

# IRAN

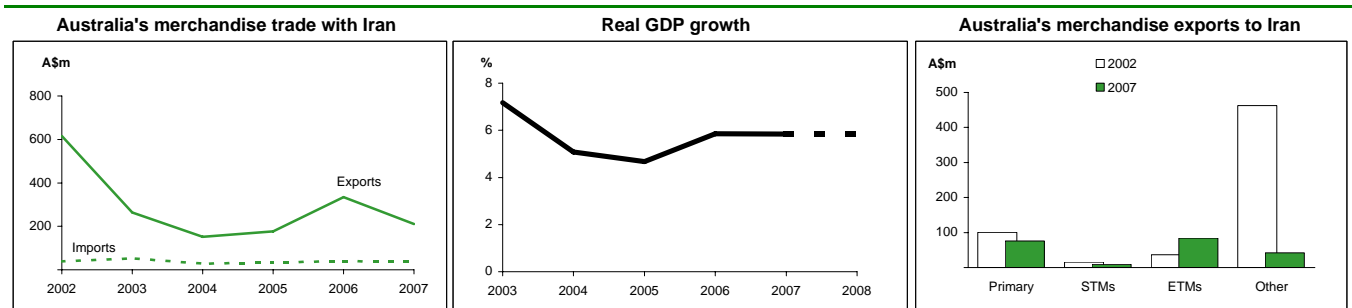
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

<b>Capital:</b>	Tehran	<b>Head of State and Head of Government:</b>
<b>Surface area:</b>	1,648 thousand sq km	President HE Dr Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
<b>Official language:</b>	Farsi (Persian)	
<b>Population:</b>	70.9 million (2007)	
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 8,512.43 Rials (Feb 2008)	

Recent economic indicators:	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007(a)	2008(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	134.0	161.3	188.0	222.1	294.1	364.5
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	548.6	591.6	634.6	692.9	753.0	812.9
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	2,015	2,390	2,746	3,197	4,149	5,042
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	8,252	8,767	9,268	9,972	10,624	11,245
<b>Real GDP growth (% change YOY):</b>	7.2	5.1	4.7	5.8	5.8	5.8
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	816	1,441	16,637	20,650	30,465	40,726
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	0.6	0.9	8.8	9.3	10.4	11.2
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	28.5	30.2	28.9	28.1	27.5	26.7
<b>Inflation (% change YOY):</b>	15.6	15.3	10.4	11.9	17.5	20.7



## Australia's trade relationship with Iran (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Iran, 2007:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Iran (A\$m):	211	0.1%	42nd	-36.9%
Imports from Iran (A\$m):	36	0.0%	67th	-7.6%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	247	0.1%	56th	-33.8%

Major Australian exports, 2007* (A\$m):		Major Australian imports, 2007 (A\$m):	
Coal	56	Fruit & nuts, fresh or dried	9
Passenger motor vehicles	42	Floor coverings	8
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	10	Construction materials	4
Wool	9	Computer parts	1

\*Includes A\$41m of confidential items, 19% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Iran, 2007:		Total share:
Exports of services to Iran (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Iran (A\$m):	na	na

## Iran's global merchandise trade relationships:

Iran's principal export destinations, 2006:		Iran's principal import sources, 2006:			
1	Japan	23.9%	1	China	6.0%
2	Italy	10.7%	2	France	5.4%
3	France	6.9%	3	India	3.7%
49	Australia	0.0%		Australia	na

Compiled by the Market Information and Analysis 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.

na Data not available.