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OVERSEA TRADE : AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER, 1966  
TOTAL RECORDED OVERSEA TRADE (PRELIMINARY)

(Note.- Statements issued prior to July, 1966, contained preliminary details of total recorded trade excluding bullion and specie.)

This preliminary statement of Oversea Trade is approximate and will be followed by the Monthly Statement of Imports by Commodity Divisions and the Monthly Bulletin of Oversea Trade Statistics containing details of merchandise and non-merchandise trade.

Imports and Exports are recorded statistically in the month in which the entries are passed by the Department of Customs and Excise. Normally this is within a few days of discharge or shipment of cargoes.

Total Recorded Imports in September, 1966 were valued at \$A292.2 million, compared with \$A280.9 million in September, 1965 an increase of \$A11.3 million.

Total Recorded Exports in September, 1966 amounted to \$A243.4 million, compared with \$A230.2 million in September, 1965 an increase of \$A13.2 million.

In September, 1966, the recorded excess of imports over exports was \$A48.8 million, compared with an excess of imports over exports of \$A50.7 million in September, 1965.

For the first three months of 1966-67 recorded imports exceeded recorded exports by \$A71.3 million.

AUSTRALIA : TOTAL RECORDED OVERSEA TRADE  
( \$A million f.o.b. port of shipment )

| Period              | 1965-66(a)           |         |                                         | 1966-67(a)           |         |                                         |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------|
|                     | Total Recorded Trade |         | Excess of Exports (+)<br>or Imports (-) | Total Recorded Trade |         | Excess of Exports (+)<br>or Imports (-) |
|                     | Imports              | Exports |                                         | Imports              | Exports |                                         |
| July                | 242.1                | 225.4   | -16.7                                   | 204.6                | 227.2   | +22.6                                   |
| August              | 272.6                | 203.3   | -69.3                                   | 292.4                | 247.3   | -45.1                                   |
| September           | 280.9                | 230.2   | -50.7                                   | (b) 292.2            | 243.4   | -48.8                                   |
| Three Months Total  | 795.6                | 658.9   | -136.7                                  | 789.2                | 717.9   | -71.3                                   |
| October             | 229.5                | 217.3   | -12.2                                   |                      |         |                                         |
| November            | 257.5                | 242.7   | -14.8                                   |                      |         |                                         |
| December            | 246.8                | 220.2   | -26.6                                   |                      |         |                                         |
| January             | 246.8                | 212.2   | -34.6                                   |                      |         |                                         |
| February            | 214.9                | 214.2   | - 0.7                                   |                      |         |                                         |
| March               | 270.6                | 232.6   | -38.0                                   |                      |         |                                         |
| April               | 226.5                | 209.2   | -17.3                                   |                      |         |                                         |
| May                 | 221.9                | 257.3   | +35.4                                   |                      |         |                                         |
| June                | 228.5                | 261.4   | +32.9                                   |                      |         |                                         |
| Twelve Months Total | 2,938.6              | 2,726.0 | -212.6                                  |                      |         |                                         |

(a) Preliminary subject to revision. (b) Includes "H.M.A.S. Hobart" valued at \$A34.2 million.

NOTE.- Freight and insurance payable on imports are not included above. These are estimated at approximately \$A180 million for six months ended 31st December, 1965.

Statistics relating to Oversea Trade do not measure Australia's total balance of payments during the period shown. Particulars of other transactions entering into the balance of payments, for example, freight charges and overseas travel, payments of dividends, profits and interest, and government expenditure overseas, are provided in the Statistical Bulletin "Balance of Payments : Quarterly Summary" issued by the Commonwealth Statistician. For items such as merchant vessels trading overseas, aircraft for use on overseas routes and certain materials for intergovernmental defence projects, no customs entries are recorded, but these transactions are taken into account in estimates of the balance of payments.

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