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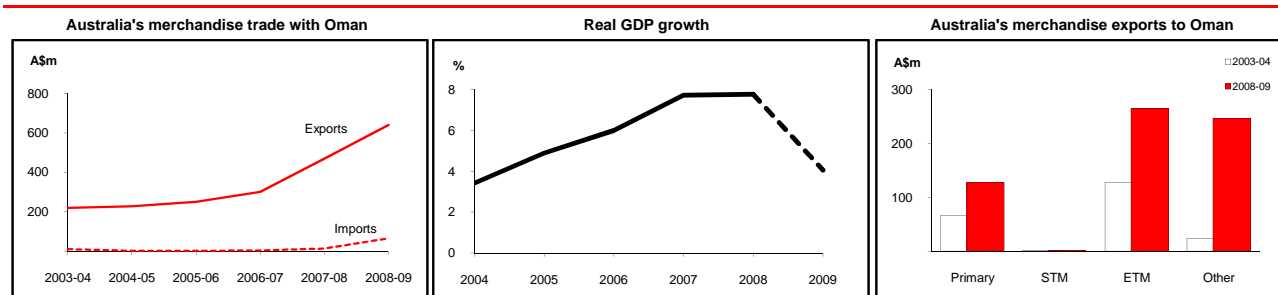
Fact Sheet

General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

Capital:	Muscat	Head of State and Head of Government:	
Surface area:	310 thousand sq km	HM Sultan Qaboos Bin Said Al-Said	
Official language:	Arabic		
Population:	2.8 million (2009)		
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 0.3208 Rials Omani (Aug 2009)		

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	24.7	30.9	36.8	41.6	59.9	52.3
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	46.6	51.2	56.0	62.1	68.3	72.2
GDP per capita (US\$):	9,954	12,318	14,282	15,180	21,646	18,718
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	18,812	20,396	21,735	22,630	24,674	25,829
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	3.4	4.9	6.0	7.7	7.8	4.1
Current account balance (US\$m):	876	5,178	5,658	3,443	5,469	-239
Current account balance (% GDP):	3.6	16.8	15.4	8.3	9.1	-0.5
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	57.2	63.1	62.2	63.2	66.2	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	0.7	1.9	3.4	5.9	12.6	3.3



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

Australian merchandise trade with Oman, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Oman (A\$m):	639	0.3%	32nd	36.3%
Imports from Oman (A\$m):	65	0.0%	63rd	363.5%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	705	0.2%	42nd	45.8%

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

Passenger motor vehicles	233
Milk & cream	52
Live animals (excl seafood)	48
Meat (excl beef)	12

*Includes A\$243m of confidential items, 38% of total exports.

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

Refined petroleum	63
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Australia's trade in services with Oman, 2008-09:

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

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

	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Oman (A\$m):	np	np
Oman's investment in Australia (A\$m):	3	na

Oman's global merchandise trade relationships.

Oman's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	China	29.3%
2	United Arab Emirates	10.9%
3	Japan	10.6%
43	Australia	0.0%

Oman's principal import sources, 2008:

1	United Arab Emirates	27.2%
2	Japan	15.6%
3	United States	5.7%
15	Australia	1.7%

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.