



BELGIUM

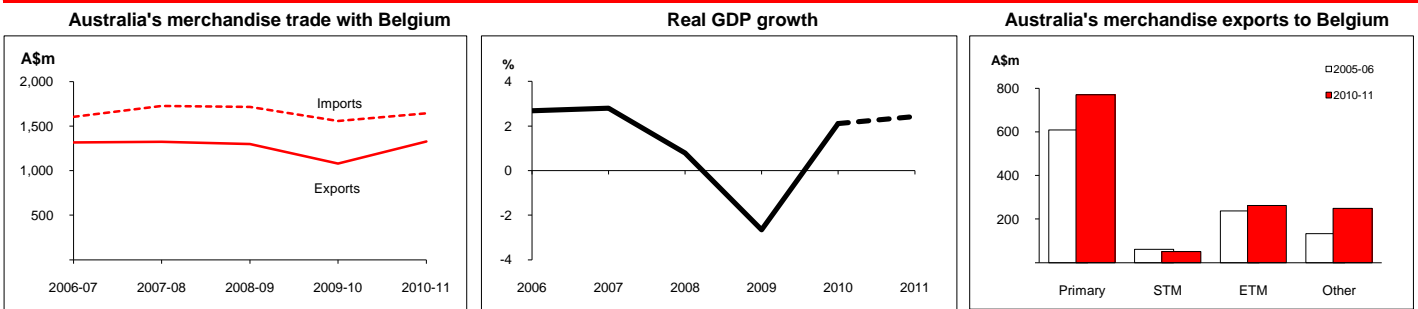
Fact Sheet

General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

Capital:	Brussels	Head of State:	HM King Albert II
Surface area:	33 thousand sq km		
Official languages:	Dutch, French, German		
Population:	10.9 million (2010)	Head of Government:	Prime Minister Mr Elio Di Rupo
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 0.7554 Euros (Jul 2011)		

Recent economic indicators:	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010(a)	2011(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	400.0	459.3	506.7	472.1	467.8	529.0
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	357.7	378.3	389.8	383.5	396.0	414.3
GDP per capita (US\$):	37,788	43,054	47,123	43,552	42,845	48,110
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	33,790	35,467	36,249	35,374	36,274	37,677
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	2.7	2.8	0.8	-2.7	2.1	2.4
Current account balance (US\$m):	7,451	7,441	-9,307	-40	4,891	3,078
Current account balance (% GDP):	1.9	1.6	-1.8	0.0	1.0	0.6
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	80.0	81.4	83.0	70.7	78.7	86.9
Inflation (% change yoy):	2.3	1.8	4.5	0.0	2.3	3.2



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

Australian merchandise trade with Belgium, 2010-11:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Belgium (A\$m):	1,330	0.5%	23rd	23.2%
Imports from Belgium (A\$m):	1,644	0.8%	24th	5.4%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	2,974	0.6%	22nd	12.7%

Major Australian exports, 2010-11* (A\$m):	
Coal	306
Lead ores & concentrates	178
Nickel	147
Oil-seeds & oleaginous fruits, soft	123

*Includes A\$248m of confidential items, 19% of total exports.

Major Australian imports, 2010-11 (A\$m):	
Passenger motor vehicles	333
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	229
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	154
Civil engineering equipment & parts	56

Australia's trade in services with Belgium, 2010-11 (e):		Total share:
Exports of services to Belgium (A\$m):	130	0.3%
Imports of services from Belgium (A\$m):	86	0.1%

Major Australian service exports, 2010-11 (A\$m) (e):	
Personal travel excl education	51
Information technology	17

Major Australian service imports, 2010-11 (A\$m) (e):	
Prof, tech & other business services	39
Personal travel excl education	24

Australia's investment relationship with Belgium, 2010 (f):	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Belgium (A\$m):	6,195	337
Belgium's investment in Australia (A\$m):	14,702	4,941

Belgium's global merchandise trade relationships:

Belgium's principal export destinations, 2010:			Belgium's principal import sources, 2010:		
1	Germany	18.6%	1	Netherlands	18.9%
2	France	16.6%	2	Germany	16.3%
3	Netherlands	11.9%	3	France	11.3%
30	Australia	0.5%	37	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/EIU forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding; (e) Includes Luxembourg;

(f) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available. np Data not published. .. Data not meaningful.