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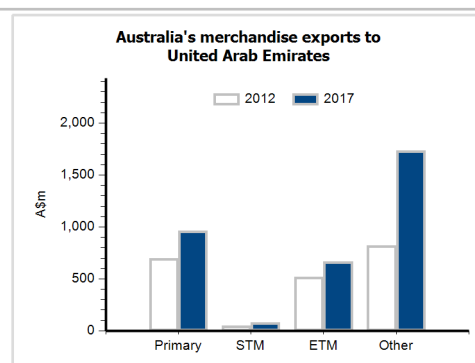
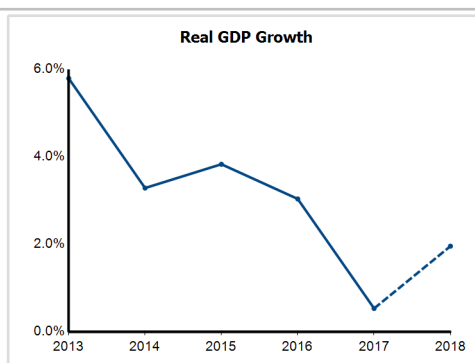
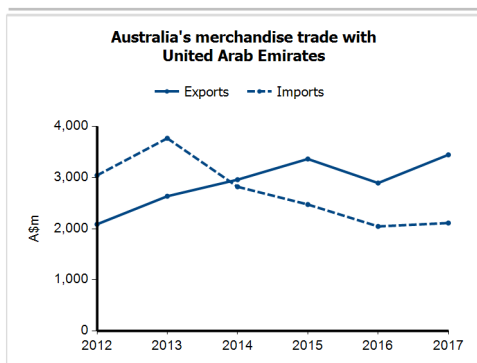
General information

Capital:	Abu Dhabi
Land area:	83,600 sq km
Official language(s):	Arabic
Population:	10.1 million (2017)
Currency:	Dirham

Head of State	President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan
Head of Government	Prime Minister HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum

Economic indicators (a)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	390.4	403.2	357.9	348.7	377.4	411.8
GDP per capita (US\$)	43,232.8	43,346.5	37,361.2	35,383.9	37,225.7	39,483.5
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	582.8	612.8	643.1	671.1	686.8	716.2
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	64,537.3	65,877.3	67,127.5	68,092.3	67,740.9	68,662.4
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	5.8	3.3	3.8	3.0	0.5	2.0
Current account balance (US\$b)	74.1	54.5	17.6	4.9	17.6	21.8
Current account balance (% GDP)	19.0	13.5	4.9	1.4	4.7	5.3
Inflation (% change yoy)	1.1	2.3	4.1	1.6	2.0	4.2
Unemployment (% labour force)	2.8	2.4	2.1	1.6	1.7	na



Australia's trade and investment relationship with United Arab Emirates (b)

Australian merchandise trade with United Arab Emirates, 2017 (A\$m)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports to United Arab Emirates	3,447	1.1%	15th	19.1%
Imports from United Arab Emirates	2,111	0.7%	24th	3.3%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	5,558	0.9%	18th	12.5%

Major Australian exports, 2017 (A\$m)

Meat (excl beef), f.c.f.	229
Vegetables, f.c.f.	189
Specialised machinery & parts	117
Vehicle parts & accessories	114

Major Australian imports, 2017 (A\$m)

Crude petroleum	1,483
Refined petroleum	192
Fertilisers (excl crude)	51
Glassware	45

*Includes \$1.7b of confidential items & special transactions, estimated to be mainly alumina, 50% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with United Arab Emirates, 2017 (A\$m)

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports of services to United Arab Emirates	774	0.9%	22nd	11.8%
Imports of services from United Arab Emirates	2,589	2.9%	11th	17.4%

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

Transport	492
Personal travel excluding education	101

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

Transport	2,251
Personal travel excluding education	181

Australia's investment relationship with United Arab Emirates, 2017 (A\$m)

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in United Arab Emirates	3,656	np
United Arab Emirates' investment in Australia	13,188	2,191

United Arab Emirates' global merchandise trade relationships

United Arab Emirates' principal export destinations, 2017

1 Iran	11.3%
2 India	9.9%
3 Japan	9.1%
21 Australia	0.7%

United Arab Emirates' principal import sources, 2017

1 China	8.4%
2 United States	6.8%
3 India	6.6%
19 Australia	1.0%

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