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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bulletin contains preliminary statistics for 1967 of mineral production, and overseas trade in minerals and mineral products. Comparative data for 1966 are also included.

2. The data for 1967 are preliminary and subject to revision when the 1967 annual Mining and Quarrying Census is finalised. Final figures for 1967 will be published in the statistical bulletin "Minerals and Mineral Products", No. 4, 1967, due to be published early in 1969.
3. The 1967 data in Tables 1 and 2 were compiled from preliminary results of the 1967 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. 3, 1966. Complete details relating to scope, sources of data, coverage, etc., of the statistics published herein are set out on page 4 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 or not available for publication.

TABLE 1. - VALUE OF MINERALS PRODUCED, AUSTRALIA

(\$'000)

	1966	1967p	Variation 1967 on 1966 (%)
<u>Minerals -</u>			
Metallic	327,633	374,347	+14.3
Fuel	180,675	202,109	+11.9
Non-metallic (excluding fuel)	31,951	30,648	- 4.1
Construction materials	83,449	91,926	+10.2
<u>Total minerals</u>	<u>623,708</u>	<u>699,030</u>	<u>+12.1</u>
<u>States -</u>			
New South Wales	262,358	274,195	+ 4.5
Victoria	53,105	57,324	+ 7.9
Queensland	138,483	136,634	- 1.3
South Australia	41,954	39,254	- 6.4
Western Australia	78,918	134,108	+69.9
Tasmania	34,561	37,235	+ 7.7
Northern Territory	13,283	19,193	+44.5
Australian Capital Territory	1,046	1,087	+ 3.9

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

Mineral	1966	1967p	Mineral	1966	1967p		
METALLIC							
Antimony ore	tons	..	2	Gold ore	tons	..	6
	\$'000	..	..		\$'000	..	..
Antimony con- tent	tons	..	..	Gold content	f oz	..	3
Antimony concentrate	tons	150	152	Silver content	f oz	..	5
	\$'000	43	54	Gold bullion	'000 oz	1,079	1,001
Antimony content	tons	98	91		\$'000	26,371	24,434
Bauxite	'000 tons	1,798	4,177	Gold content	'000 f oz	720	649
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> content	'000 tons	939	2,258	Silver content	'000 f oz	257	258
Beryllium ore	tons	52	55	Platinum content	oz	13	..
	\$'000	14	20	Ilmenite concentrate	tons	513,011	537,721
BeO content	units	637	675		\$'000	4,242	4,499
Bismuth con- centrate	lb	1,178	237,888	TiO <sub>2</sub> content	tons	280,841	294,346
	\$'000	2	130	Iron ore	'000 tons	10,922	17,036
Bismuth con- tent	lb	717	25,536		\$'000	41,728	83,168
Copper con- tent	tons	..	6	Iron content	'000 tons	6,974	10,928
Gold content	f oz	..	1,259	Iron oxide	tons	48,374	53,740
Silver content	f oz	..	212		\$'000	289	429
Chromite	tons	..	138	for gas purification	tons	1,072	579
	\$'000	..	7	for cement manufacture	tons	24,183	27,949
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> content	tons	..	44	for coal washing	tons	11,565	14,692
Copper ore	tons	52,340	53,897	for flux	tons	11,554	10,520
	\$'000	(a)	(a)	Lead ore	tons	19,221	19,913
Copper content	tons	1,975	1,951		\$'000	(c)	(c)
Gold content	f oz	153	161	Lead content	tons	1,422	1,295
Silver con- tent	f oz	10,656	24,511	Silver content	f oz	57,738	51,003
Copper ore for fertiliser	tons	1,123	2,223	Zinc content	tons	1,040	88
	\$'000	(a)	(a)	Copper content	tons	132	..
Copper content	tons	165	144	Lead concentrate	tons	515,573	536,441
Copper con- centrate	tons	477,967	391,099		\$'000	(d)76,831	(a)73,443
	\$'000	(b)87,523	(b)75,816	Lead content	tons	348,654	355,819
Copper content	tons	101,322	81,742	Silver content	f oz	15,202,175	15,939,754
Gold content	f oz	160,355	112,313	Gold content	f oz	10,842	10,460
Silver con- tent	f oz	1,130,036	899,117	Antimony con- tent	tons	873	810
Copper precip- itate	tons	723	673	Cadmium con- tent	tons	65	66
	\$'000	(a)	(a)	Copper content	tons	3,522	3,624
Copper content	tons	545	438	Zinc content	tons	26,705	27,754
				Sulphur content	tons	57,695	56,490

(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, lead-copper and lead-zinc, concentrates.

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

Mineral		1966	1967p	Mineral		1966	1967p
METALLIC - continued							
Lead-copper concentrate	tons	12,083	12,227	Rutile concentrate	tons	243,858	273,425
	\$'000	(a)	(a)		\$'000	17,088	19,938
Lead content	tons	4,497	4,605	TiO <sub>2</sub> content	tons	235,274	262,483
Copper content	tons	1,196	1,246	Tantalite-columbite concentrate	lb	10,550	51,229
Silver content	f oz	1,107,854	1,113,584		\$'000	19	133
Gold content	f oz	21,430	23,162	Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> + Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> content	lb	5,698	23,510
Zinc content	tons	1,391	1,342	Tin concentrate	tons	7,604	8,567
Sulphur content	tons	3,160	3,081		\$'000	14,332	15,605
Lead-zinc concentrate	tons	14,254	14,685	Tin content	tons	4,807	5,600
	\$'000	(a)	(a)	Tungsten concentrate	tons	1,806	1,660
Lead content	tons	2,309	5,195		\$'000	4,469	4,266
Zinc content	tons	3,342	1,325	Scheelite concentrate	tons	1,308	1,202
Gold content	f oz	..	68	WO <sub>3</sub> content	units	94,133	86,066
Silver content	f oz	273,017	476,410	Wolfram concentrate	tons	498	458
Antimony content	tons	..	29		WO <sub>3</sub> content	units	36,563
Cadmium content	tons	..	11	Xenotime concentrate	tons	..	18
Copper content	tons	..	84		\$'000	..	45
Sulphur content	tons	..	2,206	Xenotime content	lb	..	2,475
Leucocoxene concentrate	tons	756	1,953	Zinc ore for fertiliser	tons	325	198
	\$'000	29	85		\$'000	(b)	(b)
TiO <sub>2</sub> content	tons	630	1,718	Zinc content	tons	55	40
Manganese ore	tons	312,540	548,739	Zinc concentrate	tons	638,788	701,401
	\$'000	3,462	7,349		\$'000	(c) 32,890	(c) 29,440
Metallurgical grade	tons	306,361	548,372	Zinc content	tons	336,808	368,318
Mn content	tons	145,017	255,039	Lead content	tons	8,016	8,117
Battery grade	tons	5,500	..	Silver content	f oz	848,869	952,037
MnO <sub>2</sub> content	tons	3,663	..	Gold content	f oz	4,195	4,499
Other grades	tons	679	367	Cadmium content	tons	1,147	1,247
MnO <sub>2</sub> content	tons	428	228	Cobalt content	tons	84	101
Molybdenite concentrate	lb	8,844	..	Copper content	tons	680	753
	\$'000	6	..	Manganese content	tons	6,384	6,335
MoS <sub>2</sub> content	lb	5,549	..	Sulphur content	tons	203,555	219,392
Monazite concentrate	tons	1,984	2,905	Zircon concentrate	tons	235,649	294,752
	\$'000	203	295		\$'000	8,255	11,048
Monazite content	tons	1,836	2,724	Zircon content	tons	232,903	291,230
Nickel concentrate	tons	..	15,753				
Copper content	tons	..	264				
Nickel content	tons	..	2,061				
Cobalt content	tons	..	45				
Pyrite concentrate	tons	245,998	252,748				
Sulphur content	tons	107,197	111,202				

(a) Not available separately; included with value of lead concentrate. (b) Not available separately; included with value of zinc concentrate. (c) Includes value of zinc ore.

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

Mineral		1966	1967p	Mineral	1966	1967p
FUEL						
Black coal	tons	33,334	34,707	Brown coal		
	\$'000	151,380	160,137	(lignite)		
Semi-anthra-				'000 tons	21,783	23,384
cite	'000 tons	45	39	\$'000	20,064	20,686
Bituminous	'000 tons	30,045	31,298	Crude oil	'000 bls	(a) 7,600
Sub-bituminous					\$'000	(b) 21,286
	'000 tons	3,243	3,370	Natural gas		
Underground				mill cu ft	143	152
'000 tons				\$'000	80	(c)
Open-cut	'000 tons	28,084	29,267	Natural gas		
'000 tons		5,250	5,440	condensate	bls	121
					\$'000	1
						..
NON-METALLIC (EXCLUDING FUEL)						
Asbestos	short tons	13,468	734	Limestone (including		
	\$'000	2,224	112	shell and coral)		
Chrysotile				'000 tons	7,730	8,188
short tons		627	600	\$'000	10,277	10,647
Crocidolite				Lithium ores	tons	933
short tons		12,841	134		\$'000	14
Barite	short tons	13,724	15,666	Li <sub>2</sub> O content units		3,919
	\$'000	199	218	Lean for foundry		
Clays	'000 tons	6,239	6,815	moulding	tons	9,506
	\$'000	7,654	8,110		\$'000	17
Brick clay and				Crude magnesite	tons	19,556
shale	'000 tons	5,118	5,805		\$'000	196
Other	'000 tons	1,121	1,010	Mineral pig-		
Diatomite	tons	7,148	8,316	ments	tons	272
	\$'000	92	56		\$'000	3
Dolomite	tons	256,008	290,615	Pebbles for		
	\$'000	579	674	grinding	tons	1,043
Felspar (including					\$'000	19
cornish stone)	tons	7,259	4,450	Perlite	tons	1,544
	\$'000	81	43		\$'000	3
Garnet concen-				Phosphate rock	tons	5,715
trate	tons	239	591		\$'000	23
	\$'000	4	4	Salt	tons	644,817
Gems -					\$'000	2,626
Opal	\$'000	4,596	3,993	Silica (glass,		
Sapphire	\$'000	345	432	chemical etc.)	tons	347,123
Other	\$'000	123	173		\$'000	533
Gypsum	tons	801,552	777,383	Sillimanite	tons	2,664
	\$'000	2,006	2,017		\$'000	58
Washed	tons	44,497	40,618	Talc (including		
Unwashed	tons	757,055	736,765	steatite and		
				chlorite)	tons	17,327
					\$'000	278
						20,463
						226

(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 1. - EXPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS

## AUSTRALIA

Commodity		Quantity		Value (\$'000)	
		1966	1967p	1966	1967p
<b>METALLIC</b>					
Alumina	tons	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Aluminium and aluminium base alloys -					
Ore (bauxite)	tons	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Refinery type shapes	"	16,210	10,501	7,050	4,926
Rolled, drawn and extruded shapes (excluding wire)	"	6,470	4,835	3,851	3,304
Scrap (including re-melt)	"	1,454	1,126	424	236
Beryllium ore and concentrate	tons	37	637	9	222
Cadmium -					
Ingots and blocks	tons	253	63	980	317
Bars and rods	"	273	404	956	1,639
Copper -					
Concentrate	tons	47,455	44,830	9,603	9,526
Blister	"	6,538	6,893	10,787	8,627
Refinery type shapes	"	7,484	9,325	9,050	8,975
Rolled, drawn and extruded shapes	"	11,907	7,043	12,896	8,102
Wire, single strand, uncovered	"	1,203	155	1,578	197
Scrap (including re-melt)	"	1,537	16	1,467	13
Slags and residues	"	368	102	163	2
Copper-base alloys -					
Primary shapes	tons	291	5	291	8
Rolled, drawn and extruded shapes	"	5,416	2,174	5,311	1,856
Wire, single strand, uncovered	"	114	82	118	68
Scrap	"	2,893	207	2,005	143
Copper-lead dross and speiss	"	3,488	2,195	1,282	599
Copper matte (including copper-lead matte)	"	6,298	3,892	3,665	1,914
Gold -					
Refined forms (excluding specie, leaf and foil)	fos	752,782	561,063	23,583	17,401
Unrefined bullion (gold content)	"	253	1,183	7	37
Ilmenite concentrate	tons	356,462	384,300	3,721	3,896
Iron and steel -					
Iron ore	tons	2,011,979	9,017,084	16,863	75,372
Pig iron	"	95,590	149,587	3,870	6,169
Ingots, blooms, billets (a)	"	347,842	398,635	19,805	23,719
Scrap	"	378,673	475,056	8,510	14,226
Tinplate	"	87,945	56,252	10,651	7,452
Lead -					
Concentrate	tons	109,134	124,016	19,386	23,166
Lead-silver bullion	"	79,534	100,394	21,901	26,901

(a) Includes coils for re-rolling.

TABLE 3. - EXPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS

## AUSTRALIA - continued

Commodity	Quantity		Value (\$'000)		
	1966	1967p	1966	1967p	
METALLIC - continued					
Lead - continued -					
Pig	tons	159,504	147,558	37,786	30,282
Rolled and extruded shapes	"	262	429	91	129
Antimonial lead	"	4,993	3,246	1,113	797
Scrap	"	605	955	90	176
Slags and residues	"	3,981	2,978	679	415
Manganese ore	tons	141,934	314,762	3,370	6,933
Monazite concentrate	tons	2,092	1,858	243	443
Platinum group metal, alloys and powder	oz	3,768	5,920	148	257
Rutile concentrate	tons	231,289	258,791	17,844	19,692
Silver -					
Refined, ingot and bar	'000 f.oz	235	4,168	272	5,705
Refined, other	"	111	1,081	132	1,468
Tantalum and columbium concentrate	tons	17	39	92	156
Tin -					
Concentrate	tons	2,605	3,330	3,574	4,388
Refined and alloys	"	5	102	8	115
Tungsten -					
Scheelite concentrate	tons	1,295	1,239	2,842	3,316
Wolfram concentrate	"	520	399	1,261	1,096
Zinc -					
Concentrate	tons	226,561	289,742	15,442	19,878
Refinery type shapes	"	120,759	96,471	31,069	23,562
Plates and sheets	"	345	247	194	141
Circles and strips	"				
Slags and residues	"	6,530	6,515	535	467
Zircon concentrate	tons	210,428	247,179	8,978	10,720
FUEL					
Coal	tons	8,240,920	9,250,297	66,487	76,203
Coke	tons	116,685	208,590	1,566	2,527
Petroleum oils -					
Crude	'000 gals	..	5,071	..	221
Gasolines and solvents	" "	39,834	56,272	4,842	6,677
Kerosenes	" "	23,677	22,348	2,535	2,680
Automotive distillate, industrial diesel fuels and heavy distillate n.e.i.	" "	91,874	61,622	7,287	5,221
Residual oils	" "	117,684	118,489	5,954	5,540
Lubricating oil	" "	17,661	29,482	5,557	8,818
Petroleum products n.e.i.	" "	n.a.	n.a.	1,559	1,807

**TABLE 3. - EXPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS****AUSTRALIA - continued**

Commodity		Quantity		Value (\$'000)	
		1966	1967p	1966	1967p
<b>NON-METALLIC (EXCLUDING FUEL)</b>					
Asbestos (all types)	short tons	4,644	2,524	911	436
Barite (ground)	tons	4,797	4,174	115	139
Cement, constructional	tons	2,490	1,710	62	43
Clays	tons	3,458	4,813	120	223
Diamonds, industrial	carat	49,026	39,983	204	210
Gypsum	tons	231,510	207,674	1,100	879
Magnesite	tons	1,596	2,185	94	163
Opals	value only	-	-	7,652	8,635
Salt	tons	93,355	87,977	541	463
Talc	tons	7,634	8,648	230	277

**TABLE 4. - IMPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS****AUSTRALIA**

Commodity		Quantity		Value (\$'000)	
		1966	1967p	1966	1967p
<b>METALLIC</b>					
Aluminium and aluminium base alloys -					
Ore (bauxite)	tons	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Alumina	"	51,091	37,047	3,365	2,543
Refinery type shapes	"	461	361	353	232
Rods and bars	"	453	583	368	484
Plates, sheets and strips	"	707	528	793	566
Angles, circles, pipes and tubes	"	202	63	334	103
Foil	"	702	516	1,045	776
Powder	"	257	365	155	254
Wire, single strand, uncovered	"	139	122	301	260
Scrap (including re-melt)	"	937	1,468	308	426
Antimony metal	tons	129	..	88	..
Bismuth metal	lb	16,706	14,614	71	59
Chromium ore and concentrate	tons	4,025	25,115	68	482
Copper -					
Refinery type shapes	tons	17	3,061	19	3,667
Bars, rods, angles and tees	"	23	13	52	19
Plates, sheets and strip	"	26	22	33	29
Pipes and tubes	"	135	297	231	476
Wire, single strand, uncovered	"	26	26	59	74
Powder	"	117	172	200	241
Scrap (including re-melt)	"	247	729	159	459

TABLE 4. - IMPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS

## AUSTRALIA - continued

Commodity	Quantity		Value (\$'000)	
	1966	1967p	1966	1967p
METALLIC - continued				
Copper-base alloys -				
Primary shapes	tons	43	63	72
Rolled, drawn and extruded shapes	"	400	714	655
Wire, single strand, uncovered	"	159	216	293
Scrap	"	326	721	140
Gold -				
Refined forms (excluding specie, leaf and foil)	f.oz	3,062	5,505	106
Unrefined bullion, (gold content)	"	151,462	145,929	4,104
Iron and steel -				
Iron ore	tons	212,794	170,793	479
Ferro-alloys (excluding powder) -				
Ferro-chromium	tons	2,420	3,430	607
Ferro-manganese	"	7,844	4,955	1,164
Ferro-molybdenum	"	366	131	986
Ferro-silicon	"	7,500	9,291	1,061
Other	"	1,889	5,684	678
Tinplate	"	3,127	10,731	596
Manganese -				
Metallurgical ore	tons	12,439	6,551	428
Battery grade ore	"	3,200	49	118
Metal and powder	"	162	494	80
Mercury	lb	130,015	132,904	754
Nickel -				
Primary shapes	tons	590	968	921
Rolled, drawn and extruded shapes	"	125	328	302
Pellets, shot, granulated	"	202	269	323
Electroplating anodes	"	181	299	341
Nickel-base alloys -				
Rolled, drawn and extruded shapes (excluding wire)	tons	260	267	523
Wire, single strand, uncovered	"	188	226	591
Platinum and platinum group metals -				
Ingots etc.	oz	7,654	5,389	433
Powder	"	617	7,599	27
Wire	"	1,658	1,626	153
Silver content of unrefined bullion	'000 f.oz	90	77	130
Tin refined	tons	203	693	661
Titanium oxide	"	1,349	1,110	525
				449

TABLE 4. - IMPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS

## AUSTRALIA - continued

Commodity	Quantity		Value (\$'000)		
	1966	1967p	1966	1967p	
FUEL					
Coal	tons	12,491	7,700	182	96
Coke (including petroleum coke)	"	55,466	27,961	1,669	875
Petroleum oils -					
Crude	'000 gals	3,653,384	4,038,857	160,139	167,008
Enriched crude and other refinery feedstock	" "	962,177	999,353	41,783	43,976
Gasolines and solvents	" "	190,708	141,816	20,936	13,939
Kerosene	" "	47,179	33,504	4,973	3,510
Automotive distillate industrial diesel fuels and heavy distillate n.e.i.	" "	43,087	18,361	3,505	1,578
Residual oils	" "	10,107	29,957	536	1,149
Lubricating oil	" "	13,010	11,366	3,864	3,565
Petroleum products n.e.i.	" "	n.c.	n.c.	7,912	5,633
NON-METALLIC (EXCLUDING FUEL)					
Arsenic trioxide	tons	1,484	1,607	91	118
Asbestos -					
Chrysotile	short tons	43,108	39,752	5,080	4,970
Amosite	" "	9,950	10,345	1,204	1,237
Other	" "	2,094	2,487	153	229
Calcium carbide	tons	22,834	21,737	1,868	1,659
Cement, Portland	"	35,633	44,406	813	945
Clays -					
Ball clays	tons	5,834	11,112	144	282
Bentonite	"	15,104	20,927	494	615
Fireclay	"	3,646	2,353	148	101
White clay	"	25,652	26,197	542	596
Clays, not elsewhere specified	"	9,782	14,045	406	519
Cryolite (natural)	tons	187	237	40	49
Diamonds, industrial	carat	445,616	525,053	1,696	1,980
Diatomite	tons	6,787	4,331	351	281
Fluorspar (fluorite)	"	18,031	22,431	544	474
Graphite -					
Colloidal	tons	16	45	24	31
Other	"	2,540	2,051	202	280
Kyanite	tons	1,332	1,714	64	119
Magnesite	"	18,621	23,828	1,078	1,228
Mica -					
Block or sheet, trimmed	lb	46,033	49,452	86	119
Condenser film (not cut or stamped)	"	211	..	1	..
Splittings (not cut or stamped)	"	161,440	228,020	65	97
Ground or pulverised	"	798,328	582,846	56	43
Scrap	"	814,888	1,154,501	22	26

TABLE 4. - IMPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS

## AUSTRALIA - continued

Commodity	Quantity		Value (\$'000)		
	1966	1967p	1966	1967p	
NON-METALLIC (EXCLUDING FUEL) - continued					
Phosphate rock	'000 tons	3,286	3,265	27,479	30,355
Potassium chloride (fertiliser grade)	tons	79,388	102,294	2,487	3,230
Potassium sulphate (fertiliser grade)	tons	10,878	11,774	480	512
Salt	tons	6,867	13,690	120	182
Sodium nitrate (fertiliser grade)	tons	4,548	7,243	231	336
Sillimanite	tons	386	572	23	26
Sulphur	tons	434,045	513,962	11,930	17,296
Talc	tons	2,857	2,167	62	74

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