



LEBANON

Fact Sheet

General information:

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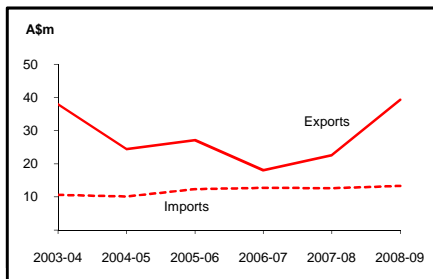
Capital:	Beirut
Surface area:	10 thousand sq km
Official language:	Arabic
Population:	3.9 million (2009)
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 1,211.43 Pounds (Jul 2009)

Head of State:
President HE General Michel Sleiman

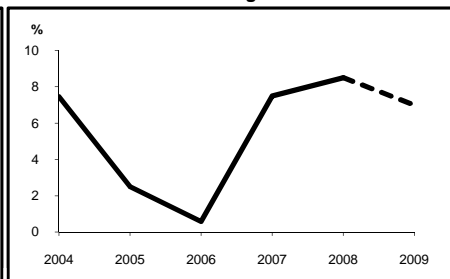
Head of Government:
Prime Minister HE Mr Saad Hariri

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	21.5	21.9	22.4	25.0	29.4	32.7
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	36.8	38.9	40.4	44.7	49.5	53.8
GDP per capita (US\$):	5,718	5,824	5,969	6,663	7,708	8,467
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	9,810	10,367	10,752	11,889	13,006	13,952
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	7.5	2.5	0.6	7.5	8.5	7.0
Current account balance (US\$m):	-3,332	-2,926	-1,182	-1,698	-3,399	-3,682
Current account balance (% GDP):	-15.5	-13.4	-5.3	-6.8	-11.6	-11.3
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	56.4	61.8	65.8	68.2	81.9	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	1.7	-0.7	5.6	4.1	10.8	2.5

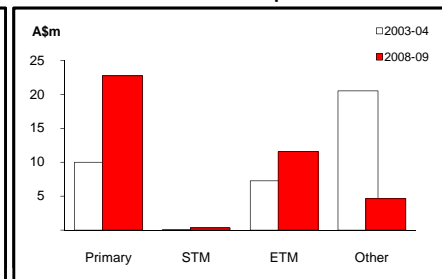
Australia's merchandise trade with Lebanon



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to Lebanon



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

Australian merchandise trade with Lebanon, 2008-09:

	Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Lebanon (A\$m):	0.0%	79th	74.2%
Imports from Lebanon (A\$m):	0.0%	89th	5.4%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	0.0%	87th	49.4%

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

Beef	7
Wheat	4
Vegetables	4
Fruit & nuts	2

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

Special yarns & fabrics	2
Vegetables, prepared or preserved	1
Fruit, prepared or preserved	1
Edible products & preparations	1

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

Total share:

Exports of services to Lebanon (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Lebanon (A\$m):	na	na

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

	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Lebanon (A\$m):	na	na
Lebanon's investment in Australia (A\$m):	np	np

Lebanon's global merchandise trade relationships:

Lebanon's principal export destinations, 2007:

1	Syrian Arab Republic	25.2%
2	United Arab Emirates	11.8%
3	Switzerland	8.2%
38	Australia	0.4%

Lebanon's principal import sources, 2007:

1	Syrian Arab Republic	12.1%
2	Italy	8.5%
3	France	8.3%
53	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 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.