

# QATAR

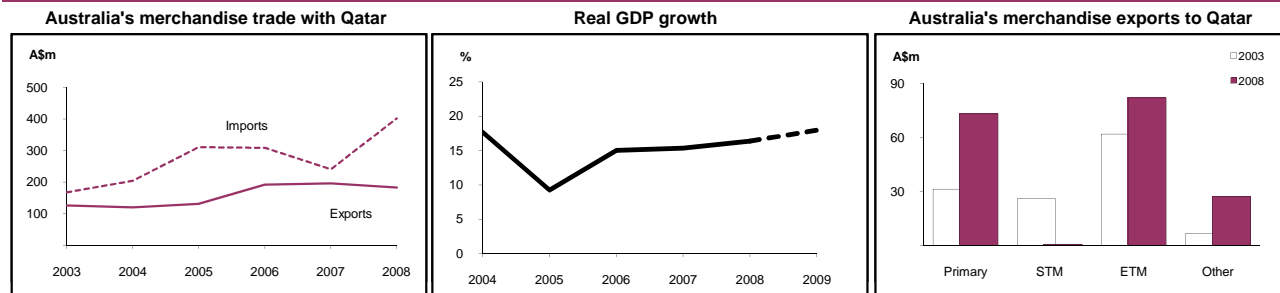
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

<b>Capital:</b>	Doha	<b>Head of State:</b>	Emir of the State of Qatar HH Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani
<b>Surface area:</b>	11 thousand sq km	<b>Head of Government:</b>	Prime Minister HE Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al-Thani
<b>Official language:</b>	Arabic		
<b>Population:</b>	1.1 million (2008)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 2.3619 Riyals (Feb 2009)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	31.7	42.5	56.9	71.0	102.3	99.7
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	51.6	56.3	66.9	79.3	94.2	112.2
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	41,949	53,333	67,922	76,374	93,204	81,861
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	68,166	70,772	79,838	85,199	85,868	92,121
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	17.7	9.2	15.0	15.3	16.4	18.0
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	7,100	14,100	16,113	21,951	36,083	7,443
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	22.4	33.2	28.3	30.9	35.3	7.5
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	64.2	67.6	69.0	71.0	63.0	45.7
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	6.8	8.8	11.8	13.8	15.0	9.0



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

Australian merchandise trade with Qatar, 2008:		<b>Total share:</b>	<b>Rank:</b>	<b>Growth (yoy):</b>
Exports to Qatar (A\$m):	183	0.1%	50th	-6.8%
Imports from Qatar (A\$m):	402	0.2%	44th	67.3%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	585	0.1%	45th	34.0%

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

Passenger motor vehicles	50
Live animals (excl seafood)	27
Meat (excl beef)	20
Beef	11

\*Includes A\$25m of confidential items, 14% of total exports.

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

Liquefied propane & butane	116
Fertilisers (excl crude)	111
Inorganic chemical elements	14
Primary ethylene polymers	10

\*Includes A\$146m of confidential items, 36% of total imports.

### Australia's trade in services with Qatar, 2008:

		<b>Total share:</b>
Exports of services to Qatar (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Qatar (A\$m):	na	na

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

	<b>Total:</b>	<b>FDI:</b>
Australia's investment in Qatar (A\$m):	np	np
Qatar's investment in Australia (A\$m):	np	na

## Qatar's global merchandise trade relationships.

### Qatar's principal export destinations, 2007:

1	Japan	40.6%
2	Republic of Korea	17.5%
3	Singapore	11.3%
15	Australia	0.5%

### Qatar's principal import sources, 2007:

1	United States	11.4%
2	Italy	10.3%
3	Japan	10.0%
19	Australia	1.1%

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. na Data not available. np Data not published.