

**MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA  
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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. **Introduction.** This bulletin contains statistics relating to the principal minerals and mineral products produced in Australia, overseas trade in selected minerals and mineral products, relevant prices, and data on Commonwealth Government payments to sectors of the mineral and manufacturing industries.

More detailed statistics on various aspects of the mineral industry are contained in Part II - Quarterly Statistics of *The Australian Mineral Industry Quarterly Review*, which is published in conjunction with the Bureau of Mineral Resources.

2. **Sources of data.** Statistics contained in this bulletin are derived from a variety of sources. The more important of these sources, and some additional comments, are set out below.

*Table 1. Mine production*

Current statistics in these tables are derived mainly from collections carried out by the Bureau of Mineral Resources, the Department of National Development and the various State Mines Departments. Preliminary annual statistics are derived from the same sources, but final annual statistics are derived from the Annual Mining Census which is conducted by this Bureau in collaboration with the State Mines Departments.

*Table 2. Production of principal manufactured products of mineral origin*

Statistics of non-ferrous metal production and refined silver are collected by the Bureau of Mineral Resources. Data on refined gold production are provided by the Reserve Bank. Other data in this table, relating to fuels, building materials and chemicals, are derived from returns collected by the Deputy Commonwealth Statisticians in the States, except the data relating to superphosphate which are collected by the Department of Primary Industry, and petroleum products which are collected by the Department of National Development.

*Tables 3, 4, 5 and 6. Overseas trade*

These statistics are extracted from this Bureau's compilations of overseas trade statistics, which are derived from documents obtained under the Customs Act by the Department of Customs and Excise.

*Tables 7 and 8. Prices*

Price data are mainly derived from information collected and compiled by the Bureau of Mineral Resources. For further information, see Appendix C.

*Table 9. Export price index*

Data in this table are derived from this Bureau's compilation of price indexes. For further information, see Appendix D.

*Table 10. Commonwealth Government payments*

Data in this table are provided by the various Departments responsible for the administration of the specified Acts. Further details of Commonwealth Government assistance to the mineral industry are given on pages 902-7 of *Official Year Book* No. 57, 1971.

*Table 11. Changes in stocks of gold*

Statistics of refinery production, imports and exports of gold bullion in this table are identical with corresponding figures in preceding tables, and have the same sources. Net industrial consumption data are supplied by the Reserve Bank.

3. **Revision of data.** Statistics for current months are preliminary and subject to revision. Revision of data, based on figures derived from established quarterly compilation of mineral statistics, the annual Mining Census and various special purpose collections will be incorporated in this bulletin as soon as possible after the revised information becomes available.

4. **Commodity groupings.** For the convenience of users of this bulletin, commodities in Tables 1 to 6 are grouped according to conventions generally accepted in the mineral industry.

5. **Seasonal adjustment.** This bulletin includes seasonally adjusted production statistics for black coal, ingot steel, Portland cement and sulphuric acid. In all adjustments account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month). In the adjustment of black coal production, account has also been taken of the influence of Easter, Australia Day and varying patterns of annual leave which may, in successive years, affect figures differently for different months. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1972* (Reference No. 1.10) issued on 6 July 1972.

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

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

r figure or series revised since previous issue.

. nil or less than half the final digit shown, or not applicable.

n.a. not available.

—break in continuity of series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures).

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TABLE 1. — MINE PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS, AUSTRALIA

Period	Metallic Minerals									
	Non-ferrous					Ferrous and alloy (a)				
	Copper (b)	Lead (b)	Zinc (b)	Tin (b)	Nickel concentrate (a)	Bauxite (a)	Iron ore and concentrate	Manganese ore	Tungsten concentrates	Precious (b)
	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	tons	f oz
1968-69	122,789	391,534	437,385	7,411	51,140	6,217	32,027	834	2,297	729,565
1969-70	139,955	452,102	488,176	8,695	157,555	8,163	44,507	780	2,426	662,649
1970-71	170,446	409,398	436,685	8,747	284,781	10,778	56,024	821	2,300	611,121
July to May —										
1970-71	156,755	375,520	398,878	(d)6,660	265,220	(d)7,704	(d)41,109	(d)611	(d)1,717	557,680
1971-72	160,356	377,627	443,706	(d)7,969	260,699	(d)10,443	(d)46,303	(d)814	(d)1,988	683,030
1970-71 —										
April	r14,454	18,224	19,117	2,087	{ 21,150 17,546 19,561 }	3,074	14,915	210	583	{ 48,844 50,472 53,441 }
May	r14,411	37,153	40,075							
June	r13,691	33,878	37,807							
1971-72 —										
July	r13,499	r36,029	r39,514	r2,548	{ 22,628 23,535 23,006 }	3,494	16,626	318	648	{ 59,763 59,159 59,363 }
August	r13,387	r38,197	r42,343							
September	r12,544	r35,804	r41,405							
October	r16,606	r36,226	r42,913	r2,796	{ r28,555 r29,441 r30,273 }	3,298	16,075	r246	r651	{ 54,208 60,508 61,941 }
November	r15,413	r38,513	r45,483							
December	r16,399	r29,817	r36,037							
January	14,130	25,302	31,689	2,625	{ 24,722 17,143 21,140 }	3,651	13,602	250	689	{ 87,680 64,723 52,482 }
February	13,142	32,815	37,946							
March	14,830	34,140	41,330							
April	15,811	32,100	38,315		19,184					62,867
May	15,585	38,684	46,731		21,072					60,336
	Metallic minerals — continued					Fuel minerals				
Period	Precious (b) — continued	Mineral sands concentrates (a)				Black coal			Petroleum (e)	
	Silver	Ilmenite (f)	Rutile	Zircon	Under-ground	Total	Seasonally adjusted (g)	Brown coal	Crude oil (h)	Natural gas
	'000 f oz	tons	tons	tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 bls	mil. cu ft
1968-69	24,410	656,693	311,662	341,720	33,840	42,650	..	23,128	14,066	2,036
1969-70	27,497	776,883	366,157	370,758	35,704	47,759	..	23,927	30,643	25,254
1970-71	23,396	894,170	367,278	412,912	36,772	48,967	..	22,814	93,946	69,275
July to May —										
1970-71	21,602	829,331	333,632	374,231	33,486	44,509	..	20,727	84,286	62,241
1971-72	21,168	656,907	322,482	349,504	32,242	47,396	..	21,283	114,077	82,079
1970-71 —										
April	1,238	68,660	31,221	32,658	2,530	3,529	4,269	1,998	8,007	5,927
May	1,917	70,352	30,746	30,828	3,489	4,749	4,705	2,111	10,331	7,336
June	1,794	64,839	33,646	38,681	3,286	4,458	3,914	2,087	9,660	7,034
1971-72 —										
July	r1,946	66,508	25,644	29,551	2,650	3,676	3,162	2,153	10,420	7,728
August	r1,767	66,860	31,494	34,891	2,425	3,398	3,421	2,184	10,322	7,936
September	r1,796	60,768	31,100	34,915	2,268	3,488	3,355	1,946	9,937	7,008
October	r2,089	57,090	r30,910	31,762	3,487	5,035	4,792	1,878	10,129	6,586
November	r2,074	61,744	r29,809	29,701	3,591	5,134	4,435	1,815	10,508	6,132
December	r1,797	57,795	r29,737	33,340	2,900	3,870	4,450	1,927	10,894	7,378
January	1,747	r57,650	r29,960	r25,842	1,670	2,707	4,607	1,785	10,965	6,831
February	1,943	r52,136	r24,012	r26,029	3,420	5,036	4,763	1,266	9,842	6,353
March	1,965	r54,965	r31,471	r35,234	3,655	5,482	5,075	2,018	9,813	7,677
April	1,868	r58,836	r27,469	r29,434	r2,315	r3,746	r4,791	2,017	10,813	8,477
May	2,176	62,555	36,876	37,805	3,861	5,824	5,273	2,295	10,433	9,972

(a) Quantities shown are gross output. (b) Quantities shown are metallic contents of mine products based on chemical assay. (c) Western Australia gold production figures (in respect of major producers) normally relate to a four-week period ending in the calendar month indicated. However, two such periods ended in each of the calendar months March 1971 and January 1972. (d) July to March. (e) Source : Department of National Development. (f) Includes Ilmenite for beneficiating. (g) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 5, page 3. (h) 1 barrel = 35 imperial gallons approximately.

TABLE 2. — PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS OF MINERAL ORIGIN, AUSTRALIA (a)

Period	Metals									
	Non-ferrous							Ferrous		
	Alumina	Refined aluminium	Blister copper (b)	Refined copper	Lead bullion (b) (c)	Refined lead	Refined zinc	Refined tin	Iron ore pellets (d)	Pig iron (e)
	'000 tons	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons	'000 tons	'000 tons
1968-69	1,592	109,998	109,582	94,731	132,218	175,664	228,198	3,960	4,966	(15,722)
1969-70	1,995	165,709	108,852	103,680	169,007	185,366	257,674	4,637	5,712	(15,888)
1970-71	2,348	214,762	128,325	108,025	175,934	152,490	249,753	5,848	6,613	(16,141)
July to May —										
1970-71	(g)1,693	196,100	114,454	96,903	162,457	139,781	230,538	5,043	6,020	5,634
1971-72	(g)2,058	192,331	130,272	116,168	126,336	171,281	247,861	5,583	5,452	5,475
1970-71 —										
April	654	18,858	10,107	8,734	14,460	12,275	21,424	399	538	513
May		19,511	11,504	9,517	21,784	..	19,288	423	565	431
June		18,662	13,871	11,122	13,477	12,709	19,215	805	593	501
1971-72 —										
July	231	19,167	12,867	9,284	12,874	20,296	23,418	123	612	527
August	225	19,322	12,636	11,993	10,804	16,595	22,362	716	586	536
September	243	17,806	11,853	9,455	9,926	17,301	21,149	724	486	527
October	247	18,014	12,054	12,154	12,174	14,529	22,451	385	525	541
November	232	17,316	12,034	9,838	10,697	14,114	21,875	623	605	501
December	238	17,883	11,501	7,136	10,835	12,593	21,471	459	438	458
January	233	17,448	11,387	12,589	10,707	15,481	21,242	640	489	464
February	192	15,859	10,311	10,932	10,007	14,818	21,711	511	352	337
March	217	16,589	11,423	11,834	13,092	15,048	24,145	401	399	490
April	205	16,160	10,537	9,519	12,678	13,870	22,959	541	438	470
May	259	16,767	13,664	12,334	12,542	16,636	25,078	460	523	524

## Metals—continued

Period	Precious										
	Ferrous—continued					Refined gold					Refined silver
	Steel ingots (e)					Australian origin					
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (h)	Blooms and slabs	Flplate	Quantity	Value (i)	From scrap	Overseas origin			
'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	tons	f oz	\$'000	f oz	Newly won	From scrap	'000 f oz		
1968-69	(16,599	..	(15,749	(1)255,650	621,943	25,217	14,584	123,599	740	9,428	
1969-70	(16,766	..	(15,801	(1)278,136	527,297	17,257	18,461	126,238	919	10,581	
1970-71	(16,693	..	(15,675	(1)304,138	463,803	15,706	20,474	112,465	1,369	8,319	
July to May —											
1970-71	6,127	..	5,201	280,324	427,535	14,465	17,869	104,003	903	7,857	
1971-72	5,922	..	4,991	285,728	487,111	17,917	17,917	101,423	1,206	..	
1970-71 —											
April	570	591	470	24,310	49,047	1,741	2,653	11,455	23	910	
May	495	484	424	22,493	35,199	1,225	1,335	8,121	..	449	
June	560	574	473	26,527	36,268	1,241	2,605	8,462	466	462	
1971-72 —											
July	606	578	524	26,397	37,556	1,542	1,925	12,399	..	711	
August	577	563	484	26,126	43,711	1,572	2,250	8,503	..	855	
September	566	569	482	27,127	44,799	1,715	1,121	8,207	208	711	
October	590	570	501	28,340	51,036	1,839	1,406	11,366	201	732	
November	559	550	475	27,170	43,668	1,531	2,131	8,725	35	764	
December	508	480	404	26,481	44,106	1,756	1,320	8,069	60	690	
January	486	497	419	27,079	40,655	1,754	1,375	11,043	348	603	
February	489	548	427	25,626	43,668	1,890	807	6,168	..	650	
March	522	504	352	27,976	42,526	1,588	2,189	8,603	..	722	
April	484	517	427	24,143	48,969	2,146	1,643	10,051	354	698	
May	535	520	495	19,263	46,417	1,750	1,750	8,289	..	..	

(a) Except for pig iron, steel ingots and refined gold from scrap, excludes secondary metal. (b) Metallic content. (c) Lead bullion for export. (d) Gross wet weight. (e) Includes recovery from scrap. (f) Year ended May. (g) July to March. (h) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 5, page 3. (i) Based on the price fixed by the Reserve Bank. Includes allowance for premiums on sales of gold overseas and for industrial purposes in Australia. Excludes subsidy.



TABLE 3. - EXPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA (a)

Commodity (b)	Quantity					Value (\$'000)					
	July-May				May 1972	July-May				May 1972	
	1969-70	1970-71	1970-71	1971-72		1969-70	1970-71	1970-71	1971-72		
<b>METALLIC MINERALS AND METALS (c)</b>											
<b>Non-ferrous -</b>											
<b>Copper -</b>											
Concentrate	tons	64,082	138,003	132,992	140,213	33,314	14,620	32,031	30,908	26,884	7,097
Blister	"	7,903	6,862	6,214	5,775	568	13,256	8,992	8,316	6,643	679
Refined	"	38,014	35,446	29,440	48,715	5,519	54,733	35,521	29,454	45,027	5,150
Matte, slags, etc.	"	12,401	8,239	6,246	4,523	719	6,889	3,332	2,659	1,442	199
<b>Lead -</b>											
Concentrate	tons	119,468	81,784	77,148	86,571	5,690	23,320	16,290	15,351	14,998	781
Bullion	"	167,074	176,971	151,978	126,570	14,783	60,461	56,455	49,555	35,569	4,706
Refined	"	159,064	121,210	110,717	121,936	5,415	42,944	29,023	26,660	26,624	1,411
Slags and residues	"	3,189	2,987	2,974	2,235	246	934	586	582	417	53
<b>Zinc -</b>											
Concentrate	tons	430,216	381,217	370,109	338,468	20,865	30,503	25,739	25,018	25,172	1,535
Refined	"	152,273	134,506	129,077	166,981	11,339	38,736	35,671	34,236	46,883	3,360
Slags and residues	"	5,452	5,761	5,533	5,046	185	373	513	505	366	40
<b>Tin -</b>											
Concentrate	tons	7,031	6,243	5,595	8,017	927	10,453	7,636	6,961	10,644	1,406
Refined	"	557	1,427	1,382	2,039	147	1,791	4,535	4,377	6,346	517
<b>Aluminium (d) -</b>											
Alumina	'000 tons	n.a.	1,778	(e)	(e)	(e)	80,987	95,125	(e)	(e)	(e)
Refined	tons	49,724	78,403	72,761	86,210	6,351	22,972	35,962	33,455	34,724	2,300
<b>Ferrous and alloy -</b>											
<b>Iron ore -</b>											
Pellets	'000 tons	5,048	5,539	5,136	4,890	330	58,830	62,802	58,160	53,438	3,545
Fines	"	7,608	13,265	12,075	16,676	1,585	48,731	81,101	73,876	99,928	9,435
Lump	"	20,588	28,753	25,739	24,824	2,055	170,249	231,485	207,782	200,263	16,975
<b>Manganese ore</b>											
Pyrites	tons	630,470	692,541	652,829	711,802	84,512	11,440	12,961	12,280	12,826	1,494
<b>Tungsten -</b>											
Scheelite concentrate	tons	1,409	1,205	1,145	1,730	315	4,225	3,607	3,427	4,715	652
Wolfram concentrate	"	949	986	926	730	117	3,494	4,100	3,915	2,024	267
Pig iron	tons	306,156	383,567	350,953	449,010	44,480	14,742	21,587	19,834	20,575	1,606
Steel ingots, blooms	"	444,077	115,359	110,067	230,943	36,751	30,945	9,596	9,257	15,172	2,269
<b>Mineral sands -</b>											
Ilmenite concentrate (f)	tons	586,798	630,935	609,836	490,701	59,784	5,888	6,471	6,325	5,238	668
Rutile concentrate	"	340,964	374,906	330,886	272,402	17,186	30,209	36,399	32,597	32,237	1,990
Zircon concentrate	"	345,495	357,424	335,886	328,135	25,071	13,489	13,200	12,285	11,968	972
<b>Precious -</b>											
Gold, refined	f oz	473,411	72,354	72,354	119,519	39,963	16,377	2,305	2,305	4,573	1,622
Silver, refined	'000 f oz	7,942	7,959	7,795	6,599	887	13,350	12,237	11,996	8,761	1,283
<b>FUEL MINERALS</b>											
Coal, black	'000 tons	17,345	18,697	17,023	19,945	2,217	164,498	193,725	175,917	219,640	25,142

(a) In addition to the commodities listed, significant quantities of nickel ores and concentrates are also exported, but details are not available for publication. (b) The Australian Export Commodity Classification for each commodity in this table is shown in Appendix A. (c) Quantities shown for metallic minerals are gross quantities, not metallic contents. Principal metallic contents of selected ores and concentrates exported are shown in Table 4. (d) In addition to alumina and refined aluminium, significant quantities of bauxite are exported, but details are not available for publication. (e) Available on an annual basis only. (f) Includes beneficiated ilmenite.

TABLE 4. - PRINCIPAL METALLIC CONTENTS OF SELECTED ORES AND CONCENTRATES ETC. EXPORTED, AUSTRALIA (a)

Particulars	Metallic contents - estimated from assay								
	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Tin	Iron	Manganese	Tungstic oxide (b)	Gold	Silver
	tons	tons	tons	tons	'000 tons	tons	units	f oz	'000 f oz
1968-69	20,352	205,893	181,991	3,823	13,103	254,908	169,897	102,502	11,948
1969-70	25,364	253,933	231,201	3,871	21,349	293,891	164,938	126,960	15,907
1970-71	44,328	238,580	207,538	2,816	30,704	318,850	151,351	218,820	12,117
July to May -									
1970-71	41,724	210,486	201,499	2,551	27,745	301,207	143,343	209,312	10,509
1971-72	42,110	183,335	188,586	4,130	29,657	332,410	169,991	93,725	9,752
May 1972 -									
Copper concentrate	8,042	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,993	94
Blister copper	566	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,874	3
Copper matte, slags, etc.	119	471	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Lead concentrate	199	2,673	1,064	..	..	..	..	4,107	229
Lead bullion	..	14,695	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,106
Lead slags and residues	55	132	13	2	..	..	..	..	6
Zinc concentrate	..	126	10,850	..	..	..	..	..	5
Zinc slags and residues	..	..	161	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tin concentrate	4	..	..	496	..	..	..	..	..
Iron ore - Pellets	..	..	..	..	215	..	..	..	..
Fines	..	..	..	..	988	..	..	..	..
Lump	..	..	..	..	1,343	..	..	..	..
Manganese ore	..	..	..	..	..	39,856	..	..	..
Scheelite concentrate	..	..	..	..	..	..	21,430	..	..
Wolfram concentrate	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,510	..	..
<b>Total May 1972</b>	<b>8,985</b>	<b>18,097</b>	<b>12,088</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>2,546</b>	<b>39,856</b>	<b>29,940</b>	<b>12,974</b>	<b>1,468</b>

(a) The Australian Export Commodity Classification for each commodity in this table is shown in Appendix A. (b) 1 unit = 22.4 lb.

TABLE 5. - IMPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA

Commodity (a)	Quantity					Value (\$'000)					
	July-May		July-May		May 1972	July-May		July-May		May 1972	
	1969-70	1970-71	1970-71	1971-72		1969-70	1970-71	1970-71	1971-72		
<b>METALS</b>											
Tin refined	tons	103	117	97	92	2	347	376	313	292	7
Nickel (pigs, anodes, etc.)	"	1,466	2,104	2,031	1,456	261	5,372	8,781	8,583	3,677	658
Ferro-alloys	"	30,589	37,243	34,770	26,417	775	12,748	11,660	10,765	7,944	202
Gold -											
Unrefined bullion (b)	f oz	129,287	103,254	93,673	67,236	312	4,146	3,416	3,081	2,328	10
Refined	"	62,230	8,167	8,167	124	..	2,389	232	232	5	..
<b>FUEL MINERALS</b>											
Petroleum, crude (c)	mil. gals	5,096	3,011	2,811	2,194	202	200,356	121,325	112,094	104,464	9,723
<b>NON-METALLIC MINERALS</b>											
Asbestos	short tons	65,447	79,015	74,009	61,921	5,326	8,572	10,705	10,176	8,956	677
Diamonds -											
Industrial	metric carat	963,226	744,802	708,924	508,083	25,985	3,626	3,106	2,960	2,112	86
Gemstone	metric carat	33,826	49,847	43,532	43,173	2,624	5,447	6,573	5,642	5,574	334
Phosphate rock	'000 tons	2,746	2,074	1,885	1,502	116	28,875	22,174	20,163	16,822	1,282
Potassium fertilisers	tons	127,347	150,847	129,275	138,343	12,946	3,432	4,793	3,991	3,856	355
Sulphur	tons	427,300	269,024	219,119	241,928	13,748	10,786	4,906	4,020	4,239	172

(a) The Australian Import Commodity Classification for each commodity in this table is shown in Appendix B. (b) Gold content. (c) Includes also topped and enriched crudes and refinery feedstock.

TABLE 6. - EXPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND METALS BY COUNTRY OF CONSIGNMENT, AUSTRALIA (a) (b)

Country	Quantity					Value (\$'000)				
	July-May				May 1972	July-May				May 1972
	1969-70	1970-71	1970-71	1971-72		1969-70	1970-71	1970-71	1971-72	
<b>REFINED COPPER</b>										
	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons					
Germany, Fed. Rep.	5,626	12,036	10,368	14,869	1,922	8,115	11,944	10,181	13,731	1,792
United Kingdom	12,715	7,625	6,640	11,525	1,472	18,611	7,595	6,634	10,598	1,370
France	5,258	6,444	6,100	11,861	1,625	7,522	6,595	6,252	10,950	1,511
Japan	5,895	5,395	2,452	6,003	..	8,454	5,373	2,433	5,566	..
Other countries	8,520	3,945	3,880	4,457	500	12,032	4,013	3,954	4,183	477
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,014</b>	<b>35,445</b>	<b>29,440</b>	<b>48,715</b>	<b>5,519</b>	<b>54,733</b>	<b>35,521</b>	<b>29,454</b>	<b>45,027</b>	<b>5,150</b>
<b>LEAD BULLION</b>										
	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons					
United Kingdom	144,130	142,885	129,878	104,669	13,025	54,445	47,499	43,392	30,344	4,278
Netherlands	16,943	27,208	15,222	11,507	1,008	4,432	7,058	4,265	2,676	240
Germany, Fed. Rep.	4,002	6,878	6,878	10,342	750	1,171	1,898	1,898	2,516	188
Other countries	1,999	..	..	52	..	413	..	..	32	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>167,074</b>	<b>176,971</b>	<b>151,978</b>	<b>126,570</b>	<b>14,783</b>	<b>60,461</b>	<b>56,455</b>	<b>49,555</b>	<b>35,569</b>	<b>4,706</b>
<b>REFINED LEAD</b>										
	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons					
United Kingdom	62,785	47,466	40,588	44,406	3,412	17,032	11,099	9,588	9,257	869
United States of America	57,495	38,797	38,797	38,875	401	15,032	9,098	9,098	8,393	94
India	18,493	16,120	12,745	10,730	..	5,244	3,948	3,156	2,457	..
Other countries	20,291	18,827	18,587	27,925	1,602	5,637	4,878	4,818	6,517	448
<b>Total</b>	<b>159,064</b>	<b>121,210</b>	<b>110,717</b>	<b>121,936</b>	<b>5,415</b>	<b>42,944</b>	<b>29,023</b>	<b>26,660</b>	<b>26,624</b>	<b>1,411</b>
<b>ZINC CONCENTRATE</b>										
	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons					
United Kingdom	196,133	175,376	175,376	109,533	..	14,200	11,750	11,750	7,339	..
Japan	158,523	120,722	116,975	79,621	8,286	11,563	8,689	8,438	6,297	692
Belgium	18,277	33,730	26,369	28,608	..	1,069	2,067	1,597	2,567	..
Norway	23,501	33,058	33,058	39,463	..	1,401	2,032	2,032	3,361	..
India	19,214	9,992	9,992	8,486	..	1,382	669	669	606	..
Other countries	14,568	8,339	8,339	72,757	12,579	888	531	531	5,001	843
<b>Total</b>	<b>430,216</b>	<b>381,217</b>	<b>370,109</b>	<b>338,468</b>	<b>20,865</b>	<b>30,503</b>	<b>25,739</b>	<b>25,018</b>	<b>25,172</b>	<b>1,535</b>

(a) The Australian Export Commodity Classification for each commodity in this table is shown in Appendix A. (b) Quantities shown for metallic minerals are gross quantities, not metallic contents. Principal metallic contents of selected ores and concentrates exported are shown in Table 4.

TABLE 6. — EXPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND METALS BY COUNTRY OF CONSIGNMENT, AUSTRALIA (a) (b) — continued

Country	Quantity					Value (\$'000)				
	July-May				May 1972	July-May				May 1972
	1969-70	1970-71	1970-71	1971-72		1969-70	1970-71	1970-71	1971-72	
REFINED ZINC										
	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons					
United States of America	27,296	26,490	26,460	38,271	3,516	6,648	7,284	7,276	10,510	1,076
India	10,513	22,903	21,367	18,564	1,366	2,770	6,063	5,667	5,283	414
New Zealand	14,526	15,492	14,957	12,160	239	3,785	4,080	3,935	3,644	80
United Kingdom	18,283	15,328	15,297	37,709	1,000	4,523	3,841	3,833	9,191	115
Thailand	12,113	9,398	9,280	15,287	1,328	3,176	2,517	2,486	4,557	410
China, Mainland	14,000	1,968	1,968	..	..	3,688	517	517	..	..
Other countries	55,542	42,927	39,748	44,990	3,890	14,146	11,368	10,522	13,698	1,265
<b>Total</b>	<b>152,273</b>	<b>134,506</b>	<b>129,077</b>	<b>166,931</b>	<b>11,339</b>	<b>38,736</b>	<b>35,671</b>	<b>34,236</b>	<b>46,883</b>	<b>3,360</b>
IRON ORE										
	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons					
Japan	28,903	41,324	37,389	40,605	3,561	244,677	330,808	300,109	309,559	26,822
Germany, Fed. Rep.	796	1,404	1,354	1,509	128	5,997	10,294	10,038	10,532	965
United Kingdom	542	983	586	509	..	4,494	7,761	4,700	4,021	..
France	508	801	801	376	..	3,962	5,637	5,637	3,039	..
United States of America	583	780	604	670	53	4,559	5,378	3,957	5,919	534
Other countries	1,912	2,263	2,215	2,722	228	14,119	15,509	15,378	20,560	1,634
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,244</b>	<b>47,557</b>	<b>42,950</b>	<b>46,390</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>277,810</b>	<b>375,388</b>	<b>339,818</b>	<b>353,629</b>	<b>29,955</b>
MINERAL SANDS (c)										
	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons					
Japan	312,378	368,707	346,627	2,337,372	28,296	8,348	9,293	8,440	8,385	1,282
United States of America	314,021	310,885	278,544	208,954	13,177	17,454	21,961	18,830	16,048	1,123
United Kingdom	273,661	306,332	305,755	265,929	31,910	6,798	6,866	6,814	7,097	418
Netherlands	70,380	80,097	77,575	43,487	106	3,798	4,434	4,366	3,468	5
Other countries	302,817	297,244	268,107	349,496	28,552	13,188	13,617	12,757	14,445	803
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,273,257</b>	<b>1,363,265</b>	<b>1,276,608</b>	<b>1,091,238</b>	<b>102,041</b>	<b>49,586</b>	<b>46,070</b>	<b>51,207</b>	<b>49,443</b>	<b>3,630</b>
BLACK COAL										
	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons					
Japan	16,260	15,915	14,524	16,772	1,972	153,566	165,116	150,509	185,452	22,364
Netherlands	154	945	785	1,165	51	1,359	9,014	7,431	12,060	479
Germany, Fed. Rep.	518	526	489	253	81	5,196	4,855	4,487	2,781	1,117
New Caledonia	171	286	271	129	..	1,677	3,138	2,954	1,652	..
Other countries	242	1,026	954	1,626	113	2,700	11,602	10,536	17,695	1,183
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,345</b>	<b>18,697</b>	<b>17,023</b>	<b>19,945</b>	<b>2,217</b>	<b>164,498</b>	<b>193,725</b>	<b>175,917</b>	<b>219,640</b>	<b>25,142</b>

(a) The Australian Export Commodity Classification for each commodity in this table is shown in Appendix A. (b) Quantities shown for metallic minerals are gross quantities not metallic contents. Principal metallic contents of selected ores and concentrates exported are shown in Table 4. (c) Includes beneficiated ilmenite.



TABLE 8. - PRICES OF SELECTED ORES AND CONCENTRATES, AUSTRALIAN AND OVERSEAS MARKETS (a)

Period	Tin		Wolfram		Ilmenite (c)		Rutile (c)		Zircon (c)	
	Aust. (b)	U.K. (c)	Aust.	U.K.	Aust.	U.K.	Aust.	U.K.	Aust.	U.K.
	(\$A/ltu)	(£Stg/ltu)	(\$A-ton)	(£Stg-metric ton)	(\$A-ton)	(£Stg-metric ton)	(\$A-ton)	(£Stg-metric ton)	(\$A-ton)	(£Stg-metric ton)
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
1968-69	25.98	18.00-22.50	9-10	(d)7.50-9.50	88-124	(d)48.50-66.00	42-50	(d)26.25-30.00		
1969-70	30.90	21.00-38.00	9-11	(d)7.50-9.50	124-150	(d)66.00-79.00	35-47	(d)25.25-27.75		
1970-71	28.66	22.80-36.75	11	7.38-11.32	145-150	74.78-79.72	35-39	24.85-28.05		
1971-72 -										
Highest	29.68	22.00	12	11.32	150	79.72	39	28.05		
Lowest	27.50	14.00	11	9.35	115	64.00	35	26.82		
1970-71 -										
April	28.85	25.25-26.25	11	9.35-11.32	145-150	76.77-79.72	35-39	26.82-28.05		
May	29.03	25.00-26.00	11	9.35-11.32	145-150	76.77-79.72	35-39	26.82-28.05		
June	28.23	22.80-24.00	11	9.35-11.32	145-150	76.77-79.72	35-39	26.82-28.05		
1971-72 -										
July	28.21	20.50-21.50	11	9.35-11.32	145-150	76.77-79.72	35-39	26.82-28.05		
August	28.05	17.00-18.50	11	9.35-11.32	145-150	76.77-79.72	35-39	26.82-28.05		
September	27.73	16.40-18.00	11	9.35-11.32	145-150	76.77-79.72	35-39	26.82-28.05		
October	27.77	18.50-20.50	11	9.35-11.32	145-150	76.77-79.72	35-39	26.82-28.05		
November	27.62	20.00-22.00	11	9.35-11.32	145-150	76.77-79.72	35-39	26.82-28.05		
December	27.90	17.50-18.75	11	9.35-11.32	145-150	76.77-79.72	35-39	26.82-28.05		
January	27.50	16.00-17.50	11	9.35-11.32	145-150	76.77-79.72	35-39	26.82-28.05		
February	27.80	16.00-17.50	11	9.35-11.32	145-150	76.77-79.72	35-39	26.82-28.05		
March	28.28	16.00-17.00	11	9.35-11.32	145-150	76.77-79.72	35-39	26.82-28.05		
April	29.68	15.50-16.50	11-12	9.35-11.32	135-138	76.77-79.72	35-39	26.82-28.05		
May	29.36	14.00-14.50	11-12	9.35-11.32	115-125	64.00-68.00	35-39	26.82-28.05		

(a) The numerals shown at the head of each column are reference numbers which relate to the detailed price specifications set out in Appendix C. Appendix C also sets out explanations for abbreviations used, and currency and quantity equivalents for the units referred to in this table. (b) Monthly prices are average prices on the first trading day of the month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices. (c) Monthly prices are a range from the lowest price to the highest on the first trading day of the period indicated. Annual prices are a range of lowest and highest prices derived from these monthly prices. (d) £Stg per ton.

TABLE 9. - EXPORT PRICE INDEX, AUSTRALIA (a)  
(Base: Year 1959-60 = 100)

Period	Metals and coal (b)	Gold	All groups
1968-69	123	117	102
1969-70	(c) 143	(c) 109	(c) (d) 103
1970-71	139	109	101
1970-71 -			
April	138	112	102
May	138	115	104
June	136	115	102
1971-72 -			
July	141	116	103
August	138	123	102
September	136	118	100
October	133	120	99
November	132	119	100
December	135	121	100
January	135	122	102
February	139	129	105
March	142	133	108
April	143	134	109
May	141	141	110

(a) See Appendix D for details on this index. (b) Comprises iron and steel, copper, zinc, lead, silver, and coal. (c) Interim series linked as at June 1969. (d) Includes in addition to the items of the previous series, the four items iron ore, bauxite, alumina, and mineral sands.

TABLE 10. - COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS TO THE MINERAL INDUSTRY AND TO THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY FOR PRODUCTS OF MINERAL ORIGIN, AUSTRALIA (\$'000)

Period	Petroleum exploration (a) (b)	Gold mining (b) (c)	Pyrites mining (d)	Sulphuric acid production (e)	Phosphate fertiliser production (f)
1968-69	12,497	1,810	..	988	31,665
1969-70	14,302	1,871	..	740	45,820
1970-71	9,643	2,881	568	489	40,815
July to May -					
1970-71	7,556	2,880	246	489	36,086
1971-72	5,895	1,356	1,055	751	39,443
1970-71 -					
April	100	1	..	..	7,004
May	780	550	120	76	5,103
June	2,087	2	322	..	4,729
1971-72 -					
July	61	..	92	183	3,033
August	977	234	..	84	1,275
September	469	255	..	..	1,547
October	187	139	62	2	1,574
November	461	108	212	..	1,658
December	982	165	..	159	1,689
January	764	86	77	78	2,377
February	365	204	..	98	3,839
March	991	58	..	72	7,117
April	329	21	339	..	8,071
May	309	87	201	76	7,262

(a) Petroleum Search Subsidy Act 1959-1969. (b) Includes Papua New Guinea. (c) Gold Mining Industry Assistance Act 1954-1972. (d) Pyrites Bounty Act 1960-1971. (e) Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act 1954-1971. (f) Phosphate Fertilisers Bounty Act 1963-1971.

TABLE 11. - CHANGES IN STOCKS OF GOLD BULLION HELD IN AUSTRALIA

Period	Gold bullion							
	Supplies			Disposals			Change in stocks held in Australia (c)	Gold specie - net surplus of imports
	Refinery production (a)	Imports (b)	Total	Exports	Net industrial consumption	Total		
	f oz	f oz	f oz	f oz	f oz	f oz	f oz	\$A
1968-69	637,267	118,385	755,652	447,929	305,727	753,656	+ 1,996	31,861
1969-70	546,677	191,517	738,194	473,411	427,463	900,874	-162,680	33,449
1970-71	485,646	111,422	597,068	72,354	834,443	906,797	-309,729	19,293
July to May -								
1970-71	446,307	101,840	548,147	72,354	778,092	850,446	-302,299	27,072
1971-72	506,234	67,360	573,594	119,519	876,877	996,396	-422,802	74,998
1970-71 -								
April	51,723	12,036	63,759	..	60,813	60,813	+ 2,946	6,044
May	36,534	6,423	42,957	..	101,478	101,478	-58,521	-13,898
June	39,339	9,582	48,921	..	56,351	56,351	- 7,430	- 7,779
1971-72 -								
July	39,481	6,095	45,576	32	52,985	53,017	- 7,441	-13,583
August	45,961	6,727	52,688	9,644	108,888	118,532	-65,844	3,955
September	46,128	7,941	54,069	28,964	79,494	108,458	-54,389	3,271
October	52,643	11,085	63,728	..	103,656	103,656	-39,928	9,681
November	45,834	7,160	52,994	9,644	96,114	105,758	-52,764	9,972
December	45,486	14,077	59,563	28,932	45,251	74,183	-14,620	17,069
January	42,378	8,200	50,578	..	114,505	114,505	-63,927	17,749
February	44,475	4,144	48,619	..	26,010	26,010	+22,609	5,511
March	44,715	542	45,257	2,340	130,160	132,500	- 87,243	8,149
April	50,966	1,077	52,043	..	130,036	130,036	+ 22,007	3,790
May	48,167	312	48,479	39,963	89,778	129,741	- 81,262	9,434

(a) Refinery production from newly-won gold of Australian origin and scrap of domestic and overseas origin. (b) Includes gold content of gold bullion imported for refining in Australia. (c) Includes changes in holdings in Australia by official and banking institutions both on their own behalf and that of non-residents.

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APPENDIX A  
 AUSTRALIAN EXPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (A.E.C.C.) 1971-72  
 ITEMS INCLUDED IN TABLES 3, 4 and 6

Commodity	Statistical item	Description
<b>Non-ferrous -</b>		
<b>Copper -</b>		
Concentrate	283.11.00	Ores and concentrates of copper
Blister	682.11.09	Black blister, rough or standard copper
Refined	682.12.01	Refined copper
Matte, slags, etc.	284.00.23	Copper-lead dross and speiss
	284.00.24	Copper slags and residues
	283.12.00	Copper matte (including copper-lead matte)
<b>Lead -</b>		
Concentrate	283.40.00	Ores and concentrates of lead
Bullion	685.10.11	Bullion (lead and silver-lead)
Refined	685.10.19	Unworked n.e.i.
Slags and residues	284.00.25	Lead slags and residues
<b>Zinc -</b>		
Concentrate	283.50.00	Ores and concentrates of zinc
Refined	686.10.00	Unworked zinc and zinc alloys
Slags and residues	284.00.27	Zinc slags and residues
<b>Tin -</b>		
Concentrate	283.60.00	Ores and concentrates of tin
Refined	687.10.01	Refined tin
<b>Aluminium -</b>		
Alumina	513.65.01	Alumina
Refined	684.10.00	Unworked aluminium and aluminium alloys
<b>Ferrous and alloy -</b>		
<b>Iron ore -</b>		
Pellets	281.30.01	Pellets
Fines	281.30.05	Fines
Lump	281.30.09	Other (including lump and run-of-mine)
<b>Manganese ores and concentrates</b>		
	283.70.01	In bulk
	283.70.09	In bags
<b>Tungsten -</b>		
Scheelite concentrate	283.92.09	Scheelite
Wolfram concentrate	283.92.01	Wolfram
<b>Pig iron</b>		
	671.10.00	Spiegeleisen
	671.20.00	Pig iron and cast iron
<b>Steel ingots, blooms</b>	672.40.01	Ingots, blocks, lumps and similar forms of iron or steel
	672.40.09	Other
	672.51.00	Blooms, billets, slabs, sheet bars and roughly forged pieces (except of high carbon or alloy steel)
	672.54.00	Blooms, billets, slabs, sheet bars and roughly forged pieces of high carbon or alloy steel
<b>Mineral sands -</b>		
<b>Ilmenite concentrate</b>		
	283.93.13	In bulk
	283.93.15	In bags, drums and similar containers
<b>Rutile concentrate</b>		
	283.93.02	In bulk
	283.93.03	In bags, drums and similar containers
<b>Zircon concentrate</b>		
	283.93.22	In bulk
	283.93.23	In bags, drums and similar containers
<b>Precious -</b>		
<b>Gold, refined</b>		
	991.00.03	Mint bullion (i.e. in the form accepted in inter-bank transactions)
	991.00.08	Refined bullion (except mint bullion)
	681.10.01	Mint bullion (i.e. in the form accepted in inter-bank transactions)
<b>Silver, refined</b>		
	681.10.09	Other
<b>Coal, black</b>		
	321.40.00	Coal (anthracite, bituminous and sub-bituminous)

APPENDIX B  
 AUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (A.I.C.C.) 1971-72  
 INCLUDED IN TABLE 5

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Statistical Item</i>	<i>Description</i>
Tin refined	687.10.01	Tin
Nickel, pigs, anodes, etc.	683.10.01	Pellets; shot; granulated
	683.10.02	Other
	683.24.00	Electroplating anodes of nickel
Ferro-alloys	671.40.09	Ferro-manganese
	671.50.02	Ferro-chromium
	671.50.03	Ferro-molybdenum
	671.50.04	Ferro-nickel
	671.50.05	Ferro-silicon
Gold - Unrefined bullion	991.00.02	Unrefined bullion
	991.00.03	Mint bullion (i.e. in the form accepted in inter-bank transactions)
Refined forms	991.00.04	Refined bullion (except mint bullion)
	331.01.00	Crude petroleum
Petroleum, crude	331.02.01	Topped crudes
	331.02.02	Crude petroleum, enriched with a distillate from crude petroleum
	331.02.09	Other oils for use as refinery feed-stock (including enriched residuals)
	331.02.09	
Asbestos	276.40.01	Amosite
	276.40.02	Chrysotile (white)
	276.40.09	Other
Diamonds - Industrial	275.10.01	Uncut
	275.10.09	Other
	275.21.01	Diamond dust and powder
Gemstone	667.20.00	Gemstone diamonds
Phosphate rock	271.30.00	Natural phosphates, whether or not ground
Potassium fertilisers	561.30.01	Potassium chloride
	561.30.02	Potassium sulphate
	561.30.09	Other
Sulphur	274.10.01	In bulk
	274.10.09	Bagged or otherwise packed

APPENDIX C  
PRICES OF SELECTED METALS AND MINERALS (TABLES 7 AND 8)

Reference number	Particulars of Price Bases
1.	Refined electrolytic copper, ex-smelter Port Kembla.
2.	Refined electrolytic copper wirebars, L.M.E. warehouse, mid-day cash price, average of buyers' and sellers' quotes, L.M.E.
3.	Refined soft pig lead, f.o.b. Port Pirie.
4.	Refined soft pig lead, L.M.E. warehouse, mid-day cash price, average of buyers' and sellers' quotes, L.M.E.
5.	Refined soft pig lead, ex-warehouse, mid-day New York.
6.	Zinc, g.o.b. grade, delivered Melbourne, Sydney, Port Kembla and Adelaide.
7.	Zinc, g.o.b. grade, L.M.E. warehouse, mid-day cash price, average of buyers' and sellers' quotes, L.M.E.
8.	Zinc, g.o.b. grade, producers' base price.
9.	Zinc, Prime Western, f.o.b. East St Louis.
10.	Refined tin, domestic 5 ton lots, ex-works or delivered buyers' premises.
11.	Refined tin, L.M.E. warehouse, mid-day cash price, average of buyers' and sellers' quotes, L.M.E.
12.	Refined tin, ex-works, Penang.
13.	Refined nickel, delivered.
14.	Refined aluminium, 99.5% domestic, 1-20K ingots, c.i.f. capital cities.
15.	Refined aluminium, min. 99.5% domestic, delivered.
16.	Australian gold sold on Australian premium markets. The Reserve Bank official price is \$31.25 per fine ounce. Prices quoted relate to month in which sales contract was negotiated.
17.	Australian gold sold on overseas premium markets by Gold Producers Association. Prices relate to the month in which gold sales contracts are negotiated with exporters and do not necessarily relate to the month in which the gold is actually delivered and/or exported.
18.	Refined gold, spot, London open market.
19.	Refined silver, spot, London.
20.	Concentrates, per ltu of contained tin, 70% Sn grade, delivered Sydney.
21.	Concentrates, per ltu of WO <sub>3</sub> grade, standard quality, c.i.f. Europe.
22.	Nominal prices*, concentrates, 52-54% TiO <sub>2</sub> , f.o.b. Bunbury.
23.	Concentrates, 52-54% TiO <sub>2</sub> , Malaysian origin, c.i.f. Europe.
24.	Nominal prices*, concentrates, 95-97% TiO <sub>2</sub> , bagged f.o.b./f.o.r.
25.	Concentrates, 95-97% TiO <sub>2</sub> , Australian origin, c.i.f. Europe.
26.	Nominal prices*, concentrates, standard grade, minimum 65% ZrO <sub>2</sub> , f.o.b.
27.	Concentrates, 66-67% ZrO <sub>2</sub> , c.i.f. Europe.

\* These domestic prices for ores and concentrates are nominal, the prices quoted being subject to negotiation between the producer and purchaser. Ore and concentrate prices will also vary according to grade and possible impurities, and in many cases with size of the ore parcel.

#### Abbreviations used

c.i.f.	cost, insurance, freight
f.o.b.	free on board
f.o.r.	free on rail
g.o.b.	good ordinary brand
L.M.E.	London Metal Exchange
ltu	long ton unit

#### Currency and quantity equivalents

Unit	Equivalent to -
\$Mal 1	\$A 0.29
£ Stg 1	\$A 2.15
\$US 1	\$A 0.85
ltu	22.4 lb
metric ton	2204.6 lb
picul	133 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> lb
short ton	2,000 lb
ton	2,240 lb
1 Stg new pence	dStg 2.4 old pence

APPENDIX D  
EXPORT PRICE INDEX (TABLE 9)

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1. Figures from July 1969 have been compiled on an interim basis which incorporates a re-weighting (1969-70 basis) of the items contained in the previous series and the inclusion of some additional items. The interim series have been linked to the previous series at June 1969. A comprehensive review and re-basing of the index is expected to be completed later this year.
2. The base of each index is -  
Year 1959-60 = 100.
3. The *All groups* index includes wool, meats, dairy produce, cereals, dried and canned fruit, sugar, hides and tallow, metals and coal, gold, and from July 1969, iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands.
4. A detailed description of the index as constructed up to June 1969 is given in *Year Book* No. 57, 1971, pages 238-240. The interim series was introduced in the July 1970 issue of *Export Price Index* (Reference No. 9.2).