# WEEKLY ECONOMIC REPORT

July 07, 2017

# **Department of Fiscal Policy**

CCPI decreased to 6.0% in May 2017

NCPI increased to 7.1 % in May 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. 153.48

Credit to private sector decreased by 20.0% in April 2017

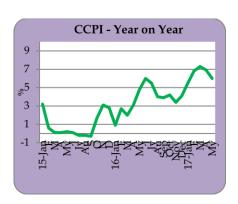
Brent crude oil decreased to: US\$ 48.69 per bbl

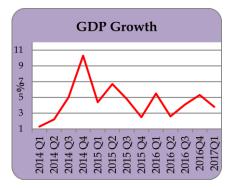
Government revenue up by 15.9 % in 2016

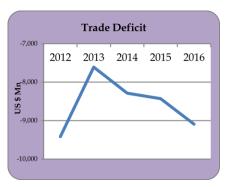
Tourist arrivals up by 4.8% during Jan-June 2017

Unemployment rate was 4.4% in 2016

Worker's Remittances declined by 5.8% during Jan-May 2017







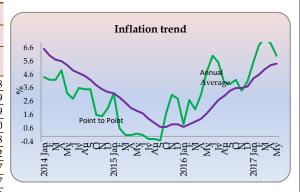
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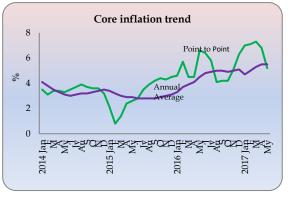
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#### **INFLATION, INTEREST RATES & EXCHANGE RATES**

#### **Trends in Inflation**

	Month CCPI (%) Core Inflation (%)  (2013=100) (2013=100)  Point to Annual Point to Annual Point Average		PI (%) Core Inflation (%) NCPI (%)			I (%)	
Month			=100)	00) (2013=100)			
					Monthly Change	Point to Point	
Jul-15	1.1	1.3*	5.0	2.8*	-0.2	1.8	
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	





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

The point to point inflation of CCPI decreased to 6.0 per cent in May 2017. The annual average of CCPI increased to 5.4 per cent in May 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 5.2 per cent, on point to point basis, while annual average core inflation increased to 5.5 per cent, in May 2017. The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) covering price movements in all provinces of the country decreased to 7.1 percent in May 2017, on year on year basis.

# Contribution of Food Items to CCPI from April 2017 to May 2017

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	465.91	0.66
Rice	18.06	0.03
Chicken	43.14	0.06
Dried Fish	33.36	0.05
Coconut	51.32	0.07
Coconut Oil	15.45	0.02
Vegetables	284.02	0.40
Red Onions	27.53	0.04
Dhal	-5.39	-0.01
Garlic	10.92	0.02
Sugar	-4.73	-0.01
Banana	-14.34	-0.02
Papaw	-162.59	-0.23
Mangoes	-4.33	-0.01

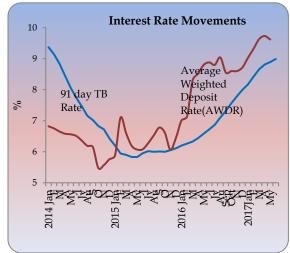
Source: Department of Census and Statistics

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

	% Change	Inflatio	n
Month	Month to	Point	Annual
	Month	to Point	Average
Nov-15	3.2	5.7	5.1
Dec	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

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)
Nov	109.2	4.4	0.9	6.06	1.66	5.16
Dec	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



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

#### **Interest Rate Movements**

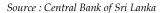
Category	Week Ending 07 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Standing Deposit Facility	7.25	7.25	7.00	6.50
Standing Lending Facility	8.75	8.75	8.00	8.00
Call Money Weekly Average	8.75	8.75	8.50	8.19
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)				
91 Days	9.60	9.60	-	8.87
182 Days	10.26	10.29	9.39	9.89
364 Days	10.45	10.47	10.11	10.56
Prime Lending Rate	11.40	11.70	11.98	10.70
	June-1	.7	Month	Year
			Ago	Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	9.13		8.99	6.87

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 11.70 per cent by week ending 30th June 2017 and Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) for the month of May 2017 was 8.99 percent.

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

#### **Exchange Rates**

Currency	Week Ending 07th July 2017 V	Veek Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2016/17
US Dollar	153.48	153.30	146.78	4.6
Sterling Pound	199.14	199.74	190.02	4.8
Euro	175.18	175.38	162.76	7.6
Japanese Yen	1.35	1.37	1.46	-7.5
Indian Rupee	2.37	2.37	2.15	10.2





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

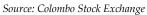
#### Growth Feb Apr Mar Feb Apr Mar 2016 Apr/ 2017 2017 2017 2016 2017 Item 2016 2016 Apr (%) $M_1$ 765.2 782.0 744.6 715.5 729.6 700.5 7.0 (Rs Bn) $M_2$ 5,146.8 5,096.2 4,951.3 4,242.1 4,206.4 4,158.4 21.3 (Rs Bn) $M_{2b}$ 5,552.0 4,772.1 4,731.6 4,703.8 20.1 (Rs Bn)

Source: Central Bank of Sri	Lanka

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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	
OBUs	308.3	309.4	265.3	-0.4	

#### **Share Market**

Indicator	Week Ending 07 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,738	6,747	6,311
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	3,909	3,934	3,326
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	696	1,150	538
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	3,056	3,041	2,689





All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 9 index points and closed at 6,747 points compared to the fifth week of June 2017. The S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20) decreased by 25 to 3,909 index points. The Average Daily Turnover decreased by Rs. 454 million and stationed at Rs.696 million. Market capitalization reached Rs. 3,056 billion in the first week of July 2017.

# **Equity Trading Statistics** Market Indicators

Indicator	May 2017	May 2016	Jan-May 2017	Jan- May 2016
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	17,496.7	17,204.4	89,219.1	76,316.6
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	12,583.2	8,901.3	48,207.6	45,564.3
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	4,913.5	8,303.1	41,011.5	30,752.2
Market Days	20	20	99	96
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	874.8	860.2	9901.2	794.9
Trade Equity	104,904	109,940	357,703	452,287
Domestic	100,468	104,102	336,822	427,610
Foreign	4,436	5,838	20,881	24,677
Shares Traded _Equity	800.6	534.2	3,567.5	3,250.8
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	702.0	410.3	2,597.2	2,555.1
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	98.6	123.8	970.3	695.7
Companies Traded	276	270	278	274
Companies Listed	296	294	296	294

Price Indices	May 2017	Apr 2017
ASPI	6,674.32	6,610.46
S&P SL 20	3,818.90	3,786.39
Total Return Indicators		
ASTRI	8,845.93	8,755.66
S&P SL20 (TRI)	5,398.10	5,330.96
Market PER	11.70	12.62
Dividend Yield	2.58	2.71
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,952.54	2,908.77

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

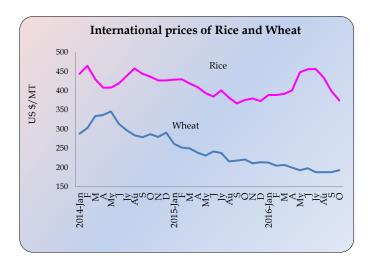
#### Stock Market - Foreign Purchases and Foreign Sales

Indicator	May 2017	Jan-May 2017
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	6,401.9	50,410.7
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	3,425.1	27,855.3
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	2,976.8	22,555.4

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



Month	Milk Powder Average Price US\$/MT	Rice Thai,100% US\$/MT	Wheat (HRW) US\$/MT
Apr	2,780	410	239
May	2,637	394	231
Jun	2,455	385	242
Jul	2,164	401	238
Aug	1,912	382	216
Sep	2,148	367	218
Oct	2,597	376	221
Nov	2,420	380	211
Dec	2,279	375	212
Jan-2016	2,134	389	213
Feb	2,094	389	205
Mar	2,058	392	207
Apr	2,046	401	201
May	2,064	448	193
Jun	2,192	456	198
Jul	2,284	457	188
Aug	2,506	435	188
Sep	2,831	399	188
Oct	2,874	375	193



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

		A	nnual Average	es	Monthly Averages			
Commodity	Unit	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Aug	Sep	Oct	
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2016	2016	
Non Energy, Agriculture, Beverages								
Cocoa	\$/kg	2.44	3.06	3.14	3.03	2.88	2.71	
Coffee, Arabica	\$/kg	3.08	4.42	3.53	3.69	3.89	3.94	
Tea, auctions (3) average	\$/kg	2.86	2.72	2.71	2.69	2.74	2.81	
Tea, Colombo auctions	\$/kg	3.45	3.54	2.96	3.27	3.52	3.76	
Food, Fats & Oils								
Coconut Oil	\$/mt	941	1,280	1,110	1,529	1,547	1,446	
Copra	\$/mt	627	854	736	1,018	1,025	964	
Palm Oil	\$/mt	857	821	622	736	756	712	
Grains								
Barley	\$/mt	202.2	137.6	194.3	138.0	135.5	132.5	
Maize	\$/mt	259.4	192.9	169.8	150.2	148.4	152.3	
Wheat, US HRW	\$/mt	312.2	284.9	203.2	149.2	150.8	151.8	
Other Food								
Meat, Beef	\$/kg	4.07	4.95	4.42	4.09	4.02	3.94	
Meat, Chicken	\$/kg	2.29	2.43	2.53	2.45	2.43	2.43	
Sugar, World	\$/kg	0.57	0.37	0.30	0.44	0.47	0.49	
Raw Materials, Timber								
Plywood	¢/sheets	560.2	517.3	451.2	539.3	535.9	526.2	
Wood pulp	\$/mt	823.1	876.9	875.0	875.0	875.0	875.0	
Other Raw Materials								
Rubber RSS3, US	\$/kg	2.79	1.96	1.56	1.55	1.57	1.66	
Fertilizers								
Phosphate Rock	\$/mt	148.1	110.2	117.5	111.0	110.0	110.0	
TSP	\$/mt	382.1	388.3	385.0	283.0	277.0	273.0	
Urea	\$/mt	340.1	316.2	272.9	182.0	191.0	193.0	
Metals and Minerals								
Aluminum	\$/mt	1,847	1,867	1.665	1,639	1,592	1,663	
Gold	\$/toz	1,412	1,266	1,160	1,340	1,327	1,266	
Iron ore	\$/dmt	135.0	97.0	56.0	61.0	58.0	59.0	

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

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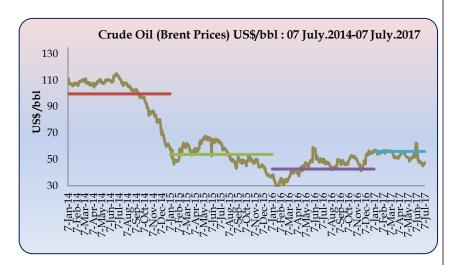
# Crude Oil Prices - Singapore Plattes Prices (US\$/bbl)

Item	Jun 26	Jun 27	Jun 28	Jun 29	Jun 30	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices) (US \$/bbl.)	48.90	49.44	49.66	48.02	47.42	47.61	49.98	49.02
WTI (US\$/bbl.)	46.25	46.86	49.66	48.02	47.42	45.19	48.04	47.65
Petrol	57.45	58.25	58.35	58.00	57.55	56.45	60.20	51.40
Diesel	59.36	60.19	60.97	59.55	58.30	58.10	57.52	57.61
Kerosene	59.19	60.59	60.26	60.09	57.89	57.92	57.78	57.72

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*         48.69         47.64			
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, ,	May	51.59	48.77
July* 48.69 47.64	Jun	47.71	45.34
	July*	48.69	47.64



Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

\*up to 07th 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*	57.92	59.67	59.60

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

\*up to 07th 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 07/07/2017	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	95.00	95.00	0.0	80.97
Kekulu (Red)	80.00	80.00	0.0	60.29
Vegetable				
Beans	115.00	145.00	-20.7	147.16
Cabbage	90.00	100.00	-10.0	76.62
Carrots	145.00	230.00	-37.0	121.42
Tomatoes	135.00	115.00	17.4	75.00
Pumpkins	125.00	145.00	-13.8	60.29
Snake Gourd	130.00	120.00	8.3	76.18
Brinjals	80.00	75.00	6.7	66.57
Ash Plantains	60.00	70.00	-14.3	67.65
Other Foods				
Red-Onions (Local)	250.00	400.00	37.5	92.66
Big Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	_	74.50
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	130.00	132.50	-1.9	122.58
Dried Chilies (Imported)	165.00	170.00	-2.9	293.68
Dhal (Indian)	135.00	140.00	-3.6	160.16
Eggs (Red) (Each)	13.00	12.00	8.3	14.30
Coconut (Each)	49.00	50.00	2.0	34.69
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	630.00	700.00	10.0	508.20
Balaya	350.00	350.00	0.0	327.29
Salaya	140.00	150.00	6.7	141.43
Paraw (Small)	630.00	650.00	3.1	540.36

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	93.00
Kekulu (Red)	80.50
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	102.00
Snake Gourd	70.00
Ash Plantains	61.00
Beans	128.50
Carrots	155.00
Tomatoes	99.50
Other Foods	
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	118.75
Dried Chilies (Imported)	158.00
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.
Red-Onions (Local)	258.50
Coconut (Each)	49.90

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

# Marandagahamula Average Price of Rice (Rs/Kg)

Item	Week Ending 07/07/2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	92.50	91.50	90.97	77.58
Sudu Kekulu	82.62	82.00	81.71	62.91
Raw Red	80.30	76.00	77.68	59.59
Nadu	90.10	89.17	87.50	66.62

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Wholesale prices of some of vegetable varieties, other food such as red-onions and potatoes increased during this week. While some of fish varieties decreased in this week.

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					Rs.
Item	Unit	This	Week	%	Year
D.		Week	Ago	Change	Ago
Rice					
Samba(Avg.)	1 kg	98.29	100.45	-2.1	92.48
No. 1	1 kg	101.84	103.37	-1.5	96.63
No. 2	1kg	94.74	97.53	-2.9	88.33
Nadu Red	1kg	97.64	98.46	-0.8	78.11
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	88.59	88.61	0.0	65.45
No. 1	1kg	91.58	90.50	1.2	68.50
No. 2	1kg	85.61	86.73	-1.3	62.39
Wheat Flour	1 kg	90.20	88.84	1.5	93.20
Bread	450g	58.18	58.18	0.0	57.72
Sugar	1 kg	105.87	107.58	-1.6	113.46
Lakspray	400g	325.00	325.00	0.0	325.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	121.48	123.79	-1.9	120.62
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	175.45	181.22	-3.2	170.25
Red Dhal(Avg)	1kg	181.12	183.97	-1.5	200.28
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	327.59	319.39	2.6	258.57
Green Gram(Avg)	1kg	263.13	259.30	1.5	257.43
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	319.92	313.10	2.2	224.95
Meat					
Beef	1kg	940.00	921.58	2.0	801.37
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	569.33	565.50	0.7	577.29
Broiler	1kg	420.00	420.00	0.0	668.33
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	1,113.83	1,112.86	0.1	983.04
Balaya	1 kg	740.00	793.33	-6.7	626.02
Kelawalla	1 kg	1,137.33	1,132.63	0.4	910.62
Salaya	1 kg	232.50	222.00	4.7	197.99
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	754.81	755.88	-0.1	705.79
Eggs	Each	13.95	13.88	0.5	14.47
Coconut	Each	64.06	64.42	-0.6	46.31
Coconut Oil	750ml	287.35	291.18	-1.3	213.39
Red Onions	1 kg	372.17	355.00	4.8	162.80
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	98.15	96.07	2.2	83.55
Brinjal	1kg	167.74	201.94	-16.9	183.42
Beans Green	1 kg	209.14	235.43	-11.2	271.85
Cabbage	1 kg	192.22	224.28	-14.3	222.95
Leeks	1 kg	145.37	145.09	0.2	242.22
Beet Root	1kg	192.11	199.89	-3.9	240.35
Carrot	1kg	293.53	305.13	-3.8	273.98
Tomatoes	1kg	157.41	170.77	<i>-</i> 7.8	239.20
Radish	1kg	166.67	175.47	-5.0	173.07
Vetakolu	1kg	213.03	201.03	6.0	209.56
Snake Gourd	1kg	198.82	211.73	-6.1	189.78
Bandakka	1kg	169.66	169.33	0.2	177.95
Kolikuttu	1kg	187.60	178.21	5.3	206.74
Papaw	1kg	86.54	82.41	5.0	86.74
Pineapple	1kg	164.74	156.39	5.3	127.55

 $Source: Department\ of\ Census\ and\ Statistics$ 

# FISCAL SECTOR AND GOVERNMENT DEBT

# **Summary of Government Revenue**

**Key Fiscal Indicators 2015-2016** 2017 Jan-Apr

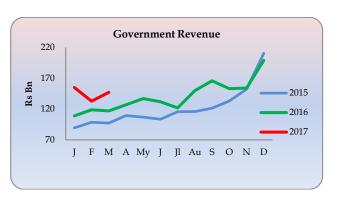
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Item	2015	2016	2017 (Jan- Apr)
Tax Revenue	1,355,779	1,463,689	554,294
Income Tax	262,583	258,857	84,475
VAT	219,700	283,470	152,570
Excise Duty	497,623	454,952	155,697
Nation Building Tax	45,004	57,424	22,763
PAL	58,644	88,823	32,353
Customs Duty	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

Indicator

P. 1. (D.C.)	Rs Mn	-829,502	-640,326	-233,171
Budget Deficit	% 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	=
	Rs Mn	99,099	222,372	34,725
Non Tax Revenue	% 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
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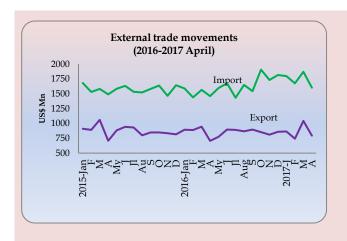
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Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy

Government Debt

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.

	Arrivals				Ear	rnings US	∮ Mn	
Month	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	<b>-2</b> .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*

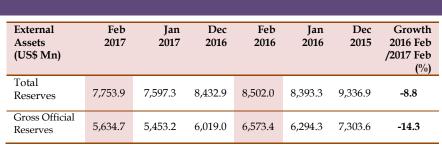


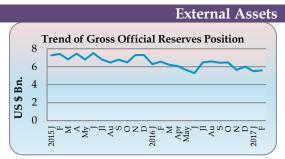
Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

#### **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.





Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

#### Official reserves

The total reserves and gross official reserves were US\$ 7.8 Bn and US\$ 5.6 Bn, respectively by end February 2017. Total foreign reserves were sufficient to 4.7 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 3.4 months of imports. Workers' remittances decreased by 3.7 per cent in dollar terms to US\$ 575.4 Mn. in May 2017.

#### **Private Remittances**

Category		2016 May	2017 May(a)	2016 Jan-May	2017 Jan-May(a)	% Change
Inflow	US\$ Mn	597.2	575.4	2,968.6	2,797.0	-5.8
	Rs. Bn	87.0	87.6	428.3	423.1	-1.2

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

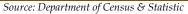
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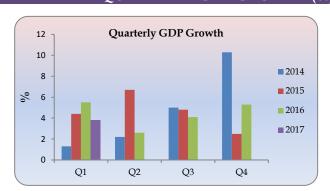
#### **PRODUCTION**

#### **QUARTERLY GDP GROWTH (%)**

	1st Q	2nd Q	3rd Q	4 <sup>th</sup> 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				



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



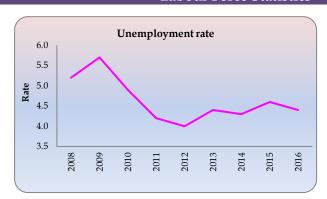
## GDP grew by 3.8%

The Sri Lankan economy grew by 3.8% during the 1<sup>st</sup> 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	2016 Annual (a)	2015 Annual	2014 Annual
Labour Force	53.8	53.8	53.2
Participation Rate	33.0	33.0	33.2
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.7	4.3
By Gender			
Male	2.9	3.0	3.1
Female	7.0	7.6	6.5
By Age Group			
20-29	14.2	14.2	13.6
20-24	19.9	19.7	19.9
25-29	9.2	9.4	8.2

Source: Department of Census & Statistics



#### **Paddy Production**

Category	2015			2016		
Category	2014/2015 2015 Total Maha 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.

<sup>(</sup>a) Data cover the entire island

<sup>\*</sup> Provisional

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 Feb	2017 Feb	
Tea (Rs./ Kg)	402.2	597.9	48.7
Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	194.0	338.7	74.6
Coconut (Rs/nut)	-	-	-

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

# Factory Industrial Production Index (2010=100)

Item	2016 Apr (b)	2017 Apr (b)	Growth %
Manufacture of Food Products	88.2	90.5	2.5
Manufacture of Beverages	111.5	88.9	-20.3
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	85.7	85.8	0.2
Manufacture of Textiles	107.4	105.7	-1.6
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	147.7	115.4	-21.9
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	63.7	61.0	-4.2
Manufacture of Wood products ,except Furniture	104.4	104.4	0.0
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	127.3	127.3	0.0
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	112.2	112.2	0.0
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	64.3	69.0	7.3
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	64.0	63.8	-0.3
Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals	137.7	137.7	0.0
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	94.3	98.2	4.2
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	108.5	111.5	2.7
Manufacture of Basic Metals	134.1	119.7	-10.8
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products	46.3	46.3	0.1
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	77.5	76.7	-1.1
Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c	81.3	78.2	-3.9
Factory Industry Production Index	102.6	94.4	-8.0

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) FIPI based on ISIC Revision 4 Classification

(b)Provisional