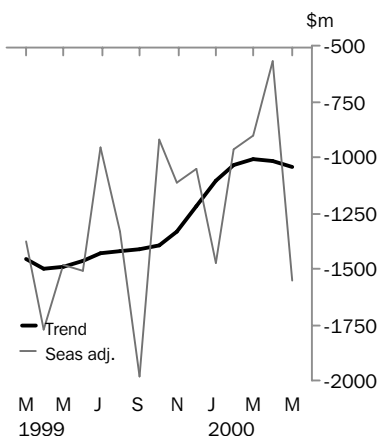


# INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

AUSTRALIA

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## Balance on goods and services



## MAY KEY FIGURES

### TREND ESTIMATES

	Mar 2000 \$m	Apr 2000 \$m	May 2000 \$m	Apr 2000 to May 2000 % change
Balance on goods & services	-1 007	-1 015	-1 047	..
Credits (exports of goods & services)	10 813	10 980	11 115	1
Debits (imports of goods & services)	11 820	11 995	12 162	1

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Mar 2000 \$m	Apr 2000 \$m	May 2000 \$m	Apr 2000 to May 2000 % change
Balance on goods & services	- 904	- 572	-1 553	..
Credits (exports of goods & services)	10 896	10 950	11 223	2
Debits (imports of goods & services)	11 800	11 522	12 776	11

## MAY KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES

- The provisional trend estimate of the balance on goods and services is a deficit of \$1,047 million in May, an increase of \$32 million on the deficit in April.
- Goods and services credits rose \$135 million to \$11,115 million, while goods and services debits rose \$167 million to \$12,162 million.

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- In seasonally adjusted terms, the balance on goods and services is a deficit of \$1,553 million, up \$981 million on the deficit in April.
- Goods and services credits rose \$273 million (2%). Non-rural and other goods increased \$192 million (3%), while rural goods rose \$59 million (3%). Services credits rose \$22 million (1%).
- Goods and services debits rose \$1,254 million (11%). There were rises in imports of intermediate and other goods, up \$823 million (19%), capital goods, up \$187 million (10%), and consumption goods, up \$119 million (4%). Services debits rose \$125 million (5%) largely reflecting higher freight costs on the rebounding level of imports in May.

### ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, the balance on goods and services in May is a deficit of \$1,666 million, a \$1,981 million turnaround on the \$315 million surplus in April.
- Exports of goods to our major south east Asia and north Asia trading partners rose 12%, while exports to other destinations increased 10% during May. See analysis on page 4 for details.

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# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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## CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

In original terms, revisions since the previous issue have:

- decreased the deficit on goods and services for 1997-98 by \$41 million;
- increased the deficit on goods and services for 1998-99 by \$12 million; and
- increased the deficit on goods and services for the eleven months to May 2000 by \$280 million.

The major factors contributing to the revisions to the year to date estimate of the deficit on goods and services are:

- incorporation of the latest available data from the International Visitor Survey conducted on behalf of the Bureau of Tourism Research, affecting travel credits estimates;
- incorporation of the latest available data on overseas arrivals and departures, also affecting travel estimates;
- incorporation of the latest available data from the Survey of International Trade in Services; and
- incorporation of the latest available data on merchandise exports and imports.



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## ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

### BALANCE ON GOODS AND SERVICES

The trend estimate of the balance on goods and services is a deficit of \$1,047 million in May, an increase of \$32 million on the deficit in April.

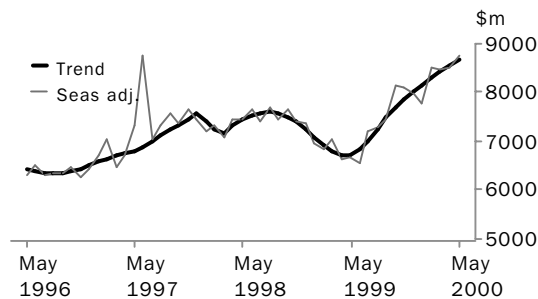
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### EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES

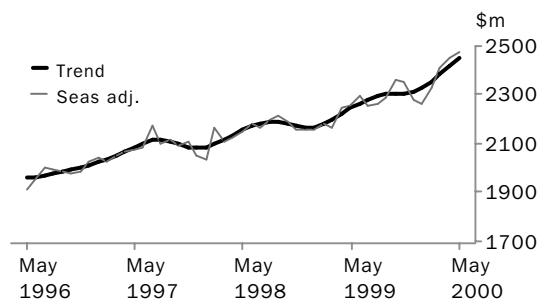
The trend estimate of goods and services credits rose \$135 million to \$11,115 million, mainly attributable to the rise in non-rural goods.

In seasonally adjusted terms, goods and services credits rose \$273 million to \$11,223 million. There were rises in exports of other goods, up \$217 million (41%), and rural goods, up \$59 million (3%). These rises were partly offset by a fall in exports of non-rural goods, down \$25 million. Services credits rose \$22 million.

#### GOODS CREDITS



#### SERVICES CREDITS



**RURAL GOODS** The trend estimate of rural goods was up \$9 million to \$2,009 million. In seasonally adjusted terms, rural goods rose \$59 million (3%) to \$2,017 million. Rural goods, in original terms, rose \$181 million (9%). There were rises in all rural commodities with the largest rise in:

- other rural, up \$93 million (10%) to \$1,050 million, with cotton, up \$122 million (203%) to \$182 million largely due to increased volumes;
- meat and meat preparations, up \$56 million (15%) to \$433 million; and
- wool and sheepskins, up \$23 million (9%) to \$276 million.

## ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

**NON-RURAL AND OTHER GOODS** The trend estimate of non-rural and other goods rose \$92 million (1%) to \$6,655 million. In seasonally adjusted terms, non-rural and other goods rose \$192 million (3%) to \$6,734 million.

Non-rural and other goods, in original terms, rose \$665 million (11%), with the largest increases in:

- other goods, up \$217 million (41%) to \$750 million due to increased non-monetary gold exports (up \$101 million) and gold exports after processing (up \$113 million);
- other manufactures, up \$134 million (14%) to \$1,065 million;
- metal ores and minerals, up \$126 million (12%) to \$1,190 million; and
- machinery, up \$62 million (11%) to \$602 million.

### MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY COUNTRY

The table below shows Australia's recorded merchandise exports for the 9 months to May 2000 (in original terms, not adjusted for BOP purposes) to 10 selected south east Asia and north Asia trading partners. Movements in the individual series reflect a range of seasonal and irregular influences. In May, exports to selected Asian destinations, were up 12% on the previous month. Exports to other countries rose 10%. There were significant rises in exports to the Republic of Korea, up \$260 million (most of which was higher gold exports, including gold re-exported after being imported from Korea for processing), Taiwan, up \$152 million, and Singapore, up \$75 million. Exports to these three countries in May are the highest on record. Exports to the largest market, Japan, fell \$120 million (7%) in May. Overall, exports to the group of 10 countries listed below is up 15% for the 11 months to May 2000 compared with the 11 months to May 1999, while exports to all other countries rose 7% over the same period. Comparing these periods after excluding gold, exports to the selected Asian destinations rose 16%, while exports to the rest of the world rose 12%.

### AUSTRALIA'S MERCHANDISE EXPORTS(a) TO SELECTED MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS

	Sep 1999	Oct 1999	Nov 1999	Dec 1999	Jan 2000	Feb 2000	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	May 2000	Apr 2000 to May 2000 % change
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
China	386	363	367	402	383	510	399	461	463	0
Hong Kong	255	224	311	280	207	346	339	227	289	27
Indonesia	136	210	193	199	151	185	194	217	248	14
Japan	1 416	1 532	1 545	1 601	1 400	1 566	1 732	1 678	1 558	-7
Korea, Republic of	478	557	623	609	597	737	715	659	919	39
Malaysia	179	189	179	164	152	169	186	187	211	13
Philippines	99	113	97	95	99	107	118	93	124	33
Singapore	453	241	309	469	349	370	473	455	530	16
Taiwan	308	365	349	409	377	374	475	364	516	42
Thailand	130	131	156	149	107	119	143	159	163	3
<i>Sub-total</i>	3 840	3 925	4 129	4 377	3 822	4 483	4 774	4 500	5 021	12
<i>All other countries</i>	3 552	4 062	4 342	3 998	2 933	3 731	4 050	3 767	4 145	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 392</b>	<b>7 987</b>	<b>8 471</b>	<b>8 375</b>	<b>6 815</b>	<b>8 214</b>	<b>8 824</b>	<b>8 267</b>	<b>9 166</b>	<b>11</b>

(a) Merchandise exports, in original terms, as recorded in ABS international trade statistics, not adjusted to a balance of payments basis.

## ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

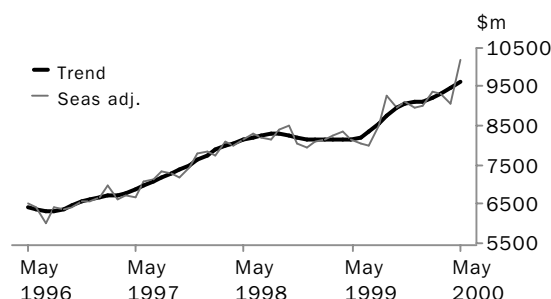
### IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES

The trend estimate of goods and services debits rose \$167 million (1%) to \$12,162 million.

In seasonally adjusted terms, goods and services debits rose \$1,254 million (11%) to \$12,776 million. Goods debits rose \$1,129 million (12%) to \$10,190 million with rises in all broad categories. Services debits rose \$125 million (5%) to \$2,586 million mainly reflecting higher freight on imports.

In original terms, imports of goods rose \$2,446 million in May, in part reflecting delays in finalising entries for goods that arrived in April and were processed in May. However, this delay is largely accounted for in the seasonal adjustment process.

#### GOODS DEBITS



**CONSUMPTION GOODS** The trend estimate of consumption goods rose \$63 million (2%) to \$2,766 million in May. Seasonally adjusted, consumption goods rose \$119 million (4%) to \$2,826 million.

Consumption goods in original terms rose \$399 million (17%) to \$2,683 million. There were rises in all categories with the largest increases in:

- consumption goods n.e.s., up \$125 million (18%) to \$829 million;
- non-industrial transport equipment, up \$114 million (20%) to \$691 million; and
- toys, books and leisure goods, up \$53 million (25%) to \$269 million.

**CAPITAL GOODS** The trend estimate of capital goods fell \$37 million (2%) to \$2,117 million in May. In seasonally adjusted terms, capital goods rose \$187 million (10%) to \$2,147 million.

Capital goods, in original terms, rose \$577 million (32%) to \$2,359 million. There were rises in all capital good categories with the largest increases in:

- machinery & industrial equipment, up \$207 million (34%) to \$811 million;
- telecommunications equipment, up \$179 million (59%) to \$481 million; and
- ADP equipment, up \$124 million (32%) to \$506 million.

**INTERMEDIATE AND OTHER GOODS** In May, the trend estimate of intermediate and other goods rose \$116 million (3%) to \$4,752 million. In seasonally adjusted terms, intermediate and other goods rose \$823 million (19%) to \$5,217 million.

Intermediate and other goods, in original terms, rose \$1,470 million (37%) to \$5,423 million. There were rises in most categories with the largest increases in:

- fuels and lubricants, up \$469 million (97%) to \$955 million;
- processed industrial supplies n.e.s., up \$253 million (30%) to \$1,109 million;
- parts for transport equipment, up \$195 million (37%) to \$728 million; and
- other parts for capital goods, up \$163 million (26%) to \$799 million.

GOODS AND SERVICES(a), Summary: **Seasonally Adjusted and Trend**

Period	CREDITS.....						DEBITS.....					
	Balance on goods and services	Total goods and services	Total goods	Rural goods(b)	Non-rural and other goods(b)	Total services	Total goods and services	Total goods	Con-sumption goods	Capital goods	Inter-mediate and other goods	Total services
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED</b>												
<b>1999</b>												
March	-1 381	9 189	7 021	1 738	5 283	2 168	-10 570	-8 244	-2 439	-2 099	-3 706	-2 326
April	-1 773	8 900	6 650	1 774	4 876	2 250	-10 673	-8 346	-2 386	-2 057	-3 903	-2 327
May	-1 486	8 915	6 657	1 681	4 976	2 258	-10 401	-8 132	-2 373	-1 887	-3 872	-2 269
June	-1 506	8 845	6 553	1 691	4 862	2 292	-10 351	-8 041	-2 391	-1 813	-3 837	-2 310
July	- 956	9 444	7 185	1 901	5 284	2 259	-10 400	-8 002	-2 406	-1 885	-3 711	-2 398
August	-1 336	9 556	7 295	2 024	5 271	2 261	-10 892	-8 514	-2 405	-2 050	-4 059	-2 378
September	-1 984	9 725	7 434	1 923	5 511	2 291	-11 709	-9 297	-2 542	-2 519	-4 236	-2 412
October	- 919	10 498	8 139	1 862	6 277	2 359	-11 417	-8 979	-2 510	-2 123	-4 346	-2 438
November	-1 110	10 447	8 092	2 037	6 055	2 355	-11 557	-9 131	-2 463	-2 257	-4 411	-2 426
December	-1 055	10 257	7 981	1 920	6 061	2 276	-11 312	-8 966	-2 411	-2 033	-4 522	-2 346
<b>2000</b>												
January	-1 470	10 029	7 767	1 764	6 003	2 262	-11 499	-9 021	-2 473	-2 400	-4 148	-2 478
February	- 963	10 852	8 522	2 054	6 468	2 330	-11 815	-9 369	-2 567	-2 284	-4 518	-2 446
March	- 904	10 896	8 487	2 048	6 439	2 409	-11 800	-9 317	-2 661	-2 229	-4 427	-2 483
April	- 572	10 950	8 500	1 958	6 542	2 450	-11 522	-9 061	-2 707	-1 960	-4 394	-2 461
May	-1 553	11 223	8 751	2 017	6 734	2 472	-12 776	-10 190	-2 826	-2 147	-5 217	-2 586
<b>TREND ESTIMATES</b>												
<b>1999</b>												
March	-1 456	8 990	6 789	1 758	5 031	2 201	-10 446	-8 131	-2 383	-1 955	-3 793	-2 315
April	-1 497	8 943	6 718	1 744	4 974	2 225	-10 440	-8 128	-2 394	-1 947	-3 787	-2 312
May	-1 488	8 974	6 728	1 753	4 975	2 246	-10 462	-8 144	-2 399	-1 941	-3 804	-2 318
June	-1 461	9 089	6 825	1 791	5 034	2 264	-10 550	-8 215	-2 407	-1 961	-3 847	-2 335
July	-1 432	9 290	7 009	1 848	5 161	2 281	-10 722	-8 364	-2 423	-2 010	-3 931	-2 358
August	-1 421	9 531	7 236	1 900	5 336	2 295	-10 952	-8 570	-2 443	-2 081	-4 046	-2 382
September	-1 413	9 775	7 472	1 931	5 541	2 303	-11 188	-8 787	-2 459	-2 157	-4 171	-2 401
October	-1 396	9 990	7 684	1 941	5 743	2 306	-11 386	-8 973	-2 466	-2 223	-4 284	-2 413
November	-1 333	10 162	7 855	1 937	5 918	2 307	-11 495	-9 078	-2 468	-2 258	-4 352	-2 417
December	-1 223	10 313	8 001	1 932	6 069	2 312	-11 536	-9 114	-2 481	-2 256	-4 377	-2 422
<b>2000</b>												
January	-1 107	10 466	8 141	1 940	6 201	2 325	-11 573	-9 139	-2 514	-2 232	-4 393	-2 434
February	-1 032	10 637	8 288	1 960	6 328	2 349	-11 669	-9 215	-2 568	-2 207	-4 440	-2 454
March	-1 007	10 813	8 431	1 981	6 450	2 382	-11 820	-9 342	-2 635	-2 181	-4 526	-2 478
April	-1 015	10 980	8 563	2 000	6 563	2 417	-11 995	-9 493	-2 703	-2 154	-4 636	-2 502
May	-1 047	11 115	8 664	2 009	6 655	2 451	-12 162	-9 635	-2 766	-2 117	-4 752	-2 527

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) For all time periods, estimates for Sugar, sugar preparations and honey are included in Other non-rural.

## GOODS AND SERVICES(a), Summary: Original

Period	CREDITS.....						DEBITS.....					
	Balance on goods and services	Total goods and services	Total goods	Rural goods(b)	Non-rural and other goods(b)	Total services	Total goods and services	Total goods	Con-sumption goods	Capital goods	Inter-mediate and other goods	Total services
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1996-1997</b>	1 570	105 160	80 934	21 045	59 889	24 226	- 103 590	-79 438	-21 293	-18 884	-39 261	-24 152
<b>1997-1998</b>	-4 620	113 862	88 538	22 130	66 408	25 324	- 118 482	-92 084	-25 899	-21 168	-45 017	-26 398
<b>1998-1999</b>	-14 460	111 983	85 687	21 862	63 825	26 296	- 126 443	-98 427	-28 041	-23 055	-47 331	-28 016
<b>1999</b>												
March	-1 644	9 454	7 318	1 869	5 449	2 136	-11 098	-8 870	-2 526	-2 287	-4 057	-2 228
April	-1 692	8 527	6 386	1 778	4 608	2 141	-10 219	-7 942	-2 171	-1 982	-3 789	-2 277
May	-1 065	8 863	6 889	1 795	5 094	1 974	-9 928	-7 714	-2 105	-1 881	-3 728	-2 214
June	-1 657	8 877	6 817	1 783	5 034	2 060	-10 534	-8 165	-2 267	-2 042	-3 856	-2 369
July	-1 206	9 719	7 191	1 782	5 409	2 528	-10 925	-8 399	-2 578	-1 865	-3 956	-2 526
August	-1 838	9 510	7 389	1 871	5 518	2 121	-11 348	-8 914	-2 652	-2 118	-4 144	-2 434
September	-2 766	9 471	7 418	1 819	5 599	2 053	-12 237	-9 622	-2 741	-2 669	-4 212	-2 615
October	- 972	10 775	8 481	1 869	6 612	2 294	-11 747	-9 228	-2 728	-2 127	-4 373	-2 519
November	-1 892	10 294	8 023	1 969	6 054	2 271	-12 186	-9 786	-2 762	-2 344	-4 680	-2 400
December	- 512	10 695	8 400	2 113	6 287	2 295	-11 207	-8 854	-2 419	-2 103	-4 332	-2 353
<b>2000</b>												
January	-1 253	9 411	6 804	1 634	5 170	2 607	-10 664	-8 187	-2 133	-2 113	-3 941	-2 477
February	79	11 056	8 146	2 072	6 074	2 910	-10 977	-8 753	-2 462	-1 889	-4 402	-2 224
March	-1 033	11 179	8 814	2 193	6 621	2 365	-12 212	-9 823	-2 704	-2 388	-4 731	-2 389
April	315	10 678	8 329	2 011	6 318	2 349	-10 363	-8 019	-2 284	-1 782	-3 953	-2 344
May	-1 666	11 335	9 175	2 192	6 983	2 160	-13 001	-10 465	-2 683	-2 359	-5 423	-2 536
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE												
11 months to May 1999	-12 803	103 106	78 870	20 079	58 791	24 236	- 115 909	-90 262	-25 774	-21 013	-43 475	-25 647
11 months to May 2000	-12 744	114 123	88 170	21 525	66 645	25 953	- 126 867	-100 050	-28 146	-23 757	-48 147	-26 817

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## GOODS CREDITS: Original

## RURAL GOODS.....

<i>Period</i>	<i>Total goods</i>	<i>Total rural goods(a)</i>	<i>Meat and meat preparations</i>	<i>Cereal grains and cereal preparations</i>	<i>Sugar, sugar preparations and honey(a)</i>	<i>Wool and sheepskins</i>	<i>Other rural</i>
<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
<b>1996-1997</b>	<b>80 934</b>	<b>21 045</b>	<b>2 957</b>	<b>5 954</b>	<b>n.p.</b>	<b>3 744</b>	<b>8 390</b>
<b>1997-1998</b>	<b>88 538</b>	<b>22 130</b>	<b>3 731</b>	<b>5 094</b>	<b>n.p.</b>	<b>4 020</b>	<b>9 285</b>
<b>1998-1999</b>	<b>85 687</b>	<b>21 862</b>	<b>4 008</b>	<b>5 046</b>	<b>n.p.</b>	<b>2 583</b>	<b>10 225</b>
<b>1999</b>							
March	7 318	1 869	374	459	n.p.	202	834
April	6 386	1 778	332	416	n.p.	178	852
May	6 889	1 795	336	336	n.p.	221	902
June	6 817	1 783	329	418	n.p.	170	866
July	7 191	1 782	359	354	n.p.	180	889
August	7 389	1 871	349	366	n.p.	195	961
September	7 418	1 819	361	389	n.p.	210	859
October	8 481	1 869	379	378	n.p.	235	877
November	8 023	1 969	394	350	n.p.	276	949
December	8 400	2 113	394	475	n.p.	287	957
<b>2000</b>							
January	6 804	1 634	218	374	n.p.	196	846
February	8 146	2 072	359	530	n.p.	284	899
March	8 814	2 193	414	492	n.p.	281	1 006
April	8 329	2 011	377	424	n.p.	253	957
May	9 175	2 192	433	433	n.p.	276	1 050
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE							
11 months to May 1999	78 870	20 079	3 679	4 628	n.p.	2 413	9 359
11 months to May 2000	88 170	21 525	4 037	4 565	n.p.	2 673	10 250

(a) For all time periods, estimates for Sugar, sugar preparations and honey are included in Other non-rural.



GOODS CREDITS: **Original** *continued*

## NON-RURAL GOODS.....

<i>Period</i>	<i>Total non-rural goods(a)</i>	<i>Metal ores and minerals</i>	<i>Coal, coke and briquettes</i>	<i>Other mineral fuels</i>	<i>Metals (excl. gold)</i>	<i>Machinery</i>	<i>Transport equipment</i>	<i>Other manufactures</i>	<i>Other non-rural(a)</i>	<i>Other goods(b)</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1996-1997</b>	52 334	9 407	8 005	5 154	6 054	7 001	3 649	9 108	3 956	7 555
<b>1997-1998</b>	58 441	10 835	9 586	5 309	7 185	7 549	3 412	9 834	4 731	7 967
<b>1998-1999</b>	56 365	11 037	9 288	4 461	6 984	6 569	3 343	10 273	4 410	7 460
<b>1999</b>										
March	4 837	945	742	322	640	552	388	934	314	612
April	4 150	732	661	335	521	496	272	839	294	458
May	4 672	923	713	369	646	571	221	900	329	422
June	4 575	891	672	366	601	542	315	899	289	459
July	4 923	839	687	498	580	678	328	897	416	486
August	5 042	867	723	541	660	544	316	921	470	476
September	4 963	892	684	502	605	612	265	976	427	636
October	5 785	954	685	520	664	547	842	1 011	562	827
November	5 217	927	666	576	667	639	368	991	383	837
December	5 764	1 019	653	862	763	624	463	982	398	523
<b>2000</b>										
January	4 597	819	669	835	608	420	210	730	306	573
February	5 511	973	595	943	798	547	314	918	423	563
March	5 927	935	731	853	895	627	360	1 072	454	694
April	5 785	1 064	725	871	845	540	374	931	435	533
May	6 233	1 190	761	888	862	602	422	1 065	443	750

## FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE

11 months to May 1999	51 790	10 146	8 616	4 095	6 383	6 027	3 028	9 374	4 121	7 001
11 months to May 2000	59 747	10 479	7 579	7 889	7 947	6 380	4 262	10 494	4 717	6 898

(a) For all time periods, estimates for Sugar, sugar preparations and honey are included in Other non-rural.

(b) Includes non-monetary gold.

## GOODS DEBITS (a): Original

## CONSUMPTION GOODS.....

<i>Period</i>	<i>Total goods</i>	<i>Total consumption goods</i>	<i>Food and beverages, mainly for consumption</i>	<i>Household electrical items</i>	<i>Non-industrial transport equipment</i>	<i>Textiles, clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Toys, books and leisure goods</i>	<i>Consumption goods n.e.s.</i>
	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
<b>1996-1997</b>	-79 438	-21 293	-2 879	-1 890	-5 143	-2 880	-2 567	-5 934
<b>1997-1998</b>	-92 084	-25 899	-3 282	-2 062	-7 102	-3 456	-2 956	-7 041
<b>1998-1999</b>	-98 427	-28 041	-3 606	-2 245	-7 231	-3 739	-3 184	-8 036
<b>1999</b>								
March	-8 870	-2 526	-305	-198	-724	-349	-223	-727
April	-7 942	-2 171	-284	-181	-561	-286	-222	-637
May	-7 714	-2 105	-265	-175	-556	-234	-247	-628
June	-8 165	-2 267	-284	-174	-701	-245	-253	-610
July	-8 399	-2 578	-317	-186	-731	-403	-274	-667
August	-8 914	-2 652	-316	-194	-658	-402	-292	-790
September	-9 622	-2 741	-330	-198	-682	-369	-317	-845
October	-9 228	-2 728	-346	-224	-730	-322	-302	-804
November	-9 786	-2 762	-382	-260	-577	-334	-302	-907
December	-8 854	-2 419	-361	-211	-557	-294	-269	-727
<b>2000</b>								
January	-8 187	-2 133	-308	-167	-473	-335	-201	-649
February	-8 753	-2 462	-326	-180	-551	-454	-242	-709
March	-9 823	-2 704	-341	-215	-711	-386	-269	-782
April	-8 019	-2 284	-289	-186	-577	-312	-216	-704
May	-10 465	-2 683	-336	-227	-691	-331	-269	-829
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE								
11 months to May 1999	-90 262	-25 774	-3 322	-2 071	-6 530	-3 494	-2 931	-7 426
11 months to May 2000	-100 050	-28 146	-3 652	-2 248	-6 938	-3 942	-2 953	-8 413

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes.

GOODS DEBITS(a): Original *continued*

## CAPITAL GOODS.....

Period	Total capital goods	Machinery and industrial equipment	ADP equipment	Telecommunications equipment	Civil aircraft	Industrial transport equipment n.e.s.	Capital goods n.e.s.
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1996-1997</b>	-18 884	-8 020	-3 719	-1 748	- 784	-2 178	-2 435
<b>1997-1998</b>	-21 168	-8 862	-4 345	-2 070	- 464	-2 560	-2 867
<b>1998-1999</b>	-23 055	-9 226	-4 496	-2 812	- 649	-2 860	-3 012
<b>1999</b>							
March	-2 287	- 777	- 431	- 337	- 167	- 284	- 291
April	-1 982	- 675	- 388	- 370	-18	- 292	- 239
May	-1 881	- 635	- 424	- 309	-11	- 258	- 244
June	-2 042	- 692	- 462	- 307	-17	- 302	- 262
July	-1 865	- 752	- 388	- 219	-26	- 242	- 238
August	-2 118	- 904	- 368	- 334	-3	- 244	- 265
September	-2 669	- 734	- 384	- 315	- 289	- 512	- 435
October	-2 127	- 720	- 342	- 288	- 227	- 288	- 262
November	-2 344	- 754	- 392	- 419	-26	- 468	- 285
December	-2 103	- 727	- 415	- 345	-54	- 317	- 245
<b>2000</b>							
January	-2 113	- 719	- 304	- 305	- 320	- 248	- 217
February	-1 889	- 652	- 351	- 357	-19	- 252	- 258
March	-2 388	- 730	- 489	- 401	-52	- 411	- 305
April	-1 782	- 604	- 382	- 302	-8	- 250	- 236
May	-2 359	- 811	- 506	- 481	-18	- 251	- 292
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE							
11 months to May 1999	-21 013	-8 534	-4 034	-2 505	- 632	-2 558	-2 750
11 months to May 2000	-23 757	-8 107	-4 321	-3 766	-1 042	-3 483	-3 038

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes.

GOODS DEBITS(a): **Original** *continued*

## INTERMEDIATE AND OTHER MERCHANDISE GOODS.....

<i>Period</i>	<i>Total intermediate and other merchandise goods</i>	<i>Food and beverages, mainly for industry</i>	<i>Primary industrial supplies n.e.s.</i>	<i>Fuels and lubricants</i>	<i>Parts for transport equipment</i>	<i>Parts for ADP equipment</i>	<i>Other parts for capital goods</i>	<i>Organic and inorganic chemicals</i>
<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
<b>1996-1997</b>	-37 028	- 641	- 839	-5 004	-4 609	-1 759	-6 507	-2 743
<b>1997-1998</b>	-40 454	- 746	- 950	-4 276	-5 346	-1 993	-7 193	-2 814
<b>1998-1999</b>	-43 293	- 758	- 882	-4 428	-6 085	-1 944	-7 692	-3 139
<b>1999</b>								
March	-3 814	-67	-74	- 321	- 565	- 188	- 667	- 271
April	-3 613	-54	-64	- 449	- 544	- 164	- 593	- 260
May	-3 520	-65	-79	- 413	- 542	- 161	- 588	- 253
June	-3 568	-66	-70	- 390	- 544	- 167	- 619	- 243
July	-3 726	-62	-83	- 463	- 528	- 147	- 644	- 243
August	-3 898	-68	-73	- 626	- 567	- 153	- 657	- 229
September	-3 889	-72	-98	- 445	- 547	- 151	- 631	- 299
October	-3 780	-49	-103	- 529	- 509	- 140	- 601	- 266
November	-4 196	-59	-94	- 751	- 534	- 142	- 682	- 276
December	-4 015	-60	-116	- 648	- 537	- 158	- 630	- 351
<b>2000</b>								
January	-3 675	-61	-68	- 462	- 486	- 136	- 613	- 295
February	-4 016	-72	-87	- 615	- 589	- 148	- 629	- 321
March	-4 460	-54	-113	- 557	- 667	- 195	- 721	- 378
April	-3 703	-67	-79	- 486	- 533	- 160	- 636	- 261
May	-5 015	-57	-107	- 955	- 728	- 191	- 799	- 316
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE								
11 months to May 1999	-39 725	- 692	- 812	-4 038	-5 541	-1 777	-7 073	-2 896
11 months to May 2000	-44 373	- 681	-1 021	-6 537	-6 225	-1 721	-7 243	-3 235

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes.

GOODS DEBITS(a): *Original* *continued*INTERMEDIATE AND OTHER MERCHANDISE GOODS *continued*.....

Period	Paper and paperboard	Textile yarn and fabrics	Iron and steel	Plastics	Processed industrial supplies n.e.s.	Other merchandise goods	Other goods(b)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1996-1997</b>	-1 713	-1 817	-1 297	-1 577	-8 212	- 310	-2 233
<b>1997-1998</b>	-1 901	-2 005	-1 623	-1 814	-9 431	- 362	-4 563
<b>1998-1999</b>	-1 978	-2 006	-1 470	-1 889	-10 140	- 882	-4 038
<b>1999</b>							
March	- 175	- 166	- 121	- 162	- 978	-59	- 243
April	- 149	- 148	- 124	- 142	- 853	-69	- 176
May	- 147	- 152	- 101	- 147	- 810	-62	- 208
June	- 155	- 170	- 121	- 153	- 816	-54	- 288
July	- 179	- 196	- 115	- 158	- 855	-53	- 230
August	- 172	- 172	- 129	- 171	- 821	-60	- 246
September	- 195	- 178	- 116	- 176	- 885	-96	- 323
October	- 201	- 158	- 123	- 170	- 849	-82	- 593
November	- 205	- 172	- 118	- 179	- 927	-57	- 484
December	- 181	- 151	- 121	- 181	- 856	-25	- 317
<b>2000</b>							
January	- 164	- 153	- 125	- 159	- 830	- 123	- 266
February	- 176	- 155	- 132	- 162	- 882	-48	- 386
March	- 194	- 163	- 151	- 176	-1 011	-80	- 271
April	- 169	- 134	- 124	- 148	- 856	-50	- 250
May	- 190	- 178	- 132	- 184	-1 109	-69	- 408
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE							
11 months to May 1999	-1 823	-1 836	-1 349	-1 736	-9 324	- 828	-3 750
11 months to May 2000	-2 026	-1 810	-1 386	-1 864	-9 881	- 743	-3 774

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes non-monetary gold.

## SERVICES(a)(b): Original

Period	CREDITS.....					DEBITS.....				
	Total services	Freight	Other transportation	Travel	Other services	Total services	Freight	Other transportation	Travel	Other services
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1996-1997</b>	24 226	951	5 697	11 756	5 822	-24 152	-4 373	-4 066	-7 769	-7 944
<b>1997-1998</b>	25 324	1 042	5 670	11 540	7 072	-26 398	-5 013	-4 097	-8 372	-8 916
<b>1998-1999</b>	26 296	1 274	5 594	11 944	7 484	-28 016	-5 009	-4 358	-9 044	-9 605
<b>1999</b>										
March	2 136	108	479	978	571	-2 228	-420	-348	-712	-748
April	2 141	108	419	946	668	-2 277	-398	-335	-723	-821
May	1 974	108	419	771	676	-2 214	-363	-358	-713	-780
June	2 060	107	416	832	705	-2 369	-396	-400	-742	-831
July	2 528	104	452	1 338	634	-2 526	-423	-408	-858	-837
August	2 121	104	452	935	630	-2 434	-419	-390	-794	-831
September	2 053	103	452	860	638	-2 615	-419	-420	-922	-854
October	2 294	119	497	1 011	667	-2 519	-432	-398	-894	-795
November	2 271	119	497	982	673	-2 400	-451	-353	-737	-859
December	2 295	118	497	995	685	-2 353	-400	-416	-705	-832
<b>2000</b>										
January	2 607	145	508	1 326	628	-2 477	-361	-410	-904	-802
February	2 910	145	508	1 637	620	-2 224	-408	-340	-682	-794
March	2 365	144	517	1 066	638	-2 389	-477	-357	-737	-818
April	2 349	147	464	1 026	712	-2 344	-395	-355	-753	-841
May	2 160	147	464	832	717	-2 536	-522	-392	-742	-880
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE										
11 months to May 1999	24 236	1 167	5 178	11 112	6 779	-25 647	-4 613	-3 958	-8 302	-8 774
11 months to May 2000	25 953	1 395	5 308	12 008	7 242	-26 817	-4 707	-4 239	-8 728	-9 143

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) For detailed trade in services by commodity, see Table 6 and paragraph 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

## SERVICES(a)(b): Original—Quarterly

	CREDITS.....				DEBITS.....			
	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>Mar Qtr</i>
	1999	1999	1999	2000	1999	1999	1999	2000
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>6 175</b>	<b>6 702</b>	<b>6 860</b>	<b>7 882</b>	<b>-6 860</b>	<b>-7 575</b>	<b>-7 272</b>	<b>-7 090</b>
<b>Transportation services</b>	<b>1 577</b>	<b>1 667</b>	<b>1 847</b>	<b>1 967</b>	<b>-2 250</b>	<b>-2 479</b>	<b>-2 450</b>	<b>-2 353</b>
Passenger	1 254	1 356	1 491	1 533	- 888	-1 014	- 932	- 881
Freight	323	311	356	434	-1 157	-1 261	-1 283	-1 246
Other	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	- 205	- 204	- 235	- 226
<b>Travel services</b>	<b>2 549</b>	<b>3 133</b>	<b>2 988</b>	<b>4 029</b>	<b>-2 178</b>	<b>-2 574</b>	<b>-2 336</b>	<b>-2 323</b>
Business	250	241	235	268	- 609	- 588	- 562	- 674
Personal	2 299	2 892	2 753	3 761	-1 569	-1 986	-1 774	-1 649
Education-related	444	879	429	1 484	- 100	- 199	- 128	- 153
Other	1 855	2 013	2 324	2 277	-1 469	-1 787	-1 646	-1 496
<b>Communications services</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>- 391</b>	<b>- 391</b>	<b>- 428</b>	<b>- 362</b>
<b>Construction services</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Insurance services</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>- 231</b>	<b>- 234</b>	<b>- 234</b>	<b>- 234</b>
<b>Financial services</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>- 117</b>	<b>- 132</b>	<b>- 132</b>	<b>- 132</b>
<b>Computer and information services</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>- 109</b>	<b>- 191</b>	<b>- 140</b>	<b>- 147</b>
<b>Royalties and licence fees</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>- 401</b>	<b>- 485</b>	<b>- 456</b>	<b>- 454</b>
<b>Other business services</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>- 824</b>	<b>- 764</b>	<b>- 736</b>	<b>- 748</b>
Merchanting and other trade-related	196	136	126	158	-66	-61	-56	-74
Operational leasing	2	3	4	2	- 244	- 268	- 232	- 238
Miscellaneous business, professional & technical	504	484	555	456	- 514	- 435	- 448	- 436
Legal, accounting, management consulting and public relations	91	88	74	84	-40	-46	-47	-44
Advertising, market research, and public opinion polling	24	16	32	28	-30	-21	-32	-41
Research and development	55	53	75	45	-30	-32	-32	-40
Architectural, engineering and other technical services	110	79	82	99	- 163	-88	-77	- 105
Agricultural, mining, and on-site processing	8	15	17	8	<i>n.p.</i>	- 63	- 38	- 41
Services between affiliated enterprises n.i.e.	189	188	222	171	- 159	- 148	- 182	- 139
Other	27	45	53	21	-92	-37	-40	-26
<b>Personal, cultural, and recreational services</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>- 193</b>	<b>- 194</b>	<b>- 202</b>	<b>- 177</b>
Audiovisual and related services	35	42	44	34	- 162	- 165	- 176	- 151
Other personal, cultural and recreational services	57	70	80	52	-31	-29	-26	-26
<b>Government services n.i.e.</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>- 166</b>	<b>- 131</b>	<b>- 158</b>	<b>- 160</b>

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) For detailed trade in services by commodity, see paragraph 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

## PERIOD AVERAGE EXCHANGE RATES(a)

## UNITS OF FOREIGN CURRENCY PER AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR.....

<i>Period</i>	<i>United States dollar</i>	<i>United Kingdom pound</i>	<i>Euro</i>	<i>Japanese yen</i>	<i>Special drawing right</i>	<i>Trade weighted index of value of the \$A(b)</i>
<b>1996-1997</b>	0.7828	0.4851	..	90.51	0.5521	58.7
<b>1997-1998</b>	0.6808	0.4138	..	86.02	0.5026	58.3
<b>1998-1999</b>	0.6276	0.3824	..	77.81	0.4589	56.0
<b>1999</b>						
March	0.6300	0.3887	0.5785	75.36	0.4623	56.0
April	0.6418	0.3987	0.5992	76.73	0.4737	57.0
May	0.6621	0.4100	0.6225	80.70	0.4908	58.8
June	0.6556	0.4108	0.6316	79.19	0.4894	58.3
July	0.6578	0.4178	0.6356	78.77	0.4915	58.3
August	0.6450	0.4016	0.6081	73.13	0.4729	56.6
September	0.6489	0.4000	0.6181	69.56	0.4716	56.7
October	0.6515	0.3930	0.6079	69.10	0.4689	56.4
November	0.6395	0.3940	0.6179	67.01	0.4647	55.4
December	0.6401	0.3967	0.6325	65.68	0.4665	55.4
<b>2000</b>						
January	0.6579	0.4009	0.6474	69.15	0.4802	57.0
February	0.6291	0.3924	0.6397	68.78	0.4675	55.5
March	0.6096	0.3857	0.6316	65.00	0.4540	53.7
April	0.5981	0.3776	0.6303	63.05	0.4460	52.6
May	0.5785	0.3828	0.6377	62.58	0.4413	52.0

(a) These exchange rates and the trade-weighted index are derived using rates provided by the Reserve Bank of Australia in respect of each trading day.

(b) May 1970=100. The Trade Weighted Index is reweighted annually (on 1 October) and on special occasions as required.



# EXPLANATORY NOTES

## INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains preliminary estimates of Australia's international trade in goods and services on a balance of payments basis. These estimates form part of Australia's balance of payments statistics.

**2** More comprehensive quarterly estimates of Australia's trade in goods and services, together with comprehensive details of Australia's balance of payments and international investment position statistics are included in the quarterly publication, *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia* (Cat. no. 5302.0).

## CONCEPTS, SOURCES AND METHODS

**3** The conceptual framework used in Australia's balance of payments and international investment position statistics is based on the Fifth Edition of the International Monetary Fund's *Balance of Payments Manual* (BPM5, 1993). Descriptions of the underlying concepts and structure of the balance of payments and international investment position, and the sources, methods and terms used in compiling the estimates are presented in *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 5331.0), which was released on 22 September, 1998.

## RELIABILITY AND VOLATILITY

**4** Care should be exercised in interpreting month-to-month movements in original and seasonally adjusted series as short-term movements cannot be assumed to indicate changes in trend. The monthly estimates are volatile, being subject to seasonal factors (except where adjusted in Table 1) and large irregular influences. The irregular influences may reflect both random economic events and difficulties of statistical recording. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that the month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. For example, irregular factors unrelated to the trend account for more than half the seasonally adjusted monthly movements with the following frequency:

balance on goods and services: 9 in 10 months

goods and services credits: 8 in 10 months

goods and services debits: 8 in 10 months.

## TREND ESTIMATES

**5** The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted series. The 13-term Henderson average (like all Henderson averages) is symmetric, but as the end of a time series is approached, asymmetric forms of the average are applied. While the asymmetric weights enable trend estimates for recent months to be produced, it does result in revisions to the estimates for the most recent six months (the most recent three months in particular) as additional observations become available. There may also be revisions because of changes in the original data and as a result of the re-estimation of the seasonal factors. Details of trend-cycle weighting patterns are available on request from Time Series Analysis Section on Canberra (02) 6252 6076.

## SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

**6** The factors used in seasonally adjusting the monthly goods and services statistics can be obtained from Balance of Payments Section on Canberra (02) 6252 5507. There is a charge for this service.

## SIGN CONVENTION

**7** In keeping with balance of payments conventions, credit entries are shown without sign and debit items are shown as negative entries. However, references to debit items in Key Figures, Key Points, and Analysis and Comments are made without regard to sign.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMODITY BREAKDOWNS OF GOODS

**8** For details of the classification used for rural and non-rural goods see Table 6.6 in *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 5331.0).

**9** Table 6.7 in 5331.0 provides details of the classification used for goods debits. Most of the 25 commodity groups shown in Table 4 for merchandise goods debits are further sub-divided into a total of 106 commodity sub-groups. Although the information at this level is not published, it is available as a special data service, and can be obtained from Balance of Payments Section on Canberra (02) 6252 6318.

**10** For more information on the commodity classification of merchandise goods debits, refer to *Information Paper: Change to Commodity Classification of Merchandise Imports in Balance of Payments Publications* (Cat. no. 5344.0).

### COMMODITY BREAKDOWNS OF SERVICES

**11** The quarterly detailed services data published in Table 6 are consistent with the monthly aggregates shown in Table 5. A further 14 sub-commodities are available on request. Detailed annual data are published for 61 services commodities, and a further 4 are available. Services trade data by major partner countries and by Australian State of production/consumption are also published annually. Additional detail and additional presentations of the data may be available on request. For further information contact Balance of Payments Section on Canberra (02) 6252 5336.

**12** Monthly indicators for many of the services components that are surveyed only quarterly are not available. In particular, the Freight and Other transportation components of Total services credits are not available for publication. Therefore the estimates for these items shown in Table 5 are derived by dividing the quarterly estimate by three.

### RELATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

**13** Detailed data of exports and imports of goods dissected by commodity and country are available on an international trade basis by contacting the National Information Service. Contact details are shown on the back of this publication. There may be a charge for this information, depending on the volume of data requested.

**14** Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from ABS Bookshops:

- *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia* (Cat. no. 5302.0)—issued quarterly
- *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 5331.0)
- *Information Paper: Quality of Australian Balance of Payments Statistics* (Cat. no. 5342.0)
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# WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

## EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

Readers should exercise care in the interpretation of the trend data as the last three observations, in particular, are likely to be revised with the addition of subsequent months' data. For further information, see Explanatory Note 5.

### TREND REVISIONS

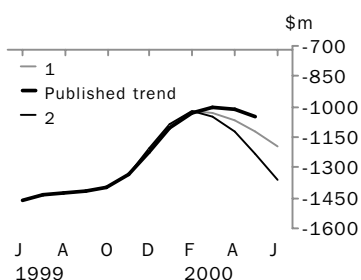
The graph below presents the effect of two possible scenarios on the previous trend estimates:

**1** The June seasonally adjusted estimate of the balance on goods and services 'improves' by \$200 million when compared with the May seasonally adjusted estimate. (An 'improvement' refers to an increase in a surplus or a decrease in a deficit.)

**2** The June seasonally adjusted estimate of the balance on goods and services 'deteriorates' by \$200 million when compared with the May seasonally adjusted estimate. (A 'deterioration' refers to a decrease in a surplus or an increase in a deficit.)

The change of \$200 million has been chosen because in the last decade the average monthly movement, without regard to sign, of the seasonally adjusted balance on goods and services series has been approximately \$200 million.

### BALANCE ON GOODS AND SERVICES



	TREND AS PUBLISHED	WHAT IF NEXT MONTH'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATE:	
		<b>1</b> <i>improves by \$200m on May 2000</i>	<b>2</b> <i>deteriorates by \$200m on May 2000</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m
November 1999	-1 333	-1 333	-1 333
December 1999	-1 223	-1 217	-1 209
January 2000	-1 107	-1 096	-1 083
February 2000	-1 032	-1 026	-1 019
March 2000	-1 007	-1 028	-1 046
April 2000	-1 015	-1 065	-1 124
May 2000	-1 047	-1 126	-1 237
June 2000		-1 195	-1 364

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