ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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EXCHANGE RATES (Rs. per unit)

(Rs. per unit)	Week ending Aug 30	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Avg. Middle Rate (prevailing at 9.30 a.m.)			
US$	132.45	132.34	109.89
STG	209.59	209.84	180.30
Yen	1.68	1.66	1.43
Euro	165.94	166.09	159.54
INR (1)	2.38	2.40	2.39
SDR (As at 29 August, 2012)	201.22	201.17	177.41

Central Bank purchases and sales of foreign exchange from commercial banks at market rates (US$ Mn.) - total for Month	Jun 2012	Month ago	Year ago
Purchases	325.00	19.00	100.29
Sales	38.38	62.73	7.70

	Week ending	Week ago	Year ago
Average Daily Interbank Volume (US$ Mn.) (spot, tom and cash transactions among commercial banks)	37.91	43.43	79.60
Forward Transactions			
Forward Rates (US$)2			
1 Month	133.54	133.53	110.33
3 Months	139.49	135.95	110.71
Average Daily Interbank Forward Volume (US$ mn)	11.21	12.42	33.74
Outstanding Forward Volume (US$ mn) (As at 29 August, 2012)	981.77	1,000.45	1,324.85

In nominal terms the Rupee depreciated against the STG, Yen, Euro, INR and SDR while it appreciated against US$.

(1) Central Bank indicative rate
(2) Weekly average based on actual transactions

INTEREST RATES (%)

(%)	Week ending Aug 30	Week ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR)	13.84	13.81	9.13
Treasury Bill Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)			
- 91 days	11.41	11.36	7.11
– 182 days	13.07	13.02	7.19
- 364 days	13.31	13.27	7.25
Central Bank Overnight Repurchase Rate (Repo)	7.75	7.75	7.00
Central Bank Overnight Reverse Repurchase Rate	9.75	9.75	8.50
Call Money Weekly Average (CMR)	10.55	10.54	8.01
Sri Lanka Inter Bank Offer Rate (SLIBOR)			
1 day	10.61	10.58	8.02
7 days	11.26	11.24	8.06
1 Month	12.18	12.13	8.12
3 Months	12.68	12.67	8.20
6 Months	13.65	13.64	8.31
12 Months	14.39	14.31	8.44

	July 2012	Month ago	Year ago
Saving Deposits – Commercial Banks	0.75-10.50	0.75-10.50	1.50-8.00
One Year Fixed Deposits – Commercial Banks	5.00-15.50	4.50-15.10	5.05-10.50

	August 2012	Month ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR)	8.95	8.70	6.40
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR)	11.54	11.27	8.11

	July 2012	Month ago	Year ago
Commercial Bank Average Weighted Lending Rate (AWLR)	15.02	14.88	13.74

	July 2012	Month ago	Year ago
Saving Deposits – NSB	5.00	5.00	5.00
One Year Fixed Deposits – NSB	12.50	12.00	8.50
	(02 yrs & 02 Mths)	(04 Y & 02 Mths)	(06 Y & 10 Mths)
Treasury Bonds Auction	26.07.12	26.07.12	26.07.12
Coupon rate	9.00	6.40	8.00
Weighted Average Yield (Excluding 10% withholding tax)	13.62	14.10	14.25

Call money rates remained between 10.50 to 10.55 percent during the week.
* AWPR – Average for the month of August 2012 – 13.76

Bankwise-AWPR	Week ending 30.08.12	Week Ago
Bank of Ceylon	15.01	14.75
People's Bank	15.88	16.00
Hatton National Bank	14.93	15.47
Commercial Bank Of Ceylon	14.49	14.98
Sampath Bank	14.92	14.83
Seylan Bank	16.92	16.85
Union Bank of Colombo	15.81	16.44
Pan Asia Banking Corporation	17.50	17.50
Nations Trust Bank	15.07	14.97
DFCC Vardhana Bank	15.75	15.45
NDB Bank	15.86	15.74
Amana Bank	-	-
HSBC	12.80	12.61
Standard Chartered Bank	13.61	13.13
Citi Bank	11.92	12.12
Deutsche Bank	12.43	11.94
Habib Bank	14.63	14.63
Indian Bank	15.25	15.25
Indian Overseas Bank	14.00	14.00
MCB Bank	12.75	13.67
State Bank of India	15.45	15.45
Public Bank	12.78	13.00
ICICI Bank	13.70	13.70
Axis Bank	-	-

MONEY SUPPLY

	2012(a) June	Month ago	Year ago
M1 (Rs. bn)	432.8	434.9	421.0
M2 (Rs. bn)	2,381.3	2,351.4	1,992.5
M2b (Rs. bn)	2,737.1	2,707.2	2,270.9
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn) (b)	-68.8	-27.8	271.3
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (Rs. bn)(b)	2,805.9	2,734.9	1,999.6
Net Credit to Government (Rs. bn)	1,010.3	1,024.8	734.8
Credit to Corporations (Rs. bn)	275.6	266.9	155.0
Credit to the Private Sector (Rs. bn)	2,234.9	2,215.9	1,697.9
Reserve Money (Rs. bn)	457.5	449.5	397.2
Annual Change (%)			
M1	2.8	2.8	20.8
M2	19.5	20.1	21.6
M2b	20.5	20.9	20.7
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System (b)	-125.3	-109.0	-20.7
Net Domestic Assets of the Banking System (b)	40.3	41.7	29.9
Net Credit to Government	37.5	44.7	7.4
Credit to Corporations	77.8	107.7	38.8
Credit to the Private Sector	31.6	33.5	34.3
Reserve Money	15.2	12.4	23.0

(a) Provincial
(b) In relation to M2b

COMMERCIAL PAPER ISSUES (1)

	2012 End June*	2012 End May	2011 End Dec
Total issues - Cumulative (Rs bn)	16.4	13.2	13.5
Outstanding (as at end of the period) (Rs bn)	11.7	10.2	8.1

* Provisional
(1) Based on the information provided by Licensed Commercial Banks and Licensed specialised banks.

BUYING AND SELLING PRICES OF TREASURY BONDS Quoted by primary dealers on 29/08/2012

Quoted by Primary Dealers on 29/08/2012

Bond Series	Maturity Period (Years)	Maturity D/M/Y	Average Buying Price*	Yield**	Average Selling Price*	Yield**
08.84% 2013A	2	05/10/13	95.63	13.21	95.76	13.08
09.22% 2013A	2	21/11/13	95.45	13.33	95.58	13.20
06.60% 2014A	2	01/02/14	91.18	13.61	91.33	13.49
09.00% 2014A	2	01/10/14	91.51	13.80	91.63	13.73
06.75% 2013A	3	01/09/13	94.01	13.19	94.14	13.14
08.50% 2015A	3	01/11/15	86.54	13.85	86.77	13.75
13.50% 2013A	4	01/02/13	100.17	12.94	100.24	12.76
11.50% 2013A	4	15/06/13	98.92	12.92	99.02	13.78
07.00% 2014A	4	01/03/14	91.16	13.69	91.28	13.59
06.60% 2014B	4	01/06/14	89.11	13.77	89.23	13.68
06.20% 2015A	4	15/01/15	85.01	13.80	85.19	13.70
06.20% 2015B	4	15/06/15	82.78	13.82	82.93	13.75
08.00% 2016B	4	01/06/16	82.57	14.13	82.76	14.05
11.25% 2014A	5	15/07/14	95.91	13.78	96.04	13.69
06.50% 2015A	5	15/07/15	82.95	13.88	83.13	13.79
08.00% 2016A	5	01/09/16	81.43	14.24	81.66	14.15

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE OF RICE MARANDAGAHAMULA

Item	Week ending 30.08.12	Week ago Avg	Month ago	Rs/Kg Year ago
Samba	61.75	62.20	62.98	61.83
Sudu Kekulu	48.75	48.50	50.37	50.58
Raw Red	45.63	45.90	44.25	51.92
Nadu	49.50	49.94	50.46	52.71

CREDIT CARDS *

2012(a)	2012 (a) End July	2011 End June	End Dec
Total number of Active Cards	918,216	910,122	862,352
Local (accepted only locally)	60,766	60,963	61,320
Global (accepted globally)	857,450	849,159	801,032
Outstanding balance (Rs mn)	40,483	40,241	37,637
Local (accepted only locally)	1,144	867	1,098
Global (accepted only globally)	39,339	39,374	36,539

* Issued by Licensed Commercial Banks
(a) Provisional

SHARE MARKET

	Week ending 29 Aug'12	Week ago	Year ago
All Share Price Index (1985 = 100) (ASPI)	5,114	5,038	6,837
Milanka Price Index (31.12.1998 = 1000) (MPI)	4,756	4,693	6,223
Average Daily Turnover (Rs mn)	1,059	753	1,831
Market Capitalization (Rs bn)	1,955.6	1,926.5	2,451.6

Both the All Share Price Index and Milanka Price Index have increased by 76 and 63 index points respectively. The Average Daily Turnover has increased by Rs 306 mn.

GOVERNMENT DEBT SECURITIES MARKET

Weekly Summary of Primary & Secondary Market Transactions and Weighted Average Yield Rates

Item/Week Ended		Week ending Aug 22 2012	Week ending August 15 2012
Outstanding Stock of Government Securities		Rs. Mn	Rs. Mn
T-bills	Outstanding	726,212	727,761
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	65,762	62,093
	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	77,404	76,773
T-bonds	Outstanding	2,426,797	2,420,007
	o/w, amounts held by PDs	23,888	28,772
Primary Issues	o/w, amounts held by Foreign Investors	308,034	308,034
T-bills	Amount Offered	13,000	18,000
	Total Bids Received	23,772	38,431
	Total Bids Accepted	12,737	18,182
T-bonds	Amount Offered	0	0
	Total Bids Received	0	0
	Total Bids Accepted	0	0
Latest Primary Issues			
T-bills	<= 91 days	11.36%	11.36%
	<182 days	13.02%	12.95%
	<364 days	13.27%	13.23%
T-bonds			
<2 year	Last Issue	0.00%	0.00%
2 year	Last Issue (02.08.12)	13.62%	13.62%
3 year	Last Issue (11.05.12)	13.50%	13.50%
4 year	Last Issue (02.08.12)	14.10%	14.10%
5 year	Last Issue (02.07.12)	14.15%	14.15%
6 year	Last Issue (02.08.12)	14.25%	14.25%
10 year	Last Issue (02.07.12)	14.75%	14.75%
15 year	Last Issue (01.03.11)	9.30%	9.30%
20 year	Last Issue (01.02.12)	11.00%	11.00%
Secondary Market Activities			
T-bills			
Outright Transactions	Purchased	9,226	4,569
	Sold	9,795	10,791
Repo Transactions	Repurchase	26,213	40,090
	Reverse Repurchase	4,577	3,591
T-bonds			
Outright Transactions	Purchased	5,012	3,060
	Sold	5,975	4,976
Repo Transactions	Repurchase	77,851	70,453
	Reverse Repurchase	6,939	6,450

Item/Week Ended		Week Ending August 22 2012	Week Ending August 15 2012
Secondary Market Weighted Average Yield Rates		After tax	After tax
Treasury Bills			
Purchased	<= 91 days	11.35%	11.38%
	<= 182 days	12.96%	12.90%
	<= 364 days	13.24%	13.17%
Sold	<= 91 days	11.30%	11.30%
	<= 182 days	12.92%	12.85%
	<= 364 days	13.20%	13.12%
Treasury Bonds			
Purchased	<= 1 year	0.00%	0.00%
	<= 2 year	13.82%	13.68%
	<= 3 year	13.95%	13.79%
	<= 4 year	14.28%	14.18%
	<= 5 year	14.35%	14.30%
	<= 10 year	0.00%	0.00%
	<= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
	> 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
Sold	<= 1 year	0.00%	0.00%
	<= 2 year	13.78%	13.64%
	<= 3 year	13.87%	13.73%
	<= 4 year	14.22%	14.10%
	<= 5 year	14.25%	14.25%
	<= 10 year	0.00%	0.00%
	<= 15 year	0.00%	0.00%
	> 15 year	0.00%	0.00%

Source: Primary Auctions and Primary Dealer Weekly Reporting System

OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS

	27.08. 2012	28.08. 2012	29.08. 2012	30.08. 2012
Repo Auction				
Amount Offered (Rs bn)	3.50	7.00	7.00	7.00
Bids received (Rs bn)	3.42	5.13	6.33	6.52
Amount accepted (Rs bn)	3.42	4.73	6.33	6.50
Weighted Average Yield (% p.a.)	9.43	9.43	9.43	9.43
Standing Facilities (Volumes)				
Repo (Rs bn)	0.13	1.20	2.39	4.67
Reverse Repo (Rs bn)	-	-	-	-

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES PETTAH MARKET

Week	Week Ending 29.08.12	Month Ago	Year Ago	Ago Annual Avg
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	64.00	64.00	67.13	63.26
Kekulu (Red)	47.50	47.50	49.75	51.52
Beans	90.00	90.00	90.00	124.23
Cabbage	46.00	52.50	51.25	60.04
Carrots	100.00	90.00	100.00	105.29
Tomatoes	35.00	25.00	127.50	84.35
Pumpkins	35.00	35.00	55.00	36.81
Snakegourd	60.00	60.00	55.00	49.48
Brinjals	50.00	50.00	58.75	55.93
Ash-Plantains	40.00	40.00	37.50	54.33
Red-Onions (Local)	47.50	62.50	61.25	113.60
Big-Onions (Local)	50.00	57.50	n.a	63.53
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	77.50	91.00	111.38	96.28
Dried Chillies (Imported)	178.00	178.00	178.75	239.13
Dhal (Indian)	120.00	120.00	122.50	113.15
Eggs (Red) (Each)	12.40	11.90	8.80	10.75
Coconut (Each)	27.00	26.00	24.88	34.10
Fish (Rs/Kg)*				
Kelawalla	400.00	460.00	435.00	351.20
Balaya	280.00	260.00	280.00	244.52
Salaya	130.00	120.00	133.33	112.37
Paraw (Small)	360.00	530.00	482.50	426.60

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES PETTAH MARKET

Week	Week ending 29.08.12	Month ago	Year ago	ago Annual avg
Rice (Rs/Kg)				
Samba	70.00	70.00	69.50	68.84
Kekulu (Red)	55.00	56.00	57.25	58.41
Beans	110.00	110.00	110.00	147.49
Cabbage	70.00	70.00	77.50	91.57
Carrots	120.00	110.00	122.50	131.18
Tomatoes	60.00	50.00	155.00	114.71
Pumpkins	60.00	60.00	77.50	58.24
Snakegourd	80.00	80.00	77.50	73.40
Brinjals	70.00	70.00	82.50	81.57
Ash-Plantains	60.00	60.00	57.50	76.57
Red-Onions (Local)	70.00	80.00	87.50	157.83
Big-Onions (Local)	70.00	70.00	n.a	78.89
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	100.00	110.00	127.50	115.31
Dried Chillies (Imported)	210.00	210.00	212.50	270.58
Dhal (Indian)	140.00	140.00	140.00	134.94
Eggs (Red) (Each)	12.50	12.00	9.00	11.21
Coconut (Each)	33.00	28.00	29.00	40.64
Fish (Rs/Kg)*				
Kelawalla	550.00	550.00	562.50	460.67
Balaya	360.00	360.00	365.00	331.82
Salaya	180.00	200.00	167.50	141.59
Paraw (Small)	450.00	560.00	622.50	514.77

* Prices collected from the Fisheries Trade Centre, Peliyagoda.

DAUMBULLA MARKET

Week Ending – 29 Aug, 2012 (Rs/Kg)

Food Item	Wholesale (Average)	Retail (Average)
Rice		
Samba	64.00	68.00
Kekulu (Red)	47.00	50.50
Vegetables		
Pumpkins	40.63	63.13
Snakegourd	28.13	55.63
Ash-Plantains	31.25	58.75
Beans	77.50	118.75
Carrots	95.00	125.00
Tomatoes	36.25	68.75
Other Foods		
Potatoes (N'Eliya)	70.63	102.50
Dried Chillies (Imported)	180.13	196.88
Big-Onions (Local)	48.50	n.a.
Red-Onions (Local)	57.50	78.13
Coconut (Each)	23.75	30.00

PRICE INDICES

	August 2012	Month ago	Year ago
Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) (2006/07 = 100)	165.7	166.7	151.3
Annual Average Change %	6.3	6.0	7.1
Year-on-Year Change %	9.5	9.8	7.0
Core Inflation - (CCPI) (2006/07 = 100)	161.7	161.9	152.7
Annual Average Change %	5.4	5.5	7.5
Year-on-Year Change %	5.9	6.00	7.8

	Apr 2012*	Month ago	Year ago
Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (1974 = 100)	4,476.5	4,323.3	4,598.2
Annual Average Change %	1.0	2.8	13.4

*Provisional

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	2012* Jan-July	2011 Jan-July	% Change
Tea (mn kg)	187.3	195.8	-4.4
	Jan-June	Jan-July	
Rubber (Mn Kg)	80.8	80.7	0.1
Coconuts (mn nuts)	1,495.5	1,335.6	12.0

* Provisional

EXTERNAL FINANCE

		2012(a) End Jun	2011 End Dec	% Change
External Assets				
Total Reserves (b) (c)	US $ Mn	7,414.9	7,199.0	3.0
	Rs Mn	988,432.9	819,978.0	20.0
Gross Official Reserves (b)(c)	US$ Mn	6,045.4	5,957.6	1.5
	Rs Mn	805,876.4	678,583.9	18.8

		2012(a) Jan-Jun	2011 Jan-Jun	% Change
Worker's Remittances Inflows	US$ Mn	2,942.4	2,506.6	17.4
	Rs Mn	366,328.6	276,501.2	32.5
Outflows	US$ Mn	261.7	237.2	10.3
	Rs Mn	31,095.5	26,174.2	18.8
Net	US$ Mn	2,680.6	2,269.4	18.1
	Rs Mn	335,233.1	250,327.0	33.9

(a) Provisional
(b) Excluding ACU Receipts
(c) By end June 2012, the total level of foreign reserves were equivalent to 4.33 months of imports and the gross official reserves were equivalent to 3.53 months of imports.

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Colombo Auction Price		2012 June	2011 June	% change
Tea Prices	Rs/kg	384.20	345.83	11.1
	US$/kg	2.91	3.16	-7.8
Imports (CIF)				
Rice	Rs/mt	85,641	91,887	-6.8
	US$/mt	649	838	-22.6
White sugar	Rs/mt	75,809	76,356	-0.7
	US$/mt	574	697	-17.6
Crude oil	Rs/barrel	12,755	12,188	4.7
	US$/barrel	97	111	-13.1
Wheat	Rs/mt	40,820	38,395	6.3
	US$/mt	309	350	-11.8

GOVERNMENT DEBT

	2012* End May	Month ago	Year ago
Total domestic debt (Rs bn)	3,142.5	3,121.1	2,729.7
of which			
Treasury bills	694.0	718.3	602.6
Treasury bonds	1,985.5	1,934.5	1,697.4
Rupee loans	58.4	58.4	81.2
Total foreign debt (Rs bn)	2,759.7	2,733.2	2,071.2
Total outstanding govt debt (Rs bn)	5,902.2	5,854.3	4,800.9

* Provisional
Total outstanding government debt increased by 15.0 percent compared to end December 2011.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	2012* Jan-May	2011 Jan-May
Revenue and Grants (Rs bn)	389.1	357.4
Revenue (Rs. bn)	386.7	354.3
Tax	353.3	315.8
Non tax	33.3	38.5
Grants	2.5	3.1
Expenditure & Lending Minus Repayments (Rs bn)	696.0	543.6
Current	506.4	413.1
Capital & Lending Minus Repayments	189.6	130.5

* Provisional
Total revenue and grants increased by 8.9 percent compared to the period of Jan-May 2011

TRADE INDICES** (1997 = 100)

	2012** April	(2010 = 100) Month ago	Year ago
Total exports			
Value	104.1	119.3	104.2
Quantity	97.4	128.2	95.8
Unit Value	106.9	93.1	108.7
Total Imports			
Value	128.9	155.4	133.4
Quantity	110.2	125.3	109.4
Unit Value	116.9	124.0	121.9
Terms of Trade	91.4	75.0	89.2

* In US$ Terms
** Provisional

WEEKLY CHANGE IN RESERVE MONEY

	29 Aug 2012	Week Ago	Change
Reserve Money (Rs. mn).	475,590	476,100	-510

EXTERNAL TRADE

		2012 Jan-June	2011 Jan-June	% Change
Exports	Rs mn	615,617	560,029	9.9
Agricultural		142,394	133,988	6.3
Industrial		458,639	423,768	8.2
Mineral		3,630	1,792	102.6
Other		10,952	480	2181.3
Imports	Rs mn	1,197,823	1,023,441	17.0
Consumer goods		201,658	197,601	2.1
Intermediate goods		714,087	622,351	14.7
Investment goods		280,172	201,003	39.4
Other		1,905	2,487	-23.4
Trade Balance	Rs mn	-582,206	-463,412	-25.6
Exports	US$ mn	4,965	5,076	-2.2
Agricultural		1,143	1,214	-5.9
Industrial		3,699	3,841	-3.7
Mineral		29	16	78.6
Other		94	4	2061.5
Imports	US$ mn	9,666	9,280	4.2
Consumer goods		1,624	1,791	-9.4
Intermediate goods		5,755	5,644	2.0
Investment goods		2,272	1,822	24.7
Other		16	23	-29.5
Trade Balance	US$ mn	-4,702	-4,204	-11.8

INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS

		2012 Jan-June	2011 Jan-June	% Change
Total Industrial Exports	Rs mn	458,639	423,768	8.2
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		17,338	18,612	-6.8
Textiles and apparel		245,966	222,282	10.7
Petroleum Products		28,769	32,556	-11.6
Leather, Rubber etc		57,255	48,836	17.2
Other		109,312	101,484	7.7
Total Industrial Exports	US$ mn	3,699	3,841	-3.7
Food, Beverages and Tobacco		139	169	-17.5
Textiles and Apparel		1,982	2,015	-1.6
Petroleum Products		232	295	-21.3
Leather, Rubber etc		461	443	4.2
Other		884	919	-3.9

EMPLOYMENT

	2011(a)(b) 3rd Quarter	2010(a) 3rd Quarter	2011(a)(b) Annual
Labour Force Participation rate	48.3	47.4	48.2
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.9	4.2
Employed persons by Sectors %			
Agriculture	32.8	31.3	32.9
Industry	24.1	24.4	24.3
Services and Other	43.1	44.3	42.8

(a) Data exclude Northern Province
(b) Quarterly Labour Force Survey for the 4th Quarter of 2011 was not conducted by the DCS.

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TOURISM

		2012 * Jan-July	2011 Jan-July	% change
Tourist Arrivals		543,205	465,324	16.7
Earnings from Tourism	US$ mn	560.4	451.4	24.2
	Rs mn	70,198.9	49,750.0	41.1

* Provincial

GDP by Industrial Origin at Constant (2002) Prices

Growth rate	2012* 1st Quarter	2011 1st Quarter	2011 Annual
Agriculture	11.5	-4.3	1.5
Industry	10.8	11.1	10.3
Services	5.8	9.5	8.6
GDP	7.9	8.0	8.3

*Provisional Source: Department of Census and Statistics

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY - VOLUMES (Rs. Mn)

(Rs mn)	Week ending 29 Aug'12	Week ago	Year ago
Inter-bank Call Money Turnover (a)	7,987	13,080	13,139
Central Bank Holdings(a) Treasury Bills	201,113	201,731	1,998

(a) Daily average for week

AVERAGE CRUDE OIL PRICES

Month	2011 Spot prices Brent (New York closing price) (US $/bbl)	2011 WTI (European Market) (US $/bbl)	2011 CPC Import Prices (C&F) (US $/bbl)(*)	2012 Spot prices Brent (New York closing price) (US $/bbl)	2012 WTI (European Market) (US $/bbl)	2012 CPC Import Prices (C&F) (US$/bbl)(*)
January	97.33	89.26	95.33	111.34	98.46	115.62
February	103.71	88.66	103.18	120.05	102.36	119.86
March	115.39	102.86	111.31	126.67	106.16	119.86
April	124.41	109.53	119.45	120.77	103.32	121.21
May	116.85	101.54	111.50	110.93	94.49	110.73
June	114.72	96.50	111.21	95.60	82.30	96.60
July	117.35	97.19	112.85	103.20	87.86	
August	111.14	86.33	107.74			
September	114.92	85.42	108.43			
October	110.72	86.31	107.19			
November	111.13	86.89	113.00			
December	108.93	98.57	110.57			
24 August	112.71	84.99		116.51	95.77	
27 August	-	-		114.50	95.54	
28 August	-	-		113.38	96.30	
29 August	115.20	87.18		113.29	95.50	

Sources: Reuters, Energy Information Administration (web site), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation.
(*) CPC import prices are not directly comparable with spot prices of WTI and Brent due to: CPC prices include freight charges, CPC price is weighted average price of different type of crude oil, part of imports of CPC are on term contract basis.

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NARAHENPITA ECONOMIC CENTRE (Rs/Kg) Retail Prices

	Item 29.08.12	Average Week Ago
Rice		
Samba	68.00	68.00
Kekulu (Red)	54.00	50.00
Beans	90.00	100.00
Cabbage	86.67	80.00
Carrots	120.00	120.00
Tomatoes	80.00	80.00
Pumpkins	70.00	70.00
Snakegourd	80.00	80.00
Brinjals	80.00	80.00
Ash-Plantains	80.00	80.00
Red-Onions (Imported)	n.a.	n.a.
Big-Onions (Imported)	n.a	70.00
Potatoes (Imported)	80.00	80.00
Dried Chillies (Imported)	220.00	220.00
Dhal (Indian)	136.67	150.00
Eggs (Red) (Each)	13.50	11.50
Coconut (Each)	30.00	35.00
Fish		
Kelawalla	800.00	880.00
Balaya	n.a.	400.00
Salaya	160.00	220.00
Paraw (Small)	840.00	850.00

WAGE RATE INDICES

	2012 (a) July	2011 July	% Change
Central Government Employees (1978 = 100) (b)	5,304.7	4,964.5	6.9
Workers in Wages Boards Trades (1978 = 100)	3,662.8	2,936.4	24.7
Agriculture	4,434.3	3,337.0	32.9
Industry & Commerce	2,402.1	2,402.1	0.0
Services	1,851.8	1,851.8	0.0

(a) Provisional
(b) Non-executive officers and minor employees

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

	2012* May	2011 May	% Change
Industrial Production Index (IPI)(a) (2010 = 100)	112.8	108.3	4.2
	Jan-Dec 2011	Jan-Dec 2010	
Public Sector Major Industrial Output Index (1997 = 100)	85.5	70.7	21.0

* Provisional
(a) IPI based on ISIC Revision 4 Classification

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