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

(Note.- Previous statements 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 August, 1966 were valued at \$A294.1 million, compared with \$A272.6 million in August, 1965 an increase of \$A21.5 million.

Total Recorded Exports in August, 1966 amounted to \$A247.3 million, compared with \$A203.3 million in August, 1965 an increase of \$A44.0 million.

In August, 1966, the recorded excess of imports over exports was \$A46.8 million, compared with an excess of imports over exports of \$A69.3 million in August, 1965.

For the first two months of 1966-67 recorded imports exceeded recorded exports by \$A24.3 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 (+)	Total Recorded Trade		Excess of Exports (+)
	Imports	Exports	or Imports (-)	Imports	Exports	or Imports (-)
July	242.1	225.4	-16.7	204.7	227.2	+22.5
August	272.6	203.3	-69.3	294.1	247.3	-46.8
Two Months Total	514.7	428.7	-86.0	498.8	474.5	-24.3
September	280.9	230.2	-50.7			
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.

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 oversea 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 oversea 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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