



SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Fact Sheet

General information:

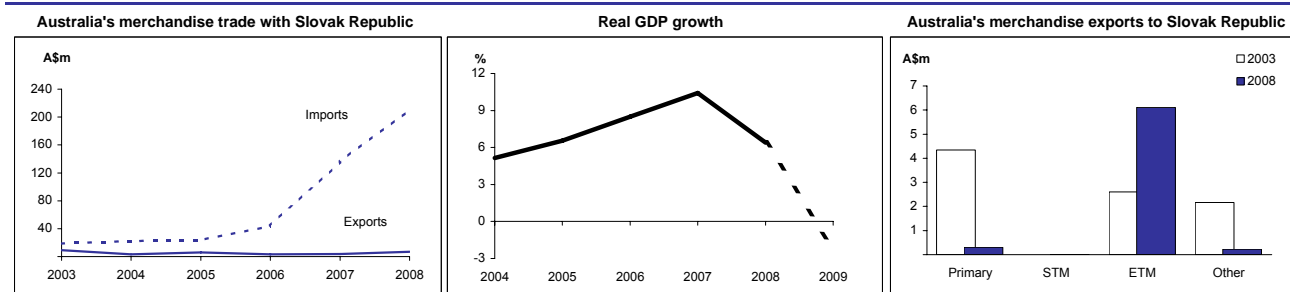
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Capital:	Bratislava
Surface area:	49 thousand sq km
Official language:	Slovak
Population:	5.4 million (2008)
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 0.5076 Euros (Feb 2009)

Head of State:
President HE Dr Ivan Gašparovič

Head of Government:
Prime Minister HE Mr Robert Fico

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	42.3	48.0	56.0	75.2	95.4	87.9
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	78.7	86.4	96.8	109.7	119.3	117.8
GDP per capita (US\$):	7,824	8,871	10,348	13,898	17,630	16,241
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	14,563	15,975	17,880	20,275	22,040	21,771
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	5.2	6.5	8.5	10.4	6.4	-2.1
Current account balance (US\$m):	-3,303	-4,097	-3,948	-4,081	-6,020	-5,043
Current account balance (% GDP):	-7.8	-8.5	-7.1	-5.4	-6.3	-5.7
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	74.2	75.6	84.2	86.3	82.6	64.5
Inflation (% change yoy):	7.5	2.8	4.3	1.9	3.9	1.7



Australia's trade relationship with Slovak Republic (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Slovak Republic, 2008:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Slovak Republic (A\$m):	7	0.0%	137th	85.9%
Imports from Slovak Republic (A\$m):	211	0.1%	51st	55.1%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	217	0.0%	64th	55.8%

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

Specialised machinery & parts	2
Electronic integrated circuits	1
Mechanical handling equip & parts	1

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

Passenger motor vehicles	152
Furniture, mattresses & cushions	6
Glassware	4
Musical instruments & parts	4

Australia's trade in services with Slovak Republic, 2008:

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

Slovak Republic's global merchandise trade relationships.

Slovak Republic's principal export destinations, 2007:

1	Germany	21.5%
2	Czech Republic	12.4%
3	France	6.8%
37	Australia	0.2%

Slovak Republic's principal import sources, 2007:

1	Germany	19.9%
2	Czech Republic	11.5%
3	Russian Federation	9.4%
55	Australia	0.0%

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.