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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEA TRADE : MAY, 1964  
MERCHANDISE TRADE ONLY (PRELIMINARY)  
 (Excluding Bullion and Specie)

(Note : Values are in Australian currency f.o.b. port of shipment)

This preliminary statement of Oversea Trade is approximate and will be followed by the usual Monthly Bulletin of Oversea Trade Statistics containing details of merchandise, bullion and specie.

Imports and Exports of merchandise 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.

Imports of Merchandise recorded in May, 1964 were valued at £A103.0 million, compared with £A95.8 million in May, 1963, an increase of £A7.2 million.

Exports of Merchandise recorded in May, 1964 amounted to £A120.4 million, compared with £A101.2 million in May, 1963, an increase of £A19.2 million.

In May, 1964, the recorded excess of exports over imports was £A17.4 million compared with £A5.4 million in May, 1963.

For the first eleven months of 1963-64 recorded exports exceeded recorded imports by £A193.7 million compared with an excess of recorded imports of £A12.5 million in the corresponding period of 1962-63.

AUSTRALIA : OVERSEA TRADE IN MERCHANDISE  
 (Excluding Bullion and Specie)  
 (£A million f.o.b. port of shipment)

| Period                     | 1962-63        |                |                                         | 1963-64 (a)    |                |                                         |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                            | Merchandise    |                | Excess of Exports (+)<br>or Imports (-) | Merchandise    |                | Excess of Exports (+)<br>or Imports (-) |
|                            | Imports        | Exports        |                                         | Imports        | Exports        |                                         |
| July                       | 89.1           | 79.7           | -9.4                                    | 99.7           | 116.7          | +17.0                                   |
| August                     | 97.4           | 73.5           | -23.9                                   | 96.3           | 95.1           | -1.2                                    |
| September                  | 87.5           | 73.9           | -13.6                                   | 89.0           | 102.6          | +13.6                                   |
| October                    | 93.4           | 86.0           | -7.4                                    | 93.0           | 115.2          | +22.2                                   |
| November                   | 95.1           | 102.2          | +7.1                                    | 96.7           | 129.1          | +32.4                                   |
| December                   | 74.7           | 87.0           | +12.3                                   | 90.0           | 118.4          | +28.4                                   |
| January                    | 103.4          | 94.7           | -8.7                                    | 106.6          | 122.2          | +15.6                                   |
| February                   | 78.6           | 90.4           | +11.8                                   | 96.4           | 116.8          | +20.4                                   |
| March                      | 80.9           | 95.7           | +14.8                                   | 92.4           | 113.4          | +21.0                                   |
| April                      | 92.3           | 91.4           | -0.9                                    | 112.0          | 118.9          | +6.9                                    |
| May                        | 95.8           | 101.2          | +5.4                                    | 103.0          | 120.4          | +17.4                                   |
| <u>Eleven Months total</u> | <u>988.2</u>   | <u>975.7</u>   | <u>-12.5</u>                            | <u>1,075.1</u> | <u>1,268.8</u> | <u>+193.7</u>                           |
| <u>June</u>                | <u>90.6</u>    | <u>93.3</u>    | <u>+2.7</u>                             |                |                |                                         |
| <u>Twelve Months Total</u> | <u>1,078.8</u> | <u>1,069.0</u> | <u>-9.8</u>                             |                |                |                                         |

(a) Preliminary, subject to revision.

NOTE: Freight and insurance payable on imports are not included above. These are estimated at approximately £A69 million for the six months ended December, 1963.

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 overseas 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 naval ships, merchant vessels trading overseas, aircraft for use on overseas routes, uranium, and certain materials for inter-governmental 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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