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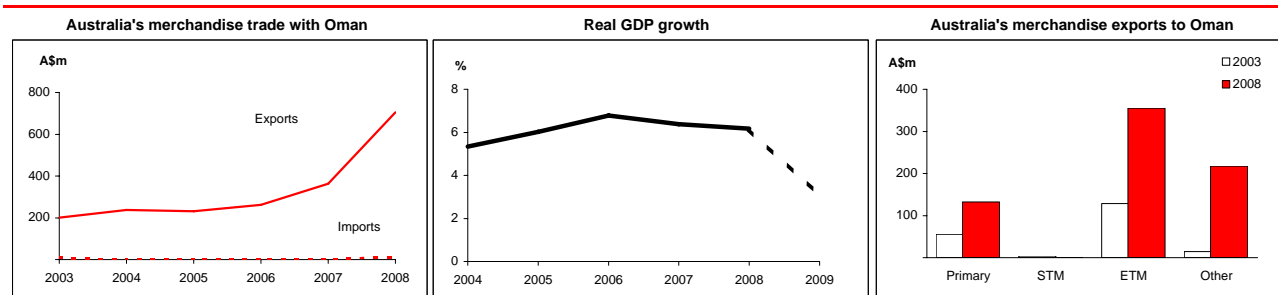
Fact Sheet

General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

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 (2008)		
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 0.2482 Rials Omani (Feb 2009)		

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	24.8	30.9	35.7	40.4	52.6	43.1
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	46.8	51.2	56.4	61.7	66.9	69.5
GDP per capita (US\$):	9,994	12,325	13,865	14,725	18,988	15,402
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	18,887	20,408	21,902	22,478	24,153	24,874
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	5.3	6.0	6.8	6.4	6.2	3.0
Current account balance (US\$m):	582	4,697	4,328	2,401	3,198	-97
Current account balance (% GDP):	2.4	15.2	12.1	5.9	6.1	-0.2
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	57.0	62.9	63.0	64.1	na	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	0.7	1.9	3.4	5.9	12.6	6.2



Australia's trade relationship with Oman (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Oman, 2008:

Exports to Oman (A\$m):	705	Total share:	0.3%	Rank:	31st	Growth (yoy):	94.1%
Imports from Oman (A\$m):	14		0.0%		89th		301.8%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	719		0.2%		41st		96.0%

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

Passenger motor vehicles	325
Live animals (excl seafood)	57
Milk & cream	57
Meat (excl beef)	10

*Includes A\$214m of confidential items, 30% of total exports.

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

Inorganic chemical elements	11
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Australia's trade in services with Oman, 2008:

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

Oman's global merchandise trade relationships.

Oman's principal export destinations, 2007:

1	China	26.8%
2	Japan	11.8%
3	United Arab Emirates	11.6%
57	Australia	0.0%

Oman's principal import sources, 2007:

1	United Arab Emirates	26.4%
2	Japan	15.7%
3	India	6.5%
14	Australia	2.0%

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.