



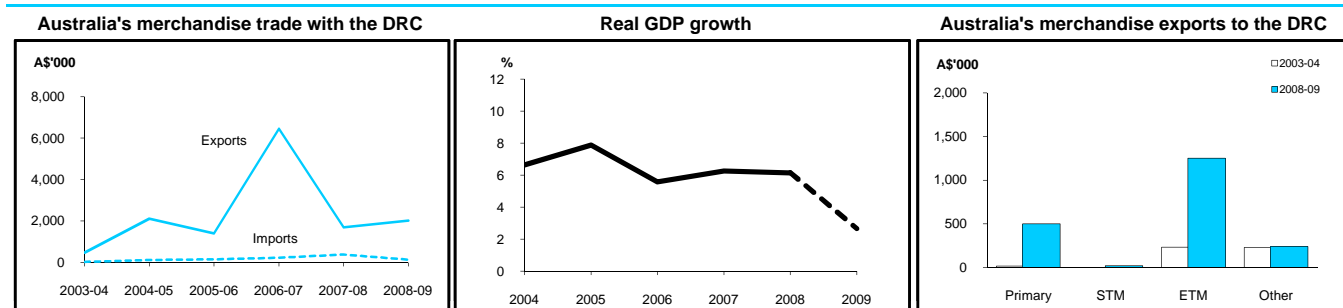
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC) *Fact Sheet*

General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

Capital:	Kinshasa	Head of State:	
Surface area:	2,345 thousand sq km	President HE Major General Joseph Kabila	
Official language:	French	Head of Government:	
Population:	64.8 million (2009)	Prime Minister HE Mr Adolphe Muzito	
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 599.1596 Congolese Francs (FC) (May 2009)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	6.6	7.2	8.8	10.0	11.6	11.1
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	14.4	16.1	17.5	19.1	20.7	21.6
GDP per capita (US\$):	118	126	149	164	185	171
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	258	279	295	313	330	334
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	6.6	7.9	5.6	6.3	6.2	2.7
Current account balance (US\$m):	-157	-753	-183	-153	-1,780	-1,627
Current account balance (% GDP):	-2.4	-10.4	-2.1	-1.5	-15.3	-14.6
Good exports (% GDP):	27.5	28.6	26.7	25.1	21.5	20.7
Inflation (% change yoy):	4.0	21.4	13.2	16.7	18.0	39.2



Australia's trade and investment relationship with the Democratic Republic of the Congo (d):

Australian merchandise trade with the DRC, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to the DRC (A\$'000):	2,007	0.0%	168th	19.3%
Imports from the DRC (A\$'000):	140	0.0%	173rd	-63.0%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	2,146	0.0%	180th	4.2%

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

Worn clothing & rags	489
Pumps for liquids & parts	336
Taps, cocks & valves	237
Heating & cooling equipment & parts	223

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

Fruit & nuts	82
Wood, simply worked	47
Machine tools parts	7
Hand or machine tools	2

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

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

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

Australia's investment in the DRC (A\$m):	na	Total:	na	FDI:	na
The DRC's investment in Australia (A\$m):	na		na		na

The Democratic Republic of the Congo's global merchandise trade relationships:

The DRC's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	China	41.8%
2	Belgium	15.8%
3	Finland	9.8%
56	Australia	0.0%

The DRC's principal import sources, 2008:

1	South Africa	22.2%
2	Belgium	11.5%
3	Zambia	8.3%
48	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/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. np Data not published.