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## PRESS RELEASE

### QUARTERLY GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER 2018/19

#### HIGHLIGHTS

##### ORIGINAL UNADJUSTED ESTIMATES

Year on Year Quarterly GDP growth for the First Quarter (Q1) of 2018/19 stood at 6.8 percent compared to the growth of 6.9 percent (revised) registered in Q1 of the previous year. The GDP growth for Q1 2018/19 and previous quarters is shown in Graph 1 and Table 2.

##### Sectoral Performance

Year on Year Value added in Agriculture sector is estimated to have increased by 3.0 percent in Q1 of 2018/19 compared to a growth of 8.0 percent in the Q1 of the previous year. This was mainly due to an increase in Food and Cash Crop growing activities that grew at 3.2 percent and 3.9 percent in Q1 2018/19 respectively.

Year on Year Value added in Industry sector grew by 6.9 percent in Q1 of 2018/19 compared to a growth of 4.6 percent in Q1 of the previous year. This growth was mainly driven by Mining & Quarrying and Manufacturing activities.

The Services sector Year on Year Value added grew by 8.2 percent in Q1 of 2018/19 compared to an earlier growth of 8.0 percent (revised) in Q1 of the previous year. This growth was driven by Trade&Repair, Public Administration, Education and Health activities

See Table 4 in Appendix for more details on the sectoral performance.

##### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

Quarter on Quarter GDP growth stood at 2.8 percent in Q1 2018/19 compared to the growth of 2.1 percent (revised) in the Fourth Quarter (Q4) of 2017/18. The GDP growth for Q1 2018/19 and previous quarters is shown in Graph 2 and Table 8.

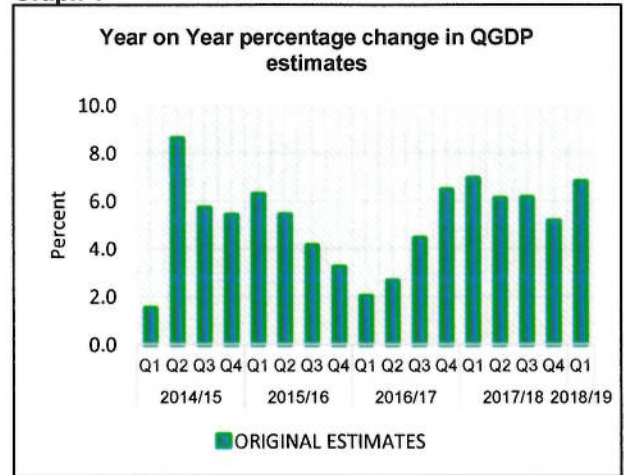
##### Sectoral Performance

Value added in Agriculture sector grew by 1.4 percent in Q1 of 2018/19 from growth of 1.4 percent (revised) in the Fourth Quarter (Q4) of 2017/18.

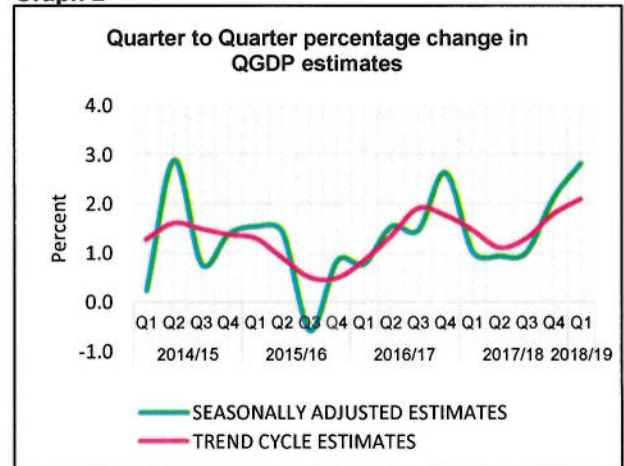
In addition, Value added in Industry sector increased by 3.2 percent in Q1 of 2018/19 compared to an increase of 0.6 percent (revised) in Q4 of 2017/18.

The Services sector Value added also grew by 3.1 percent in Q1 of 2018/19 compared to an earlier growth of 1.0 percent (revised) in Q4 of 2017/18.

Graph 1



Graph 2



#### Notes:

Original (Unadjusted) estimates have been benchmarked to the revised Annual GDP estimates for FY 2017/18 made in October 2018.

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## QUARTERLY GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (QGDP) Q1 2018/19

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### ORIGINAL UNADJUSTED ESTIMATES

Year on Year real Quarterly GDP (QGDP) growth stood at 6.8 percent in Q1 of 2018/19. In value terms, the economy expanded from 16,210 billion shillings in Q1 2017/18 to 17,313 billion shillings in Q1 2018/19.

#### Sectoral Performance

##### Agriculture

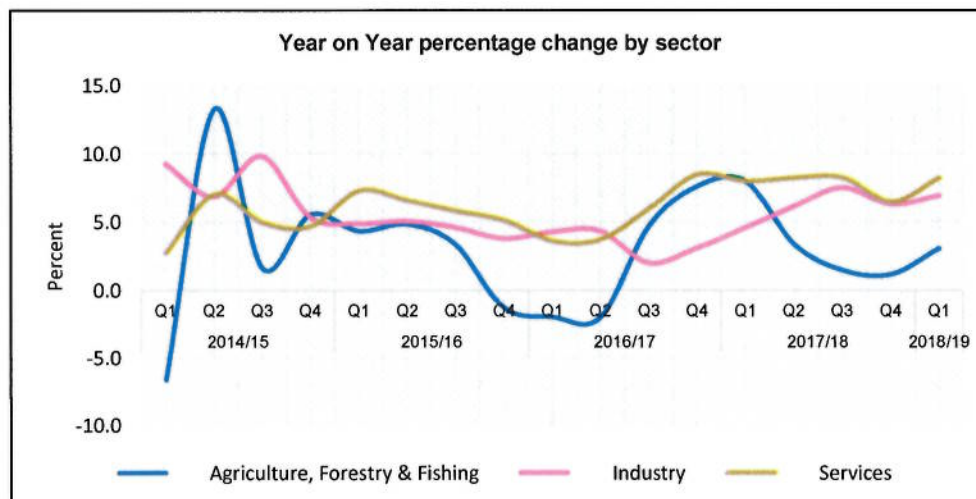
Year on Year Value added in the Agriculture sector grew by 3.0 percent in Q1 2018/19 compared to the 8.0 percent (revised) growth recorded in Q1 of the previous year. This was mainly due to an increase in Value added for Food and Cash Crop growing activities as a result of favourable weather conditions.

##### Industry

Year on Year Industry sector Value Added grew by 6.9 percent in Q1 2018/19 compared to the growth of 4.6 percent recorded in Q1 of the previous year. The main drivers of this growth were Mining & Quarrying and Manufacturing activities which grew by 7.4 percent and 5.5 percent respectively during the Quarter. The growth was on account of an increase in Food processing activities.

##### Services

Year on Year Value added for the Services sector grew by 8.2 percent in Q1 2018/19, compared to the growth of 8.0 percent in Q1 of the previous year. The growth was as a result of the good performance of Trade and Repairs, Financial Services, Public Administration, Education and Health services that grew by 6.0 percent, 9.2 percent, 7.2 percent and 11.6 percent respectively. This growth was driven by an increase in imported commodities and government expenditure on compensation of employees.



#### Taxes on products and subsidies

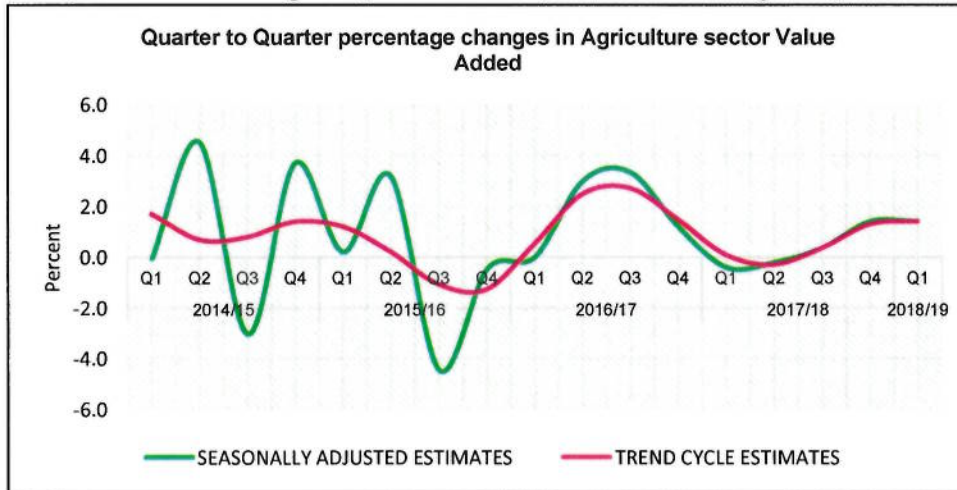
Taxes on products and subsidies grew by 9.7 percent from 1,192 billion shillings in Q1 2018/19 to 1,307 billion shillings in Q1 2017/18 due to an increase in VAT on imports and introduction of new taxes namely Over The Top (OTT) and Mobile Money taxes.

**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES**

Quarter on Quarter real QGDP growth stood at 2.8 percent in Q1 of 2018/19 compared with 2.1 percent growth in Q4 2017/18. In value terms, the economy expanded from 15,737 billion shillings in Q4 2017/18 to 16,180 billion shillings in Q1 2018/19.

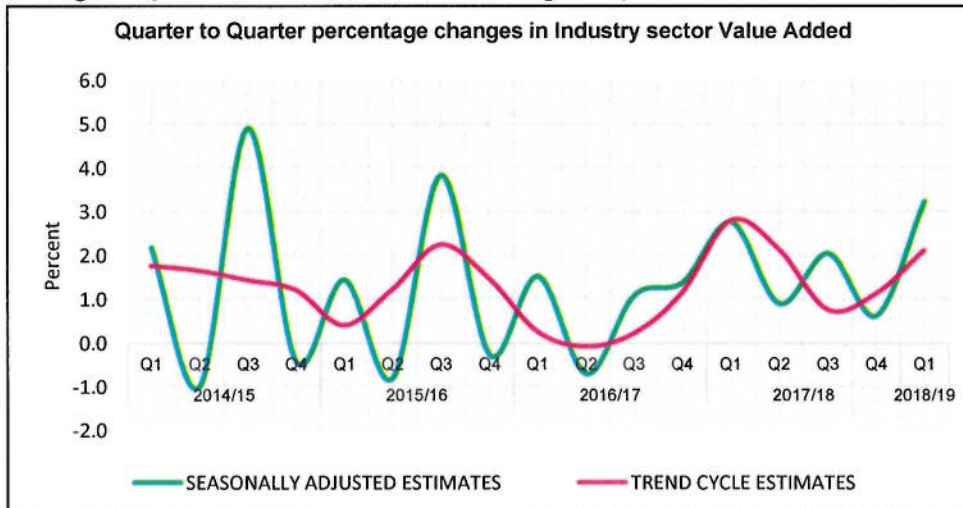
**Agriculture**

Value added in the Agriculture sector (25.6 percent share to total GDP) grew by 1.4 percent from 3,274 billion shillings in Q4 2017/18 to 3,320 billion shillings in Q1 2018/19.



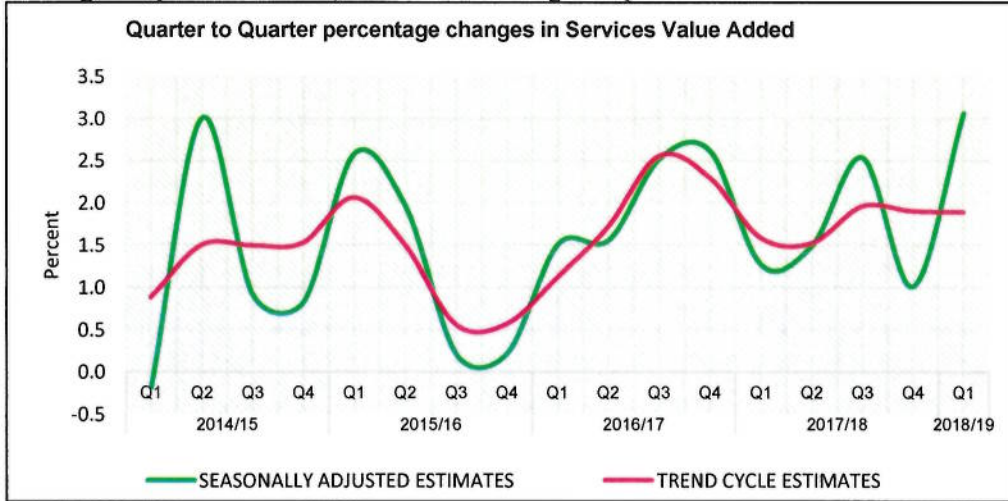
**Industry**

Industry activities value added (18.8 percent share to total GDP) grew from 2,907 billion shillings in Q4 2017/18 to 3,000 billion shillings in Q1 2018/19.



### Services

The Services sector value added (47.5 percent share to total GDP) grew from 8,298 billion shillings in Q4 2017/18 to 8,553 billion shillings in Q1 2018/19.



### Taxes on products and subsidies

Taxes on products and subsidies grew by 3.9 percent from 1,258 billion shillings in Q4 2017/18 to 1,307 billion shillings in Q1 2018/19.

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