30.03.2016	31.03.2016	01.04.2016
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	20.00	30.00
Tenure (No. of Days)	0	0	0	1	3
Bids Received (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.55	64.29
Amount Accepted (Rs. bn)	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	30.00
Weighted Average Yield Rate (% p.a.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.90	7.99
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)	17.34	12.98	14.45	20.16	27.94
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	19.13	20.21	31.53	22.33	30.69
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	-1.78	-7.24	-17.08	-22.18	-32.75

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

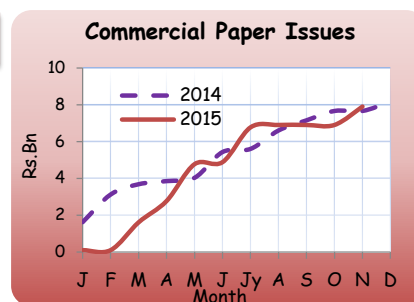
Item	2015 (b) End Dec	2015 End Nov	2014 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,142,748	1,136,408	1,032,833
Local (accepted only locally)	30,902	30,999	32,874
Global (accepted globally)	1,111,846	1,105,409	999,959
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	63,047	60,466	57,621
Local (accepted only locally)	1,226	1,206	1,234
Global (accepted globally)	61,822	59,259	56,387

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

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

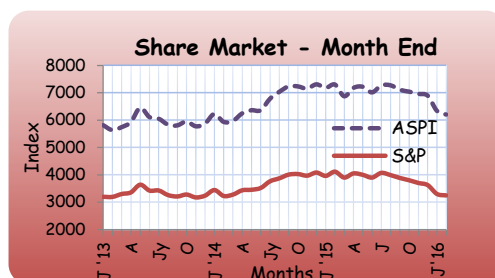
Item (Rs. bn.)	2015 End Dec(b)	2015 End Nov	2014 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	7.9	7.9	8.2
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	4.5	5.8	3.5

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



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 01 Apr 2016	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,083	6,092	6,916
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	3,212	3,197	3,901
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	829	741	882
Market Capitalisation (Rs. Bn.)	2,591	2,604	2,932



Fiscal Sector

During the first nine months of 2015, government revenue as a percentage of estimated GDP increased by 8.5 per cent from 8.0 per cent recorded in the corresponding period of 2014. In nominal terms, total revenue increased by 15.8 per cent to Rs. 958.9 billion during the first nine months of the year from Rs. 828.2 billion recorded during the same period in 2014.

Total expenditure and net lending during the first nine months of 2015 is estimated to be increased by 13.5 per cent of estimated GDP from 12.9 per cent during the same period in 2014 mainly due to combine outcome of increase in recurrent expenditure and decline in capital expenditure and net lending. The recurrent expenditure increased significantly by 10.7 per cent of estimated GDP from 9.3 per cent of GDP recorded in the same period in 2014. Capital expenditure and net lending as a percentage of GDP declined by 2.8 per cent during the first nine months of 2015 from 3.5 per cent in the corresponding period in 2014.

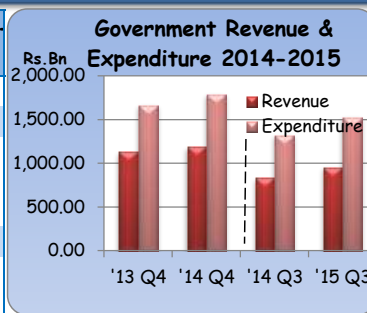
Total outstanding debt increased by Rs. 875.1 billion to Rs. 8266.0 billion as at end September 2015 from Rs. 7,390.9 billion at end 2014. Foreign debt increased by Rs. 152.8 billion to Rs. 3,265.9 billion and domestic debt increased by Rs. 722.3 billion to Rs. 5,000.1 billion.

SCL on potatoes and sugar was increased while SCL on other commodities such as peas, chickpeas, margarine, beet sugar, kurakkkan seeds etc. was extended for a period of six months.

FISCAL SECTOR

3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

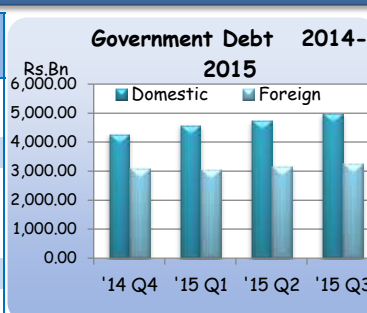
Item	2015 (a) Jan-Sep	2014 Jan-Sep
Revenue and Grants	959.6	836.9
Revenue	958.9	828.2
Tax	888.2	752.2
Non tax	70.7	76.0
Grants	0.7	8.7
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	1,532.5	1,326.7
Current	1,213.1	962.1
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	319.5	364.6



(a) Provisional

3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	End Sep 2015 (a)	End 2014
Total domestic debt	5,000.1	4,277.8
of which		
Treasury bills	837.5	694.8
Treasury bonds	3,180.4	2,844.1
Rupee loans	24.1	55.5
Total foreign debt	3,265.9	3,113.1
Total outstanding govt. debt	8,266.0	7,390.9



(a) Provisional

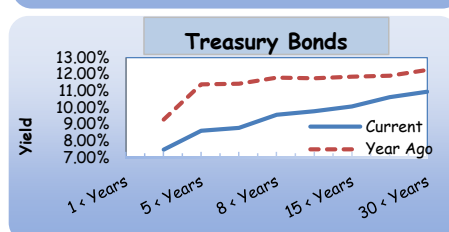
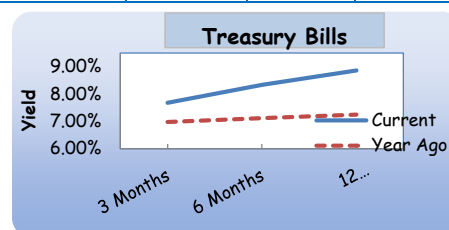
3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 30th March 2016

Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			Last Week Average
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	8.90%	8.30%	8.98%	8.66%	8.82%	7.99%
	6 Months	9.76%	9.29%	9.76%	9.50%	9.63%	8.76%
	12 Months	10.64%	9.90%	10.40%	10.07%	10.24%	9.32%
Treasury Bonds	< 2 Years	11.75%	-	10.62%	10.18%	10.40%	9.51%
	< 5 Years	11.75%	11.87%	12.73%	12.40%	12.56%	11.57%
	< 6 Years	13.00%	-	12.71%	12.44%	12.58%	11.56%
	< 8 Years	-	12.26%	13.01%	12.65%	12.83%	11.94%
	< 10 Years	13.89%	-	13.06%	12.79%	12.93%	11.91%
	< 15 Years	13.72%	-	13.08%	12.76%	12.92%	11.96%
	< 20 Years	-	-	13.21%	12.86%	13.03%	12.04%
< 30 Years	-	-	13.37%	13.03%	13.20%	12.39%	

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 30/03/2016

The secondary market yield rates of T-bills and T-bonds moved significantly upward across all maturities compared to the secondary market yield rates of the previous week.

Security	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Secondary Market	
			This Week	Last Week
International Sovereign Bonds	4-Oct-20	6.250%	6.37%	6.22%
	27-Jul-21	6.250%	6.68%	6.54%
	25-Jul-22	5.875%	6.97%	6.81%
	14-Jan-19	6.000%	5.89%	5.67%
	11-Apr-19	5.125%	5.83%	5.64%
	3-Jun-25	6.125%	7.35%	7.20%
3-Nov-25	6.850%	7.49%	7.29%	



3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 30th March 2016)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	651,743.88	653,902.56
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,711,984.96	3,711,984.96
Total	4,363,728.84	4,365,887.52
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	221,255.91	220,064.30
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	733,807.34	731,191.75

The outstanding stock of T-bills slightly decreased while the outstanding stock of SLDBs increased with new issuances.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	21,000.00	24,000.00
Total Bids Received	50,083.00	45,021.00
Total Bids Accepted	7,078.00	28,702.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	85,000.00	4,000.00
Total Bids Received	333,279.00	28,135.00
Total Bids Accepted	127,742.00	7,925.00

T-bill auction and T-bond auctions were over-subscribed by 2.4 times and 3.9 times respectively, as the preference for government securities continued.

Secondary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	39,644.39	12,598.03
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	132,317.42	123,031.88
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	52,738.36	109,585.88
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	787,352.85	863,869.52

The secondary market activities in T-bill increased, while the secondary market transactions in T-bonds decreased significantly.

(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) - 01/04/2016

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.84	8.24	99.85	7.93	0.01
1 Month	99.30	8.49	99.33	8.20	0.02
2 Month	98.57	8.70	98.62	8.39	0.05
3 Month	97.80	8.95	97.87	8.65	0.07
4 Month	96.97	9.23	97.07	8.95	0.09
5 Month	96.10	9.51	96.22	9.23	0.12
6 Month	95.21	9.75	95.32	9.51	0.12
7 Month	94.29	9.95	94.41	9.75	0.12
8 Month	93.41	10.04	93.55	9.83	0.14
9 Month	92.51	10.15	92.67	9.94	0.15
10 Month	91.56	10.27	91.74	10.05	0.18
11 Month	90.63	10.37	90.84	10.13	0.21
12 Month	89.67	10.48	89.94	10.20	0.27

3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 01/04/2016

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
08.00%2016B	4	1-Jun-16	61	99.76	9.24	99.82	8.89	0.06
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	122	98.99	9.42	99.10	9.07	0.11
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	153	99.37	9.52	99.48	9.23	0.12
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	183	98.45	9.66	98.60	9.33	0.16
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	275	98.41	10.22	98.68	9.83	0.27
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	289	96.55	10.44	96.88	9.99	0.33
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	334	97.80	10.82	98.22	10.32	0.42
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	409	97.73	10.93	98.22	10.45	0.49
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	440	96.69	10.99	97.30	10.42	0.62
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	470	93.85	11.03	94.46	10.49	0.61
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	671	95.40	11.33	96.49	10.64	1.09
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	730	94.26	11.81	94.89	11.43	0.63
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	791	93.79	11.82	94.61	11.36	0.82
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	835	93.51	11.80	94.28	11.39	0.77
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	866	91.08	11.91	91.83	11.52	0.75
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	927	93.51	11.78	94.34	11.38	0.82
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	958	91.35	11.93	92.17	11.54	0.82
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	1,019	85.50	11.90	86.19	11.58	0.69
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,125	91.31	11.94	92.04	11.64	0.72
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	1,186	95.71	12.23	96.61	11.87	0.90
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,262	95.21	12.34	96.02	12.04	0.81
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,309	87.82	12.30	88.62	12.00	0.80
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	1,491	89.83	12.50	90.91	12.13	1.07
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,522	86.03	12.38	86.70	12.15	0.67
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,583	79.46	12.47	80.54	12.09	1.08
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	1,719	89.74	12.44	90.55	12.19	0.81
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	1,856	86.60	12.65	87.52	12.38	0.92
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	1,948	93.58	12.68	94.67	12.39	1.09
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	2,023	87.81	12.57	88.70	12.32	0.89
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,101	81.55	12.60	82.41	12.36	0.86
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,282	93.31	12.78	94.49	12.49	1.18
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,374	87.77	12.83	88.95	12.54	1.18
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,709	81.94	12.85	83.26	12.53	1.32
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,709	92.16	12.87	93.36	12.60	1.20
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	2,739	72.60	12.79	73.44	12.57	0.84
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	2,831	92.50	12.95	93.99	12.63	1.49
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,166	64.67	12.88	65.66	12.63	0.99
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	3,270	85.86	12.96	87.12	12.70	1.25
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,317	79.34	12.93	80.26	12.72	0.92
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	3,409	89.18	13.03	90.40	12.78	1.22
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,593	78.09	13.01	79.12	12.78	1.03
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,621	57.84	13.05	58.65	12.84	0.81
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,713	87.99	13.17	89.29	12.91	1.30
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,413	75.57	13.07	76.72	12.84	1.15
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,474	75.21	13.12	76.42	12.87	1.21
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	4,536	89.37	13.26	90.69	13.03	1.32
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,658	99.06	13.15	100.39	12.93	1.33
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	4,778	99.11	13.14	100.43	12.93	1.32
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	5,157	85.50	13.30	87.41	12.96	1.91
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	5,753	65.69	13.23	66.93	12.97	1.24
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	6,027	71.63	13.28	73.12	12.99	1.49
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,270	71.08	13.32	72.61	13.02	1.53
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,300	99.21	13.36	101.37	13.04	2.17
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,423	70.42	13.42	72.17	13.08	1.74
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,484	98.59	13.45	100.90	13.11	2.31
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	6,922	85.70	13.62	88.57	13.15	2.88
12.00%2041A	25	1-Jan-41	9,041	88.60	13.61	91.19	13.21	2.59
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	9,922	68.26	13.37	68.84	13.26	0.58
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,136	100.62	13.41	101.53	13.28	0.91
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,288	100.34	13.45	101.33	13.31	1.00
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10,561	89.08	14.06	93.11	13.44	4.04

External Sector

During the year up to 01 April 2016 the rupee appreciated against the US dollar (0.11 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the pound sterling (3.55 per cent) and depreciated against Indian rupee (0.03 per cent), Japanese yen (6.74 per cent), euro (3.81 per cent) during this period.

Earnings from exports during 2015 decreased by 5.6 per cent to US dollars 10,505 million. Lower performance in tea, rubber products, textile and garments and seafood exports contributed mainly for the drop in exports.

In 2015, expenditure on imports declined by 2.5 per cent to US dollars 18,935 million. Significant decline recorded in fuel import bill due to lower oil prices and lower thermal power generation caused for the decline in import expenditure.

Less decline in exports unit value index compared to the reduction in import unit value index resulted to increase the terms of trade in November 2015 by 11.2 per cent compared to the corresponding month of previous year.

The export unit value index declined by 4.7 per cent in November 2015 mainly due to a 54.0 per cent decline recorded in prices of petroleum products exports.

The import unit value index, in November 2015, declined by 14.3 per cent, year-on-year, reflecting declines in unit prices of all major categories.

India, China, UK, Germany and France were the top five sources of tourist arrivals in February 2016, accounting for 51.2 per cent of total tourist arrivals upto the month of February 2016

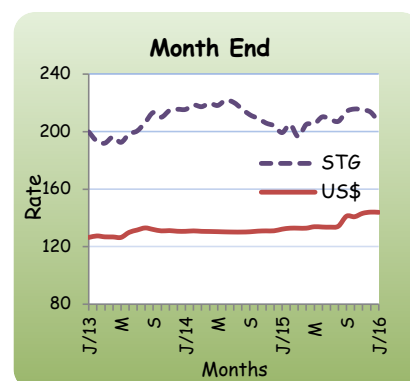
The average price of tea marginally declined to US dollars 2.89 per kg in December 2015 from US dollars 2.90 per kg (in the Colombo auction) in November 2015.

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

EXTERNAL SECTOR

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 01 Apr 2016			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	143.32	147.23	145.28	145.89	133.33
STG	205.14	212.62	208.88	205.66	198.08
Yen	1.27	1.32	1.30	1.29	1.12
Euro	162.25	168.88	165.57	162.93	143.59
INR ⁽¹⁾			2.17	2.15	2.13
SDR (As at 31 Mar 2016)			202.73	201.24	183.34
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)			February 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			0.00	0.00	49.40
Sales			189.05	303.50	122.00



	Week Ending 01 Apr 2016	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	28.11	32.50	25.85
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	144.79	145.18	133.77
3 Months	148.13	146.58	134.80
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	52.62	35.25	46.13
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 31 Mar 2016)	1,582.81	1,506.73	1,165.41

(a) Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30a.m.)

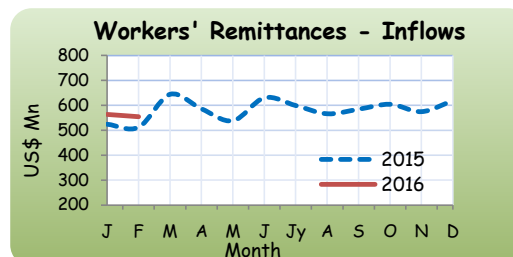
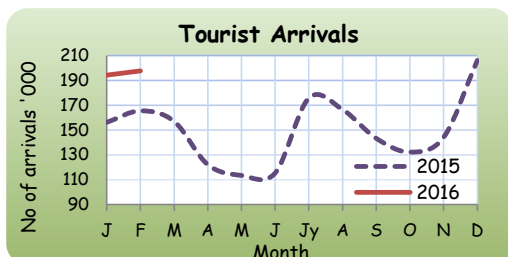
(b) Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates total for the Month

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

4.2 Tourism & Workers' Remittances

Item		2015	2016	2015(a)	2016(b)	% Change
		Feb (a)(c)	Feb (b)(d)	Jan-Feb (c)	Jan-Feb (d)	
Tourist Arrivals	Number	165,541	197,697	321,787	391,977	21.8
Earnings from Tourism(d)	US\$ Mn.	274.4	327.7	533.3	649.70	21.8
	Rs.bn.	36.4	47.2	70.5	93.5	32.7
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)		2015	2016	2015	2016	% Change
		Feb (a)	Feb (b)	Jan-Feb (a)	Jan-Feb(b)	
	US\$ Mn.	511.6	554.2	1,035.2	1,117.6	8.0
	Rs. bn.	67.9	79.8	136.8	160.9	17.6

(a) Revised (b) Provisional (c) revised based on Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority survey results on average stay period and average spending per day estimates for 2015 (d) May be revised based on Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority survey results on average stay period and average spending per day estimates for 2016



4.4 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at 29th February 2016 ^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)					
Official Reserve Assets				6,573.37	
(1) Foreign currency reserves				5,616.74	
(a) Securities				2,203.15	
(b) Total currency and deposits with				3,413.58	
(i) other national central banks, BIS				1,308.27	
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad				1.27	
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country				2,104.04	
(2) Reserve position in the IMF				66.10	
(3) SDRs				6.82	
(4) Gold				881.55	
(5) Other reserve assets				2.15	
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	-3,582.79	-731.45	-214.70	-2,636.64
	Interest	-922.49	-73.82	-138.56	-710.11
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)					
		-3,224.49	-1707.06	-642.00	-875.43
(b) Long positions (+)					
3. Other (specify)					
inflows related to reverse repos (+)		-6.66	-6.66		
other accounts payable (-)		-6.66	-6.66		

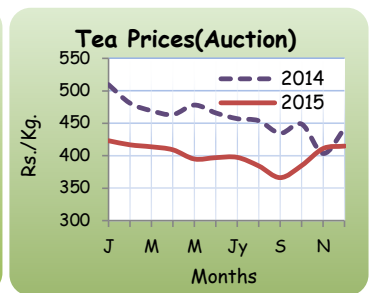
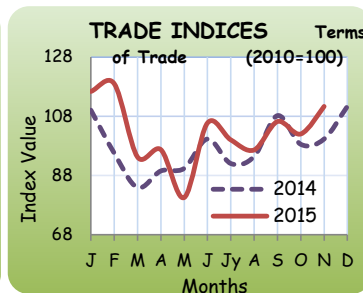
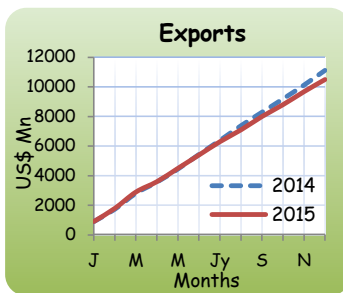
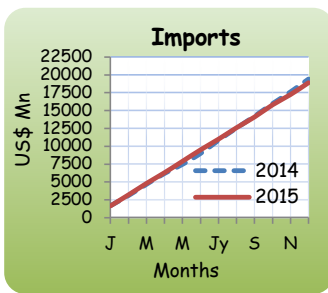
(a) Provisional

(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

4.5 External Trade

Item	US\$ Bn			Rs Bn		
	Jan-Dec 2015	Jan-Dec 2014	% Change	Jan-Dec 2015	Jan-Dec 2014	% Change
Exports	10.5	11.1	-5.6	1,425.8	1,453.2	-1.9
Agricultural	2.5	2.8	-11.2	337.0	364.8	-7.6
Industrial	8.0	8.3	-3.5	1,082.3	1,078.7	0.3
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	0.3	0.3	-8.3	36.1	37.8	-4.5
Textiles and Apparel	4.8	4.9	-2.2	654.8	643.7	1.7
Petroleum Products	0.4	0.3	10.6	50.5	44.1	14.3
Leather, Rubber etc	0.9	1.0	-12.8	121.7	134.3	-9.4
Other	1.6	1.7	-3.4	219.3	218.8	0.2
Mineral	0.0	0.1	-52.3	3.8	7.8	-50.7
Other	0.0	0.0	32.4	2.7	1.9	38.3
Imports	18.9	19.4	-2.5	2,572.5	2,535.2	1.5
Consumer Goods	4.7	3.9	22.3	640.4	503.0	27.3
Intermediate Goods	9.6	11.4	-15.4	1,309.2	1,488.1	-12.0
Investment Goods	4.6	4.2	10.0	620.7	542.2	14.5
Other	0.0	0.0	10.3	2.2	1.9	14.3
Trade Balance	-8.4	-8.3	-1.7	-1,146.7	-1,082.0	-6.0

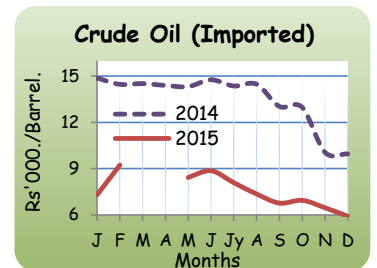
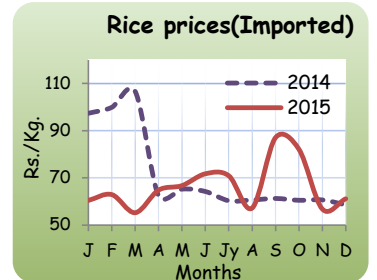


4.6 Trade Indices (2010= 100) (a)

Item	2015 Nov (b)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	116.2	117.9	128.2
Quantity	112.0	130.4	117.8
Unit Value	103.7	90.4	108.8
Total Imports			
Value	131.1	146.6	147.4
Quantity	141.0	165.3	135.9
Unit Value	93.0	88.7	108.5
Terms of Trade	111.5	102.0	100.3

(a) In US\$ Terms

(b) Provisional



4.7 International Commodity Prices

Item	December 2015	December 2014	% Change	December 2015	December 2014	% Change
Colombo Auction Price	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Tea Prices	2.89	3.37	-14.3	414.91	442.16	-6.2
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	426.19	446.74	-4.6	61,135.55	58,532.13	4.4
White Sugar	416.50	481.48	-13.5	59,745.82	63,083.79	-5.3
Wheat	243.87	300.95	-19.0	34,982.04	39,431.33	-11.3
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	41.21	75.98	-45.8	5,910.84	9,955.38	-40.6