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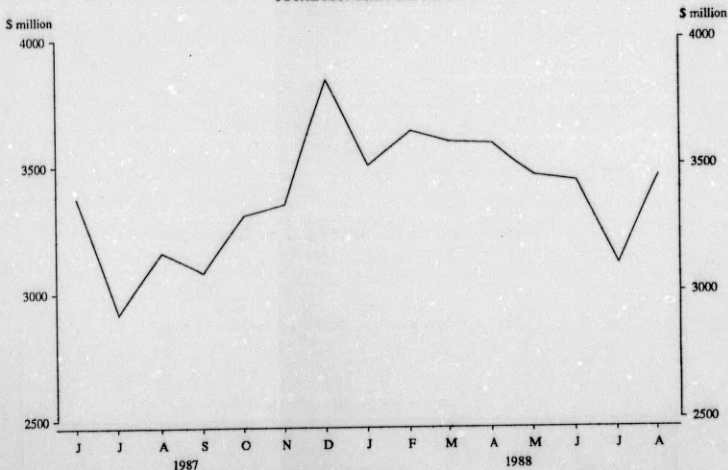
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EXPORTS, AUSTRALIA, MONTHLY SUMMARY TABLES AUGUST 1988

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NOTE: Export statistics relate to the month in which export entries are lodged with Customs. They do not necessarily represent commodities actually exported during the month. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

MAIN FEATURES TOTAL MONTHLY EXPORTS



Exports for August 1988 rose by \$348m to \$3,460m, an increase of 11% compared with July 1988.

The major contributors to this increase were coal, coke and briquettes, up \$154m (54%) to \$440m; metalliferous ores and metal scrap, up \$98m (24%) to \$507m; sugar, sugar preparations and honey, up \$69m (153%) to \$114m; manufactures of metal, up \$47m (14%) to \$398m and cereals and cereal preparations, up \$36m (24%) to \$186m.

The principal markets for major export commodities for August 1988 were, for wool (\$281m): Japan (26%), China (9%) and the Republic of Korea (9%); for coal (excluding coke and briquettes) (\$429m): Japan (55%), the Republic of Korea (9%) and Taiwan (7%); for gold (\$222m): Hong Kong (56%), Singapore (22%) and Japan (20%) and for aluminium (\$177m): Japan (49%), the Republic of Korea (15%) and Taiwan (9%).

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF EXPORTS
(\$m)

Period	Total exports	Non-merchandise exports
1983-84	24,013	753
1984-85	29,708	834
1985-86	32,793	1,418
1986-87	35,807	1,393
1987-88	40,885	1,591
1986-87 - June	3,374	198
1987-88 - July	2,916	324
August	3,160	78
September	3,081	81
October	3,306	90
November	3,350	65
December	3,842	110
January	3,503	175
February	3,639	83
March	3,595	112
April	3,589	88
May	3,463	260
June	3,440	127
1988-89 - July	3,112	125
August	3,460	91

DISTRIBUTION OF EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITIES

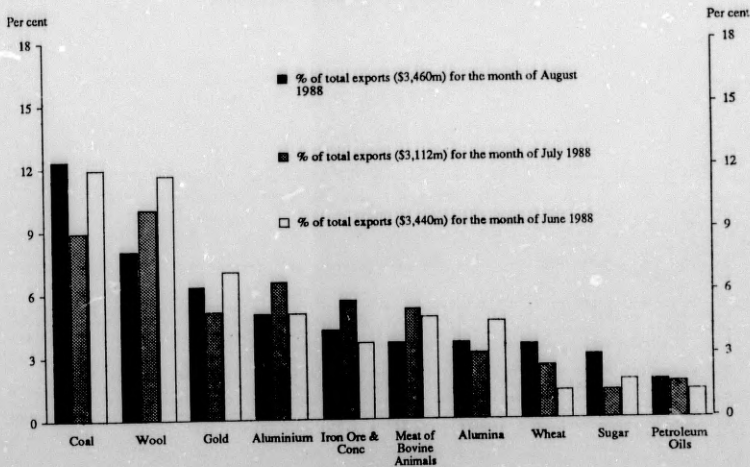


TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) REV3

Commodity Description	August 1988		Two months ended August 1988	
	\$'000	% of total exports	\$'000	% of total exports
Aircraft and associated equipment; spacecraft (incl. satellites) and spacecraft launch vehicles; and parts thereof (792)	21,468	0.6	50,757	0.8
Alumina (aluminium oxide) (285.20)	127,289	3.7	237,406	3.6
Aluminium (684)	177,024	5.1	376,986	5.7
Barley, unmilled (043.00)	15,063	0.4	34,624	0.5
Cars and other road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles) (78)	34,166	1.0	61,898	0.9
Cheese and curd (024)	10,701	0.3	32,902	0.5
Coal, whether or not pulverised but not agglomerated (321)	429,209	12.4	708,566	10.8
Copper ores and concentrates (283.10)	19,119	0.6	28,719	0.4
Copper and copper alloys, unwrought (excl. master alloys) (682.11,12,14)	24,539	0.7	37,630	0.6
Cotton (other than linters), not carded or combed (263.10)	49,641	1.4	96,728	1.5
Crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates (except canned or bottled) (036)	45,469	1.3	94,081	1.4
Fruit and nuts, fresh, dried or preserved and fruit preparations (incl. fruit juices) (057-059)	31,170	0.9	58,926	0.9
Gas, natural and manufactured (34)	8,460	0.2	23,433	0.4
Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates) (971)	222,415	6.4	455,419	6.9
Hides and skins, bovine and equine, raw (211.11-13,20)	27,122	0.8	49,596	0.8
Iron and steel (67)	50,437	1.5	91,998	1.4
Iron ore concentrates and agglomerates (excl. roasted iron pyrites) (281.50,60)	150,398	4.3	322,437	4.9
Lead and lead alloys unwrought (685.11,12)	56,904	1.6	76,257	1.2
Machinery specialised for particular industries (72)	30,361	0.9	58,247	0.9
Meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen (011.11-22)	128,470	3.7	288,345	4.4
Meat of sheep and goats, fresh, chilled or frozen (012.11-13)	14,879	0.4	27,384	0.4
Milk and cream and milk products other than butter or cheese (022)	13,956	0.4	31,234	0.5
Nickel and nickel alloys, unwrought (683.11,12)	18,331	0.5	34,714	0.5
Nickel oxide sinters (284.22)	39,383	1.1	59,970	0.9
Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	32,714	0.9	67,310	1.0
Ores and concentrates of molybdenum, niobium, titanium etc (287.81-85) (a)	45,782	1.3	80,946	1.2
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (333)	65,767	1.9	119,321	1.8
Petroleum products (334,335)	60,431	1.7	137,655	2.1
Photographic and cinematographic supplies (882)	10,542	0.3	27,458	0.4
Plastics in primary and non-primary form (57,58)	20,803	0.6	40,443	0.6
Power generating machinery and equipment (71)	31,474	0.9	57,306	0.9
Rice (042)	9,897	0.3	28,115	0.4
Sheep and goats, live (001.21,22)	25,347	0.7	37,127	0.6
Skins, sheep and lamb, with wool on, raw (211.60)	14,676	0.4	37,058	0.6
Sorghum, unmilled (045.30)	8,058	0.2	21,757	0.3
Sugar, beet or cane, raw, in solid form (061.11,12)	106,863	3.1	147,914	2.3
Uranium and thorium ores and concentrates (286.10,20)	51,070	1.5	51,986	0.8
Wheat (incl. spelt) and meslin, unmilled (041)	124,232	3.6	203,816	3.1
Wood, in chips or particles (246.11,15)	35,557	1.0	68,434	1.0
Wool, greasy (incl. fleece-washed wool) (268.11,19)	208,903	6.0	442,793	6.7
Wool, other, not carded or combed (268.21,29)	72,425	2.1	142,645	2.2
Zinc and zinc alloys, unwrought (686.11,12)	22,636	0.7	38,563	0.6
Zinc ores and concentrates (287.50)	33,969	1.0	52,776	0.8
Total major commodities(a)	2,727,119	78.8	5,141,880	78.2
Total Exports	3,460,000	100.0	6,572,153	100.0

(a) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See Appendix for details.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3

Country	August 1988		Two months ended August 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT; SPACECRAFT (INCLUDING SATELLITES) AND SPACECRAFT LAUNCH VEHICLES; AND PARTS THEREOF (792)				
Malaysia	..	385	..	3,937
Papua New Guinea	..	607	..	743
United Kingdom	..	3,582	..	5,473
United States of America	..	14,817	..	36,308
Other countries	..	2,077	..	4,297
Total	..	21,468	..	50,757
ALUMINA (ALUMINIUM OXIDE) (285.20)				
No Country Details (a)	482,608	127,289	1,023,077	237,406
Total	482,608	127,289	1,023,077	237,406
ALUMINIUM (684)				
Hong Kong	1,711	5,605	4,190	13,156
Japan	31,271	87,193	68,364	190,003
Korea, Republic of	8,747	26,888	21,049	60,127
Malaysia	2,217	7,605	3,548	11,409
Singapore	1,683	5,918	5,168	16,304
Taiwan	5,369	16,277	10,058	30,334
Thailand	2,879	9,459	7,282	20,913
United States of America	2,119	6,286	3,920	11,717
Other countries	3,315	11,793	6,633	23,023
Total	59,313	177,024	130,212	376,986
BARLEY, UNMILLED (043.00)				
Brazil	31,500	4,742	31,500	4,742
Chile	-	-	31,500	4,700
Japan	30,000	3,984	69,998	9,039
Kuwait	210	38	29,491	2,859
Portugal	11,000	1,634	11,000	1,634
Taiwan	33,000	2,912	79,000	7,660
United Arab Emirates	16,950	1,680	37,741	3,742
Other countries	436	74	774	147
Total	123,095	15,063	291,004	34,624
CARS AND OTHER ROAD VEHICLES (INCL. AIR-CUSHION VEHICLES) (78)				
Germany, Federal Rep of	..	696	..	2,061
Japan	..	2,942	..	4,523
Korea, Republic of	..	1,552	..	1,932
New Zealand	..	14,830	..	28,379
Papua New Guinea	..	3,170	..	5,665
Singapore	..	1,157	..	2,292
Thailand	..	2,922	..	4,967
United Kingdom	..	479	..	1,125
United States of America	..	3,327	..	5,767
Other countries	..	3,091	..	5,182
Total	..	34,166	..	61,898
CHEESE AND CURD (024)				
Hong Kong	136	433	351	1,124
Indonesia	112	295	286	645
Iraq	26	82	690	2,034
Japan	620	1,577	4,508	9,412
Kuwait	166	832	179	864
Netherlands	41	112	161	553
Philippines	361	636	657	1,115
Saudi Arabia	1,204	4,750	1,963	6,030
Singapore	75	212	190	698
Taiwan	92	269	182	521
United Arab Emirates	85	320	117	410
United Kingdom	-	-	603	1,764
United States of America	45	117	1,194	2,918
Other countries	330	1,067	936	2,793
Total	3,293	10,701	12,015	32,902

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3-Continued

Country	August 1988		Two months ended August 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
COAL, WHETHER OR NOT PULVERISED BUT NOT AGGLOMERATED (321)				
Brazil	331,486	17,448	331,486	17,448
China	131,301	7,315	131,301	7,315
France	384,009	19,246	718,789	33,916
Hong Kong	101,191	3,508	322,513	11,231
India	325,645	18,590	586,566	31,879
Italy	224,596	10,332	224,596	10,319
Japan	4,900,956	234,896	7,634,374	360,903
Korea, Republic of	856,141	38,410	1,447,337	63,769
Netherlands	227,246	9,918	594,034	23,754
Sweden	208,972	9,880	367,033	16,996
Taiwan	643,268	28,633	1,175,407	51,423
United Kingdom	69,449	2,151	405,397	17,648
Other countries	723,229	28,895	1,459,171	63,886
Total	9,127,489	429,209	15,378,664	708,566
COPPER ORES AND CONCENTRATES (283.10)				
Germany, Federal Rep of	5,433	2,738	5,433	2,738
Japan	12,646	15,221	18,471	20,383
Korea, Republic of	-	-	6,619	2,680
United States of America	229	612	459	1,228
Other countries	200	548	607	1,690
Total	18,508	19,119	31,590	28,719
COPPER AND COPPER ALLOYS, UNWROUGHT (EXCL. MASTER ALLOYS) (682.11,12,14)				
Germany, Federal Rep of	1,002	3,043	2,407	7,155
Japan	4,507	11,887	4,507	11,887
United Kingdom	2,715	8,073	5,494	14,206
Other countries	470	1,536	732	2,382
Total	8,694	24,539	13,140	37,630
COTTON (OTHER THAN LINTERS), NOT CARDED OR COMBED (263.10)				
Germany, Federal Rep of	507	955	1,617	3,083
Greece	1,276	2,219	2,486	4,229
Indonesia	1,882	3,873	4,435	8,666
Italy	1,298	2,435	3,613	6,851
Japan	8,692	16,484	14,921	27,916
Korea, Dem People's Rep	998	2,206	1,282	2,906
Korea, Republic of	3,254	5,933	6,050	11,216
Philippines	1,677	1,375	2,220	3,532
Taiwan	3,993	7,448	6,853	13,034
Thailand	1,651	2,820	2,458	4,394
Yugoslavia	-	-	1,425	2,563
Other countries	1,971	3,694	4,574	8,338
Total	26,401	49,641	51,958	96,728
CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES (EXCEPT CANNED OR BOTTLED) (036)				
Hong Kong	91	2,787	182	4,714
Japan	1,744	32,966	3,660	69,178
Spain	156	1,624	132	5,025
United States of America	156	4,166	324	8,295
Other countries	267	3,925	580	8,502
Total	2,411	45,469	5,059	94,081
FRUIT AND NUTS, FRESH, DRIED OR PRESERVED AND FRUIT PREPARATIONS (INCL. FRUIT JUICES) (057-059)				
Canada	..	5,047	..	8,776
Germany, Federal Rep of	..	4,110	..	8,019
Hong Kong	..	1,652	..	3,667
Japan	..	2,990	..	5,025
Malaysia	..	1,010	..	2,080
New Caledonia	..	124	..	702
New Zealand	..	3,245	..	5,670
Norway	..	701	..	1,548
Papua New Guinea	..	439	..	819
Philippines	..	610	..	674
Singapore	..	3,045	..	4,764
Sweden	..	253	..	704
United Kingdom	..	4,586	..	8,054
United States of America	..	572	..	1,752
Other countries	..	2,587	..	5,493
Total	..	31,170	..	58,928

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3-Continued

Country	August 1988		Two months ended August 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
GAS, NATURAL AND MANUFACTURED (34)				
Other countries	..	18	..	38
No Country Details(a)	..	8,442	..	23,395
Total	..	8,460	..	23,433
GOLD, NON-MONETARY (EXCL. GOLD ORES AND CONCENTRATES) (971)				
Hong Kong	..	123,888	..	246,855
Japan	..	44,762	..	82,273
Singapore	..	49,429	..	98,963
Other countries	..	4,336	..	27,328
Total	..	222,415	..	455,419
HIDES AND SKINS, BOVINE AND EQUINE, RAW (211.11-13,20)				
China	..	2,135	..	4,551
Germany, Federal Rep of	..	935	..	1,501
Italy	..	7,398	..	10,100
Japan	..	6,075	..	14,388
Korea, Republic of	..	2,022	..	3,032
Netherlands	..	954	..	1,574
Poland	..	5,114	..	9,770
Taiwan	..	806	..	1,955
Other countries	..	1,784	..	2,726
total	..	27,122	..	49,596
IRON AND STEEL (67)				
Hong Kong	589	853	1,936	1,495
Indonesia	4,107	2,082	11,356	2,976
Iran	37,855	9,429	37,855	9,429
Japan	6,694	2,691	13,522	6,001
Malaysia	21,716	3,068	23,732	4,632
New Zealand	16,688	4,009	34,775	9,065
Papua New Guinea	9,189	2,978	18,876	6,468
Philippines	10,237	1,855	15,389	3,213
Singapore	2,062	1,872	6,074	4,955
Taiwan	349	347	2,397	2,229
United States of America	13,700	12,530	38,598	26,799
Other countries	21,030	5,043	27,819	8,792
No Country Details(a)	5,214	3,679	6,595	5,743
Total	149,429	50,437	238,924	91,998
IRON ORE CONCENTRATES AND AGGLOMERATES (EXCL. ROASTED IRON PYRITES) (281.50,60)				
China	552,733	10,531	1,096,806	21,320
Germany, Federal Rep of	112,714	2,349	538,263	10,607
Japan	4,268,900	76,903	9,092,077	167,872
Korea, Republic of	1,003,948	21,405	1,718,226	35,965
Taiwan	487,960	10,262	858,873	18,109
United Kingdom	484,759	6,390	782,547	11,119
Other countries	446,759	7,466	1,382,752	25,227
No Country Details(a)	1,088,903	15,093	2,325,819	32,217
Total	8,446,646	150,398	17,806,363	322,437

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3-Continued

Country	August 1988		Two months ended August 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
LEAD AND LEAD ALLOYS, UNWROUGHT (685.11.12)				
India	13,082	10,585	13,082	10,585
Iraq	5,353	4,636	5,353	4,636
Japan	1,236	945	3,080	2,441
Korea, Republic of	4,292	4,709	7,900	8,051
Singapore	10,040	9,692	10,040	9,692
United Kingdom	16,004	22,136	26,314	36,599
Other countries	4,546	4,199	7,084	6,151
Total	54,554	56,904	72,854	76,257
MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (72)				
Canada	..	1,919	..	2,467
China	..	1,129	..	2,597
Fiji	..	517	..	1,009
Germany, Federal Rep of	..	20	..	847
Greece	..	358	..	2,366
Indonesia	..	1,242	..	3,497
Italy	..	121	..	1,068
Japan	..	2,440	..	3,316
Malaysia	..	714	..	1,498
Nauru	..	614	..	615
New Zealand	..	3,699	..	6,414
Norway	..	-	..	941
Papua New Guinea	..	5,298	..	10,019
Philippines	..	243	..	1,159
Qatar	..	559	..	459
Singapore	..	1,544	..	2,613
Taiwan	..	737	..	903
Thailand	..	831	..	952
United Kingdom	..	2,248	..	3,136
United States of America	..	3,400	..	5,850
Vietnam	..	-	..	1,085
Other countries	..	2,661	..	5,220
No Country Details(a)	..	67	..	95
Total	..	30,361	..	58,247
MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN (011.11-22)				
Canada	1,574	4,791	5,598	15,922
Japan	10,797	42,905	22,050	86,584
Taiwan	1,693	6,016	4,738	16,484
United States of America	23,459	63,801	54,541	145,566
Other countries	2,945	10,957	6,010	23,788
Total	40,469	128,470	92,936	288,345
MEAT OF SHEEP AND GOATS, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN (012.11-13)				
Canada	101	269	353	962
Germany, Federal Rep of	77	289	126	473
Japan	706	2,465	1,497	4,989
Kuwait	337	737	537	1,163
Malaysia	100	153	295	432
Mauritius	86	132	343	492
Oman	115	220	302	564
Papua New Guinea	874	1,038	1,717	2,002
Peru	1,470	2,135	1,470	2,135
Saudi Arabia	451	957	841	1,829
Singapore	311	448	568	827
Switzerland	88	492	109	601
Taiwan	169	201	297	352
United Arab Emirates	876	1,893	1,895	3,723
United Kingdom	223	744	499	1,344
United States of America	511	1,443	941	2,530
Yemen, People's Dem Rep	143	256	280	550
Other countries	450	1,007	1,182	2,325
Total	7,090	14,879	13,255	27,384

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3-Continued

Country	August 1988		Two months ended August 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
MILK AND CREAM AND MILK PRODUCTS OTHER THAN BUTTER OR CHEESE (022)				
Bangladesh	..	-	..	1,506
Hong Kong	..	2,115	..	3,139
Japan	..	3,333	..	3,916
Malaysia	..	1,921	..	5,677
Papua New Guinea	..	1,121	..	2,176
Philippines	..	1,318	..	2,380
Singapore	..	1,831	..	6,279
Taiwan	..	1,445	..	3,377
Other countries	..	872	..	2,783
Total	..	13,956	..	31,234
NICKEL AND NICKEL ALLOYS, UNWROUGHT (683.11.12)				
No Country Details(a)	n.p.	18,331	n.p.	34,714
Total	n.p.	18,331	n.p.	34,714
NICKEL OXIDE SINTERS (284.22)				
Finland	982	7,203	1,230	9,080
Germany, Federal Rep of	1,254	15,216	1,742	21,729
Japan	352	5,544	352	5,544
Netherlands	405	6,298	722	11,098
United States of America	129	2,010	466	7,315
Other countries	405	3,112	669	5,203
Total	3,527	39,383	5,181	59,970
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (75)				
Germany, Federal Rep of	..	719	..	1,609
Hong Kong	..	1,919	..	3,786
Japan	..	1,622	..	3,246
Korea, Republic of	..	971	..	1,381
Netherlands	..	1,191	..	2,103
New Zealand	..	11,962	..	22,848
Papua New Guinea	..	766	..	1,849
Philippines	..	651	..	1,625
Singapore	..	2,917	..	5,888
Sweden	..	79	..	1,189
U.S.S.R.	..	-	..	2,177
United Kingdom	..	1,762	..	3,235
United States of America	..	5,127	..	9,680
Other countries	..	2,828	..	6,694
Total	..	32,714	..	67,310
ORES AND CONCENTRATES OF MOLYBDENUM, NIOBIUM, TITANIUM ETC (287.81-85) (b)				
Hong Kong	-	-	5,151	1,906
Italy	339	205	8,513	3,619
Japan	6,769	3,451	33,879	10,990
Korea, Republic of	2,149	1,779	7,124	4,110
Netherlands	20,858	4,926	40,295	10,217
U.S.S.R.	2,361	1,276	5,585	2,927
United Kingdom	19,003	10,171	43,262	12,199
United States of America	211,083	21,021	293,926	27,414
Other countries	23,479	2,953	33,805	7,564
Total	286,042	45,782	471,540	80,946
PETROLEUM OILS AND OILS OBTAINED FROM BITUMINOUS MINERALS, CRUDE (333)				
New Zealand	..	9	..	19,161
Philippines	..	11,838	..	11,838
Singapore	..	-	..	13,187
Taiwan	..	13,215	..	13,215
United States of America	..	40,705	..	61,921
Total	..	65,767	..	119,321

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3-Continued

Country	August 1988		Two months ended August 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (334,335)				
China	..	5,275	..	5,375
Fiji	..	1,847	..	6,385
French Polynesia	..	3,356	..	3,387
Hong Kong	..	19	..	4,850
New Caledonia	..	58	..	2,976
Papua New Guinea	..	4,307	..	11,970
Puerto Rico	..	4,065	..	4,065
Ships' & Aircraft Stores	..	31,794	..	67,576
Singapore	..	3,482	..	11,894
United States of America	..	3,150	..	6,535
Other countries	..	3,077	..	12,640
Total	..	60,431	..	137,655
PHOTOGRAPHIC AND CINEMATOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES (882)				
Hong Kong	..	668	..	3,041
Korea, Republic of	..	2,587	..	7,104
New Zealand	..	507	..	1,456
Singapore	..	3,866	..	10,622
Taiwan	..	661	..	1,118
Thailand	..	527	..	728
United Arab Emirates	..	736	..	862
Other countries	..	991	..	2,526
Total	..	10,542	..	27,458
PLASTICS IN PRIMARY AND NON-PRIMARY FORM (57,58)				
China	..	2,132	..	2,579
Hong Kong	..	2,040	..	4,247
Indonesia	..	1,983	..	3,742
Malaysia	..	607	..	2,287
New Zealand	..	4,951	..	10,133
Pakistan	..	700	..	1,032
Papua New Guinea	..	768	..	1,622
Philippines	..	1,104	..	2,516
Singapore	..	1,670	..	2,576
Taiwan	..	1,336	..	2,707
Thailand	..	1,176	..	2,106
United States of America	..	542	..	942
Other countries	..	1,794	..	3,555
No Country Details(a)	..	1	..	1
Total	..	20,803	..	40,443
POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (71)				
Germany, Federal Rep of	..	14,384	..	26,287
Japan	..	2,571	..	3,980
Korea, Republic of	..	1,444	..	2,053
Libya	..	1,013	..	1,013
New Zealand	..	1,356	..	2,932
Papua New Guinea	..	2,587	..	3,167
South Africa	..	1,810	..	2,972
United Kingdom	..	2,672	..	7,059
United States of America	..	782	..	2,369
Other countries	..	2,856	..	5,473
Total	..	31,474	..	57,306
RICE (042)				
No Country Details(a)	21,316	9,897	64,236	28,115
Total	21,316	9,897	64,236	28,115

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3-Continued

Country	August 1988		Two months ended August 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
SHEEP AND GOATS, LIVE (001.21.22)				
Bahrain	..	1,549	..	1,549
Egypt	..	-	..	2,807
Kuwait	..	5,920	..	9,573
Qatar	..	1,281	..	2,042
Saudi Arabia	..	12,525	..	14,550
United Arab Emirates	..	2,023	..	3,218
Other countries	..	2,048	..	3,386
Total	..	25,347	..	37,127
SKINS, SHEEP AND LAMB, WITH WOOL ON, RAW (211.60)				
	No. of skins		No. of skins	
France	1,135,007	10,187	2,602,219	27,222
Japan	84,807	1,126	109,086	1,547
Spain	94,238	959	224,782	2,161
Turkey	45,830	322	128,390	801
Yugoslavia	134,670	808	287,243	1,765
Other countries	127,511	1,274	366,164	3,562
Total	1,622,063	14,676	3,727,884	37,058
SORGHUM, UNMILLED (045.30)				
Japan	61,933	7,615	176,313	21,262
Other countries	2,981	443	3,358	495
Total	64,914	8,058	179,670	21,757
SUGAR, BEET OR CANE, RAW, IN SOLID FORM (061.11.12)				
Canada	45,271	n.p.	76,271	n.p.
China	106,380	n.p.	140,320	n.p.
Japan	81,500	n.p.	111,500	n.p.
Korea, Republic of	63,240	n.p.	90,890	n.p.
Malaysia	85,200	n.p.	116,700	n.p.
Other countries	183	n.p.	629	n.p.
No Country Details(a)	..	106,863	..	147,914
Total	381,774	106,863	536,310	147,914
URANIUM AND THORIUM ORES AND CONCENTRATES (286.10.20)				
France	2,605	21,232	3,765	22,148
Germany, Federal Rep of	68	5,452	68	5,452
United Kingdom	82	6,565	82	6,565
United States of America	183	14,391	183	14,391
Other countries	41	3,429	41	3,429
Total	2,980	51,070	4,140	51,986

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3-Continued

Country	August 1988		Two months ended August 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
WHEAT (INCL. SPELT) AND MESLIN, UNMILLED (041)				
Egypt	148,000	17,436	177,448	21,820
Indonesia	64,883	11,802	130,258	24,710
Iran	139,561	20,918	211,486	29,768
Iraq	121,000	24,606	240,813	43,709
Japan	187,020	35,596	226,910	43,080
Malaysia	8,092	1,797	67,831	12,557
United Arab Emirates	33,950	5,685	41,930	16,992
Yemen, People's Dem Rep	-	-	29,700	6,021
Other countries	31,995	6,411	84,819	15,158
Total	734,501	124,232	1,211,195	203,816
WOOD, IN CHIPS OR PARTICLES (246.11.15)				
Japan	250,489	34,428	473,194	67,505
Other countries	13,616	1,129	13,616	1,129
Total	264,105	35,557	486,810	68,634
WOOL, GREASY (INCL. FLEECE-WASHED WOOL) (268.11.19)				
China	1,013	7,812	3,311	26,579
France	2,800	16,087	5,863	36,051
Germany, Federal Rep of	2,198	14,242	3,858	25,472
India	1,713	9,936	3,031	17,445
Italy	2,000	13,649	4,626	34,239
Japan	5,234	44,065	11,517	99,682
Korea, Republic of	2,690	21,151	5,223	40,499
Malaysia	559	3,393	1,198	8,119
Netherlands	1,508	10,029	1,632	10,730
Poland	2,673	16,567	3,288	21,284
Taiwan	1,485	10,144	3,918	25,803
U.S.S.R.	3,039	23,652	5,402	42,772
United States of America	244	1,928	1,111	8,941
Other countries	2,467	16,248	6,435	44,178
Total	29,626	208,903	60,412	442,793
WOOL, OTHER, NOT CARDED OR COMBED (268.21.29)				
China	2,053	17,963	4,037	35,104
Hong Kong	280	2,577	537	5,288
Italy	651	6,765	1,001	10,345
Japan	2,152	28,224	4,543	59,210
Korea, Republic of	417	4,512	946	10,501
Thailand	170	2,508	232	3,292
United States of America	551	4,595	834	6,953
Other countries	655	5,280	1,403	11,952
Total	6,930	72,425	13,534	142,645
ZINC AND ZINC ALLOYS, UNWROUGHT (686.11.12)				
Bangladesh	520	688	1,340	1,651
Hong Kong	1,430	1,991	1,430	1,991
Indonesia	2,467	3,207	6,364	7,970
Japan	1,675	2,482	2,675	2,482
Malaysia	2,137	3,002	3,167	4,386
New Zealand	212	336	1,273	2,032
Philippines	1,263	1,594	2,080	2,483
Singapore	533	781	870	1,197
Taiwan	3,721	5,179	4,063	5,601
Thailand	509	882	733	1,205
United States of America	463	873	2,602	4,752
Other countries	1,224	1,621	2,169	2,804
Total	16,155	22,636	27,768	38,563
ZINC ORES AND CONCENTRATES (287.50)				
Belgium-Luxembourg	10,968	4,073	10,968	4,073
France	9,605	987	9,363	2,533
Japan	56,692	20,223	75,624	28,013
Korea, Republic of	9,244	2,968	27,093	10,817
United Kingdom	13,552	3,611	13,552	3,611
Other countries	8,074	2,507	12,079	3,729
Total	101,132	33,969	148,680	52,776

(a) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Country Details' restriction. See Appendix for details.

(b) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See Appendix for details.

TABLE 4. EXPORTS BY COMMODITY ACCORDING TO SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE SITC REV3 \$'000

Commodity Description (Section and Division of the SITC Rev3)	June 1988	July 1988	August 1988	Two months ended August 1988
0 FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS				
00 Live animals other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	24,512	22,912	38,992	61,904
01 Meat and meat preparations	211,590	192,574	160,035	352,609
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	50,256	44,739	28,536	73,336
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	75,427	150,258	186,187	336,446
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	120,260	150,258	186,187	336,446
05 Vegetables and fruit	59,401	39,969	43,744	83,713
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	66,465	45,234	114,321	159,556
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	5,896	2,492	6,927	9,419
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unmilled cereals)	20,884	17,041	19,107	36,148
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	7,898	7,303	7,333	14,614
Total Section 0	644,590	582,074	660,469	1,242,544
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO				
11 Beverages	24,671	24,961	25,882	50,843
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	2,064	2,408	3,090	5,498
Total Section 1	26,735	27,369	28,973	56,342
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS				
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	59,338	40,283	43,614	91,897
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	3,059	4,963	8,437	13,400
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)	1,093	522	830	1,352
24 Cork and wood	30,826	34,303	37,706	72,009
25 Pulp and waste paper	6,249	3,983	851	4,834
26 Textile fibres (excl. wool tops and other combed wool) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	438,313	377,192	350,021	727,213
27 Crude fertilisers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)	12,227	17,288	15,749	33,037
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	528,507	409,561	507,173	916,734
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	10,511	7,145	9,417	16,562
Total Section 2(a)	1,091,124	903,241	973,798	1,877,038
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS				
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	409,996	286,701	440,491	727,192
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	108,908	130,778	126,198	256,976
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	15,005	14,974	8,460	23,433
Total Section 3	533,909	432,452	575,149	1,007,601
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES				
41 Animal oils and fats	5,810	12,056	7,856	19,912
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	378	1,702	491	2,193
43 Fats and oils (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	638	860	990	1,850
Total Section 4	6,826	14,618	9,337	23,955
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES				
51 Organic chemicals	2,062	12,089	6,736	18,825
52 Inorganic chemicals	7,213	7,481	7,089	14,570
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	9,101	10,339	8,906	19,245
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	18,765	18,615	19,936	38,551
55 Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	6,815	8,546	8,124	16,670
56 Fertilisers (excl. crude)	12,740	14,849	15,234	30,083
57 Plastics in primary forms	5,205	4,791	5,569	10,360
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	20,345	14,370	11,967	26,337
59 Chemical materials and products, nes				
Total Section 5(a)	83,038	91,896	83,874	175,770
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL				
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	19,343	10,456	16,068	26,524
62 Rubber manufactures, nes	4,873	6,817	5,038	11,969
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	1,441	1,266	1,846	3,112
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	8,405	10,799	9,652	20,452
65 Textile yarn; fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products	12,684	13,965	13,419	27,384
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)	20,636	20,903	34,001	54,904
67 Iron and steel	35,749	43,561	50,437	91,998
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)	280,702	279,012	317,478	596,490
69 Manufactures of metals, nes	26,405	30,352	30,458	60,811
Total Section 6(a)	410,245	415,247	478,397	893,643

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TABLE 4. EXPORTS BY COMMODITY ACCORDING TO SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE SITC REV3 - Continued
\$'000

Commodity Description (Section and Division of the SITC Rev3)	June 1988	July 1988	August 1988	Two months ended August 1988
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT				
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	37,678	25,832	31,474	57,306
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	28,232	27,886	30,361	58,247
73 Metal working machinery	3,784	3,396	2,811	6,207
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, nes and machine parts, nes	29,326	22,836	28,799	51,635
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	36,633	34,595	32,714	67,310
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	14,400	12,713	12,147	24,859
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)	22,816	26,398	25,169	51,566
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	32,657	27,732	34,166	61,898
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	42,032	50,366	34,486	84,852
Total Section 7	247,558	231,752	232,128	463,880
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES				
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, nes	2,423	2,356	2,936	5,292
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	4,024	3,398	4,396	7,694
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	459	320	357	678
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4,918	5,157	6,251	11,407
85 Footwear	1,257	1,235	1,005	2,240
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, nes	17,643	16,380	21,312	37,692
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, nes; watches and clocks	23,468	22,854	16,688	39,542
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, nes	38,798	39,617	40,827	80,443
Total Section 8	92,990	91,416	93,772	185,188
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC				
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	14,618	11,997	15,121	27,117
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	37	-	-	-
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	240,741	233,004	222,415	455,419
98 Combined confidential items of trade	47,530	77,087	86,569	163,655
Total Section 9(b)	302,926	322,088	324,104	646,192
Total Exports	3,439,941	3,112,153	3,460,000	6,572,153

(a) Excludes commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. These are included in Division 98. See Appendix for details.

(b) Includes commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See Appendix for details.

VALUE OF EXPORTS BY MAJOR SECTIONS OF THE SITC REV3

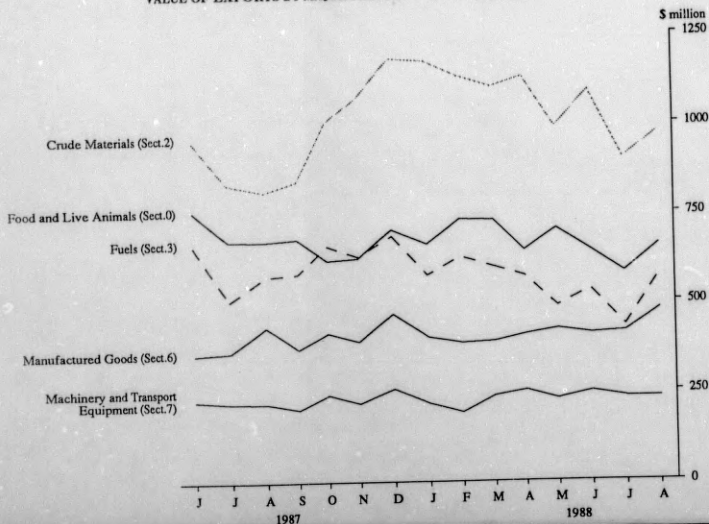


TABLE 5. MOVEMENTS IN MAJOR EXPORT COMMODITIES (a) - PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN VALUE COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR

Commodity description	1987-88 %	Three months ended		
		June 1988 %	July 1988 %	August 1988 %
Meat and meat preparations (01)	13.7	11.2	0.3	-11.7
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	-19.6	-41.9	-35.9	-32.5
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	0.4	16.3	-7.7	14.7
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	47.2	27.7	13.7	19.3
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	9.0	20.6	10.1	14.5
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	-11.4	-17.9	-20.2	-8.4
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	19.8	-8.4	-12.9	-14.4
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	27.9	27.6	20.2	15.9
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	4.6	1.5	4.4	7.2
Total all Exports	14.2	11.1	6.1	5.9

(a) Exports of 'major commodities' are significant exports by particular Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of the SITC Rev3 (figures in brackets following commodity descriptions denote the relevant Sections and Divisions).

TABLE 6. EXPORTS BY STATE(a)
\$'000

STATE	June 1988		July 1988		August 1988		Two months ended August			
	Total Exports	% of Total Exports	Total Exports	% of Total Exports	Total Exports	% of Total Exports	1987		1988	
							Total Exports	% of Total Exports	Total Exports	% of Total Exports
Australian produce	1,012,034	29.4	887,194	28.5	883,360	25.5	1,517,825	25.0	1,770,553	26.9
New South Wales	617,274	17.9	665,916	21.4	618,518	17.9	1,324,291	21.8	1,284,434	19.5
Victoria	746,296	21.7	589,840	19.0	827,211	23.9	1,327,144	21.8	1,417,051	21.6
Queensland	178,510	5.2	165,507	5.3	174,259	5.0	321,284	5.3	339,766	5.2
South Australia	573,172	16.7	579,019	18.5	650,008	18.8	1,042,260	17.2	1,225,027	18.6
Western Australia	112,810	3.3	97,763	3.1	98,649	2.9	183,598	3.0	196,712	3.0
Tasmania	54,021	1.6	18,490	0.6	83,915	2.4	111,270	1.8	102,405	1.6
Northern Territory	112	-	176	-	116	-	171	-	292	-
Australian Capital Territory	32,692	1.0	979	-	12,360	0.4	22,481	0.4	13,339	0.2
State not available for publication										
Total	3,326,921	96.7	3,000,884	96.4	3,348,696	96.8	5,850,325	96.3	6,349,580	96.6
Re-exports	113,020	3.3	111,269	3.6	111,304	3.2	225,375	3.7	222,573	3.4
Total Exports	3,439,941	100.0	3,112,153	100.0	3,460,000	100.0	6,075,700	100.0	6,572,153	100.0

(a) State in which the final stage of production or manufacture occurs.

TABLE 7. EXPORTS BY AUSTRALIAN STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (ASIC)
\$'000

ASIC Division/Sub-division	June 1988	July 1988	August 1988	Two months ended August	
				1987	1988
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting					
Agriculture	498,868	418,060	450,071	856,432	868,132
Forestry and logging	120	167	262	572	628
Fishing and hunting	6,032	9,035	8,838	6,250	17,873
Total	505,020	427,461	459,171	863,254	886,633
Mining					
Metallic minerals	315,919	304,970	466,244	491,733	671,214
Coal	403,830	279,157	429,209	719,527	705,566
Oil and gas	63,435	68,527	74,227	199,106	142,754
Construction materials	113	70	470	213	540
Other non-metallic minerals	9,155	6,052	9,853	33,143	15,906
Total	791,451	658,797	886,003	1,443,723	1,536,981
Manufacturing					
Food, beverages and tobacco	573,030	488,399	511,219	1,047,941	999,619
Textiles	103,089	113,268	106,208	289,035	219,476
Clothing and footwear	6,611	6,732	7,600	10,174	14,332
Wood, wood products and furniture	36,615	38,764	41,951	81,304	82,745
Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	25,462	22,151	21,989	35,051	42,550
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	133,756	171,168	146,437	274,187	317,605
Non-metallic mineral products	11,443	10,779	13,945	15,413	24,726
Basic metal products	755,158	647,859	1,277,061	1,374,928	1,274,928
Fabricated metal products	25,807	26,407	27,428	45,611	53,834
Transport equipment	105,895	98,720	93,621	182,527	191,241
Other machinery and equipment	193,600	181,798	189,385	357,099	371,183
Miscellaneous manufacturing	51,684	52,200	59,711	75,430	107,910
Total	2,023,148	1,858,246	1,942,003	3,587,942	3,800,249
Other industries					
Wholesale, retail and service industries	4,387	5,883	5,245	6,230	11,128
Confidential items; Waste and scrap new; Second hand goods new; Special goods	115,935	161,585	173,579	174,552	335,162
Total	120,322	167,468	178,824	180,782	346,291
Total Exports	3,439,941	3,112,153	3,460,000	6,075,700	6,572,153

TABLE 8. EXPORTS BY BROAD ECONOMIC CATEGORIES (BEC)
\$'000

BEC	June 1988	July 1988	August 1988	Two months ended August	
				1987	1988
Food and beverages	652,176	592,135	673,356	1,332,023	1,265,492
Primary	233,319	225,495	278,088	560,454	503,584
Mainly for industry	119,901	138,422	194,100	367,790	332,522
Mainly for household consumption	113,418	87,074	83,988	192,664	171,063
Processed	418,857	366,639	395,268	771,570	761,907
Mainly for industry	86,723	61,807	139,048	175,912	200,855
Mainly for household consumption	332,134	304,832	256,220	595,658	561,052
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	1,837,461	1,658,441	1,761,265	2,877,136	3,439,705
Primary	869,321	756,047	802,218	1,371,657	1,556,264
Processed	968,141	902,394	959,047	1,505,444	1,883,441
Fuels and lubricants	532,823	431,159	574,222	1,076,597	1,005,381
Primary	451,290	332,934	494,994	871,136	877,928
Processed	81,533	98,225	79,228	205,461	177,452
Motor spirit	6,786	6,166	1,861	14,991	4,627
Other	77,737	92,058	77,367	190,470	169,426
Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	156,607	145,380	158,130	304,301	305,510
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	84,988	80,079	87,781	186,110	161,870
Parts and accessories	72,219	65,302	70,339	118,191	135,640
Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof	113,436	106,703	99,440	190,001	206,143
Passenger motor cars (a)	12,223	9,287	11,193	27,321	20,480
Other	23,823	42,405	21,399	13,558	63,664
Industrial	18,488	25,654	17,647	4,534	45,301
Non-industrial	5,335	16,751	3,752	9,024	20,503
Parts and accessories (a)	77,390	55,011	65,648	149,152	121,859
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	83,235	85,453	90,810	158,955	176,263
Durable	23,905	24,864	25,612	39,211	50,475
Semi-durable	22,908	24,804	26,083	49,350	50,886
Non-durable	36,421	35,786	39,116	70,395	74,902
Goods not elsewhere specified (b)	64,202	92,882	102,778	136,685	195,660
Total Exports	3,439,941	3,112,153	3,460,000	6,075,700	6,572,153

(a) Unassembled road motor vehicles are included with parts and accessories of transport equipment.
 (b) Includes commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See Appendix for details.

TABLE 9. EXPORTS TO COUNTRIES AND COUNTRY GROUPS
\$'000

Country or country group	August 1988		Two months ended August			
	\$'000	% of total exports	1987		1988	
			\$'000	% of total exports	\$'000	% of total exports
Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) -						
Brunei	734	-	2,855	-	2,210	-
Indonesia	50,742	1.5	67,563	1.1	103,960	1.6
Malaysia	70,323	2.0	86,890	1.6	136,265	2.1
Philippines	32,229	0.9	35,525	0.6	64,671	1.0
Singapore	117,244	3.4	154,757	2.5	251,781	3.8
Thailand	31,343	0.9	55,747	0.9	67,515	1.0
Total ASEAN	302,616	8.7	413,337	6.8	626,401	9.5
European Economic Community (EEC) -						
Belgium-Luxembourg	25,572	0.7	31,478	0.5	54,135	0.8
Denmark	4,628	0.1	27,676	0.5	7,802	0.1
France	80,894	2.3	134,345	2.2	150,667	2.3
Germany, Federal Rep of	88,812	2.6	174,441	2.2	160,588	2.4
Greece	4,173	0.1	7,213	0.1	9,522	0.1
Ireland	650	-	1,571	-	1,625	-
Italy	54,541	1.6	103,421	1.7	105,622	1.6
Netherlands	63,174	1.8	98,725	1.5	105,192	1.6
Portugal	3,286	0.1	4,027	0.1	5,620	0.1
Netherlands	8,498	0.2	46,887	0.7	20,929	0.3
Spain	111,941	3.2	298,276	4.9	209,041	3.2
United Kingdom	446,081	12.9	874,061	14.4	830,743	12.6
Total EEC						
Algeria	5,277	0.2	8,421	0.1	8,606	0.1
Argentina	165	-	7,365	0.1	11,150	0.2
Bahrain	3,141	0.1	13,236	0.2	10,704	0.2
Bangladesh	938	-	15,993	0.3	4,884	0.1
Brazil	28,427	0.8	13,038	0.2	31,236	0.5
Canada	56,930	1.6	118,044	1.9	104,431	1.6
Chile	1,250	-	1,757	-	7,765	0.1
China	110,395	3.2	237,969	3.9	190,719	2.9
Cocos (Keeling) Island	210	-	308	-	383	-
Czechoslovakia	1,434	-	7,684	0.1	4,853	0.1
Ecuador	136	-	69	-	2,001	-
Egypt (a)	19,233	0.6	44,761	0.7	29,635	0.5
Finl	9,364	0.3	16,123	0.3	27,166	0.4
Finland	10,985	0.3	12,458	0.2	16,905	0.3
France	4,394	0.1	5,931	0.1	6,747	0.1
German Democratic Rep	1,530	-	5,564	0.1	4,716	0.1
Hong Kong	182,750	5.3	203,256	3.3	391,441	6.0
Iran	14,744	0.4	75,802	1.2	85,431	1.3
Iraq	30,348	0.9	60,847	1.0	39,728	0.6
Israel	29,404	0.8	41,957	0.7	50,621	0.8
Japan	5,989	0.2	7,240	0.1	11,902	0.2
Jordan	944,405	27.3	1,668,331	27.5	1,745,659	26.6
Korea	296	-	698	-	1,762	-
Kuwait	2,498	0.1	537	-	5,243	0.1
Kyrgyzstan	635	-	3,021	-	1,762	-
Korea, Dem People's Rep	2,338	0.1	22,747	0.4	3,972	0.1
Korea, Republic of	173,914	5.0	275,917	4.5	339,150	5.2
Kuwait	11,146	0.3	11,253	0.2	18,653	0.3
Mauritius	2,194	0.1	5,583	0.1	4,188	0.1
Mexico	3,188	0.1	4,360	0.1	5,601	0.1
Nauru	1,410	-	1,642	-	3,736	0.1
New Caledonia	4,890	0.1	11,495	0.2	13,270	0.2
Norfolk Island	184,346	5.3	405,960	6.7	363,271	5.5
Norway (a)	754	-	1,431	-	1,134	-
Norway	1,901	0.1	5,802	0.1	5,972	0.1
Oman	1,963	0.1	9,588	0.2	4,027	0.1
Pakistan	8,762	0.3	8,816	0.1	13,921	0.2
Papua New Guinea	70,197	2.0	123,816	2.0	134,020	2.0
Peru	2,191	0.1	2,476	-	2,230	-
Poland	27,500	0.8	32,773	0.5	39,861	0.6
Puerto Rico	4,216	0.1	317	-	4,562	0.1
Qatar	2,050	0.1	6,131	0.1	2,987	-
Romania	256	-	3,111	0.1	8,762	0.1
Samos (American)	585	-	3,649	0.1	2,771	-
Saudi Arabia	22,775	0.7	40,313	0.7	35,503	0.5
Solomon Islands	4,292	0.1	5,565	0.1	11,559	0.2
South Africa	12,124	0.4	28,685	0.5	20,135	0.3
Sri Lanka	1,571	-	5,601	0.1	2,905	0.1
Switzerland	14,258	0.4	19,365	0.3	27,517	0.4
Sweden	34,057	1.0	60,937	1.0	79,950	1.2
Taiwan	127,894	3.7	186,988	3.1	241,826	3.7
Tonga	965	-	2,223	-	2,078	-
Trust Territory Pac Iald	1,841	0.1	1,583	-	2,570	-
Tunisia	15	-	338	-	3,926	0.1
Turkey	5,373	0.2	38,720	0.6	9,063	0.1
U.S.S.R.	25,816	0.7	36,304	0.6	49,373	0.8
United Arab Emirates	23,474	0.7	45,886	0.4	35,626	0.5
United States of America	352,058	10.2	664,080	10.9	689,092	10.4
Vanuatu	2,030	0.1	4,528	0.1	4,000	0.1
Venezuela	2,421	0.1	953	-	4,761	0.1
Vietnam	2,727	0.1	376	-	5,606	0.1
Western Samoa	1,165	-	2,152	-	2,865	-
Yemen, People's Dem Rep	724	-	1,016	-	7,597	0.1
Yugoslavia	6,462	0.2	4,984	0.1	14,767	0.2
Zimbabwe	263	-	63	-	1,428	0.3
Other Countries	9,685	0.3	34,997	0.6	17,025	0.3
Destination Unknown	38	-	11	-	141	-
Ships' Stores	35,974	1.0	82,822	1.4	75,807	1.2
No Country Details (b)	12,360	0.4	22,481	0.4	13,319	0.2
Total Exports	3,460,000	100.0	6,075,700	100.0	6,572,153	100.0

(a) Excludes exports of alumina, details of which are included in the 'No Country Details' category at the end of this table.
(b) Includes exports of alumina to Egypt, Iceland and Norway.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

A brief outline of the major definitions used in compiling the statistics in this publication is contained in the following explanatory notes and in table footnotes. For a more detailed description refer to the information paper Foreign Trade Statistics: An Overview (5481.0).

2. Export statistics contained in monthly, quarterly and annual publications for periods up to and including December 1987 were presented according to the codes and descriptions of the Australian Export Commodity Classification (AECC). This classification was based on the second revision of the United Nations Standard International Trade Classification (SITC Rev2) with some modifications to take account of Australia's trade.

3. From January 1988 export statistics in this publication are presented according to a new international version of SITC (ie SITC Rev3). SITC Rev3 was developed by the U.N. to coincide with the introduction of a new international classification for describing goods for customs and other purposes, the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (the Harmonized System). The Harmonized System was adopted in January 1988 by most of the major trading nations of the world.

4. The third revision of SITC incorporates significant changes to the numbering system and overall structure to align it more closely with the Harmonized System. The changes between the second and third revision of SITC, and the adoption by the ABS of the complete international version of the classification, have resulted in a break in the statistical series published by the ABS.

5. To overcome that break in series and to assist users in the interpretation of the data, the statistics for January to June 1988 were published on both the new SITC Rev3 basis and on a recomplied AECC basis. (For details, see issues of this publication for that period.)

6. From July 1988, export commodity statistics are presented on a SITC Rev3 basis only. Therefore, Tables 2, 3 and 4 do not include any data for periods prior to January 1988. Statistics shown in the Main Features and graphs are also based on the SITC Rev3.

7. The value of exports is the free on board (FOB) value of the goods expressed in Australian dollars.

8. In accordance with United Nations recommendations, total exports excludes transactions of non-merchandise trade. The monthly value of non-merchandise trade is shown in Table 1. Further information is available on microfiche MX07.

9. Exports are recorded statistically in the month the entries are lodged with the Australian Customs Service. Regular exporters or their agents may provide details of their export shipments on a periodic rather than an individual shipment basis by submitting weekly or monthly returns. These 'periodic returns' must be submitted to the Australian Customs Service within seven days of the end of the period in question covering all shipments during that period. All other exporters are required to report each individual shipment prior to the ship's departure. Approximately 90 per cent of monthly export values are recorded on periodic returns. The statistical month for Customs outports (usually ports other than those at which the main Customs office in each state is located) closes on the 21st of each month, whereas for mainports the statistical month is the calendar month.

10. Because of the way in which exports data are collected and processed approximately 40% of total export trade by value shown for a particular month reflects actual shipments in that month, while approximately 55% reflects actual shipments during the previous month with the remaining 5% by value being exported in earlier months. For individual commodities these percentages may vary considerably.

11. Restrictions are placed on the release of statistics for certain commodities for reasons of confidentiality. These restrictions do not affect total export figures, but they can affect statistics at all levels in country and commodity tables. Refer to table footnotes and the Appendix for specific details. The information paper Confidentiality and the Release of Foreign Trade and Shipping Statistics (5486.0) describes fully the confidentiality process.

12. Revisions to previously published data frequently occur due to continuing quality checks and statistics in this publication should be considered preliminary.

13. Country statistics shown in Tables 3 and 9 refer to the country to which the goods were consigned at the time of export.

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17. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

18. The following symbols and abbreviations are used in this publication:

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Appendix : Confidential Commodity Listing

Restrictions are placed on the release of statistics for certain commodities for reasons of confidentiality.

From 1 January 1988, restrictions have been applied at the item level of the Australian Harmonized Export Commodity Classification (AHECC). The AHECC items affected by the restrictions, together with the code of the SITC rev3 item affected, the type of restriction and the period for which it applied are listed below. Confidentiality restrictions applying in 1987 were reviewed prior to January 1988, converted from the AECG codes to the AHECC codes and shown as having started in January 1988.

In Tables 2, 4 and 5, commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction are EXCLUDED from the relevant Sections, Divisions and Items. In Tables 2 and 5, they are included in the totals and in Table 4 they are included in Division 98.

AHECC	SITC Rev3			Type of restriction	Started	Finished
	Section	Division	Item			
1006.20.10	0	04	04220	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
1006.20.20			04220	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
1006.30.10			04231	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
1006.30.21			04231	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
1006.30.29			04231	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
1006.30.31			04231	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
1006.30.39			04231	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
1006.40.00			04232	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
1701.11.10		06	06111	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
2601.11.20	2	28	28150	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.04.88
2601.11.20			28150	No Country Details for ASTA BLCM NETH	01.05.88	31.05.88
2601.11.20			28150	No Country Details for ASTA BLCM NETH	01.05.88	31.05.88
2601.11.20			28150	FGMY FRAN USA SPAIN	01.06.88	-
2601.12.10			28160	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
2602.00.00			28770	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
2605.00.00			28793	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	31.05.88
2606.00.00			28510	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
2614.00.20			28783	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
2617.90.00			28799	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
2818.20.00			28520	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7501.10.00			28421	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	31.05.88
7501.20.00			28422	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
2711.12.00	3	34	34210	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
2711.13.00			34250	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
2937.91.00	5	54	54151	No Commodity Details	01.03.88	-
3903.19.00		57	57219	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
4410.10.00	6	63	63422	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
4410.90.00			63423	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7102.10.00		66	66721	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
7305.11.00		67	67931	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7305.12.00			67931	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7305.19.00			67931	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7305.20.00			67933	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7305.31.00			67933	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7305.39.00			67939	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7305.90.00			67941	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7306.10.10			67941	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7306.10.90			67942	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7306.20.10			67942	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7306.20.90			67943	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7306.30.10			67943	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7306.30.11			67943	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7306.30.90			67943	No Country Details	01.07.88	-
7306.30.91			67943	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7306.40.10			67943	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7306.40.90			67943	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7306.50.10			67943	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7306.50.90			67944	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7306.60.00			67949	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7306.90.00			67949	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7502.10.00		68	68311	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7502.20.00			68312	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7504.00.00			68323	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
8451.29.00	7	72	72473	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.05.88
8451.90.00			72492	No Country Details	01.01.88	-

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