

• wool (\$569m): Japan (25%), the USSR (12%) and Italy (10%);

• coal (excluding coke and briquettes) (\$362m): Japan(46%), the Republic of Korea (10%) and India (7%);

• aluminium (\$223m): Japan (56%), the Republic of Korea (13%) and Thailand (9%); and

• non-monetary gold (\$186m): Hong Kong (41%), Japan (33%) and Singapore (20%).

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF EXPORTS
(\$m)

Period	Total exports(a)	Non-merchandise exports
1985-86	32,793	1,418
1986-87	35,806	1,393
1987-88	40,949	1,596
1987-88 -		
September	3,084	81
October	3,303	90
November	3,351	65
December	3,856	110
January	3,508	176
February	3,651	83
March	3,596	113
April	3,598	88
May	3,464	261
June	3,455	127
1988-89 -		
July	3,163	128
August	3,522	91
September	3,410	145
October	3,448	109
November	3,579	227

(a) Excludes non-merchandise trade.

DISTRIBUTION OF EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITIES

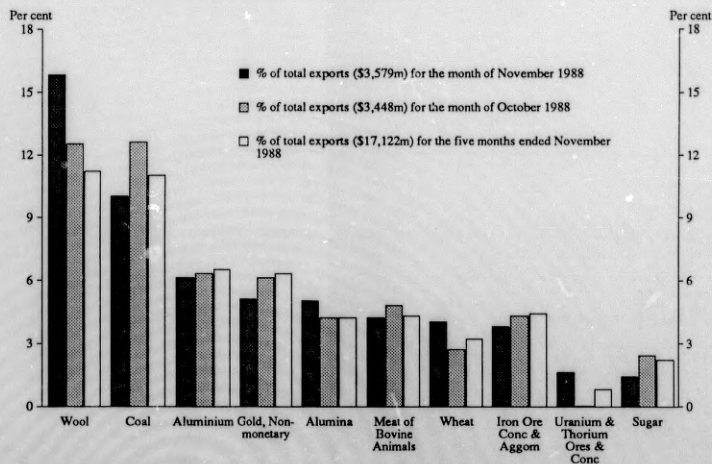


TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) REV3

Commodity Description	November 1988		Five months ended November 1988	
	\$'000	\$ of total exports	\$'000	\$ of total exports
Aircraft and associated equipment; spacecraft (incl. satellites) and spacecraft launch vehicles; and parts thereof (792)	14,679	0.4	104,666	0.6
Alumina (aluminium oxide) (285.20)	183,707	5.1	735,310	4.3
Aluminium (684)	223,453	6.2	1,126,124	6.6
Barley, unmilled (043.00)	18,721	0.5	84,143	0.5
Cars and other road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles) (78)	30,080	0.8	151,175	0.9
Cheese and curd (024)	14,932	0.4	68,122	0.4
Coal, whether or not pulverised but not agglomerated (321)	361,585	10.1	1,904,372	11.1
Copper ores and concentrates (283.10)	5,614	0.2	52,930	0.3
Copper and copper alloys, unwrought (excl. master alloys) (682.11,12,14)	20,724	0.6	96,111	0.6
Cotton (other than linters), not carded or combed (263.10)	40,800	1.1	244,573	1.4
Crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates (except canned or bottled) (036)	25,208	0.7	179,723	1.0
Fruit and nuts, fresh, dried or preserved and fruit preparations (incl. fruit juices) (057-059)	21,670	0.6	142,685	0.8
Gas, natural and manufactured (34)	7,215	0.2	71,590	0.4
Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates) (571)	185,629	5.2	1,091,032	6.4
Hides and skins, bovine and equine, raw (211.11-13, 20)	29,150	0.8	130,961	0.8
Iron and steel (67)	51,914	1.5	203,545	1.2
Iron ore concentrates and agglomerates (excl. roasted iron pyrites) (281.50,60)	139,148	3.9	770,847	4.5
Lead and lead alloys unwrought (685.11,12)	29,876	0.8	161,183	0.9
Machinery specialised for particular industries (72)	31,756	0.9	152,663	0.9
Meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen (011.11-22)	154,452	4.3	759,976	4.4
Meat of sheep and goats, fresh, chilled or frozen (012.11-13)	23,855	0.7	87,832	0.5
Milk and cream and milk products other than butter or cheese (022)	23,742	0.7	91,964	0.5
Nickel and nickel alloys, unwrought (683.11,12)	13,610	0.4	82,155	0.5
Nickel oxide sinters (284.22)	25,317	0.7	115,183	0.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	45,487	1.3	178,205	1.0
Ores and concentrates of molybdenum, niobium, titanium etc (287.81-85)(a)	37,544	1.0	185,551	1.1
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (333)	35,707	1.0	278,206	1.6
Petroleum products (334,335)	52,295	1.5	329,499	1.9
Photographic and cinematographic supplies (882)	17,715	0.5	76,061	0.4
Plastics in primary and non-primary form (57,58)	16,136	0.5	93,179	0.5
Power generating machinery and equipment (71)	26,493	0.7	132,373	0.8
Rice (042)	15,306	0.4	66,262	0.4
Sheep and goats, live (001.21,22)	15,694	0.4	85,608	0.5
Skins, sheep and lamb, with wool on, raw (211.60)	15,582	0.4	80,806	0.5
Sorghum, unmilled (045.30)	330	-	33,339	0.2
Sugar, beet or cane, raw, in solid form (061.11,12)	54,757	1.5	395,050	2.3
Uranium and thorium ores and concentrates (286.10,20)	59,091	1.7	150,498	0.9
Wheat (incl. spelt) and meslin, unmilled (041)	146,048	4.1	562,829	3.3
Wood, in chips or particles (246.11,15)	47,524	1.3	182,032	1.1
Wool, greasy (incl. fleece-washed wool) (268.11,19)	488,151	13.6	1,573,972	9.2
Wool, other, not carded or combed (268.21,29)	80,620	2.3	353,809	2.1
Zinc and zinc alloys, unwrought (686.11,12)	24,160	0.7	128,906	0.8
Zinc ores and concentrates (287.50)	22,374	0.6	125,219	0.7
Total major commodities(a)	2,877,849	80.4	13,620,271	79.5
Total Exports	3,575,881	100.0	17,122,477	100.0

(a) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See Appendix for details.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3

Country	November 1988		Five months ended November 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT; SPACECRAFT (INCLUDING SATELLITES) AND SPACECRAFT LAUNCH VEHICLES; AND PARTS THEREOF (792)				
Hong Kong	..	328	..	950
Indonesia	..	1,194	..	1,798
Malaysia	..	90	..	4,392
New Zealand	..	2,950	..	5,490
Papua New Guinea	..	559	..	2,168
Singapore	..	1,315	..	3,840
United Kingdom	..	1,175	..	11,869
United States of America	..	5,904	..	68,616
Other countries	..	1,164	..	5,743
Total	..	14,679	..	104,666
ALUMINA (ALUMINIUM OXIDE) (285.20)				
No Country Details(a)	878,131	183,707	3,427,709	735,310
Total	878,131	183,707	3,427,709	735,310
ALUMINIUM (682)				
Hong Kong	939	3,067	8,108	26,170
Japan	47,422	125,202	229,379	640,418
Korea, Republic of	9,392	28,161	52,515	162,880
Malaysia	1,527	4,917	7,543	24,849
Singapore	1,259	4,190	10,667	32,032
Taiwan	5,423	16,461	28,552	89,576
Thailand	6,575	20,059	20,632	61,261
Other countries	6,193	21,175	26,395	88,937
Total	78,731	223,453	383,691	1,126,124
BARLEY, UNMILLED (043.00)				
Brazil	31,499	4,617	94,499	14,369
Chile	-	-	31,500	4,700
Japan	52,415	8,102	167,412	24,835
Kuwait	-	-	29,554	3,787
Peru	18,987	2,815	27,387	3,859
Saudi Arabia	-	-	73,200	6,540
Taiwan	-	-	133,226	15,716
U.S.S.R.	14,500	2,334	14,500	2,334
United Arab Emirates	-	-	47,309	4,684
Other countries	7,573	853	24,051	3,318
Total	124,974	18,721	642,938	84,143
CARS AND OTHER ROAD VEHICLES (INCL. AIR-CUSHION VEHICLES) (76)				
Germany, Federal Rep of	..	511	..	5,351
Japan	..	3,447	..	14,582
Korea, Republic of	..	12	..	3,338
New Zealand	..	13,117	..	58,817
Papua New Guinea	..	1,733	..	13,581
Singapore	..	859	..	4,865
Thailand	..	1,449	..	9,956
United Kingdom	..	586	..	2,748
United States of America	..	5,835	..	23,925
Other countries	..	2,531	..	14,010
Total	..	30,080	..	151,175

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3-Continued

Country	November 1980		Five months ended November 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
CHEESE AND CURD (024)				
Hong Kong	46	160	663	2,148
Indonesia	191	481	767	1,746
Iraq	-	-	1,101	3,273
Japan	1,721	3,974	8,591	15,022
Kuwait	54	214	363	1,104
Malaysia	95	351	333	1,146
Mauritius	47	173	237	1,165
Netherlands	164	376	364	1,015
Philippines	830	1,637	2,342	4,313
Saudi Arabia	1,032	4,315	4,160	16,696
Singapore	74	203	467	1,604
United Arab Emirates	69	170	327	1,148
United Kingdom	17	60	695	2,016
United States of America	575	1,236	2,026	4,871
Other countries	496	1,483	2,136	6,555
Total	5,410	14,932	24,574	68,122
COAL, WHETHER OR NOT PULVERISED BUT NOT AGGLOMERATED (321)				
Brazil	186,931	9,910	810,102	42,362
France	205,120	9,826	1,051,533	50,103
Hong Kong	213,212	7,394	965,706	35,822
India	488,885	27,006	2,054,536	113,096
Italy	165,536	8,228	553,726	26,976
Japan	3,556,720	167,504	20,738,891	994,029
Korea, Republic of	797,805	37,790	3,408,887	156,801
Netherlands	325,170	12,719	1,914,922	72,567
Romania	184,495	10,409	515,474	29,884
Spain	206,023	9,975	335,371	15,174
Sweden	89,249	2,445	559,570	25,536
Taiwan	262,262	13,147	3,632,505	141,521
United Kingdom	186,011	9,389	865,801	40,311
Other countries	817,338	35,838	3,616,265	161,112
Total	7,665,157	361,585	40,423,689	1,904,372
COPPER ORES AND CONCENTRATES (283.10)				
Germany, Federal Rep of	5,856	2,117	11,289	4,856
Japan	5,670	2,771	52,774	41,881
United States of America	490	473	1,167	2,973
Other countries	95	253	1,181	3,220
Total	11,811	5,614	66,411	52,930
COPPER AND COPPER ALLOYS, UNWROUGHT (EXCL. MASTER ALLOYS) (682.11,12,14)				
Belgium-Luxembourg	430	1,648	430	1,648
Germany, Federal Rep of	1,661	6,508	5,375	17,670
Japan	-	-	11,475	34,022
United Kingdom	2,257	11,628	11,165	38,337
Other countries	248	944	1,380	4,433
Total	4,596	20,724	29,825	96,111
COTTON (OTHER THAN LINTERS), NOT GINNED OR COMBED (263.10)				
Greece	-	-	3,296	5,586
Hong Kong	1,617	2,128	4,705	6,337
Indonesia	3,994	5,846	12,562	21,252
Italy	581	1,350	6,983	12,459
Japan	8,047	11,556	43,177	74,157
Korea, Dem People's Rep	1,903	2,913	4,359	8,269
Korea, Republic of	3,057	4,506	16,076	30,079
Malaysia	617	923	3,078	5,334
Philippines	1,748	2,165	1,382	10,138
Taiwan	3,622	5,073	20,892	35,170
Thailand	1,712	2,232	9,264	14,003
Other countries	1,220	2,108	11,749	21,181
Total	28,527	40,800	145,524	244,573

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3-Continued

Country	November 1988		Five months ended November 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES (EXCEPT FARMED OR BOTTLED) (036)				
Hong Kong	142	3,066	605	13,547
Japan	898	18,038	6,677	132,531
Spain	180	1,916	787	8,336
United States of America	3	94	428	10,568
Other countries	154	2,133	1,015	14,741
Total	1,375	25,208	9,513	179,723
FRUIT AND NUTS, FRESH, DRIED OR PRESERVED AND FRUIT PREPARATIONS (INCL. FRUIT JUICES) (057-059)				
Canada	..	4,678	..	26,303
Germany, Federal Rep of	..	513	..	20,373
Hong Kong	..	580	..	9,716
Japan	..	3,412	..	12,240
Malaysia	..	689	..	5,948
New Caledonia	..	321	..	1,557
New Zealand	..	4,396	..	19,508
Norway	..	535	..	2,932
Papua New Guinea	..	320	..	1,920
Singapore	..	895	..	8,679
Sweden	..	168	..	1,484
United Kingdom	..	2,075	..	17,290
United States of America	..	1,200	..	5,483
Other countries	..	1,865	..	13,262
Total	..	21,670	..	142,685
GAS, NATURAL AND MANUFACTURED (34)				
Other countries	..	13	..	61
No Country Details(a)	..	7,202	..	71,529
Total	..	7,215	..	71,590
GOLD, NON-MONETARY (EXCL. GOLD ORES AND CONCENTRATES) (971)				
Hong Kong	..	76,529	..	526,052
Japan	..	62,007	..	274,355
Singapore	..	36,358	..	224,577
Other countries	..	10,735	..	66,019
Total	..	185,629	..	1,091,032
HIDES AND SKINS, BOVINE AND EQUINE, RAW (211.11-13, 20)				
China	..	1,596	..	10,301
Germany, Federal Rep of	..	441	..	3,696
Italy	..	8,122	..	31,650
Japan	..	7,215	..	37,677
Korea, Republic of	..	1,060	..	6,334
Poland	..	6,855	..	19,737
Romania	..	831	..	1,582
Taiwan	..	433	..	1,468
Other countries	..	2,598	..	11,468
Total	..	29,150	..	130,961

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TABLE 3. REPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3-Continued

Country	November 1988		Five months ended November 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
IRON AND STEEL (67)				
Indonesia	764	535	23,866	7,565
Iran	24,899	6,470	62,854	15,898
Japan	422	659	41,051	9,161
Malaysia	2,336	1,462	10,018	6,903
New Zealand	5,355	3,864	56,613	19,717
Pakistan	12,446	10,112	14,365	10,834
Papua New Guinea	4,566	2,610	56,052	13,807
Philippines	1,060	732	32,852	7,222
Singapore	4,395	3,153	18,603	13,421
Taiwan	737	889	4,347	4,054
United States of America	23,017	16,048	95,768	62,993
Other countries	4,239	4,223	41,511	19,570
No Country Details(a)	820	1,117	12,474	12,400
Total	89,776	51,914	472,353	203,545
IRON ORE CONCENTRATES AND AGGLOMERATES (EXCL. ROASTED IRON PYRITES) (281.50.60)				
China	511,112	8,659	2,757,573	52,138
Germany, Federal Rep of	241,479	4,757	1,672,727	33,596
Japan	4,441,321	79,900	23,371,824	428,999
Korea, Republic of	430,486	5,454	3,050,062	62,385
Taiwan	586,867	11,693	2,301,066	47,690
Other countries	666,948	9,172	4,378,656	71,194
No Country Details(a)	1,109,811	16,513	5,144,883	75,745
Total	7,994,024	139,148	42,676,794	770,847
LEAD AND LEAD ALLOYS, UNWROUGHT (685.11.12)				
India	3,516	2,648	16,799	13,406
Iraq	-	-	6,847	5,886
Japan	-	-	9,921	7,566
Korea, Republic of	2,308	2,365	19,267	19,917
Singapore	78	64	10,217	9,842
Taiwan	1,414	1,212	6,243	5,092
United Kingdom	15,201	17,507	69,666	84,474
United States of America	5,014	3,539	5,014	3,539
Other countries	2,642	2,142	14,070	11,462
Total	30,272	29,876	158,047	161,183
MACHINERY SPECIALISED FOR PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES (72)				
Canada	-	1,973	-	5,603
China	-	430	-	5,594
Cook Islands	-	703	-	1,552
Fiji	-	604	-	2,590
Germany, Federal Rep of	-	438	-	2,600
Greece	-	13	-	3,060
Hong Kong	-	1095	-	1,669
India	-	855	-	1,680
Indonesia	-	186	-	8,596
Italy	-	1,066	-	1,570
Japan	-	546	-	5,762
Malaysia	-	3,251	-	2,637
New Zealand	-	4,117	-	18,333
Papua New Guinea	-	229	-	26,086
Philippines	-	793	-	2,164
Singapore	-	420	-	6,751
South Africa	-	5,777	-	1,920
Taiwan	-	1,208	-	7,441
Thailand	-	1,509	-	2,809
United Kingdom	-	3,852	-	8,066
United States of America	-	2,123	-	21,017
Other countries	-	148	-	14,751
No Country Details(a)	-	-	-	453
Total	-	31,756	-	152,663
MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN (011.11-22)				
Canada	2,740	7,999	11,705	34,524
Japan	12,314	53,985	65,566	261,360
Taiwan	3,236	11,482	12,722	45,025
United Kingdom	672	5,309	2,424	18,754
United States of America	22,041	62,745	122,029	335,018
Other countries	4,021	12,933	17,632	57,398
Total	45,643	154,452	232,078	759,978

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3-Continued

Country	November 1988		Five months ended November 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
MEAT OF SHEEP AND GOATS, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN (012-11-13)				
Canada	146	576	796	2,545
France	172	814	335	1,555
Germany, Federal Rep of	248	503	699	2,557
Japan	1,620	3,920	5,608	16,539
Kuwait	392	699	1,423	3,103
Malaysia	463	649	1,293	1,851
Mauritius	220	319	924	1,360
Netherlands	171	559	343	1,142
Oman	268	516	626	1,551
Papua New Guinea	913	995	4,586	5,206
Tanzania	-	-	1,870	2,135
Saudi Arabia	906	1,852	2,436	5,646
Singapore	489	779	1,917	2,904
Switzerland	27	195	369	2,092
Taiwan	1,584	2,521	3,420	5,494
United Arab Emirates	1,045	2,041	4,902	9,671
United Kingdom	1,422	2,793	3,298	7,267
United States of America	653	1,579	2,681	7,853
Other countries	1,109	1,941	3,985	7,360
Total	11,840	23,855	41,855	87,832
MILK AND CREAM AND MILK PRODUCTS OTHER THAN BUTTER OR CHEESE (022)				
Bangladesh	-	774	-	3,592
Hong Kong	-	1,159	-	7,047
Indonesia	-	1,006	-	3,229
Japan	-	2,441	-	9,896
Malaysia	-	4,153	-	13,085
Papua New Guinea	-	923	-	5,441
Philippines	-	3,006	-	8,230
Singapore	-	5,572	-	20,462
Taiwan	-	1,629	-	13,078
Thailand	-	1,292	-	2,793
Other countries	-	1,586	-	5,131
Total	-	23,742	-	91,964
NICKEL AND NICKEL ALLOYS, UNWROUGHT (683-11,12)				
No Country Details(a)	n.p.	13,610	n.p.	82,155
Total	n.p.	13,610	n.p.	82,155
NICKEL OXIDE SINTERS (284.22)				
Finland	631	3,820	2,600	17,483
Germany, Federal Rep of	774	9,185	3,397	41,463
Japan	211	2,443	739	10,819
Netherlands	442	5,449	1,566	21,691
United Kingdom	370	3,105	1,179	9,462
United States of America	-	-	713	10,413
Other countries	159	1,315	370	3,892
Total	2,585	25,317	10,564	115,183
OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING MACHINES (75)				
Germany, Federal Rep of	-	650	-	2,957
Hong Kong	-	2,019	-	15,137
India	-	1,163	-	1,526
Japan	-	3,052	-	10,944
Malaysia	-	1,031	-	2,792
Netherlands	-	1,550	-	4,415
New Zealand	-	15,157	-	57,857
Papua New Guinea	-	1,198	-	5,332
Philippines	-	137	-	2,278
Singapore	-	2,616	-	12,002
Taiwan	-	850	-	2,200
Thailand	-	343	-	2,657
U.S.S.R.	-	-	-	2,877
United Kingdom	-	4,122	-	10,915
United States of America	-	7,437	-	28,985
Other countries	-	4,162	-	15,331
Total	-	45,487	-	178,205

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3-Continued

Country	November 1988		Five months ended November 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
OILS AND CONCENTRATES OF POLYBUTADIENE, NITROBENZENE, TITANIUM ETC (287.61-85)(b)				
Brazil	3,502	1,546	5,340	3,014
France	6,051	2,054	25,259	6,136
Hong Kong	4,001	2,000	9,193	3,932
Italy	8,897	4,059	38,254	16,495
Japan	24,928	6,324	92,005	27,613
Korea, Republic of	2,787	1,222	14,726	6,353
Netherlands	12,983	5,936	81,264	25,813
Spain	-	-	29,906	3,622
U.S.S.R.	2,453	1,300	10,289	5,458
United Kingdom	38,547	9,133	139,260	31,922
United States of America	17,781	1,025	249,246	39,708
Other countries	5,431	2,905	93,192	13,485
Total	127,400	37,544	789,183	185,551
PETROLEUM OILS AND OILS OBTAINED FROM BITUMINOUS MINERALS, CRUDE (333)				
Indonesia	-	9,419	-	9,419
Japan	-	-	-	18,811
Korea, Republic of	-	9,674	-	9,674
New Zealand	-	-	-	44,335
Philippines	-	-	-	23,058
Singapore	-	-	-	13,187
Taiwan	-	-	-	13,215
United States of America	-	16,615	-	146,508
Total	-	35,707	-	278,206
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (334,335)				
China	-	-	-	5,379
Fiji	-	5,372	-	15,732
French Polynesia	-	160	-	14,867
Hong Kong	-	100	-	10,279
India	-	1,645	-	5,282
New Caledonia	-	2,850	-	8,552
New Zealand	-	922	-	12,953
Papua New Guinea	-	6,355	-	31,004
Ship's & Aircraft Stores	-	29,139	-	156,712
Singapore	-	527	-	21,749
Thailand	-	676	-	5,338
United States of America	-	76	-	12,890
Other countries	-	4,475	-	26,731
Total	-	52,295	-	329,499
PHOTOGRAPHIC AND CINEMATOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES (882)				
Hong Kong	-	7,763	-	16,193
Indonesia	-	245	-	2,146
Korea, Republic of	-	1,900	-	15,627
New Zealand	-	1,260	-	4,527
Singapore	-	3,967	-	22,862
Taiwan	-	485	-	3,513
Thailand	-	728	-	2,433
United Arab Emirates	-	368	-	2,114
Other countries	-	998	-	6,646
Total	-	17,715	-	76,061
PLASTICS IN PRIMARY AND NON-PRIMARY FORM (57,58)				
China	-	812	-	6,081
Hong Kong	-	1,422	-	9,727
Indonesia	-	527	-	5,334
Japan	-	756	-	1,709
Malaysia	-	429	-	4,466
New Zealand	-	5,299	-	29,276
Papua New Guinea	-	661	-	4,370
Philippines	-	578	-	4,948
Singapore	-	1,566	-	1,142
Taiwan	-	385	-	5,457
Thailand	-	1,119	-	3,970
United Kingdom	-	410	-	2,336
United States of America	-	395	-	1,859
Other countries	-	1,402	-	6,751
No Country Details(s)	-	514	-	552
Total	-	16,136	-	93,179

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3-Continued

Country	November 1988		Five month ended November 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
POWER GENERATING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (71)				
Canada	..	2,154	..	4,907
Germany, Federal Rep of	..	5,331	..	44,767
Japan	..	1,966	..	10,222
Korea, Republic of	..	2,099	..	8,546
New Zealand	..	2,197	..	9,681
Oman	..	320	..	2,024
Papua New Guinea	..	1,422	..	7,759
Singapore	..	446	..	2,441
South Africa	..	232	..	5,246
United Kingdom	..	1,079	..	17,801
United States of America	..	1,366	..	7,554
Other countries	..	1,881	..	11,384
Total	..	26,493	..	132,373
RICE (042)				
No Country Details(a)	33,297	15,306	148,586	66,262
Total	33,297	15,306	148,586	66,262
SHEEP AND GOATS, LIVE (001.21.22)				
Bahrain	..	-	..	2,876
Egypt	..	-	..	2,807
Kuwait	..	2,652	..	17,466
Qatar	..	216	..	5,462
Saudi Arabia	..	10,208	..	39,504
United Arab Emirates	..	1,858	..	5,500
Other countries	..	765	..	7,993
Total	..	15,694	..	85,608
SKINS, SHEEP AND LAMB, WITH WOOL ON, RAW (211.60)				
	No. of skins		No. of skins	
France	1,047,736	10,313	5,409,981	54,269
Japan	97,690	1,215	507,399	6,248
New Zealand	168,085	1,998	416,534	4,861
Spain	37,677	256	456,366	4,110
Turkey	63,510	370	257,236	1,588
Yugoslavia	6,510	17	461,231	2,741
Other countries	166,961	1,410	766,407	6,870
Total	1,588,471	15,582	8,275,140	80,806
SORGHUM, UNMILLED (045.30)				
Japan	61	12	230,316	29,254
Papua New Guinea	1,050	311	4,552	777
Singapore	-	-	11,500	1,640
Other countries	30	7	11,452	1,669
Total	1,941	330	257,810	33,339

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3-Continued

Country	November 1988		Five months ended November 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
SUGAR, BEET OR CANE, RAW, IN SOLID FORM (061.11.12)				
Canada	44,167	n.p.	246,488	n.p.
China	22,840	n.p.	254,814	n.p.
Japan	46,800	n.p.	345,800	n.p.
Korea, Republic of	28,000	n.p.	205,320	n.p.
Malaysia	31,560	n.p.	193,700	n.p.
New Zealand	-	n.p.	20,000	n.p.
Singapore	14,700	n.p.	44,100	n.p.
United States of America	-	n.p.	47,063	n.p.
Other countries	231	n.p.	1,424	n.p.
Ho Country Details(a)	-	54,757	-	395,050
Total	188,238	54,757	1,355,619	395,050
URANIUM AND THORIUM ORES AND CONCENTRATES (286.10.20)				
Canada	124	9,939	166	13,367
France	1,001	819	7,731	30,946
United Kingdom	-	-	224	18,185
United States of America	705	42,589	1,476	76,802
Other countries	68	5,745	136	11,198
Total	1,898	59,091	9,732	150,498
WHEAT (INCL. SPELT) AND MESLIN, UNMILLED (041)				
Egypt	170,673	30,213	580,279	96,605
Indonesia	65,155	12,041	253,287	66,451
Iran	253,562	46,064	654,648	103,856
Iraq	60,347	11,295	416,265	77,632
Japan	42,538	8,703	474,969	91,978
Malaysia	5,021	1,089	133,829	25,747
Singapore	36,750	7,569	51,757	10,581
United Arab Emirates	77,540	15,872	130,170	24,559
Yemen Arab Republic	-	-	98,589	17,409
Other countries	58,863	12,301	285,330	55,971
Total	770,443	146,048	3,119,143	562,829
WOOD, IN CHIPS OR PARTICLES (246.11.15)				
Japan	330,959	47,524	1,264,471	176,131
Other countries	-	-	33,294	3,902
Total	330,959	47,524	1,297,765	180,032
WOOL, GREASY (INCL. FLEECED-WASHED WOOL) (268.11.19)				
Belgium-Luxembourg	1,844	14,593	5,192	27,600
China	4,664	32,873	11,718	87,248
France	8,188	55,463	25,327	163,029
Germany, Federal Rep of	4,702	35,640	18,003	125,815
India	695	4,134	5,610	33,057
Italy	6,690	52,046	19,437	150,441
Japan	10,726	100,471	37,292	327,929
Korea, Republic of	1,745	13,025	10,198	79,740
Netherlands	729	5,325	3,806	25,480
Poland	373	2,295	5,554	36,318
Taiwan	3,303	19,484	10,503	62,417
U.S.S.R.	9,080	66,529	27,344	206,609
United Kingdom	1,212	6,743	6,608	30,270
United States of America	3,230	27,023	8,402	70,053
Yugoslavia	1,801	14,061	2,567	18,281
Other countries	5,244	36,445	16,785	116,024
Total	64,427	488,151	212,437	1,573,972

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TABLE 3. EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITIES BASED ON SITC REV3-Continued

Country	November 1988		Five months ended November 1988	
	Tonnes	\$'000	Tonnes	\$'000
WOOL, OTHER, NOT COMBED (268.21.20)				
China	1,365	11,053	7,837	65,715
Hong Kong	330	2,617	1,324	11,768
Italy	761	7,177	2,733	26,539
Japan	3,442	43,824	12,649	184,153
Korea, Republic of	391	4,554	2,248	25,304
Thailand	34	453	814	12,426
United States of America	411	3,167	2,292	16,346
Other countries	970	7,842	3,521	29,567
Total	7,714	80,620	33,417	353,809
ZINC AND ZINC ALLOYS, UNWROUGHT (686.11.12)				
Bangladesh	199	308	2,356	3,204
Hong Kong	1,605	2,811	7,721	12,883
Indonesia	3,722	5,722	19,207	27,914
Japan	1,263	1,988	6,493	10,620
Malaysia	1,284	2,116	6,632	10,051
New Zealand	508	838	3,675	5,783
Philippines	307	1,092	5,984	9,678
Singapore	567	1,130	2,311	3,777
Taiwan	2,060	2,660	11,225	16,268
United States of America	1,795	3,584	9,956	18,482
Other countries	1,161	1,905	6,771	10,266
Total	15,091	24,160	83,531	128,906
ZINC ORES AND CONCENTRATES (287.50)				
Belgium-Luxembourg	-	-	81,202	16,874
Japan	28,394	12,027	161,684	62,649
Korea, Republic of	13,135	7,081	61,597	26,524
United Kingdom	9,954	3,265	23,546	6,876
Other countries	-	-	40,365	19,395
Total	51,522	22,374	328,394	125,219

- (a) Includes commodities subject to a 'No Country Details' restriction. See Appendix for details.
- (b) Excludes commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction. See Appendix for details.

TABLE A. EXPORTS BY COMMODITY ACCORDING TO SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE SITC REV3
\$'000

Commodity Description (Section and Division of the SITC Rev3)	September 1988	October 1988	November 1988	Five months ended November 1988
0 FOOD AND LIVESTOCK				
00 Live animals, other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates	22,751	29,642	21,161	135,589
01 Meat and meat preparations	181,847	208,919	202,706	546,260
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	27,716	36,790	47,850	185,660
03 Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic invertebrates, and preparations thereof	35,168	46,307	33,950	230,461
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	158,377	152,352	207,446	867,074
05 Vegetables and fruit	48,638	45,512	44,651	222,857
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	111,199	97,826	63,085	431,545
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	5,866	5,645	6,134	29,680
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl. unsifted cereals)	20,665	14,186	16,576	87,604
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	10,835	7,822	6,775	40,008
Total Section 0	622,666	645,430	645,336	3,176,120
1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO				
11 Beverages	23,477	19,893	19,573	113,713
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	2,082	2,323	1,928	11,836
Total Section 1	25,559	22,216	21,501	125,549
2 CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS				
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	40,055	43,602	46,817	221,956
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	4,625	8,283	2,669	28,549
23 Crude rubber (incl. synthetic and reclaimed)	1,371	470	1,022	4,215
24 Cork and wood	36,904	30,011	48,742	189,572
25 Pulp and waste paper	5,605	1,432	4,549	16,425
26 Textile fibres (wool, wool tops and other combed wool) and their wastes (not manufactured into yarn or fabric)	116,252	514,675	628,476	2,286,401
27 Crude fertilizers (excl. those of Division 56) and crude minerals (excl. coal, petroleum and precious stones)	19,289	13,199	21,392	86,924
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(a)	456,077	507,752	507,496	2,316,413
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, nes	10,354	9,438	14,370	50,932
Total Section 2(a)	992,536	1,053,864	1,275,134	5,202,187
3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS				
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	394,269	447,729	367,595	1,940,320
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	140,584	98,909	88,002	607,705
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	20,673	13,940	7,215	71,590
Total Section 3	555,525	560,577	462,812	2,619,615
4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS, FATS AND WAXES				
41 Animal oils and fats	8,170	2,952	8,955	39,989
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated(a)	6,749	133	181	9,256
43 Fat and oil (processed), waxes and inedible mixtures or preparations, of animal or vegetable origin, nes	910	1,215	1,029	5,004
Total Section 4(a)	15,829	4,300	10,164	54,249
5 CHEMICALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS, NES				
51 Organic chemicals	9,032	11,200	4,263	43,320
52 Inorganic chemicals	9,687	9,330	5,800	39,335
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	9,812	8,734	7,227	44,863
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products(a)	21,967	18,072	18,649	97,220
55 Essential oils and resins and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	7,603	7,037	8,468	39,779
56 Fertilizers (excl. crude)	14,713	11,270	10,619	66,737
57 Plastics in primary forms	6,234	4,352	5,517	26,442
58 Chemical materials and products, nes	22,998	13,007	16,264	76,651
Total Section 5(a)	102,913	83,616	77,514	439,665
6 MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL				
61 Leather, leather manufactures, and dressed furskins, nes	9,134	13,985	13,307	62,962
62 Rubber manufactures, nes	8,183	4,112	6,138	30,338
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl. furniture)(a)	1,468	1,038	848	6,475
64 Paper, paperboard, and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard	14,521	12,297	9,319	56,584
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, nes, and related products	15,288	12,445	13,456	68,465
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures, nes(a)	34,445	36,445	48,143	176,611
67 Iron and steel	32,570	28,278	51,914	203,545
68 Non-ferrous metals(a)	387,265	326,766	323,179	1,654,138
69 Manufacture of metals, nes	26,762	24,345	25,503	137,683
Total Section 6(a)	505,235	455,714	491,805	2,390,895
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT				
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	25,967	26,575	26,493	132,373
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	33,703	28,725	31,756	152,663
73 Metal working machinery	2,770	3,713	4,607	17,085

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TABLE 4. EXPORTS BY COMMODITY ACCORDING TO SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE SITC (REV3) - Continued
\$'000

Commodity Description (Section and Division of the SITC Rev3)	September 1988	October 1988	November 1988	Five months ended November 1988
7 MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT				
74 General industrial machinery and equipment, new and machine parts, new	31,679	23,380	27,640	134,434
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	30,539	34,861	45,487	176,205
76 Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	13,205	11,634	11,386	61,094
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (incl. non-elec. counterparts of electrical domestic equip)	24,414	25,645	24,583	126,246
78 Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	30,062	29,233	30,080	151,175
79 Transport equipment (excl. road vehicles)	34,917	25,736	19,913	162,808
Total Section 7	227,255	209,503	221,906	1,116,062
8 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES				
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, new	2,469	2,905	3,073	13,740
82 Furniture, parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings	4,349	3,146	4,788	19,994
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	297	374	351	1,981
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4,820	5,424	6,247	28,021
85 Footwear	1,272	1,356	1,592	6,461
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, new	15,100	14,087	15,758	82,540
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, new; watches and clocks	20,226	21,891	23,893	105,507
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles, new	34,263	34,058	43,825	189,482
Total Section 8	82,797	83,240	99,526	447,686
9 COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE IN THE SITC				
93 Special transactions and commodities not classified according to kind	13,657	12,145	14,512	67,208
96 Coin (excl. gold coin), not being legal tender	-	875	1	876
97 Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates)	203,295	213,160	185,629	1,091,032
98 Combined confidential items of trade	58,525	103,760	73,040	391,336
Total Section 9(b)	275,477	329,940	273,182	1,550,452
Total Exports	3,409,752	3,448,402	3,578,681	17,122,477

(a) Excludes commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. These are included in Division 98. See Appendix for details.

(b) Includes commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. See Appendix for details.

VALUE OF EXPORTS BY MAJOR SECTIONS OF THE SITC REV3

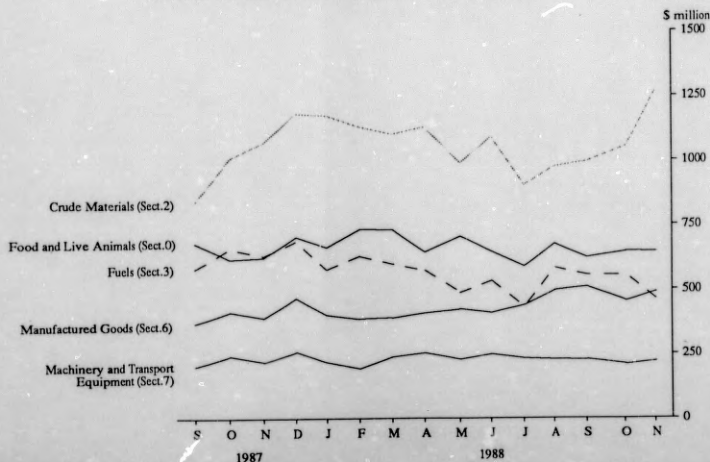


TABLE 5. MOVEMENTS IN MAJOR EXPORT COMMODITIES (a) - PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN VALUE
COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR

Commodity description	1987-88 %	Three months ended		
		September 1988 %	October 1988 %	November 1988 %
Meat and meat preparations (01)	13.8	-12.4	-10.2	-3.8
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	-17.7	-21.9	-19.2	-15.6
Sugar, sugar preparations and honey (06)	0.5	27.8	62.7	54.3
Textile fibres and their wastes (26)	47.1	27.4	27.1	29.1
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap (28)	9.0	11.5	5.5	0.4
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	-11.3	-1.3	5.0	-4.3
Petroleum, petroleum products, etc. (33)	19.8	-5.3	-27.9	-34.6
Manufactures of metal (67-69)	28.3	28.4	24.2	29.6
Machinery and transport equipment (7)	4.6	7.1	0.6	-0.5
Total Exports	14.4	10.1	8.6	7.2

(a) Exports of 'major commodities' are significant exports by particular Sections (1 digit) and Divisions (2 digits) of SITC Rev3 (figures in brackets following commodity descriptions denote the relevant Sections and Divisions).

TABLE 6. EXPORTS BY STATE(a)
\$'000

STATE	September 1988		October 1988		November 1988		Five months ended November			
	1988		1988		1988		1987		1988	
	Total Exports	% of Total Exports	Total Exports	% of Total Exports	Total Exports	% of Total Exports	Total Exports	% of Total Exports	Total Exports	% of Total Exports
Australian produce	918,087	26.9	859,205	24.9	885,474	24.7	4,026,157	25.4	4,473,552	26.1
New South Wales	677,780	19.9	677,910	19.7	702,238	19.6	3,339,400	21.1	3,400,638	19.9
Victoria	734,977	21.6	832,147	24.1	745,220	20.8	3,304,508	20.9	3,727,400	21.6
Queensland	179,455	5.3	165,176	4.8	202,447	5.7	895,464	5.6	892,271	5.2
South Australia	552,408	16.2	674,681	19.6	678,272	19.0	2,757,945	17.4	3,141,417	18.3
Tasmania	118,062	3.5	84,763	2.5	111,350	3.1	453,785	2.9	511,216	3.0
Northern Territory	88,807	2.6	42,373	1.2	123,850	3.5	441,556	2.8	357,458	2.1
Australian Capital Territory	288	-	317	-	244	-	326	-	1,141	-
State not available for publication	23,211	0.7	11,057	0.3	9,744	0.3	49,816	0.3	57,352	0.3
Total	3,293,076	96.6	3,347,649	97.1	3,458,929	96.6	15,258,957	96.4	16,562,536	96.7
Re-exports	116,716	3.4	100,752	2.9	119,952	3.4	562,471	3.6	559,942	3.3
Total Exports	3,409,792	100.0	3,448,402	100.0	3,578,881	100.0	15,821,427	100.0	17,122,477	100.0

(a) State in which the final stage of production or manufacture occurs.

TABLE 7. EXPORTS BY INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN
\$'000

Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC)	September 1988	October 1988	November 1988	Five months ended November	
				1987	1988
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting					
01 Agriculture	481,514	566,244	721,811	2,475,368	2,657,741
02 Forestry and logging	821	240	241	1,067	2,025
04 Fishing and hunting	11,351	9,191	25,574	14,034	65,393
Total	493,686	575,674	747,626	2,490,470	2,725,168
Mining					
11 Metallic minerals	304,845	296,912	329,217	1,343,213	1,606,073
12 Coal	386,389	444,610	361,585	1,968,846	1,904,686
13 Oil and gas	82,161	52,432	42,922	529,987	349,796
14 Construction materials	238	179	236	1,035	1,194
15 Other non-metallic minerals	5,270	5,517	14,236	83,083	40,807
Total	778,903	799,651	748,196	3,926,163	3,902,556
Manufacturing					
21 Food, beverages and tobacco	513,003	525,684	505,221	2,527,997	2,545,155
23 Textiles	96,816	112,650	112,692	694,681	541,552
24 Clothing and footwear	6,716	7,200	8,406	28,547	36,796
25 Wood, wood products and furniture	44,803	34,519	55,262	190,596	217,662
26 Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	28,104	20,516	23,620	85,906	114,837
27 Chemical, petroleum and coal products	166,142	144,456	130,503	696,300	778,595
28 Non-metallic mineral products	12,724	8,775	11,124	39,018	57,357
29 Basic metal products	743,526	689,972	724,888	3,018,085	3,602,013
31 Fabricated metal products	26,379	21,732	21,299	110,650	123,525
32 Transport equipment	82,144	56,197	67,525	483,460	410,370
33 Other machinery and equipment	184,659	179,645	205,250	912,013	940,738
34 Miscellaneous manufacturing	52,535	52,563	54,237	223,832	264,311
Total	1,977,550	1,873,908	1,920,028	8,971,087	9,632,910
Other industries					
Wholesale, retail and service industries	4,838	6,234	7,653	15,319	29,853
Confidential items; Waste and scrap metal; Second hand goods net; Special goods	154,815	192,934	155,378	418,389	831,990
Total	159,653	199,168	163,031	433,708	861,843
Total Exports	3,409,792	3,448,402	3,578,881	15,821,427	17,122,477

TABLE 8. EXPORTS BY BROAD ECONOMIC CATEGORIES (BEC)
\$'000

BEC	September 1988	October 1988	November 1988	Five months ended November	
				1987	1988
Food and beverages	633,370	648,216	652,899	3,226,824	3,219,510
Primary	220,794	223,880	227,091	1,353,520	1,227,770
Mainly for industry	151,534	145,962	188,758	930,494	836,998
Mainly for household consumption	69,260	77,919	68,333	423,025	390,772
Processed	412,575	424,335	395,808	1,873,305	1,991,740
Mainly for industry	133,963	120,442	85,043	407,824	540,347
Mainly for household consumption	278,612	303,893	310,765	1,465,481	1,451,393
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	1,813,643	1,816,819	2,045,444	7,688,326	9,171,975
Primary	819,378	866,318	1,074,874	3,875,686	4,326,028
Processed	994,265	950,501	970,571	3,812,640	4,845,947
Fuels and lubricants	554,661	559,966	461,373	2,911,656	2,614,480
Primary	447,584	483,085	397,307	2,374,032	2,182,638
Processed	107,076	76,881	64,067	537,625	431,842
Motor spirit	5,076	7,509	4,596	36,923	25,008
Other	102,000	69,371	59,470	491,701	406,638
Capital goods (except transport equipment), and parts and accessories thereof	154,527	142,866	158,450	784,164	761,236
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	77,264	76,824	76,780	489,820	401,856
Parts and accessories	77,263	66,042	75,670	294,344	359,380
Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof	94,264	82,522	76,868	486,718	455,113
Passenger motor cars(a)	8,731	9,069	11,341	63,807	49,620
Other	17,546	13,580	8,454	50,462	100,738
Industrial	13,440	9,032	6,190	31,688	72,312
Non-industrial	4,107	4,548	2,264	18,804	28,421
Parts and accessories(a)	67,986	59,873	59,873	372,418	304,759
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	85,733	80,549	92,809	407,595	432,283
Durable	22,133	23,908	26,757	97,557	120,691
Semi-durable	23,448	23,777	29,468	127,003	127,552
Non-durable	40,152	32,863	36,555	183,037	184,640
Goods not elsewhere specified(b)	73,596	117,464	89,037	316,144	467,890
Total Exports	3,409,792	3,448,402	3,578,881	15,821,427	17,122,477

(a) Unassembled road motor vehicles are included with parts and accessories of transport equipment.
 (b) Includes confidential subject to a confidentiality restriction. See Appendix for details.

TABLE 9. EXPORTS TO COUNTRIES AND COUNTRY GROUPS
\$'000

Country or country group	November 1988		Five months ended November			
	\$'000	% of total exports	1987		1988	
			\$'000	% of total exports	\$'000	% of total exports
Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) -						
Brunei	1,483	-	5,987	-	5,236	-
Indonesia	63,565	1.8	214,919	1.4	272,890	1.6
Malaysia	51,036	1.4	262,739	1.7	281,594	1.6
Philippines	22,066	0.6	101,054	0.6	146,537	0.9
Singapore	108,508	3.0	361,329	2.3	576,568	3.4
Thailand	41,075	1.1	137,719	0.9	180,230	1.1
Total ASEAN	287,733	8.0	1,083,748	6.8	1,465,055	8.6
European Economic Community (EEC) -						
Belgium-Luxembourg	40,311	1.1	131,556	0.8	161,208	0.9
Denmark	7,661	0.2	47,601	0.3	24,506	0.1
France	93,997	2.6	399,942	2.5	373,026	2.2
Germany, Federal Rep of	96,276	2.7	423,150	2.7	433,556	2.5
Greece	4,745	0.1	20,313	0.1	21,512	0.1
Ireland	382	-	2,938	-	3,306	-
Italy	96,083	2.7	290,590	1.8	341,114	2.0
Netherlands	53,542	1.5	222,404	1.4	261,093	1.5
Portugal	3,990	0.1	15,091	0.1	16,021	0.1
Spain	19,567	0.5	101,860	0.6	62,462	0.4
United Kingdom	133,599	3.7	748,682	4.7	546,272	3.2
Total EEC	550,152	15.4	2,404,217	15.2	2,244,076	13.1
Algeria	3,084	0.1	20,594	0.1	18,965	0.1
Argentina	7,114	0.2	29,758	0.2	35,576	0.2
Bahrain	17,029	0.5	27,929	0.2	47,708	0.3
Bangladesh	7,395	0.2	22,154	0.1	16,882	0.1
Brazil	17,745	0.5	48,458	0.3	74,633	0.4
Canada	85,059	2.4	265,690	1.7	337,557	2.0
Chile	639	-	8,866	0.1	8,771	0.1
China	80,200	2.2	541,208	3.4	417,301	2.4
Cocos (Keeling) Island	210	-	758	-	865	-
Colombia	457	-	489	-	4,023	-
Czechoslovakia	4,948	0.1	15,199	0.1	12,518	0.1
Egypt(a)	39,025	1.1	127,623	0.8	121,716	0.7
India	15,108	0.4	40,373	0.3	64,504	0.4
Finland	11,949	0.3	28,935	0.2	42,462	0.2
French Polynesia	2,289	0.1	25,748	0.2	23,353	0.1
German Democratic Rep	4,045	0.1	7,808	-	16,077	0.1
Guam	1,120	0.1	2,858	-	4,235	-
Hong Kong	152,081	4.2	608,142	3.8	891,313	5.2
India	55,902	1.6	180,407	1.1	237,073	1.4
Iran	53,199	1.5	179,156	1.1	122,482	0.7
Iraq	11,313	0.3	72,842	0.5	87,219	0.5
Israel	3,563	0.1	18,807	0.1	24,793	0.1
Japan	933,315	26.1	4,207,701	26.6	4,836,759	28.3
Kenya	1,548	-	1,733	-	12,916	-
Kiribati	861	-	5,895	-	4,421	-
Korea, Dem People's Rep	3,053	0.1	37,450	0.2	9,576	0.1
Korea, Republic of	161,567	4.5	677,658	4.3	829,403	4.8
Kuwait	7,227	0.2	32,164	0.2	36,295	0.2
Mauritius	2,110	0.1	11,584	0.1	10,338	0.1
Mexico	4,372	0.1	26,803	0.2	19,975	0.1
Nauru	1,946	0.1	6,624	0.1	7,300	0.1
New Caledonia	8,772	0.2	33,077	0.2	32,910	0.2
New Zealand	182,688	5.1	1,012,995	6.4	931,516	5.4
Norfolk Island	1,038	-	3,505	-	3,479	-
Norway(a)	1,773	-	11,797	0.1	8,416	-
Oman	6,269	0.2	18,844	0.1	17,865	0.1
Pakistan	17,076	0.5	25,609	0.2	44,460	0.3
Papua New Guinea	67,434	1.9	315,047	2.0	345,328	2.0
Peru	4,581	0.1	13,343	0.1	14,189	0.1
Poland	14,956	0.4	76,666	0.5	75,988	0.4
Puerto Rico	71	-	567	-	5,273	-
Qatar	361	-	11,308	0.1	6,858	-
Romania	11,243	0.3	41,290	0.3	34,333	0.2
Saoe (American)	2,075	0.1	1,294	-	6,769	-
Saudi Arabia	22,355	0.6	108,617	0.7	93,026	0.5
Solomon Islands	3,233	0.1	16,476	0.1	18,587	0.1
South Africa	7,891	0.2	66,207	0.4	54,045	0.3
Sri Lanka	2,061	0.1	16,642	0.1	7,931	0.1
Sweden	12,600	0.4	60,083	0.4	67,684	0.4
Switzerland	12,258	0.3	124,904	0.8	126,760	0.7
Taiwan	11,166	3.1	51,781	3.2	67,255	3.6
Tonga	1,043	-	8,219	-	5,345	-
Trust Territory Pac Isl	1,230	-	3,461	-	5,120	-
Tunisia	44	-	587	-	4,984	-
Turkey	7,192	0.2	99,025	0.6	36,871	0.2
U.S.S.R.	11,846	0.3	201,488	1.3	225,921	1.3
United Arab Emirates	32,864	0.9	83,734	0.5	91,515	0.5
United States of America	365,355	10.2	1,788,266	11.3	1,740,711	10.2
Vanuatu	2,037	0.1	11,982	0.1	11,060	0.1
Venezuela	1,110	-	4,296	-	12,889	0.1
Vietnam	86	-	1,566	-	6,112	-
Western Samoa	1,602	-	5,264	-	10,468	0.1
Yemen Arab Republic	115	-	14,909	0.1	19,419	0.1
Yemen, People's Dem Rep	19,667	0.5	14,371	0.1	45,463	0.3
Zimbabwe	8,273	0.2	65,206	0.4	50,873	0.3
Other Countries	61	-	289	-	189	-
Destination Unknown	81	-	-	-	-	-
Ship's Stores	34,342	1.0	204,188	1.3	181,658	1.1
No Country Details(b)	9,744	0.3	49,816	0.3	57,352	0.3
Total Exports	3,578,881	100.0	15,821,427	100.0	17,122,477	100.0

(a) Excludes exports of alumina, details of which are included in the 'No Country Details' category at the end of this table.
 (b) Includes exports of alumina to Egypt, Iceland and Norway.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

A brief outline of the major definitions used in compiling the statistics in this publication is contained in the following explanatory notes and in table footnotes. For a more detailed description refer to the informative paper Foreign Trade Statistics: An Overview (SHE.0).

Commodity classification

2. Export statistics contained in monthly, quarterly and annual publications for periods up to and including December 1987 were presented according to the codes and descriptions of the Australian Export Commodity Classification (AECC). This classification was based on the second revision of the United Nations Standard International Trade Classification (SITC Rev2) with some modifications to take account of Australia's trade.

3. From January 1988 export statistics in this publication are presented according to a new international version of SITC (ie SITC Rev3). SITC Rev3 was developed by the U.N. to coincide with the introduction of a new international classification for describing goods for customs and other purposes, the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (the Harmonized System). The Harmonized System was adopted in January 1988 by most of the major trading nations of the world.

4. The third revision of SITC incorporates significant changes to the numbering system and overall structure to align it more closely with the Harmonized System. The changes between the second and third revision of SITC, and the adoption by the ABS of the complete international version of the classification, have resulted in a break in the statistical series published by the ABS.

5. To overcome that break in series and to assist users in the interpretation of the data, the statistics for January to June 1988 were published on both the new SITC Rev3 basis and on a recompiled AECC basis. (For details, see issues of this publication for that period.)

6. From July 1988, export commodity statistics are presented on a SITC Rev3 basis only. Therefore, Tables 2, 3 and 4 do not include any data for periods prior to January 1988. Statistics shown in the Main Features and graphs are also based on the SITC Rev3.

Non-merchandise trade

7. In accordance with United Nations recommendations, total exports excludes transactions classified as non-merchandise trade. The value of non-merchandise

trade is shown in Table 1.

Valuation

8. The value of exports is the free on board (FOB) value of the goods expressed in Australian dollars.

Time of recording

9. Exports are recorded statistically in the month the entries are lodged with the Australian Customs Service. Regular exporters or their agents may provide details of their export shipments on a periodic rather than an individual shipment basis by submitting weekly or monthly returns. These 'periodic returns' must be submitted to the Australian Customs Service within seven days of the end of the period in question covering all shipments during that period. All other exporters are required to report each individual shipment prior to the ship's departure. Approximately 90 per cent of monthly export values are recorded on periodic returns. The statistical month for Customs outputs (usually ports other than those at which the main Customs office in each state is located) closes on the 21st of each month, whereas for seaports the statistical month is the calendar month.

10. Because of the way in which exports data are collected and processed approximately 40% of total export trade by value shown for a particular month reflects actual shipments in that month, while approximately 55% reflects actual shipments during the previous month with the remaining 5% by value being exported in earlier months. For individual commodities these percentages may vary considerably.

Country statistics

11. Country statistics shown in Tables 3 and 9 refer to the country to which the goods were consigned at the time of export.

Confidentiality

12. Restrictions are placed on the release of statistics for certain commodities for reasons of confidentiality. These restrictions do not affect total export figures, but they can affect statistics at all levels in country and commodity tables. Refer to table footnotes and the Appendix for specific details. The informative paper Confidentiality and the Release of Foreign Trade and Shipping Statistics (SHE.0) describes fully the confidentiality process.

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Appendix : Confidential Commodity Listing

Restrictions are placed on the release of statistics for certain commodities for reasons of confidentiality.

From 1 January 1988, restrictions have been applied at the item level of the Australian Harmonized Export Commodity Classification (AHCC). The AHCC items affected by the restrictions, together with the code of the SITC Rev3 item affected, the type of restriction and the period for which it applied are listed below. Confidentiality restrictions applying in 1987 were reviewed prior to January 1988, converted from the AHCC codes to the AHCC codes and shown as having started in January 1988.

In Tables 2, 4 and 5, commodities subject to a 'No Commodity Details' restriction are EXCLUDED from the relevant Sections, Divisions and Items. In Tables 2 and 5, they are included in the totals and in Table 4 they are included in Division 5.

AHCC	SITC Rev3		Item	Type of restriction	Started	Finished
	Section	Division				
1006.20.10	0	04	04220	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
1006.20.20			04220	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
1006.30.10			04231	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
1006.30.21			04231	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
1006.30.29			04231	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
1006.30.31			04231	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
1006.30.39			04231	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
1006.40.00			04232	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
1701.11.10	2	06	06111	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
2601.11.20			28150	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.04.88
2601.11.20			28150	No Country Details for Austria, Belgium-Luxembourg, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, USA, Spain	01.05.88	31.05.88
2601.11.20			28150	No Country Details for Austria, Belgium-Luxembourg, Netherlands, Federal Republic of Germany, France, USA, Spain	01.06.88	-
2601.12.10			28160	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
2602.00.00			28770	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
2605.00.00			28793	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	31.05.88
2606.00.00	3	34	28510	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
2614.00.20			28783	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
2617.90.00			28799	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
2618.20.00			28520	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7501.10.00			28421	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
7501.20.00			28422	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	31.05.88
2711.12.00	4	42	34210	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
2711.13.00			34250	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
1512.21.00			42121	No Commodity Details	01.10.88	-
2937.91.00			54151	No Commodity Details	01.03.88	-
3903.19.00			57219	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
4410.10.00			63422	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
4410.90.00	5	54	63423	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
4411.11.00			63451	No Commodity Details	01.11.88	-
7102.10.00			66721	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
7305.11.00			67931	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7305.12.00			67931	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7305.19.00			67931	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7305.20.00			67932	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7305.31.00	6	66	67933	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7305.39.00			67933	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7305.50.00			67939	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7306.10.10			67941	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7306.10.90			67942	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7306.20.10			67942	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7306.30.10			67943	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7306.30.11	7	72	67943	No Country Details	01.07.88	-
7306.30.90			67943	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7306.30.91			67943	No Country Details	01.07.88	-
7306.40.10			67943	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7306.40.90			67943	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7306.50.10			67943	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7306.50.90			67944	No Country Details	01.01.88	30.06.88
7306.60.00	8	88	67945	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7306.90.00			67945	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7502.10.00			68311	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7502.20.00			68312	No Country Details	01.01.88	-
7504.00.00			68323	No Commodity Details	01.01.88	-
8451.29.00			72473	No Country Details	01.01.88	31.05.88
8451.90.00			72492	No Country Details	01.01.88	-

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