



THE NETHERLANDS

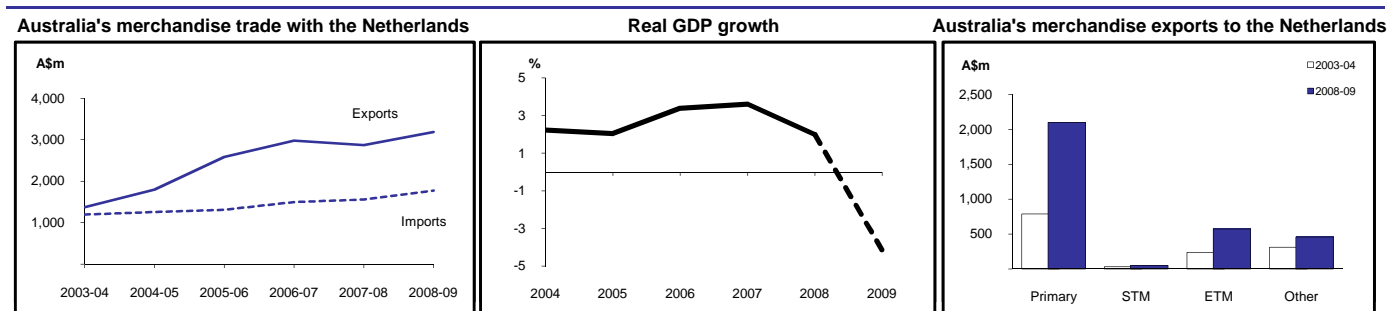
Fact Sheet

General information:

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Capital:	Amsterdam	Head of State:	HM Queen Beatrix
Surface area:	42 thousand sq km		
Official language:	Dutch		
Population:	16.8 million (2009)	Head of Government:	Prime Minister HE Dr Jan Peter Balkenende
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):	610.7	639.6	678.3	779.4	877.0	789.7
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	539.1	571.5	610.2	650.3	677.5	659.3
GDP per capita (US\$):	37,507	39,190	41,498	46,906	52,500	47,042
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	33,110	35,021	37,330	39,138	40,558	39,278
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	2.2	2.0	3.4	3.6	2.0	-4.2
Current account balance (US\$m):	45,898	46,433	63,275	59,598	65,746	55,648
Current account balance (% GDP):	7.5	7.3	9.3	7.6	7.5	7.0
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	63.4	66.4	70.1	71.7	72.8	63.8
Inflation (% change yoy):	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.6	2.2	0.9



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

Australian merchandise trade with the Netherlands, 2008-09:		<u>Total share:</u>	<u>Rank:</u>	<u>Growth (yoy):</u>
Exports to the Netherlands (A\$m):	3,183	1.4%	15th	11.1%
Imports from the Netherlands (A\$m):	1,771	0.8%	23rd	13.9%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	4,954	1.1%	18th	12.1%

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

Coal	1,390
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	315
Oil-seeds & oleaginous fruits, soft	293
Zinc ores & concentrates	136

*Includes A\$413m of confidential items, 13% of total exports.

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

Medicaments (incl veterinary)	163
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	104
Mechanical handling equip & parts	75
Coffee & substitutes	57

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

		<u>Total share:</u>
Exports of services to the Netherlands (A\$m):	418	0.8%
Imports of services from the Netherlands (A\$m):	811	1.4%

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

Personal travel excl education	163
Royalties & license fees	56

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

Personal, cultural & recreational	223
Royalties & license fees	210

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

	<u>Total:</u>	<u>FDI:</u>
Australia's investment in the Netherlands (A\$m):	30,020	5,647
The Netherlands' investment in Australia (A\$m):	32,901	25,085

The Netherlands' global merchandise trade relationships:

The Netherlands' principal export destinations, 2008:

1	Germany	21.3%
2	Belgium	10.7%
3	United Kingdom	8.1%
33	Australia	0.4%

The Netherlands' principal import sources, 2008:

1	Germany	16.3%
2	Belgium	8.7%
3	United States	7.8%
55	Australia	0.2%

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.