

WEEKLY ECONOMIC REPORT

June 17, 2016

Department of Fiscal Policy



GDP grew by **5.5 %** in the first quarter 2016



CCPI increased to **4.8%** in May.



NCPI increased to **4.3 %** in Apr.



Exchange rate appreciated to **US\$1=Rs. 144.74**



Credit to private sector increased by **27.7 %** Mar. 2016



Brent crude oil increased to: **US\$ 47.61** per bbl



Government revenue enhanced by **21.7%** in 2015



Tourist arrivals up by **18.4 %** during Jan-May 2016



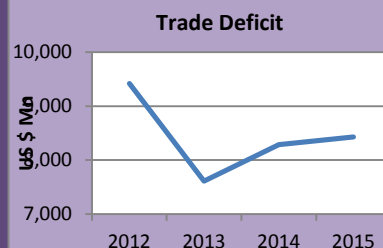
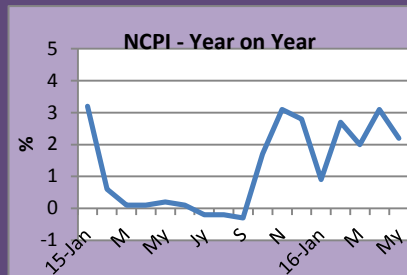
Trade deficit narrowed by **10.4 %** during Jan-Feb. 2016



Unemployment rate was **4.6 %** in 2015



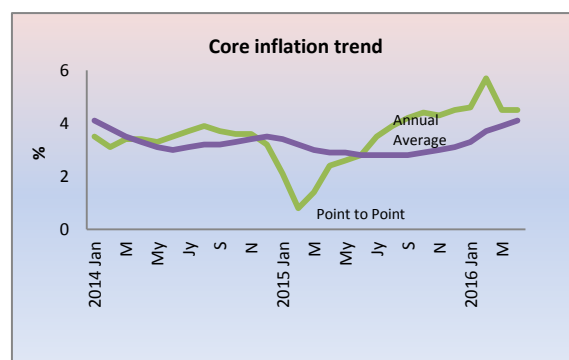
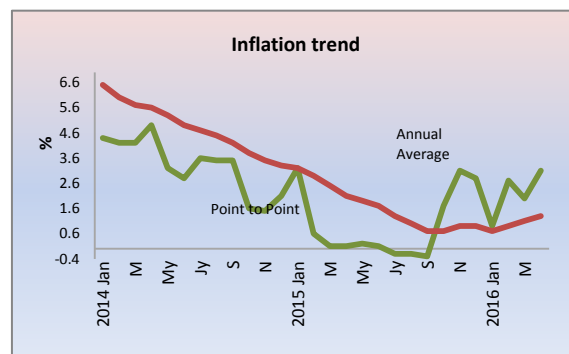
Workers Remittance grew by **5.5%** during Jan- Apr 2016



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Month	CCPI (%)		Core Inflation (%)		NCPI (%)	
	(2006/2007=100)		(2006/2007=100)		(2013=100)	
	Point to Point	Annual Average	Point to Point	Annual Average	Monthly Change	Point to Point
Jul-14	3.6	4.7	3.7	3.1	0.8	
Aug	3.5	4.5	3.9	3.2	-0.6	
Sep	3.5	4.2	3.7	3.2	0.0	
Oct	1.6	3.8	3.6	3.3	-0.4	
Nov	1.5	3.5	3.6	3.4	0.8	
Dec	2.1	3.3	3.2	3.5	1.6	
Jan-15	3.2	3.2	2.1	3.4	3.9	9.4
Feb	0.6	2.9	0.8	3.2	-3.5	5.7
Mar	0.1	2.5	1.4	3.0	-1.2	4.3
Apr	0.1	2.1	2.4	2.9	-0.6	2.8
May	0.2	1.9	2.6	2.9	0.9	3.0
Jun	0.1	1.7	2.8	2.8	1.0	2.7
Jul	-0.2	1.3	3.5	2.8	-0.2	1.8
Aug	-0.2	1.0	3.9	2.8	-0.5	1.9
Sep	-0.3	0.7	4.2	2.8	0.0	1.9
Oct	1.7	0.7	4.4	2.9	0.7	3.0
Nov	3.1	0.9	4.3	3.0	2.6	4.8
Dec	2.8	0.9	4.5	3.1	1.1	4.2
Jan-16	0.9	0.7	4.6	3.3	-1.1	-0.7
Feb	2.7	0.9	5.7	3.7	-1.1	1.7
Mar	2.0	1.1	4.5	3.9	-0.7	2.2
Apr	3.1	1.3	4.5	4.1	1.5	4.3
May	4.8	1.7	6.6	4.5		



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

The point to point inflation increased to 4.8 per cent in May 2016. The annual average increased to 1.7 per cent in May 2016. Core inflation that measures the price movements of the items in the CCPI basket excluding fresh food, energy, transport, rice and coconut, increased to 6.6 per cent, on point to point basis, while annual average core inflation increased to 4.5 per cent, in May 2016. The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) covering price movements in all provinces of the country increased to 4.3 percent in April 2016, on year on year basis.

Contribution of Food Items to CCPI from April 2016 to May 2016

Movements of the CCPI in Food Items

Commodity	Value Change Rs.	Change %
Food	-138.84	-0.27
Sugar	13.01	0.03
Potatoes	15.59	0.03
Fresh Fish	90.84	0.18
Dried Fish	23.92	0.05
Papaw	-49.56	-0.10
B Onion	10.11	0.02
Rice	26.95	0.05
Vegetables	174.39	0.34
Chicken	54.33	0.11
Red Onion	20.25	0.04
Big Onion	10.11	0.02
Coconut	-8.86	-0.02
Eggs	-46.99	-0.09

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Month	% Change Month to Month	Inflation	
		Point to Point	Annual Average
Nov-14	0.6	4.9	3.5
Dec	1.8	7.0	3.8
Jan-15	3.8	12.0	4.7
Feb	-2.1	9.5	5.4
Mar	-2.8	6.3	5.8
Apr	-1.2	4.3	5.9
May	1.5	4.6	5.9
Jun	1.8	4.0	6.0
Jul	0.7	2.5	5.7
Aug	-1.5	2.2	5.5
Sep	-0.6	2.0	5.3
Oct	0.8	2.7	5.1
Nov	3.0	5.2	5.1
Dec	0.8	4.2	4.9
Jan-16	-0.5	-0.2	3.9
Feb	-1.1	0.8	3.2
Mar	-2.3	1.4	2.8
Apr	2.2	4.9	2.8
May	2.2	5.6	2.9

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Month	CCPI (2006/07 =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	180.2	2.1	3.3	5.76	3.66	2.46
Jan-15	183.2	3.2	3.2	5.88	2.68	2.68
Feb	178.9	0.6	2.9	7.10	6.50	4.20
Mar	178.1	0.1	2.5	6.60	6.50	4.10
Apr	178.5	0.1	2.1	6.19	6.09	4.09
May	179.8	0.2	1.9	6.07	6.05	4.17
Jun	181.6	0.1	1.7	6.08	5.98	4.38
Jul	182.8	-0.2	1.3	6.28	6.48	4.98
Aug	181.9	-0.2	1.0	6.53	6.73	5.53
Sep	181.4	-0.3	0.7	6.78	7.08	6.08
Oct	182.1	1.7	0.7	6.61	4.91	5.91
Nov	184.7	3.1	0.9	6.06	2.96	5.16
Dec	185.2	2.8	0.9	6.45	3.65	5.55
Jan-16	184.9	0.9	0.7	7.01	6.11	6.31
Feb	183.8	2.7	0.9	7.14	4.44	6.24
Mar	181.7	2.0	1.1	8.30	6.30	7.20
Apr	184.1	3.1	1.3	8.45	5.35	7.15
May	188.5	4.8	1.7	8.80	4.00	7.10

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



Interest Rate Movements

Category	Week Ending 17 th Jun 2016	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Standing Deposit Facility	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00
Standing Lending Facility	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50
Call Money Weekly Average	8.18	8.17	8.15	6.11
Treasury Bill (Yield rate)				
91 Days	8.84	8.82	8.66	6.08
182 Days	9.80	9.76	-	6.18
364 Days	10.54	10.53	10.48	6.28
Prime Lending Rate	10.50	10.47	10.00	6.86
	May-16		Month Ago	Year Ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	6.72		6.58	5.83

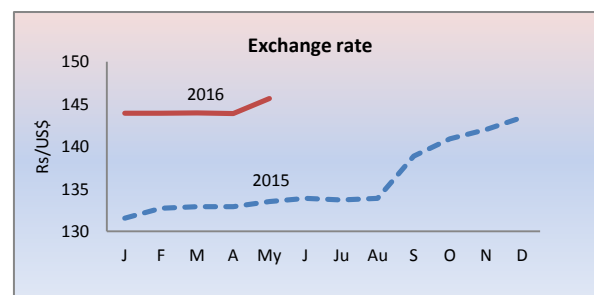
Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Central Bank Standing Deposit Facility rate (SDF) and Standing Lending Facility rate (SLF) remained at 6.50 percent and 8.00 percent, respectively during this week. The Prime Lending rate increased to 10.50 per cent by week ending 17th June 2016 and Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) for the month of May 2016 was 6.72 percent.

Exchange Rates

Currency	Week Ending 17 th Jun 2016	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago	% Change 2015/16
US Dollar	144.74	145.24	145.95	134.05	7.9
Sterling Pound	206.59	210.10	213.25	209.71	-1.5
Euro	163.08	164.16	163.63	150.84	8.1
Japanese Yen	1.39	1.36	1.33	1.09	27.5
Indian Rupee	2.15	2.18	2.16	2.09	2.8

Source : Central Bank of Sri Lanka



The Rupee depreciated against Yen while it appreciated against US Dollar, Sterling Pound, Euro and Indian Rupee in this week.

MONEY SUPPLY & CAPITAL MARKET

Money Supply and Credit Growth

Item	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Mar 2015	Feb 2015	Jan 2015	Growth 2015Mar/2016 Mar(%)
M ₁ (Rs Bn)	729.6	700.5	692.4	633.3	596.7	568.3	15.2
M ₂ (Rs Bn)	4,206.4	4,158.4	4,103.0	3,553.6	3,492.6	3,398.5	18.4
M _{2b} (Rs Bn)	4,731.6	4,703.8	4,638.3	3,980.7	3,926.6	3,794.8	18.9

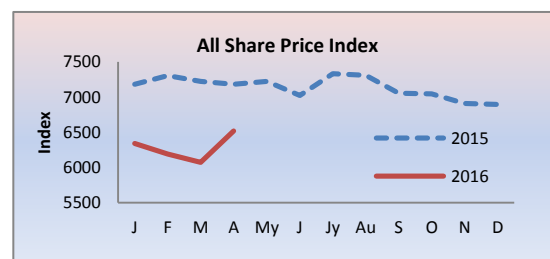
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Item	Mar 2016	Month Ago	Year Ago	Growth 2015Mar/2016 Mar(%)
Credit to Private Sector (Rs.bn)	3,634.6	3,546.8	2,845.1	27.7
DBUs	3,368.7	3,275.3	2,608.9	29.1
FCBUs	265.8	271.5	236.2	12.5

Share Market

Indicator	Week ending 17 Jun -16	Week Ago	Year Ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	6,466	6,531	7,050
S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20)	3,402	3,424	3,915
Average Daily Turnover (Rs.Mn)	489	413	1,232
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,755	2,783	2,995

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange



All Share Price Index (ASPI) decreased by 65 index points and closed at 6,466 points compared to the second week of June. The S & P Sri Lanka 20 Index (S & P SL20) decreased by 22 to 3,402 index points. The Average Daily Turnover increased by Rs. 76 million and stationed at Rs. 489 million. Market capitalization reached Rs. 2,755 billion compared to Rs. 2,995 billion in the same period of the last year.

Equity Trading Statistics

Indicator	May 2016	May 2015	Jan -May 2016	Jan -May 2015
Turnover -Equity (Rs. Mn.)	17,204.4	27,325.0	76,316.6	79,587.5
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	8,901.3	8,319.5	45,564.4	54,986.0
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	8,303.1	5,001.5	30,752.2	24,601.5
Market Days	20	19	96	94
Daily Turnover Avg. Equity (Rs. Mn.)	860.2	1,438.2	795.0	1,137.4
Trade Equity	109,940	158,055	452,287	646
Domestic	104,102	103,469	323,502	262,676
Foreign	5,838	4,853	18,845	27,397
Shares Traded Equity	534.2	631.6	2,716.6	3,210.0
Domestic (Rs. Mn.)	410.3	726.8	2,144.8	2,720.0
Foreign (Rs. Mn.)	123.8	112.5	571.8	418.0
Companies Traded	270	269	274	278
Companies Listed	294	297	294	297

Market Indicators

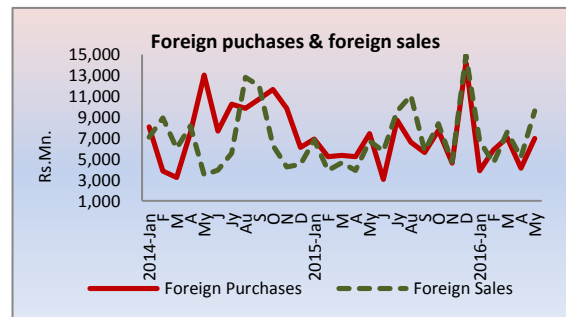
Price Indices	Apr 2016	May 2016
ASPI	6,516.26	6,550.51
S&P SL 20	3,435.55	3,425.57
Total Return Indicators		
ASTRI	8,590.73	8,638.87
S&P SL20 (TRI)	4,664.80	4,661.40
Market PER	16.42	14.04
Dividend Yield	2.31	2.64
Market Capitalization (Rs.Bn.)	2,776.54	2,791.18

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

Stock Market - Foreign Purchases and Foreign Sales

Indicator	May 2016	Jan - May 2016
Purchases by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	6,985.1	27,877.1
Sales by Foreigners (Rs. Mn)	9,621.1	33,719.2
Net Foreign Purchases (Rs. Mn)	-2,636.0	-5,842.1

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

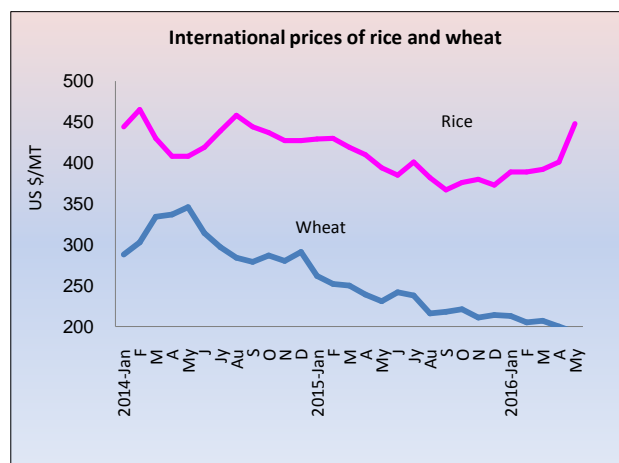


COMMODITY PRICES

International Commodity Prices

Month	Milk Powder Average Price US\$/MT	Rice Thai,100% US\$/MT	Wheat (HRW) US\$/MT
Nov	2,696	427	280
Dec	2,576	427	291
Jan-2015	2,573	429	262
Feb	2,913	430	252
Mar	3,225	419	250
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

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



Commodity	Unit	Annual Averages			Monthly Averages		
		Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Mar	Apr	May
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2016	2016
Non Energy, Agriculture, Beverages							
Cocoa	\$/kg	2.44	3.06	3.14	3.07	3.08	3.10
Coffee, Arabica	\$/kg	3.08	4.42	3.53	3.47	3.40	3.42
Tea, auctions (3) average	\$/kg	2.86	2.72	2.71	2.28	2.51	2.56
Tea, Colombo auctions	\$/kg	3.45	3.54	2.96	2.82	2.94	3.06
Food, Fats & Oils							
Coconut Oil	\$/mt	941	1,280	1,110	1,448	1,586	1,444
Copra	\$/mt	627	854	736	990	1,045	963
Palm Oil	\$/mt	857	821	622	686	722	706
Grains							
Barley	\$/mt	202.2	137.6	194.3	175.9	172.0	171.7
Maize	\$/mt	259.4	192.9	169.8	159.1	164.4	169.0
Wheat, US HRW	\$/mt	312.2	284.9	203.2	191.2	187.5	171.8
Other Food							
Meat, Beef	\$/kg	4.07	4.95	4.42	3.88	3.91	3.96
Meat, Chicken	\$/kg	2.29	2.43	2.53	2.46	2.46	2.47
Sugar, World	\$/kg	0.57	0.37	0.30	0.34	0.34	0.38
Raw Materials, Timber							
Plywood	¢/sheets	560.2	517.3	451.2	483.5	498.4	501.2
Woodpulp	\$/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	1.45	1.72	1.67
Fertilizers							
Phosphate Rock	\$/mt	148.1	110.2	117.5	115.0	115.0	115.0
TSP	\$/mt	382.1	388.3	385.0	275.0	278.0	284.0
Urea	\$/mt	340.1	316.2	272.9	203.0	204.0	200.0
Metals and Minerals							
Aluminum	\$/mt	1,847	1,867	1,665	1,531	1,571	1,551
Gold	\$/toz	1,412	1,266	1,160	1,245	1,242	1,261
Iron ore	\$/dmt	135.0	97.0	56.0	56.0	61.0	55.0

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

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

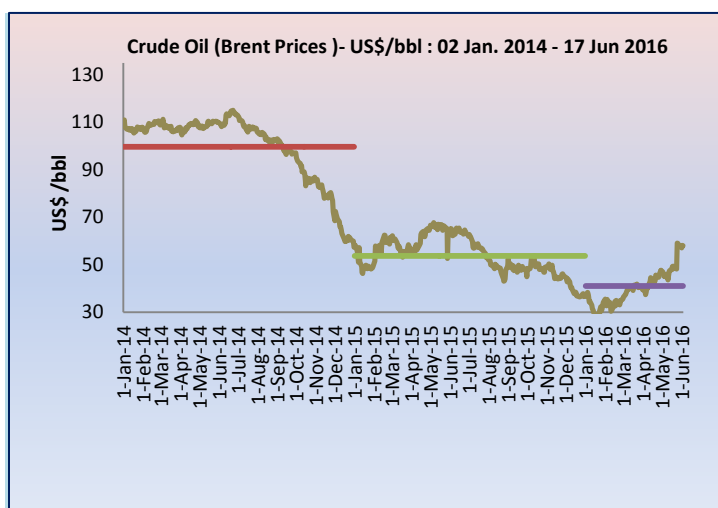
Item	Jun 13	Jun 14	Jun 15	Jun 16	Jun 17	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Brent (New York Closing Prices) (US \$/bbl.)	49.84	49.89	48.92	48.55	47.61	51.87	49.23	64.00
WTI (US\$/bbl.)	48.36	48.42	47.57	47.51	46.49	50.46	48.22	58.41
Petrol	56.50	55.60	54.65	54.50	54.50	57.90	57.60	79.70
Diesel	58.46	58.27	58.23	57.02	55.55	56.32	55.78	75.49
Kerosene	58.06	57.51	57.50	56.37	56.25	59.50	56.35	76.01

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Crude Oil Prices (Monthly Average)

Month	WTI European Market (US\$/bbl)	Brent (US\$/bbl)
Oct-14	85.47	88.91
Nov	76.59	80.28
Dec	60.65	64.55
Jan-15	48.82	51.89
Feb	50.75	58.47
Mar	47.81	57.38
Apr	54.38	60.67
May	63.65	65.24
Jun	63.85	60.16
Jul	51.52	57.11
Aug	42.64	47.92
Sep	45.60	48.87
Oct	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*	48.96	50.07

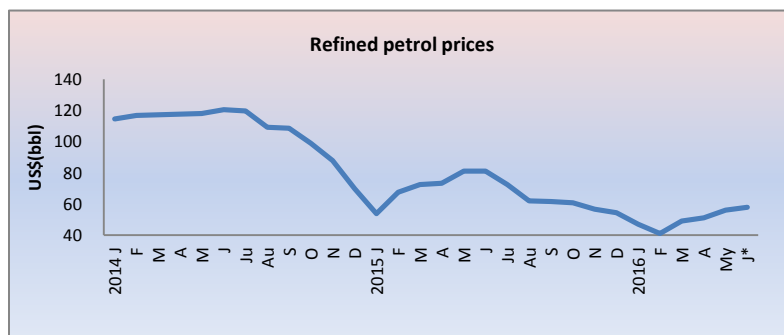
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
*upto 17th Jun 2016



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

Month	Petrol	Diesel	Kerosene
Oct-14	98.98	99.99	101.98
Nov	87.90	93.26	96.40
Dec	70.74	77.33	79.63
Jan-15	53.70	60.88	62.82
Feb	67.53	71.63	73.74
Mar	72.52	69.39	70.00
Apr	73.19	71.60	72.13
May	81.07	77.27	77.68
Jun	80.99	74.32	71.36
Jul	72.52	64.50	65.91
Aug	61.90	56.30	57.25
Sep	61.59	58.72	58.61
Oct	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*	56.73	58.27	58.16

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka
*upto 17th Jun 2016



Local Market Prices of Petroleum Products

Item	Unit	End 2013	End 2014	End 2015	Current Price 2016
Auto Diesel	1 liter	121.00	111.00	95.00	95.00
Petrol (Octane 92)	1 liter	162.00	150.00	117.00	117.00
Kerosene oil	1 liter	106.00	81.00	55.00	55.00
L P Gas	12.5 kg	2,396.00	1,896.00	1,346.00	1,346.00

Pettah Market

Dambulla Market

Average Wholesale Prices	Week Ending 16/06/16	Week Ago	% Change	Year Ago Annual Avg.
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	80.00	80.00	0.0	83.22
Kekulu (Red)	55.00	53.00	3.8	66.15
Vegetable				
Beans	150.00	150.00	0.0	160.49
Cabbage	150.00	180.00	-16.7	79.31
Carrots	200.00	190.00	5.3	146.27
Tomatoes	160.00	150.00	6.7	89.80
Pumpkins	60.00	65.00	-7.7	49.12
Snake Gourd	120.00	110.00	9.1	73.73
Brinjals	90.00	140.00	-35.7	72.56
Ash Plantains	70.00	70.00	0.0	81.08
Other Foods				
Red-Onions (Local)	142.50	155.00	-8.1	105.28
Big Onions (Local)	n.a.	n.a.		95.17
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	145.00	142.50	1.8	107.98
Dried Chilies (Imported)	320.00	320.00	0.0	248.90
Dhal (Indian)	165.00	165.00	0.0	161.98
Eggs (Red) (Each)	13.50	13.50	0.0	14.17
Coconut (Each)	30.00	29.00	3.4	41.00
Fish (Rs/Kg)				
Kelawalla	500.00	560.00	-10.7	453.14
Balaya	320.00	340.00	-5.9	295.00
Salaya	200.00	160.00	25.0	114.71
Paraw (Small)	n.a.	670.00		484.69

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)
Rice (Rs/Kg)	
Samba	79.50
Kekulu (Red)	56.50
Vegetables	
Pumpkins	77.00
Snake Gourd	103.00
Ash Plantains	58.00
Beans	132.00
Carrots	220.00
Tomatoes	130.00
Other Foods	
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	130.50
Dried Chilies (Imported)	307.50
Big-Onions (Local)	n.a.
Red-Onions (Local)	125.00
Coconut (Each)	28.90

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Marandagahamula Average Price of Rice (Rs /Kg)

Item	Week Ending 17/06/16	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Samba	80.60	81.40	76.88	79.56
Sudu Kekulu	62.70	64.30	62.15	62.37
Raw Red	58.90	59.50	58.23	66.17
Nadu	68.30	69.90	65.35	64.24

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Wholesale prices of most of the rice varieties decreased while prices of vegetable showed a mixed performance in this week. Prices of other commodities such as potatoes and coconut increased while the prices of eggs, dhal and dried chilies remained unchanged during this week.

Item	Unit	This Week	Week Ago	% Change	Rs. Year Ago
Rice					
Samba(Avg.)	1 kg	92.31	93.68	-1.5	88.14
No. 1	1 kg	96.47	98.50	-2.1	91.54
No. 2	1kg	88.16	88.85	-0.8	84.75
Nadu Red	1kg	78.15	78.09	0.1	86.86
Raw Red (Avg)	1kg	65.84	65.49	0.5	78.18
No. 1	1kg	68.72	68.56	0.2	81.86
No. 2	1kg	62.97	62.42	0.9	74.49
Wheat Flour	1 kg	93.14	92.61	0.6	86.55
Bread	450g	57.44	57.44	0.0	53.13
Sugar	1 kg	108.90	109.55	-0.6	85.64
Lakspray	400g	325.00	325.00	0.0	325.00
Potatoes (Import)	1 kg	121.85	123.93	-1.7	94.31
Potatoes (Local)	1kg	166.25	165.36	0.5	131.88
Red Dhal(Avg)	1kg	200.99	200.99	0.0	174.89
Cowpea (Avg)	1kg	262.47	258.15	1.7	260.79
Green Gram(Avg)	1kg	259.60	258.35	0.5	273.01
Kadalai (Avg)	1kg	220.07	220.56	-0.2	164.34
Meat					
Beef	1kg	800.00	796.15	0.5	614.49
Chicken					
Fresh	1kg	573.48	571.30	0.4	511.67
Broiler	1kg	380.00	380.00	0.0	380.00
Fresh Fish					
Paraw	1 kg	988.18	985.71	0.3	747.19
Balaya	1 kg	623.33	611.25	2.0	565.19
Kelawalla	1 kg	926.54	924.29	0.2	761.29
Salaya	1 kg	183.75	180.42	1.8	137.51
Dried Fish					
Sprats	1 kg	705.81	702.67	0.4	470.50
Eggs	Each	14.68	14.62	0.4	14.31
Coconut	Each	46.68	46.40	0.6	53.60
Coconut Oil	750ml	212.57	212.86	-0.1	212.08
Red Onions	1 kg	152.71	155.16	-1.6	113.48
B- Onions (Import)	1 kg	84.28	83.15	1.4	88.71
Brinjal	1kg	189.38	190.81	-0.7	87.32
Beans Green	1 kg	317.42	301.11	5.4	117.84
Cabbage	1 kg	208.33	206.29	1.0	96.13
Leeks	1 kg	240.00	243.24	-1.3	153.25
Beet Root	1kg	224.36	223.51	0.4	104.95
Carrot	1kg	258.38	256.11	0.9	159.63
Tomatoes	1kg	239.72	235.38	1.8	110.66
Radish	1kg	175.00	176.30	-0.7	88.50
Vetakolu	1kg	203.20	207.13	-1.9	111.08
Snake Gourd	1kg	192.80	191.20	0.8	101.16
Bandakka	1kg	187.69	183.78	2.1	96.80
Kolikuttu	1kg	203.48	204.29	-0.4	171.12
Papaw	1kg	80.42	81.36	-1.2	152.54
Pineapple	1kg	123.20	123.91	-0.6	106.84

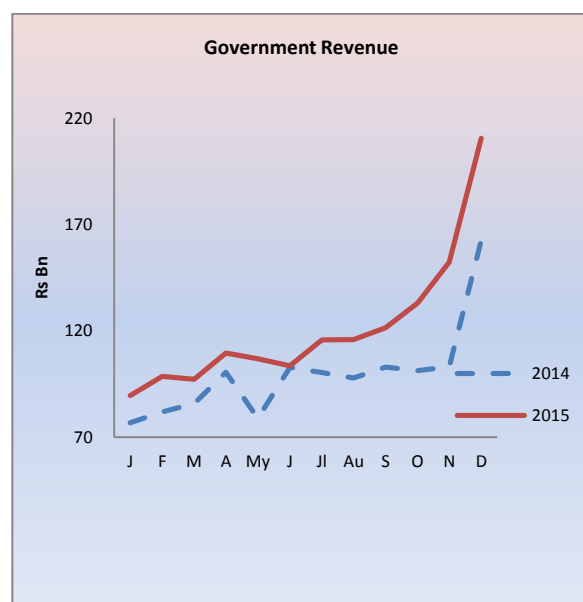
The average retail prices of rice and vegetable varieties showed a mixed performance while fish varieties increased during this week.

Source: Department of Census and Statistics

FISCAL SECTOR AND GOVERNMENT DEBT

Summary of Government Revenue -Jan-Dec

Rs. Million			
Item	2014	2015 (a)	Growth %
Tax Revenue	1,050,362	1,355,779	29.1
Income Tax	198,115	262,583	32.5
VAT	275,350	219,700	-20.2
Excise Duty	256,690	497,623	93.9
Nation Building Tax	44,583	45,004	0.9
PAL	68,646	58,644	-14.6
Customs Duty	81,108	132,189	63.0
SCL	47,953	52,276	9.0
Cess	38,707	46,289	19.6
License Fee and Other	39,209	41,471	4.2
Non Tax Revenue	144,844	99,099	-31.6
Total Revenue	1,195,206	1,454,878	21.7



Source: Department of Fiscal Policy

(a) provisional

Note: Not to be quoted

Government Debt

Government Debt (Rs.bn)	End Dec 2014	End Dec 2015 (a)
Total Domestic Debt	4,277.8	4,959.2
Total Foreign Debt	3,113.1	3,544.0
Total Government Debt	7,390.9	8,503.2

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

(a) provisional

Key Fiscal Indicators 2014- 2015

Indicator	Unit	2014	2015
Budget Deficit	Rs Mn	591,244	829,502
	% of GDP	5.7	7.4
Total Revenue	Rs Mn	1,195,206	1,454,878
	% of GDP	11.4	13.0
Tax Revenue	Rs Mn	1,050,362	1,355,779
	% of GDP	10.1	12.1
Non Tax Revenue	Rs Mn	144,844	99,099
	% of GDP	1.4	0.9
Recurrent Expenditure	Rs Mn	1,322,898	1,701,657
	% of GDP	12.7	15.2
Public Investment	Rs Mn	486,610	602,768
	% of GDP	4.7	5.4
Government Debt	Rs Mn	7,390,899	8,503,227
	% of GDP	70.7	76.0

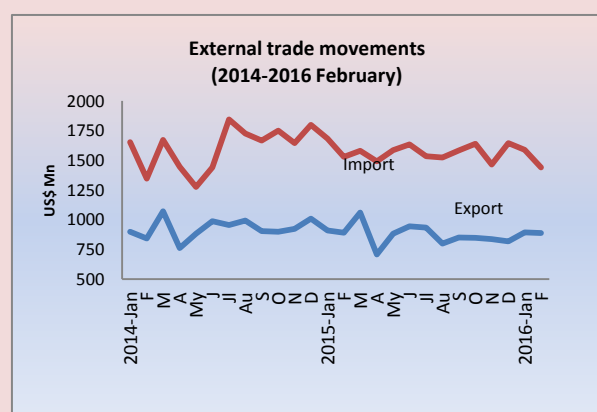
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EXTERNAL SECTOR

External Trade

Category	Feb 2015 (US\$ Mn)	Feb 2016 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)	Jan-Feb 2015 (US\$ Mn)	Jan-Feb 2016 (US\$ Mn)	Growth Rate (%)
Exports	903.0	887.7	-1.7	1,819.7	1,782.6	-2.0
Agricultural	202.9	182.1	-10.2	404.8	361.6	-10.7
Tea	108.4	101.0	-6.8	221.9	200.4	-9.7
Other	94.5	81.1	-14.2	182.9	161.2	-11.9
Industrial	695.1	701.4	0.9	1,405.7	1,413.9	0.6
Rubber Products	67.5	60.2	-10.7	131.7	131.5	-0.1
Textiles and Garments	419.9	463.1	10.3	829.7	927.5	11.8
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	20.9	30.4	45.6	42.1	52.4	24.6
Other	186.8	147.7	-20.9	402.2	302.5	-24.8
Mineral	3.8	3.0	-21.1	6.7	4.9	-26.9
Unclassified	1.3	1.1	-8.8	2.4	2.2	-9.4
Imports	1,529.5	1,439.3	-5.9	3,211.2	3,028.4	-5.7
Consumer Goods	352.5	345.6	-2.0	749.8	689.1	-8.1
Food and Beverages	145.9	122.6	-16.0	315.5	241.2	-23.5
Other Consumer Goods	206.5	223.0	8.0	434.3	447.9	3.1
Intermediate Goods	814.3	724.0	-11.1	1,656.0	1,525.2	-7.9
Petroleum	264.4	148.8	-43.7	553.6	323.6	-41.5
Textiles & Textile Articles	211.1	225.0	6.6	411.1	475.9	15.8
Other Intermediate Goods	338.8	350.2	3.4	691.3	725.7	5.0
Investment Goods	362.3	369.4	2.0	804.2	813.4	1.1
Machinery and Equipment	173.4	210.3	21.2	414.0	465.7	12.5
Transport Equipment	70.3	52.8	-24.9	161.5	105.4	-34.8
Building Material	118.1	105.9	-10.4	227.3	240.8	6.1
Other Investment Goods	0.4	0.5	32.0	1.4	1.4	-
Unclassified	0.4	0.3	-25.4	1.3	0.8	-35.8
Trade Balance	-626.5	-551.6	-11.9	-1,391.5	-1,245.8	-10.4

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

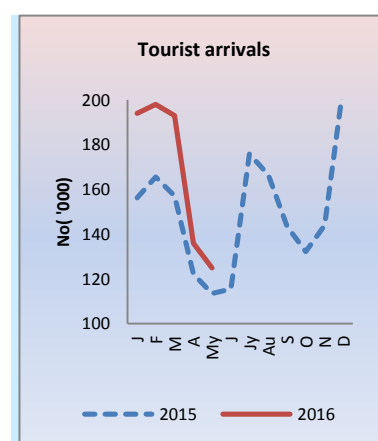


- Export earnings during January to February 2016 declined by 2.0 percent, compared to the respective period of 2015. The earnings for the month of February dropped by 1.7 percent on year on year basis, reflecting the negative contribution from agricultural and mineral exports.
- On a cumulative basis, expenditure on imports decreased by 5.7 percent for the period during January to February 2016. Expenditure on imports for the month of February 2016 recorded 5.9 percent contraction over the corresponding month of 2015 due to decline in imports of consumer and intermediate goods.

Trade deficit was US\$ 1,246Mn during January to February 2016 recording 10.4 percent decline over the same period of 2015.

Tourist Arrivals

Month	Arrivals				Earnings US\$ Mn			
	2014	2015	2016	% change 2015/16	2014	2015	2016	% change 2015/16
Jan	146,575	156,246	194,280	24.3	233.3	248.7	309.3	24.3
Feb	141,878	165,541	197,697	19.4	225.9	274.4	327.7	19.4
Mar	133,048	157,051	192,841	22.8	192.2	260.3	319.6	22.8
Apr	112,631	122,217	136,367	11.6	179.3	202.6	226.0	11.6
May	90,046	113,529	125,044	10.1	143.3	188.2	207.2	10.1
Jun	103,175	115,467			164.2	183.8		
July	133,971	175,804			213.3	279.9		
Aug	140,319	166,610			223.4	265.2		
Sep	105,535	143,374			168.0	228.2		
Oct	121,576	132,280			193.5	210.6		
Nov	119,727	144,147			190.6	229.5		
Dec	178,672	206,114			284.4	328.1		
Total	1,527,153	1,798,380	846,229*	18.4	2,431.0	2,862.9	1,402.5*	18.4



Source: Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

*Jan-Feb

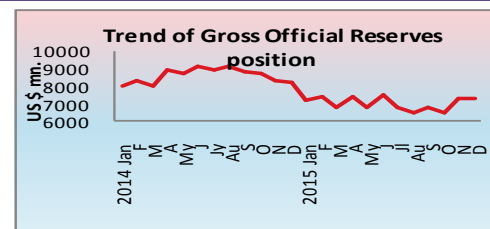
Tourism

Earnings from tourism increased to US \$ 1,402.5 Mn. during January to May 2016 with an increase of 18.4 per cent over the same period of 2015.

The number of tourist arrivals increased to 846,229 during January to May 2016, a 18.4 per cent increase compared to same period of 2015.

External Assets

External Assets (US\$ Mn)	Jan 2016	Dec 2015	Nov 2015	Jan 2015	Dec 2014	Nov 2014	Growth 2015 /2016(%)
Total Reserves	8,393	9,300	9,100	8,861	9,884	9,608	-5.9
Gross Official Reserves	6,294	7,304	7,281	7,252	8,208	8,331	-11.1



Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Official reserves

The gross official reserves and total reserves were US\$ 6.3 Bn and US\$ 8.4 Bn, respectively by end January 2016. Total foreign reserves were sufficient to 5.4 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 4.0 months of imports. Workers' remittances increased by 5.6 per cent in dollar terms to US \$ 2,393 Mn. in April 2016.

Private Remittances

Category	2015 Jan -Apr	2016 Jan -Apr (a)	% Change
Inflows US\$ Mn	2,265.4	2,392.7	5.6
Rs. Bn	300.3	344.4	14.7

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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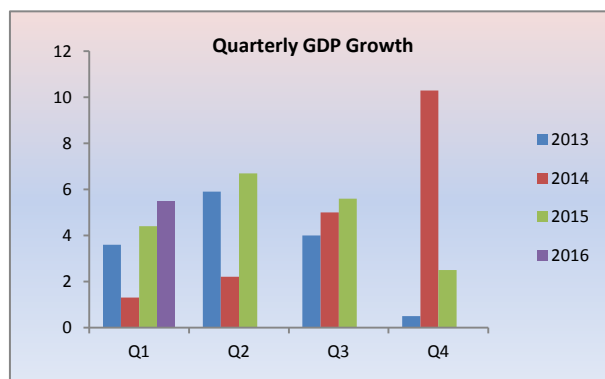
PRODUCTION

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				
Agriculture	1.9				
Industry	8.3				
Service	4.9				

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

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



GDP growth continues at a relatively high rate

The Sri Lankan economy grew by 5.5% in the first quarter of 2016 compared to the 4.4% growth recorded in the same period of 2015. The Industry sector mainly supported to this growth with 8.3% contribution while the Agriculture and Service sectors contributed to GDP by 1.9% and 4.9%, respectively.

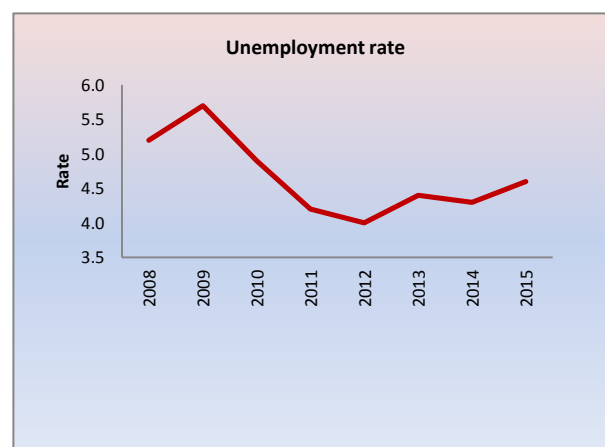
Labour Force Statistics

Employment	2014 4 th Quarter (a)	2015 4 th Quarter (a)*	2015 3 rd Quarter (a)*	2015 Annual (a)	2014 Annual (a)
Labour Force Participation Rate	52.9	53.6	53.8	53.8	53.3
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.3	5.0	4.6	4.3
Unemployment Rate					
By Gender					
Male	2.9	2.6	3.5	3.0	3.1
Female	7.2	7.6	7.8	7.6	6.1
By Age Group					
20-29	13.5	13.0	14.9	14.2	13.7
20-24	21.2	15.4	21.7	n.a.	20.0
25-29	86.9	10.9	8.8	n.a.	8.3

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

(a) Data cover the entire island

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Paddy Production

Category	2014			2015		
	2013/2014 Maha	2014 Yala	Total	2014/2015 Maha	2015 Yala	Total
Production						
Mn.Mt	2.23	1.14	3.38	2.88	1.94	4.82
Bushels Mn.	107	55	162	138	93	231
Net Extent Harvested						
Hectares ('000)	521	272	793	659	429	1,088
Acres ('000)	1,286	673	1,959	1,629	1,060	2,689
Average Yield kg per ha	4,222	4,204	4,264	4,364	4,527	4,429

Source: Department of Census & Statistics

The paddy production in 2015 increased by 43 percent to around 4.8 million mt. compared to the 3.4 million mt recorded in 2014. Average Yield per hectare for that period increased to 4,429 kg.

Tea, Rubber & Coconut Production

Category	2015 Jan-Mar	2016 Jan-Mar	% Change
Production			
Tea (Mn. Kg)	79.0	70.0	-11.4
Rubber (Mn. Kg)	28.9	28.2	-2.4
Coconut (Mn. Nuts)	733.1	778.8	6.2
Exports (US\$ Mn)			
	2015 Jan-Feb	2016 Jan-Feb	
Tea	221.9	200.4	-9.7
Rubber	4.9	6.7	36.3
Coconut	50.0	52.7	5.4
Colombo Auction Prices			
	2015 Jan	2016 Feb	
Tea (Rs./ Kg)	416.89	402.22	-3.5
Rubber (Rs./ Kg)	304.83*	228.00*	-25.2
Coconut (Rs./nut)	39.2**	43.5**	11.0

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

* Jan

** Oct

Factory Industrial Production Index (2010=100)

Item	2015 Jan	2016 Jan(a)	Growth %
Manufacture of Food Products	97.7	106.8	9.4
Manufacture of Beverages	124.2	108.1	-12.9
Manufacture of Tobacco Products	103.9	88.1	-15.1
Manufacture of Textiles	124.1	128.8	3.8
Manufacture of Wearing Apparel	161.4	172.0	6.5
Manufacture of Leather and Related Products	80.6	93.9	16.5
Manufacture of Wood products except Furniture	108.6	135.6	24.9
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	125.7	125.7	0.0
Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media	111.5	111.5	0.0
Manufacture of Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	92.7	103.8	11.9
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	70.6	38.5	-45.5
Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals	167.4	151.5	-9.5
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	132.7	132.9	0.1
Manufacture of Other Non Metallic Mineral Products	108.4	132.4	22.1
Manufacture of Basic Metals	104.6	164.4	57.1
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products	85.4	127.1	48.8
Manufacture of Electrical Equipment	118.4	107.7	-9.6
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment	95.2	92.8	-2.3
Factory Industry Production Index	118.2	122.2	3.4

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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