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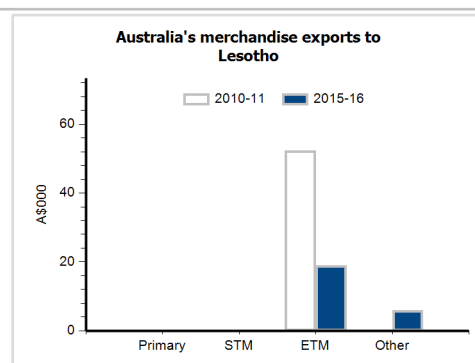
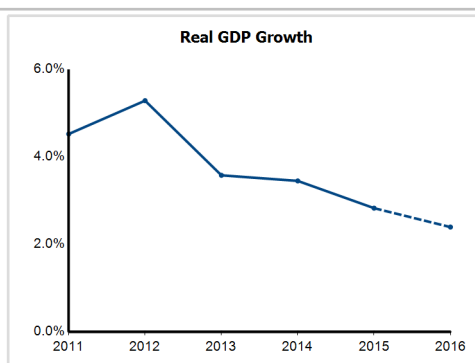
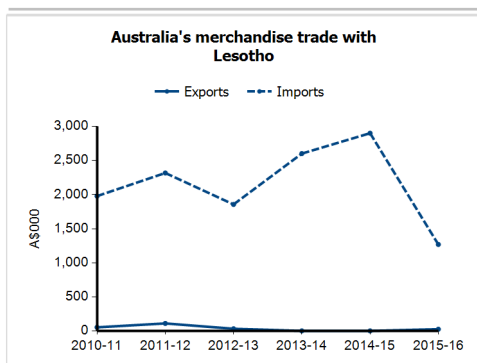
General information

Capital:	Maseru
Land area:	30,360 sq km
Official language(s):	Sesotho, English
Population:	1.9 million (2015)
Currency:	Loti

Head of State	HM King Letsie III
Head of Government	Prime Minister HE The Rt Hon Dr Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili

Economic indicators (a)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.8
GDP per capita (US\$)	1,327.0	1,256.6	1,184.5	1,151.7	1,057.4	932.5
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	4.7	5.0	5.3	5.6	5.8	6.0
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	2,456.2	2,626.9	2,757.9	2,896.7	3,003.0	3,107.4
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	4.5	5.3	3.6	3.4	2.8	2.4
Current account balance (US\$b)	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Current account balance (% GDP)	-14.7	-9.8	-10.3	-7.9	-8.7	-8.0
Inflation (% change yoy)	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.0	5.3	8.6
Unemployment (% labour force)	30.2	27.2	24.6	26.2	na	na



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

Australian merchandise trade with Lesotho, 2015-16 (A\$'000)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Lesotho	0.0%	213th	..
Imports from Lesotho	0.0%	148th	-56.3%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	0.0%	193rd	-55.4%

Major Australian exports, 2015-16 (A\$'000)

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Major Australian imports, 2015-16 (A\$'000)

Men's clothing (excl knitted)	996
Crude vegetable matter, nes	121
Men's clothing, knitted	76
Other textile clothing	43

*Includes \$6,000 of special transactions, 24% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Lesotho, 2015-16 (A\$m)

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Lesotho	0.0%	157th	0.0%
Imports of services from Lesotho	0.0%

Australia's investment relationship with Lesotho, 2015 (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, 2012

1 South Africa	47.3%
2 United States	43.9%
3 Belgium	3.2%
7 Australia	0.3%

Lesotho's principal import sources, 2012

1 South Africa	88.9%
2 Taiwan	4.7%
3 China	2.8%
27 Australia	0.0%

Compiled by the Economic Diplomacy, Trade Advocacy & Statistics Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

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

All data may be subject to future revisions.

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