

MALAWI

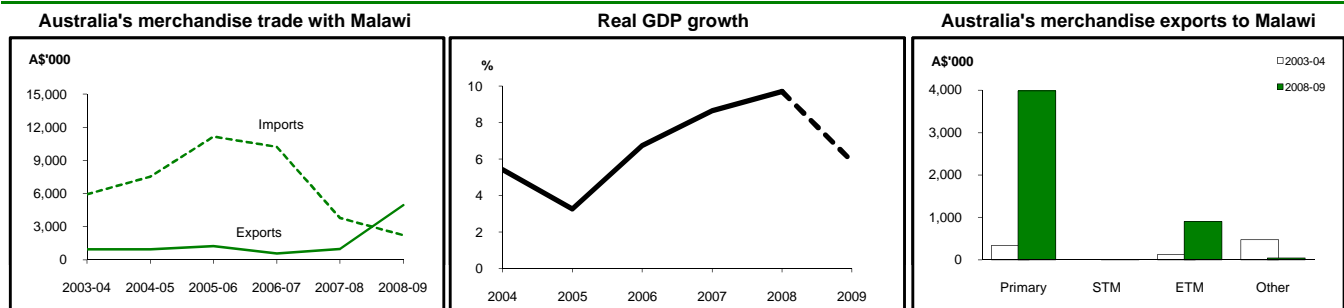
Fact Sheet

General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

Capital:	Lilongwe	Head of State and Head of Government:
Surface area:	118 thousand sq km	President HE Dr Bingu wa Mutharika
Official languages:	Chichewa, English	
Population:	13.9 million (2009)	
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 117.3166 Kwacha (Aug 2009)	

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	2.6	2.7	3.1	3.6	4.3	4.9
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	8.1	8.3	9.1	10.2	11.4	12.3
GDP per capita (US\$):	208	213	240	268	313	352
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	644	643	695	761	836	881
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	5.4	3.3	6.7	8.6	9.7	5.9
Current account balance (US\$m):	-191	-322	-225	-58	-331	-200
Current account balance (% GDP):	-7.3	-11.7	-7.2	-1.6	-7.8	-4.1
Goods exports (% GDP):	16.8	17.1	16.7	20.1	19.5	19.2
Inflation (% change yoy):	11.4	15.5	13.9	7.9	8.7	8.6



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

Australian merchandise trade with Malawi, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Malawi (A\$'000):	4,949	0.0%	142nd	411.8%
Imports from Malawi (A\$'000):	2,214	0.0%	126th	-41.2%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	7,163	0.0%	154th	51.3%

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

Wheat	3,857
Computers	256
Civil engineering equipment & parts	147
Worn clothing & rags	131

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

Tobacco, unmanufactured	2,047
Vegetables	126
Tea & mate	32
Electrical circuits equipment	6

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

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

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

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

Malawi's global merchandise trade relationships:

Malawi's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	Belgium	13.0%
2	South Africa	10.1%
3	United Kingdom	8.9%
39	Australia	0.3%

Malawi's principal import sources, 2008:

1	South Africa	26.6%
2	Mozambique	20.3%
3	Tanzania	5.8%
46	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/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.