

# FRANCE

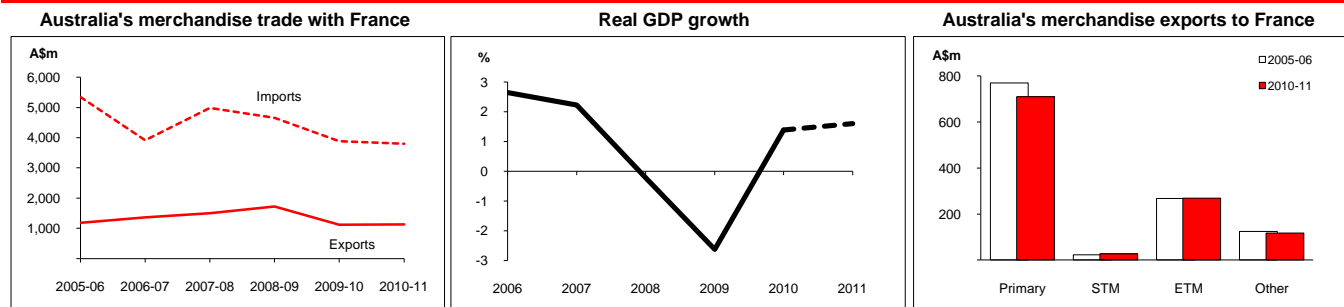
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

<b>Capital:</b>	Paris	<b>Head of State:</b>	
<b>Surface area:</b>	552 thousand sq km	<b>Head of Government:</b>	Prime Minister Mr Francois Fillon
<b>Official language:</b>	French		
<b>Population:</b>	63.0 million (2010)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 0.7554 Euros (Jul 2011)		

Recent economic indicators:	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010(a)	2011(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	2,260.0	2,587.2	2,842.5	2,631.9	2,562.7	2,808.3
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	1,971.8	2,074.3	2,115.8	2,081.8	2,134.9	2,216.8
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	36,689	41,752	45,623	42,018	40,704	44,401
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	32,011	33,475	33,959	33,237	33,910	35,049
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	2.7	2.2	-0.2	-2.6	1.4	1.6
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	-12,995	-25,931	-49,632	-39,560	-44,657	-74,774
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	-0.6	-1.0	-1.7	-1.5	-1.7	-2.7
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	27.2	27.0	27.1	23.6	25.8	27.8
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	1.9	1.6	3.2	0.1	1.7	2.1



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

Australian merchandise trade with France, 2010-11:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to France (A\$m):	1,125	0.5%	26th	0.3%
Imports from France (A\$m) (e):	3,799	1.8%	13th	-2.2%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m) (e):	4,924	1.1%	17th	-1.6%

Major Australian exports, 2010-11* (A\$m):		Major Australian imports, 2010-11 (A\$m) (e):	
Coal	616	Medicaments (incl veterinary)	684
Aircraft, spacecraft & parts	90	Perfumery & cosmetics (excl soap)	221
Oil-seeds & oleaginous fruits, soft	29	Alcoholic beverages	213
Plastic plates, sheets & film	24	Passenger motor vehicles	134

\*Includes A\$113m of confidential items, 10% of total exports

Australia's trade in services with France, 2010-11:		Total share:
Exports of services to France (A\$m):	648	1.3%
Imports of services from France (A\$m):	1,025	1.8%

Major Australian service exports, 2010-11 (A\$m):		Major Australian service imports, 2010-11 (A\$m):	
Personal travel excl education	332	Personal travel excl education	654
Education-related travel	99	Prof, tech & other business services	86

Australia's investment relationship with France, 2010 (f):	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in France (A\$m):	29,415	419
France's investment in Australia (A\$m):	23,861	12,563

## France's global merchandise trade relationships:

France's principal export destinations, 2010:			France's principal import sources, 2010:		
1	Germany	16.0%	1	Germany	18.9%
2	Italy	8.0%	2	Belgium	11.2%
3	Belgium	7.5%	3	Italy	7.7%
25	Australia	0.8%	46	Australia	0.2%

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) Excludes imports of aircraft from September 2008 onwards; (f) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available. np Data not published. .. Data not meaningful.