



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

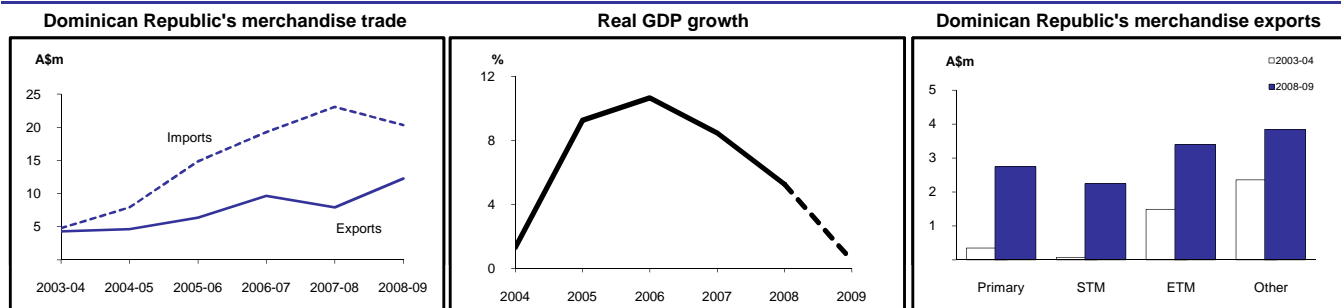
Fact Sheet

General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

Capital:	Santo Domingo	Head of State and Head of Government:	
Surface area:	49 thousand sq km	President HE Dr Leonel Fernandez Reyna	
Official language:	Spanish		
Population:	9.0 million (2009)		
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 30.1809 Pesos (Aug 2009)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	29.5	29.2	35.2	39.8	44.4	44.7
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	50.5	56.0	64.0	71.4	76.7	78.3
GDP per capita (US\$):	3,507	3,426	4,070	4,535	4,992	4,952
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	6,001	6,563	7,394	8,133	8,619	8,672
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	1.3	9.3	10.7	8.5	5.3	0.5
Current account balance (US\$m):	1,041	-473	-1,288	-2,096	-4,437	-2,747
Current account balance (% GDP):	3.5	-1.6	-3.7	-5.3	-10.0	-6.1
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	32.0	34.4	31.7	30.1	26.8	23.5
Inflation (% change yoy):	51.5	4.2	7.6	6.1	10.6	0.9



Australia's trade and investment relationship with the Dominican Republic (d):

Australian merchandise trade with the Dominican Republic, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to the Dominican Republic (A\$m):	12	0.0%	119th	55.1%
Imports from the Dominican Republic (A\$m):	20	0.0%	79th	-12.0%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	33	0.0%	101st	5.1%

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

Paper & paperboard	2
Measuring & analysing instruments	1
Butter	1
Non-electrical machinery & parts	1

* Includes A\$4m of confidential items, 31% of total exports.

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

Medical instruments (incl veterinary)	6
Electrical machinery & parts	3
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	3
Electrical circuits equipment	2

Australia's trade in services with the Dominican Republic 2008-09:

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

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

Australia's investment in Dominican Republic (A\$m):	na	Total:	na	FDI:	na
Dominican Republic's investment in Australia (A\$m):	na		na		na

The Dominican Republic's global merchandise trade relationships:

Dominican Republic's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	United States	61.0%
2	Haiti	10.2%
3	Netherlands	3.2%
52	Australia	0.1%

Dominican Republic's principal import sources, 2008:

1	United States	40.3%
2	Venezuela, Bolivarian Rep	8.6%
3	China	8.0%
58	Australia	0.1%

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