



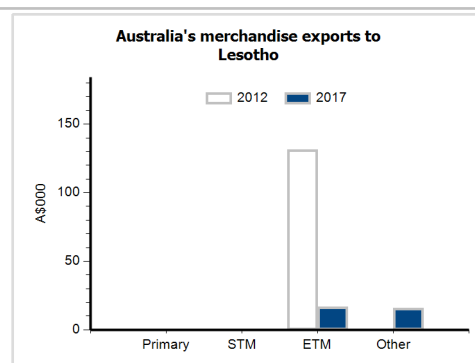
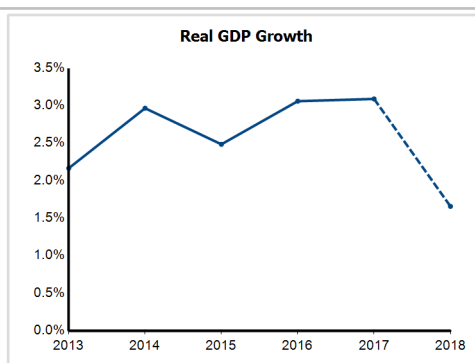
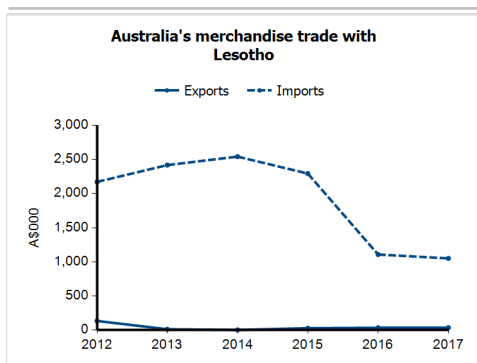
## General information

<b>Capital:</b>	Maseru
<b>Land area:</b>	30,360 sq km
<b>Official language(s):</b>	Sesotho, English
<b>Population:</b>	1.9 million (2017)
<b>Currency:</b>	Loti

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

## Economic indicators (a)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>GDP (US\$b) (current prices)</b>	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.9
<b>GDP per capita (US\$)</b>	1,314.7	1,385.1	1,220.3	1,262.0	1,425.3	1,499.1
<b>GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)</b>	5.8	6.1	6.4	6.6	7.0	7.2
<b>GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)</b>	3,068.0	3,207.7	3,296.0	3,424.9	3,581.3	3,713.1
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy)</b>	2.2	3.0	2.5	3.1	3.1	1.7
<b>Current account balance (US\$b)</b>	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4
<b>Current account balance (% GDP)</b>	-5.5	-4.9	-4.5	-7.4	-6.9	-12.2
<b>Inflation (% change yoy)</b>	5.0	4.6	4.3	6.2	5.6	5.5
<b>Unemployment (% labour force)</b>	24.6	24.8	27.0	27.8	27.2	na



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

### Australian merchandise trade with Lesotho, 2017 (A\$000)

		<b>Total share</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Growth (yoy)</b>
Exports to Lesotho	33	0.0%	209th	1.8%
Imports from Lesotho	1,050	0.0%	154th	-5.1%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	1,082	0.0%	194th	-4.9%

### Major Australian exports, 2017 (A\$000)

Printed matter	6
Telecom equipment & parts	4
Measuring & analysing instruments	4
Vehicle parts & accessories	3

### Major Australian imports, 2017 (A\$000)

Men's clothing (excl knitted)	787
Other textile clothing	91
Men's clothing, knitted	84
Crude vegetable matter, nes	40

\*Includes \$16,000 of confidential items, 49% of total exports.

### Australia's trade in services with Lesotho, 2017 (A\$m)

		<b>Total share</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Growth (yoy)</b>
Exports of services to Lesotho	1	0.0%	161st	0.0%
Imports of services from Lesotho	0	0.0%	..	..

### Australia's investment relationship with Lesotho, 2017 (A\$m)

	<b>Total</b>	<b>FDI</b>
Australia's investment in Lesotho	np	np
Lesotho's investment in Australia	0	0

## Lesotho's global merchandise trade relationships

### Lesotho's principal export destinations, 2017

1 South Africa	57.2%
2 United States	33.4%
3 Belgium	3.4%
12 Australia	0.1%

### Lesotho's principal import sources, 2017

1 South Africa	86.6%
2 Taiwan	3.2%
3 China	2.1%
41 Australia	0.0%