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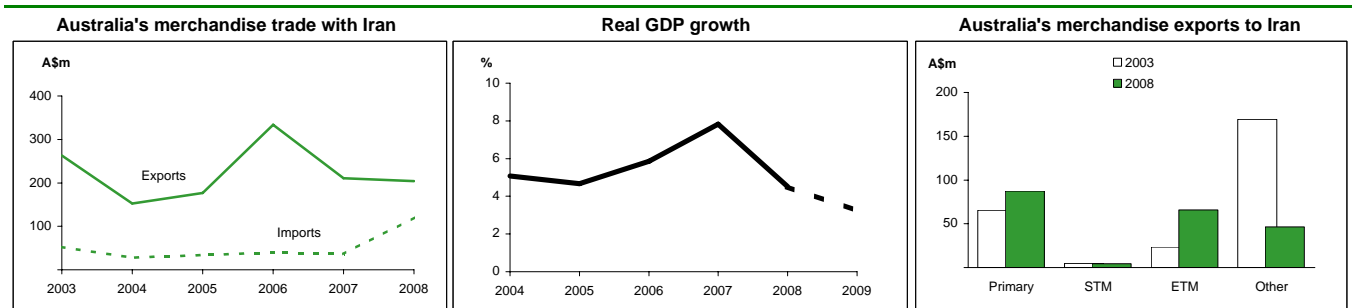
Fact Sheet

General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

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:	72.9 million (2008)	
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 6,194.31 Rials (Feb 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	344.8	343.0
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	591.6	634.6	693.3	767.7	819.8	854.0
GDP per capita (US\$):	2,390	2,746	3,152	3,990	4,732	4,629
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	8,767	9,268	9,838	10,713	11,250	11,525
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	5.1	4.7	5.8	7.8	4.5	3.2
Current account balance (US\$m):	1,441	16,637	20,402	34,079	17,799	-17,905
Current account balance (% GDP):	0.9	8.8	9.2	11.9	5.2	-5.2
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	30.2	33.5	32.5	32.2	32.2	29.8
Inflation (% change yoy):	15.3	10.4	11.9	18.4	26.0	18.0



Australia's trade relationship with Iran (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Iran, 2008:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Iran (A\$m):	204	0.1%	49th	-3.1%
Imports from Iran (A\$m):	120	0.1%	57th	230.4%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	324	0.1%	58th	31.3%

Major Australian exports, 2008 (A\$m):		Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$m):	
Passenger motor vehicles	36	Inorganic chemical elements	49
Coal	30	Liquefied propane & butane	29
Barley	19	Fruit & nuts	12
Manganese ores & concentrates	18	Floor coverings	8

Australia's trade in services with Iran, 2008:		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%
35	Australia	0.0%		Australia	na

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.

na Data not available.