



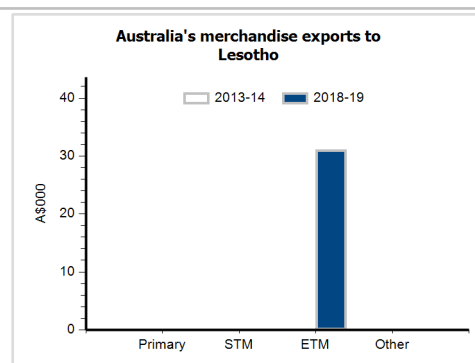
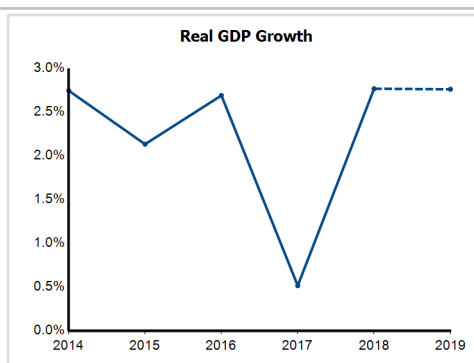
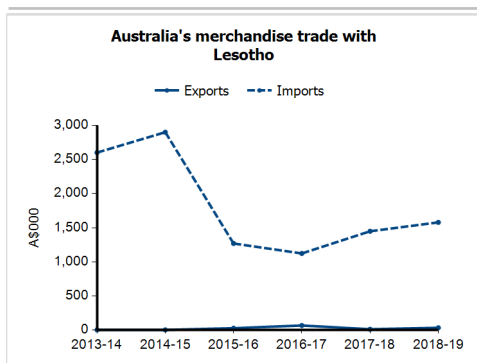
General information

Capital:	Maseru
Land area:	30,360 sq km
Official language(s):	Sesotho, English
Population:	2.0 million (2018)
Currency:	Loti

Head of State	HM King Letsie III
Head of Government	Prime Minister HE The Honourable Dr Moeketsi Majoro

Economic indicators (a)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.7
GDP per capita (US\$)	1,330.4	1,166.5	1,207.2	1,324.8	1,333.4	1,338.5
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	6.1	6.3	6.6	6.7	7.1	7.4
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	3,096.5	3,174.0	3,271.0	3,327.4	3,479.2	3,614.6
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	2.7	2.1	2.7	0.5	2.8	2.8
Current account balance (US\$b)	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4
Current account balance (% GDP)	-4.9	-4.0	-8.4	-4.7	-8.6	-14.6
Inflation (% change yoy)	4.6	4.3	6.2	4.5	4.7	5.9
Unemployment (% labour force)	24.3	24.3	24.2	23.6	23.6	na



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Lesotho (b)

Australian merchandise trade with Lesotho, 2018-19 (A\$000)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports to Lesotho	31	0.0%	214th	225.6%
Imports from Lesotho	1,578	0.0%	150th	9.0%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	1,609	0.0%	187th	10.4%

Major Australian exports, 2018-19 (A\$000)

Measuring & analysing instruments	22
Electrical machinery & parts, nes	8
Musical instruments & parts	1
Travel goods, bags & like containers	0

Major Australian imports, 2018-19 (A\$000)

Men's clothing (excl knitted)	1,260
Men's clothing, knitted	78
Other textile clothing	70
Crude vegetable matter, nes	66

Australia's trade in services with Lesotho, 2018-19 (A\$m)

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports of services to Lesotho	1	0.0%	163rd	0.0%
Imports of services from Lesotho	0	0.0%

Australia's investment relationship with Lesotho, 2018 (A\$m)

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Lesotho	np	np
Lesotho's investment in Australia	0	0

Lesotho's global merchandise trade relationships

Lesotho's principal export destinations, 2018

1 South Africa	39.9%
2 Belgium	33.6%
3 United States	24.5%
9 Australia	0.1%

Lesotho's principal import sources, 2018

1 South Africa	83.1%
2 China	4.4%
3 Taiwan	4.1%
43 Australia	0.0%