



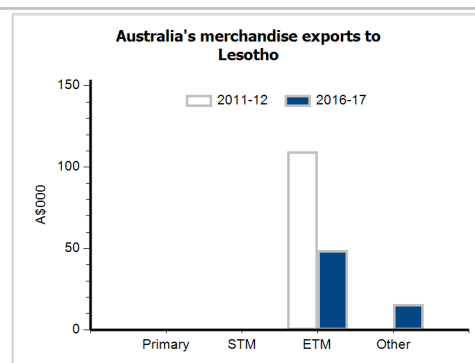
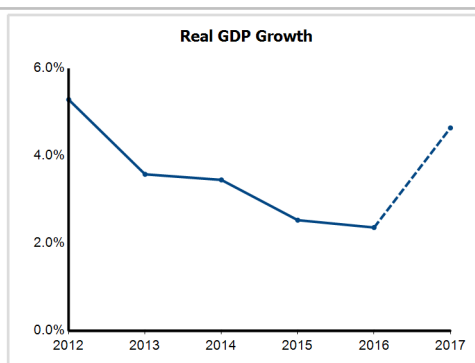
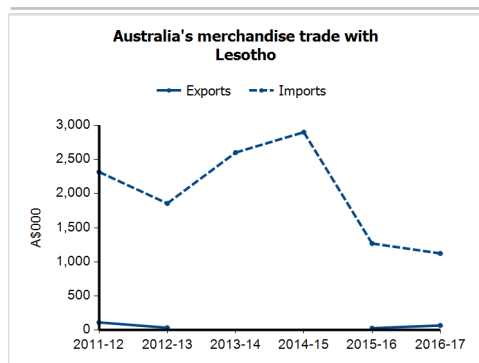
General information

Capital:	Maseru
Land area:	30,360 sq km
Official language(s):	Sesotho, English
Population:	1.9 million (2016)
Currency:	Loti

Head of State	HM King Letsie III
Head of Government	Prime Minister HE The Right Honourable Dr Motsoahae Thomas Thabane

Economic indicators (a)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.7
GDP per capita (US\$)	1,478.2	1,392.8	1,353.9	1,243.9	1,178.9	1,413.6
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	5.9	6.2	6.5	6.7	7.0	7.4
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	3,090.3	3,244.3	3,407.8	3,523.0	3,643.0	3,868.5
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	5.3	3.6	3.4	2.5	2.4	4.6
Current account balance (US\$m)	-230.0	-145.0	-133.0	-113.0	-174.0	-232.0
Current account balance (% GDP)	-8.2	-5.5	-5.2	-4.8	-7.7	-8.5
Inflation (% change yoy)	5.5	5.0	4.6	4.3	6.4	6.6
Unemployment (% labour force)	25.2	24.4	24.6	26.5	27.4	na



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

Australian merchandise trade with Lesotho, 2016-17 (A\$000)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports to Lesotho	65	0.0%	207th	158.8%
Imports from Lesotho	1,122	0.0%	149th	-11.6%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	1,187	0.0%	191st	-8.3%

Major Australian exports, 2016-17 (A\$000)

Measuring & analysing instruments	26
Vehicle parts & accessories	13
Printed matter	6
Telecom equipment & parts	4

Major Australian imports, 2016-17 (A\$000)

Men's clothing (excl knitted)	630
Men's clothing, knitted	158
Women's clothing (excl knitted)	124
Other textile clothing	117

*Includes \$15,836 of confidential items, 25% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Lesotho, 2016-17 (A\$m)

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports of services to Lesotho	1	0.0%	154th	0.0%
Imports of services from Lesotho	0	0.0%

Australia's investment relationship with Lesotho, 2016 (A\$m)

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

Lesotho's global merchandise trade relationships

Lesotho's principal export destinations, 2016

1 South Africa	56.5%
2 United States	35.4%
3 Belgium	2.7%
12 Australia	0.1%

Lesotho's principal import sources, 2016

1 South Africa	84.4%
2 Taiwan	4.8%
3 China	2.2%
19 Australia	0.1%