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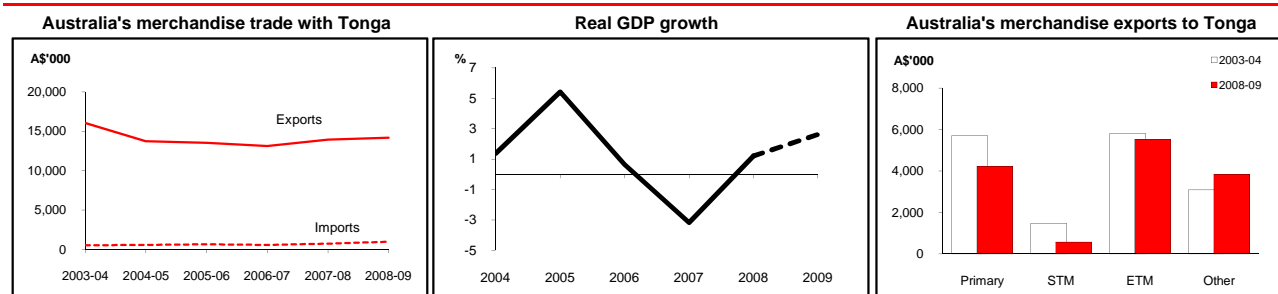
Fact Sheet

General information:

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Capital:	Nuku'alofa	Head of State:	
Surface area:	748 sq km	HM King George Tupou V	
Official languages:	Tongan, English	Head of Government:	
Population:	103,000 (2009)	Prime Minister The Hon Dr Feleti (Fred) Sevele	
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 1.6173 Pa'anga (Jul 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	536	554	577
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	5,253	5,220	5,382	5,596
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 and investment relationship with Tonga (e):

Australian merchandise trade with Tonga, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Tonga (A\$'000):	14,186	0.0%	112th	1.8%
Imports from Tonga (A\$'000):	978	0.0%	144th	39.3%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	15,165	0.0%	131st	3.6%

Major Australian exports, 2008-09* (A\$'000):		Major Australian imports, 2008-09 (A\$'000):	
Tobacco, manufactured	1,860	Vegetables	662
Telecom equipment & parts	1,100	Fruit & nuts	247
Refined petroleum	517	Telecom equipment & parts	19
Iron, steel, aluminium structures	450	Fish	10

*Includes A\$4m of confidential items and special transactions, 27% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Tonga, 2008-09:		Total share:
Exports of services to Tonga (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Tonga (A\$m):	na	na

Australia's investment relationship with Tonga 2008 (f):	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Tonga (A\$m):	21	20
Tonga's investment in Australia (A\$m):	np	na

Tonga's global merchandise trade relationships.

Tonga's principal export destinations, 2007:			Tonga's principal import sources, 2007:		
1	New Zealand	33.3%	1	New Zealand	33.8%
2	United States	30.7%	2	Singapore	21.3%
3	Japan	13.1%	3	Australia	11.6%
4	Australia	7.1%			

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 forecast; (c) Year ending 30 June; (d) PPP is purchasing power parity; (e) Total may not add due to rounding; (f) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available. np Data not published.