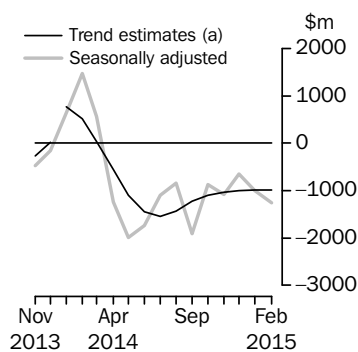


# INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

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## Balance on Goods and Service



(a) A trend break has been applied to January 2014.

## KEY FIGURES

	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Jan 15 to Feb 15 %
	\$m	\$m	\$m	change
<b>BALANCE ON GOODS AND SERVICES</b>				
Trend estimates	-1 001	-991	-992	—
Seasonally adjusted	-644	-1 003	-1 256	-25
<b>CREDITS (Exports of goods &amp; services)</b>				
Trend estimates	27 278	27 485	27 694	1
Seasonally adjusted	27 203	27 592	27 874	1
<b>DEBITS (Imports of goods &amp; services)</b>				
Trend estimates	28 279	28 476	28 686	1
Seasonally adjusted	27 847	28 595	29 129	2

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## KEY POINTS

### BALANCE ON GOODS AND SERVICES

- In trend terms, the *balance on goods and services* was a deficit of \$992m in February 2015, an increase of \$1m on the deficit in January 2015.
- In seasonally adjusted terms, the *balance on goods and services* was a deficit of \$1,256m in February 2015, an increase of \$253m (25%) on the deficit in January 2015.

### CREDITS (EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES)

- In seasonally adjusted terms, *goods and services credits* rose \$282m (1%) to \$27,874m. *Rural goods* rose \$390m (11%) and *non-monetary gold* rose \$98m (8%). *Non-rural goods* fell \$218m (1%) and *net exports of goods under merchanting* remained steady at \$34m. *Services credits* rose \$11m.

### DEBITS (IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES)

- In seasonally adjusted terms, *goods and services debits* rose \$534m (2%) to \$29,129m. *Intermediate and other merchandise goods* rose \$284m (3%), *consumption goods* rose \$192m (3%) and *non-monetary gold* rose \$96m (36%). *Capital goods* fell \$116m (2%). *Services debits* rose \$78m (1%).

## INQUIRIES

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March 2015	5 May 2015
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## REVISIONS

See page 4 – *Revisions* for details.

## CHANGES IN THIS AND FORTHCOMING ISSUES

Changes in this issue:

- impacts on services due to delays of Overseas Arrivals and Departures (OAD) data.

Changes in forthcoming issues:

- delays of Overseas Arrivals and Departures (OAD) data
- PDF version of the publication.

See page 5 – *Changes in this and forthcoming issues* for details.

## VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

See page 6 – *Value adjustments* for details.

## RELATED RELEASES

The data cubes *International Trade in Services by Country, by State and by Detailed Services Category, Calendar Year, 2014* (cat. no. 5368.0.55.004) will be delayed due to the delays of Overseas Arrivals and Departures (OAD) data.

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## REVISIONS

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### REVISIONS

Revisions have been made to incorporate the latest data relating to international trade in goods and services since the last issue of this publication:

- on an international merchandise trade basis, exports and imports have been revised back to August 2014
- on a balance of payments basis, revisions have been applied to:
  - goods credits back to January 2014
  - goods debits back to July 2014
  - services credits and debits back to July 2013.

Table 17 summarises revisions to goods and services on a balance of payments basis, in original current price terms, since the last issue of this publication. In original terms the revisions have:

- increased the deficit on goods and services for 2013–14 by \$236m
- decreased the deficit on goods and services for the seven months to January 2015 by \$496m.

## CHANGES IN THIS AND FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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### CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

*Impacts on services due to delays of Overseas Arrivals and Departures (OAD) data*

A number of releases of *Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (cat. no. 3401.0) have been delayed due to passenger card processing issues as announced by the *Department of Immigration and Border Protection* (DIBP). These delays impact on the transport and travel services series from October 2014 onwards. Caution should be used when interpreting the recent services credits and services debits estimates as they are based on modelled estimates rather than actual data.

Preliminary OAD estimates for October, November and December 2014 published in the ABS publication *Preliminary Estimates of Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (cat. no. 3401.0.30.001) released on 3 March 2015, have been incorporated into services estimates. These preliminary OAD estimates have been modelled based on a combination of historical OAD data and information about travellers for the relevant reference months from DIBP's traveller processing system. For further information refer to the Explanatory Notes of *Preliminary Estimates of Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (cat. no. 3401.0.30.001).

### CHANGES IN FORTHCOMING ISSUES

*Delays of Overseas Arrivals and Departures (OAD) data*

Contingency processing plans are now in place to ensure the regular scheduled releases of *Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (cat. no. 3401.0) can resume as soon as possible. Preliminary OAD estimates for January, February and March 2015 will be released in *Preliminary Estimates of Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (cat. no. 3401.0.30.001) on 2 June 2015. These estimates will be incorporated in the March quarter 2015 issue of *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia* (cat. no. 5302.0), resulting in a likely difference between the sum of the three months for transport and travel services series published in the March 2015 issue of *International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia* (cat. no. 5368.0).

*PDF version of the publication*

From the April 2015 issue, this publication will be available from the ABS website in electronic format only. The March 2015 release of this publication will be the final issue that contains a PDF version.

## VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

### VALUE ADJUSTMENTS

International merchandise trade exports data presented in tables 12, 14 and 15 of this publication are based on information reported by exporters to the *Australian Customs and Border Protection Service* (Customs and Border Protection). At the time of initial reporting to Customs and Border Protection, the final prices at which transactions take place are not known for some commodities. Final quantity and/or unit price information is updated progressively in merchandise trade data as exporters revise the information provided to Customs and Border Protection.

For commodities such as iron ore and coal, newly negotiated contract prices are not fully reflected in data first reported to Customs and Border Protection. When additional information on quantity and/or unit price for these commodities is available, the ABS may adjust the data to reflect actual transaction values.

Iron ore adjustments are applied to the international merchandise trade basis at the *Australian Harmonized Export Commodity Classification* (AHECC) level and flow through to balance of payments data. Coal, coke and briquettes are adjusted on a balance of payments basis in current price, original terms. When actual final transaction prices become available estimates are replaced with these data.

In most instances, transfer of ownership occurs when goods cross the customs frontier. In certain circumstances the ownership of large value capital expenditure items can occur prior to the items crossing the customs frontier. The ABS may adjust the relevant balance of payments series to record the timing when transfer of ownership was effected.

#### *Goods credits*

##### Coal (in original terms)

- Negative adjustments of \$50m and \$70m have been applied to the coal, coke and briquettes component in the balance of payments series for January and February 2015 respectively. These adjustments take into account additional information on the unit value of hard coking and semi-soft coal exports. All previous adjustments have been removed.
  - In the international merchandise trade series, the unit value of coal, coke and briquettes rose 4% between December 2014 and January 2015 and rose 4% between January and February 2015.
  - In the balance of payments series, the unit value of coal, coke and briquettes rose 2% between December 2014 and January 2015 and rose 3% between January and February 2015.

#### *Goods debits*

##### Capital expenditure (in original terms)

- capital goods n.e.s. includes an estimate of expenditure on capital goods that have changed ownership but have not yet crossed the customs frontier.

## TIME SERIES DATA

### TIME SERIES DATA

Tables 1 to 16 of this publication are available free on the ABS website <[www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)> from the 'Downloads' tab of this issue with longer time series. A number of these tables present more detailed breakdowns than included in the publication. A number of additional tables are available free on the ABS website.

#### *Tables with more detailed breakdowns:*

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## TIME SERIES DATA *continued*

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### TRADE IN SERVICES DATA CUBES

Trade in services data cubes are usually updated on an annual basis. Calendar year (cat. no. 5368.0.55.004) statistics are updated following the March issue of this publication and financial year (cat. no. 5368.0.55.003) statistics are updated following the September issue of this publication. Any changes that may occur will be announced in the *Related releases* section of this publication.

The following tables were included in the calendar and financial year data cubes:

- 1 International trade in services, credits, state by year
- 2 International trade in services, credits, year by state
- 3 International trade in services, debits, state by year
- 4 International trade in services, debits, year by state
- 5 International trade in services, credits, year by country and service
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## ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

### BALANCE ON GOODS AND SERVICES

In trend terms, the balance on goods and services was a deficit of \$992m in February 2015, an increase of \$1m on the deficit in January 2015.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the balance on goods and services was a deficit of \$1,256m in February 2015, an increase of \$253m (25%) on the deficit in January 2015.

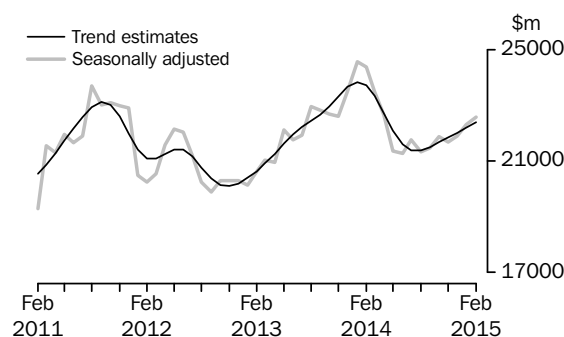
### EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES

Between January and February 2015, the trend estimate of goods and services credits rose \$209m (1%) to \$27,694m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, goods and services credits rose \$282m (1%) to \$27,874m. Rural goods rose \$390m (11%) and non-monetary gold rose \$98m (8%). Non-rural goods fell \$218m (1%) and net exports of goods under merchanting remained steady at \$34m. Services credits rose \$11m.

#### Exports of goods

### GOODS CREDITS



### RURAL GOODS

In trend terms, exports of rural goods rose \$120m (3%) to \$3,716m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, exports of rural goods rose \$390m (11%) to \$3,920m.

The main components contributing to the rise in seasonally adjusted estimates were:

- other rural, up \$192m (13%)
- cereal grains and cereal preparations, up \$150m (22%).

### NON-RURAL GOODS

In trend terms, exports of non-rural goods rose \$34m to \$17,350m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, exports of non-rural goods fell \$218m (1%) to \$17,241m.

The main components contributing to the fall in seasonally adjusted estimates were:

- metal ores and minerals, down \$248m (4%)
- transport equipment, down \$134m (23%).

Partly offsetting these falls were:

- coal, coke and briquettes, up \$95m (3%)
- other mineral fuels, up \$78m (3%).

For price and volume details, see the *Selected commodities* section on page 13.

## ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS *continued*

### Exports of goods *continued*

#### NET EXPORTS OF GOODS UNDER MERCHANTING

In trend terms, net exports of goods under merchanting remained steady at \$37m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, net exports of goods under merchanting remained steady at \$34m.

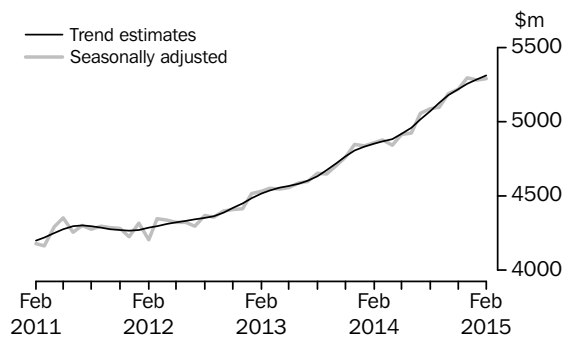
#### NON-MONETARY GOLD

In trend terms, exports of non-monetary gold rose \$33m (3%) to \$1,282m.

In original and seasonally adjusted terms, exports of non-monetary gold rose \$98m (8%) to \$1,386m.

### Exports of services

#### SERVICES CREDITS



In trend terms, service credits rose \$24m to \$5,310m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, services credits rose \$11m to \$5,292m.

The main component contributing to the rise in seasonally adjusted estimates was travel, up \$10m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, tourism related service credits rose \$13m to \$3,323m.

### IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES

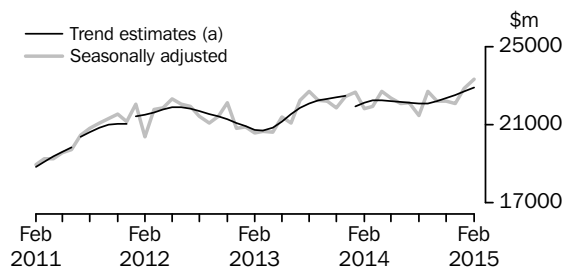
Between January and February 2015, the trend estimate of goods and services debits rose \$210m (1%) to \$28,686m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, goods and services debits rose \$534m (2%) to \$29,129m.

Intermediate and other merchandise goods rose \$284m (3%), consumption goods rose \$192m (3%) and non-monetary gold rose \$96m (36%). Capital goods fell \$116m (2%). Services debits rose \$78m (1%).

### Imports of goods

#### GOODS DEBITS



(a) Trend breaks have been applied to July 2011, January 2012 and January 2014.

## ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS *continued*

### *Imports of goods continued*

#### CONSUMPTION GOODS

In trend terms, imports of consumption goods rose \$99m (1%) to \$7,385m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, imports of consumption goods rose \$192m (3%) to \$7,526m.

The main components contributing to the rise in seasonally adjusted estimates were:

- textiles, clothing and footwear, up \$77m (6%)
- consumption goods n.e.s., up \$46m (2%)
- household electrical items, up \$40m (8%).

#### CAPITAL GOODS

In trend terms, imports of capital goods rose \$43m (1%) to \$5,736m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, imports of capital goods fell \$116m (2%) to \$5,707m.

The main component contributing to the fall in seasonally adjusted estimates was civil aircraft and confidentialised items, down \$284m (34%).

Partly offsetting this fall was capital goods n.e.s., up \$126m (14%).

#### INTERMEDIATE AND OTHER MERCHANDISE GOODS

In trend terms, imports of intermediate and other merchandise goods rose \$58m (1%) to \$9,484m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, imports of intermediate and other merchandise goods rose \$284m (3%) to \$9,721m.

The main component contributing to the rise in seasonally adjusted estimates was processed industrial supplies n.e.s., up \$439m (16%).

Partly offsetting this rise was fuels and lubricants, down \$197m (8%).

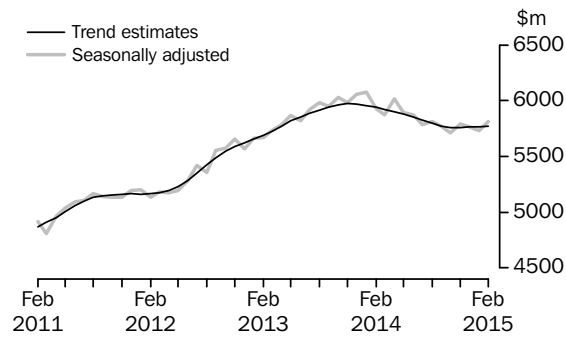
#### NON-MONETARY GOLD

In trend terms, imports of non-monetary gold rose \$5m (2%) to \$308m.

In original and seasonally adjusted terms, imports of non-monetary gold rose \$96m (36%) to \$362m.

Imports of services

SERVICES DEBITS



In trend terms, imports of services debits rose \$5m to \$5,773m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, imports of services debits rose \$78m (1%) to \$5,813m.

The main components contributing to the rise in seasonally adjusted estimates were:

- travel, up \$36m (2%)
- maintenance and repair services n.i.e., up \$28m (156%).

In seasonally adjusted terms, imports of tourism related services debits rose \$40m (1%) to \$2,898m.

## ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS *continued*

Selected commodities

### SELECTED COMMODITIES, Quantity and unit value analysis: International merchandise trade basis (a)— Original terms

		CHANGE IN					
		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
		2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015
		%	%	%	%	%	%
.....							
<b>IRON ORE</b>							
<b>Lump</b>							
Quantity		-4	-9	1	19	-12	-7
Unit value		-4	-1	-2	4	-1	4
<b>Fines</b>							
Quantity		-4	7	-8	9	-9	-1
Unit value		-5	-5	-5	—	—	2
.....							
<b>COAL</b>							
<b>Hard coking</b>							
Quantity		3	—	7	-11	-3	-13
Unit value		-1	7	1	6	p8	p3
<b>Semi-soft</b>							
Quantity		5	-2	-13	33	-18	-20
Unit value		2	3	1	6	p5	p3
<b>Thermal</b>							
Quantity		-9	1	3	13	-12	-8
Unit value		2	-2	3	5	-2	6

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(a) Data in this table are on a revised international merchandise trade basis and exclude value adjustments applied to balance of payments series.

Unit values in this publication are presented in Australian dollar terms. Movements in the unit values for some commodities incorporate movements in the United States dollar prices reported to Customs and Border Protection and movements in the Australian dollar to United States dollar exchange rate.

On an international merchandise trade basis, in original terms (noting the footnote in the above table), between January and February 2015 the largest movements recorded for the following selected commodities were:

Iron ore lump, down \$33m (3%), with quantities down 7% and unit values up 4%.

Exports to Japan fell \$37m (18%), with quantities down 17% and unit values down 1%.

Iron ore fines, up \$19m (1%), with quantities down 1% and unit values up 2%. Exports to China (excluding SARs and Taiwan) rose \$111m (4%), with quantities up 1% and unit values up 3%.

Partly offsetting this rise were exports to:

- Japan, down \$68m (20%), with quantities down 18% and unit values down 3%
- the Republic of Korea, down \$30m (10%), with quantities down 5% and unit values down 6%.

## ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS *continued*

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### *Selected commodities continued*

Hard coking coal, down \$152m (11%), with quantities down 13% and unit values up 3%.

Exports to:

- Japan fell \$90m (34%), with quantities down 33% and unit values down 2%
- China (excluding SARs and Taiwan) fell \$65m (23%), with quantities down 29% and unit values up 8%.

Semi-soft coal, down \$107m (18%), with quantities down 20% and unit values up 3%.

Exports to:

- China (excluding SARs and Taiwan) fell \$38m (39%), with quantities down 39% and unit values down 1%
- Taiwan fell \$29m (50%), with quantities down 51% and unit values up 1%
- the Republic of Korea fell \$27m (21%), with quantities down 26% and unit values up 7%
- Japan fell \$23m (13%), with quantities down 14% and unit values up 1%.

Thermal coal, down \$31m (2%), with quantities down 8% and unit values up 6%.

Exports to:

- Taiwan fell \$54m (34%), with quantities down 37% and unit values up 5%
- China (excluding SARs and Taiwan) fell \$38m (17%), with quantities down 21% and unit values up 5%.

Partly offsetting these falls were exports to Japan, up \$46m (8%), with quantities up 2% and unit values up 5%.



## GOODS AND SERVICES(a), Summary—Seasonally Adjusted and Trend Estimates

	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	May 2014	Jun 2014	Jul 2014	Aug 2014	Sep 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
<b>BALANCE</b>												
<b>On goods and services</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>-1 233</b>	<b>-1 985</b>	<b>-1 736</b>	<b>-1 092</b>	<b>-845</b>	<b>-1 912</b>	<b>-880</b>	<b>-1 086</b>	<b>-644</b>	<b>-1 003</b>	<b>-1 256</b>
<b>CREDITS</b>												
Total goods and services	28 350	27 508	26 269	26 210	26 814	26 425	26 560	27 047	26 905	27 203	27 592	27 874
<b>Total goods</b>	<b>23 470</b>	<b>22 665</b>	<b>21 356</b>	<b>21 285</b>	<b>21 756</b>	<b>21 341</b>	<b>21 463</b>	<b>21 860</b>	<b>21 687</b>	<b>21 906</b>	<b>22 311</b>	<b>22 581</b>
Rural goods(b)	3 474	3 224	3 172	3 321	3 396	3 231	3 273	3 158	3 269	3 591	3 530	3 920
Non-rural goods(b)	18 787	18 357	17 161	16 874	17 104	17 107	16 602	17 310	17 547	17 016	17 459	17 241
Net exports of goods under merchandise(c)	11	17	17	17	33	33	33	41	41	40	34	34
Non-monetary gold(c)	1 198	1 067	1 006	1 074	1 223	970	1 555	1 351	831	1 259	1 288	1 386
<b>Total services</b>	<b>4 880</b>	<b>4 843</b>	<b>4 913</b>	<b>4 925</b>	<b>5 058</b>	<b>5 084</b>	<b>5 097</b>	<b>5 187</b>	<b>5 218</b>	<b>5 297</b>	<b>5 281</b>	<b>5 292</b>
<b>DEBITS</b>												
Total goods and services	-27 788	-28 741	-28 255	-27 946	-27 906	-27 270	-28 472	-27 927	-27 991	-27 847	-28 595	-29 129
<b>Total goods</b>	<b>-21 917</b>	<b>-22 726</b>	<b>-22 359</b>	<b>-22 074</b>	<b>-22 117</b>	<b>-21 459</b>	<b>-22 700</b>	<b>-22 214</b>	<b>-22 199</b>	<b>-22 081</b>	<b>-22 861</b>	<b>-23 316</b>
Consumption goods	-6 796	-6 974	-6 855	-6 781	-6 847	-6 811	-7 009	-6 933	-7 057	-7 093	-7 334	-7 526
Capital goods	-4 914	-5 506	-5 228	-5 027	-4 924	-5 281	-5 459	-5 460	-5 455	-5 574	-5 823	-5 707
Intermediate and other merchandise goods	-9 893	-9 938	-9 930	-9 933	-10 091	-9 137	-9 864	-9 490	-9 446	-9 120	-9 437	-9 721
Non-monetary gold(c)	-315	-308	-346	-333	-255	-230	-367	-331	-241	-294	-266	-362
<b>Total services</b>	<b>-5 871</b>	<b>-6 015</b>	<b>-5 896</b>	<b>-5 871</b>	<b>-5 789</b>	<b>-5 811</b>	<b>-5 772</b>	<b>-5 713</b>	<b>-5 792</b>	<b>-5 766</b>	<b>-5 735</b>	<b>-5 813</b>
TREND ESTIMATES (d)												
<b>BALANCE</b>												
<b>On goods and services</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-557</b>	<b>-1 097</b>	<b>-1 446</b>	<b>-1 545</b>	<b>-1 431</b>	<b>-1 227</b>	<b>-1 090</b>	<b>-1 034</b>	<b>-1 001</b>	<b>-991</b>	<b>-992</b>
<b>CREDITS</b>												
Total goods and services	28 194	27 603	26 999	26 570	26 402	26 450	26 633	26 854	27 065	27 278	27 485	27 694
<b>Total goods</b>	<b>23 328</b>	<b>22 718</b>	<b>22 084</b>	<b>21 611</b>	<b>21 389</b>	<b>21 379</b>	<b>21 505</b>	<b>21 676</b>	<b>21 844</b>	<b>22 021</b>	<b>22 199</b>	<b>22 384</b>
Rural goods(b)	3 451	3 376	3 307	3 262	3 248	3 243	3 254	3 296	3 372	3 479	3 596	3 716
Non-rural goods(b)	18 714	18 219	17 663	17 215	16 968	16 918	17 005	17 126	17 215	17 276	17 316	17 350
Net exports of goods under merchandise	13	15	18	22	27	32	36	38	39	38	37	37
Non-monetary gold	1 150	1 108	1 096	1 111	1 146	1 186	1 209	1 217	1 218	1 229	1 249	1 282
<b>Total services</b>	<b>4 866</b>	<b>4 885</b>	<b>4 916</b>	<b>4 959</b>	<b>5 013</b>	<b>5 071</b>	<b>5 128</b>	<b>5 178</b>	<b>5 220</b>	<b>5 257</b>	<b>5 286</b>	<b>5 310</b>
<b>DEBITS</b>												
Total goods and services	-28 158	-28 161	-28 097	-28 016	-27 946	-27 882	-27 860	-27 944	-28 099	-28 279	-28 476	-28 686
<b>Total goods</b>	<b>-22 236</b>	<b>-22 260</b>	<b>-22 218</b>	<b>-22 162</b>	<b>-22 119</b>	<b>-22 083</b>	<b>-22 088</b>	<b>-22 184</b>	<b>-22 339</b>	<b>-22 517</b>	<b>-22 708</b>	<b>-22 913</b>
Consumption goods	-6 859	-6 861	-6 850	-6 842	-6 847	-6 866	-6 909	-6 984	-7 079	-7 182	-7 286	-7 385
Capital goods	-5 151	-5 161	-5 151	-5 152	-5 176	-5 231	-5 318	-5 430	-5 537	-5 621	-5 693	-5 736
Intermediate and other merchandise goods	-9 905	-9 920	-9 903	-9 862	-9 795	-9 691	-9 569	-9 478	-9 430	-9 417	-9 426	-9 484
Non-monetary gold	-321	-318	-313	-306	-301	-295	-292	-291	-294	-297	-303	-308
<b>Total services</b>	<b>-5 922</b>	<b>-5 901</b>	<b>-5 879</b>	<b>-5 854</b>	<b>-5 828</b>	<b>-5 798</b>	<b>-5 772</b>	<b>-5 761</b>	<b>-5 760</b>	<b>-5 762</b>	<b>-5 768</b>	<b>-5 773</b>
(a)	For sign conventions, see paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.					(d)						
(b)	For all time periods, estimates for sugar, sugar preparations and honey are included in Non-rural goods.					Caution should be used when interpreting recent trend estimates as they may be affected by unusual economic factors. For more details on trend estimates, please see paragraph 19 of the Explanatory Notes.						
(c)	This component is not seasonally adjusted.											



## GOODS AND SERVICES (a), Summary—Original

	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	May 2014	Jun 2014	Jul 2014	Aug 2014	Sep 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>BALANCE</b>												
<b>On goods and services</b>	<b>2 622</b>	<b>-578</b>	<b>-991</b>	<b>-896</b>	<b>-1 783</b>	<b>-169</b>	<b>-3 462</b>	<b>-2 507</b>	<b>-2 224</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>-3 097</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>CREDITS</b>												
Total goods and services	29 096	27 167	26 843	26 528	27 265	27 147	26 333	27 381	26 368	28 949	25 023	26 351
<b>Total goods</b>	<b>23 997</b>	<b>22 262</b>	<b>22 020</b>	<b>21 942</b>	<b>22 259</b>	<b>21 937</b>	<b>21 376</b>	<b>21 985</b>	<b>21 080</b>	<b>23 674</b>	<b>19 938</b>	<b>20 966</b>
Rural goods(b)	3 813	3 281	3 506	3 441	3 528	3 150	3 052	3 075	3 180	3 834	2 920	3 882
Non-rural goods(b)	18 975	17 897	17 491	17 410	17 475	17 784	16 736	17 518	17 028	18 541	15 696	15 664
Net exports of goods under merchandising	11	17	17	17	33	33	33	41	41	40	34	34
Non-monetary gold	1 198	1 067	1 006	1 074	1 223	970	1 555	1 351	831	1 259	1 288	1 386
<b>Total services</b>	<b>5 099</b>	<b>4 905</b>	<b>4 823</b>	<b>4 586</b>	<b>5 006</b>	<b>5 210</b>	<b>4 957</b>	<b>5 396</b>	<b>5 288</b>	<b>5 275</b>	<b>5 085</b>	<b>5 385</b>
<b>DEBITS</b>												
Total goods and services	-26 474	-27 745	-27 834	-27 424	-29 048	-27 316	-29 795	-29 888	-28 592	-28 623	-28 120	-26 350
<b>Total goods</b>	<b>-20 997</b>	<b>-21 876</b>	<b>-22 236</b>	<b>-21 535</b>	<b>-22 928</b>	<b>-21 500</b>	<b>-23 629</b>	<b>-23 799</b>	<b>-22 896</b>	<b>-22 551</b>	<b>-22 124</b>	<b>-21 323</b>
Consumption goods	-6 263	-6 473	-6 616	-6 318	-7 149	-6 887	-7 423	-7 868	-7 481	-7 299	-7 076	-6 907
Capital goods	-4 748	-5 253	-5 308	-5 208	-5 052	-5 166	-5 733	-5 685	-5 782	-5 980	-5 416	-4 936
Intermediate and other merchandise goods	-9 671	-9 842	-9 966	-9 676	-10 472	-9 217	-10 106	-9 915	-9 392	-8 978	-9 366	-9 118
Non-monetary gold	-315	-308	-346	-333	-255	-230	-367	-331	-241	-294	-266	-362
<b>Total services</b>	<b>-5 477</b>	<b>-5 869</b>	<b>-5 598</b>	<b>-5 889</b>	<b>-6 120</b>	<b>-5 816</b>	<b>-6 166</b>	<b>-6 089</b>	<b>-5 696</b>	<b>-6 072</b>	<b>-5 996</b>	<b>-5 027</b>

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) For all time periods, estimates for sugar, sugar preparations and honey are included in Non-rural goods.

							8 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY		Change
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	2014	2015	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
<b>Total goods credits</b>	<b>265 722</b>	<b>248 917</b>	<b>273 861</b>	<b>23 674</b>	<b>19 938</b>	<b>20 966</b>	<b>183 640</b>	<b>173 215</b>	<b>-5.7</b>
General merchandise	248 861	232 405	259 509	22 375	18 616	19 546	173 695	163 063	-6.1
<i>Rural goods</i>	34 733	36 273	39 800	3 834	2 920	3 882	25 759	26 621	3.3
Meat and meat preparations	7 121	7 645	9 862	1 225	735	1 056	6 296	8 368	32.9
Cereal grains and cereal preparations	9 061	9 285	9 317	739	708	963	5 843	5 199	-11.0
Wool and sheepskins	3 123	2 869	2 877	314	155	308	1 984	1 904	-4.0
Other rural (a)	15 428	16 474	17 744	1 556	1 322	1 555	11 636	11 150	-4.2
<i>Non-rural goods</i>	214 128	196 132	219 709	18 541	15 696	15 664	147 936	136 442	-7.8
Metal ores and minerals	85 408	79 141	96 555	7 427	6 248	6 045	65 527	53 881	-17.8
Coal, coke and briquettes	48 215	38 914	40 148	3 618	3 298	3 012	27 696	25 419	-8.2
Other mineral fuels	25 692	26 424	29 187	2 454	2 396	2 250	19 036	20 294	6.6
Metals (excl. non-monetary gold)	11 699	10 478	11 147	1 255	832	865	7 210	7 591	5.3
Machinery	8 838	8 709	9 096	951	650	808	5 981	6 535	9.3
Transport equipment	4 188	4 332	5 068	502	354	447	3 371	3 588	6.4
Other manufactures	16 916	16 034	16 770	1 391	1 128	1 392	11 180	11 101	-0.7
Other non-rural (incl. sugar and beverages) (a)	11 504	10 422	9 982	802	652	720	6 779	6 880	1.5
Goods procured in ports by carriers	1 668	1 678	1 756	141	138	125	1 156	1 153	-0.3
Net exports of goods under merchanting	211	277	233	40	34	34	171	289	69.0
Goods acquired under merchanting (negative exports)	-1 475	-1 479	-1 100	-75	-62	-62	-697	-652	6.5
Goods sold under merchanting	1 686	1 756	1 333	115	96	96	868	941	8.4
Non-monetary gold	16 650	16 235	14 119	1 259	1 288	1 386	9 774	9 863	0.9

(a) For all time periods, estimates for sugar, sugar preparations and honey are included in Other non-rural.

## GOODS DEBITS(a), Original

							8 MONTHS		Change
							ENDED FEBRUARY		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	2014	2015	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	%
<b>Total goods debits</b>	<b>-256 990</b>	<b>-253 537</b>	<b>-267 405</b>	<b>-22 551</b>	<b>-22 124</b>	<b>-21 323</b>	<b>-180 761</b>	<b>-180 750</b>	—
General merchandise	-250 282	-248 368	-263 191	-22 257	-21 858	-20 961	-177 849	-178 404	-0.3
<i>Consumption goods</i>	-72 322	-75 058	-81 471	-7 299	-7 076	-6 907	-55 801	-58 090	-4.1
Food and beverages, mainly for consumption	-9 812	-10 214	-11 888	-1 196	-1 064	-958	-8 170	-8 699	-6.5
Household electrical items	-5 134	-5 017	-5 135	-462	-416	-417	-3 471	-3 675	-5.9
Non-industrial transport equipment	-17 442	-18 778	-19 336	-1 840	-1 539	-1 521	-13 181	-13 210	-0.2
Textiles, clothing and footwear	-11 218	-11 936	-13 542	-1 067	-1 459	-1 491	-9 308	-9 966	-7.1
Toys, books and leisure goods	-5 237	-5 067	-5 521	-492	-442	-424	-3 849	-4 138	-7.5
Consumption goods n.e.s.	-23 479	-24 046	-26 049	-2 242	-2 156	-2 096	-17 822	-18 402	-3.3
<i>Capital goods</i>	-68 963	-65 000	-64 860	-5 980	-5 416	-4 936	-44 343	-43 750	1.3
Machinery and industrial equipment	-20 340	-20 322	-20 880	-1 853	-1 709	-1 488	-14 053	-14 148	-0.7
ADP equipment	-8 226	-7 875	-8 421	-929	-787	-622	-5 593	-5 964	-6.6
Telecommunications equipment	-7 892	-8 272	-8 338	-1 002	-830	-722	-5 601	-6 862	-22.5
Civil aircraft and confidentialised items(b)	-6 674	-4 295	-5 798	-548	-846	-562	-3 757	-5 097	-35.7
Industrial transport equipment n.e.s.	-9 442	-9 427	-8 001	-697	-497	-575	-5 483	-5 056	7.8
Capital goods n.e.s.	-16 389	-14 809	-13 422	-951	-747	-967	-9 856	-6 623	32.8
<i>Intermediate and other merchandise goods</i>	-108 997	-108 310	-116 860	-8 978	-9 366	-9 118	-77 705	-76 564	1.5
Food and beverages, mainly for industry	-1 251	-1 136	-1 417	-134	-125	-130	-918	-1 041	-13.4
Primary industrial supplies n.e.s.	-1 678	-1 546	-1 403	-107	-138	-134	-872	-1 140	-30.7
Fuels and lubricants	-38 288	-38 932	-42 351	-2 684	-2 624	-2 427	-28 168	-24 377	13.5
Parts for transport equipment	-10 770	-10 243	-10 362	-784	-862	-813	-6 886	-7 016	-1.9
Parts for ADP equipment	-713	-599	-624	-55	-57	-62	-392	-452	-15.3
Other parts for capital goods	-14 103	-13 716	-14 704	-1 281	-1 222	-1 122	-9 996	-9 813	1.8
Organic and inorganic chemicals	-4 504	-4 118	-3 865	-315	-392	-322	-2 540	-2 638	-3.9
Paper and paperboard	-2 178	-2 210	-2 308	-175	-205	-194	-1 574	-1 617	-2.7
Textile yarn and fabrics	-1 168	-1 074	-1 248	-105	-121	-116	-849	-917	-8.0
Iron and steel	-4 002	-3 931	-4 095	-274	-430	-370	-2 583	-2 992	-15.8
Plastics	-3 055	-3 024	-3 620	-288	-335	-306	-2 469	-2 531	-2.5
Processed industrial supplies n.e.s.	-24 900	-25 614	-28 574	-2 621	-2 671	-2 947	-18 967	-20 500	-8.1
Other merchandise goods(b)	-471	-472	-505	-20	-41	-32	-296	-378	-27.7
Goods procured in ports by carriers	-1 916	-1 695	-1 784	-135	-143	-143	-1 195	-1 152	3.6
Non-monetary gold	-6 708	-5 169	-4 214	-294	-266	-362	-2 912	-2 346	19.4

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) From July 2008, commodities subject to a 'no commodity details' or 'no value details' restriction are included in Civil aircraft and confidentialised items. For earlier periods, commodities subject to a 'no commodity details' or 'no value details' restriction are included in Other merchandise goods.

## GOODS CREDITS, Seasonally Adjusted

	May 2014	Jun 2014	Jul 2014	Aug 2014	Sep 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>Total goods credits</b>	<b>21 356</b>	<b>21 285</b>	<b>21 756</b>	<b>21 341</b>	<b>21 463</b>	<b>21 860</b>	<b>21 687</b>	<b>21 906</b>	<b>22 311</b>	<b>22 581</b>
General merchandise	20 333	20 194	20 500	20 338	19 875	20 468	20 815	20 607	20 989	21 161
<i>Rural goods</i>	3 172	3 321	3 396	3 231	3 273	3 158	3 269	3 591	3 530	3 920
Meat and meat preparations	834	895	967	972	1 016	1 073	1 088	1 105	1 114	1 123
Cereal grains and cereal preparations	731	678	732	644	644	537	689	755	682	832
Wool and sheepskins	211	222	225	247	261	239	240	262	226	263
Other rural (a)	1 396	1 526	1 472	1 368	1 352	1 309	1 250	1 469	1 510	1 702
<i>Non-rural goods</i>	17 161	16 874	17 104	17 107	16 602	17 310	17 547	17 016	17 459	17 241
Metal ores and minerals	7 243	6 694	7 098	7 145	6 659	6 927	6 731	6 794	6 805	6 557
Coal, coke and briquettes(b)	3 055	2 998	3 039	3 168	2 990	3 068	3 141	3 146	3 269	3 364
Other mineral fuels(c)	2 374	2 653	2 538	2 329	2 471	2 491	2 957	2 299	2 526	2 604
Metals (excl. non-monetary gold)	843	985	907	845	916	1 092	1 012	1 159	944	960
Machinery	792	754	779	770	775	811	861	856	866	863
Transport equipment	478	411	443	480	434	400	418	436	588	454
Other manufactures	1 390	1 379	1 360	1 365	1 349	1 401	1 410	1 358	1 490	1 477
Other non-rural (incl. sugar and beverages)(a)	837	851	786	859	861	970	868	824	832	833
Goods procured in ports by carriers(c)	150	148	152	146	148	149	148	143	139	129
Net exports of goods under merchanting(d)	17	17	33	33	33	41	41	40	34	34
Non-monetary gold(d)	1 006	1 074	1 223	970	1 555	1 351	831	1 259	1 288	1 386

- (a) For all time periods, estimates for sugar, sugar preparations and honey are included in Other non-rural.
- (b) From July 1971 to June 2005, only a length-of-month adjustment has been applied to this component. From July 2005, this component is seasonally adjusted using seasonal factors derived from a monthly volume series.

- (c) In using these seasonally adjusted series, care should be exercised because of the difficulties associated with reliably estimating the seasonal pattern.
- (d) This component is not seasonally adjusted.

## GOODS DEBITS(a), Seasonally Adjusted

	May 2014	Jun 2014	Jul 2014	Aug 2014	Sep 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>Total goods debits</b>	<b>-22 359</b>	<b>-22 074</b>	<b>-22 117</b>	<b>-21 459</b>	<b>-22 700</b>	<b>-22 214</b>	<b>-22 199</b>	<b>-22 081</b>	<b>-22 861</b>	<b>-23 316</b>
General merchandise	-22 013	-21 741	-21 862	-21 229	-22 333	-21 883	-21 958	-21 787	-22 595	-22 954
Consumption goods	-6 855	-6 781	-6 847	-6 811	-7 009	-6 933	-7 057	-7 093	-7 334	-7 526
Food and beverages, mainly for consumption	-1 072	-1 024	-1 003	-1 021	-1 021	-1 032	-1 040	-1 066	-1 069	-1 082
Household electrical items	-442	-421	-453	-448	-427	-437	-396	-473	-495	-535
Non-industrial transport equipment	-1 569	-1 567	-1 571	-1 577	-1 698	-1 594	-1 704	-1 682	-1 680	-1 675
Textiles, clothing and footwear	-1 122	-1 142	-1 164	-1 109	-1 157	-1 175	-1 175	-1 139	-1 271	-1 348
Toys, books and leisure goods	-464	-472	-472	-482	-478	-482	-484	-501	-512	-531
Consumption goods n.e.s.	-2 186	-2 155	-2 184	-2 174	-2 227	-2 213	-2 257	-2 232	-2 308	-2 354
Capital goods	-5 228	-5 027	-4 924	-5 281	-5 459	-5 460	-5 455	-5 574	-5 823	-5 707
Machinery and industrial equipment	-1 811	-1 771	-1 761	-1 645	-1 876	-1 701	-1 774	-1 763	-1 772	-1 711
ADP equipment	-661	-668	-593	-682	-746	-759	-820	-805	-826	-808
Telecommunications equipment	-721	-637	-678	-745	-781	-838	-882	-903	-924	-976
Civil aircraft and confidentialised items(b)(c)	-547	-470	-624	-860	-735	-352	-570	-548	-846	-562
Industrial transport equipment n.e.s.	-601	-650	-624	-590	-624	-647	-722	-664	-550	-619
Capital goods n.e.s.	-886	-831	-645	-760	-698	-1 163	-687	-890	-905	-1 031
Intermediate and other merchandise goods	-9 930	-9 933	-10 091	-9 137	-9 864	-9 490	-9 446	-9 120	-9 437	-9 721
Food and beverages, mainly for industry	-138	-136	-122	-134	-119	-129	-125	-135	-126	-142
Primary industrial supplies n.e.s.(d)	-133	-119	-131	-134	-155	-152	-93	-119	-158	-152
Fuels and lubricants(c)	-3 634	-3 626	-3 758	-2 928	-3 634	-3 167	-3 155	-2 684	-2 624	-2 427
Parts for transport equipment	-863	-869	-978	-800	-850	-892	-856	-832	-896	-924
Parts for ADP equipment	-54	-52	-55	-49	-51	-55	-67	-61	-61	-69
Other parts for capital goods	-1 191	-1 170	-1 208	-1 123	-1 219	-1 171	-1 269	-1 238	-1 270	-1 265
Organic and inorganic chemicals	-353	-357	-304	-316	-268	-325	-335	-339	-355	-349
Paper and paperboard	-201	-200	-192	-195	-193	-189	-192	-192	-202	-210
Textile yarn and fabrics	-105	-104	-104	-104	-107	-116	-112	-113	-119	-128
Iron and steel	-391	-329	-354	-358	-389	-404	-360	-291	-414	-403
Plastics	-300	-293	-273	-296	-311	-322	-309	-310	-326	-337
Processed industrial supplies n.e.s.	-2 394	-2 497	-2 412	-2 449	-2 390	-2 362	-2 389	-2 652	-2 702	-3 141
Other merchandise goods(b)(d)(e)	-26	-35	-46	-97	-25	-69	-48	-20	-41	-32
Goods procured in ports by carriers(c)	-147	-146	-153	-153	-153	-136	-136	-135	-143	-143
Non-monetary gold(c)	-346	-333	-255	-230	-367	-331	-241	-294	-266	-362

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) From July 2008, commodities subject to a 'no commodity details' or 'no value details' restriction are included in Civil aircraft and confidentialised items. For earlier periods, commodities subject to a 'no commodity details' or 'no value details' restriction are included in Other merchandise goods.

(c) This component is not seasonally adjusted.

(d) In using these seasonally adjusted series, care should be exercised because of the difficulties associated with reliably estimating the seasonal pattern.

(e) From July 1981, this component is not seasonally adjusted.

## GOODS CREDITS(a), Trend Estimates

	May 2014	Jun 2014	Jul 2014	Aug 2014	Sep 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>Total goods credits</b>	<b>22 084</b>	<b>21 611</b>	<b>21 389</b>	<b>21 379</b>	<b>21 505</b>	<b>21 676</b>	<b>21 844</b>	<b>22 021</b>	<b>22 199</b>	<b>22 384</b>
General merchandise	20 969	20 477	20 215	20 161	20 260	20 422	20 587	20 755	20 912	21 066
<i>Rural goods</i>	3 307	3 262	3 248	3 243	3 254	3 296	3 372	3 479	3 596	3 716
Meat and meat preparations	887	905	938	980	1 021	1 055	1 081	1 102	1 118	1 131
Cereal grains and cereal preparations	750	702	670	647	637	645	667	698	731	768
Wool and sheepskins	214	220	230	239	245	247	247	248	248	248
Other rural(b)	1 456	1 435	1 410	1 377	1 352	1 349	1 377	1 432	1 499	1 570
<i>Non-rural goods</i>	17 663	17 215	16 968	16 918	17 005	17 126	17 215	17 276	17 316	17 350
Metal ores and minerals	7 460	7 162	6 966	6 873	6 848	6 836	6 801	6 753	6 704	6 668
Coal, coke and briquettes	3 165	3 081	3 035	3 029	3 055	3 094	3 137	3 187	3 239	3 287
Other mineral fuels	2 581	2 517	2 489	2 491	2 512	2 537	2 554	2 564	2 570	2 576
Metals (excl. non-monetary gold)	920	904	908	932	966	1 001	1 024	1 033	1 032	1 024
Machinery	773	769	770	779	795	814	834	851	865	875
Transport equipment	429	439	442	438	434	438	448	463	478	491
Other manufactures	1 373	1 369	1 366	1 365	1 370	1 382	1 400	1 420	1 442	1 461
Other non-rural (incl. sugar and beverages)(b)	811	824	843	862	875	878	873	861	848	832
Goods procured in ports by carriers	151	150	149	149	149	147	145	142	139	136
Net exports of goods under merchanting	18	22	27	32	36	38	39	38	37	37
Non-monetary gold	1 096	1 111	1 146	1 186	1 209	1 217	1 218	1 229	1 249	1 282

(a) Caution should be used when interpreting recent trend estimates as they may be affected by unusual economic factors. For more details on trend estimates, please see paragraph 19 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) For all time periods, estimates for sugar, sugar preparations and honey are included in Other non-rural.

## GOODS DEBITS(a)(b), Trend Estimates

	May 2014	Jun 2014	Jul 2014	Aug 2014	Sep 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>Total goods debits</b>	<b>-22 218</b>	<b>-22 162</b>	<b>-22 119</b>	<b>-22 083</b>	<b>-22 088</b>	<b>-22 184</b>	<b>-22 339</b>	<b>-22 517</b>	<b>-22 708</b>	<b>-22 913</b>
General merchandise	-21 905	-21 856	-21 818	-21 788	-21 796	-21 892	-22 045	-22 220	-22 406	-22 605
<i>Consumption goods</i>	-6 850	-6 842	-6 847	-6 866	-6 909	-6 984	-7 079	-7 182	-7 286	-7 385
Food and beverages, mainly for consumption	-1 032	-1 027	-1 023	-1 021	-1 025	-1 033	-1 045	-1 058	-1 068	-1 077
Household electrical items	-439	-438	-436	-433	-431	-435	-446	-463	-482	-502
Non-industrial transport equipment	-1 559	-1 572	-1 588	-1 607	-1 630	-1 650	-1 666	-1 678	-1 685	-1 689
Textiles, clothing and footwear	-1 163	-1 156	-1 148	-1 140	-1 142	-1 158	-1 182	-1 212	-1 245	-1 280
Toys, books and leisure goods	-472	-471	-473	-475	-479	-485	-492	-501	-510	-518
Consumption goods n.e.s.	-2 185	-2 177	-2 181	-2 190	-2 202	-2 223	-2 246	-2 271	-2 295	-2 319
<i>Capital goods</i>	-5 151	-5 152	-5 176	-5 231	-5 318	-5 430	-5 537	-5 621	-5 693	-5 736
Machinery and industrial equipment	-1 760	-1 755	-1 752	-1 756	-1 757	-1 758	-1 759	-1 758	-1 753	-1 749
ADP equipment	-663	-654	-661	-686	-721	-758	-788	-810	-825	-830
Telecommunications equipment	-709	-709	-716	-738	-775	-824	-869	-905	-936	-959
Civil aircraft and confidentialised items(c)	-550	-590	-622	-633	-627	-612	-601	-603	-612	-620
Industrial transport equipment n.e.s.	-633	-622	-621	-629	-639	-646	-647	-641	-631	-621
Capital goods n.e.s.	-836	-822	-803	-791	-799	-832	-872	-905	-935	-957
<i>Intermediate and other merchandise goods</i>	-9 903	-9 862	-9 795	-9 691	-9 569	-9 478	-9 430	-9 417	-9 426	-9 484
Food and beverages, mainly for industry	-128	-130	-130	-128	-127	-127	-128	-130	-133	-134
Primary industrial supplies n.e.s.	-139	-135	-133	-132	-133	-133	-133	-134	-137	-140
Fuels and lubricants	-3 552	-3 542	-3 514	-3 448	-3 330	-3 175	-3 004	-2 830	-2 662	-2 539
Parts for transport equipment	-881	-881	-878	-872	-864	-860	-863	-870	-880	-899
Parts for ADP equipment	-55	-53	-52	-53	-54	-57	-59	-62	-64	-67
Other parts for capital goods	-1 191	-1 174	-1 171	-1 178	-1 191	-1 209	-1 228	-1 246	-1 261	-1 275
Organic and inorganic chemicals	-337	-333	-323	-313	-309	-315	-325	-337	-347	-355
Paper and paperboard	-200	-199	-196	-194	-192	-192	-194	-196	-200	-203
Textile yarn and fabrics	-104	-104	-105	-106	-108	-111	-114	-117	-120	-122
Iron and steel	-385	-378	-370	-366	-364	-366	-369	-371	-374	-379
Plastics	-297	-293	-293	-296	-302	-309	-315	-320	-325	-328
Processed industrial supplies n.e.s.	-2 451	-2 448	-2 429	-2 400	-2 392	-2 431	-2 513	-2 625	-2 752	-2 874
Other merchandise goods(c)	-34	-43	-51	-56	-56	-52	-45	-39	-34	-29
Goods procured in ports by carriers	-149	-150	-150	-149	-146	-143	-140	-139	-138	-139
Non-monetary gold	-313	-306	-301	-295	-292	-291	-294	-297	-303	-308

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Caution should be used when interpreting recent trend estimates as they may be affected by unusual economic factors. For more details on trend estimates, please see paragraph 19 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) From July 2008, commodities subject to a 'no commodity details' or 'no value details' restriction are included in Civil aircraft and confidentialised items. For earlier periods, commodities subject to a 'no commodity details' or 'no value details' restriction are included in Other merchandise goods.

							8 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY		Change %
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	2014	2015	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
<b>Services credits</b>	<b>51 565</b>	<b>53 487</b>	<b>57 382</b>	<b>5 275</b>	<b>5 085</b>	<b>5 385</b>	<b>37 969</b>	<b>41 602</b>	<b>9.6</b>
Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	19	1	28	1	2	2	19	7	-63.2
Maintenance and repair services n.i.e.	46	57	88	5	3	3	65	34	-47.7
Transport	6 335	6 082	6 465	598	615	580	4 385	4 560	4.0
Passenger(c)	2 622	2 374	2 390	248	260	225	1 631	1 672	2.5
Freight	374	346	320	21	18	18	214	161	-24.8
Other	2 278	2 243	2 483	230	226	226	1 662	1 774	6.7
Postal and courier services(d)	1 061	1 119	1 272	99	111	111	878	953	8.5
Travel	30 687	31 370	33 836	3 009	2 889	3 224	22 221	24 361	9.6
Other services	14 478	15 977	16 965	1 662	1 576	1 576	11 279	12 640	12.1
<b>Services debits</b>	<b>-62 202</b>	<b>-67 581</b>	<b>-71 633</b>	<b>-6 072</b>	<b>-5 996</b>	<b>-5 027</b>	<b>-48 800</b>	<b>-46 982</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maintenance and repair services n.i.e.	-380	-607	-789	-25	-18	-46	-544	-234	57.0
Transport	-16 118	-16 858	-17 091	-1 450	-1 318	-1 298	-11 709	-11 276	3.7
Passenger(c)	-6 688	-7 070	-6 328	-522	-449	-430	-4 339	-4 090	5.7
Freight	-8 945	-9 144	-9 700	-850	-784	-783	-6 598	-6 543	0.8
Other	-368	-555	-953	-73	-77	-77	-686	-559	18.5
Postal and courier services(d)	-117	-89	-110	-5	-8	-8	-86	-84	2.3
Travel	-26 742	-28 025	-30 135	-2 518	-2 794	-1 817	-20 784	-19 588	5.8
Other services	-18 962	-22 091	-23 618	-2 079	-1 866	-1 866	-15 763	-15 884	-0.8
<b>Memorandum items:</b>									
Tourism related service credits(e)	33 309	33 744	36 226	3 257	3 149	3 449	23 852	26 033	9.1
Tourism related service debits(e)	-33 430	-35 095	-36 463	-3 040	-3 243	-2 247	-25 123	-23 678	5.8

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(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) For more detailed trade in services components, see table 11.

(c) Passenger services includes agency fees and commissions for air transport.

(d) Postal and courier services includes indirect commissions for sea transport.

(e) For a more detailed explanation of tourism related services, see paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes.



	May 2014	Jun 2014	Jul 2014	Aug 2014	Sep 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED</b>										
<b>Services credits</b>	<b>4 913</b>	<b>4 925</b>	<b>5 058</b>	<b>5 084</b>	<b>5 097</b>	<b>5 187</b>	<b>5 218</b>	<b>5 297</b>	<b>5 281</b>	<b>5 292</b>
Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others(b)	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	1	2	2
Maintenance and repair services n.i.e.(b)	4	7	5	5	6	3	4	5	3	3
Transport	557	537	551	552	543	553	553	566	561	565
Passenger(c)	221	205	201	200	190	199	199	207	202	204
Freight(d)	25	25	20	21	22	21	21	21	19	19
Other	207	208	206	206	208	223	225	227	234	236
Postal and courier services(e)	102	99	124	125	123	109	109	111	106	105
Travel	2 933	2 964	2 965	2 990	3 002	3 041	3 058	3 116	3 108	3 118
Other services	1 418	1 415	1 535	1 537	1 546	1 591	1 603	1 608	1 607	1 604
<b>Services debits</b>	<b>-5 896</b>	<b>-5 871</b>	<b>-5 789</b>	<b>-5 811</b>	<b>-5 772</b>	<b>-5 713</b>	<b>-5 792</b>	<b>-5 766</b>	<b>-5 735</b>	<b>-5 813</b>
Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others(b)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maintenance and repair services n.i.e.(b)	-41	-55	-22	-52	-22	-33	-16	-25	-18	-46
Transport	-1 394	-1 363	-1 377	-1 374	-1 376	-1 381	-1 449	-1 388	-1 395	-1 403
Passenger(c)	-500	-505	-525	-523	-507	-514	-540	-484	-470	-475
Freight	-820	-785	-780	-778	-797	-786	-829	-822	-840	-844
Other(b)	-66	-65	-62	-62	-62	-73	-73	-73	-77	-77
Postal and courier services(e)(d)	-7	-8	-10	-10	-10	-8	-8	-9	-8	-7
Travel	-2 453	-2 452	-2 406	-2 407	-2 374	-2 343	-2 383	-2 381	-2 388	-2 424
Other services(d)	-2 008	-2 001	-1 983	-1 978	-2 001	-1 955	-1 944	-1 972	-1 934	-1 941
<b>Memorandum items:</b>										
Tourism related service credits(f)	3 154	3 169	3 166	3 190	3 192	3 240	3 256	3 323	3 310	3 323
Tourism related service debits(f)	-2 953	-2 957	-2 932	-2 930	-2 881	-2 857	-2 923	-2 864	-2 858	-2 898

<b>TREND ESTIMATES (g)</b>										
<b>Services credits</b>	<b>4 916</b>	<b>4 959</b>	<b>5 013</b>	<b>5 071</b>	<b>5 128</b>	<b>5 178</b>	<b>5 220</b>	<b>5 257</b>	<b>5 286</b>	<b>5 310</b>
Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	2	2	1	1	—	—	1	1	1	2
Maintenance and repair services n.i.e.	5	6	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	3
Transport	549	548	548	548	550	553	556	559	562	565
Passenger(c)	208	207	204	200	198	198	200	202	204	205
Freight	25	24	23	22	21	21	21	20	20	19
Other	207	206	207	209	213	218	223	228	233	236
Postal and courier services(e)	109	111	114	117	118	116	112	109	106	104
Travel	2 922	2 944	2 968	2 991	3 015	3 040	3 065	3 089	3 109	3 124
Other services	1 437	1 460	1 491	1 526	1 558	1 581	1 595	1 604	1 610	1 615
<b>Services debits</b>	<b>-5 879</b>	<b>-5 854</b>	<b>-5 828</b>	<b>-5 798</b>	<b>-5 772</b>	<b>-5 761</b>	<b>-5 760</b>	<b>-5 762</b>	<b>-5 768</b>	<b>-5 773</b>
Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maintenance and repair services n.i.e.	-39	-39	-38	-35	-31	-27	-25	-25	-27	-28
Transport	-1 377	-1 373	-1 375	-1 380	-1 386	-1 394	-1 400	-1 404	-1 405	-1 406
Passenger(c)	-506	-510	-515	-519	-519	-515	-506	-496	-486	-477
Freight	-801	-791	-786	-786	-791	-801	-814	-825	-835	-844
Other	-61	-63	-64	-65	-66	-69	-72	-74	-76	-78
Postal and courier services(e)	-9	-9	-9	-9	-9	-9	-9	-8	-8	-7
Travel	-2 456	-2 441	-2 422	-2 399	-2 380	-2 373	-2 375	-2 382	-2 390	-2 399
Other services	-2 006	-2 001	-1 993	-1 984	-1 976	-1 967	-1 959	-1 952	-1 945	-1 939
<b>Memorandum items:</b>										
Tourism related service credits(f)	3 130	3 151	3 171	3 191	3 213	3 238	3 265	3 291	3 313	3 329
Tourism related service debits(f)	-2 962	-2 951	-2 937	-2 918	-2 899	-2 887	-2 882	-2 878	-2 876	-2 877

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(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) This component is not seasonally adjusted.

(c) Passenger services includes agency fees and commissions for air transport.

(d) In using these seasonally adjusted series, care should be exercised because of the difficulties associated with reliably estimating the seasonal pattern.

(e) Postal and courier services includes indirect commissions for sea transport.

(f) For a more detailed explanation of tourism related services, see paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

(g) Caution should be used when interpreting recent trend estimates as they may be affected by unusual economic factors. For more details on trend estimates, please see paragraph 19 of the Explanatory Notes.

	CREDITS				DEBITS			
	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr
	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>Services</b>	<b>14 695</b>	<b>14 314</b>	<b>15 173</b>	<b>15 959</b>	<b>-16 985</b>	<b>-17 356</b>	<b>-18 102</b>	<b>-17 857</b>
Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	9	6	2	1	—	—	—	—
Maintenance and repair services n.i.e.	15	16	16	12	-236	-135	-96	-74
Transport	1 715	1 520	1 668	1 697	-4 100	-3 997	-4 261	-4 399
Passenger(b)	679	545	540	647	-1 473	-1 457	-1 606	-1 605
Freight	75	81	62	63	-2 380	-2 330	-2 416	-2 560
Other	600	621	630	692	-212	-197	-186	-219
Postal and courier services(c)	361	273	436	295	-35	-13	-53	-15
Travel	8 735	8 492	8 997	9 251	-6 877	-7 301	-7 824	-7 153
Business	1 051	1 015	1 042	1 053	-946	-819	-809	-772
Personal	7 684	7 477	7 955	8 198	-5 931	-6 482	-7 015	-6 381
Education-related	3 821	4 365	4 648	4 194	-257	-249	-426	-237
Other(d)	3 863	3 112	3 307	4 004	-5 674	-6 233	-6 589	-6 144
Construction	36	48	35	72	—	—	—	—
Insurance and pension services	122	150	125	142	-209	-212	-212	-220
Financial services	699	681	996	952	-481	-488	-552	-654
Charges for the use of intellectual property n.i.e.	182	215	261	334	-1 019	-1 146	-1 144	-1 182
Telecommunications, computer and information services	446	508	554	623	-696	-748	-697	-792
Telecommunication services	60	68	77	50	-71	-76	-79	-100
Computer and information services	386	440	477	573	-625	-672	-618	-692
Computer services	320	363	359	425	-485	-547	-510	-544
Information services	20	25	24	34	-41	-47	-46	-45
Other services	46	52	94	114	-99	-78	-62	-103
Other business services	2 227	2 205	2 025	2 386	-2 692	-2 655	-2 593	-2 701
Research and development services	199	167	149	242	-82	-91	-43	-56
Professional and management consulting services	1 200	1 158	1 117	1 278	-1 176	-1 209	-1 115	-1 159
Legal, accounting, management consulting, public relations and other professional services	1 005	979	958	1 100	-1 121	-1 111	-1 046	-1 118
Advertising, market research and public opinion polling	195	179	159	178	-55	-98	-69	-41
Technical, trade-related and other business services	828	880	759	866	-1 434	-1 355	-1 435	-1 486
Architectural, engineering and other technical services	381	441	337	437	-769	-752	-692	-837
Waste treatment and de-pollution, agricultural and mining services	54	55	43	52	-55	-52	-102	-136
Operational leasing services	68	74	70	45	-143	-119	-87	-92
Trade-related commission services	168	182	159	179	-93	-77	-90	-106
Other business services n.i.e.	157	128	150	153	-374	-355	-464	-315
Personal, cultural and recreational services	263	227	247	242	-425	-420	-466	-423
Audiovisual and related services	71	65	58	43	-311	-368	-408	-346
Other personal, cultural and recreational services	192	162	189	199	-114	-52	-58	-77
Government goods and services n.i.e.	246	246	247	247	-250	-254	-257	-259
<b>Memorandum items:</b>								
Gross insurance premiums receivable / payable	335	402	353	367	-393	-392	-395	-404
Gross insurance claims payable / receivable	-240	-227	-228	-302	249	249	261	267
Tourism related services(e)	9 414	9 037	9 537	9 898	-8 350	-8 758	-9 430	-8 758

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(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Passenger services includes agency fees and commissions for air transport.

(c) Postal and courier services includes indirect commissions for sea transport.

(d) Other personal travel includes health-related travel.

(e) For a more detailed explanation of tourism related services, see paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes.

				Percentage	8 MONTHS		
	Dec	Jan	Feb	of total	ENDED FEBRUARY		
	2014	2015	2015	merchandise	2014	2015	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	exports (b)	\$m	\$m	
				%			
MAJOR COMMODITIES (c)							
011	Meat of bovine animals	850	473	717	3.4	4 088	5 723
012	Meat and edible meat offal, fresh, chilled or frozen (excl. meat of bovine animals)	367	254	332	1.6	2 154	2 583
041	Wheat and meslin	426	380	693	3.3	3 685	3 251
281	Iron ore and concentrates	4 890	4 386	4 373	20.9	50 868	38 342
283	Copper ores and concentrates	650	393	272	1.3	3 444	3 559
285	Aluminium ores and concentrates	696	654	534	2.5	4 135	4 512
287	Ores and concentrates of base metals, n.e.s.	476	362	402	1.9	3 077	3 279
321	Coal, not agglomerated	3 599	3 334	3 055	14.6	27 580	25 412
333	Crude petroleum oils	762	553	596	2.8	6 833	6 446
343	Natural gas	1 587	1 733	1 572	7.5	10 625	12 559
542	Medicaments	172	98	139	0.7	1 958	1 400
682	Copper	396	266	243	1.2	2 454	2 446
684	Aluminium	431	331	322	1.5	2 481	2 695
971	Gold, non-monetary	1 196	1 252	1 345	6.4	9 095	9 379
SECTION AND DIVISION OF THE SITC							
0	Food and live animals						
00	Live animals (excl. fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates)	200	123	138	0.7	779	1 096
01	Meat and meat preparations	1 225	735	1 056	5.0	6 294	8 366
02	Dairy products and birds' eggs	259	185	225	1.1	1 769	1 581
03	Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	135	139	175	0.8	781	918
04	Cereals and cereal preparations	739	708	963	4.6	5 842	5 198
05	Vegetables and fruit	171	172	241	1.2	1 485	1 478
06	Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	24	12	24	0.1	191	170
07	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	31	20	28	0.1	201	203
08	Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)	98	67	96	0.5	765	726
09	Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	112	101	96	0.5	710	786
	<i>Total Food and live animals</i>	2 993	2 263	3 042	14.5	18 819	20 522
1	Beverages and tobacco						
11	Beverages	206	148	188	0.9	1 370	1 433
12	Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	8	5	4	—	44	45
	<i>Total Beverages and tobacco</i>	214	152	192	0.9	1 414	1 478
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels						
21	Hides, skins and furskins, raw	99	61	93	0.4	729	692
22	Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	186	273	238	1.1	1 483	908
23	Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)	1	2	1	—	12	10
24	Cork and wood	134	95	128	0.6	738	853
25	Pulp and waste paper	26	22	22	0.1	168	165
26	Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	309	145	291	1.4	3 336	2 939
27	Crude fertilizers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)	50	42	46	0.2	211	340
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	7 377	6 206	5 999	28.6	65 231	53 540
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	35	24	37	0.2	195	242
	<i>Total Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</i>	8 216	6 870	6 855	32.7	72 103	59 688
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials						
32	Coal, coke and briquettes	3 618	3 348	3 082	14.7	27 695	25 538
33	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	969	734	758	3.6	8 689	8 213
34	Gas, natural and manufactured	1 615	1 789	1 607	7.7	11 438	13 148
	<i>Total Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</i>	6 201	5 871	5 447	26.0	47 823	46 899

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	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Percentage of total merchandise exports (b)	8 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY	
					2014	2015
					\$m	\$m
SECTION AND DIVISION OF THE SITC						
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes					
41	44	26	41	0.2	272	280
42	26	19	14	0.1	144	135
43	Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, n.e.s.					
	1	1	1	—	13	11
	71	45	56	0.3	429	426
5	Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.					
51	14	13	13	0.1	105	118
52	73	94	69	0.3	562	534
53	74	50	77	0.4	475	526
54	208	125	189	0.9	2 275	1 748
55	Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials, toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations					
	66	44	63	0.3	478	483
56	15	5	3	—	115	195
57	30	23	31	0.1	198	229
58	24	17	26	0.1	219	210
59	83	78	85	0.4	680	678
	587	449	557	2.7	5 108	4 718
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material					
61	22	13	25	0.1	155	166
62	22	23	19	0.1	136	152
63	8	10	10	—	54	67
64	Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard					
	72	80	84	0.4	630	632
65	23	17	25	0.1	156	167
66	84	73	83	0.4	693	642
67	99	43	48	0.2	377	449
68	1 156	789	817	3.9	6 831	7 140
69	82	57	83	0.4	721	717
	1 570	1 105	1 194	5.7	9 753	10 132
7	Machinery and transport equipment					
71	96	67	81	0.4	574	662
72	199	113	141	0.7	1 276	1 309
73	25	10	15	0.1	107	138
74	General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s. and machine parts, n.e.s.					
	200	115	170	0.8	1 257	1 342
75	162	130	135	0.6	935	1 038
76	Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment					
	123	120	131	0.6	826	977
77	Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, parts (incl. non electrical counterparts of electrical domestic equip)					
	146	96	133	0.6	995	1 060
78	289	178	290	1.4	2 134	2 057
79	222	184	157	0.7	1 269	1 553
	1 461	1 012	1 254	6.0	9 372	10 135

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(a) Some SITC sections and divisions exclude commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. These are included in Division 98. For more information see paragraphs 26 and 27 of the Explanatory Notes.

	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Percentage of total merchandise exports (b)	8 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY	
					2014	2015
					\$m	\$m
SECTION AND DIVISION OF THE SITC						
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles					
81	Prefabricated buildings and sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.	16	15	21	0.1	107 114
82	Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	11	7	9	—	62 72
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	4	3	4	—	29 31
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	19	17	27	0.1	153 175
85	Footwear	7	4	7	—	39 48
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	212	158	206	1.0	1 302 1 537
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s., watches and clocks	26	22	27	0.1	178 200
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.	195	180	204	1.0	1 641 1 651
	<i>Total Miscellaneous manufactured articles</i>	490	405	504	2.4	3 511 3 828
9	Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC					
93	Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	93	96	115	0.6	963 777
95	Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender	63	36	41	0.2	679 484
96	Coin (excl. gold coin) not being legal tender	1	2	—	—	— 3
97	Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	1 196	1 252	1 345	6.4	9 095 9 379
98	Combined confidential items excluding some of SITC 28099 (exports only) and some of SITC 51099 (imports only)	420	365	365	1.7	3 796 4 023
	<i>Total Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC</i>	1 772	1 752	1 867	8.9	14 535 14 667
	<b>Total merchandise exports</b>	<b>23 576</b>	<b>19 924</b>	<b>20 967</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>182 866 172 495</b>
	Balance of Payments Adjustments	98	14	-1	..	774 720
	Goods credits (exports) on a Balance of Payments Basis	23 674	19 938	20 966	..	183 640 173 215

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(b) Percent of total merchandise is calculated for the most recent month.

	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Percentage of total merchandise imports(b)	8 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY	
					2014	2015
					\$m	\$m
MAJOR COMMODITIES (c)						
333 Crude petroleum oils	1 303	1 016	977	4.9	15 072	11 361
334 Refined petroleum oils	1 403	1 320	1 351	6.7	12 560	11 685
542 Medicaments	503	529	472	2.4	5 128	4 678
741 Heating and cooling equipment and parts thereof, n.e.s.	261	219	215	1.1	2 444	2 647
743 Air Pumps, compressors or fans; hoods; centrifuges; filtering apparatus; parts	350	306	150	0.8	2 550	2 341
752 Automatic data processing machines	824	681	504	2.5	4 719	5 062
764 Telecommunications equipment	1 070	891	780	3.9	6 091	7 360
778 Electrical machinery and apparatus, n.e.s.	252	247	250	1.2	1 965	2 084
781 Motor cars for the transport of persons	1 653	1 415	1 431	7.2	12 074	12 155
782 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	536	357	488	2.4	3 972	3 885
821 Furniture, bedding, mattresses and supports, and stuffed furnishings	348	345	328	1.6	2 409	2 713
874 Measuring, checking, analysing and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.	348	244	265	1.3	1 895	2 172
971 Gold, non-monetary	294	266	362	1.8	3 422	2 382
SECTION AND DIVISION OF THE SITC						
0 Food and live animals						
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	12	18	10	0.1	83	73
01 Meat and meat preparations	67	58	63	0.3	408	496
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	75	75	70	0.3	561	572
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	198	168	144	0.7	1 260	1 253
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	98	92	81	0.4	773	803
05 Vegetables and fruit	227	197	202	1.0	1 469	1 614
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	46	33	33	0.2	297	317
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	145	148	133	0.7	1 057	1 205
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)	135	80	36	0.2	532	586
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	218	204	181	0.9	1 446	1 585
<i>Total Food and live animals</i>	1 220	1 073	953	4.8	7 886	8 504
1 Beverages and tobacco						
11 Beverages	205	159	134	0.7	1 433	1 455
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	68	39	69	0.3	420	477
<i>Total Beverages and tobacco</i>	273	198	203	1.0	1 853	1 932
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels						
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	—	—	1	—	2	4
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	10	11	9	—	52	68
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)	9	9	9	—	72	76
24 Cork and wood	76	82	74	0.4	473	603
25 Pulp and waste paper	18	17	20	0.1	142	145
26 Textile fibres and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	5	9	9	—	70	69
27 Crude fertilizers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)	30	23	28	0.1	172	239
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	35	64	59	0.3	326	578
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	45	50	51	0.3	320	346
<i>Total Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</i>	228	265	261	1.3	1 629	2 128
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials						
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	4	8	10	—	28	50
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	2 774	2 422	2 391	11.9	28 239	23 549
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	28	1	24	0.1	1 419	226
<i>Total Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</i>	2 806	2 431	2 424	12.1	29 686	23 825

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				Percentage	8 MONTHS	
	Dec	Jan	Feb	of total	ENDED FEBRUARY	
	2014	2015	2015	merchandise	2014	2015
	\$m	\$m	\$m	imports(b)	\$m	\$m
				%		
SECTION AND DIVISION OF THE SITC						
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes					
41	Animal oils and fats	2	4	7	—	44 43
42	Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	39	42	33	0.2	306 344
43	Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable n.e.s.	4	4	4	—	29 31
	<i>Total Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes</i>	44	50	43	0.2	379 417
5	Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.					
51	Organic chemicals	186	270	197	1.0	1 556 1 621
52	Inorganic chemicals	128	121	125	0.6	973 1 008
53	Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	55	64	65	0.3	460 491
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	711	719	714	3.6	6 761 6 355
55	Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	197	198	196	1.0	1 634 1 688
56	Fertilisers (excl. crude)	179	102	273	1.4	850 1 047
57	Plastics in primary forms	137	163	146	0.7	1 279 1 267
58	Plastics in non-primary forms	148	171	158	0.8	1 170 1 241
59	Chemical materials and products, n.e.s.	237	254	246	1.2	1 792 1 895
	<i>Total Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.</i>	1 978	2 062	2 120	10.6	16 473 16 613
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material					
61	Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, n.e.s.	13	18	13	0.1	110 121
62	Rubber manufactures, n.e.s.	264	279	258	1.3	2 338 2 227
63	Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)	87	110	107	0.5	664 757
64	Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	222	254	244	1.2	1 935 2 003
65	Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles n.e.s., and related products	243	279	283	1.4	2 016 2 143
66	Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.	255	265	295	1.5	2 014 2 235
67	Iron and steel	271	428	368	1.8	2 565 2 971
68	Non-ferrous metals	170	394	302	1.5	1 789 2 016
69	Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	792	651	834	4.2	5 507 5 646
	<i>Total Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</i>	2 316	2 677	2 704	13.5	18 936 20 119
7	Machinery and transport equipment					
71	Power generating machinery and equipment	343	360	329	1.6	3 242 3 096
72	Machinery specialized for particular industries	683	610	591	3.0	5 020 4 961
73	Metalworking machinery	55	48	42	0.2	381 366
74	General industrial machinery and equipment, n.e.s., and machine parts, n.e.s.	1 327	1 232	1 011	5.0	10 619 10 426
75	Office machines and automatic data processing machines	1 052	893	720	3.6	6 422 6 791
76	Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	1 286	1 065	958	4.8	7 806 9 144
77	Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)	1 033	1 067	1 051	5.3	7 818 8 432
78	Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	2 595	2 196	2 300	11.5	19 532 19 407
79	Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	245	201	158	0.8	2 577 1 580
	<i>Total Machinery and transport equipment</i>	8 618	7 672	7 161	35.8	63 416 64 203

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	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Percentage of total merchandise imports(b)	8 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY	
					2014	2015
					\$m	\$m
SECTION AND DIVISION OF THE SITC						
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles					
81	Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, n.e.s.					
	116	134	140	0.7	995	1 080
82	Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings					
	348	345	328	1.6	2 409	2 713
83	Travel goods, handbags and similar containers					
	126	107	109	0.5	809	908
84	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories					
	463	821	851	4.2	4 954	5 235
85	Footwear					
	163	190	221	1.1	1 241	1 370
87	Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, n.e.s.					
	587	457	494	2.5	3 611	4 067
88	Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s., watches and clocks					
	169	159	153	0.8	1 122	1 251
89	Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.					
	988	903	923	4.6	7 941	8 362
	<i>Total Miscellaneous manufactured articles</i>					
	2 960	3 116	3 218	16.1	23 081	24 988
9	Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC					
93	Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind					
	—	—	1	—	7	6
95	Gold coin whether or not legal tender, and other coin being legal tender					
	4	5	6	—	24	37
96	Coin (excl. gold coin) not being legal tender					
	—	1	1	—	4	5
97	Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)					
	294	266	362	1.8	3 422	2 382
98	Combined confidential items excluding some of SITC 28099 (exports only) and some of SITC 51099 (imports only)					
	548	846	562	2.8	3 756	5 096
	<i>Total Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC</i>					
	846	1 117	931	4.7	7 214	7 526
	<b>Total merchandise imports</b>					
	<b>21 289</b>	<b>20 661</b>	<b>20 019</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>170 554</b>	<b>170 254</b>
	Balance of Payments Adjustments					
	1 262	1 463	1 304	. .	10 207	10 496
	Goods Debits (imports) on a Balance of Payments Basis					
	22 551	22 124	21 323	. .	180 761	180 750

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	EXPORTS (a)				IMPORTS (b)				BALANCE OF MERCHANDISE TRADE	
	2013-14	Feb	8 months ended	8 months ended	2013-14	Feb	8 months ended	8 months ended	2013-14	8 months ended
		2015	February 2014	February 2015		2015	February 2014	February 2015		February 2015
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Belgium	1 087	172	647	657	1 741	121	1 143	1 118	-654	-462
Brazil	772	57	516	838	590	60	408	415	183	423
Canada	1 224	132	825	878	1 988	152	1 391	1 386	-764	-508
China (excluding SARs and Taiwan)	99 525	6 561	67 839	54 766	49 943	5 102	34 888	38 972	49 582	15 794
Denmark	101	7	64	75	1 203	79	851	725	-1 103	-650
Egypt(a)	446	67	291	318	34	3	26	22	412	296
Fiji	305	25	206	217	159	15	108	112	146	105
Finland	55	3	33	23	785	58	517	499	-730	-476
France	1 183	104	836	680	4 111	311	2 729	2 809	-2 928	-2 128
Germany	1 797	152	1 344	1 087	11 958	724	7 993	7 833	-10 162	-6 747
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	2 788	288	1 821	2 003	1 202	106	842	851	1 586	1 151
India	8 321	755	5 498	6 399	2 850	379	1 918	2 257	5 471	4 142
Indonesia	4 890	424	3 071	3 218	6 416	429	4 350	3 643	-1 526	-426
Iran	302	1	132	77	28	2	18	22	274	55
Iraq	329	20	114	67	—	—	—	—	329	67
Ireland	62	8	44	35	1 534	121	1 024	1 107	-1 471	-1 072
Israel	243	19	155	136	710	67	495	550	-467	-415
Italy	665	77	483	429	5 919	382	3 998	4 134	-5 255	-3 705
Japan	48 327	3 571	32 579	31 350	18 367	1 553	12 509	11 312	29 960	20 038
Korea, Republic of	20 460	1 409	13 729	12 532	11 264	828	7 495	7 882	9 196	4 649
Kuwait	568	59	433	465	333	—	294	1	235	464
Malaysia	5 361	426	3 511	3 929	11 101	716	7 306	6 914	-5 740	-2 985
Mexico	462	42	281	324	1 952	157	1 261	1 358	-1 491	-1 033
Netherlands	1 995	206	1 362	1 407	1 801	135	1 144	1 293	195	114
New Zealand	7 538	639	5 029	5 502	7 801	557	5 234	5 121	-263	381
Pakistan	400	71	243	298	210	20	138	140	190	158
Papua New Guinea	2 392	147	1 614	1 331	3 455	226	2 236	2 393	-1 063	-1 062
Philippines	1 466	103	917	1 120	1 053	50	706	697	413	423
Saudi Arabia	2 229	180	1 417	1 392	347	31	182	225	1 882	1 167
Singapore	7 368	788	4 843	5 749	12 976	653	8 256	7 467	-5 608	-1 719
South Africa	1 231	107	828	812	891	67	638	698	340	114
Spain	466	70	307	414	3 340	176	2 393	1 328	-2 874	-914
Sweden	290	19	179	171	2 118	127	1 391	1 250	-1 828	-1 079
Switzerland	830	43	533	253	2 937	248	1 964	1 902	-2 107	-1 649
Taiwan	7 164	450	4 768	4 407	4 028	436	2 765	3 235	3 136	1 172
Thailand	4 735	442	3 034	3 356	11 023	1 052	7 782	7 800	-6 288	-4 444
Turkey	709	37	557	340	730	103	484	566	-21	-226
United Arab Emirates	2 722	320	1 775	2 147	3 245	315	2 613	2 219	-523	-72
United Kingdom	3 588	322	2 470	2 451	6 301	504	4 296	4 085	-2 713	-1 635
United States of America	10 057	1 047	6 395	8 140	26 064	1 956	17 193	17 405	-16 007	-9 266
Viet Nam	2 722	342	1 667	2 062	4 515	366	2 913	3 313	-1 793	-1 252
Other Countries(a) (b)	15 744	1 255	10 475	10 639	24 647	1 634	16 661	15 190	-8 903	-4 551
<b>Total</b>	<b>272 921</b>	<b>20 967</b>	<b>182 866</b>	<b>172 495</b>	<b>251 672</b>	<b>20 019</b>	<b>170 554</b>	<b>170 254</b>	<b>21 249</b>	<b>2 240</b>
APEC	227 648	16 877	152 765	141 215	177 708	14 595	120 033	122 476	49 940	18 738
ASEAN	26 793	2 547	17 214	19 595	47 971	3 330	31 954	30 677	-21 177	-11 082
Developing Countries	183 710	13 739	123 038	112 142	140 496	11 932	95 666	98 274	43 215	13 868
Least Developed Countries	2 375	290	1 550	1 498	915	93	607	714	1 460	784
European Union(c)	12 024	1 209	8 218	7 949	44 705	3 064	30 017	28 930	-32 681	-20 982
OECD	102 160	8 167	68 525	67 558	118 999	8 867	79 483	77 785	-16 839	-10 227

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(a) Exports of Alumina to Bahrain, Egypt and Iceland are excluded from individual country totals and included in 'Other Countries' up to December 2012. From June 2013, exports data with confidentiality restrictions 'No commodity details' or 'No value details' are excluded from individual country totals and included in 'Other Countries'. See Explanatory Notes paragraphs 26 and 27 for more details.

(b) From September 2008 imports data with confidentiality restrictions 'No commodity details' or 'No value details' are excluded from individual country totals and included in 'Other Countries'. See Explanatory Notes paragraphs 26 and 28 for more details.

(c) The European Union includes 28 member countries for all periods.

	8 MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY			
	2013-14	Feb 2015	2014	2015
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
EXPONENTS (a)(b)				
New South Wales	36 599	3 074	24 768	24 377
Victoria	23 963	1 947	15 563	15 227
Queensland	44 812	3 654	30 277	30 084
South Australia	12 352	1 049	8 153	7 466
Western Australia	130 427	9 343	87 791	78 266
Tasmania	2 753	205	1 840	1 629
Northern Territory	6 804	542	4 479	4 396
Australian Capital Territory	1	—	1	3
State not available for publication(b)	5 667	365	3 796	4 023
Re-exports	9 542	788	6 199	7 023
<b>Total</b>	<b>272 921</b>	<b>20 967</b>	<b>182 866</b>	<b>172 495</b>

IMPORTS (c)(d)				
New South Wales	89 286	7 525	60 483	63 648
Victoria	65 959	5 401	44 569	44 446
Queensland	41 860	2 772	28 928	25 252
South Australia	8 231	721	5 447	5 298
Western Australia	36 289	2 525	24 277	22 895
Tasmania	760	52	478	549
Northern Territory	3 483	461	2 610	3 060
Australian Capital Territory	7	—	5	9
State not available for publication(d)	5 797	562	3 756	5 096
<b>Total</b>	<b>251 672</b>	<b>20 019</b>	<b>170 554</b>	<b>170 254</b>

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Exports by state of origin in which the final stage of production or manufacture occurs.

(b) Exports of Alumina to Bahrain, Egypt and Iceland are excluded from individual state totals and included in 'State not available for publication' up to December 2012. From June 2013, exports data with confidentiality restrictions 'No commodity details' or 'No value details' are excluded from individual state totals and included in 'State not available for publication'. See Explanatory Notes paragraphs 26 and 27 for more details.

(c) Imports by state of destination.

(d) From September 2008 imports data with confidentiality restrictions 'No commodity details' or 'No value details' are excluded from individual state totals and included in 'State not available for publication'. See Explanatory Notes paragraphs 26 and 28 for more details.

## PERIOD AVERAGE EXCHANGE RATES(a), Per Australian dollar

<i>Period</i>	<i>United States dollar</i>	<i>UK pound sterling</i>	<i>Euro</i>	<i>Japanese yen</i>	<i>Special Drawing Right</i>	<i>Trade-weighted index of value of the A\$(b)</i>
FINANCIAL YEAR						
<b>2011-12</b>	1.0319	0.6516	0.7712	81.14	0.6629	76.0
<b>2012-13</b>	1.0268	0.6548	0.7941	89.89	0.6752	77.0
<b>2013-14</b>	0.9185	0.5651	0.6771	92.80	0.5987	70.5
MONTHS						
<b>2013</b>						
December	0.8989	0.5488	0.6562	92.96	0.5843	69.1
<b>2014</b>						
January	0.8865	0.5383	0.6508	92.22	0.5774	68.4
February	0.8966	0.5416	0.6566	91.54	0.5825	69.0
March	0.9071	0.5458	0.6561	92.81	0.5862	69.7
April	0.9314	0.5568	0.6747	95.52	0.6018	71.5
May	0.9309	0.5524	0.6773	94.78	0.6016	71.3
June	0.9368	0.5541	0.6890	95.58	0.6080	71.9
July	0.9392	0.5497	0.6933	95.51	0.6090	71.8
August	0.9304	0.5570	0.6988	95.81	0.6095	71.5
September	0.9062	0.5553	0.7017	97.15	0.6034	70.5
October	0.8784	0.5459	0.6921	94.77	0.5909	68.9
November	0.8650	0.5479	0.6932	100.43	0.5895	69.1
December	0.8256	0.5280	0.6694	98.48	0.5664	66.8
<b>2015</b>						
January	0.8092	0.5336	0.6943	95.83	0.5678	66.0
February	0.7790	0.5083	0.6855	92.36	0.5514	64.0

(a) These exchange rates and the trade-weighted index are derived using rates provided by the Reserve Bank of Australia in respect of each trading day.

(b) May 1970 = 100. The trade-weighted index is reweighted annually on 1 December.

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Aug 2014	Sep 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>BALANCE</b>									
<b>On goods and services</b>	—	—	<b>-236</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>-159</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>CREDITS</b>									
Total goods and services	—	—	178	19	-24	149	140	-3	22
<i>Total goods</i>	—	—	46	6	-31	-80	-115	-324	-246
Rural goods	—	—	—	14	—	1	—	-44	-49
Non-rural goods	—	—	—	-7	-30	-79	-113	-277	-198
Net exports of goods under merchandising	—	—	46	-1	-1	-2	-2	-3	1
Non-monetary gold	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total services</i>	—	—	132	13	7	229	255	321	268
<b>DEBITS</b>									
Total goods and services	—	—	-414	47	63	87	-44	-156	129
<i>Total goods</i>	—	—	—	5	11	-11	-40	-234	-18
Consumption goods	—	—	—	7	-1	-36	-35	-47	-40
Capital goods	—	—	—	—	6	8	-16	-176	-29
Intermediate and other merchandise goods	—	—	—	-2	6	17	11	-11	51
Non-monetary gold	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Total services</i>	—	—	-414	42	52	98	-4	78	147

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) This table is presented consistent with BPM6 sign conventions. This means for the balance on goods and services a negative revision indicates a decrease in a surplus or an increase in a deficit. For debits a negative revision indicates an increase in debits while a positive revision indicates a decrease in debits.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication presents preliminary estimates of Australia's international trade in goods and services on a balance of payments basis (tables 1–11 and 17) and merchandise import and export statistics on an international merchandise trade basis (tables 12–15). In addition, table 16 Exchange rates and trade-weighted indexes (TWI) are derived by using exchange rates and indexes provided by the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA). As of December 2011 the RBA has changed the methodology for compiling the TWI to include both merchandise and services trade, rather than merchandise trade only. This takes advantage of country-level services trade data that have been published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

**2** Merchandise trade statistics on an international merchandise trade basis are compiled from information submitted by exporters and importers or their agents to the *Australian Customs and Border Protection Service* (Customs and Border Protection). Adjustments for coverage, timing and valuation are made to international merchandise trade data to convert them to a balance of payments basis. The services data are sourced from the quarterly Survey of International Trade in Services and a range of administrative data and indicator series.

**3** More comprehensive quarterly estimates of Australia's trade in goods and services, together with comprehensive details of Australia's balance of payments are included in the quarterly publication, *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia* (cat. no. 5302.0). Detailed monthly statistics on merchandise trade are available in time series spreadsheets on the ABS website or by subscription to tailored services. More information on the *International Trade in Services by Country, by State and by Detailed Services Category* are available on a financial year basis (cat. no. 5368.0.55.003) following the September issue of this publication and calendar year basis (cat. no. 5368.0.55.004) following the March issue of this publication.

### CONCEPTS, SOURCES AND METHODS

**4** The conceptual framework used in compiling Australia's merchandise trade statistics can be found in *International Merchandise Trade, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2001* (cat. no. 5489.0).

**5** The conceptual framework used in compiling Australia's balance of payments statistics is based on the International Monetary Fund's *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, Sixth Edition* (BPM6). Descriptions of the underlying concepts and structure of the balance of payments and the sources, methods and terms used in compiling estimates are presented in the publication *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 1998* (cat. no. 5331.0). This version reflects the international standards prior to BPM6 and is currently being revised. The first part of the revised document was released on 8 March 2011, featuring only the Goods Account. Other components will be released as they become available. Further information on the key changes introduced with BPM6 can be found in the *Information paper: Implementation of new international statistical standards in the ABS National and International Accounts, September 2009* (cat. no. 5310.0.55.002).

**6** To bring merchandise trade statistics on an international merchandise trade basis to a balance of payments basis, timing adjustments are made to ensure that the transaction is recorded in the period in which ownership changed, rather than in the period in which the transaction was recorded by Customs and Border Protection or the period in which the goods arrived in/departed from an Australian port. Adjustments are also made to account for the change of ownership of goods not included in merchandise trade statistics. Chapter 6 of the *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 1998* (cat. no. 5331.0) provides more detail on the relationship between statistics on an international merchandise trade basis and on a balance of payments basis.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### CONCEPTS, SOURCES AND METHODS *continued*

**7** International merchandise trade exports data presented for recent months in tables 12–15 of this publication are based on information initially reported by exporters to Customs and Border Protection. At the time of initial reporting to Customs and Border Protection the final prices may not be known for some commodities. Therefore, the information recorded for recent months for commodities like iron ore and coal can include a variety of prices including previous or current contract prices and the prevailing spot prices. Newly negotiated contract prices may not be fully reflected in the data first reported to Customs and Border Protection, and to compensate for this, the balance of payments series may reflect adjusted price levels.

**8** The Concepts, Sources and Methods publications and information papers are available to download for free from the ABS website. Select *Statistics*, then select *By Catalogue Number*, and then the catalogue numbers as above.

### CLASSIFICATIONS

**9** The merchandise trade data on an international merchandise trade basis are presented using the following commodity classifications:

- the Harmonized System 2012 (available on request)
- the Standard International Trade Classification Revision 4 (SITC Rev. 4)
- the Classification by Broad Economic Categories (BEC)
- the industry classification: Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification, 2006 (ANZSIC 06) from July 2005.

**10** The balance of payments 'goods and services' series are presented according to three classifications with the goods classifications derived from SITC Rev. 4 and BEC. The classifications are:

- for goods:
  - the Balance of Payments Commodities for Exports (BoPCE)
  - the Balance of Payments Broad Economic Categories (BoPBEC) for Imports
- for services:
  - the Extended Balance of Payments Services Classification (EBOPS).

### ACCURACY, RELIABILITY AND REVISIONS

**11** While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy and reliability of estimates, most series are subject to revision as more complete and accurate information becomes available. Care should be exercised in the use and interpretation of estimates in this publication. The transactions occurring in international trade in goods and services are of many different kinds, and therefore the compilation of trade estimates entails the use of a very wide range of statistical data of varying degrees of accuracy and timeliness. For further information on the monthly services series, see paragraph 25.

**12** The revisions are applied differently for merchandise trade and balance of payments series. Each month, merchandise trade data are revised for the previous six months to incorporate latest available data.

**13** For the balance of payments 'goods and services' series, in original terms, revisions in the July, October, January or April issues are limited to significant new and revised data from survey sources that have become available since the previous issue. This is to ensure the monthly series align with the comparable series in the most recent issue of the *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia* (cat. no. 5302.0). In the September issue revisions can be applied to the four previous financial years. In other issues revisions can be applied to the previous and current financial years to incorporate the latest available survey and administrative data.

**14** In seasonally adjusted and trend terms, revisions may occur at any time point but tend to focus on the most recent estimates. Please also refer to paragraphs 17 and 18 (seasonal adjustment), and 19 (trend estimates) below.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### SIGN CONVENTION

**15** In keeping with BPM6 conventions, balance of payments basis credit entries are shown with an implied positive sign and debit items are shown as negative entries. For statistics on an international merchandise trade basis, both imports and exports are shown without sign. References to balance of payments debit items in Key Figures, Key Points, and Analysis and Comments are made without regard to sign. The calculation of percentage changes on balance of payments debit items are made without regard to sign. Percentage change is not applicable if there is a change from surplus to deficit or vice versa.

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES

**16** The estimates of international trade in goods and services on a balance of payments basis are seasonally adjusted, however the merchandise exports and imports statistics on an international merchandise trade basis are not. Monthly original estimates are volatile, being subject to calendar-related and large irregular influences. Seasonally adjusted estimates are derived by estimating and removing from the original series systematic calendar related effects, such as seasonal (e.g. Christmas), trading day and moving holiday (e.g. Easter) influences. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. These irregular influences may reflect both random economic events and difficulties of statistical recording.

**17** The seasonally adjusted statistics in this publication use the concurrent seasonal adjustment technique and Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) modelling to estimate factors for the current and previous months. Under concurrent seasonal adjustment, the estimates of seasonal factors are fine tuned as new or revised original estimates become available each period. The seasonally adjusted estimates are subject to revisions at each reference month as the estimates of seasonal factors are improved.

**18** ARIMA modelling relies on the characteristics of the series being analysed to project future period data. ARIMA modelling is used on a case-by-case basis where it results in reduced revisions to seasonally adjusted series when subsequent data becomes available. The projected values are temporary, intermediate values, that are only used internally to improve the estimation of the seasonal factors. The projected data do not affect the original estimates and are discarded at the end of the seasonal adjustment process. The ARIMA model is assessed as part of the annual review of each August issue of this publication with the majority of directly seasonally adjusted trade in goods and services time series using an ARIMA model.

**19** The month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of underlying behaviour because they include irregular or non-seasonal movements. Trend estimates reduce the effect of these movements as they are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. The 13-term Henderson moving average (like all Henderson averages) is symmetric, but as the end of a time series is approached, asymmetric forms of the average are applied. While the asymmetric weights enable trend estimates for recent months to be produced, it does result in revisions to the estimates for the most recent six months as additional observations become available. Revisions to trend estimates can also occur because of revisions to the original data and as a result of the re-estimation of the seasonal factors. Trend estimates should be used with caution, especially around the time of unusual influences, until these have been appropriately taken into account.

**20** Information papers and articles on time series methods are available on the ABS website:

- for seasonal adjustment methods, see *Information Paper: An Introductory Course on Time Series Analysis, Jan 2005* (cat. no. 1346.0.55.001) and *Time Series Analysis Frequently Asked Questions, 2003* (cat. no. 1346.0.55.002)

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES *continued*

- for ARIMA modelling, see *Feature article: Use of ARIMA modelling to reduce revisions* in the October 2004 issue of *Australian Economic Indicators* (cat. no. 1350.0)
- for trend estimates methods, see *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series – Monitoring Trends* (cat. no. 1349.0)
- alternatively contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345 or e-mail: [time.series.analysis@abs.gov.au](mailto:time.series.analysis@abs.gov.au). The *ABS Privacy Policy* outlines how the ABS will handle any personal information that you provide to us. A copy of this policy is available on the ABS website through the 'Privacy' link.

### ECONOMIC TERRITORY

**21** In accordance with BPM6 definitions, Australia's economic territory, on a balance of payments basis, is the area under the effective control of the Australian government. It includes the land area, airspace, territorial waters, including jurisdiction over fishing rights and rights to fuels and minerals. Australian economic territory also includes territorial enclaves in the rest of the world. These are clearly demarcated areas of land, located in other countries and which are owned or rented by the Australian government for diplomatic, military, scientific or other purposes. Specifically, the economic territory of Australia consists of:

- Geographic Australia which includes Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Christmas Island
- Norfolk Island
- Australian Antarctic Territory
- Heard Island and McDonald Islands
- Territory of Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island
- Coral Sea Islands
- Australia's territorial enclaves overseas
- the Joint Petroleum Development Area (joint territory between Australia and Timor-Leste).

**22** Because of administrative complexities and measurement difficulties, Norfolk Island transactions with the rest of the world will not always be captured in all relevant balance of payments statistics. Most of the transactions involving Norfolk Island are not material to Australia's trade performance and not capturing these transactions will not distort these statistics. However, any significant transactions will be identified and included in the relevant statistics.

### COMMODITY BREAKDOWN OF GOODS

**23** For details of the classifications used to present goods exports (credits) and imports (debits) on a balance of payments basis, see tables 6.6 and 6.7, respectively, in *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 5331.0).

**24** The international merchandise trade statistics shown in tables 12 and 13 are classified by the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC). Imports and exports of goods at a more detailed level are available from the time series spreadsheets on the ABS website. All data from July 2005 are presented according to SITC Rev. 4 and data prior to July 2005 are presented according to SITC Rev. 3. For details refer to the 'Classifications and Standards Update' in the July 2008 issue of this publication.

### MONTHLY SERVICES SERIES

**25** Monthly indicators for many of the services components that are only surveyed quarterly are not available. Monthly estimates for the freight and other transportation components of services credits in table 9 are derived by dividing the quarterly estimate by three. Freight debits are derived directly from imports data for the reference month as a difference between total merchandise Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) and Free On Board (FOB), adjusted to reflect timing and processing adjustments. For freight credits and other transportation credits and debits, estimates are derived by extrapolating the last quarter's data by an average of movements for the same quarter over the four previous years, and then dividing the estimate by three. Similarly other services estimates



## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### MONTHLY SERVICES SERIES

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are derived by extrapolating the last quarter's data by an average of movements for the same quarter over the previous four years, and then dividing the estimate by three. Noting estimates can be adjusted if additional information are available.

### CONFIDENTIALITY OF MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS

**26** The release of statistics for certain merchandise trade commodities is restricted in order to prevent the identification of the activities of an individual business, where this is requested by the business concerned. These restrictions do not affect the total value of exports and imports, but they can affect statistics at the country, state and commodity levels, and other details only available on request such as Australian ports. For information on the confidentiality restrictions applied to the merchandise trade statistics in this publication, refer to the current issue of *International Merchandise Trade: Confidential Commodities List (CCL)* (cat. no. 5372.0.55.001).

**27** Exports data that have the confidentiality restrictions 'No commodity details' or 'No value details' are now aggregated into a single confidential commodity code. For data prior to June 2013, these data are added back into the appropriate state total and country total (i.e. these totals show the correct level of trade). From June 2013 these confidential data are not added back. Instead the confidential data are published as 'No country details' in the country totals and 'State of origin not available' or 'State not available for publication' in the state totals. Therefore, country and state totals from June 2013 may not represent the actual amount of trade in each country/state but only the trade in commodities without a 'No commodity details' or 'No value details' restriction.

**28** Imports data that have the confidentiality restrictions 'No commodity details' or 'No value details' are aggregated into a single confidential commodity code. For data prior to September 2008, these data are added back into the appropriate state total and country total (i.e. these totals show the correct level of trade). From September 2008 these confidential data are not added back. Instead the confidential data are published as 'No country details' in the country totals and 'State of destination not available' or 'State not available for publication' in the state totals. Therefore, country and state totals from September 2008 may not represent the actual amount of trade in each country/state but only the trade in commodities without a 'No commodity details' or 'No value details' restriction.

### TOURISM RELATED SERVICES

**29** The tourism related services memorandum items provide timely indicators of the movements in tourism related activities, not an absolute measure of the level of these activities. The tourism related indicator has been derived by combining total travel services (business, education-related and other personal travel) and passenger transportation services (which includes agency fees and commissions for air transport).

### SERVICES BY STATE AND BY PARTNER COUNTRY

**30** Annual services data by state, by country and detailed services are released twice yearly. Refer to Trade in Services data cubes under time series data for details.

**31** Services credits are classified by the state of provision, while services debits are classified by the state of consumption. The state allocations for transportation, travel, postal and courier, and telecommunication services are based on a number of indicators including merchandise trade statistics by state, overseas passenger arrivals and departures by state of clearance and data provided by the *Department of Immigration and Border Protection*. The allocation for other services (about 25% of all trade in services) is primarily based on the location of the business reporting the information, which serves as a proxy for the state of provision/consumption of that service. The data should be used with care but are considered suitable for analysis over time.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### SERVICES BY STATE AND BY PARTNER COUNTRY *continued*

**32** A comprehensive explanation of the data sources used and the methodology applied in the compilation of partner country statistics is provided in Chapter 17 of *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 5331.0). Approximately 5% of total services credits and debits are either confidential, or unable to be allocated to individual countries.

### ABS DATA AVAILABLE

**33** More detailed balance of payments and international merchandise trade data, including forward seasonal factors are available as time series spreadsheets or data cubes from the ABS website. Merchandise trade data by commodity, country and state that are not on the ABS website may be available on request. Inquiries should be made to the National Information and Referral Service as shown on the back of this publication.

### RELATED PRODUCTS AND PUBLICATIONS

**34** Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which can be downloaded free of charge from the ABS website by using the 'Statistics' tab and selecting the relevant catalogue number:

- *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia* (cat. no. 5302.0) – issued quarterly
- *Balance of Payments – Goods and Services, Preliminary Quarterly Estimates* (cat. no. 5302.0.55.004) – issued quarterly
- *International Merchandise Imports, Australia* (cat. no. 5439.0) – issued monthly
- *International Trade Price Indexes, Australia* (cat. no. 6457.0) – issued quarterly
- *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 5331.0)
- *Information Paper: Quality of Australian Balance of Payments Statistics* (cat. no. 5342.0)
- *International Merchandise Trade, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 5489.0)
- *A Guide to Australian Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Statistics* (cat. no. 5362.0.55.001).

**35** Current publications and other products released by the ABS are available from the 'Statistics' tab on the ABS website. The ABS also issues a daily *Release Advice* on the website which details products to be released in the week ahead. A *foreign trade* theme page and a *balance of payments* theme page are available on the ABS website. Select *Topics @ a Glance – Economy – Foreign Trade* or *Balance of Payments*. This page provides direct links to all foreign trade and balance of payments related data and publications, recent changes and forthcoming events, links to relevant websites and a range of other information about the Australian International Accounts.

### ROUNDING

**36** Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals. Percentage movements are calculated from data at the level of precision presented in this publication (i.e. \$m) except for international merchandise trade tables.

### ABBREVIATIONS

- \$b billion (thousand million) dollars
- \$m million dollars
- ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics
- ADP automatic data processing
- ANZSIC Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
- APEC Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation
- ARIMA autoregressive integrated moving average
- ASEAN Association of South-East Asian Nations
- BEC Classification by Broad Economic Categories

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

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BoPBEC	Balance of Payments Broad Economic Categories
BoPCE	Balance of Payments Commodities for Exports
BPM6	<i>Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, Sixth Edition</i>
c.i.f.	cost, insurance and freight
EBOPS	Extended Balance of Payments Services Classification
f.o.b.	free on board
n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
n.i.e.	not included elsewhere
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
SAR	Special Administrative Region
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification

## APPENDIX RELATED ARTICLES

Article	Source(a)	Issue / Release
<b>Investment</b>		
Foreign currency exposure	5308.0	Mar qtr 2013
Foreign ownership of equity	5302.0	Sep qtr 2007
Kangaroo bonds	1301.0	2006
Gross external debt	5302.0	Sep qtr 2003
<b>Balance of payments</b>		
Quarterly state data on a balance of payments basis	5302.0	Dec qtr 2014
International comparison of balance of payments statistics	5363.0	1998–99
<b>Merchandise trade</b>		
Export and Import Invoice Currencies, June 2014	5368.0	Jun 2014
Characteristics of Australian Exporters, 2012–13	5368.0.55.006	May 2014
100 years of international trade statistics	5368.0	Oct 2007
New methodology for deriving counts of Australian exports	5368.0	Feb 2006
Australia's Importers, 2003–04	5368.0	Nov 2004
Australia's Exporters, 2003–04	5368.0	Oct 2004
Foreign ownership of Australian exporters and importers, 2002–03	5496.0.55.001	Jun 2004
Australia's trade with the USA	5368.0	Mar 2004
Major commodities traded by Australia, 1991 to 2000	5422.0	Dec qtr 2000
<b>Trade in services</b>		
ABS International Tourism Estimates	5302.0	Dec 2011
Australian outward finance and insurance foreign affiliate trade, 2009–10	5485.0	Jun 2011
International trade in services by partner country, 2006, preliminary	5368.0	Dec 2006
Changes to International trade in services statistics, August 2006	5368.0	Aug 2006
Changes to International trade in services travel statistics	5368.0	Aug 2005
<b>Finance</b>		
Impact of the farm season on Australian production in 2002–03 and 2003–04	1301.0	2005
Recent trends in construction and first home buyers finance	5609.0	Mar 2002
Household sector data in the financial accounts	5232.0	Mar qtr 2002
<b>Technical information</b>		
Technical note – Low Value Threshold update	5368.0	Aug 2014
Technical note – Improvements in nominee estimates	5302.0	Jun qtr 2014
Revision to correspondences to AHECC and Customs Tariff, Aug 2014	5368.0.55.021	Aug 2014
Technical note – Low Value Threshold	5368.0	Aug 2013
Proposed Implementation of the New International Standard for International Merchandise Trade Statistics, 2013	5368.0.55.020	Aug 2013
Amendments to Schedule 4 of Customs Tariff, March 2013	5368.0.55.019	Mar 2013
Changes to AHECC and Customs Tariff, 2012	5368.0.55.017	Dec 2011
Experimental Statistics on International Shipping Container Movements, 2009–10	5368.0.55.018	Sep 2011
Implementation of new international statistical standards in ABS National and International Accounts, September 2009	5310.0.55.002	Oct 2009
Impact of revised international standards on monthly International Trade in Goods and Services, August 2009	5368.0.55.014	Oct 2009
Estimation of Workers' Remittances based on Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, Sixth Edition, September 2009	5302.0.55.003	Aug 2009
Revisions to international standards in quarterly Balance of Payments and International Investment Position statistics from September 2009, 2009	5302.0.55.002	Jul 2009
Changes to International Trade in Goods Statistics – Countries and Ports, July 2009	5368.0.55.013	Jul 2009
Revisions to international standards in monthly international trade in goods and services statistics from August 2009, 2009	5368.0.55.012	Jun 2009
Changes to International Trade in Goods Industry Statistics, July 2009	5368.0.55.011	Dec 2008
Technical note 1 – Income on debt	5302.0	Jun qtr 2008
Technical note 2 – Use of CDI data	5302.0	Jun qtr 2008
Impact of introducing Revision 4 of the Standard International Trade Classification, 2008	5368.0.55.010	May 2008
Changes to international trade statistics July 2008, 2007 to 2008	5368.0.55.009	Jan 2008
Introduction of revised international standards in ABS economic statistics in 2009, 2007	5310.0.55.001	Sep 2007
Changes on 1 January 2007 to Statistical Codes in the AHECC and the Customs Tariff, 2007	1233.0.55.001	Nov 2006
ABS implementation in January 2007 of revisions to international trade classifications, 2007	5368.0.55.005	Jun 2006
Revised treatment of Goods for Processing in Merchandise Trade and Balance of Payments Statistics	5368.0	May 2006
Impact of Customs and ABS changes on import statistics from October 2005	5439.0	Oct 2005
ABS management of the impact of the implementation of the imports component of the New Customs System	5439.0	Aug 2005
Changes to country and port classifications	5368.0	May 2003
Implementation of New Customs Systems	5368.0	Aug 2004
Data confidentiality	5422.0	Dec qtr 1999

(a) In the ABS website home page, select Statistics; By Catalogue Number; and click on the specified catalogue number and issue. Note: in some instances, a particular issue of the publication can be found in the Past & Future Releases page of the catalogue.







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