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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bulletin contains preliminary statistics for 1968 of mineral production, and overseas trade in minerals and mineral products. Comparative data for 1967 are also included.

2. The data for 1968 are preliminary and subject to revision when the 1968 annual Mining and Quarrying Census is finalised. Final figures for 1968 will be published in the statistical bulletin "Minerals and Mineral Products", No. 5, 1968, due to be published early in 1970.

3. The 1968 data in Tables 1 and 2 were compiled from preliminary results of the 1968 Mining and Quarrying Census, supplemented by information made available by the Bureau of Mineral Resources, State Mines Departments and other bodies.

4. This bulletin should be read in conjunction with the statistical bulletin "Minerals and Mineral Products", No. 4, 1967. Complete details relating to scope, sources of data, coverage, etc., of the statistics published herein are set out on pages 4 and 5 of that bulletin.

5. Values shown in Tables 1 and 2 are selling values at point of sale of mine or quarry products less transport costs from mine or quarry to point of sale. Values shown in Tables 3 and 4 are f.o.b. port of shipment.

6. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in these tables are due to rounding.

7. For convenience, the following symbols are used in this bulletin:

- P preliminary
 .. nil or less than half the unit shown
 n.a. not available

TABLE 1. - VALUE OF MINERALS PRODUCED, AUSTRALIA
 (\$'000)

	1967	1968p	Variation 1968 on 1967 (%)
Minerals -			
Metallic			
Fuel	370,892	473,621	+ 27.7
Non-metallic (excluding fuel)	202,071	249,530	+ 23.5
Construction materials	31,946	37,250	+ 16.6
	91,789	96,820	+ 5.5
<u>Total minerals</u>			
	696,701	857,221	+ 23.0
States -			
New South Wales	274,123	298,730	+ 9.0
Victoria	57,339	58,993	+ 2.9
Queensland	135,379	185,897	+ 37.3
South Australia	40,449	42,650	+ 5.4
Western Australia	134,319	196,204	+ 46.1
Tasmania	34,688	45,950	+ 32.5
Northern Territory	19,316	27,697	+ 43.4
Australian Capital Territory	1,067	1,100	+ 1.2

TABLE 2. - PRODUCTION OF MINERALS (EXCLUDING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS) :
QUANTITIES, VALUES AND METALLIC CONTENTS, AUSTRALIA

Mineral		1967	1968p	Mineral		1967	1968p
METALLIC							
Antimony ore	tons	2	2	Gold ore and concentrate	tons	6	6
	\$'000	..	..	Gold content	f oz	3	30
Antimony content	tons	..	..	Silver content	f oz	5	6
Antimony concentrate	tons	152	241	Gold bullion	oz	997,793	959,492
	\$'000	54	82		\$'000	24,456	24,355
Antimony content	tons	91	159	Gold content	f oz	653,073	622,647
Bauxite	'000 tons	4,177	4,877	Silver content	f oz	253,016	248,676
Al ₂ O ₃ content	'000 tons	2,258	2,633	Ilmenite concentrate	tons	544,216	551,499
Beryllium ore	tons	55	15		\$'000	4,390	4,444
	\$'000	21	6	TiO ₂ content	tons	297,385	301,068
BeO content	units	675	178	Iron ore	'000 tons	16,887	25,929
Bismuth concentrate	tons	106	1,558		\$'000	82,994	132,074
	\$'000	139	2,226	Iron content	'000 tons	10,831	16,745
Bismuth content	lb	25,536	388,416	Iron oxide	tons	53,000	63,093
Copper content	tons	6	106		\$'000	501	593
Gold content	f oz	1,578	33,536	for gas purification	tons	579	224
Silver content	f oz	331	3,110	for cement manufacture	tons	27,949	32,241
Chromite	tons	138	..	for coal washing	tons	13,952	14,955
	\$'000	7	..	for flux	tons	10,520	15,673
Cr ₂ O ₃ content	tons	44	..	Lead ore	tons	18,224	50,961
Copper ore	tons	29,230	37,019		\$'000	(c)	(c)
	\$'000	(a)	(a)	Lead content	tons	1,644	3,294
Copper content	tons	1,759	2,263	Silver content	f oz	150,014	143,351
Gold content	f oz	157	61	Zinc content	tons	1,073	738
Silver content	f oz	10,021	4,178	Copper content	tons	39	..
Copper ore for fertiliser	tons	2,223	1,200	Gold content	f oz	71	..
	\$'000	(a)	(a)	Lead concentrate	tons	537,193	601,917
Copper content	tons	186	119		\$'000	(d)73,654	(d)89,692
Copper concentrate	tons	391,954	452,772	Lead content	tons	356,218	361,688
	\$'000	(b)72,515	(b)92,027	Silver content	f oz	15,985,173	17,773,147
Copper content	tons	81,927	98,058	Gold content	f oz	10,460	10,002
Gold content	f oz	111,481	94,577	Antimony content	tons	810	672
Silver content	f oz	891,377	881,878	Cadmium content	tons	66	57
Lead content	tons	..	1,114		tons	3,624	3,636
Zinc content	tons	..	2,096	Copper content	tons	27,754	32,985
Copper precipitate	tons	725	567	Sulphur content	tons	56,490	50,244
	\$'000	(a)	(a)				
Copper content	tons	472	318				
Gold content	f oz	..	378				
Silver content	f oz	..	41				

(a) Not available separately; included with value of copper concentrate. (b) Includes value of copper ore and copper precipitate. (c) Not available separately; included with value of lead concentrate. (d) Includes value of lead ore and lead-copper and lead-zinc concentrates.

TABLE 2. - PRODUCTION OF MINERALS (EXCLUDING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS) :
QUANTITIES, VALUES AND METALLIC CONTENTS, AUSTRALIA - (continued)

Mineral			1967	1968p	Mineral			1967	1968p
Lead-copper concentrate	tons	\$'000	12,227 (a)	12,550 (a)	Tantalite-columbite concentrate	lb		79,587	238,134
Lead content	tons		4,605	4,679	Ta ₂ O ₅ + Nb ₂ O ₅ content	lb		32,906	56,179
Copper content	tons		1,246	1,333	Tin concentrate (b)	tons		8,557	10,982
Silver content	f oz		1,113,584	1,053,590	Tin content	\$'000		15,011	17,677
Gold content	f oz		23,162	21,557	Tantalite content	lb		5,586	6,590
Zinc content	tons		1,342	1,414	WO ₃ content	tons		..	18,935
Sulphur content	tons		3,081	3,260	Tin-copper concentrate	tons		..	71
Lead-zinc concentrate	tons	\$'000	14,685 (a)	5,373 (a)	Copper content	tons		..	877
Lead content	tons		5,195	1,788	Tin content	tons		..	169
Zinc content	tons		1,325	441	Tungsten concentrates	tons		1,650	2,012
Gold content	f oz		681	223		\$'000		4,509	5,744
Silver content	f oz		476,410	167,033	Scheelite concentrate	tons		1,202	1,465
Antimony content	tons		29	11	WO ₃ content	units		86,406	105,432
Cadmium content	tons		11	2	Wolfram concentrate	tons		448	547
Copper content	tons		84	27	WO ₃ content	units		32,804	38,951
Sulphur content	tons		2,206	589	Xenotime concentrate	tons		18	18
Leucoxene concentrate	tons	\$'000	696	1,607	Xenotime content	lb		45	45
TiO ₂ content	tons		33	70	Zinc ore	tons		9,475	9,500
Manganese ore	tons	\$'000	559,967	734,085		\$'000		..	2,700
Metallurgical grade	tons		8,007	11,680	Zinc content	tons		..	(c)
Mn content	tons		559,600	733,875	Zinc ore for fertiliser	tons		198	..
Other grades	tons		258,325	343,765		\$'000		(c)	..
MnO ₂ content	tons		367	210	Zinc concentrate	tons		34	..
Molybdenite concentrate	lb		228	134		\$'000		702,792	718,311
	\$'000		..	22,539	Zinc content	tons		(d) 29,354	(e) 30,055
MoS ₂ content	lb		..	15	Lead content	tons		368,999	377,233
Monazite concentrate	tons	\$'000	2,313	2,042	Silver content	f oz		8,117	10,171
	\$'000		289	230	Gold content	f oz		962,192	1,143,306
Monazite content	tons		2,163	1,837	Cadmium content	tons		4,670	4,317
Nickel concentrate	tons		15,753	36,699	Cobalt content	tons		1,247	1,296
Copper content	tons		264	551	Copper content	tons		101	114
Nickel content	tons		2,061	4,573		tons		754	911
Cobalt content	tons		45	98	Manganese content	tons		6,335	5,579
Osmiridium, native	oz		..	12	Sulphur content	tons		219,392	224,105
	\$'000		..	2		tons		283,682	297,282
Osmiridium content	oz		..	12	Zircon concentrate	tons		10,937	11,224
Pyrite concentrate	tons		252,748	162,595		\$'000		280,324	293,975
Sulphur content	tons		111,202	70,714					
Rutile concentrate	tons		265,514	288,936					
	\$'000		19,615	21,463					
TiO ₂ content	tons		254,892	277,442					

(a) Not available separately; included with value of lead concentrate. (b) Includes Tin-Tantalite concentrate. (c) Not available separately; included with value of zinc concentrate. (d) Includes value of zinc ore for fertiliser. (e) Includes value of zinc ore.

TABLE 2. - PRODUCTION OF MINERALS (EXCLUDING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS) :
QUANTITIES, VALUES AND METALLIC CONTENTS, AUSTRALIA - continued

Mineral		1967	1968p	Mineral		1967	1968p
		FUEL					
Black coal	'000 tons	34,707	40,184	Brown coal	'000 tons	23,334	22,971
	\$'000	160,099	188,653	(lignite)	\$'000	20,696	21,555
Semi-anthra-	'000 tons	38	31	Crude oil	'000 bbls	(a) 7,600	(a) 15,877
cite	'000 tons	31,299	36,665		\$'000	(b) 21,286	(b) 39,322
Bituminous	'000 tons			Natural gas	mill cu ft	152	216
Sub-bituminous	'000 tons	3,370	3,488		\$'000	(c)	(c)
Underground	'000 tons	29,267	32,191				
Open-cut	'000 tons	5,440	7,993				
NON-METALLIC (EXCLUDING FUEL)							
Asbestos,				Limestones (including			
chrysotile	short tons	600	896	shell and coral)	'000 tons	8,355	8,693
	\$'000	108	182		\$'000	11,700	12,108
Barite	short tons	15,666	39,155	Lithium ores	tons	667	738
	\$'000	214	412		\$'000	9	11
Clays	'000 tons	6,657	7,840	Li ₂ O content	units	2,906	3,112
	\$'000	8,201	9,191	Crude magnesite	tons	23,653	22,549
Brick clay and	'000 tons	5,696	6,450		\$'000	256	223
shale	'000 tons	961	1,390	Mineral pig -			
Other	'000 tons	8,341	6,725	ments	tons	358	526
Diatomite	tons	71	53		\$'000	5	8
	\$'000			Pebbles for			
Dolomite	tons	290,659	312,853	grinding	tons	1,305	1,321
	\$'000	674	727		\$'000	22	23
Felspar (including	tons	4,450	4,838	Perlite	tons	1,389	996
cornish stone)	\$'000	43	42		\$'000	3	2
Garnet concen-	tons	591	88	Phosphate rock	tons	11,770	5,744
trate	\$'000	4	1		\$'000	47	23
Gems -				Pyrophyllite	tons	..	501
Opal	\$'000	3,993	5,745		\$'000	..	7
Sapphire	\$'000	432	673	Salt	tons	703,157	936,748
Other	\$'000	180	158		\$'000	2,769	3,578
Gypsum	tons	914,084	845,845	Silica (glass,	tons	443,555	541,207
	\$'000	2,119	2,129	chemical etc.)	\$'000	772	1,255
				Sillimanite	tons	1,183	2,106
					\$'000	29	47
				Talc (including			
				steatite and	tons	17,779	37,947
				chlorite)	\$'000	295	652

(a) A barrel contains approximately 35 gallons. (b) Includes value of natural gas; estimate supplied by the Bureau of Mineral Resources. (c) Included with crude oil.

TABLE 3. - EXPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS

AUSTRALIA

Commodity	Quantity		Value ('000)	
	1967	1968p	1967	1968p
METALLIC				
Alumina	tons	(a)	(a)	(a)
Aluminium and aluminium base alloys -				
Ore (bauxite)	tons	(a)	(a)	(a)
Refinery type shapes	"	10,501	5,577	4,926
Rolled, drawn and extruded shapes (excluding wire)	"	4,835	3,985	3,304
Scrap (including re-melt)	"	1,126	2,036	236
Beryllium ore and concentrate	tons	637	135	222
Cadmium -				
Ingots and blocks	tons	63	97	316
Bars and rods	"	172	230	819
Copper -				
Concentrate	tons	44,830	36,494	9,526
Blister	"	6,893	7,063	8,627
Refinery type shapes	"	9,325	16,518	8,975
Rolled, drawn and extruded shapes	"	7,043	7,164	8,102
Wire, single strand, uncovered	"	155	41	197
Scrap (including re-melt)	"	16	..	13
Slags and residues	"	102	855	2
Copper-base alloys -				
Primary shapes	tons	5	7	8
Rolled, drawn and extruded shapes	"	2,174	3,343	1,855
Wire, single strand, uncovered	"	82	69	63
Scrap	"	207	32	143
Copper-lead dross and speiss	"	2,111	4,927	593
Copper matte (including copper-lead matte)	"	3,892	6,925	1,914
Gold -				
Refined forms (excluding specie, leaf and foil)	koz	537,922	385,976	16,942
Ilmenite concentrate	tons	384,300	395,911	3,896
Iron and steel -				
Iron ore and pellets	'000 tons	9,017	16,107	75,372
Pig iron	tons	149,587	241,869	6,169
Ingots, blooms, billets (b)	"	398,635	478,494	23,719
Scrap	"	475,056	401,801	14,226
Tinplate	"	56,252	42,576	7,452
Lead -				
Concentrate	tons	124,016	121,122	23,166
Lead-silver bullion	"	100,394	107,325	26,901

(a) Not available for publication. (b) Includes coils for re-rolling.

TABLE 3. - EXPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS

AUSTRALIA - continued

Commodity	Quantity		Value (\$'000)	
	1967	1968p	1967	1968p
METALLIC - continued				
Lead - continued -				
Pig	tons	147,558	137,542	30,282
Rolled and extruded shapes	"	429	883	129
Antimonial lead	"	3,246	3,132	797
Scrap	"	955	1,927	176
Slags and residues	"	3,062	2,547	421
Manganese ore	tons	314,762	555,743	6,933
Monazite concentrate	tons	1,829	2,575	236
Rutile concentrate	tons	258,791	284,995	19,692
Silver -				
Refined, in lot and bar	'000 f.oz	4,168	14,542	5,705
Refined, other	"	1,081	1,270	1,468
Tantalum and columbium concentrate	tons	39	59	156
Tin -				
Concentrate	tons	3,330	5,366	4,387
Refined tin and alloys, unworked	"	28	214	78
Tungsten -				
Scheelite concentrate	tons	1,239	1,434	3,316
Wolfram concentrate	"	399	497	1,096
Zinc -				
Concentrate	tons	297,927	312,643	19,873
Refinery type shapes	"	96,471	97,177	23,562
Plates, sheets, circles and strips	"	247	245	141
Slags and residues	"	6,543	8,353	470
Zircon concentrate	tons	247,179	266,121	10,720
FUEL				
Coal	tons	9,250	12,096	76,202
Coke	"	208,590	202,167	2,527
Petroleum oils -				
Crude	'000 bbls	5,071	..	221
Gasolines and solvents	"	55,593	91,128	6,582
Kerosines	"	21,655	31,815	2,553
Automotive distillate	"	..	52,807	..
Industrial diesel fuel and heavy distillate	"	62,964	..	5,310
n.e.i.	"	..	10,161	..
Residual oils	"	123,441	97,943	5,851
Lubricating oil	"	28,664	21,703	8,577
Petroleum products n.e.i.	"	n.a.	n.a.	1,498

TABLE 3. - EXPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS

AUSTRALIA - continued

Commodity	Quantity		Value (\$'000)		
	1967	1968p	1967	1968p	
NON-METALLIC (EXCLUDING FUEL)					
Asbestos (all types)	short tons	2,524	804	438	186
Barite (ground)	tons	4,174	19,564	139	789
Cement, constructional	tons	13,324	4,739	120	67
Clays	tons	3,987	3,714	135	158
Diamonds, industrial	carat	39,983	60,097	210	340
Gypsum	tons	207,674	247,078	879	1,104
Magnesite	tons	2,185	1,571	163	126
Opals	value only	..	..	8,620	10,653
Salt	tons	87,977	224,854	463	854
Talc	tons	8,648	24,982	277	661

TABLE 4. - IMPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS

AUSTRALIA

Commodity	Quantity		Value (\$'000)		
	1967	1968p	1967	1968p	
METALLIC					
Aluminium and aluminium base alloys -					
Ore (bauxite)	tons	(a)	(a)	(a)	
Alumina	"	37,047	2,964	2,543	551
Refinery type shapes	"	361	11,975	232	5,822
Bars, rods and angles	"	603	553	524	560
Plates, sheets, strips and circles	"	544	349	585	432
Pipes and tubes	"	27	48	44	108
Foil	"	516	511	776	698
Powder	"	365	418	235	282
Wire, single strand, uncovered	"	122	289	260	481
Scrap (including re-melt)	"	1,468	856	426	260
Antimony metal	tons	..	6	..	5
Bismuth metal	lb	14,614	31,997	59	118
Chromium ore and concentrate	tons	25,115	23,897	482	488
Copper -					
Refinery type shapes	tons	3,061	397	3,667	380
Bars, rods, angles and tees	"	13	1	19	2
Plates, sheets and strips	"	22	11	29	15
Pipes and tubes	"	297	524	476	819
Wire, single strand, uncovered	"	26	25	74	68
Powder	"	172	240	241	348
Scrap (including re-melt)	"	729	1,471	459	1,247

(a) Not available for publication.

TABLE 4. - IMPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS

AUSTRALIA - continued

Commodity	Quantity		Value (\$'000)	
	1967	1968p	1967	1968p
METALLIC - continued				
Copper-base alloys -				
Primary shapes tons	63	48	49	45
Rolled, drawn and extruded shapes "	714	585	998	941
Wire, single strand, uncovered "	216	161	368	294
Scrap "	721	1,188	397	859
Gold -				
Refined forms (excluding specie, leaf and foil) f.oz	5,505	4,869	184	165
Unrefined bullion, (gold content) "	128,127	122,758	4,019	4,133
Iron and steel -				
Iron ore '000 tons	171	244	382	547
Ferro-alloys (excluding powder) -				
Ferro-chromium tons	3,430	3,487	880	977
Ferro-manganese "	4,955	10,482	1,008	2,631
Ferro-molybdenum "	131	163	523	464
Ferro-silicon "	9,291	6,227	1,379	923
Other "	5,684	3,059	2,899	1,406
Tinplate "	10,731	7,214	2,108	1,449
Manganese -				
Metallurgical ore tons	6,551	8,897	242	295
Battery grade ore "	49	2,616	19	179
Metal and powder "	494	392	235	173
Mercury lb	132,904	104,549	847	714
Nickel -				
Primary shapes tons	968	1,477	1,681	2,879
Rolled, drawn and extruded shapes "	328	258	601	555
Pellets, shot, granulated "	269	261	486	489
Electroplating anodes "	299	176	901	480
Nickel-base alloys -				
Rolled, drawn and extruded shapes (excluding wire) tons	267	326	928	926
Wire, single strand, uncovered "	226	176	761	616
Platinum and platinum group metals -				
Ingots etc. oz	5,389	6,426	293	436
Powder "	7,599	11,001	71	155
Wire "	1,626	1,841	149	205
Silver content of unrefined bullion '000 f.oz	76	65	91	137
Tin refined tons	693	159	2,066	448
Titanium oxide pigments tons	1,110	1,527	449	604

TABLE 4. - IMPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS

AUSTRALIA - continued

Commodity		Quantity		Value ('000)	
		1967	1968p	1967	1968p
FUEL					
Coal	tons	7,710	9,278	96	119
Coke (including petroleum coke)	"	27,961	47,726	875	1,430
Petroleum oils -					
Crude	'000 gals	4,038,853	4,202,532	167,008	169,736
Enriched crude and other refinery feedstock	" "	999,338	957,706	43,976	42,759
Gasolines and solvents	" "	141,888	158,549	13,949	15,362
Kerosine	" "	33,563	29,005	3,515	3,135
Automotive distillate	" "	18,370	37,817	1,578	3,066
Industrial diesel fuels and heavy distillate n.e.i.	" "		5,459		471
Residual oils	" "	23,973	31,257	1,149	1,485
Lubricating oil	" "	11,363	12,121	3,565	3,665
Petroleum products n.e.i.	" "	n.a.	n.a.	5,628	6,349
NON-METALLIC (EXCLUDING FUEL)					
Arsenic trioxide	tons	1,607	945	118	99
Asbestos -					
Chrysotile	short tons	39,752	51,797	4,970	6,750
Amosite	" "	10,345	10,108	1,237	1,229
Other	" "	2,487	4,836	229	339
Calcium carbide	tons	21,737	10,298	1,659	813
Cement, Portland	tons	44,406	54,160	945	1,104
Clays -					
Ball clay	tons	11,112	18,349	282	410
Bentonite	"	20,927	43,839	615	1,014
Fireclay	"	2,353	4,991	101	173
Clays and earths, activated	"	5,498	5,461	399	419
White clay	"	26,197	25,549	596	620
Clays, not elsewhere specified	"	14,045	12,379	519	548
Gryolite (natural)	tons	237	201	49	38
Diamonds, industrial	carat	525,053	669,931	1,980	2,725
Diatomite	tons	4,331	5,126	281	334
Fluorspar (fluorite)	tons	22,421	14,921	474	518
Graphite -					
Colloidal	tons	45	432	31	146
Other	"	2,051	1,372	280	95
Kyanite	tons	1,714	1,776	119	75
Magnesite	tons	23,828	24,451	1,288	1,322
Mica -					
Block or sheet, trimmed	'000 lb	49	37	119	83
Splittings (not cut or stamped)	"	228	172	97	91
Ground or pulverised	"	583	859	43	60
Scrap	"	1,155	1,422	26	31

TABLE 4. - IMPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS

AUSTRALIA - continued

Commodity		Quantity		Value (\$'000)	
		1967	1968p	1967	1968p
NON-METALLIC (EXCLUDING FUEL) - continued					
Phosphate rock	'000 tons	3,265	3,431	30,355	34,140
Potassium chloride (fertiliser grade)	tons	102,294	121,834	3,230	3,044
Potassium sulphate (fertiliser grade)	tons	11,774	14,046	513	527
Salt	tons	13,690	7,910	182	118
Sodium nitrate (fertiliser grade)	tons	7,243	7,057	336	341
Sillimanite	tons	572	758	26	36
Sulphur	tons	513,962	548,563	17,296	21,632
Talc	tons	2,164	3,533	74	117

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