

WEEKLY ECONOMIC REPORT

July 28, 2017

Department of Fiscal Policy



CCPI decreased to 6.1% in June 2017



NCPI increased to 6.3 % in June 2017



Trade deficit contracted to 27.2% in April 2017



GDP grew by 3.8 % in first quarter 2017



Exchange rate depreciated to US\$1=Rs. 153.56



Credit to private sector decreased by 20.0% in April 2017



Brent crude oil decreased to: US\$ 48.48 per bbl



Government revenue up by 24.6 % in the first 4 months of 2017



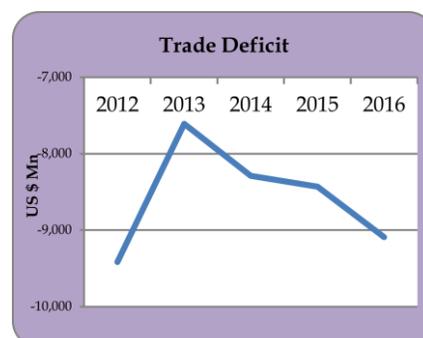
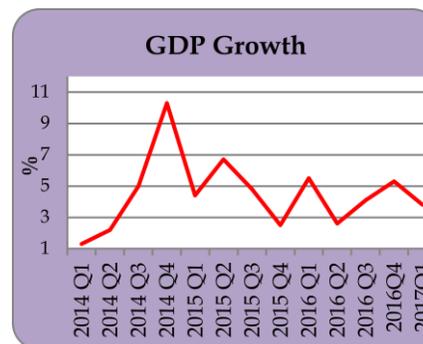
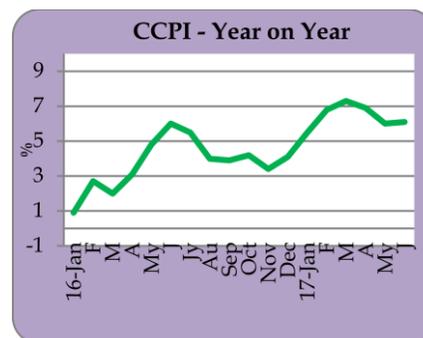
Tourist arrivals up by 4.8% during Jan-June 2017



Unemployment rate was 4.1% in first quarter 2017



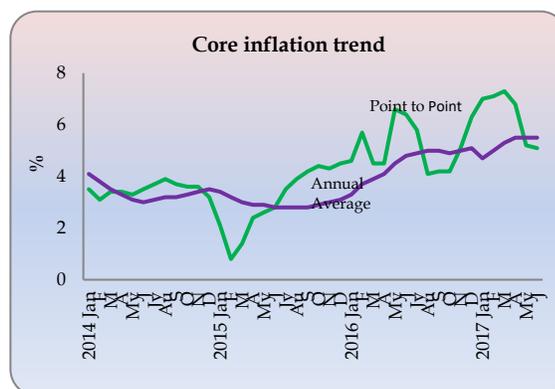
Worker's Remittances declined by 7.2% during Jan-June 2017



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Month	CCPI (%)		Core Inflation (%)		NCPI (%)	
	(2013=100)		(2013=100)		(2013=100)	
	Point to Point	Annual Average	Point to Point	Annual Average	Monthly Change	Point to Point
Aug	1.0	1.0*	5.2	2.8*	-0.5	1.9
Sep	1.1	0.7*	5.6	2.8*	0.0	1.9
Oct	2.9	0.7*	5.5	2.9*	0.7	3.0
Nov	4.4	0.9*	6.5	3.0*	2.6	4.8
Dec	4.6	0.9*	6.7	3.1*	1.1	4.2
Jan-16	1.7	2.1	3.6	4.9	-1.1	-0.7
Feb	2.9	2.1	4.4	5.0	-1.1	1.7
Mar	2.6	2.2	3.7	5.0	-0.7	2.2
Apr	3.4	2.4	3.5	4.9	1.5	4.3
May	4.8	2.7	5.6	5.0	1.9	5.3
Jun	5.5	3.0	5.4	5.1	2.1	6.4
Jul	5.8	3.4	5.0	5.1	-0.8	5.8
Aug	4.4	3.7	3.8	4.9	-1.6	4.5
Sep	4.2	3.9	3.7	4.8	0.2	4.7
Oct	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.6	4.0	5.0
Nov	4.0	4.0	4.8	4.5	4.0	4.1
Dec	4.5	4.0	5.8	4.4	4.0	4.2
Jan-17	5.5	4.3	7.0	4.7	1.1	6.5
Feb	6.8	4.6	7.1	5.0	0.5	8.2
Mar	7.3	5.0	7.3	5.3	-0.3	8.6
Apr	6.9	5.3	6.8	5.5	1.3	8.4
May	6.0	5.4	5.2	5.5	0.7	7.1
June	6.1	5.5	5.1	5.5	1.3	6.3



Source: Department of Census and Statistics , * Base year - 2006/2007 = 100

The point to point inflation of CCPI increased to 6.1 per cent in June 2017. The annual average of CCPI increased to 5.5 per cent in June 2017. Core inflation that measures the price movements of the items in the CCPI basket excluding fresh food, energy, transport, rice and coconut, decreased to 5.1 per cent, on point to point basis, while annual average core inflation increased to 5.5 per cent, in June 2017. The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) covering price movements in all provinces of the country decreased to 6.3 per cent in June 2017, on year on year basis.

Contribution of Food Items to CCPI from May 2017 to June 2017

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	1,044.25	1.46
Rice	163.24	0.23
Chicken	21.26	0.03
Dried Fish	16.09	0.02
Coconut	-15.91	-0.02
Potatoes	26.49	0.04
Vegetables	289.14	0.41
Red Onions	82.96	0.12
Green chillies	104.76	0.15
Garlic	11.25	0.02
Pineapple	-4.45	-0.01
Banana	-109.93	-0.15
Papaw	-33.55	-0.05
Mangoes	-5.98	-0.01

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

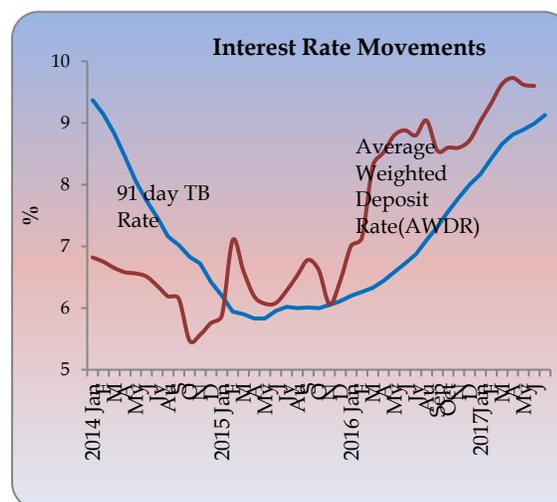
Movements of the CCPI in Food Item (2013=100)

Month	% Change Month to Month	Inflation	
		Point to Point	Annual Average
Dec-15	0.9	4.1	4.9
Jan-16	1.2	0.9	4.4
Feb	-1.7	2.0	3.7
Mar	-2.1	3.1	3.3
Apr	2.3	7.3	3.5
May	1.6	7.4	3.7
Jun	5.0	9.8	4.2
Jul	2.3	11.7	5.0
Aug	-4.5	8.3	5.5
Sep	-1.6	7.5	5.9
Oct	0.6	6.9	6.2
Nov	0.6	4.3	6.1
Dec	0.8	4.1	6.1
Jan-17	1.6	4.5	6.4
Feb	1.2	7.7	6.9
Mar	-0.7	9.2	7.4
Apr	1.7	8.6	7.5
May	2.3	9.3	7.6
June	4.8	9.1	7.6

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Month	CCPI (2013 =100)	CCPI Point to Point Change	CCPI Annual Average Change	91 Days T Bill Rate	Real Interest Rate (Y on Y)	Real Interest Rate (Annual Avg)
Dec-15	109.8	4.6	0.9	6.45	1.85	5.55
Jan-16	110.0	1.7	2.1	7.01	5.31	4.91
Feb	109.3	2.9	2.1	7.14	4.24	5.04
Mar	108.6	2.6	2.2	8.30	5.70	6.10
Apr	109.5	3.4	2.4	8.45	5.05	6.05
May	111.5	4.8	2.7	8.80	4.00	6.10
June	113.2	5.5	3.0	8.86	3.36	5.86
Jul	113.9	5.8	3.4	8.80	3.00	5.40
Aug	112.1	4.4	3.7	9.04	4.64	5.34
Sep	111.8	4.2	3.9	8.55	4.35	4.65
Oct	112.1	4.1	4.0	8.60	4.50	4.60
Nov	113.6	4.0	4.0	8.60	4.60	4.60
Dec	114.7	4.5	4.0	8.72	4.22	4.72
Jan-17	116.1	5.5	4.3	9.03	3.53	4.73
Feb	116.7	6.8	4.6	9.32	2.52	4.73
Mar	116.5	7.3	5.0	9.63	2.33	4.63
Apr	117.1	6.9	5.3	9.73	2.83	4.43
May	118.2	6.0	5.4	9.62	3.62	4.22
June	120.1	6.1	5.5	9.60	3.5	4.1

Sources : Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Department of Census and Statistics



Interest Rate Movements

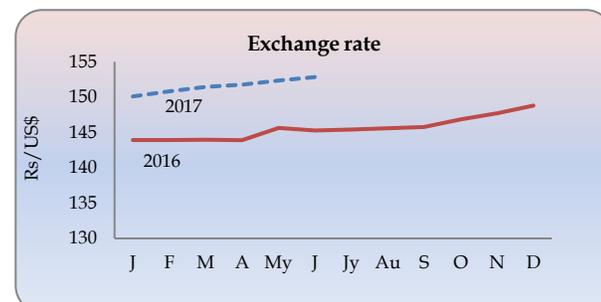
Category	Week Ending 28 th July 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Standing Deposit Facility	7.25	7.25	7.00	7.00
Standing Lending Facility	8.75	8.75	8.00	8.50
Call Money Weekly Average	8.73	8.72	8.50	8.24
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)				
91 Days	9.44	9.56	-	8.80
182 Days	9.71	10.01	9.39	9.69
364 Days	9.99	10.18	10.11	10.48
Prime Lending Rate	12.26	12.00	11.98	10.96
	June-17		Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	9.13		8.99	6.87

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Central Bank Standing Deposit Facility rate (SDF) and Standing Lending Facility rate (SLF) increased to 7.25 percent and 8.75 percent, respectively during this week. The Prime Lending rate increased to 12.26 percent by week ending 28th July 2017 and Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) for the month of June 2017 was 9.13 percent.

Exchange Rates

Currency	Week Ending 28 th July 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2016/17
US Dollar	153.56	153.56	145.88	5.3
Sterling Pound	200.96	199.17	192.95	4.1
Euro	179.45	178.61	161.43	11.2
Japanese Yen	1.38	1.37	1.39	-0.7
Indian Rupee	2.40	2.39	2.17	10.6



Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

The rupee depreciated against US Dollar, Euro, sterling pound and Indian Rupee while the rupee value appreciated against Japanese Yen.

Item	Apr 2017	Mar 2017	Feb 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Growth 2016 Apr/2017 Apr (%)
M ₁ (Rs Bn)	765.2	782.0	744.6	715.5	729.6	700.5	7.0
M ₂ (Rs Bn)	5,146.8	5,096.2	4,951.3	4,242.1	4,206.4	4,158.4	21.3
M _{2b} (Rs Bn)	5,730.8	5,677.4	5,552.0	4,772.1	4,731.6	4,703.8	20.1

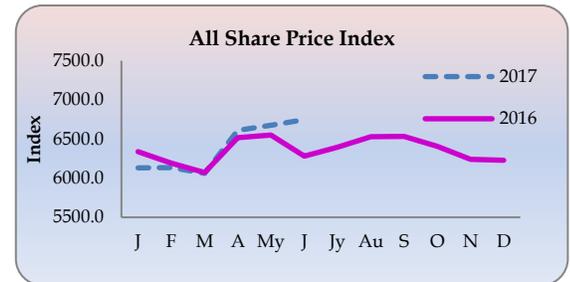
Item	Apr 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2016 Apr /2017 Apr (%)
Credit to Private Sector (Rs.bn)	4,394.1	4,375.2	3,662.0	20.0
DBUs	4,085.9	4,065.8	3,396.7	20.1
OBU's	308.3	309.4	265.3	-0.4

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Share Market

Indicator	Week Ending 28 th July 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,666	6,670	6,392
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	3,823	3,819	3,415
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	518	858	505
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	3,023	3,025	2,724

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 4 index points and closed at 6,666 points compared to the third week of July 2017. The S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20) decreased by 4 to 3,823 index points. The Average Daily Turnover decreased by Rs. 340 million and stationed at Rs. 518 million. Market capitalization reached Rs. 3,023 billion in the fourth week of July 2017.

Equity Trading Statistics Market Indicators

Indicator	June 2017	June 2016	Jan-June 2017	Jan-June 2016
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	22,312.1	11,061.2	110,531.2	87,377.8
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	10,462.8	7,163.8	58,670.4	52,728.1
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	10,849.3	3,897.4	51,860.9	52,728.1
Market Days	20	22	119	118
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	1,065.6	502.8	928.8	740.5
Trade Equity	100,413	81,370	458,116	533,657
Domestic	94,970	76,438	431,791	504,048
Foreign	5,443	4,932	26,325	29,609
Shares Traded Equity	835.3	483.7	4,402.8	3,734.7
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	701.6	415.7	3,298.8	2,970.8
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	133.7	68.1	1,104.0	763.7
Companies Traded	276	270	278	274
Companies Listed	296	294	296	294

Price Indices	June 2017	May 2017
ASPI	6,747.07	6,674.32
S&P SL 20	3,933.51	3,818.90
Total Return Indicators		
ASTRI	8,944.78	8,845.93
S&P SL20 (TRI)	5,570.76	5,398.10
Market PER	11.48	11.70
Dividend Yield	2.58	2.58
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	3,041.23	2,952.54

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

Stock Market - Foreign Purchases and Foreign Sales

Indicator	June 2017	Jan-June 2017
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	12,181.5	62,592.3
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	9,517.5	41,132.2
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	2,664.0	21,460.1

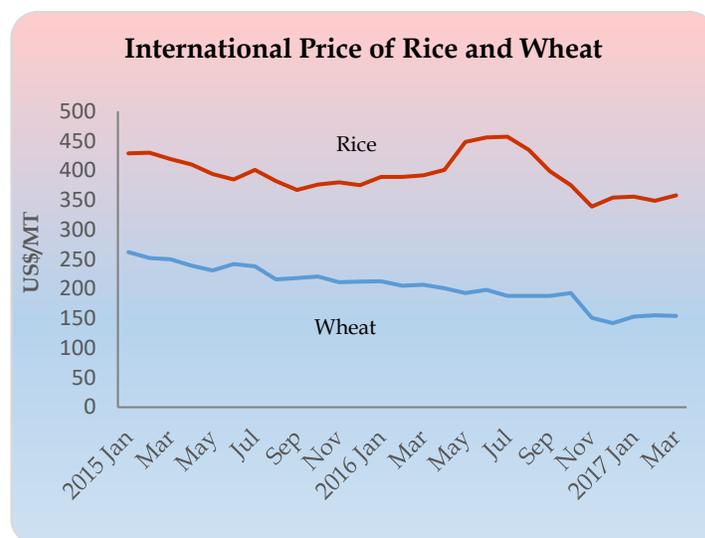
Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



COMMODITY PRICES

International Commodity Prices

Month	Rice Thai,100% US\$/MT	Wheat (HRW) US\$/MT
Sep-2015	367	218
Oct	376	221
Nov	380	211
Dec	375	212
Jan-2016	389	213
Feb	389	205
Mar	392	207
Apr	401	201
May	448	193
Jun	456	198
Jul	457	188
Aug	435	188
Sep	399	188
Oct	375	193
Nov	339	151
Dec	354	142
Jan-2017	356	153
Feb	349	155
Mar	358	154



Source: FAO Web Site, Available at fao.org/worldfoodsituation/foodpricesindex

Commodity	Unit	Annual Averages			Monthly Averages		
		Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2017	2017
Non Energy, Agriculture, Beverages							
Cocoa	\$/kg	3.06	3.14	2.89	2.19	2.03	2.06
Coffee, Arabica	\$/kg	4.42	3.53	3.61	3.72	3.67	3.54
Tea, auctions (3) average	\$/kg	2.72	2.71	2.64	2.99	2.87	2.88
Tea, Colombo auctions	\$/kg	3.54	2.96	3.24	3.98	3.96	4.21
Food, Fats & Oils							
Coconut Oil	\$/mt	1,280	1,110	1,475	1,815	1,703	1,547
Copra	\$/mt	854	735	982	1,225	1,146	1,016
Palm Oil	\$/mt	821	623	700	809	774	736
Grains							
Barley	\$/mt	138.2	194.3	158.5	139.6	135.0	137.0
Maize	\$/mt	192.9	169.8	159.2	160.0	162.9	159.0
Wheat, US HRW	\$/mt	284.9	204.5	166.6	153.3	155.2	154.3
Other Food							
Meat, Beef	\$/kg	4.95	4.42	3.93	3.91	4.06	4.18
Meat, Chicken	\$/kg	2.43	2.53	2.46	-	-	-
Sugar, World	\$/kg	0.37	0.30	0.40	0.45	0.45	0.40
Raw Materials, Timber							
Plywood	¢/sheets	517.3	451.2	503.3	474.3	483.2	483.3
Wood pulp	\$/mt	876.9	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0
Other Raw Materials							
Rubber RSS3, US	\$/kg	1.95	1.57	1.61	2.56	2.71	2.35
Fertilizers							
Phosphate Rock	\$/mt	110.2	117.5	112.2	99.0	98.0	98.0
TSP	\$/mt	388.3	385.0	290.5	269.0	270.0	278.0
Urea	\$/mt	316.2	272.9	199.3	241.0	247.0	234.0
Metals and Minerals							
Aluminum	\$/mt	1,867	1,665	1,604	1,791	1,861	1,901
Gold	\$/toz	1,266	1,161	1,249	1,192	1,234	1,231
Iron ore	\$/dmt	96.9	55.8	58.4	80.0	89.0	88.0

Source: The World Bank, Available at worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTDECPROJECTS

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\$= US dollar

Crude Oil Prices - Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

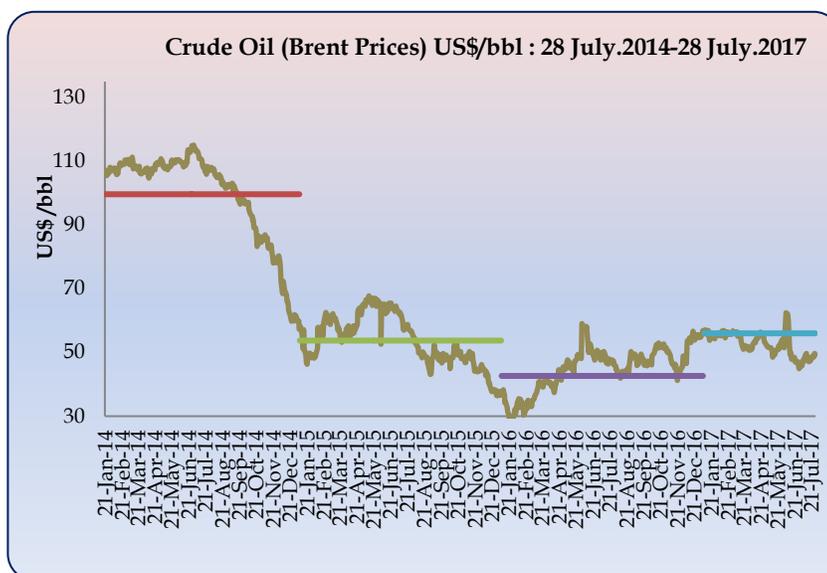
Item	Jul 24	Jul 25	Jul 26	Jul 27	Jul 28	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices) (US \$/bbl.)	47.97	48.85	50.56	50.79	51.44	49.35	46.60	43.57
WTI (US\$/bbl.)	45.68	46.59	48.28	48.61	48.99	46.98	44.10	42.04
Petrol	58.70	58.95	60.60	61.50	63.75	61.20	55.05	46.30
Diesel	58.90	59.55	61.54	62.41	62.78	60.65	56.21	50.01
Kerosene	59.02	59.54	61.63	62.47	62.88	60.99	56.41	50.69

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Crude Oil Prices (Monthly Average)

Month	WTI European Market (US\$/bbl)	Brent (US\$/bbl)
Nov-15	43.56	46.79
Dec	37.55	39.36
Jan-16	32.09	32.23
Feb	31.13	33.63
Mar	37.64	39.66
Apr	40.80	42.86
May	47.58	46.84
Jun	48.83	49.82
Jul	45.32	46.88
Aug	44.61	46.82
Sep	44.26	46.52
Oct	49.91	51.38
Nov	45.85	45.96
Dec	54.74	52.04
Jan-17	52.83	55.67
Feb	53.41	55.99
Mar	49.92	52.76
Apr	51.27	53.98
May	51.59	48.77
Jun	47.71	45.34
July*	48.84	46.79

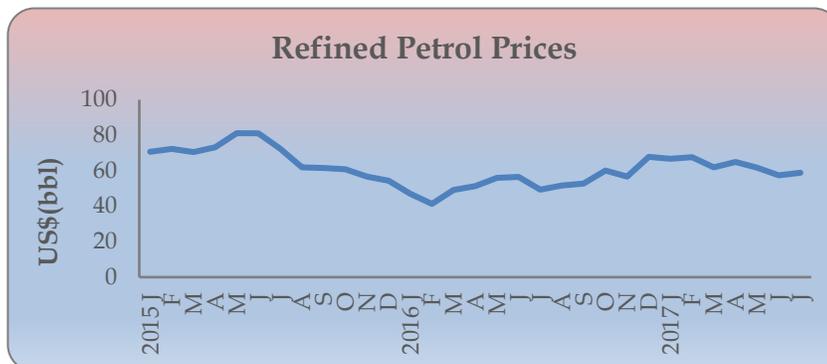
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
*up to 28th July 2017



Monthly Average Refined Product Prices -Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Nov-15	56.66	57.19	58.10
Dec	54.36	48.30	47.38
Jan-16	47.08	35.76	38.07
Feb	41.29	38.11	41.00
Mar	49.20	45.23	47.13
Apr	51.26	47.94	49.52
May	55.98	54.28	55.19
Jun	56.48	57.97	58.14
Jul	49.24	54.12	54.49
Aug	51.60	53.09	53.53
Sep	52.81	54.25	55.18
Oct	60.15	60.63	60.98
Nov	56.63	56.03	56.62
Dec	67.80	66.34	64.87
Jan-17	66.75	64.70	65.13
Feb	67.55	66.31	66.25
Mar	61.93	62.43	61.85
Apr	64.83	63.92	63.92
May	61.60	60.45	60.84
Jun	57.38	56.81	57.12
July*	58.87	59.54	59.66

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
*up to 28th July 2017



Local Market Prices of Petroleum Products

Item	Unit	End 2014	End 2015	End 2016	Current Price 2017
Auto Diesel	1 liter	111.00	95.00	95.00	95.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	150.00	117.00	117.00	117.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	81.00	49.00	49.00	44.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	1,896.00	1,346.00	1,321.00	1,321.00

Pettah Market

Dambulla Market

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 28/07/2017	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	96.00	95.00	1.0	80.97
Kekulu (Red)	80.00	80.00	0.0	60.29
Vegetable				
Beans	96.00	108.00	-11.1	147.16
Cabbage	90.00	98.00	-8.2	76.62
Carrots	142.00	173.00	-17.9	121.42
Tomatoes	104.00	104.00	0.0	75.00
Pumpkins	101.00	120.00	-15.8	60.29
Snake Gourd	100.00	106.00	-5.7	76.18
Brinjals	102.00	96.00	6.2	66.57
Ash Plantains	103.00	75.00	37.3	67.65
Other Foods				
Red-Onions (Local)	138.00	110.00	25.5	92.66
Big Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	-	74.50
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	148.00	145.00	2.1	122.58
Dried Chillies (Imported)	163.00	165.00	-1.2	293.68
Dhal (Indian)	133.00	130.00	2.3	160.16
Eggs (Red) (Each)	12.75	13.00	-1.9	14.30
Coconut (Each)	51.00	51.00	0.0	34.69
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	400.00	420.00	-4.8	508.20
Balaya	160.00	250.00	-36.0	327.29
Salaya	80.00	100.00	20.0	141.43
Paraw (Small)	480.00	n.a.	-	540.36

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	94.00
Kekulu (Red)	80.50
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	82.00
Snake Gourd	71.00
Ash Plantains	64.50
Beans	106.00
Carrots	168.00
Tomatoes	83.50
Other Foods	
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	136.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	152.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.
Red-Onions (Local)	106.50
Coconut (Each)	50.90

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Marandaghamula Average Price of Rice (Rs /Kg)

Item	Week Ending 28/07/2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	91.00	90.60	90.97	77.58
Sudu Kekulu	82.30	82.10	81.71	62.91
Raw Red	80.30	80.20	77.68	59.59
Nadu	87.30	87.70	87.50	66.62

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Wholesale prices of some of vegetable varieties, some of fish varieties decreased during this week. Some of rice varieties and other foods such as red-onions, potatoes and dhal increased in this week.

Rs.

Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba(Avg.)	1 kg	100.03	99.01	1.0	91.71
No. 1	1 kg	103.67	102.71	0.9	95.65
No. 2	1kg	96.39	95.31	1.1	87.76
Nadu Red	1kg	99.64	101.16	-1.5	76.64
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	87.60	89.59	-2.2	65.74
No. 1	1kg	90.45	92.00	-1.7	69.40
No. 2	1kg	84.75	87.18	-2.8	62.08
Wheat Flour	1 kg	89.17	88.68	0.6	91.44
Bread	450g	58.18	58.18	0.0	58.07
Sugar	1 kg	106.15	105.46	0.7	107.93
Lakspray	400g	325.00	325.00	0.0	325.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	114.38	115.00	-0.5	114.32
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	179.84	177.95	1.1	181.28
Red Dhal(Avg)	1kg	182.75	183.10	-0.2	195.28
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	317.27	322.57	-1.6	256.32
Green Gram(Avg)	1kg	258.95	258.43	0.2	246.27
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	327.55	317.32	3.2	238.80
Meat					
Beef	1kg	928.67	935.79	-0.8	806.58
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	566.15	556.84	1.7	588.74
Broiler	1kg	420.00	420.00	0.0	
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	1,073.5	1,096.36	-2.1	985.37
Balaya	1 kg	593.33	690.83	-14.1	650.17
Kelawalla	1 kg	948.75	1,066.52	-11.0	918.21
Salaya	1 kg	199.60	228.00	-12.5	207.99
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	753.81	756.80	-0.4	646.15
Eggs	Each	14.84	14.32	3.6	17.05
Coconut	Each	60.41	60.24	0.3	45.51
Coconut Oil	750ml	283.59	282.34	0.4	218.81
Red Onions	1 kg	293.26	385.71	-24.0	160.03
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	94.14	93.29	0.9	80.36
Brinjal	1kg	168.89	163.69	3.2	148.49
Beans Green	1 kg	178.08	173.71	2.5	227.66
Cabbage	1 kg	174.74	180.50	-3.2	189.72
Leeks	1 kg	134.87	137.84	-2.2	188.89
Beet Root	1kg	141.67	169.23	-16.3	214.71
Carrot	1kg	228.89	229.06	-0.1	219.80
Tomatoes	1kg	180.51	188.24	-4.1	249.47
Radish	1kg	131.35	138.82	-5.4	137.31
Vetakolu	1kg	185.94	192.03	-3.2	183.76
Snake Gourd	1kg	199.25	199.66	-0.2	170.18
Bandakka	1kg	145.79	144.89	0.6	136.69
Kolikuttu	1kg	197.00	197.70	-0.4	218.46
Papaw	1kg	103.93	98.26	5.8	96.51
Pineapple	1kg	183.90	181.18	1.5	132.31

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

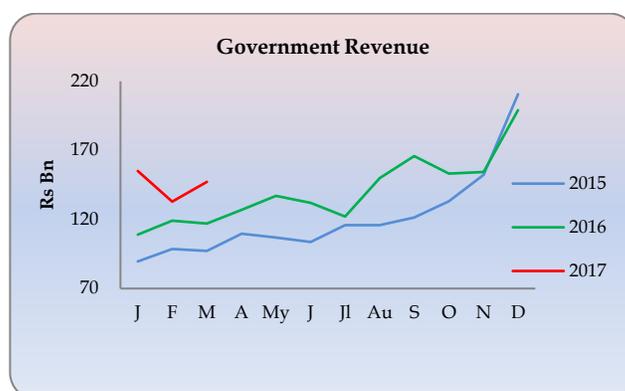
FISCAL SECTOR AND GOVERNMENT DEBT

Summary of Government Revenue

Item	2015	2016	2017 (Jan-Apr)
Tax Revenue	1,355,779	1,463,689	554,294
Income Tax	262,583	258,857	84,475
VAT	219,700	283,470	152,570
Excise Duty	497,623	454,952	155,697
Nation Building Tax	45,004	57,424	22,763
PAL	58,644	88,823	32,353
Customs Duty	132,189	156,487	47,392
SCL	52,276	55,825	24,091
Cess	46,289	61,730	20,214
License Fee and Other	41,471	46,121	14,739
Non Tax Revenue	99,099	222,372	34,725
Total Revenue	1,454,878	1,686,061	589,019

Source: Department of Fiscal Policy

(a) provisional



Government Debt

Government Debt (Rs.bn)	End 2016	Jan-Mar 2017(a)
Total Domestic Debt	5,341.5	5,625.8
Total Foreign Debt	4,045.8	4,076.6
Total Government Debt	9,387.3	9,702.5

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) provisional

Key Fiscal Indicators 2015-2016

Indicator	Unit	2015	2016	2017 Jan-Apr
Budget Deficit	Rs Mn	-829,502	-640,326	-233,171
	% of GDP	-7.4	-5.4	-
Total Revenue	Rs Mn	1,454,878	1,686,061	589,019
	% of GDP	13.0	14.2	-
Tax Revenue	Rs Mn	1,355,779	1,463,689	554,294
	% of GDP	12.1	12.4	-
Non Tax Revenue	Rs Mn	99,099	222,372	34,725
	% of GDP	0.9	1.9	-
Recurrent Expenditure	Rs Mn	1,701,657	1,757,782	822,840
	% of GDP	15.2	14.8	-
Public Investment	Rs Mn	602,768	594,012	201,012
	% of GDP	5.4	5.0	-
Government Debt	Rs Mn	8,503,227	9,387,303	-
	% of GDP	77.6	79.3	-

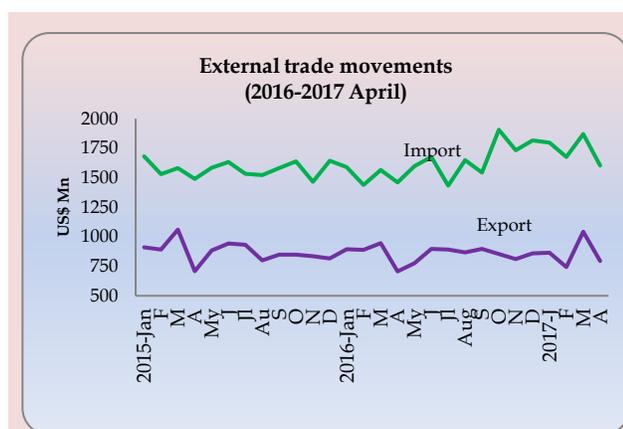
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EXTERNAL SECTOR

External Trade

Category	Apr 2016 (US\$ Mn)	Apr 2017 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-Apr 2016 (US\$ Mn)	Jan-Apr 2017 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	710.4	794.7	11.9	3,449.6	3,569.6	3.5
Agricultural	159.5	195.8	22.7	721.8	851.7	18.0
Tea	93.2	109.1	17.1	406.3	458.2	12.8
Other						
Industrial	547.9	594.9	8.6	2,713.5	2,701.5	-0.4
Rubber Products	48.5	48.9	0.9	251.6	248.4	-1.3
Textiles and Garments	340.5	350.5	3.0	1,709.8	1,626.3	-4.9
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	24.7	24.9	0.9	117.4	101.4	-13.6
Other						
Mineral	1.6	2.7	72.3	9.2	9.9	8.0
Unclassified	1.3	1.3	-4.2	5.1	5.9	16.1
Imports	1,460.9	1,603.9	9.8	6,055.4	6,883.3	13.7
Consumer Goods	316.2	345.1	9.1	1,425.5	1,515.6	6.3
Food and Beverages	117.4	123.9	5.6	516.9	629.2	21.7
Other Consumer Goods						
Intermediate Goods	778.9	885.7	13.7	3,019.2	3,692.2	22.3
Petroleum	200.8	325.6	62.1	686.5	1,208.3	76.0
Textiles & Textile Articles	198.3	193.9	-2.2	896.8	860.6	-4.0
Other Intermediate Goods						
Investment Goods	364.3	372.5	2.3	1,607.8	1,614.6	0.4
Machinery and Equipment	212.8	185.7	-12.8	925.2	871.9	-5.8
Transport Equipment	37.3	51.6	38.2	195.1	215.1	10.3
Building Material	113.8	134.3	18.1	485.3	524.1	8.0
Other Investment Goods	0.3	0.9	160.8	2.2	3.4	53.7
Unclassified	1.5	0.6	-59.2	2.8	60.9	2,061.4
Trade Balance	750.5	809.2	7.8	2,605.8	3,313.7	27.2

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



- Export earnings during January to April 2017 increased by 3.5 percent mainly due to the expansion of earnings from agriculture, industry and unclassified exports. The earnings for the month of April 2017 increased by 11.9 percent, compared to the respective period of 2016.
- On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports increased by 13.7 percent for the period during January to April 2017. Expenditure on imports for the month of April 2017 increased by 9.8 percent reflecting the performance of imports of intermediate goods, investment goods and consumer goods.
- Trade deficit widened to US\$ 809.2 Mn in April 2017 over the same period of 2016.

Month	Arrivals				Earnings US\$ Mn			
	2015	2016	2017	% change 2016/17	2015	2016	2017	% change 2016/17
Jan	156,246	194,280	219,360	12.9	248.7	333.3	376.3	12.9
Feb	165,541	197,697	197,517	0.0	274.4	339.0	339.0	0.0
Mar	157,051	192,841	188,076	-2.5	260.3	330.8	322.7	-2.5
Apr	122,217	136,367	160,249	17.5	202.6	226.0	274.9	21.6
May	113,529	125,044	121,891	2.5	188.2	214.5	209.1	-2.5
Jun	115,467	118,038	123,351	4.5	191.4	195.6	211.6	8.2
July	175,804	209,351			291.4	347.0		
Aug	166,610	186,288			276.1	308.8		
Sep	143,374	148,499			237.6	246.1		
Oct	132,280	150,419			219.2	249.3		
Nov	144,147	167,217			238.9	277.1		
Dec	206,114	224,791			341.6	372.6		
Total	1,798,380	2,050,832	1,010,444*	4.8*	2,980.7	3,399.1	1,733.6*	4.8*

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

*Jan-June



Tourism

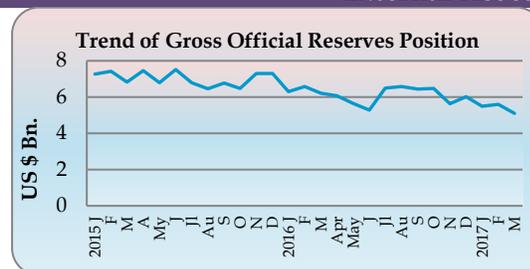
Earnings from tourism increased to US \$ 1,733.6 Mn. during Jan-June 2017 with an increase of 4.8 per cent over the same period of 2016.

The number of tourist arrivals decreased to 123,351 in June 2017.

External Assets

External Assets (US\$ Mn)	Mar 2017	Feb 2017	Jan 2017	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Growth 2016 Mar /2017 Mar (%)
Total Reserves	7,079.7	7,753.9	7,597.3	8,203.6	8,502.0	8,393.3	-13.7
Gross Official Reserves	5,117.3	5,634.7	5,453.2	6,221.2	6,573.4	6,294.3	-17.7

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Official reserves

The total reserves and gross official reserves were US\$ 7.1 Bn and US\$ 5.1 Bn, respectively by end March 2017. Total foreign reserves were sufficient to 4.2 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 3.1 months of imports. Workers' remittances decreased by 13.5 per cent in dollar terms to US \$ 557.6 Mn. in June 2017.

Private Remittances

Category		2016 June	2017 June(a)	2016 Jan-June	2017 Jan-June(a)	% Change
Inflow	US\$ Mn	644.5	557.6	3,613.1	3,354.7	-7.2
	Rs. Bn	93.6	85.2	521.9	508.3	-2.6

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) Provisional

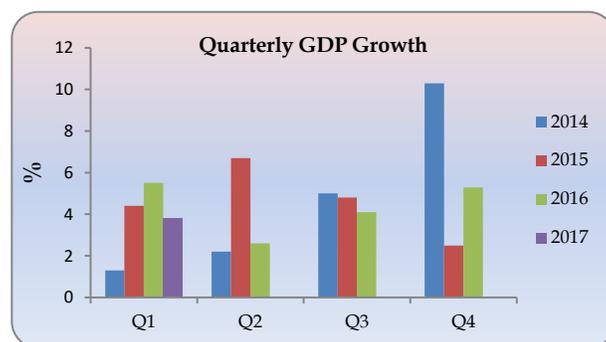
PRODUCTION

QUARTERLY GDP GROWTH (%)

	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	Annual
2013	3.6	5.9	4.0	0.5	3.4
Agriculture	2.2	3.9	4.5	2.5	3.2
Industry	6.7	6.0	2.8	0.6	4.1
Service	2.9	7.7	5.5	-0.8	3.8
2014	1.3	2.2	5.0	10.3	4.9
Agriculture	7.3	4.1	3.2	5.0	4.9
Industry	-1.5	-2.8	7.8	11.7	3.5
Service	1.9	4.0	3.0	11.7	5.2
2015	4.4	6.7	4.8	2.5	4.8
Agriculture	5.9	10.4	7.3	-0.5	5.5
Industry	1.4	3.9	4.9	1.9	3.0
Service	5.4	6.9	6.5	2.7	5.3
2016	5.5	2.6	4.1	5.3	4.4
Agriculture	1.9	-5.6	-1.9	-8.4	-4.2
Industry	8.3	2.2	6.8	9.2	6.7
Service	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.2
2017	3.8				
Agriculture	-3.2				
Industry	6.3				
Service	3.5				

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

Note : Growth rate of value added terms based on year 2010



GDP grew by 3.8%

The Sri Lankan economy grew by 3.8% during the 1st quarter 2017 compared to 5.5% growth recorded in same period of 2016. The growth was mainly supported by expands of Industry sector by 6.3% and Service sector by 3.5%. However, Agriculture sector contracted by 3.2%.

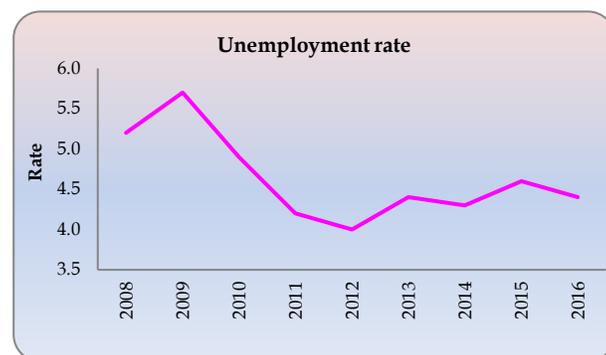
Labour Force Statistics

Employment	2017 1 st Quarter* (a)	2016 Annual (a)	2015 Annual	2014 Annual
Labour Force Participation Rate	54.7	53.8	53.8	53.2
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.3
By Gender				
Male	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.1
Female	6.5	7.0	7.6	6.5
By Age Group				
20-29	12.5	14.2	14.2	13.6
20-24	17.4	19.9	19.7	19.9
25-29	8.0	9.2	9.4	8.2

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Data cover the entire island

* Provisional



Paddy Production

Category	2015			2016		
	2014/2015 Maha	2015 Yala	Total	2015/2016 Maha	2016 Yala	Total
Production						
Mn.Mt	2.88	1.94	4.82	2.90	1.55	4.45
Bushels Mn.	138	93	231	139	73	212
Net Extent Harvested						
Hectares ('000)	659	429	1,088	667	344	1,011
Acres ('000)	1,629	1,060	2,689	1,649	849	2,498
Average Yield kg per ha	4,364	4,527	4,429	4,349	4,417	8,766

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) provisional

The paddy production in 2016 Yala season decreased by 20.1 percent to around 1.6 million mt. compared to the 1.9 million mt recorded in 2015.

Category	2016 Jan-May	2017 Jan-May	% Change
Production			
Tea (Mn. Kg)	128.6	128.4	-0.1
Rubber (Mn. Kg)	42.5	38.4	-9.5
Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	1,224.0	1,068.9	-12.7
Exports (US\$ Mn)			
	2016 Apr	2017 Apr	
Tea	93.2	109.1	17.1
Rubber	2.7	2.6	-5.6
Coconut	27.0	24.8	-8.3
Colombo Auction Prices			
	2016 Mar	2017 Mar	
Tea (Rs./ Kg)	407.35	639.17	56.9
Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	208.68	316.21	51.5
Coconut (Rs./nut)	-	-	-

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Forbes & Walkers Commodity Brokers Pvt Ltd

Factory Industrial Production Index (2010=100)

Item	2016 May (b)	2017 May (c)	Growth %
Manufacture of Food Products	102.8	102.9	0.1
Manufacture of Beverages	93.4	88.1	-5.7
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	105.8	99.4	-6.1
Manufacture of Textiles	104.3	105.2	0.9
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	109.0	112.1	2.8
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	105.5	107.6	2.0
Manufacture of Wood products ,except Furniture	102.7	102.7	0.0
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	108.7	108.9	0.1
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	105.1	109.1	3.7
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	90.6	101.5	12.0
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	101.9	80.6	-21.0
Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals	93.3	97.5	4.5
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	104.3	115.0	10.2
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	102.5	109.6	6.9
Manufacture of Basic Metals	102.7	117.1	14.0
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products	80.0	97.4	21.6
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	102.7	105.1	2.4
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment n.e.c	105.6	115.7	9.6
Manufacture of Furniture	86.6	100.0	15.4
Manufacture of other Manufacturing	99.3	96.2	-3.1
Factory Industry Production Index	102.6	104.9	2.3

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) FIPI based on ISIC Revision 4 Classification

(b) Revised

(c) Provisional