

FRANCE

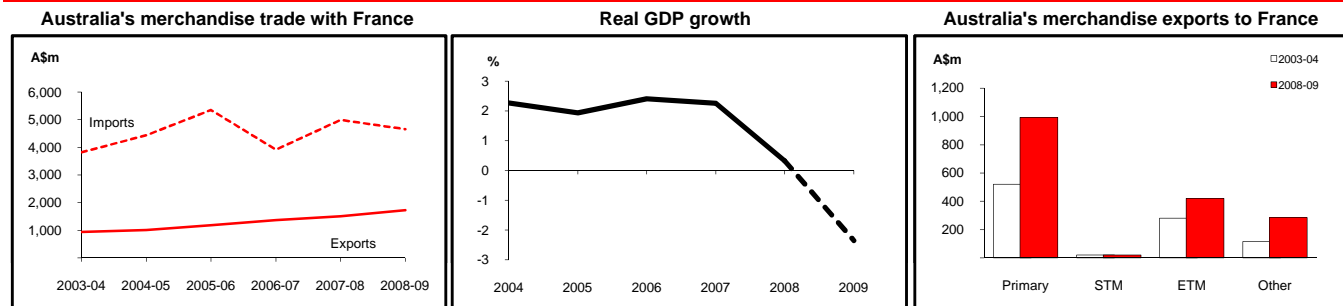
Fact Sheet

General information:

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Capital:	Paris	Head of State:	
Surface area:	552 thousand sq km	President HE Mr Nicolas Sarkozy	
Official language:	French	Head of Government:	
Population:	62.6 million (2009)	Prime Minister Mr Francois Fillon	
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 0.5848 Euros (Aug 2009)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	2,060.9	2,147.8	2,270.4	2,597.7	2,867.0	2,634.8
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	1,776.8	1,868.8	1,976.3	2,078.9	2,130.1	2,112.3
GDP per capita (US\$):	33,933	35,105	36,865	41,940	46,037	42,091
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	29,255	30,546	32,091	33,563	34,205	33,744
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	2.3	1.9	2.4	2.3	0.3	-2.4
Current account balance (US\$m):	12,482	-9,088	-11,558	-25,876	-64,776	-30,424
Current account balance (% GDP):	0.6	-0.4	-0.5	-1.0	-2.3	-1.2
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	26.0	26.2	26.9	26.7	26.7	21.7
Inflation (% change yoy):	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.6	3.2	0.3



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

Australian merchandise trade with France, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to France (A\$m):	1,721	0.7%	19th	14.7%
Imports from France (A\$m) (e):	4,656	2.1%	13th	..
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m) (e):	6,377	1.4%	15th	..

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

Coal	696
Iron ore & concentrates	122
Aircraft, spacecraft & parts	119
Medical instruments (incl veterinary)	101

*Includes A\$280m of confidential items, 16% of total exports.

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

Medicaments (incl veterinary)	750
Aircraft, spacecraft & parts	496
Perfumery & cosmetics (excl soap)	208
Alcoholic beverages	193

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

Exports of services to France (A\$m):	745	Total share:	1.4%
Imports of services from France (A\$m):	870		1.5%

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

Personal travel excl education	313
Education-related travel	89

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

Personal travel excl education	478
Business & professional	155

Australia's investment relationship with France, 2008 (f):

Australia's investment in France (A\$m):	35,395	Total:	333
France's investment in Australia (A\$m):	28,936		13,406

France's global merchandise trade relationships:

France's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	Germany	14.6%
2	Italy	8.8%
3	Spain	8.4%
23	Australia	0.8%

France's principal import sources, 2008:

1	Germany	16.4%
2	Belgium	8.5%
3	Italy	8.1%
46	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) Excludes imports of civil aircraft from September 2008 onwards; (f) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS.