



BELARUS

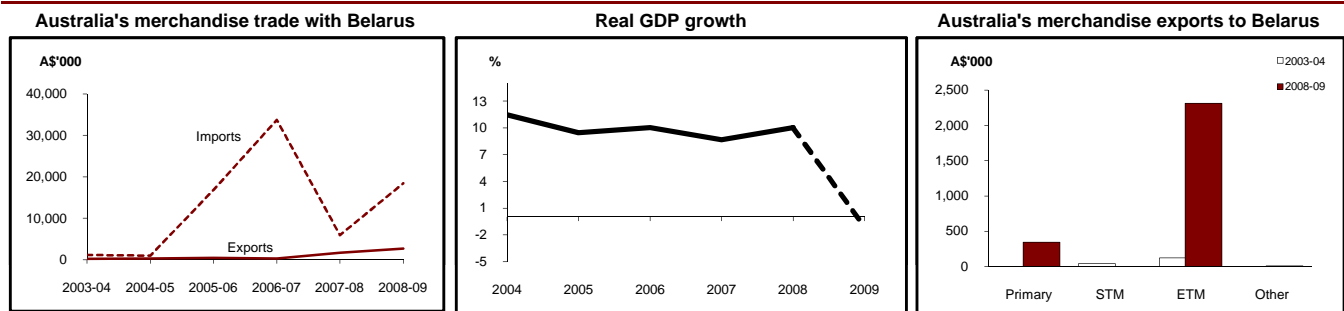
Fact Sheet

General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

Capital:	Minsk	Head of State:	
Surface area:	208 thousand sq km	President HE Mr Aleksandr Grigorievich Lukashenko	
Official languages:	Belarussian, Russian		
Population:	9.6 million (2009)	Head of Government:	
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 2,282.02 Rubels (Jul 2009)	Prime Minister HE Mr Sergei S Sidorsky	

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	22.7	30.2	37.0	45.3	60.3	49.0
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	71.3	83.5	94.8	106.0	119.1	119.6
GDP per capita (US\$):	2,318	3,098	3,805	4,672	6,235	5,122
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	7,273	8,562	9,763	10,937	12,313	12,486
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	11.5	9.4	10.0	8.6	10.0	-1.2
Current account balance (US\$m):	-1,194	434	-1,448	-3,060	-5,049	-4,727
Current account balance (% GDP):	-5.3	1.4	-3.9	-6.8	-8.4	-9.6
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	69.1	60.2	60.1	61.0	61.8	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	18.1	10.3	7.0	8.4	14.8	13.0



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

Australian merchandise trade with Belarus, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Belarus (A\$'000):	2,669	0.0%	158th	65.0%
Imports from Belarus (A\$'000):	18,428	0.0%	82nd	210.8%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	21,097	0.0%	119th	179.5%

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

Specialised machinery & parts	1,596
Medical instruments (incl veterinary)	558
Alcoholic beverages	312
Measuring & analysing instruments	66

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

Rubber tyres, treads & tubes	12,695
Goods vehicles	4,045
Medical instruments (incl veterinary)	375
Measuring & analysing instruments	279

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

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

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

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

Belarus' global merchandise trade relationships:

Belarus' principal export destinations, 2008:

1	Russian Federation	32.2%
2	Netherlands	16.9%
3	Ukraine	8.5%
54	Australia	0.1%

Belarus' principal import sources, 2008:

1	Russian Federation	59.8%
2	Germany	7.1%
3	Ukraine	5.4%
74	Australia	0.0%

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) Stocks, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available. np Data not published.