

WEEKLY ECONOMIC REPORT

June 02, 2017

Department of Fiscal Policy



CCPI decreased to 6.0% in May 2017



NCPI increased to 8.4 % in April 2017



Trade deficit widened to 34.1% in March 2017



GDP grew by 4.4 % in 2016



Exchange rate depreciated to US\$1=Rs. 152.68



Credit to private sector increased by 20.4% in March 2017



Brent crude oil increased to: US\$ 50.82 per bbl



Government revenue enhanced by 8.0 % in 2016



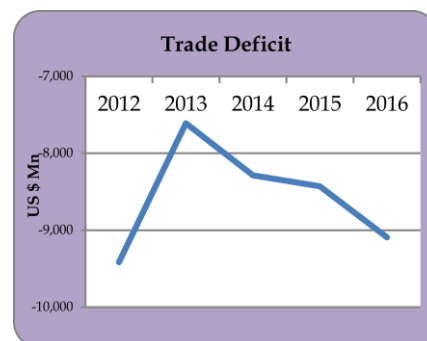
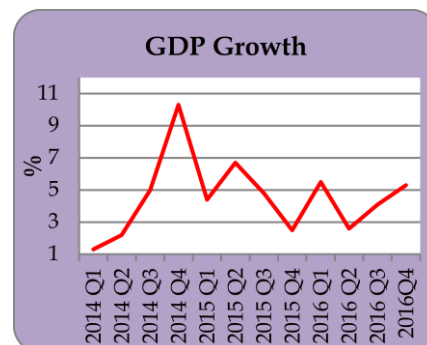
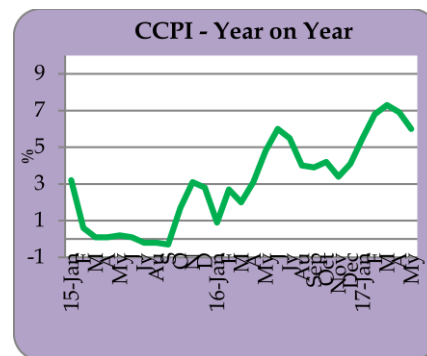
Tourist arrivals up by 6.1% during Jan-April 2017



Unemployment rate was 4.4% in 2016



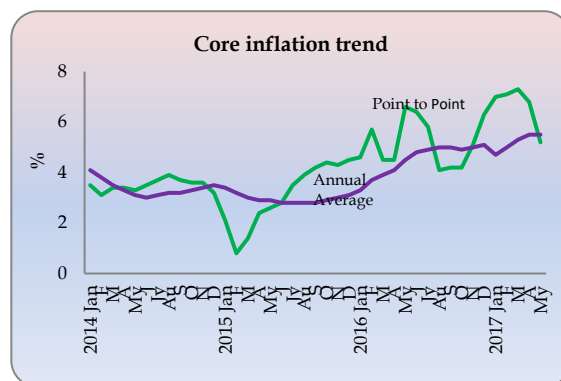
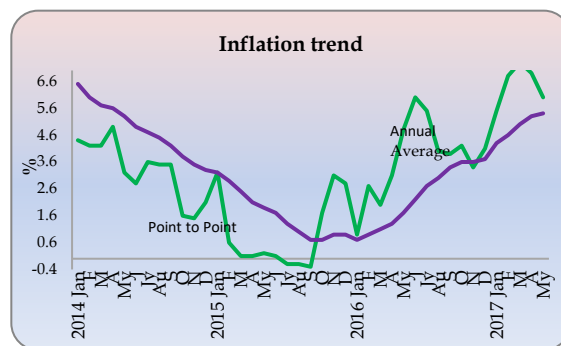
Worker's Remittance declined by 6.3% during Jan-Apr 2017



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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
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	-	-



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 increased to 8.4 per cent in April 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

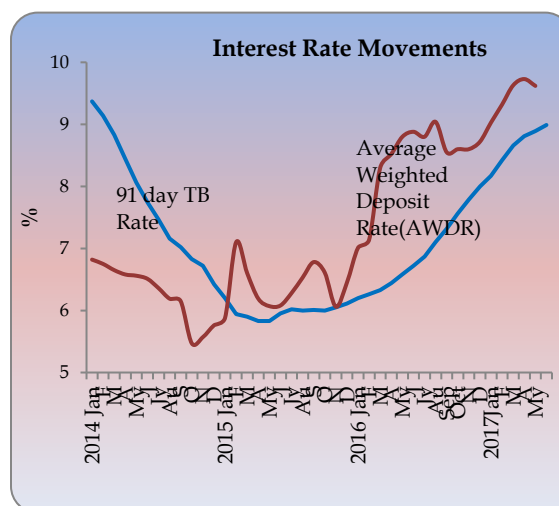
Movements of the CCPI in Food Item (2013=100)

Month	% Change Month to Month	Inflation	
		Point to Point	Annual 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 02 nd June 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	8.15
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)				
91 Days	9.61	9.62	-	8.80
182 Days	10.35	10.40	9.39	9.75
364 Days	10.71	10.73	10.11	10.52
Prime Lending Rate	11.40	11.34	11.98	10.00
	May-17		Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	8.99		8.89	6.72

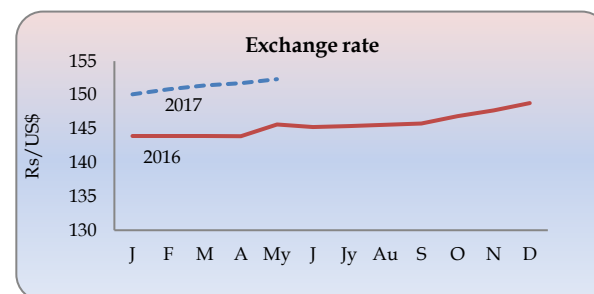
Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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 11.40 per cent by week ending 02nd June 2017 and Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) for the month of May 2017 was 8.99 percent.

Exchange Rates

Currency	Week Ending 02 nd June 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2016/17
US Dollar	152.68	152.67	147.26	3.7
Sterling Pound	196.75	196.80	212.58	-7.5
Euro	171.39	170.92	164.99	3.9
Japanese Yen	1.37	1.37	1.35	1.5
Indian Rupee	2.37	2.36	2.16	9.7

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka



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

Money Supply and Credit Growth

Item	Mar 2017	Feb 2017	Jan 2017	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Growth 2016 Mar/2017 Mar (%)
M ₁ (Rs Bn)	782.0	744.6	742.9	729.6	700.5	692.4	7.2
M ₂ (Rs Bn)	5,096.2	4,951.3	4,866.0	4,206.4	4,158.4	4,103.0	21.2
M _{2b} (Rs Bn)	5,677.4	5,552.0	5,460.4	4,731.6	4,703.8	4,638.3	19.9

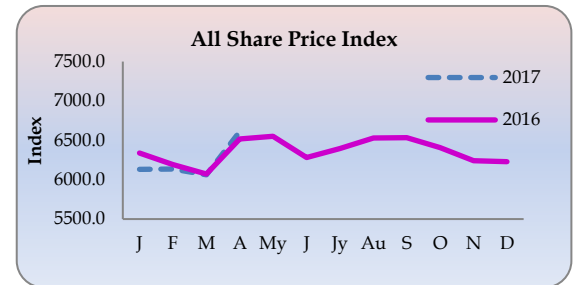
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Item	Mar 2017	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2016 Mar /2017 Mar (%)
Credit to Private Sector (Rs.bn)	4,375.2	4,293.2	3,634.6	20.4
DBUs	4,065.8	3,965.9	3,368.7	20.7
OBU's	309.4	327.3	265.8	16.4

Share Market

Indicator	Week Ending 02 nd June 2017	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,689	6,698	6,524
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	3,842	3,829	3,417
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	827	1,067	763
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,961	2,963	2,780

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 9 index points and closed at 6,689 points compared to the fourth week of May 2017. The S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20) increased by 13 to 3,842 index points. The Average Daily Turnover decreased by Rs. 240 million and stationed at Rs.827 million. Market capitalization reached Rs. 2,961 billion in the first week of June 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

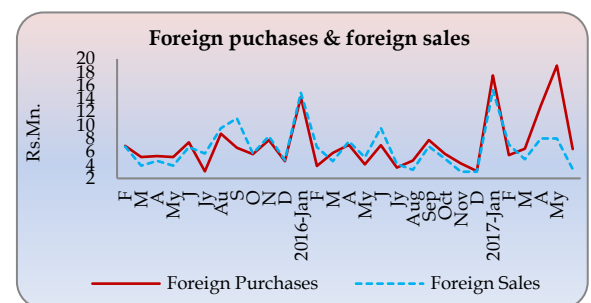
Price Indices	May 2017	Apr 2017
ASPI	6,674.32	6,610.46
S&P SL 20	3,818.90	3,786.39
Total Return Indicators		
ASTRI	8,845.93	8,755.66
S&P SL20 (TRI)	5,398.10	5,330.96
Market PER	11.70	12.62
Dividend Yield	2.58	2.71
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,952.54	2,908.77

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

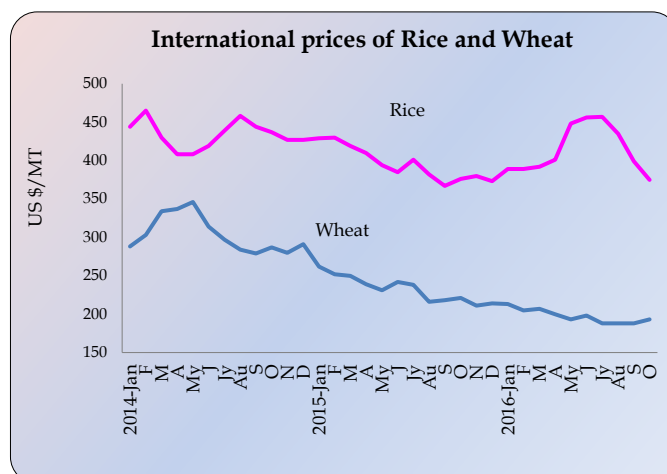
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COMMODITY PRICES

International Commodity Prices

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

Commodity	Unit	Annual Averages			Monthly Averages		
		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/EXTDECPROJECTS

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

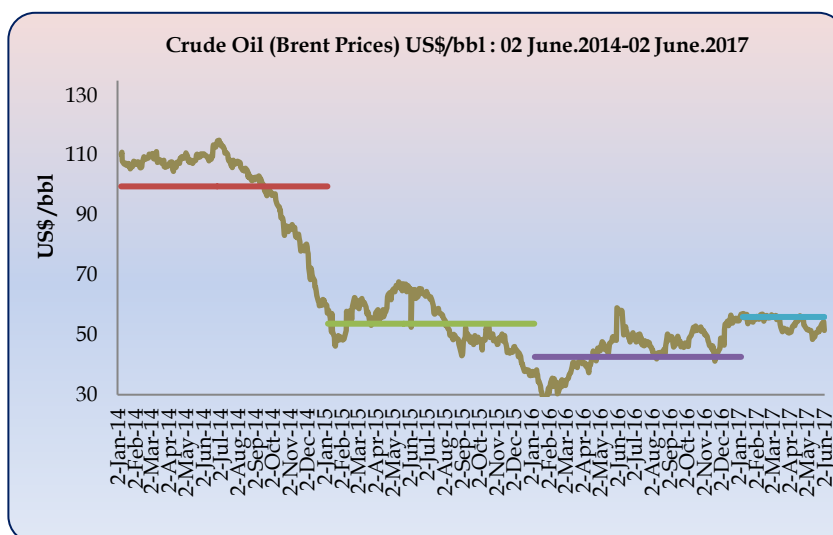
Item	May 29	May 30	May 31	Jun 01	Jun 02	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices) (US \$/bbl.)	52.09	52.20	51.72	51.21	50.43	51.52	51.50	49.80
WTI (US\$/bbl.)	49.72	49.92	49.46	48.80	48.09	48.89	48.77	48.96
Petrol	62.50	62.30	62.10	62.10	60.40	62.00	60.55	58.20
Diesel	60.67	60.38	60.03	59.98	57.48	60.77	60.76	57.66
Kerosene	61.52	61.45	60.97	60.90	58.34	61.70	60.78	58.40

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Crude Oil Prices (Monthly Average)

Month	WTI European Market (US\$/bbl)	Brent (US\$/bbl)
Oct-15	46.35	49.34
Nov	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	50.82	48.45

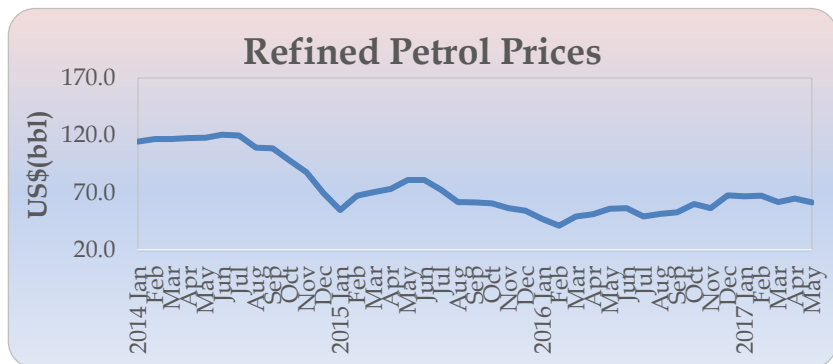
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
*up to 02nd June 2017



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

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Oct-15	60.75	58.34	59.32
Nov	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	61.25	58.73	59.62

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
*up to 02nd June 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 30/05/2017	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	130.00	140.00	-7.1	147.16
Cabbage	120.00	150.00	-20.0	76.62
Carrots	240.00	180.00	33.3	121.42
Tomatoes	55.00	55.00	0.0	75.00
Pumpkins	70.00	52.50	33.3	60.29
Snake Gourd	120.00	130.00	-7.7	76.18
Brinjals	130.00	110.00	18.2	66.57
Ash Plantains	55.00	55.00	0.0	67.65
Other Foods				
Red-Onions (Local)	300.00	290.00	3.5	92.66
Big Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.	-	74.50
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	137.50	127.50	7.8	122.58
Dried Chillies (Imported)	150.00	150.00	0.0	293.68
Dhal (Indian)	140.00	140.00	0.0	160.16
Eggs (Red) (Each)	10.00	9.00	11.1	14.30
Coconut (Each)	57.00	60.00	5.0	34.69
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	650.00	n.a.	-	508.20
Balaya	480.00	400.00	20.0	327.29
Salaya	180.00	140.00	28.6	141.43
Paraw (Small)	n.a.	580.00	-	540.36

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	93.00
Kekulu (Red)	79.00
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	61.50
Snake Gourd	90.50
Ash Plantains	58.50
Beans	129.00
Carrots	234.00
Tomatoes	73.50
Other Foods	
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	127.50
Dried Chillies (Imported)	153.50
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.
Red-Onions (Local)	267.50
Coconut (Each)	50.50

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Marandaghamula Average Price of Rice (Rs /Kg)

Item	Week Ending 02/06/2017	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	90.60	91.00	89.13	77.58
Sudu Kekulu	81.80	82.38	81.45	62.91
Raw Red	77.90	77.75	78.18	59.59
Nadu	85.90	86.00	84.08	66.62

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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

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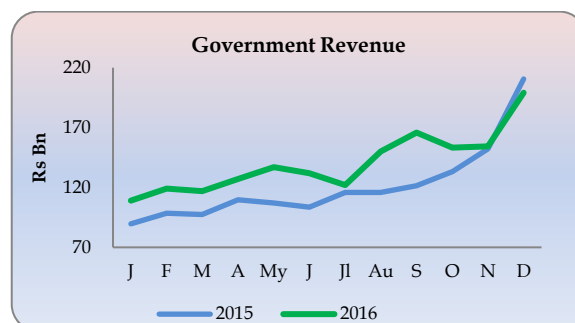
Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago
Rice					
Samba(Avg.)	1 kg	97.16	93.40	4.0	91.74
No. 1	1 kg	102.04	97.00	5.2	95.72
No. 2	1kg	92.28	89.90	2.8	87.75
Nadu Red	1kg	94.83	90.58	4.7	77.79
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	86.51	81.77	5.8	65.18
No. 1	1kg	90.10	84.77	6.3	68.84
No. 2	1kg	82.92	78.76	5.3	61.53
Wheat Flour	1 kg	89.00	88.69	0.7	92.74
Bread	450g	58.18	58.18	0.0	57.36
Sugar	1 kg	106.78	106.79	0.0	106.34
Lakspray	400g	325.00	325.00	0.0	325.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	126.15	116.67	8.1	99.36
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	168.76	164.97	2.3	151.48
Red Dhal(Avg)	1kg	180.37	179.48	0.5	198.82
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	327.84	325.57	0.7	259.62
Green Gram(Avg)	1kg	257.66	253.22	1.8	260.29
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	315.80	312.55	1.0	210.46
Meat					
Beef	1kg	925.56	897.62	3.1	789.01
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	572.00	545.88	4.8	574.28
Broiler	1kg	420.00	420.00	0.0	380.00
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	1,121.76	978.57	14.6	903.18
Balaya	1 kg	776.67	645.00	20.4	551.36
Kelawalla	1 kg	1,103.53	968.57	13.9	849.35
Salaya	1 kg	223.48	176.88	26.3	167.65
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	761.38	751.67	1.3	707.05
Eggs	Each	11.70	14.22	-17.7	14.83
Coconut	Each	66.49	66.91	-0.6	45.68
Coconut Oil	750ml	300.91	302.65	-0.6	208.65
Red Onions	1 kg	345.82	229.92	50.4	135.18
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	93.76	94.55	-0.8	85.13
Brinjal	1kg	203.03	148.63	36.6	140.42
Beans Green	1 kg	237.73	219.94	8.1	237.14
Cabbage	1 kg	234.29	210.00	11.6	156.30
Leeks	1 kg	143.00	118.29	20.9	175.93
Beet Root	1kg	214.74	211.37	1.6	195.35
Carrot	1kg	308.48	300.00	2.8	178.89
Tomatoes	1kg	154.21	141.62	8.9	232.36
Radish	1kg	171.85	141.00	21.9	143.03
Vetakolu	1kg	204.00	195.48	4.4	173.94
Snake Gourd	1kg	206.92	191.31	8.2	165.14
Bandakka	1kg	175.56	162.16	8.3	157.48
Kolikuttu	1kg	177.00	219.62	-19.4	216.22
Papaw	1kg	82.40	82.95	-0.7	104.20
Pineapple	1kg	156.25	170.75	-8.5	125.24

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

FISCAL SECTOR AND GOVERNMENT DEBT

Summary of Government Revenue

Item	2015	2016 (a)
Tax Revenue	1,355,779	1,463,689
Income Tax	262,583	258,857
VAT	219,700	283,470
Excise Duty	497,623	454,952
Nation Building Tax	45,004	57,424
PAL	58,644	88,823
Customs Duty	132,189	156,487
SCL	52,276	55,825
Cess	46,289	61,730
License Fee and Other	41,471	46,121
Non Tax Revenue	99,099	222,372
Total Revenue	1,454,878	1,686,061



Source: Department of Fiscal Policy

(a) provisional

Note: Not to be quoted

Government Debt

Government Debt (Rs.bn)	End Dec 2015	End 2016 (a)
Total Domestic Debt	4,959.2	5,341.5
Total Foreign Debt	3,544.0	4,045.8
Total Government Debt	8,503.2	9,387.3

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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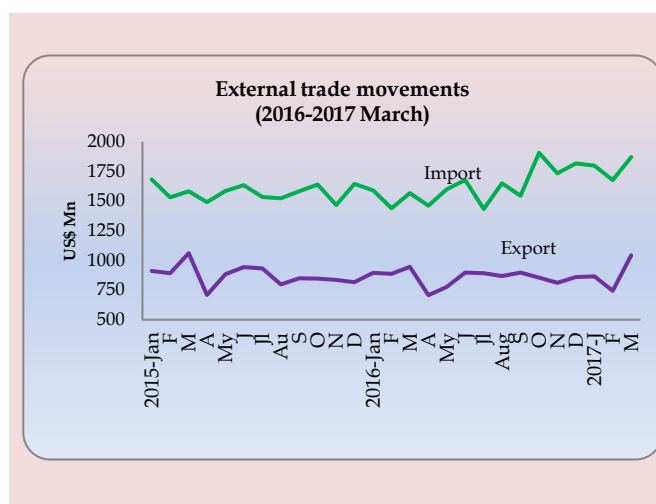
Key Fiscal Indicators 2015-2016

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

Compiled by Department of Fiscal Policy

Category	Mar 2016 (US\$ Mn)	Mar 2017 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-Mar 2016 (US\$ Mn)	Jan-Mar 2017 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	949.0	1,041.8	9.8	2,739.2	2,774.3	1.3
Agricultural	200.7	257.4	28.3	562.2	655.9	16.7
Tea	112.7	133.7	18.6	313.1	349.1	11.5
Other	88.0	123.7	40.6	249.1	306.8	23.2
Industrial	744.1	779.2	4.7	2,165.6	2,106.6	-2.7
Rubber Products	71.6	76.7	7.1	203.2	199.5	-1.8
Textiles and Garments	441.8	453.3	2.6	1,369.3	1,275.8	-6.8
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	32.7	30.8	-5.8	92.7	76.5	-17.5
Other	198.0	218.4	10.3	500.4	554.8	10.9
Mineral	2.8	3.3	19.7	7.6	7.3	-5.2
Unclassified	1.5	1.9	27.8	3.7	4.6	23.4
Imports	1,566.0	1,869.3	19.4	4,594.5	5,278.9	14.9
Consumer Goods	420.1	468.5	11.5	1,109.2	1,170.5	5.5
Food and Beverages	158.3	213.5	34.9	399.5	505.2	26.5
Other Consumer Goods	261.8	255.0	-2.6	709.7	665.3	-6.3
Intermediate Goods	715.2	948.5	32.6	2,240.3	2,805.9	25.2
Petroleum	162.1	245.3	51.4	485.7	882.1	81.6
Textiles & Textile Articles	222.6	227.0	2.0	698.5	666.7	-4.5
Other Intermediate Goods	330.5	476.2	44.1	1,056.1	1,257.1	19.0
Investment Goods	430.2	449.6	4.5	1,243.5	1,242.1	-0.1
Machinery and Equipment	246.7	237.8	-3.6	712.4	686.2	-3.7
Transport Equipment	52.3	69.0	31.9	157.7	163.5	3.7
Building Material	130.7	142.0	8.6	371.6	389.8	4.9
Other Investment Goods	0.5	0.7	59.2	1.9	2.5	34.3
Unclassified	0.5	2.8	429.3	1.3	60.3	4,398.2
Trade Balance	-617.0	-827.5	34.1	-1,855.3	-2,504.6	35.0

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



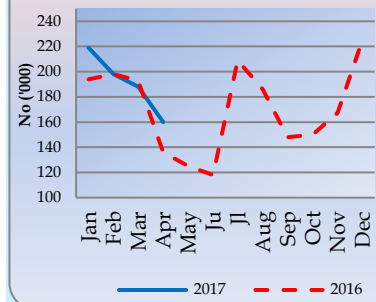
- Export earnings during January to March 2017 increased by 1.3 percent mainly due to the expansion of earnings from agriculture and unclassified exports. The earnings for the month of March 2017 increased by 9.8 percent, compared to the respective period of 2016.
- On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports increased by 14.9 percent for the period during January to March 2017. Expenditure on imports for the month of March 2017 increased by 19.4 percent reflecting the performance of imports of intermediate goods, investment goods and consumer goods.
- Trade deficit widened to US\$ 827.5 Mn in March 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			188.2	207.2		
Jun	115,467	118,038			191.4	195.6		
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	765,202*	6.1*	2,980.7	3,399.1	1,312.8*	6.1*

Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

*Jan-Apr

Tourist Arrivals



Tourism

Earnings from tourism increased to US \$ 1,312.8 Mn. during Jan-Apr 2017 with an increase of 6.1 per cent over the same period of 2016.

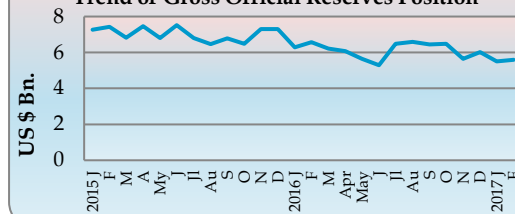
The number of tourist arrivals decreased to 160,249 in April 2017.

External Assets

External Assets (US\$ Mn)	Feb 2017	Jan 2017	Dec 2016	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Growth 2016 Feb /2017 Feb (%)
Total Reserves	7,753.9	7,597.3	8,432.9	8,502.0	8,393.3	9,336.9	-8.8
Gross Official Reserves	5,634.7	5,453.2	6,019.0	6,573.4	6,294.3	7,303.6	-14.3

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Trend of Gross Official Reserves Position



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 15.6 per cent in dollar terms to US \$ 487.9 Mn. in April 2017.

Private Remittances

Category		2016 Apr	2017 Apr(a)	2016 Jan-Apr	2017 Jan-Apr(a)	% Change
Inflow	US\$ Mn	578.0	487.9	2,371.4	2,221.7	-6.3
	Rs. Bn	83.2	74.1	341.3	335.5	-1.7

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) Provisional

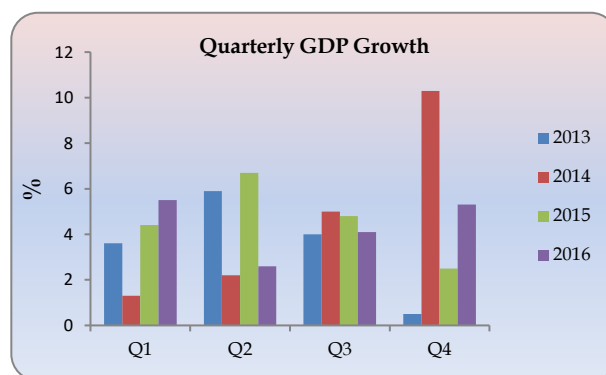
PRODUCTION

QUARTERLY GDP GROWTH (%)

	1 st Q	2 nd Q	3 rd Q	4 th Q	Annual
2012	8.0	6.4	5.2	6.8	9.1
Agriculture	13.3	0.6	0.6	2.6	4.0
Industry	21.0	10.6	-2.6	8.5	9.0
Service	14.6	11.1	10.7	8.8	11.2
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

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

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



GDP grew by 4.4%

The Sri Lankan economy grew by 4.4% in 2016 compared to 4.8% growth recorded in 2015. The growth was mainly supported by expands of Industry sector by 6.7% and Service sector by 4.2%. However, Agriculture sector contracted by 4.2%.

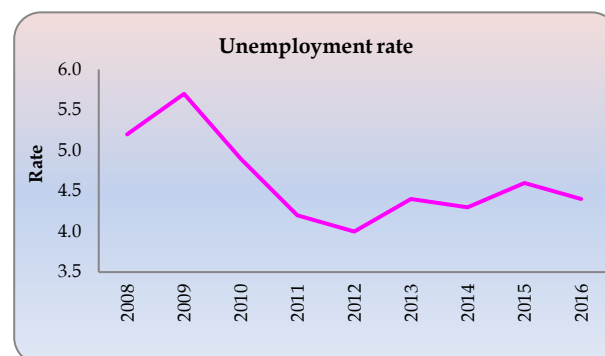
Labour Force Statistics

Employment	2016 Annual (a)	2015 Annual	2014 Annual
Labour Force Participation Rate	53.8	53.8	53.2
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

(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-Mar	2017 Jan-Mar	% Change
Production			
Tea (Mn. Kg)	70.4	66.2	-6.1
Rubber (Mn. Kg)	28.2	23.3	-17.2
Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	731.1	683.6	-6.5
Exports (US\$ Mn)			
	2016 Mar	2017 Mar	
Tea	112.7	133.7	18.6
Rubber	3.2	5.8	83.1
Coconut	35.1	36.5	4.1
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 Mar (b)	2017 Mar (b)	Growth %
Manufacture of Food Products	114.4	118.2	3.3
Manufacture of Beverages	151.0	144.2	-4.5
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	101.1	85.6	-15.4
Manufacture of Textiles	155.7	146.7	-5.8
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	175.3	200.7	14.4
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	111.0	114.4	3.1
Manufacture of Wood products ,except Furniture	152.1	137.8	-9.4
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	126.6	126.6	0.0
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	112.0	112.0	0.0
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	95.1	95.1	0.0
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	87.5	95.5	9.1
Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals	148.5	148.5	0.0
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	148.9	162.7	9.3
Manufacture of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	140.0	148.9	6.3
Manufacture of Basic Metals	171.8	154.7	-10.0
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products	93.9	95.8	2.0
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	111.6	121.2	8.6
Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c	110.4	132.3	19.8
Factory Industry Production Index	134.1	141.5	5.6

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) FIPI based on ISIC Revision 4 Classification

(b) Provisional