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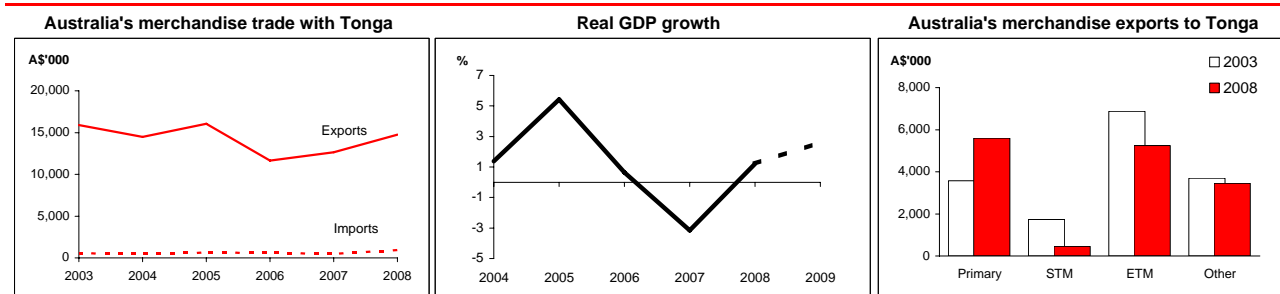
Fact Sheet

General information:

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Capital:	Nuku'alofa	Head of State:	HM King George Tupou V
Surface area:	748 sq km	Head of Government:	Prime Minister The Hon Dr Feleti (Fred) Sevele
Official languages:	Tongan, English		
Population:	103,000 (2008)		
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 1.4730 Pa'anga (Jan 2009)		

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$m) (current prices) (c):	182	219	236	246	258	259
GDP PPP (US\$m) (c)(d):	482	517	538	535	553	573
GDP per capita (US\$):	1,787	2,146	2,307	2,397	2,510	2,509
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (d):	4,729	5,067	5,251	5,209	5,373	5,552
Real GDP growth (% change yoy) (c):	1.4	5.4	0.6	-3.2	1.2	2.6
Current account balance (US\$m):	8	-6	-23	-25	-27	-23
Current account balance (% GDP):	4.2	-2.6	-9.7	-10.4	-10.4	-8.8
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	25.2	25.4	17.3	16.9	na	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	11.7	9.7	7.0	5.1	14.5	12.3



Australia's trade relationship with Tonga (e):

Australian merchandise trade with Tonga, 2008:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Tonga (A\$'000):	14,751	0.0%	107th	16.8%
Imports from Tonga (A\$'000):	939	0.0%	142nd	94.4%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	15,690	0.0%	125th	19.7%

Major Australian exports, 2008* (A\$'000):

Tobacco, manufactured	3,025
Telecom equipment & parts	995
Meat (excl beef)	701
Iron, steel, aluminium structures	450

Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$'000):

Vegetables	642
Fruit & nuts	224
Telecom equipment & parts	31
Internal combustion piston engines	10

*Includes A\$3m of confidential items and special transactions, 23% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Tonga, 2008:

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

Tonga's global merchandise trade relationships.

Tonga's principal export destinations, 2007:

1	New Zealand	33.3%
2	United States	30.7%
3	Japan	13.1%
4	Australia	7.1%

Tonga's principal import sources, 2007:

1	New Zealand	33.8%
2	Singapore	21.3%
3	Australia	11.6%

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 forecast; (c) Year ending 30 June; (d) PPP is purchasing power parity; (e) Total may not add due to rounding.

na Data not available.