



AFGHANISTAN

Fact Sheet

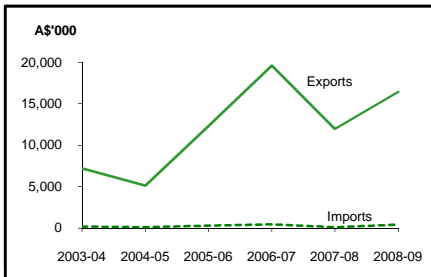
General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

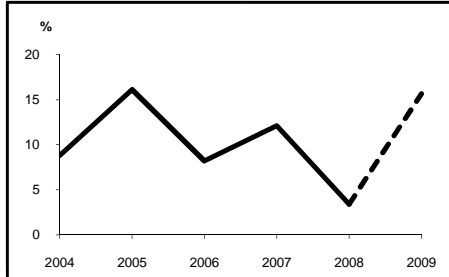
Capital:	Kabul	Head of State and Head of Government:	
Surface area:	652 thousand sq km	President HE Mr Hamid Karzai	
Official languages:	Pashto, Dari		
Population:	28.9 million (2009)		
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 40.2523 New Afghanis (Jul 2009)		

Recent economic indicators (a):	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	5.4	6.5	7.7	9.7	11.7	13.3
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	13.7	15.7	17.6	20.2	21.4	25.1
GDP per capita (US\$):	218	253	289	352	416	461
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	553	612	658	739	760	870
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	8.8	16.1	8.2	12.1	3.4	15.7
Current account balance (US\$m):	-247	-163	-379	83	-192	-125
Current account balance (% GDP):	-4.6	-2.5	-4.9	0.9	-1.6	-0.9
Goods exports (% GDP):	30.5	27.7	23.4	19.0	18.3	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	13.2	12.3	5.1	13.0	26.8	-9.3

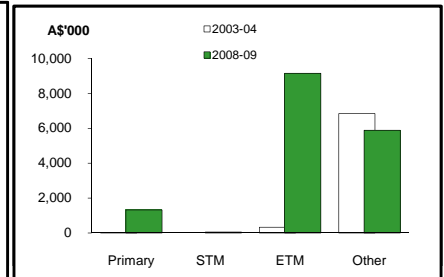
Australia's merchandise trade with Afghanistan



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to Afghanistan



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Afghanistan (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Afghanistan, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Afghanistan (A\$'000):	16,426	0.0%	105th	37.7%
Imports from Afghanistan (A\$'000):	416	0.0%	158th	328.9%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	16,841	0.0%	127th	40.0%

Major Australian exports, 2008-09* (A\$'000):

Telecom equipment & parts	2,921
Non-electric engines & motors	2,233
Electrical machinery & parts	1,128
Milk & cream	1,069

*Includes A\$5.5m of confidential items, 34% of total exports.

Major Australian imports, 2008-09 (A\$'000):

Fruit & nuts	130
Floor coverings	123
Internal combustion piston engines	116
Measuring & analysing instruments	12

Australia's trade in services with Afghanistan, 2008-09:

		Total share:
Exports of services to Afghanistan (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Afghanistan (A\$m):	na	na

Australia's investment relationship with Afghanistan, 2008 (e):

	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Afghanistan (A\$m):	na	na
Afghanistan's investment in Australia (A\$m):	np	na

Afghanistan's global merchandise trade relationships:

Afghanistan's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	India	21.1%
2	Pakistan	20.2%
3	United States	18.8%
35	Australia	0.1%

Afghanistan's principal import sources, 2008:

1	Pakistan	35.9%
2	United States	9.3%
3	Germany	7.5%
29	Australia	0.3%

Compiled by the Market Information and Research Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) All recent data subject to revision; (b) IMF forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding; (e) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available. np Data not published.