

Weekly Economic Indicators

20 May 2016



Statistics Department

Real Sector

Inflation, as measured by the change in the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) ,2013=100, compiled by the Department of Census and Statistics, increased to 2.2 per cent in March 2016 from 1.7 per cent in February 2016, on year-on-year basis. The main contributor towards the year-on-year inflation was the Non-food category. Prices in Miscellaneous Goods and Services (Car insurance); Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco; Transport; and Clothing and Footwear sub categories were the main contributors towards the year-on-year increase. The change in the NCPI measured on an annual average basis decreased to 2.4 per cent in March 2016 from 2.6 per cent recorded in February 2016. When the monthly change in the NCPI is considered, the NCPI decreased by 0.7 per cent from February 2016 to March 2016.

Inflation, as measured by the change in the Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) ,2006/07=100, increased to 3.1 per cent in April 2016 from 2.0 per cent in March 2016, on year-on-year basis. Annual average inflation increased to 1.3 per cent from 1.1 per cent for the same period. The monthly change in CCPI in April 2016 was 1.3 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.

Continuing the declining trend observed in 2015, the production of tea recorded a decline in first two months in 2016. Coconut production increased in first two months in 2016 while the rubber production recorded a year-on-year decline due to the higher production recorded in the corresponding period in 2015.

The FIPI increased by 3.4 per cent on a year-on-year basis in January 2016. This growth was mainly facilitated by increased production of other non-metallic mineral products, food products and wearing apparel sectors. They have recording growths of 22.1, 9.4 and 6.5 per cent, respectively, during this period. This was mainly attributed to demand from increased domestic and international activities.

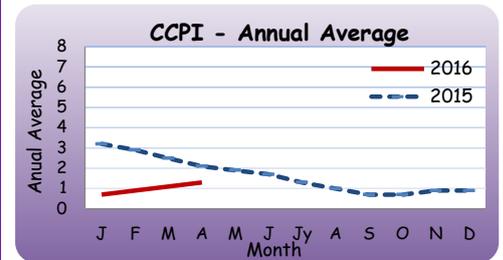
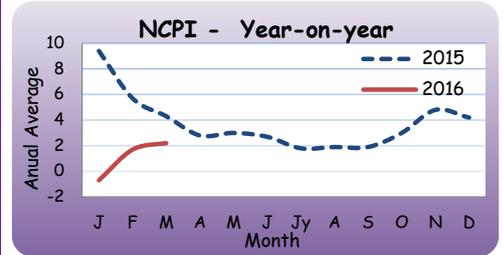
During the week crude oil spot prices followed an increasing trend. Prices rose to 2016 highs as the market focused on supply disruptions. In Nigeria, oil major Exxon Mobil suspended exports from it's biggest crude stream and other producers such as Royal Dutch Shell and Chevron have also suffered disruptions. Venezuela's oil production has fallen by at least 188,000 barrels per day as its national oil company struggles to make the necessary investment to keep output steady. Meanwhile, U.S. Energy Information Administration reported shale oil output is expected to drop in June for the eighth consecutive month.

Highlights

REAL SECTOR

1.1 Price Indices

Item	March 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2013 = 100)			
National Consumer Price Index (NCPI)	110.0	110.8	107.6
Monthly Change %	-0.7	-1.1	-1.2
Year - on - Year Change %	2.2	1.7	4.3
Annual Average Change %	2.4	2.6	-
Item	April 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
(2006 / 07 = 100)			
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI)	184.1	181.7	178.5
Annual Average Change %	1.3	1.1	2.1
Year - on - Year Change %	3.1	2.0	0.1
Core Inflation - (CCPI)	184.0	181.7	176.1
Annual Average Change %	4.1	3.9	2.9
Year - on - Year Change %	4.5	4.5	2.4



1.2 Pettah Market

Item	Average Wholesale Prices				Average Retail Prices			
	Week Ending 19 th May 2016	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg	Week Ending 19 th May 2016	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago Annual Avg
	Rs / Kg				Rs / Kg			
Rice								
Samba	80.00	78.00	76.67	83.22	90.00	90.00	88.00	90.10
Kekulu (Red)	55.00	53.00	52.00	66.15	65.00	60.00	61.67	75.20
Vegetables								
Beans	240.00	170.00	123.33	160.49	280.00	200.00	153.33	196.86
Cabbage	70.00	100.00	60.00	79.31	120.00	140.00	93.33	117.94
Carrots	130.00	120.00	90.00	146.27	160.00	140.00	120.00	184.90
Tomatoes	200.00	180.00	103.33	89.80	240.00	240.00	140.00	126.18
Pumpkins	40.00	50.00	31.67	49.12	60.00	70.00	53.33	72.94
Snake Gourd	110.00	130.00	73.33	73.73	140.00	160.00	106.67	106.57
Brinjals	90.00	80.00	50.00	72.56	120.00	120.00	80.00	105.69
Ash-Plantains	70.00	50.00	56.67	81.08	100.00	80.00	80.00	110.59
Other Foods								
Red-Onions (Local)	142.50	100.00	70.00	105.28	170.00	150.00	110.00	135.34
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	95.17	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	124.67
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	145.00	107.50	98.33	107.98	160.00	130.00	126.67	130.80
Dried Chilies (Imported)	320.00	300.00	300.00	248.90	360.00	340.00	350.00	291.08
Dhal (Indian)	170.00	175.00	165.00	161.98	180.00	180.00	172.67	177.43
Eggs (Red)	13.50	13.50	16.50	14.17	14.00	14.00	17.00	14.77
Coconut (Each)	31.00	32.00	33.17	41.00	50.00	45.00	46.67	53.18
Fish*								
Kelawalla	n.a.	550.00	530.00	453.14	n.a.	680.00	673.33	598.24
Balaya	n.a.	350.00	353.33	295.00	n.a.	450.00	443.33	361.20
Salaya	n.a.	150.00	146.67	114.71	n.a.	200.00	203.33	156.08
Paraw (Small)	n.a.	630.00	550.00	484.69	n.a.	680.00	643.33	547.96

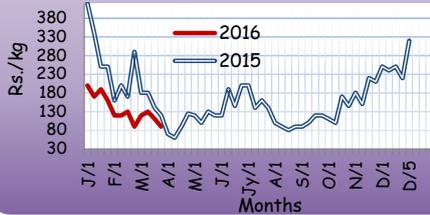
* Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Peliyagoda.

Pettah Market - Wholesale Prices

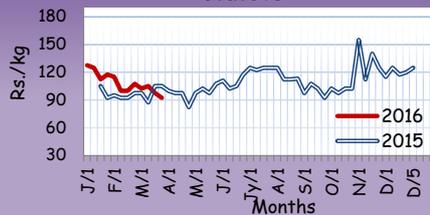
Rice - Kekulu



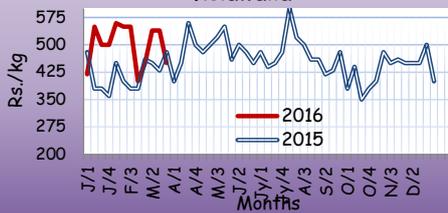
Beans



Potatoes

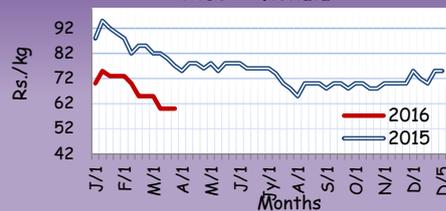


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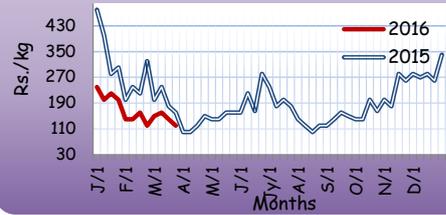


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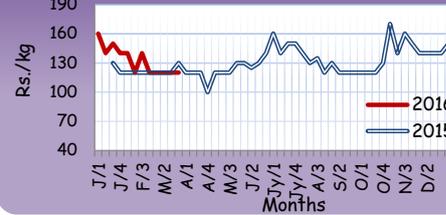
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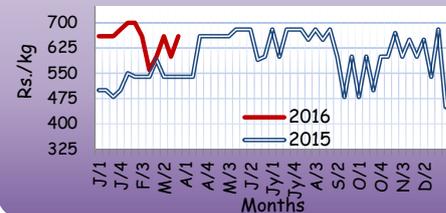
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Potatoes



Kelawalla



1.3 Dambulla Market

Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 19 th May 2016	
	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	80.00	83.50
Kekulu (Red)	57.00	62.50
Vegetables		
Beans	137.50	187.00
Carrot	115.50	152.00
Tomatoes	137.00	188.00
Pumpkins	30.00	48.00
Snake Gourd	76.00	114.00
Ash-Plantains	37.50	55.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Local)	106.00	147.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	131.00	152.00
Dried Chilies(Imported)	303.50	360.00
Coconut (Each)	29.00	40.00

1.5 Maradaghamula Market

Average wholesale price of Rice

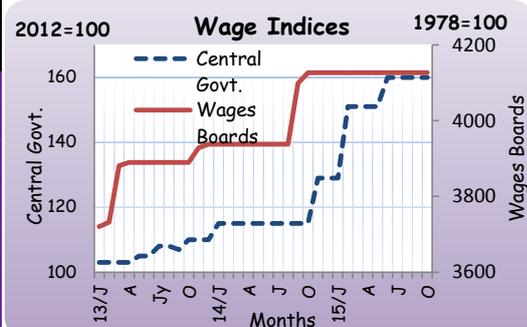
Item (Rs / Kg)	Week Ending 20 th May	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	77.90	74.30	72.78	79.56
Sudu Kekulu	62.50	61.40	60.56	62.37
Raw Red	58.32	58.30	57.89	66.17
Nadu	65.50	65.00	62.92	64.24

1.4 Narahenpita Economic Centre

Item (Rs / Kg)	Average Retail Prices	
	20 th May 2016	Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	84.67	89.67
Kekulu (Red)	64.67	67.00
Vegetables		
Beans	236.67	196.67
Cabbage	136.67	126.67
Carrots	200.00	153.33
Tomatoes	233.33	200.00
Pumpkins	76.67	96.67
Snake Gourd	163.33	136.67
Brinjals	96.67	103.33
Ash-Plantains	100.00	100.00
Other Foods		
Red-Onions (Imported)	196.67	136.67
Big-Onions (Imported)	96.67	80.00
Potatoes (Imported)	100.00	90.00
Dried Chilies (Imported)	346.67	350.00
Dhal (Indian)	173.33	176.67
Eggs (Red)(Each)	13.33	18.33
Coconut (Each)	53.33	55.00
Fish		
Kelawalla	786.67	876.67
Balaya	456.67	553.33
Salaya	203.33	203.33
Paraw (Small)	886.67	846.67

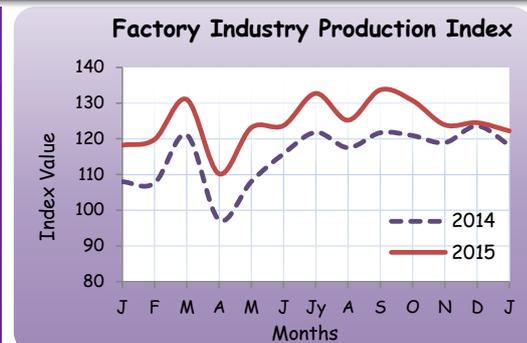
1.6 Wage rate Indices

Item	2016 Feb	2015 Feb	% Change
(2012 = 100)			
Central Government Employees	160.4	151.4	5.9
(1978 = 100)			
Workers in Wages Boards Trades	2016 Jan	2015 Jan	
Agriculture	4,127.1	4,127.0	0.0
Industry & Commerce	4,734.5	4,734.3	0.0
Services	3,459.1	3,459.1	0.0
	2,313.2	2,313.2	0.0



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

Item	2016 (b) Jan	2015 Jan	% Change
Factory Industry- Production Index	122.2	118.2	3.4
Food products	106.8	97.7	9.4
Beverages	108.1	124.2	-12.9
Tobacco products	88.1	103.9	-15.1
Wearing apparel	172.0	161.4	6.5
Chemicals and chemical products	38.5	70.6	-45.5
Rubber and plastic products	132.9	132.7	0.1
Other non-metallic mineral products	132.4	108.4	22.1

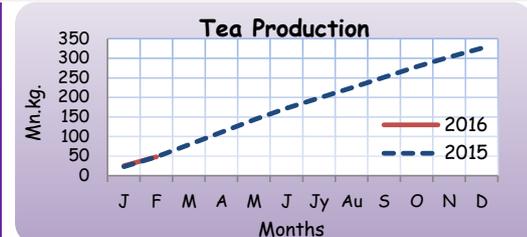


(a) Major 7 sub divisions of FIPI out of 17 sub divisions.

(b) Provisional

1.8 Agriculture Production

Item	Unit	2016(a) Jan-Feb	2015 Jan-Feb	% Change
Tea	(Mn Kg)	48.0	48.7	-1.4
Rubber	(Mn Kg)	18.8	20.3	-7.4
Coconuts	(Mn Nuts)	512.0	475.0	7.8



(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

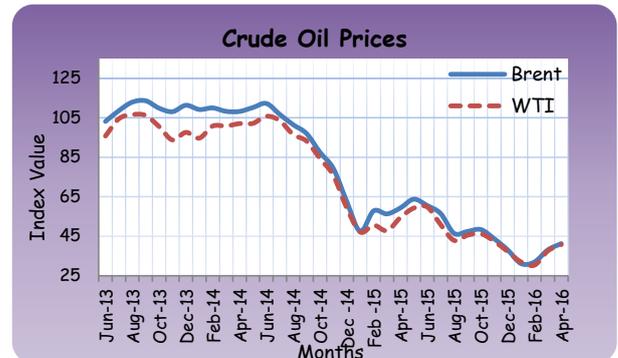
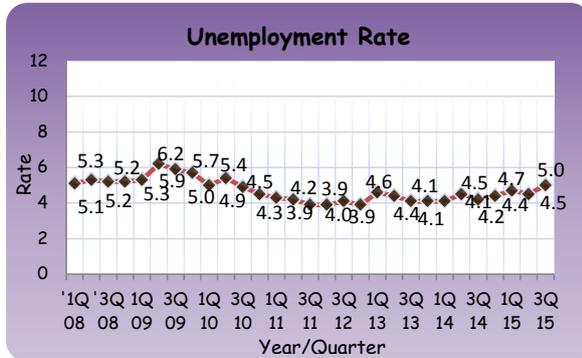
1.10 Employment (a)

Item	2015 (b) 4 th Quarter	2014 4 th Quarter	2015 Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	53.6	52.9	53.8
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.4	4.6
Employed Persons by Sectors (c) (as a % of total employment)			
Agriculture	27.5	30.4	28.2
Industry	25.3	25.4	26.0
Services	47.2	44.2	45.8

(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	35.36
March	56.30	47.82	-	38.06	37.55	35.85
April	59.32	54.45	-	41.25	40.75	
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		
13 May	66.03	60.5		47.05	46.22	
16 May	-	-		48.49	47.72	
17 May	-	-		49.11	48.29	
18 May	64.85	59.44		49.33	48.12	
19 May	63.18	57.30		47.21	48.16	

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 20 May 2016 declined by 12 bps to 10.00 per cent compared to the previous week.

Broad money (M2b) expanded by 19.8 per cent on a year-on-year basis in February 2016.

NFA of the banking system declined by Rs. 41.4 billion in February 2016.

NCG from the banking system showed an increase of Rs. 52.8 billion in February 2016.

Credit extended to the private sector increased by Rs. 53.7 billion in February 2016.

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

The total outstanding market liquidity increased to Rs. 11.36 bn by end of the week, compared to Rs. 7.50 bn by the end of last week.

By 20 May 2016, All Share Price Index (ASPI) declined by 0.70 per cent to 6,633 points while S&P SL 20 Index declined by 1.57 per cent to 3,455 points, compared to the previous week.

MONETARY SECTOR

2.1 Interest Rates

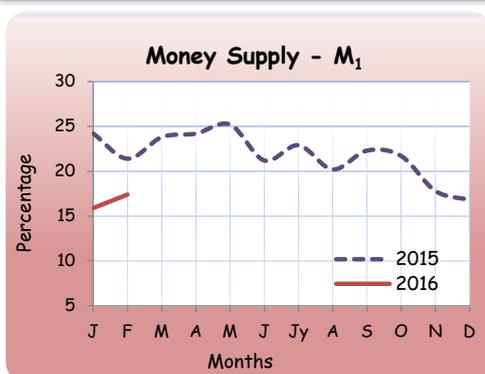
Item	Week Ending 2016 May 20	Week Ago	Year Ago	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	10.00	10.12	7.09	
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)				
- 91 days	8.66	-	6.08	
- 182 days	-	9.40	6.19	
- 364 days	10.48	10.37	6.31	
Standing Deposit Facility	6.50	6.50	6.00	
Standing Lending Facility	8.00	8.00	7.50	
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	8.15	8.15	6.12	
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)				
1 day	8.15	8.15	6.12	
7 days	8.50	8.45	6.29	
1 Month	9.29	9.28	6.50	
3 Months	9.75	9.75	6.70	
6 Months	10.21	10.22	6.97	
12 Months	10.72	10.70	7.26	
Commercial Banks	Jan 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Saving Deposits -	0.50-8.50	0.50-8.00	0.50-8.00	
One Year Fixed Deposits -	3.95-15.00	3.95-15.00	3.95-12.00	
	Apr 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.58	6.44	5.83	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	8.18	7.92	6.87	
	Mar 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago	
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	11.45	11.30	11.50	
NSB	Jan 2016	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	(2 Y & 5 Months) 19/05/2016	(3 Y & 11 Months) 19/05/2016	(7 Y & 7 Months) 19/05/2016	(10 Years) 19/05/2016
Coupon rate	8.00	9.25	11.40	11.00
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	11.75	12.11	12.40	12.82

Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2016 May 20	Week Ago	Bankwise- AWPR	Week ending 2016 May 20	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	9.89	9.85	HSBC	8.06	7.79
People's Bank	9.78	9.78	Standard Chartered Bank	9.73	9.53
Hatton National Bank	10.95	10.90	Citi Bank	9.24	6.60
Commercial Bank of Ceylon	10.35	10.56	Deutsche Bank	8.47	8.48
Sampath Bank	10.82	10.97	Habib Bank	8.55	8.55
Seylan Bank	11.22	10.20	Indian Bank	11.05	11.05
Union Bank of Colombo	12.00	12.11	Indian Overseas Bank	11.55	11.55
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	13.00	13.25	MCB Bank	11.53	10.50
Nations Trust Bank	10.21	10.32	State Bank of India	10.25	10.25
DFCC Bank	10.40	11.26	Public Bank	9.50	9.50
NDB Bank	10.80	10.80	ICICI Bank	11.00	11.21
Amana Bank	11.06	11.07	Axis Bank	11.16	10.76
Cargills Bank	10.65	10.51			

2.2 Money Supply

Item	Rs. Bn.			Annual Change (%)		
	2016 (a) February	Month Ago	Year Ago	2016 (a) February	Month Ago	Year Ago
M1	700.5	692.4	596.7	17.4	15.9	21.4
M2	4,158.4	4,103.0	3,492.6	19.1	18.3	11.9
M2b	4,703.8	4,638.3	3,926.6	19.8	19.1	12.3
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-401.8	-360.4	-121.6	-230.5	-204.7	-276.8
Monetary Authorities	468.6	489.5	618.8	-24.3	-20.2	0.0
Domestic Banking Units (DBUs)	-305.9	-298.0	-236.4	-29.4	-21.2	-19.0
Offshore Banking Units (OBUs)	-564.5	-551.9	-504.0	-12.0	-13.6	-43.5
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	5,105.6	4,998.7	4,048.2	26.1	24.5	18.1
Monetary Authorities and DBUs	4,357.0	4,265.2	3,392.5	28.4	26.3	15.3
OBUs	748.6	733.5	655.8	14.2	15.2	35.3
Net Credit to Government	1,920.8	1,868.0	1,644.8	16.8	19.9	22.3
Monetary Authorities	384.5	336.5	245.8	56.4	39.7	51.7
DBUs	1,141.5	1,155.8	1,120.4	1.9	8.9	13.3
OBUs	394.8	375.7	278.6	41.7	47.2	44.1
Credit to Public Corporations	526.4	527.6	481.7	9.3	12.5	41.8
DBUs	254.4	249.8	199.1	27.8	29.1	49.1
OBUs	272.0	277.9	282.6	-3.7	0.9	37.0
Credit to the Private Sector	3,546.8	3,493.1	2,803.7	26.5	25.7	12.6
DBUs	3,275.3	3,215.7	2,545.4	28.7	27.6	11.5
OBUs	271.5	277.5	258.3	5.1	7.0	24.7
Reserve Money	739.3	718.6	583.0	26.8	24.7	17.9

(a) Provisional (b) In relation to M2b

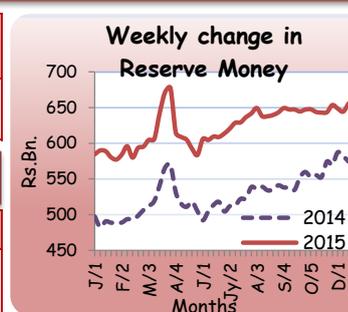


2.3 Weekly change in Reserve Money

Item	19 May 2016	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs.Mn.)	753,147	755,539	-2,392

2.4 Money Market Activity (Overnight)

Item	16.05.2016	17.05.2016	18.05.2016	19.05.2016	20.05.2016
Call Money Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	19,085	19,355	22,680	18,970	21,050
Repo Market					
Weighted Average Rate (% p.a.)	8.00	8.00	8.01	8.02	7.99
Gross Volume (Rs. Mn)	40,054	39,446	34,380	33,498	54,368



2.5 CBSL Security Portfolio

Item	16.05.2016	17.05.2016	18.05.2016	19.05.2016	20.05.2016
CBSL T-Bill Holding (Rs. Mn)	221,301	221,322	220,911	219,693	219,515

2.6 Open Market Operations

Item	16.05.2016	17.05.2016	18.05.2016	19.05.2016	20.05.2016
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	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)	9.19	9.83	9.81	9.23	14.52
Standing Lending Facility (Rs. bn)	5.16	5.14	4.68	3.40	3.17
Total Outstanding Market Liquidity (Rs. bn)	4.04	4.68	5.14	5.83	11.36

2.7 Credit Cards (a)

Item	2016 (b) End Jan	2015 (b) End Dec	2014 End Dec
Total Number of Active Cards	1,151,327	1,142,231	1,032,833
Local (accepted only locally)	30,771	30,902	32,874
Global (accepted globally)	1,120,556	1,111,329	999,959
Outstanding balance (Rs. Mn.)	63,214	63,010	57,621
Local (accepted only locally)	818	1,226	1,234
Global (accepted globally)	62,395	61,784	56,387

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

2.8 Commercial Paper Issues (a)

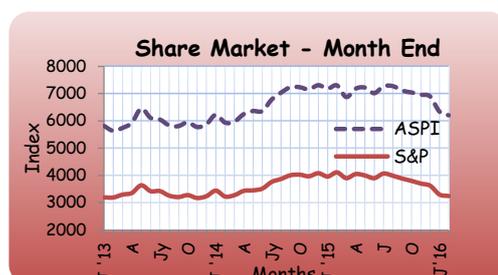
Item (Rs. bn.)	2016 End Jan(b)	2015 End Dec	2014 End Dec
Total Issues - Cumulative	1.3	7.9	8.2
Outstanding (as at end of the period)	4.3	4.5	3.5

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



2.9 Share Market

Item	Week Ending 20 May 2016	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,633	6,680	7,290
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S&P SL20)	3,455	3,510	4,074
Average Daily Turnover (Rs. Mn)	949	953	2,236
Market Capitalisation (Rs.Bn.)	2,826	2,846	3,097



Fiscal Sector

In 2015, total government revenue to GDP ratio reversed its declining trend reported since 2011 and increased to 13.0 per cent from 11.4 per cent in 2014. This increase was entirely due to the increase in tax revenue amidst the decline in non tax revenue collection in 2015. Tax revenue as a percentage of GDP increased to 12.1 per cent in 2015 from 10.1 per cent in 2014 while non tax revenue declined to 0.9 per cent of GDP in 2015 from 1.4 per cent in 2014. In nominal terms, total revenue increased by 21.7 per cent to Rs. 1,454.9 billion in 2015 from Rs. 1,195.2 billion in 2014 mainly due to the increase in revenue collection from excise duties, income tax and import duties. The decline in non tax revenue was mainly attributed to the decline in profit and dividend transfers of SOBEs and declined interest and rent income although revenue from fees and charges increased during 2015.

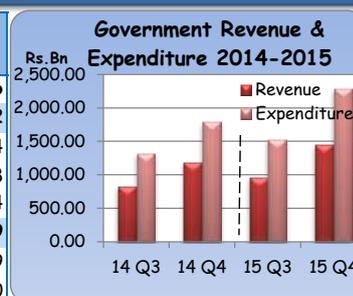
Total expenditure and net lending as a percentage of GDP increased to 20.5 per cent in 2015 from 17.2 per cent in 2014 due to increase in both recurrent expenditure, and capital expenditure and net lending. The increase in total expenditure and net lending was a combined outcome of the increase in recurrent expenditure by 2.5 percentage to 15.2 per cent, while capital expenditure and net lending increased by 0.8 percentage points to 5.3 per cent of GDP. In nominal terms total expenditure and net lending increased by 27.5 per cent to Rs. 2,290.4 billion in 2015 from Rs. 1,795.9 billion in 2014. Public investment, which amounted to 5.4 per cent of GDP in 2015, was significantly higher than 4.7 per cent of GDP recorded in 2014.

In nominal terms, total outstanding government debt increased by 15.0 per cent to Rs. 8,503.2 billion as at end 2015 from Rs. 7,390.9 billion at end 2014. The total debt stock increased by Rs. 285.1 billion due to exchange rate variations on account of the depreciation of the rupee against major foreign currencies.

FISCAL SECTOR

3.1 Government Finance (Rs.bn)

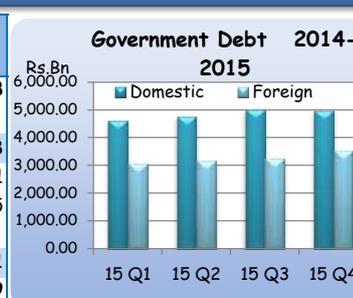
Item	2015 (a)	2014
Revenue and Grants	1,460.9	1,204.6
Revenue	1,454.9	1,195.2
Tax	1,355.8	1,050.4
Non tax	99.1	144.8
Grants	6.0	9.4
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments	2,290.4	1,795.9
Current	1,701.7	1,322.9
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	588.7	473.0



(a) Provisional

3.2 Outstanding Central Government Debt (Rs.bn)

Item	End 2015(a)	End 2014
Total domestic debt	4,959.2	4,277.8
of which		
Treasury bills	658.2	694.8
Treasury bonds	3,305.2	2,844.1
Rupee loans	24.1	55.5
Total foreign debt	3,544.0	3,113.1
Total outstanding govt. debt	8,503.2	7,390.9



(a)Provisional

3.3 Government Securities - Primary and Secondary Market Yield Rates as for the week ending - 18th May 2016

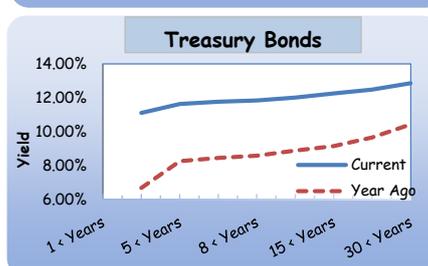
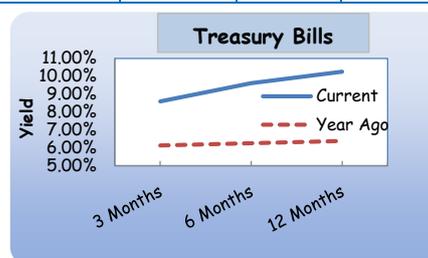
Security	Maturity	Primary Market(a)		Secondary Market			Last Week Average
		This Week	Last Week	This Week			
				Buying	Selling	Average	
Treasury Bills	3 Months	8.66%	-	8.78%	8.53%	8.65%	8.60%
	6 Months	-	9.40%	9.71%	9.50%	9.60%	9.61%
	12 Months	10.48%	10.37%	10.50%	10.30%	10.40%	10.26%
Treasury Bonds(b)	< 2 Years	-	-	11.35%	11.20%	11.27%	11.10%
	< 5 Years	11.62%	-	11.96%	11.82%	11.89%	11.63%
	< 6 Years	-	-	12.13%	11.96%	12.04%	11.76%
	< 8 Years	12.02%	-	12.16%	12.02%	12.09%	11.84%
	< 10 Years	-	-	12.27%	12.14%	12.20%	12.00%
	< 15 Years	-	-	12.46%	12.35%	12.41%	12.25%
	< 20 Years	-	-	12.66%	12.52%	12.59%	12.48%
< 30 Years	-	-	12.98%	12.85%	12.92%	12.86%	

(a) Primary market transactions during the week ending 18/05/2016

(b) Weighted Average Yeild Rate is calculated, when there are two or more yeild rates available for same maturity Period.

The secondary market yield rates of T-bills and T-bonds have increased across all maturities (except for T-bills with 182 day maturity) during the reporting week, compared to the secondary market yeild rates of previous week

Security	Maturity Date	Coupon Rate	Secondary Market	
			This Week	Last Week
International Sovereign Bonds	4-Oct-20	6.250%	5.91%	5.83%
	27-Jul-21	6.250%	6.37%	6.33%
	25-Jul-22	5.875%	6.80%	6.72%
	14-Jan-19	6.000%	5.28%	5.24%
	11-Apr-19	5.125%	5.27%	5.23%
	3-Jun-25	6.125%	7.25%	7.18%
3-Nov-25	6.850%	7.35%	7.29%	



3.4 Government Securities - Weekly Summary of Primary and Secondary Market Transactions (Week Ended - 18th May 2016)

Item	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		
Treasury Bills	677,661.99	677,027.14
Treasury Bonds (a)	3,809,352.90	3,787,589.90
Total	4,487,014.89	4,464,617.04
T-bills and T-bonds held by Foreigners	234,027.16	232,677.01
Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDB)	743,165.44	743,204.71

The outstanding stock of T-bills, T-bonds and the T-bills and T-bonds held by foreigners increased in the reporting week compared to the previous week.

Primary Market Activities	Volume in Rs Mn	
	This Week	Last Week
Treasury Bills		
Amount Offered	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total Bids Received	70,181.00	72,148.00
Total Bids Accepted	18,280.00	8,248.00
Treasury Bonds		
Amount Offered	19,000.00	
Total Bids Received	116,543.00	No auction held
Total Bids Accepted	21,763.00	

The weekly T-bill and T-bond auctions were over subscribed by 2.3 times and 6.1 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)	24,293.96	41,032.78
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	139,400.16	147,270.30
Treasury Bonds		
Outright Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	79,542.89	148,999.41
Repo Transaction (Sales / Purchases)	1,150,459.04	1,109,394.95

The secondary market activities for T-bills and T-bonds decreased, except for the repo transactions for T-bonds in the reporting week compared to the previous 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) - 20/05/2016

Remaining Maturity	Average Buying Price	Yield %	Average Selling Price	Yield %	Buying & Selling Spread
1-7 Days	99.84	8.17	99.85	8.00	0.00
1 Month	99.32	8.33	99.33	8.16	0.01
2 Month	98.61	8.50	98.64	8.29	0.03
3 Month	97.86	8.70	97.92	8.48	0.06
4 Month	97.08	8.92	97.14	8.73	0.06
5 Month	96.20	9.28	96.31	9.00	0.11
6 Month	95.22	9.71	95.33	9.49	0.11
7 Month	94.36	9.83	94.46	9.65	0.10
8 Month	93.48	9.92	93.58	9.76	0.10
9 Month	92.55	10.07	92.67	9.90	0.12
10 Month	91.62	10.19	91.76	10.03	0.13
11 Month	90.65	10.34	90.84	10.13	0.18
12 Month	89.62	10.52	89.80	10.34	0.18

3.6 Two way Quotes (Treasury Bonds)- 20/05/2016

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	12	99.96	9.03	99.96	8.79	0.01
06.40%2016A	6	1-Aug-16	73	99.40	9.29	99.44	9.06	0.05
08.00%2016A	5	1-Sep-16	104	99.59	9.34	99.64	9.13	0.06
06.40%2016B	6	1-Oct-16	134	98.85	9.56	98.92	9.37	0.07
08.00%2017A	5	1-Jan-17	226	98.74	10.13	98.82	9.99	0.08
05.80%2017A	6	15-Jan-17	240	97.28	10.18	97.40	9.98	0.12
08.25%2017A	3	1-Mar-17	285	98.50	10.26	98.67	10.02	0.18
08.75%2017A	4	15-May-17	360	98.36	10.54	98.60	10.28	0.24
08.00%2017B	5	15-Jun-17	391	97.37	10.65	97.68	10.34	0.31
05.80%2017B	6	15-Jul-17	421	94.79	10.70	95.13	10.37	0.34
08.50%2018A	15	1-Feb-18	622	95.94	11.17	96.49	10.80	0.54
08.50%2018C	5	1-Apr-18	681	95.61	11.16	95.88	10.99	0.27
08.50%2018D	5	1-Jun-18	742	94.94	11.35	95.20	11.20	0.26
08.50%2018B	15	15-Jul-18	786	94.84	11.25	95.15	11.08	0.32
07.50%2018A	15	15-Aug-18	817	92.49	11.38	92.81	11.21	0.32
08.75%2018A	4	15-Oct-18	878	94.58	11.38	94.81	11.27	0.22
08.00%2018A	6	15-Nov-18	909	92.36	11.63	92.64	11.49	0.28
05.65%2019A	8	15-Jan-19	970	86.92	11.50	87.15	11.39	0.23
08.50%2019A	10	1-May-19	1,076	92.57	11.54	92.83	11.43	0.26
10.60%2019A	5	1-Jul-19	1,137	97.27	11.66	97.65	11.51	0.38
10.60%2019B	5	15-Sep-19	1,213	96.90	11.74	97.27	11.60	0.37
08.00%2019A	8	1-Nov-19	1,260	89.69	11.72	90.02	11.59	0.34
09.25%2020A	5	1-May-20	1,442	91.75	11.93	92.17	11.78	0.42
08.00%2020A	8	1-Jun-20	1,473	88.11	11.79	88.46	11.67	0.34
06.20%2020A	10	1-Aug-20	1,534	81.66	11.86	82.01	11.74	0.35
09.50%2020A	5	15-Dec-20	1,670	91.99	11.81	92.35	11.70	0.36
09.00%2021A	8	1-May-21	1,807	89.23	11.94	89.69	11.81	0.46
11.00%2021A	7	1-Aug-21	1,899	96.04	12.04	96.59	11.89	0.55
09.45%2021A	7	15-Oct-21	1,974	90.42	11.90	90.91	11.77	0.49
08.00%2022A	10	1-Jan-22	2,052	84.12	11.96	84.57	11.83	0.45
11.20%2022A	9	1-Jul-22	2,233	96.21	12.09	96.85	11.93	0.64
10.00%2022A	8	1-Oct-22	2,325	90.58	12.16	91.27	11.99	0.69
09.00%2023A	10	1-Sep-23	2,660	85.30	12.09	85.96	11.93	0.65
11.20%2023A	9	1-Sep-23	2,660	95.42	12.16	96.16	12.00	0.73
07.00%2023A	20	1-Oct-23	2,690	75.68	12.07	76.14	11.96	0.46
11.40%2024A	10	1-Jan-24	2,782	95.98	12.22	96.68	12.07	0.70
06.00%2024A	10	1-Dec-24	3,117	67.88	12.15	68.19	12.07	0.31
10.25%2025A	10	15-Mar-25	3,221	89.21	12.28	90.08	12.10	0.87
09.00%2025A	12	1-May-25	3,268	83.03	12.16	83.54	12.06	0.51
11.00%2025A	10	1-Aug-25	3,360	92.83	12.32	93.74	12.14	0.91
09.00%2026A	13	1-Feb-26	3,544	81.87	12.24	82.48	12.11	0.61
05.35%2026A	15	1-Mar-26	3,572	61.12	12.28	61.53	12.18	0.41
11.00%2026A	11	1-Jun-26	3,664	91.44	12.52	92.32	12.35	0.88
09.00%2028B	15	1-May-28	4,364	79.39	12.34	79.92	12.24	0.53
09.00%2028A	15	1-Jul-28	4,425	79.18	12.35	79.69	12.26	0.51
11.50%2028A	13	1-Sep-28	4,487	93.23	12.59	94.39	12.39	1.16
13.00%2029A	15	1-Jan-29	4,609	103.61	12.42	104.18	12.33	0.56
13.00%2029B	15	1-May-29	4,729	103.58	12.43	104.24	12.33	0.66
11.00%2030A	15	15-May-30	5,108	88.84	12.73	89.84	12.56	1.00
08.00%2032A	20	1-Jan-32	5,704	69.45	12.49	69.85	12.41	0.40
09.00%2032A	20	1-Oct-32	5,978	75.71	12.52	76.23	12.43	0.52
09.00%2033A	20	1-Jun-33	6,221	75.24	12.55	75.78	12.46	0.54
13.25%2033A	20	1-Jul-33	6,251	104.65	12.58	105.33	12.48	0.68
09.00%2033B	20	1-Nov-33	6,374	74.79	12.60	75.29	12.51	0.50
13.25%2034A	20	1-Jan-34	6,435	103.70	12.71	104.26	12.64	0.55
11.50%2035A	20	15-Mar-35	6,873	90.66	12.82	92.62	12.52	1.96
12.00%2041A	25	1-Jan-41	8,992	92.69	12.99	95.40	12.61	2.71
09.00%2043A	30	1-Jun-43	9,873	70.66	12.92	71.19	12.83	0.53
13.50%2044A	30	1-Jan-44	10,087	104.00	12.96	104.65	12.88	0.65
13.50%2044B	30	1-Jun-44	10,239	103.80	12.99	104.50	12.90	0.70
12.50%2045A	30	1-Mar-45	10,512	95.49	13.10	97.64	12.80	2.15

External Sector

During the year up to 20 May 2016 the rupee depreciated against the US dollar (1.2 per cent). Given the cross currency exchange rate movements, the Sri Lanka rupee appreciated against the Pound sterling (0.3 per cent), Indian rupee (0.3 per cent) and depreciated against Japanese yen (9.7 per cent), Euro (3.7 per cent) during this period.

Earnings from exports during the month of January 2016 decreased by 2.5 per cent to US dollars 894 million. Lower performance in tea, spices, petroleum products and seafood exports contributed mainly for the drop in exports.

In January 2016, expenditure on imports declined by 5.5 per cent to US dollars 1,589 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.

The terms of trade contracted by 1.0 per cent in January 2016 compared to the corresponding month of previous year. The export unit value index declined by 3.9 per cent in January 2016 mainly due to a 30.8 per cent decline recorded in prices of petroleum products exports. The import unit value index in January 2016, declined by 2.9 per cent, year-on-year, mainly due to the decline in unit prices of intermediate goods followed by investment goods.

India, China, UK, Germany and France were the top five sources of tourist arrivals in April 2016, accounting for 51.6 per cent of total tourist arrivals upto the month of April 2016

The average price of tea marginally declined to US dollars 2.85 per kg in January 2016 from US dollars 2.89 per kg (in the Colombo auction) in December 2015.

Further, the import prices of sugar, wheat and crude oil prices declined compared to the corresponding month of 2015.

EXTERNAL SECTOR

4.1 Exchange Rates

Item (Rs Per Unit)(a)	Week Ending - 20 May 2016			Average Rate	
	Buying Rate	Selling Rate	Average Rate	Week Ago	Year Ago
US\$	144.04	147.86	145.95	145.66	134.61
STG	209.46	217.03	213.25	210.41	208.89
Yen	1.30	1.36	1.33	1.34	1.11
Euro	160.37	166.89	163.63	165.71	149.95
INR ⁽¹⁾			2.16	2.18	2.09
SDR (As at 19 May 2016)			204.99	205.94	187.61
Central Bank purchases and sales(b) (US\$ Mn.)			April 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago
Purchases			14.95	10.95	60.50
Sales			266.45	432.06	159.50



	Week Ending 20 May 2016	Week Ago	Year Ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US\$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	21.00	20.90	26.26
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US\$) ⁽²⁾			
1 Month	147.07	146.82	134.18
3 Months	148.76	148.29	135.38
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US\$ mn)	34.76	51.20	29.87
Outstanding Forward Volume (US\$ mn) (As at 19 May 2016)	1,483.44	1,474.32	1,160.58

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

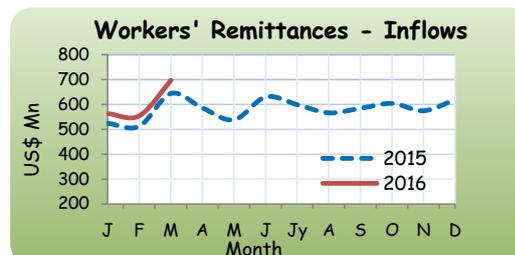
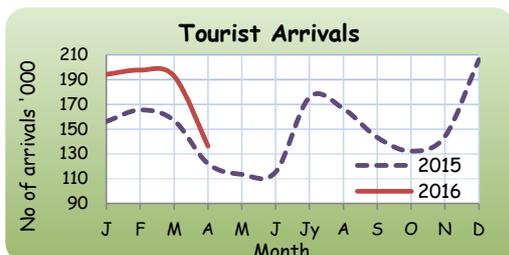
(b) Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates total for the Month

(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
		Apr (a)(c)	Apr (b)(d)	Jan-Apr (c)	Jan-Apr (d)	
Tourist Arrivals	Number	122,217	136,367	601,055	721,185	20.0
Earnings from Tourism(d)	US\$ Mn.	202.6	226.0	996.2	1,195.30	20.0
	Rs.bn.	26.9	32.5	132.0	172	30.3
Workers' Remittances (Inflows)		2015	2016	2015	2016	% Change
		Mar (a)	Mar (b)	Jan-Mar(a)	Jan-Mar(b)	
	US\$ Mn.	644.3	697.1	1,679.4	1,814.7	8.1
	Rs. bn.	85.6	100.4	222.4	261.2	17.5

(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



4.3 Official Reserve Assets as at 30th April 2016^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD Mn)	6,070.45
(1) Foreign currency reserves	5,080.86
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	68.10
(3) SDRs	6.90
(4) Gold	913.60
(5) Other reserve assets	0.98

(a) Provisional

4.4 International Reserves & Foreign Currency Liquidity as at 31st March 2016 ^(a)

Official Reserve Assets (USD mn)	
Official Reserve Assets	6,225.19
(1) Foreign currency reserves	5,259.56
(a) Securities	2,220.06
(b) Total currency and deposits with	3,039.50
(i) other national central banks, BIS	1,130.92
(ii) banks headquartered inside the reporting country of which located abroad	1.32
(iii) banks headquartered outside the reporting country	1,907.26
(2) Reserve position in the IMF	71.05
(3) SDRs	7.34
(4) Gold	886.26
(5) Other reserve assets	0.98

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	-4,346.34	-161.61	-1,084.14	-3,100.59
Interest	-958.26	-68.46	-125.47	-764.33
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)	-3,341.81	-966.38	-1,225.00	-1,150.43
(b) Long positions (+)				
3. Other (specify)	-0.81	-0.81		
inflows related to reverse repos (+)				
other accounts payable (-)	-0.81	-0.81		

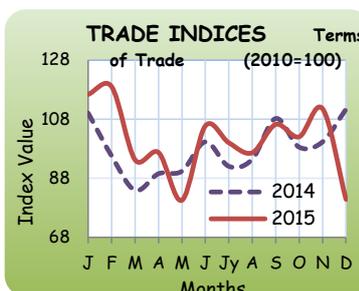
(a) Provisional

(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\$ Mn			Rs Mn		
	January 2016	January 2015	% Change	January 2016	January 2015	% Change
Exports	893.9	916.7	-2.5	128,667.8	120,588.3	6.7
Agricultural	179.5	202.0	-11.1	25,832.5	26,569.9	-2.8
Industrial	711.5	710.7	0.1	102,413.0	93,486.9	9.5
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	22.0	21.2	3.8	3,166.0	2,786.9	13.6
Textiles and Apparel	464.4	409.9	13.3	66,850.8	53,916.7	24.0
Petroleum Products	28.6	61.3	-53.3	4,118.1	8,057.7	-48.9
Leather, Rubber etc	83.5	79.4	5.2	12,025.8	10,449.9	15.1
Other	112.9	138.9	-18.7	16,252.3	18,275.6	-11.1
Mineral	1.9	2.8	-34.7	267.6	374.2	-28.5
Other	1.1	1.2	-10.1	154.8	157.3	-1.6
Imports	1,589.1	1,681.6	-5.5	228,739.5	221,220.9	3.4
Consumer Goods	343.5	397.3	-13.5	49,449.6	52,269.9	-5.4
Intermediate Goods	801.2	841.6	-4.8	115,322.8	110,717.3	4.2
Investment Goods	443.9	441.8	0.5	63,897.1	58,124.6	9.9
Other	0.5	0.8	-41.4	70.0	109.1	-35.8
Trade Balance	-695.2	-765.0	9.1	-100,071.7	-100,632.6	0.6

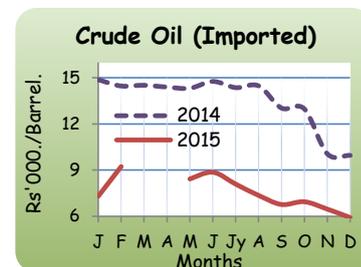
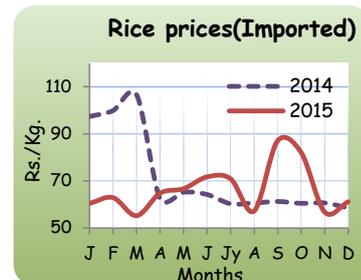


4.6 Trade Indices (2010= 100) (a)

Item	2016		
	Jan (b)	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Exports			
Value	124.6	113.8	127.6
Quantity	121.5	155.1	119.6
Unit Value	102.5	73.3	106.7
Total Imports			
Value	142.2	147.2	150.5
Quantity	161.3	162.1	165.7
Unit Value	88.2	90.8	90.8
Terms of Trade	116.2	80.8	117.4

(a) In US\$ Terms

(b) Provisional



4.7 International Commodity Prices

Item	US\$ /			Rs /		
	January 2016	January 2015	% Change	January 2016	January 2015	% Change
Colombo Auction Price	US\$ / Kg			Rs / Kg		
Tea Prices	2.85	3.22	-11.6	409.61	423.24	-3.2
Imports (C I F)	US\$ / MT			Rs / MT		
Rice	379.38	459.48	-17.4	54,607.40	60,444.56	-9.7
White Sugar	428.02	458.47	-6.6	61,609.05	60,311.58	2.2
Wheat	257.17	298.39	-13.8	37,017.65	39,253.75	-5.7
	US\$ / Barrel			Rs / Barrel		
Crude Oil	31.87	55.47	-42.5	4,587.54	7,296.52	-37.1