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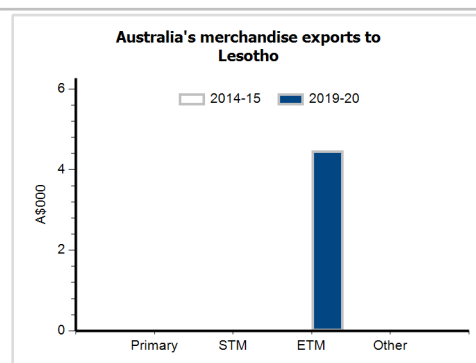
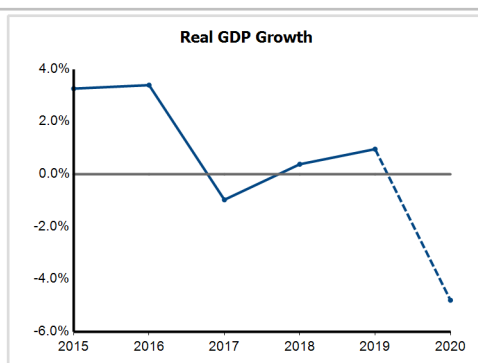
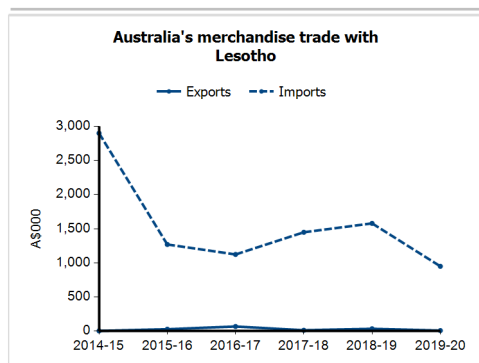
General information

Capital: Maseru
Land area: 30,360 sq km
Official language(s): Sesotho, English
Population: 2.0 million (2019)
Currency: Loti

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

Economic indicators (a)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.4	1.9
GDP per capita (US\$)	1,115.8	1,130.7	1,223.4	1,215.2	1,185.4	924.2
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	6.5	6.4	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.0
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	3,236.8	3,171.4	2,888.0	2,948.7	3,009.8	2,886.3
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	3.3	3.4	-1.0	0.4	1.0	-4.8
Current account balance (US\$b)	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.3
Current account balance (% GDP)	-3.9	-6.5	-2.5	-1.3	-8.4	-13.3
Inflation (% change yoy)	3.2	6.6	4.4	4.8	5.2	4.3
Unemployment (% labour force)	na	na	na	na	na	na



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

Australian merchandise trade with Lesotho, 2019-20 (A\$000)

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Lesotho	4	0.0%	213th	-85.6%
Imports from Lesotho	948	0.0%	154th	-39.9%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	953	0.0%	192nd	-40.8%

Major Australian exports, 2019-20 (A\$000)

Medical electrodiagnostic apparatus	4
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Major Australian imports, 2019-20 (A\$000)

Men's clothing (excl knitted)	687
Crude vegetable matter, nes	72
Electrical circuits equipment	57
Men's clothing, knitted	52

Australia's trade in services with Lesotho, 2019-20 (A\$m)

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Lesotho	1	0.0%	162nd	0.0%
Imports of services from Lesotho	0

Australia's investment relationship with Lesotho, 2019 (A\$m)

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

Compiled by the Statistics Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources

(a) Economic indicators data is from the IMF WEO where available, the EIU or other reputable source. Data may include forecasts or projections for recent years. GNI may be shown in lieu of GDP for countries where GDP data is unavailable.
 (b) Merchandise trade data is based on published and unpublished ABS data. May exclude confidential items of trade. Totals may not add up due to rounding. Investment data is stocks as at end December.

All data may be subject to future revisions.

GDP - Gross Domestic Product PPP - Purchasing power parity GNI - Gross National Income na - Data is not available np - Data is not published .. - Data is not meaningful Primary - Primary goods STM - Simply transformed manufactures
 ETM - Elaborately transformed manufactures Other - Other goods including non-monetary gold f.c.f. - Fresh, chilled or frozen nes - Not elsewhere specified