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Fact Sheet

General information:

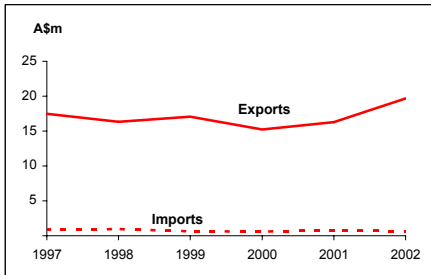
Capital:	Nuku'alofa
Surface area:	748 sq km
Official languages:	Tongan, English
Population:	0.1 million (2002)
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 1.2571 Pa'anga (Dec 2002)

Head of State and Head of Government:
H.M. King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, GCMG, GCVO, KBE

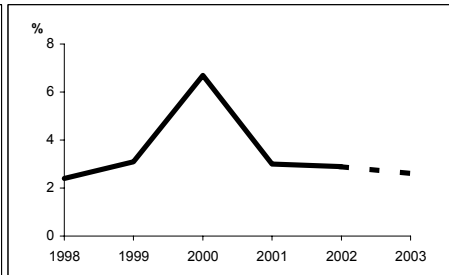
Recent economic indicators:

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002(a)	2003(b)
GDP (US\$m) (c):	162.3	149.7	159.2	141.5	136.0	n.a.
GDP per capita (US\$):	1,623	1,497	1,592	1,573	1,360	n.a.
Real GDP growth (% change YOY):	2.4	3.1	6.7	3.0	2.9	2.6
Current account balance (US\$m):	-32	-19	-16	-13	3	n.a.
Current account balance (% GDP):	-19.7	-12.7	-10.0	-9.1	2.0	n.a.
Merchandise exports (% GDP):	7.3	8.1	6.8	8.3	13.1	n.a.
Inflation (% change YOY):	3.2	4.9	5.9	8.4	10.4	5.0
Unemployment rate (%):	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

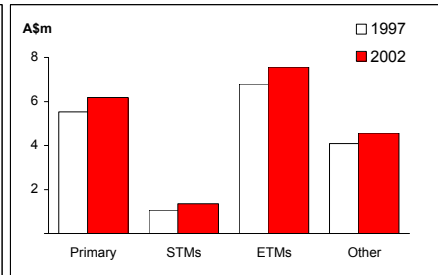
Australia's trade with Tonga



Real GDP growth



Australia's exports to Tonga



Australia's trade relationship with Tonga:

Major Australian exports, 2002 (A\$m):

Tobacco, manufactured	1
Flour of wheat	1
Meat (excl. bovine)	1
Bovine meat	1
Paper manufactures	1

Major Australian imports, 2002 (A\$m):

No significant imports were recorded.

Australian merchandise trade with Tonga, 2002:

		<u>Total share:</u>	<u>Rank:</u>	<u>Growth (yoy):</u>
Exports to Tonga (A\$m):	20	0.0%	96th	20.7%
Imports from Tonga (A\$m):	1	0.0%	134th	-8.7%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	20	0.0%	105th	19.5%
Merchandise trade surplus with Tonga (A\$m):	19			

Australia's trade in services with Tonga, 2002:

		<u>Total share:</u>
Exports of services to Tonga (A\$m):	n.a.	n.a.
Imports of services from Tonga (A\$m):	n.a.	n.a.
Services trade balance with Tonga (A\$m):	n.a.	

Tonga's global trade relationships:

Tonga's principal export destinations, 2001:

1	United States	40.5%
2	Japan	40.2%
3	New Zealand	5.2%
4	Cambodia	2.1%
5	Australia	1.8%

Tonga's principal import sources, 2001:

1	New Zealand	32.7%
2	Fiji	21.9%
3	Australia	11.1%
4	Thailand	8.0%
5	United States	7.0%

Compiled by the Market Information and Analysis Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a): all recent data subject to revision; (b): EIU forecast; (c) Year ending June 30.

n.a. Data not available.

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