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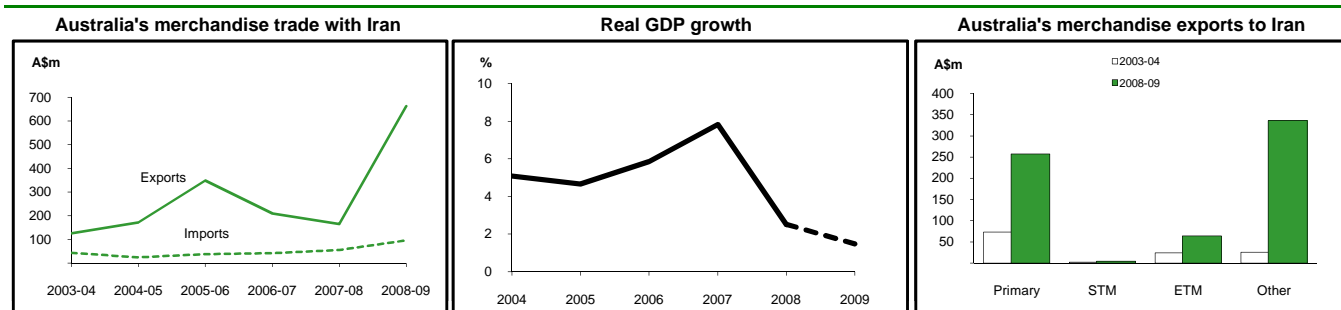
Fact Sheet

General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

Capital:	Tehran	Head of State and Head of Government:	
Surface area:	1,648 thousand sq km	President HE Dr Mahmoud Ahmadinejad	
Official language:	Farsi (Persian)		
Population:	74.1 million (2009)		
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 8,293.34 Rials (Aug 2009)		

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	161.3	188.0	222.1	285.9	335.2	331.8
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	591.6	634.6	693.6	769.2	805.4	830.1
GDP per capita (US\$):	2,390	2,746	3,152	3,990	4,600	4,477
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	8,767	9,268	9,841	10,734	11,052	11,202
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	5.1	4.7	5.8	7.8	2.5	1.5
Current account balance (US\$m):	903	16,637	20,402	34,081	22,515	10,041
Current account balance (% GDP):	0.6	8.8	9.2	11.9	6.7	3.0
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	30.2	33.5	32.5	32.2	32.2	25.9
Inflation (% change yoy):	15.3	10.4	11.9	18.4	25.4	12.0



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

Australian merchandise trade with Iran, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Iran (A\$m):	661	0.3%	30th	303.1%
Imports from Iran (A\$m):	95	0.0%	61st	75.6%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	756	0.2%	41st	246.9%

Major Australian exports, 2008-09* (A\$m):		Major Australian imports, 2008-09 (A\$m):	
Wheat	169	Inorganic chemical elements	36
Coke & semi-coke	32	Liquefied propane & butane	25
Passenger motor vehicles	26	Fruit & nuts	6
Manganese ores & concentrates	24	Floor coverings	6

*Includes A\$336m of confidential items, 51% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Iran, 2008-09:		Total share:
Exports of services to Iran (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Iran (A\$m):	na	na

Australia's investment relationship with Iran, 2008 (e):		Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Iran (A\$m):		np	np
Iran's investment in Australia (A\$m):		np	na

Iran's global merchandise trade relationships:

Iran's principal export destinations, 2008:			Iran's principal import sources, 2008:		
1	China	18.6%	1	China	13.4%
2	Japan	15.4%	2	United Arab Emirates	9.7%
3	Turkey	6.9%	3	Germany	9.0%
34	Australia	0.1%	39	Australia	0.3%

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. np Data not published. na Data not available.