

MALTA

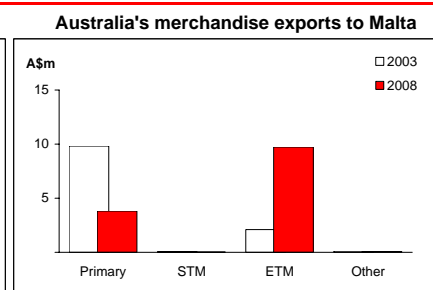
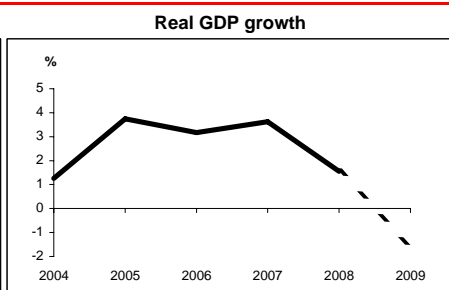
Fact Sheet

General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

Capital:	Valletta	Head of State:	
Surface area:	316 sq km	President HE Dr George Abela	
Official languages:	Maltese, English	Head of Government:	
Population:	0.4 million (2008)	Prime Minister The Hon Dr Lawrence Gonzi KUOM	
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 0.5076 Euros (Feb 2009)		

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	5.6	6.0	6.4	7.5	8.3	7.4
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	7.8	8.3	8.9	9.5	9.8	9.7
GDP per capita (US\$):	13,987	14,795	15,850	18,366	20,202	17,883
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	19,416	20,650	21,851	23,103	23,760	23,413
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	1.3	3.7	3.2	3.6	1.6	-1.5
Current account balance (US\$m):	-335	-523	-595	-462	-526	-377
Current account balance (% GDP):	-6.0	-8.7	-9.2	-6.1	-6.3	-5.1
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	78.3	76.9	87.0	89.4	na	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	2.7	2.5	2.6	0.7	4.7	1.8



Australia's trade relationship with Malta (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Malta, 2008:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Malta (A\$m):	14	0.0%	111th	228.1%
Imports from Malta (A\$m):	15	0.0%	84th	-3.2%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	29	0.0%	106th	45.9%

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

Aircraft, spacecraft & parts	6
Cheese & curd	2
Margarine	1
Ships & boats (incl hovercraft)	1

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

Medical instruments (incl veterinary)	6
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	4
Electrical machinery & parts, nes	1
Electronic integrated circuits	1

Australia's trade in services with Malta, 2008:

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

Malta's global merchandise trade relationships:

Malta's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	Singapore	13.6%
2	Germany	13.0%
3	France	11.6%
39	Australia	0.2%

Malta's principal import sources, 2008:

1	Italy	26.4%
2	United Kingdom	12.7%
3	France	7.7%
45	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.

na Data not available.