



LEBANON

Fact Sheet

General information:

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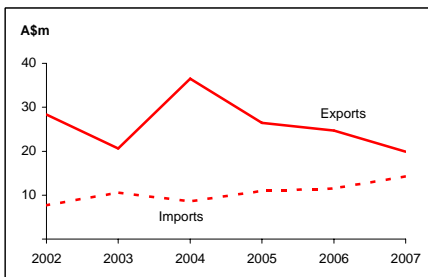
Capital:	Beirut
Surface area:	10 thousand sq km
Official language:	Arabic
Population:	3.8 million (2007)
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 1,329.10 Pounds (Jan 2008)

Head of State:
President HE General Michel Suleiman

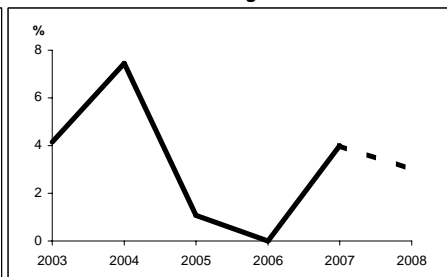
Head of Government:
Prime Minister HE Mr Fuad Siniora

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007(a)	2008(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	19.8	21.5	21.6	22.8	24.6	26.8
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	33.4	36.8	38.4	39.6	42.3	44.4
GDP per capita (US\$):	5,559	5,949	5,898	6,147	6,569	7,047
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	9,378	10,206	10,499	10,692	11,270	11,690
Real GDP growth (% change YOY):	4.1	7.5	1.1	0.0	4.0	3.0
Current account balance (US\$m):	-2,614	-3,332	-2,926	-1,372	-2,634	-2,634
Current account balance (% GDP):	-13.2	-15.5	-13.6	-6.0	-10.7	-9.8
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	56.5	54.8	60.9	63.3	na	na
Inflation (% change YOY):	1.3	1.7	-0.7	5.6	4.1	5.5

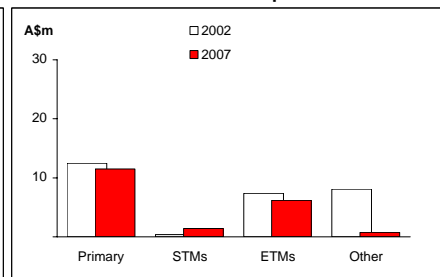
Australia's merchandise trade with Lebanon



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to Lebanon



Australia's trade relationship with Lebanon (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Lebanon, 2007:

Exports to Lebanon (A\$m):	20
Imports from Lebanon (A\$m):	14
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	34

Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
0.0%	93rd	-19.6%
0.0%	83rd	23.9%
0.0%	95th	-5.7%

Major Australian exports, 2007 (A\$m):

Cheese & curd	3
Passenger motor vehicles	2
Vegetables	2
Milk & cream	2

Major Australian imports, 2007 (A\$m):

'Soft' fixed vegetable fats & oils	2
Special yarns & textile fabrics	2
Preserved fruit & preparations	1
Preserved vegetables	1

Australia's trade in services with Lebanon, 2007:

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

Total share:

na
na

Lebanon's global merchandise trade relationships:

Lebanon's principal export destinations, 2006:

1	Syrian Arab Republic	26.3%
2	United Arab Emirates	11.8%
3	Switzerland	7.9%
39	Australia	0.3%

Lebanon's principal import sources, 2006:

1	Syrian Arab Republic	11.5%
2	Italy	9.7%
3	United States	9.3%
52	Australia	0.2%

Compiled by the Market Information and Analysis 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.

na Data not available.