



BELARUS

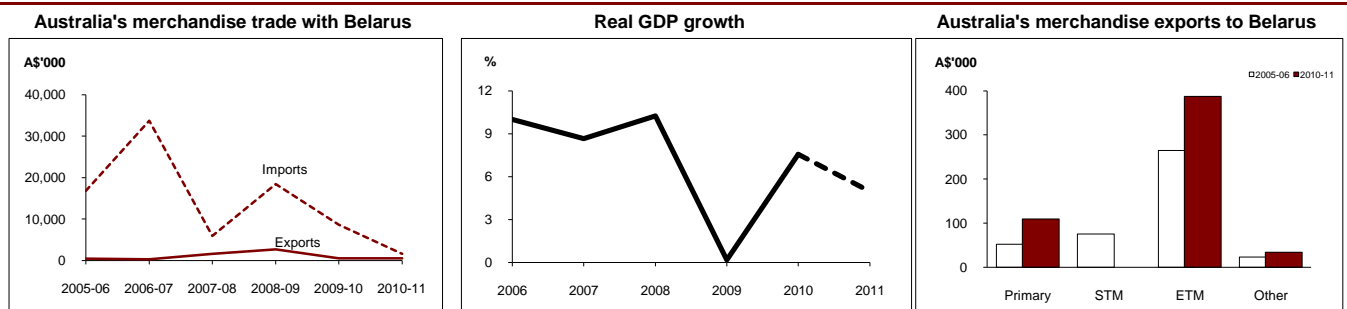
Fact Sheet

General information:

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Capital:	Minsk	Head of State:	President HE Mr Aleksandr Grigorievich Lukashenko
Surface area:	208 thousand sq km		
Official languages:	Belarussian, Russian	Head of Government:	Prime Minister HE Mr Mikhail Myasnikovich
Population:	9.5 million (2010)		
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 5,350.87 Rubels (Jul 2011)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010(a)	2011(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	37.0	45.3	60.8	49.2	54.7	57.7
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	94.8	106.0	119.4	120.9	131.5	141.0
GDP per capita (US\$):	3,805	4,672	6,386	5,180	5,771	6,118
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	9,760	10,938	12,555	12,727	13,874	14,948
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	10.0	8.6	10.2	0.2	7.6	5.0
Current account balance (US\$m):	-1,448	-3,040	-5,230	-6,390	-8,493	-7,758
Current account balance (% GDP):	-3.9	-6.7	-8.6	-13.0	-15.5	-13.4
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	60.2	61.0	60.9	50.5	54.5	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	7.0	8.4	14.8	13.0	7.7	41.0



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

Australian merchandise trade with Belarus, 2010-11:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Belarus (A\$'000):	530	0.0%	186th	12.1%
Imports from Belarus (A\$'000):	1,562	0.0%	137th	-81.9%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	2,092	0.0%	179th	-77.0%

Major Australian exports, 2010-11 (A\$'000):		Major Australian imports, 2010-11 (A\$'000):	
Alcoholic beverages	109	Medical instruments (incl veterinary)	381
Rotating electric plant & parts	92	Hand or machine tools	325
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	81	Measuring & analysing instruments	176
Specialised machinery & parts	65	Optical instruments	168

Australia's trade in services with Belarus, 2010-11:		Total share:
Exports of services to Belarus (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Belarus (A\$m):	na	na

Australia's investment relationship with Belarus, 2010 (e):	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Belarus (A\$m):	np	nil
Belarus' investment in Australia (A\$m):	nil	nil

Belarus' global merchandise trade relationships:

Belarus' principal export destinations, 2010:			Belarus' principal import sources, 2010:		
1	Russian Federation	38.5%	1	Russian Federation	51.3%
2	Netherlands	11.0%	2	Germany	6.8%
3	Ukraine	10.1%	3	Ukraine	5.4%
98	Australia	0.0%	82	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. .. Data not meaningful.