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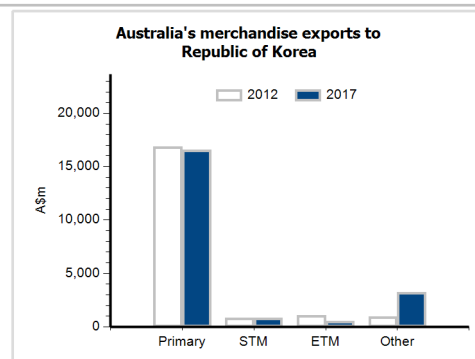
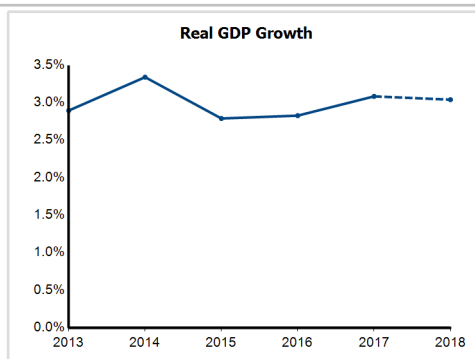
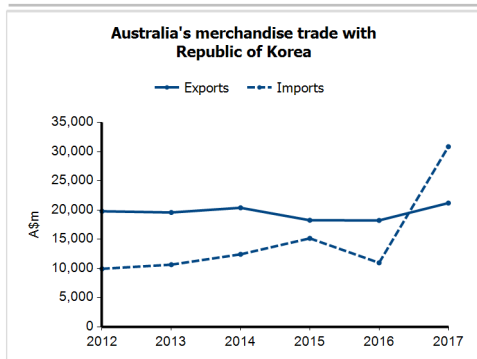
General information

Capital:	Seoul
Land area:	97,350 sq km
Official language(s):	Korean
Population:	51.5 million (2017)
Currency:	Won

Head of State	President HE Mr Moon Jae-in
Head of Government	Prime Minister HE Mr Lee Nak-yeon

Economic indicators (a)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	1,305.6	1,411.3	1,382.8	1,411.0	1,538.0	1,693.2
GDP per capita (US\$)	25,890.0	27,811.4	27,105.1	27,534.8	29,891.3	32,774.5
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	1,698.6	1,786.9	1,856.7	1,933.5	2,029.0	2,138.2
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	33,683.6	35,212.0	36,394.5	37,730.5	39,433.8	41,387.9
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	2.9	3.3	2.8	2.8	3.1	3.0
Current account balance (US\$b)	81.1	84.4	105.9	99.2	78.5	92.4
Current account balance (% GDP)	6.2	6.0	7.7	7.0	5.1	5.5
Inflation (% change yoy)	1.3	1.3	0.7	1.0	1.9	1.7
Unemployment (% labour force)	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Republic of Korea (b)

Australian merchandise trade with Republic of Korea, 2017 (A\$m)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports to Republic of Korea	21,209	7.0%	3rd	16.3%
Imports from Republic of Korea	30,859	10.7%	3rd	181.3%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	52,068	8.8%	3rd	78.3%

Major Australian exports, 2017 (A\$m)

Coal	6,883
Iron ores & concentrates	3,858
Beef, f.c.f.	1,099
Sugars, molasses & honey	952

Major Australian imports, 2017 (A\$m)

Ships, boats & floating structures	18,074
Refined petroleum	5,637
Passenger motor vehicles	2,902
Electrical machinery & parts, nes	233

*Includes \$3b of confidential items & special transactions, estimated to be mainly LNG, 14% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Republic of Korea, 2017 (A\$m)

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports of services to Republic of Korea	2,157	2.5%	10th	-1.8%
Imports of services from Republic of Korea	1,071	1.2%	19th	13.0%

Major Australian services exports, 2017 (A\$m)

Education-related travel	966
Personal travel excluding education	922

Major Australian services imports, 2017 (A\$m)

Transport	410
Personal travel excluding education	192

Australia's investment relationship with Republic of Korea, 2017 (A\$m)

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Republic of Korea	19,890	858
Republic of Korea's investment in Australia	26,310	5,220

Republic of Korea's global merchandise trade relationships

Republic of Korea's principal export destinations, 2017

1 China	24.8%
2 United States	12.0%
3 Vietnam	8.3%
6 Australia	3.5%

Republic of Korea's principal import sources, 2017

1 China	20.5%
2 Japan	11.5%
3 United States	10.6%
6 Australia	4.0%

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

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

All data may be subject to future revisions.

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