



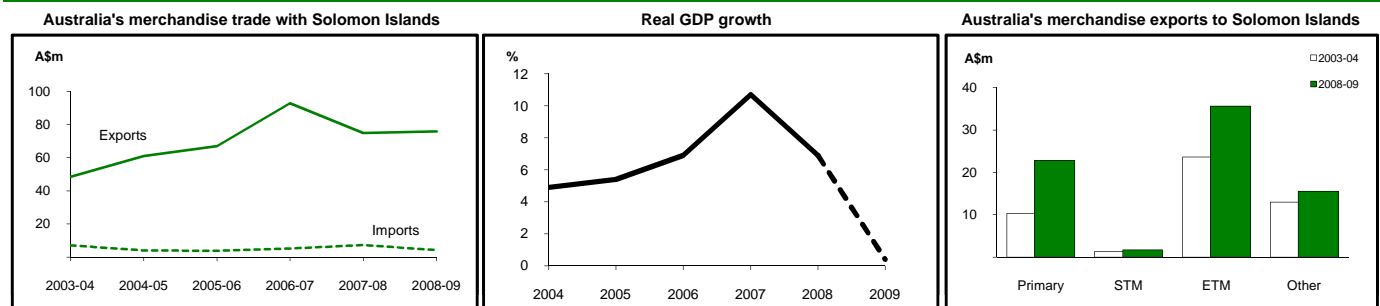
SOLOMON ISLANDS *Fact Sheet*

General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

Capital:	Honiara	Head of State:	HM Queen Elizabeth II, represented by
Surface area:	28.9 thousand sq km		Governor-General, HE Mr Frank Ofagioro Kabui
Official language:	English	Head of Government:	Prime Minister The Hon Dr Derek Sikua
Population:	537,000 (2009)		
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = SI\$6.4770 (Jul 2009)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$m) (current prices):	375	414	457	541	642	668
GDP PPP (US\$m) (c):	1,046	1,111	1,226	1,396	1,525	1,555
GDP per capita (US\$):	801	860	923	1,064	1,228	1,244
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	2,235	2,309	2,480	2,747	2,917	2,894
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	4.9	5.4	6.9	10.7	6.9	0.4
Current account balance (US\$m):	61	-29	-29	-67	-120	-74
Current account balance (% GDP):	16.3	-7.0	-6.4	-12.4	-18.7	-11.1
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	47.9	46.5	51.7	55.6	61.9	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	6.9	7.1	11.1	7.7	17.2	8.0



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

Australian merchandise trade with Solomon Islands, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Solomon Islands (A\$m):	76	0.0%	65th	1.3%
Imports from Solomon Islands (A\$m):	4	0.0%	118th	-41.6%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	80	0.0%	77th	-2.5%

Major Australian exports, 2008-09* (A\$m):

Wheat	5
Tobacco, manufactured	4
Refined petroleum	4
Measuring & analysing instruments	2

*Includes A\$15m of special transactions, 20% of total exports.

Major Australian imports, 2008-09 (A\$m):

Wood, simply worked	3
Gold	1

Australia's trade in services with Solomon Islands, 2008-09:

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

Australia's investment relationship with Solomon Islands, 2008 (e):

	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Solomon Islands (A\$m):	40	40
Solomon Islands' investment in Australia (A\$m):	72	na

Solomon Islands' global merchandise trade relationships:

Solomon Islands' principal export destinations, 2007:

1	China	50.8%
2	Republic of Korea	7.0%
3	Thailand	6.8%
9	Australia	2.1%

Solomon Islands' principal import sources, 2007:

1	Singapore	28.2%
2	Australia	25.4%
3	Japan	4.6%

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.