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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEA TRADE : APRIL, 1965
 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 of shipment of cargoes.

Imports of Merchandise recorded in April, 1965 were valued at £A118.4 million, compared with £A111.9 million in April, 1964, an increase of £A6.5 million.

Exports of Merchandise recorded in April, 1965 amounted to £A110.4 million, compared with £A118.4 million in April, 1964, a decrease of £A8.0 million.

In April, 1965, the recorded excess of imports over exports was £A8.0 million, compared with an excess of exports of £A6.5 million in April, 1964.

For the first ten months of 1964-65 recorded imports exceeded recorded exports by £A90.3 million compared with an excess of recorded exports of £A174.9 million in the corresponding period of 1963-64.

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

Period	1963-64			1964-65 (a)		
	Merchandise		Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)	Merchandise		Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)
	Imports	Exports		Imports	Exports	
July	99.7	116.6	+16.9	116.1	116.8	+0.7
August	96.3	95.1	-1.0	119.0	90.0	-29.0
September	89.0	102.3	+13.3	112.1	99.1	-13.0
October	93.0	115.0	+22.0	123.2	117.6	-5.6
November	96.6	129.2	+32.6	116.8	114.9	-1.9
December	90.1	118.4	+28.3	120.8	113.5	-7.3
January	106.5	121.7	+15.2	126.3	110.3	-16.0
February	96.4	116.7	+20.3	103.7	103.4	-0.3
March	92.2	113.0	+20.8	126.0	116.1	-9.9
April	111.9	118.4	+6.5	118.4	110.4	-8.0
Ten Months Total	971.7	1,146.6	+174.9	1,182.4	1,092.1	-90.3
May	102.8	119.9	+17.1			
June	109.4	114.7	+5.3			
Twelve Months Total	1,183.9	1,381.2	+197.3			

(a) Preliminary, subject to revision

NOTE : Freight and insurance payable on imports are not included above. These are estimated at approximately £A£1 million for six months ended 31st December, 1964.

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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