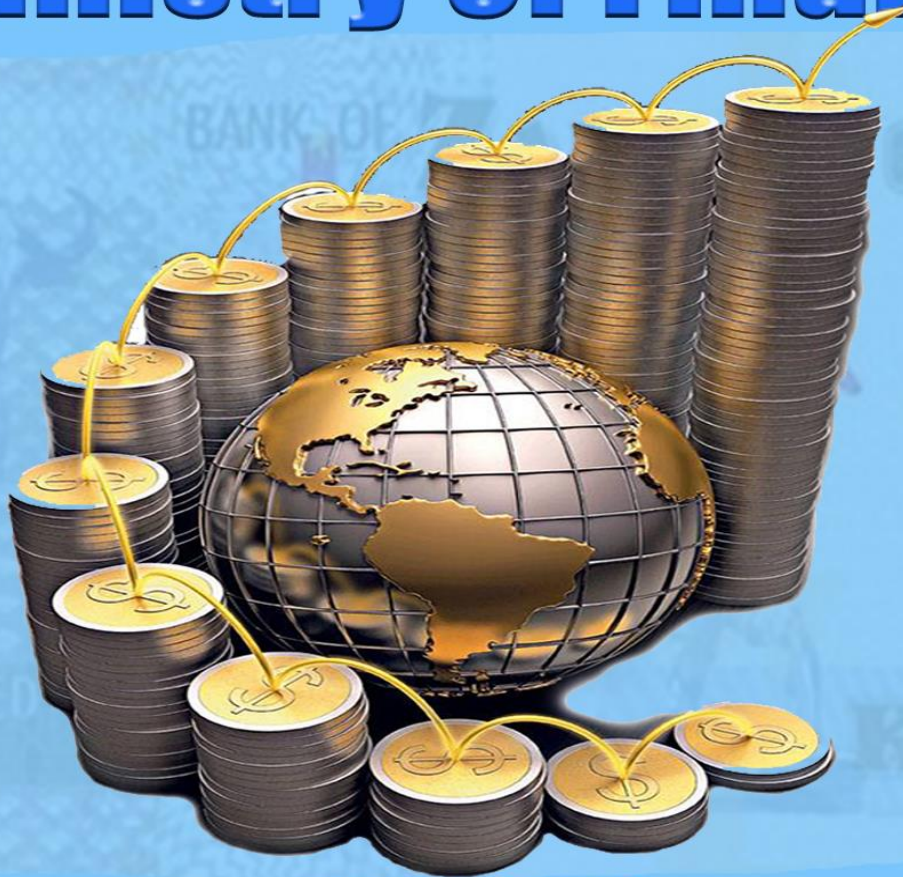




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FOREWORD

Monthly Economic Indicators (MEIs) is a monthly report produced with a month lag and spearheaded by the Modelling and Forecasting team of the Economic Management Department in the Ministry of Finance.

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This publication covers economic indicators of the four main sectors of the economy, namely; real, external, monetary and fiscal sectors (central government operations). The MEI also includes a commentary on other key economic indicators such as sovereign bond trading.

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Executive Summary

Economic Highlights for Selected indicators for the Month of March 2017

- Growth for 2017, is projected to be above 3.5%. Risks to growth projections include; the impact of increase in electricity tariffs may lead to high cost of production which may impede price stability and general productivity in the economy.
- Annual Inflation continued with a downward trend in March 2017 at 6.7 % from 6.8 % in February 2017. Month-on-month inflation reduced to 0.3 in March 2017 representing a reduction of 0.7 from 1.0 in February 2017.
- The exchange rate in March 2017 appreciated against major trading currencies. Month-on-month basis, the Kwacha strengthened against the US Dollar in March 2017 to an average of K9.60 /US\$ from K9.76/US\$ in February 2017 representing a 1.7% appreciation.
- Copper output increased in March 2017 by 14.93% to 61,364Mt from 53,390 Mt in February 2017.
- Copper prices went down by 1.97% in March 2017 averaging US\$5,825/ton from US\$5,942/ton in February 2017.
- External debt stock as at end March was at US\$7,238 million while domestic debt stock was at K38,631 Million as at end March 2017 from US\$7,049 and K36,030 in February respectively.
- Electricity generation and consumption in March 2017 increased by 20.36% and 11.38% to 1,202,341Mwh and 987,671Mwh from 998,954Mwh and 886,723Mwh in February 2017 respectively. Electricity imports reduced by 6.07% while Electricity exports increased by 80 % in March 2017.
- Crude oil prices fell by 6.34% in March 2017 averaging US\$51.97 per barrel from US\$54.49 per barrel in March 2017.
- Domestic revenue collection in March 2017 at K2,903 million was below the target of K3,266 million while total expenditures at K5,298 million were above projection of K5,141 million.
- Metal exports and Non-traditional exports both increased in February 2017 to K6,101 million from K5,586 million in January 2017 and from K1,217 million in January to K1,502 million in February respectively. The Trade deficit worsened to K1,141 million from K276 million registered in January 2017.
- Other financial indicators such as lending rate marginally reduced by 0.62% from 28.94 in February 2017 to 28.76 in March 2017.
- Performance of the Zambian Sovereign bonds on the secondary market in the recent past bonds have returned to a favourable trajectory. As of 21st March 2017, investors were offering US\$93.8 for the US\$750 million bond, US \$105.25 for the US \$1 million and US\$ 105.754 US \$1.25 billion bond from US\$92.5, US\$102.88 and US\$103.75 as at 28th February respectively.

Table1: Summary of Selected Monthly indicators

Indicators	Feb-17	Mar-17	% Change
Commodity Prices			
Crude Oil (US\$/bl) average	55.49	51.97	(6.34)
Copper (US\$/Ton-average)	5,942	5,825	(1.97)
Coal (US\$/ton)	86.3	86.4	0.07
Gold(US\$/Ounce)	1,234	1,231	(0.23)
Mining Production & Sales			
Copper Production (MT)	53,390	56,100	5.08
Cement Production (Mt)	122,215	134,679	10.20
Coal Production (Mt)	5,024	3,070	(38.89)
Coal sales (Mt)	14,378	9,092	(36.76)
Emeralds Production (Kg)	6,633	-	(100.00)
Gold Production (Kg)	398	202	(49.19)
Energy			
Electricity Generation (Mwh)	998,954	1,202,341	20.36
Electricity consumption	886,723	987,671	11.38
Electricity Imports (Mwh)	59,926	56,289	(6.07)
Electricity Exports (Mwh)	46,317	83,593	80.48
Budget Performance			
Domestic Revenues (K'Million)*	2,763	2,903	5.10
Expenditure (K'Million)*	3,581	5,298	47.94
Fiscal deficit (K'million)	(818)	(2,321)	183.55
Domestic debt stock (K'Million)	36,030	38,631	7.22
External Debt stock (US\$ Million)	7,049	7,238	2.68
Other financial Indicators			
Consumer Price Index	193	194	0.32
Inflation-end Period	6.8	6.7	(1.59)
Kwacha/US\$ -period average	9.76	9.60	(1.70)
Lending rate-Period average	28.94	28.76	(0.62)
LuSE Index (excluding ZCCM-IH)	4,229	4,414	4.38

** Annual projection –adjusted in Q3

*Preliminary

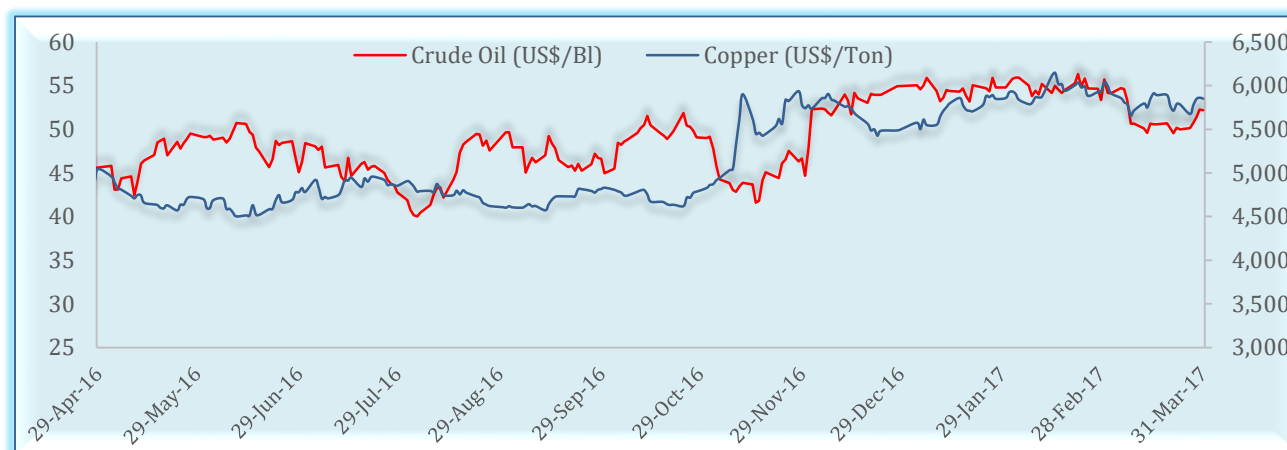
2.0: Selected Global Indicators

Table 2.1: Global Growth Estimates and Projections, 2015-2018

	ESTIMATES		PROJECTIONS	
	2015	2016	2017	2018
World Output	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.6
Advanced Economies	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.0
Other Advanced Economies	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.4
Emerging Market and Developing Economies	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.8
Sub-Saharan Africa	3.4	1.4	2.6	3.5

Source: IMF World Economic Outlook, March 2017

Figure 2.1: Average Copper and Crude Oil Prices, April 2016- March 2017



Source: 2016- IMF, LME, Index Mundi.
Oil prices- average of Brent, Dubai & WTI.

Table 2.2: Average Copper and Crude Oil Prices, April 2016- March 2017

	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
Average copper Price (US\$/Ton)	4,873	4,695	4,642	4,865	4,752	4,722	4,731	5,451	5,660	5,737	5,941	5,825
Average Crude oil Price (US\$/Bl)	42.25	47.13	47.69	45.07	46.14	46.19	49.73	46.44	54.07	54.89	55.49	51.97

Source: 2016- IMF, LME, Index Mundi
Oil prices -average of Brent, Dubai & WTI

Table 2.3: Food Price Index, April 2016- March 2017

Date	Food Price index	% change	Meat	% change	Dairy	% change	Cereals	% change	Oils	change	Sugar	% change
Apr-16	152	0.53	147	0.14	127	-2.23	150	1.49	166	4.13	215	-1.73
May-16	156	2.64	152	3.55	128	0.47	152	1.67	163	-1.86	240	11.66
Jun-16	163	4.88	158	4.28	138	7.73	157	3.02	162	-0.73	276	14.81
Jul-16	162	-0.92	160	1.01	142	3.19	148	-5.61	157	-2.96	279	0.98
Aug-16	166	2.29	162	1.44	155	8.64	144	-3.04	169	7.44	286	2.48
Sep-16	171	3.20	164	0.80	176	13.84	141	-1.88	172	1.78	305	6.72
Oct-16	173	0.99	163	-0.06	183	3.86	142	0.99	168	-2.38	315	3.44
Nov-16	171	-0.75	163	-0.06	186	1.97	141	-0.63	176	4.59	287	-8.94
Dec-16	172	0.29	162	-1.10	193	3.33	142	0.50	183	4.21	263	-8.53
Jan-17	174	1.16	157	-2.97	193	0.21	147	3.45	186	1.80	289	9.86
Feb-17	161	2.49	194	0.62	151	2.45	179	-4.08	290	0.62	161	2.49
Mar-17	171	-2.56	163	1.62	190	-2.27	148	-1.86	168	-6.21	257	-11.64

Source: FAO

3.0: Domestic Growth Projection

Table 3.1: Percentage Changes in G.D.P. by kind of economic activity -2010 Constant prices, 2014-2019

CONSTANT 2010 PRICES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	Final		Prelim	Projections		
Primary sector	-0.9	-3.3	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.4
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	1.1	-7.7	-0.5	2.5	2.7	2.9
Mining and Quarrying	-2.3	0.2	7	4.9	4.7	5.4
Secondary sector	7.7	10.5	5.2	4.8	5.0	6.7
Manufacturing	6.5	5.4	2.6	5.2	4.2	4.9
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1.9	-1.5	-6	4.0	9.5	9.7
Water supply; sewerage, waste management & remediation activities	-7.9	-6.7	-3.9	-3.0	-2.0	1.0
Construction	10.6	18.0	9.3	4.7	5.1	7.9
Tertiary sector	5.6	2.2	2.9	3.9	4.2	4.5
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	3.4	1.5	0.1	3.0	3.5	3.7
Transportation and storage	6.6	0.6	-4	3.3	3.4	3.5
Accommodation and food service activities	4.0	-0.1	1	5.0	2.5	3.0
Information and communication	7.5	2.5	18.7	3.5	4.0	5.0
Financial and Insurance Activities	15.1	12.1	-2.6	9.4	9.5	9.6
Real estate activities	2.6	3.1	3.1	2.0	2.3	2.5
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	4.5	2.0	9.9	3.6	4.0	5.0
Education	10.9	0.5	5.8	5.1	5.1	5.1
Human health and social work activities	10.9	2.9	0.8	3.1	3.2	3.2
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14.6	3.8	-0.6	4.0	4.1	4.2
Other service activities	2.4	3.1	3.3	4.1	5.1	6.1
Total for the Economy	5.0	3.2	3.6	8.2	7.8	6.0
Taxes less subsidies on products	-4.8	5.4	0.7	2.3	2.3	2.3
GDP at Market Prices	4.7	2.9	3.4	3.9	4.1	4.7

Source: Central Statistics Office and Ministry of Finance

** Projections

Table 3.2: G.D.P. by kind of Economic activity –Current Prices, 2015- 2019

CURRENT PRICES	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	Final		Projections		
Primary sector	32,378	36,181	36,679	38,980	41,447
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	9,134	10,137	12,049	12,979	13,869
Mining and quarrying	23,244	26,044	24,629	26,001	27,578
Secondary sector	38,478	48,028	47,443	52,449	58,708
Manufacturing	13,794	15,936	18,809	20,562	22,457
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	5,664	8,056	5,813	6,773	7,881
Water supply; sewerage, waste management & remediation activities	373	486	394	411	441
Construction	18,646	23,550	22,427	24,702	27,930
Tertiary sector	103,098	122,581	135,334	148,290	161,839
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	40,861	47,735	53,752	58,541	63,440
Transportation and storage	7,267	9,871	9,857	10,659	11,425
Accommodation and food service activities	3,075	3,210	3,845	4,153	4,495
Information and communication	5,330	5,511	6,350	6,740	7,198
Financial and insurance activities	7,099	11,348	10,284	11,779	13,442
Real estate activities	8,841	10,295	10,566	11,502	12,507
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	8,103	9,589	9,837	10,435	10,957
Education	14,383	16,676	20,310	22,996	25,884
Human health and social work activities	2,404	2,543	3,047	3,286	3,544
Arts, entertainment and recreation	570	658	773	855	943
Other service activities	885	890	1,168	1,292	1,433
total for the economy	173,953	206,790	219,456	239,718	261,995
Taxes less subsidies on products	9,428	10,036	13,667	15,503	17,173
GDP at Market Prices	183,381	216,826	233,123	255,221	279,167

Source: Central Statistics Office and Ministry of Finance

** Projections based data up to Q3 2016

Table 3.3: Quarterly GDP growth rates by Industry at Constant 2010 Prices, Q1 2015 to Q4 2016

INDUSTRY	2015 (K'Million)				2016(K'million)				Quarterly Average
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1*	Q2*	Q3*	Q4**	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-8.5	-7.8	-6.1	-7.7	3.1	-1	0.7	-4.8	-0.5
Mining and quarrying	-4.7	17.1	-2	-6.1	8	7.5	5	7.8	7.1
Manufacturing	5.1	1.8	8.7	6.2	1.1	4.4	3.7	1.3	2.6
Electricity generation	8.8	7.2	-2.9	-18.9	-15.4	-16.9	-3.2	17.5	-4.5
Water supply; sewerage	-6.4	-3.9	-8	-8.2	-2.9	-3.7	-3.5	-5.6	-3.9
Construction	37.4	20.5	3.8	15.4	9.1	11.7	14.8	3.3	9.7
Wholesale and retail trade	1.8	-1.2	3.7	1.5	0.8	-1	-1.4	2	0.1
Transportation and storage	25.8	-11.5	14.5	-20	-9.1	-3.5	-7	5	-3.7
Accommodation and food services	2	1.3	-2.5	-0.6	-0.7	-1.3	2.1	3.6	0.9
Information and communication	-5	-8.5	19.2	3.5	7.1	56.2	16.7	-2.1	19.5
Financial and insurance	3.7	7.6	21.6	14.9	4.7	4.8	-9.2	-8.2	-2.0
Real estate	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.9	3	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.1
Professional, scientific and	2.2	7.1	-1.8	-2.6	4.5	5	8.3	3.9	5.4
Administrative and support service	-3.3	6.2	5.1	8.4	7.8	7.3	7.9	4.3	6.8
Public administration and defense	1.8	1.2	0.4	4.7	10.2	10.5	11.3	7.6	9.9
Education	2.5	0.3	-1	0.3	3.8	4.5	5.3	9.6	5.8
Human health and social work	8.2	3	0.1	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.5	0.8	0.9
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1.5	-9.9	5.6	18.4	6.9	8.4	-9.9	2.3	1.9
Other services	2.4	3	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3
Total Value Added for the	4	2.6	3.5	1.1	3.3	5	3.4	2.8	3.6
Taxes less subsidies	6.9	3.1	7.6	4.3	2.5	-0.2	-1.1	2	0.8
GDP at market prices	4.1	2.6	3.8	1.3	3.2	4.7	3.1	2.7	3.4

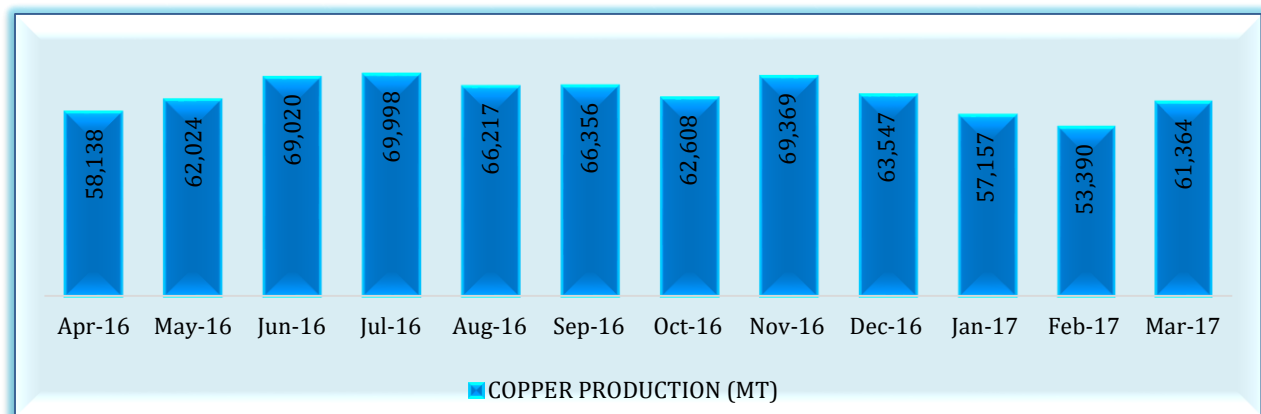
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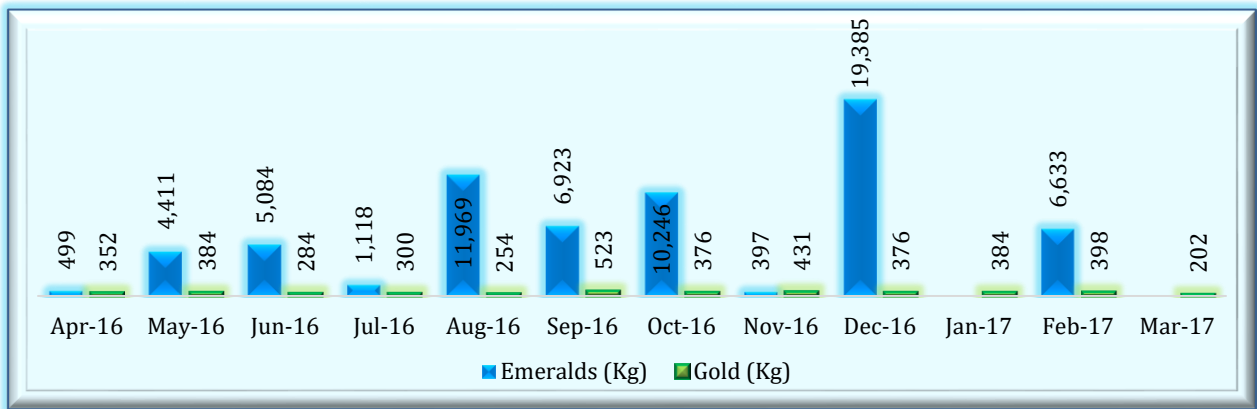
4.0: Mineral Production

Figure 4.1: Copper Production (Mt) April 2016- March 2017



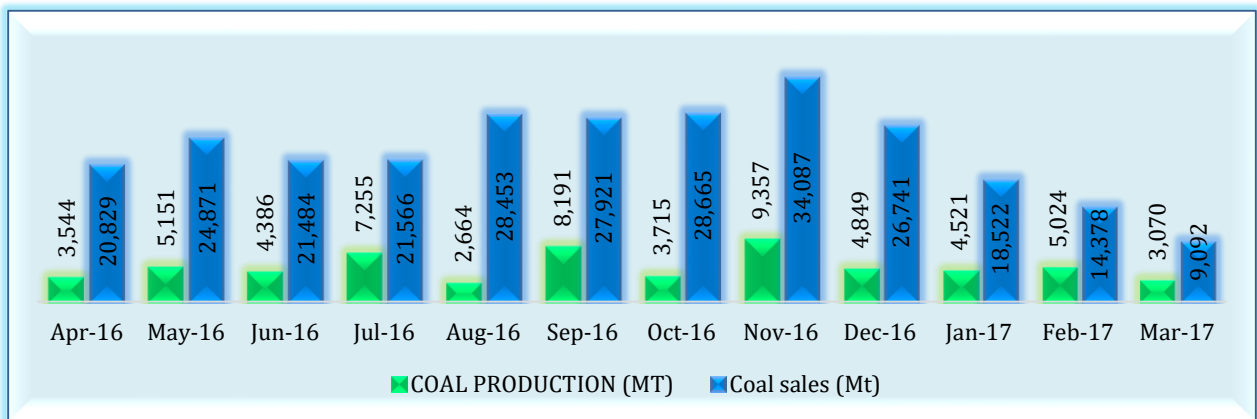
Source: Ministry of Mines and Mineral Development

Figure 4.2: Emeralds & Gold Production April 2016- March 2017



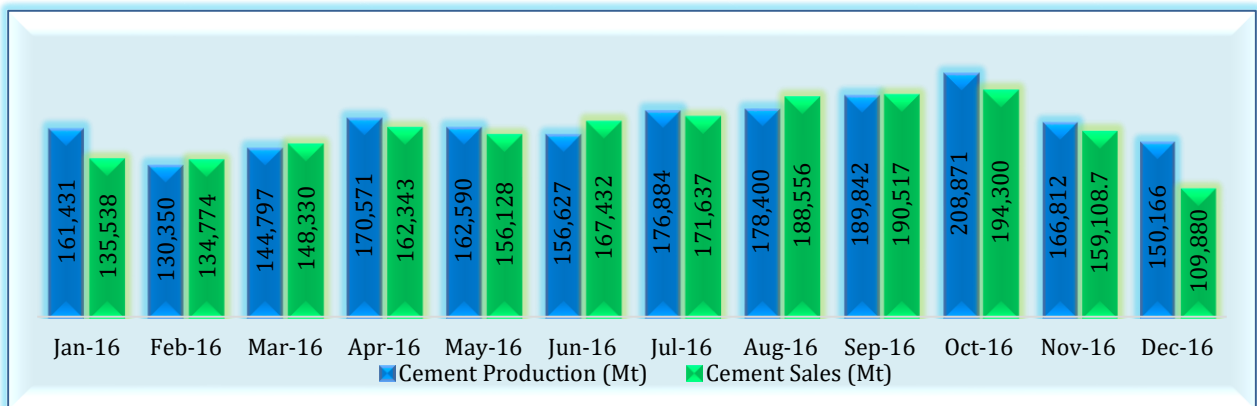
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Figure 4.3: Coal Production and Sales (Mt), April 2016- March 2017



Source: Ministry of Mines and Mineral Development

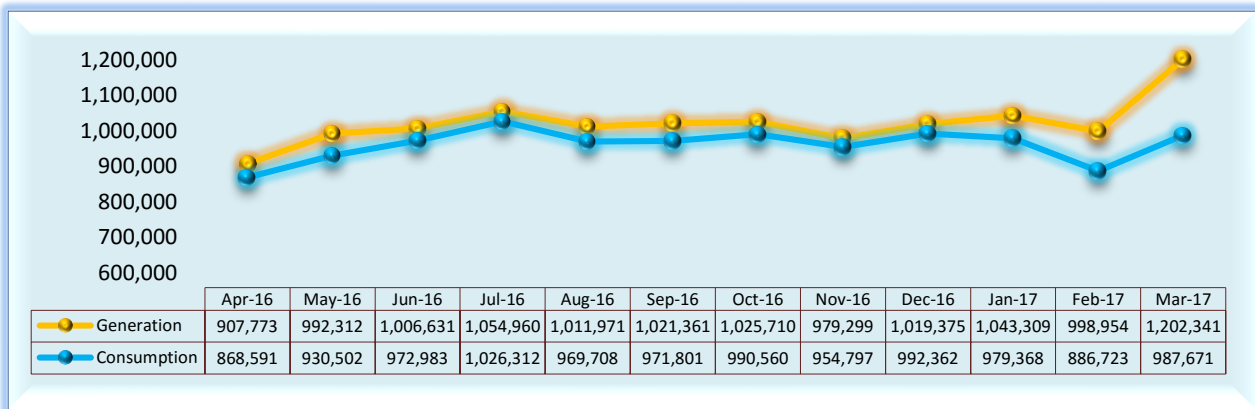
Figure 4.4: Cement Production and Sales (Mt), January, 2016- December, 2016.



Source: Ministry of Mines and Mineral Development and Bank of Zambia

5.0: Energy

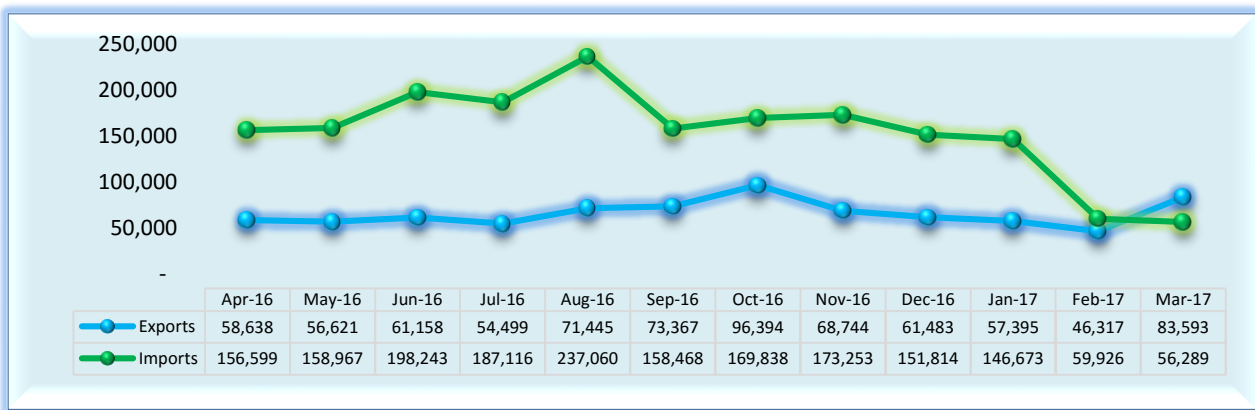
Figure 5.1: Electricity Generation and Consumption (Mwh) April 2016- March 2017



Source: Zesco

*Generation numbers include Lusemfwa, Maamba and Ndola Energy

Figure 5.2: Electricity Export and Imports (Mwh), April 2016- March 2017



Source: Zesco

*export numbers have been revised

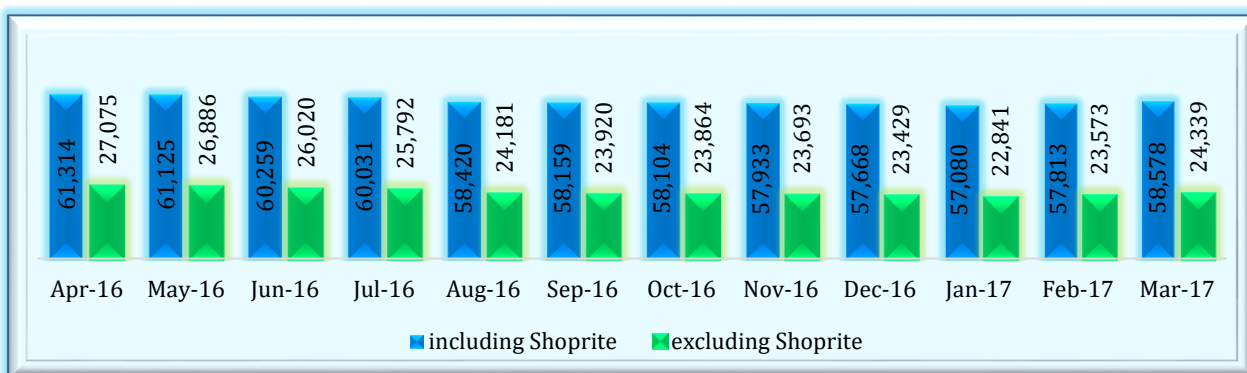
Table 5.1: Petroleum Consumption by Product ('000), March 2016- February 2017

	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-16	Feb-17	Mar-17
Diesel & LSD (L)	76,731	82,567	82,620	78,631	79,813	87,104	81,258	80,447	74,007	65,760	60,765	66,934
Petrol (L)	39,113	39,038	39,380	36,478	39,460	36,739	37,606	34,081	38,827	33,559	30,127	35,539
Kerosene (L)	1,918	1,398	1,992	1,397	1,994	2,160	1,603	1,436	1,017	1,087	2,546	1,436
Jet-A1 (L)	2,648	3,430	2,936	3,643	3,089	2,535	2,370	2,275	2,778	2,424	2,265	2,327
Heavy Fuel Oils (Kg)	8,081	8,692	9,225	8,928	7,567	7,712	7,460	706	11,284	5,661	8,215	9,102
LP Gas (Kg)	216	210	242	191	220	312	249	177	230	484	313	642

Source: Energy Regulation Board

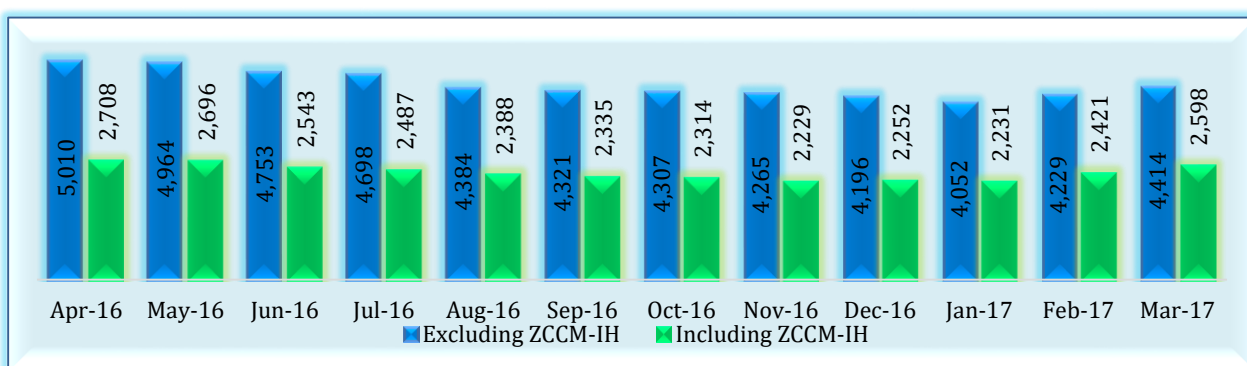
6.0: Other Financial Indicators

Figure 6.2: LUSE Market Capitalization (K'Million), April 2016- March 2017



Source: Lusaka Stock Exchange

Figure 6.1: LuSE All Share Index April 2016- March 2017



Source: Lusaka Stock Exchange

7.0: Fiscal Performance

Table 7.1: Revenue Performance (K'000), March 2017

	2017		March	March
Central Government Operations	Approved	Outturn to date	Projections	Preliminary
I Revenue and Grants	45,171,256	9,270,359	3,594,858	2,976,071
II Revenue and Direct Budget Support	45,171,256	9,270,359	3,594,858	2,976,071
III Domestic Revenue	42,939,787	9,131,022	3,408,903	2,902,312
1. Tax Revenue	42,939,787	9,131,022	3,408,903	2,902,312
a. Income Tax	35,266,329	7,548,265	2,653,282	2,476,189
Company Tax	17,756,976	3,792,724	1,178,948	1,073,550
Pay As You Earn (PAYE)	4,858,306	793,033	96,250	103,399
Other Income tax - Withholding Tax	9,815,290	2,203,114	819,139	726,122
b. Value Added Tax (VAT)	3,083,380	796,578	263,559	244,028
Domestic Value-Added Tax (VAT)	9,463,335	2,308,662	844,268	918,039
VAT on Imports	753,073	470,041	62,756	224,821
c. Insurance Premium Levy	8,710,262	1,838,621	781,512	693,218
d. Customs and Excise Duties	53,399	23,478	3,950	6,866
Customs Duty	7,924,207	1,419,477	619,745	476,476
Excise Duties	3,224,203	701,160	263,777	247,654
e. Export Duties	4,700,004	718,317	355,968	228,822
2. Non Tax Revenue	68,413	3,924	6,370	1,259
a. Total User fees, fines and Charges	7,673,458	1,582,757	755,621	426,123
c. Mineral Royalty	4,136,241	751,412	435,381	145,952
d. Farmer Input Recoveries (FISP)	1,890,944	771,317	157,763	251,133
e. FRA-Proceeds from Crop Sales	531,089	-	-	-
IV Grants	650,000	-	126,543	-

Source: Ministry of Finance

Table 7.2: Expenditure (K'000), March 2017

	2017		March	March
	Approved	Outturn to date	Projected	Preliminary
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (Inc Amor)	64,510,302	13,544,421	5,378,633	5,538,287
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	61,451,332	12,974,819	5,141,466	5,297,861
o/w Domestically Financed	52,021,055	12,912,384	4,393,770	5,253,228
EXPENSES	47,099,386	11,637,198	3,805,756	4,605,148
Personal Emoluments	20,055,107	4,744,685	1,682,758	1,640,535
Use of Goods and Services	5,732,785	1,471,374	469,148	848,572
Interest Payments	8,407,567	2,409,372	541,236	695,427
Domestic Debt	4,159,306	1,412,462	319,105	411,062
External Debt	4,248,261	996,910	222,131	284,365
Grants and Other Payments	9,659,427	2,476,725	786,697	1,098,906
Local Government Equalization Fund	887,849	207,726	73,988	73,987
Fuel Payment Arrears	500,000	350,000	-	163,381
ZESCO Electricity Subsidy	661,798	307,227	120,000	256,977
Zambia Revenue Authority	768,664	181,797	111,236	64,000
Farmer Input Support Programme	2,824,339	420,900	150,000	100,000
Social Benefits	2,207,000	385,041	262,917	211,708
Pension Fund	1,655,000	241,250	221,250	151,250
Other Expenses	1,037,500	150,000	63,000	110,000
ASSETS	12,197,944	923,284	1,132,489	495,715
Non Financial Assets	12,018,207	904,284	1,096,375	495,715
Rural Electrification Programme	114,516	58,626	13,180	56,000
Roads	2,704,101	621,537	271,213	285,378
Water and Sanitation	275,185	300	37,000	-
Ordinary	1,195,696	223,821	150,000	154,337
Financial Assets	179,736	19,000	36,114	-
LIABILITIES	2,154,002	414,337	203,221	196,998
FISCAL BALANCE: Surplus(+)/Deficit(-)	(16,280,076)	(3,704,460)	(1,546,608)	(2,321,791)
FINANCING	16,280,076	3,851,223	1,397,815	2,531,581
Net Domestic Financing	3,026,200	3,175,946	(10,000)	1,527,128
Domestic Financing	3,836,200	3,175,946	150,000	1,527,128
Amortisation	(810,000)	-	(160,000)	-
Net External Financing	13,253,876	675,278	1,407,815	1,004,454
Project	7,469,513	-	524,982	-
Amortisation	(2,248,971)	(569,602)	(77,167)	(240,426)

Source: Ministry of Finance

8.0: Public Debt

Figure 8.1: External Debt Stock (US\$ Million) April 2016- March 2017



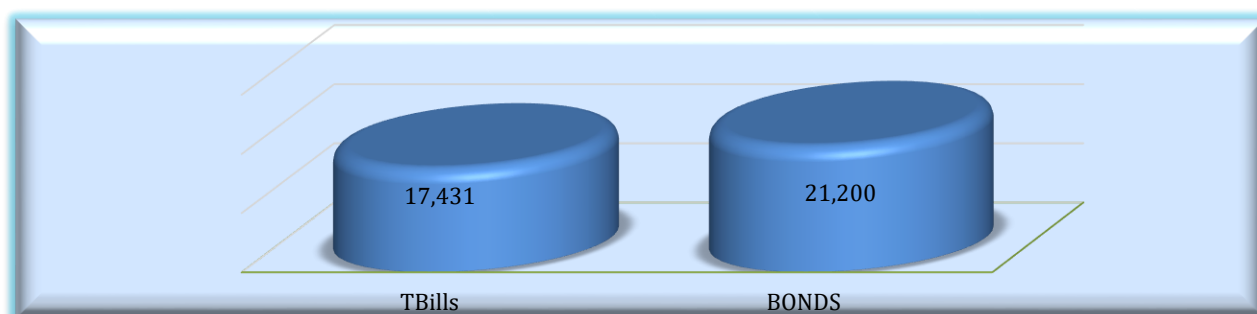
Source: Ministry of Finance

Table 8.1: External Debt Service (US\$) April 2016- March 2017

	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	Total
16-Apr	11,057,279	51,509,751	62,567,030
16-May	1,582,067	8,991,065	10,573,132
16-Jun	15,804,057	1,411,330	17,215,387
16-Jul	24,729,305	13,562,111	38,291,416
16-Aug	13,832,498	57,103,703	70,936,201
16-Sep	16,201,611	21,306,927	37,508,537
16-Oct	7,605,581	51,612,344	59,217,926
16-Nov	618,512	11,728,208	12,346,720
16-Dec	9,838,120	1,494,629	11,332,749
17-Jan	24,608,670	69,573,821	94,182,490
17-Feb	3,376,400	3,424,498	6,800,898
17-Mar	16,704,115	26,476,840	43,180,954

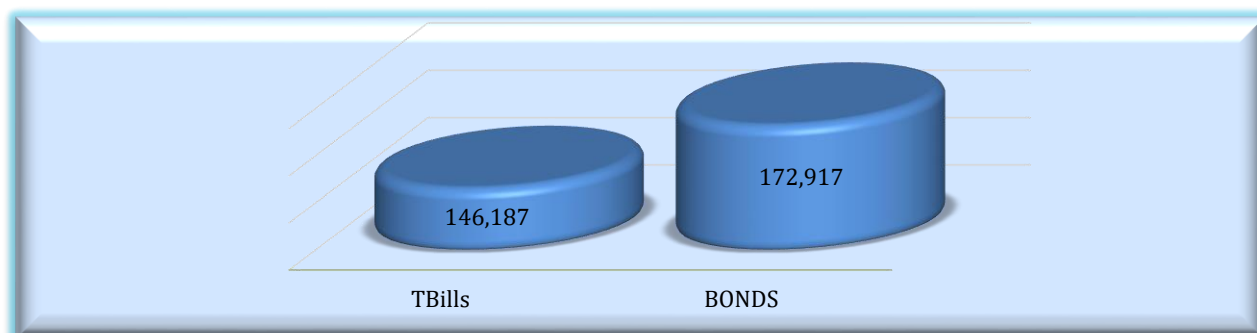
Source: Ministry of Finance

Figure 8.2: Government Securities Outstanding Stock (K'Million) March 2017



Source: Ministry of Finance

Figure 8.3: Interest Payments on Government Securities (K'000) March 2017



Source: Ministry of Finance

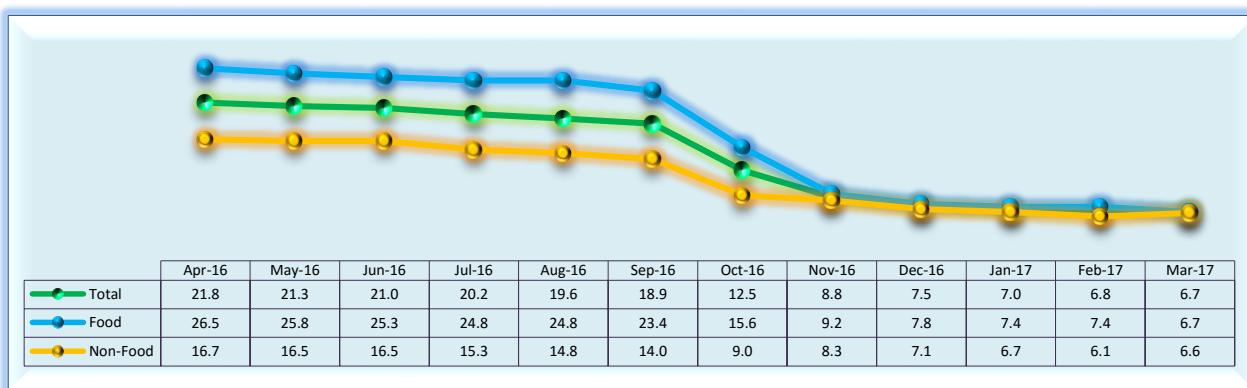
Table 8.2: Trend in Domestic Debt Stock and Debt Service, April 2016- March 2017

	PRINCIPAL (K'Million)			INTEREST (K'000)		
	T-bills	BONDS	Total	T-bills	BONDS	Total
16-Apr	10,687	12,598	23,285	141,334	17,728	159,062
16-May	10,737	13,662	24,399	163,349	30,443	193,793
16-Jun	10,931	13,526	24,457	146,573	65,821	212,394
16-Jul	10,653	13,526	24,179	102,234	11,795	114,029
16-Aug	10,464	14,931	25,395	236,401	214,979	451,380
16-Sep	10,492	14,931	25,423	201,823	197,354	399,177
16-Oct	11,197	14,931	26,128	231,972	14,571	246,543
16-Nov	11,844	17,804	29,648	99,386	352,264	451,649
16-Dec	13,174	19,809	32,984	132,626	11,480	144,106
17-Jan	14,830	19,701	34,531	204,660	14,866	219,527
17-Feb	16,262	19,768	36,030	199,051	412,584	611,635
17-Mar	17,431	21,200	38,631	146,187	172,917	319,105

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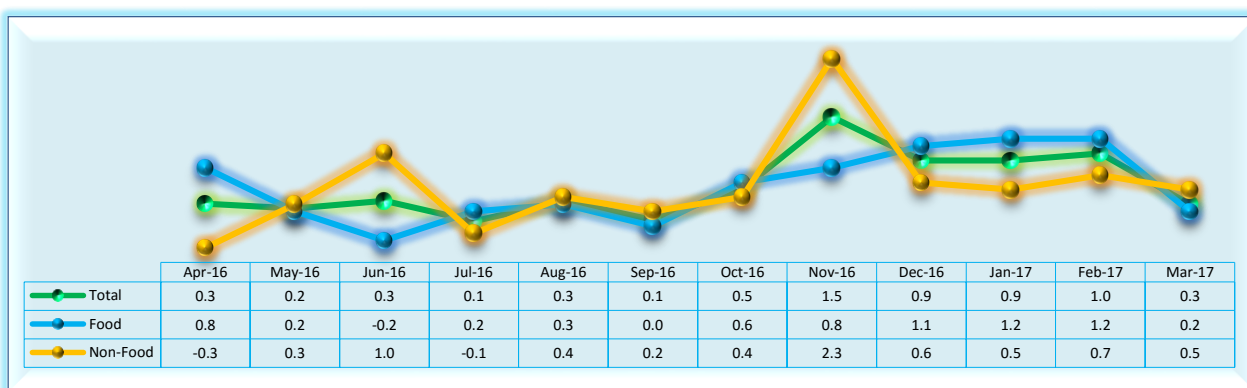
9: Inflation Trends

Figure 9.1: Trends in Annual Inflation rates, Food & Non-Food, April 2016- March 2017



Source: Central Statistics Office

Figure 9.2: Trends in Monthly Inflation Rate, Food & Non-Food, April 2016- March 2017



Source: Central Statistics Office

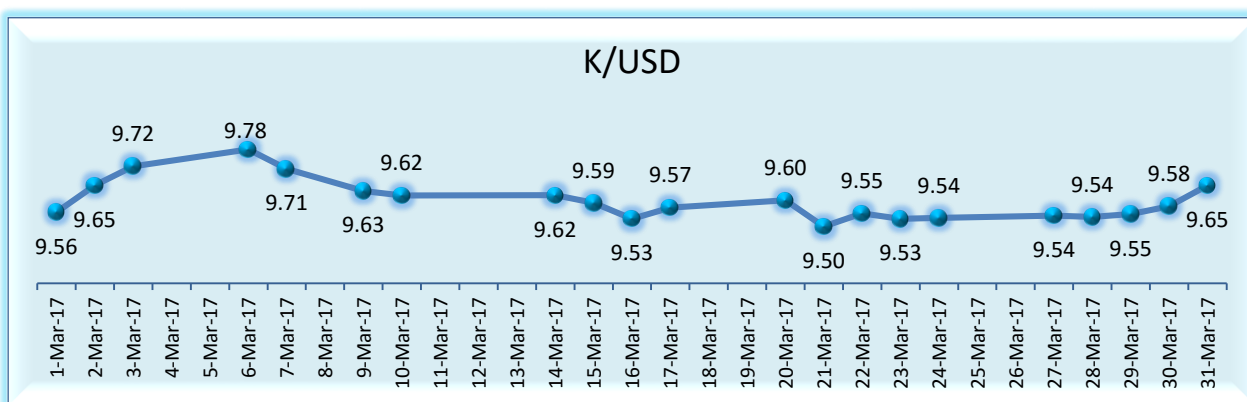
10.0: Exchange Rate Trends

Table 10.1: Exchange Rates, April 2016- March 2017

	K/USD		K/GBP		K/ZAR	
	End of Period	Period Average	End of Period	Period Average	End of Period	Period Average
Apr-16	9.60	9.74	14.05	13.95	0.68	0.67
May-16	10.43	10.05	15.28	14.60	0.66	0.65
Jun-16	9.93	10.70	13.31	15.23	0.67	0.71
Jul-16	10.25	9.90	13.56	13.03	0.73	0.69
Aug-16	9.53	10.01	12.49	13.13	0.65	0.73
Sep-16	9.94	9.98	12.89	13.13	0.72	0.71
Oct-16	9.70	9.88	11.79	12.20	0.71	0.71
Nov-16	9.90	9.82	12.35	12.21	0.71	0.70
Dec-16	9.90	9.85	12.20	12.27	0.72	0.71
Jan-17	9.95	9.93	12.43	12.25	0.74	0.73
Feb-17	9.48	9.76	11.77	12.20	0.73	0.74
Mar-17	9.68	9.60	11.97	11.84	0.75	0.74

Source: Bank of Zambia

Figure 10.1: Daily Exchange Rate Trends in March 2017.



Source: Bank of Zambia

11.0: Lending Rates

Table 11.1: Interest Rates, April 2016- March 2017

	Weighted Lending Base rate	Lending Rate	Weighted Interbank Rate	Cheque Account (K500 & above)	Less than K100	More than K100	24 hrs call	7 days	14 days	30 days	60 days	90 days	180 days
Apr-16	15.50	27.54	27.28	1.33	2.74	3.37	2.37	8.48	8.80	10.01	11.65	11.87	13.11
May-16	15.50	27.81	20.68	1.31	2.55	3.23	2.25	6.90	7.18	9.32	11.16	11.35	13.13
Jun-16	15.50	28.59	17.73	1.24	2.56	3.25	2.28	6.98	7.62	9.36	10.76	10.92	12.88
Jul-16	15.50	28.98	17.78	1.22	2.62	3.25	2.24	6.98	7.67	9.35	10.68	10.96	13.01
Aug-16	15.50	28.79	18.19	1.22	2.41	3.05	2.34	6.78	7.38	9.22	10.86	10.61	13.26
Sep-16	15.50	28.92	17.55	1.37	2.55	3.15	2.30	6.15	6.68	8.37	10.34	10.58	12.60
Oct-16	15.50	28.68	16.71	1.46	2.76	3.37	2.46	6.44	7.02	8.51	10.44	10.91	12.52
Nov-16	15.50	29.38	16.53	1.54	2.82	3.42	2.53	6.59	7.03	9.06	10.65	10.82	12.72
Dec-16	15.50	29.46	16.20	1.38	2.45	3.12	2.41	6.29	6.68	8.68	10.37	10.78	12.65
Jan-17	15.50	29.24	15.87	1.45	2.02	2.75	2.33	6.07	6.56	8.31	10.26	10.86	12.87
Feb-17	15.13	28.94	15.34	1.30	1.94	2.67	2.43	6.14	6.59	8.62	10.64	11.17	12.54
Mar-17	14.00	28.76	14.09	1.23	1.95	2.70	2.22	5.08	5.21	7.55	9.52	10.55	11.56

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Table 11.2: Credit to the Private Sector (K'000) March 2016- February 2017

	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and hunting	4,645,683	4,296,351	4,652,459	4,396,052	4,396,206	4,265,957	4,288,956	4,163,465	4,239,036	4,034,556	4,052,737	4,040,581
Mining and quarrying	1,713,676	1,531,418	1,677,996	1,407,214	1,570,983	1,499,963	1,596,614	1,387,443	1,385,838	1,483,071	1,399,766	1,451,812
Manufacturing	3,365,746	3,325,716	3,083,464	3,120,916	3,332,691	3,214,608	3,232,812	3,162,802	3,019,879	2,983,055	2,873,550	2,867,961
Electricity, gas, water and energy	433,721	424,307	405,835	381,628	375,467	408,755	451,734	506,288	441,569	516,477	455,225	392,682
Construction	1,012,426	954,706	992,606	965,818	988,838	950,283	993,361	947,804	929,552	907,038	905,343	877,479
Wholesale and retail trade	2,749,890	2,377,593	2,659,232	2,702,930	2,869,901	2,671,979	2,592,772	2,569,072	2,667,365	2,411,921	2,386,672	2,383,765
Restaurants and hotels	417,294	367,525	389,480	366,989	409,050	356,241	390,859	373,071	383,184	376,345	367,976	327,424
Transport, storage and communications	1,398,949	1,275,872	1,471,334	1,313,157	1,333,963	1,122,975	1,107,864	1,131,868	1,114,345	1,086,880	1,073,357	1,048,130
Financial services	684,857	605,939	615,468	694,878	592,022	555,758	537,364	571,544	533,162	419,600	520,297	537,219
Community, social and personal services	585,778	531,509	547,134	535,288	399,984	378,618	403,091	403,559	367,020	406,810	403,848	342,961
Real estate	806,806	740,071	775,761	763,994	864,104	819,966	895,919	839,788	858,403	829,032	815,955	847,788
Credit/debit cards	52	52	52	52	52	52	390	240	240	240	241	241
Other sectors	8,590,371	8,461,876	8,749,681	8,565,544	8,709,578	8,515,338	8,216,976	8,290,552	8,233,038	8,062,286	8,098,227	7,875,670
TOTALS	28,405,249	24,892,935	26,020,503	25,214,460	25,842,839	24,760,492	24,708,714	24,347,497	24,172,632	23,517,311	23,353,194	22,993,713
	-0.75	-5.73	4.53	-3.10	2.49	-4.19	-0.21	-1.46	-0.72	-2.71	-0.70	-1.54

Source: Bank of Zambia

12.0: Exports and Imports

Table 12.1 Exports by Major Product Categories (K'Million), March 2016- February 2017

	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17
Consumer Goods	463	358	326	536	486	482	526	696	792	594.10	440	576
Raw Materials	310	636	276	375	391	432	393	250	245	233	358	460
Intermediate Goods	4,257	3,886	4,312	4,475	4,265	3,694	3,575	4,687	4,356	4,930	5,865	6,414
Capital Goods	922	328	501	506	422	373	324	334	315	116	104	154
Total:	5,952	5,209	5,415	5,892	5,564	4,981	4,819	5,967	5,709	5,874	6,767	7,604
% change (m on m)	12.86	(12.49)	3.97	8.81	(5.57)	(10.49)	(3.24)	23.83	(4.33)	2.89	15.20	11.77

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table 12.2: Imports by Major Product Categories March 2016- February 2017 (K'Million).

	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17
Consumer Goods	1,917	1,852	2,076	2,150	1,660	1,730	1,961	2,441	2,220	1,860	1,391	1,459
Raw Materials	692	828	653	714	973	860	844	955	1,014	791	735	699
Intermediate Goods	1,442	974	827	1,108	1,129	951	1,006	1,266	1,814	2,053	3,270	3,207
Capital Goods	2,703	2,306	1,939	2,275	2,277	2,145	2,081	2,908	2,138	1,928	1,647	3,380
Total:	6,753	5,960	5,494	6,248	6,038	5,686	5,892	7,570	7,189	6,632	7,042	8,744
% change (m on m)	13.36	(11.75)	(7.81)	13.71	(3.36)	(5.83)	3.63	28.47	(5.08)	(7.70)	6.18	24.39

Source: Central Statistics Office

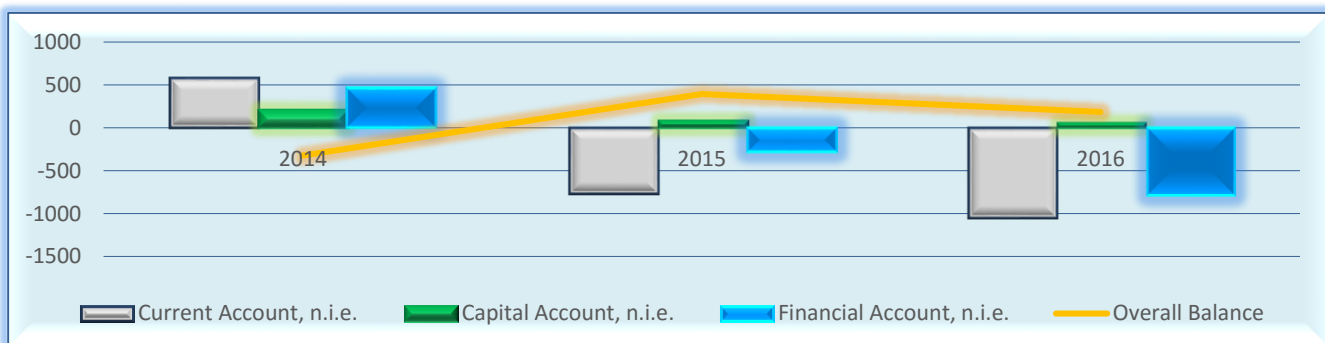
Table 12.3: Metal and Non-traditional exports, March 2016- February 2017 (K'Million).

	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17
Metal Exports	3,965	3,602	4,025	4,171	3,965	3,355	3,188	4,339	3,976	4,578	5,586	6,101
NTEs	1,987	1,607	1,390	1,721	1,599	1,622	1,631	1,628	1,733	1,296	1,217	1,502
total	5,952	5,209	5,415	5,892	5,564	4,977	4,819	5,967	5,709	5,874	6,803	7,604

Source: Central Statistics Office

13.0: Balance of Payments

Figure 13.1: Trend in Current, Capital, Financial Accounts & Balance of Payment Overall Balance 2015Q1-2016Q2



Source: Bank of Zambia

Table 13.1: Balance of Payments (US\$ million), 2015 Q1-2016Q2

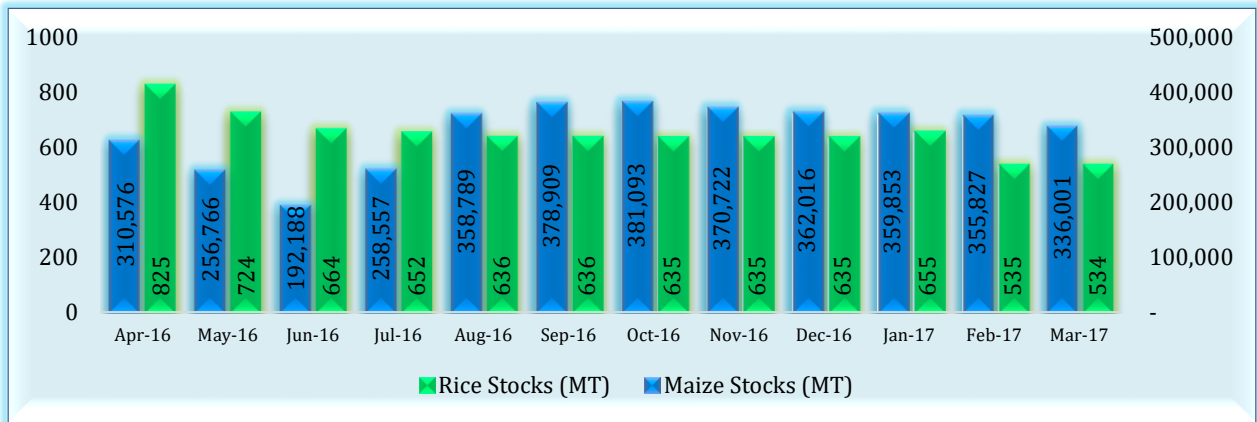
	2014	2015	2016*
A. Current Account, n.i.e.	581.2	-767.7	-1,048.40
<i>Balance on goods</i>	1,625.40	-74.3	-142.6
Goods: exports f.o.b.	10,220.20	7,362.00	6,488.00
<i>of Which Copper</i>	7,618.50	5,233.60	4,374.50
<i>Cobalt</i>	123.9	70.7	111.3
<i>NTEs</i>	2,272.00	1,848.60	1,748.90
<i>Gold</i>	152.2	151.8	192
Goods: imports f.o.b.	8,594.80	7,436.20	6,630.60
<i>Balance on Services</i>	-793.5	-570.9	-516.1
Services: credit	850.9	861.5	884.9
Services: debit	1,644.40	1,432.40	1,401.10
<i>of Which Transportation</i>	902.8	825.3	776.4
<i>Travel</i>	222.2	234.5	247.4
<i>Insurance & Pension Services</i>	116.3	113.7	113.4
Primary income: credit	5.9	8.3	8.8
Primary income: debit	557.9	357.3	610.4
<i>Balance on goods, services, and primary income</i>	279.9	-994.2	-1,260.30
<i>Balance on Secondary Income</i>	301.4	226.6	211.9
Secondary income, n. i. e.: credit	353.7	268.8	246.4
Secondary income: debit	52.3	42.2	34.5
B. Capital Account, n.i.e.	202	81	55
Capital account, n.i.e.: credit	202	81	55
Capital account: debit	0	0	0
C. Financial Account, n.i.e.	462.6	-279.9	-781.4
Direct investment: assets	-1,706.10	127.4	36.9
Direct investment: liabilities, n.i.e.	1,488.80	1,582.70	419
Portfolio investment: assets	-11.7	-14.9	-20.5
Equity and investment fund shares	-11.7	-14.9	-20.5
Portfolio investment: liabilities, n.i.e.	1,184.80	1,207.00	386.7
Financial derivatives: net	-25.4	18.1	-15.3
Financial derivatives: assets	1.4	4.4	-8.8
Financial derivatives: liabilities	26.8	-13.7	6.5
Other investment: assets	5,301.20	3,328.20	281.6
Other investment: liabilities, n.i.e.	421.8	948.9	258.3
D. Net Errors and Omissions	0.9	13.5	24.5
E. Overall Balance¹	-321.6	393.3	187.6
F. Reserves and Related Items	321.6	-393.3	-187.6
Reserve assets	315.1	-446.1	-249.7
Credit and loans from the IMF	-29.5	-52.8	-62.1

Source: Bank of Zambia

1 (-ve) indicates an overall BoP surplus while a (+ve) indicates an overall BoP deficit

14.0: Agriculture

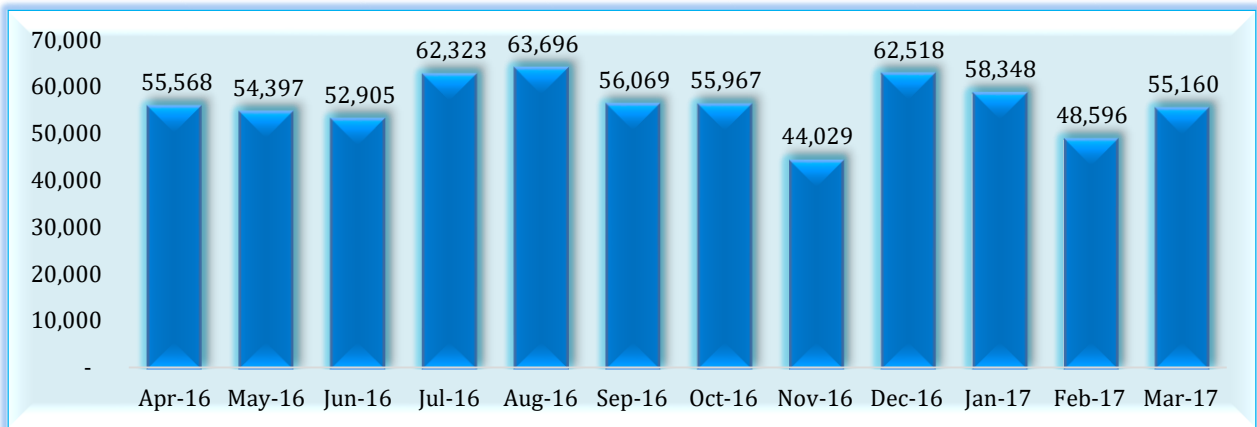
Figure 14.1: Stocks of Maize and Rice (Mt) April 2016- March 2017



Source: Bank of Zambia

15.0: Tourism

Figure 15.1: Tourist Arrivals Passengers April 2016- March 2017



Source: Bank of Zambia

** revised numbers.

16.0: African Sovereign Bond Performance

Table 16.1: Update on African Sovereign Bond Secondary Trading, March 2017

ISSUER	RATING	Maturity	Coupon (%)	Amount (m)	Price (\$)	Z-Spread (bp)	G-Spread (bp)	T-Spread (bp)	YTM (%) 28 th Feb	YTM (%) 21 st Mar
Angola	B1/B	25-Nov	9.5	1500	103.88	Z+654	G+643	T+636	9.33	8.84
Cameroon	B/B	25-Nov	9.5	750	113.38	Z+488	G+483	T+489	7.74	7.38
Ghana	B3/B-/B	22-Sep	9.25	750	105.38	Z+573	G+588	T+601	8.08	8.02
Ghana	B3/B-/B	23-Aug	7.875	1000	97.88	Z+612	G+608	T+630	8.41	8.31
Ghana	B3/B-/B	26-Jan	8.125	1000	97.5	Z+633	G+620	T+605	8.67	8.53
Ghana	B1/BB-	30-Oct	10.75	1000	119.13	Z+580	G+570	T+588	8.42	8.36
Gabon	NR/B+	24-Dec	6.375	1500	96.75	Z+482	G+472	T+492	7.25	6.92
Gabon	B1/NR/B+	25-Jun	6.95	500	98.5	Z+488	G+480	T+471	7.67	7.19
Ivory Coast	Ba3/B+	24-Jul	5.375	750	96	Z+379	G+372	T+357	6.12	6.06
Ivory Coast	Ba3/B+	28-Mar	6.375	1000	97.25	Z+438	G+427	T+673	6.55	6.73
Ivory Coast	B+	Dec-32	5.75	2469	93	Z+488	G+447	T+438	6.8	6.87
Nigeria	B/B+	21-Jan	6.75	500	105.38	Z+324	G+340	T+318	5.31	5.19
Nigeria	B/B+	23-Jul	6.375	500	102.25	Z+375	G+372	T+393	5.76	5.94
Nigeria	B1/B/B+	Feb-32	7.875	1,000	103.88	Z+491	G+478	T+495	7.27	7.44
Senegal	B1/B+	21-May	8.75	500	113.63	Z+308	G+321	T+305	5.44	5.06
Senegal	B1/B+	24-Jul	6.25	500	100.25	Z+394	G+387	T+372	6.21	6.21
Namibia	Baa3/BBB-	21-Nov	5.5	500	105.88	Z+204	G+214	T+208	3.93	4.09
Namibia	Baa3/BBB-	25-Oct	5.25	750	99.13	Z+303	G+296	T+289	5.09	5.38
Rwanda	B/B+	23-May	6.625	400	100.63	Z+432	G+431	T+449	6.45	6.5
Kenya	B+/B+	19-Jun	5.875	750	103.5	Z+254	G+282	T+292	4.21	4.23
Kenya	B+/B+	24-Jun	6.875	2000	98.5	Z+489	G+481	T+466	7.18	7.14
Mozambique	Caa3u	23-Jan	10.5	727	62.5	Z+2102	G+2097	T+2111	22.76	23.11
Zambia	B/B	22-Sep	5.375	750	93.88	Z+459	G+463	T+472	7.03	6.73
Zambia	B/B	24-Apr	8.5	1000	105.25	Z+530	G+521	T+504	7.96	7.53
Zambia	B/B	27-Jul	8.97	1250	105.75	Z+573	G+561	T+565	8.42	8.14
Ethiopia	B1/B/B	24-Dec	6.625	1000	95.5	Z+512	G+504	T+491	7.55	7.4

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