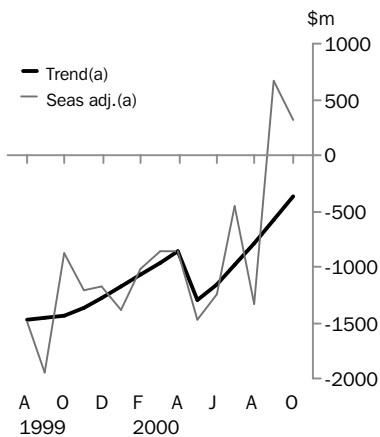


INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

AUSTRALIA

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Balance on goods and services



OCTOBER KEY FIGURES (a)

TREND ESTIMATES

	Aug 2000 \$m	Sep 2000 \$m	Oct 2000 \$m	Sep 2000 to Oct 2000 % change
Balance on goods & services	- 781	- 574	- 370	..
Credits (exports of goods & services)	11 989	12 221	12 445	2
Debits (imports of goods & services)	12 770	12 795	12 815	0

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Aug 2000 \$m	Sep 2000 \$m	Oct 2000 \$m	Sep 2000 to Oct 2000 % change
Balance on goods & services	-1 337	666	324	..
Credits (exports of goods & services)	11 434	13 565	13 154	-3
Debits (imports of goods & services)	12 771	12 899	12 830	-1

(a) Refer to notes on page 2 for treatment of the Olympics.

OCTOBER KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The provisional trend estimate of the balance on goods and services is a deficit of \$370 million in October 2000, a decrease of \$204 million on the deficit in September.
- Goods and services credits rose \$224 million (2%), while debits rose \$20 million.
- The trend calculations exclude an 'Olympics effect'. See notes on page 2.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- In seasonally adjusted terms, the balance on goods and services is a surplus of \$324 million, down \$342 million on the surplus in September.
- Goods and services credits fell \$411 million (3%). Non-rural and other goods exports were up \$561 million (8%), largely reflecting higher crude oil and metals (excl. gold) exports. Rural goods rose \$138 million (6%). Services credits were down \$1,110 million (29%). The net effect of the Olympics included in October was \$160 million, down from the September figure of \$1,400 million. See notes on page 2.
- Goods and services debits fell \$69 million (1%). A decrease in imports of intermediate and other merchandise goods, down \$172 million (3%), was partly offset by an increase in capital goods, up \$107 million (5%), largely reflecting higher telecommunications equipment imports. Services debits were flat at \$2,710 million.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, the balance on goods and services in October is a deficit of \$643 million, a turnaround of \$950 million on the surplus in September.
- Exports of goods to our major south east Asia and north Asia trading partners rose 7%. Exports to other destinations rose 9%. See page 4 for details.

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NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Revisions

In original terms, revisions due to the incorporation of the latest available data on insurance have reduced the deficit on goods and services:

- by \$87 million for 1999-2000; and
- by \$36 million for the 3 months to September 2000.

Imports deflators

The telecommunications equipment deflator is now chained at the component level, rather than as an aggregate, to correct anomalous movements in the deflator in recent quarters that were caused by compositional change. The revised deflator for telecommunications equipment for the four quarters of 1999-2000 will be incorporated in the September quarter 2000 issue of *Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia* (5302.0). Revisions to earlier periods are less significant and will not be incorporated until the June quarter 2001 issue of 5302.0. The revised deflators for 1999-2000 are:

	<i>Sep qtr</i> 1999	<i>Dec qtr</i> 1999	<i>Mar qtr</i> 2000	<i>Jun qtr</i> 2000
Telecommunications equipment	97.2	94.4	94.1	99.9



IMPACT OF THE SYDNEY OLYMPIC GAMES

In original terms, the October 2000 estimate for services credits includes \$160 million which is the combined impact of Olympic visitors on travel estimates (\$100 million) and Olympic-related audio-visual services (\$60 million). See the feature article in the July 2000 issue of this publication for further details. This \$160 million, and the \$1,400 million of Olympic-related services credits in September, which are not seasonally adjusted, are included in the seasonally adjusted series but excluded from the calculation of trend estimates.



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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 \$370 million in October, an decrease of \$204 million on the deficit in September. The irregular effects of the Olympics have been excluded from the calculation of the trend estimates.

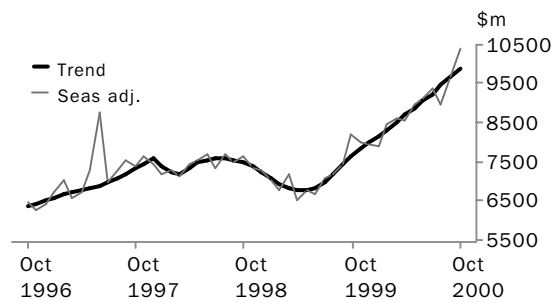
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EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES

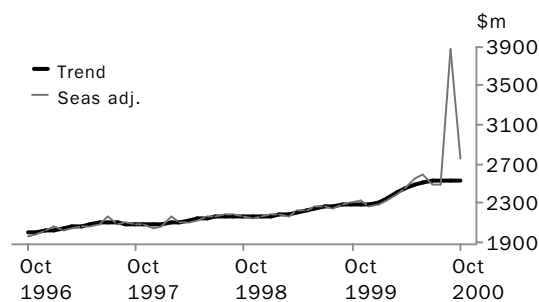
The trend estimate of goods and services credits rose \$224 million to \$12,445 million with rises in both rural goods and non-rural goods, and in services.

In seasonally adjusted terms, goods and services credits fell \$411 million to \$13,154 million. Goods credits rose \$699 million, with non-rural goods up \$437 million (6%) due in part to increased exports of crude oil and metals (excl. gold). Rural goods were up \$138 million (6%) to \$2,539 million. Services credits were down \$1,110 million (29%), with the Olympics effect in October at \$160 million, down \$1,240 million on the effect in September.

GOODS CREDITS



SERVICES CREDITS



RURAL GOODS The trend estimate of rural goods rose \$77 million to \$2,461 million. In seasonally adjusted terms, rural goods rose \$138 million (6%) to \$2,539 million.

Rural goods, in original terms, rose \$194 million (8%) to \$2,483 million. The main rises were in:

- wool and sheepskins, up \$87 million (29%), due mainly to increased volumes of greasy wool exports; and
- meat and meat preparations, up \$83 million (19%), mainly attributed to higher export volumes of beef and veal.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

NON-RURAL AND OTHER GOODS The trend estimate of non-rural and other goods rose \$144 million to \$7,449 million. In seasonally adjusted terms, non-rural and other goods rose \$561 million (8%) to \$7,850 million.

Non-rural and other goods in original terms rose \$627 million (8%) to \$8,131 million. Non-rural goods rose \$503 million with the largest increases in:

- metals (excl. gold), up \$181 million (24%) to \$920 million, mainly due to higher exports of non-ferrous metals, with two thirds of the increase due to higher aluminium export volumes;
- other mineral fuels, up \$117 million (10%) to \$1,286 million. Exports of crude oil rose \$267 million, with three quarters of this increase attributable to higher volumes; and
- metal ores and minerals, up \$116 million (10%) to \$1,321 million.

Other goods rose \$124 million (23%) to \$656 million, due mainly to non-monetary gold exports increasing \$96 million to \$510 million.

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY COUNTRY

The table below shows Australia's recorded merchandise exports for the 9 months to October 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 October, exports to selected Asian destinations were up 7% on the previous month. Exports to other countries rose 9%. There were significant rises in exports to Korea, up \$227 million (37%) on a low September figure, Taiwan, up \$112 million (24%) and China, up \$88 million (16%). Exports to Japan fell \$113 million (5%), from the record high in September. There were also falls in exports to Malaysia, down 9% and Hong Kong, down 8%. Overall, exports to the group of 10 countries listed below is up 35% for the 10 months to October 2000 compared with the 10 months to October 1999, while exports to all other countries are up 21% over the same period. Comparing these periods after excluding gold, exports to the selected Asian destinations rose 37% while exports to the rest of the world rose 22%.

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

	Feb 2000	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	May 2000	Jun 2000	Jul 2000	Aug 2000	Sep 2000	Oct 2000	Sep 2000 to Oct 2000 % change
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
China	514	399	461	469	559	421	481	534	622	16
Hong Kong	345	339	228	293	270	281	282	333	308	-8
Indonesia	185	195	219	248	272	215	278	242	273	13
Japan	1 566	1 732	1 690	1 603	1 796	1 930	1 955	2 055	1 942	-5
Korea, Republic of	737	711	648	918	805	845	808	607	834	37
Malaysia	169	186	188	214	167	201	186	225	205	-9
Philippines	107	118	93	125	138	123	117	134	182	36
Singapore	374	470	454	530	446	424	469	599	617	3
Taiwan	376	476	365	524	438	468	473	471	583	24
Thailand	120	143	165	162	194	150	219	160	187	17
<i>Sub-total</i>	4 493	4 769	4 511	5 086	5 085	5 058	5 268	5 360	5 753	7
<i>All other countries</i>	3 740	4 043	3 760	4 132	4 108	4 313	4 105	4 421	4 827	9
Total	8 233	8 812	8 271	9 218	9 193	9 371	9 373	9 781	10 580	8

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

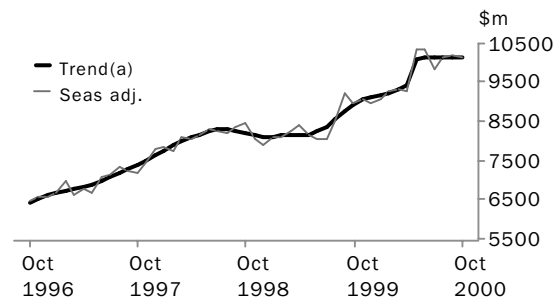
ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES

The trend estimate of goods and services debits rose \$20 million to \$12,815 million. Goods debits were almost unchanged at \$10,126 million while services debits rose slightly to \$2,689 million.

In seasonally adjusted terms, goods and services debits fell \$69 million to \$12,830 million. Goods fell \$74 million (1%) to \$10,120 million. A fall in intermediate and other goods, down \$172 million (3%) to \$4,926 million, was partly offset by a rise in imports of capital goods, up \$107 million (3%) to \$2,268 million. Services debits rose slightly to \$2,710 million.

GOODS DEBITS



CONSUMPTION GOODS The trend estimate of consumption goods rose \$12 million to \$2,966 million in October. In seasonally adjusted terms, consumption goods fell \$9 million to \$2,926 million.

Consumption goods, in original terms, rose \$338 million (11%) to \$3,416 million. The largest increases were in non-industrial transport equipment, up \$90 million (11%) to \$894 million, mainly due to a rise in imports of passenger motor vehicles; consumption goods n.e.s., up \$81 million (9%) to \$985 million; and toys, books and leisure goods, up \$58 million (18%) to \$386 million.

CAPITAL GOODS The trend estimate of capital goods fell \$12 million to \$2,260 million. In seasonally adjusted terms, capital goods rose \$107 million (5%) to \$2,268 million.

Capital goods, in original terms, rose \$164 million (8%) to \$2,345 million. The largest increases were in telecommunications equipment, up \$169 million (47%) to \$530 million; and machinery and industrial equipment, up \$58 million (8%) to \$792 million. These rises are partially offset by a decrease in civil aircraft, down \$78 million (84%) to \$15 million.

INTERMEDIATE AND OTHER GOODS In October the trend estimate of intermediate and other goods fell \$2 million to \$4,900 million. In seasonally adjusted terms, intermediate and other goods fell \$172 million (3%) to \$4,926 million.

Intermediate and other goods, in original terms, rose \$350 million (7%) to \$5,306 million. The largest increases were in fuels and lubricants, up \$215 million (27%) to \$1,023 million, mainly due to increased crude petroleum import volumes and prices; and processed industrial supplies n.e.s., up \$103 million (11%) to \$1,040 million. These increases were partly offset by a fall in organic and inorganic chemicals, down \$171 million (39%) from a record high in September to \$269 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	Consumption goods	Capital goods	Inter-mediate and other goods	Total services
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1999												
August	-1 496	9 423	7 174	1 929	5 245	2 249	-10 919	-8 516	-2 419	-2 045	-4 052	-2 403
September	-1 940	9 696	7 416	1 919	5 497	2 280	-11 636	-9 214	-2 511	-2 495	-4 208	-2 422
October	- 878	10 523	8 218	1 906	6 312	2 305	-11 401	-8 961	-2 489	-2 145	-4 327	-2 440
November	-1 204	10 304	7 984	1 980	6 004	2 320	-11 508	-9 055	-2 479	-2 233	-4 343	-2 453
December	-1 170	10 204	7 928	1 927	6 001	2 276	-11 374	-8 976	-2 442	-2 078	-4 456	-2 398
2000												
January	-1 394	10 173	7 890	1 784	6 106	2 283	-11 567	-9 088	-2 513	-2 330	-4 245	-2 479
February	-1 016	10 770	8 443	2 025	6 418	2 327	-11 786	-9 286	-2 551	-2 255	-4 480	-2 500
March	- 854	11 016	8 623	2 043	6 580	2 393	-11 870	-9 325	-2 645	-2 247	-4 433	-2 545
April	- 858	10 984	8 540	2 009	6 531	2 444	-11 842	-9 284	-2 704	-2 130	-4 450	-2 558
May	-1 465	11 496	8 951	2 056	6 895	2 545	-12 961	-10 339	-2 796	-2 312	-5 231	-2 622
June	-1 243	11 728	9 144	2 054	7 090	2 584	-12 971	-10 325	-2 799	-2 406	-5 120	-2 646
July	- 453	11 889	9 388	2 300	7 088	2 501	-12 342	-9 826	-3 000	-2 268	-4 558	-2 516
August	-1 337	11 434	8 950	2 245	6 705	2 484	-12 771	-10 120	-2 934	-2 340	-4 846	-2 651
September	666	13 565	9 690	2 401	7 289	3 875	-12 899	-10 194	-2 935	-2 161	-5 098	-2 705
October	324	13 154	10 389	2 539	7 850	2 765	-12 830	-10 120	-2 926	-2 268	-4 926	-2 710
TREND ESTIMATES												
1999												
August	-1 475	9 478	7 206	1 881	5 325	2 272	-10 953	-8 557	-2 437	-2 085	-4 035	-2 396
September	-1 463	9 713	7 432	1 911	5 521	2 281	-11 176	-8 760	-2 456	-2 159	-4 145	-2 416
October	-1 435	9 931	7 646	1 923	5 723	2 285	-11 366	-8 937	-2 468	-2 218	-4 251	-2 429
November	-1 376	10 113	7 826	1 924	5 902	2 287	-11 489	-9 051	-2 476	-2 243	-4 332	-2 438
December	-1 273	10 282	7 988	1 925	6 063	2 294	-11 555	-9 106	-2 491	-2 236	-4 379	-2 449
2000												
January	-1 171	10 457	8 144	1 933	6 211	2 313	-11 628	-9 155	-2 519	-2 223	-4 413	-2 473
February	-1 066	10 671	8 321	1 952	6 369	2 350	-11 737	-9 233	-2 565	-2 223	-4 445	-2 504
March	- 961	10 915	8 514	1 982	6 532	2 401	-11 876	-9 340	-2 630	-2 242	-4 468	-2 536
April	- 864	11 149	8 696	2 021	6 675	2 453	-12 013	-9 449	-2 709	-2 269	-4 471	-2 564
May	-1 305	11 367	8 873	2 074	6 799	2 494	-12 672	-10 086	-2 785	-2 285	-5 016	-2 586
June	-1 157	11 565	9 050	2 140	6 910	2 515	-12 722	-10 119	-2 848	-2 293	-4 978	-2 603
July	- 983	11 766	9 242	2 216	7 026	2 524	-12 749	-10 127	-2 896	-2 294	-4 937	-2 622
August	- 781	11 989	9 462	2 301	7 161	2 527	-12 770	-10 126	-2 930	-2 286	-4 910	-2 644
September	- 574	12 221	9 689	2 384	7 305	2 532	-12 795	-10 128	-2 954	-2 272	-4 902	-2 667
October	- 370	12 445	9 910	2 461	7 449	2 535	-12 815	-10 126	-2 966	-2 260	-4 900	-2 689

(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	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
				Total goods	Total services						Total goods	Total services	
\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
1997-1998	-4 738	113 744	88 538	22 130	66 408	25 206	-118 482	-92 084	-25 899	-21 168	-45 017	-26 398	
1998-1999	-14 610	111 843	85 687	21 862	63 825	26 156	-126 453	-98 427	-28 041	-23 055	-47 331	-28 026	
1999-2000	-14 883	125 741	97 529	23 582	73 947	28 212	-140 624	-110 693	-30 789	-26 699	-53 205	-29 931	
1999													
August	-1 872	9 502	7 387	1 870	5 517	2 115	-11 374	-8 914	-2 652	-2 118	-4 144	-2 460	
September	-2 793	9 469	7 419	1 819	5 600	2 050	-12 262	-9 622	-2 741	-2 669	-4 212	-2 640	
October	-1 023	10 759	8 486	1 869	6 617	2 273	-11 782	-9 226	-2 728	-2 127	-4 371	-2 556	
November	-1 949	10 284	8 032	1 970	6 062	2 252	-12 233	-9 799	-2 762	-2 343	-4 694	-2 434	
December	-569	10 676	8 408	2 113	6 295	2 268	-11 245	-8 860	-2 419	-2 103	-4 338	-2 385	
2000													
January	-1 285	9 407	6 822	1 633	5 189	2 585	-10 692	-8 188	-2 133	-2 114	-3 941	-2 504	
February	62	11 067	8 177	2 075	6 102	2 890	-11 005	-8 756	-2 461	-1 888	-4 407	-2 249	
March	-1 075	11 151	8 820	2 179	6 641	2 331	-12 226	-9 810	-2 703	-2 389	-4 718	-2 416	
April	148	10 722	8 346	2 009	6 337	2 376	-10 574	-8 136	-2 282	-1 912	-3 942	-2 438	
May	-1 733	11 459	9 222	2 200	7 022	2 237	-13 192	-10 618	-2 676	-2 540	-5 402	-2 574	
June	-1 554	11 535	9 222	2 064	7 158	2 313	-13 089	-10 365	-2 654	-2 631	-5 080	-2 724	
July	-551	12 186	9 372	2 149	7 223	2 814	-12 737	-10 070	-3 116	-2 230	-4 724	-2 667	
August	-1 864	11 686	9 350	2 213	7 137	2 336	-13 550	-10 845	-3 313	-2 477	-5 055	-2 705	
September	307	13 428	9 793	2 289	7 504	3 635	-13 121	-10 215	-3 078	-2 181	-4 956	-2 906	
October	-643	13 333	10 614	2 483	8 131	2 719	-13 976	-11 067	-3 416	-2 345	-5 306	-2 909	
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE													
4 months to Oct 1999	-6 928	39 440	30 480	7 339	23 141	8 960	-46 368	-36 161	-10 699	-8 779	-16 683	-10 207	
4 months to Oct 2000	-2 751	50 633	39 129	9 134	29 995	11 504	-53 384	-42 197	-12 923	-9 233	-20 041	-11 187	

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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>
1997-1998	88 538	22 130	3 731	5 094	n.p.	4 020	9 285
1998-1999	85 687	21 862	4 008	5 046	n.p.	2 583	10 225
1999-2000	97 529	23 582	4 467	4 941	n.p.	2 963	11 211
1999							
August	7 387	1 870	349	366	n.p.	195	960
September	7 419	1 819	361	389	n.p.	210	859
October	8 486	1 869	379	378	n.p.	235	877
November	8 032	1 970	394	350	n.p.	276	950
December	8 408	2 113	394	475	n.p.	287	957
2000							
January	6 822	1 633	217	374	n.p.	196	846
February	8 177	2 075	359	530	n.p.	284	902
March	8 820	2 179	411	492	n.p.	282	994
April	8 346	2 009	384	427	n.p.	251	947
May	9 222	2 200	436	432	n.p.	278	1 054
June	9 222	2 064	424	374	n.p.	289	977
July	9 372	2 149	443	391	n.p.	273	1 042
August	9 350	2 213	423	447	n.p.	239	1 104
September	9 793	2 289	448	465	n.p.	302	1 074
October	10 614	2 483	531	453	n.p.	389	1 110
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE							
4 months to Oct 1999	30 480	7 339	1 448	1 487	n.p.	820	3 584
4 months to Oct 2000	39 129	9 134	1 845	1 756	n.p.	1 203	4 330

(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>
	<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>	<i>\$m</i>
1997-1998	58 441	10 835	9 586	5 309	7 185	7 549	3 412	9 834	4 731	7 967
1998-1999	56 365	11 037	9 288	4 461	6 984	6 569	3 343	10 273	4 410	7 460
1999-2000	66 394	11 753	8 336	9 078	8 810	7 131	4 598	11 532	5 156	7 553
1999										
August	5 041	867	722	541	659	544	316	922	470	476
September	4 964	892	684	502	605	612	265	976	428	636
October	5 790	952	685	520	663	547	849	1 012	562	827
November	5 226	926	666	578	667	639	375	992	383	836
December	5 773	1 020	653	861	763	624	463	983	406	522
2000										
January	4 617	820	667	853	608	420	211	732	306	572
February	5 535	971	595	959	798	550	315	920	427	567
March	5 959	957	726	860	895	629	361	1 076	455	682
April	5 807	1 084	714	886	844	547	372	933	427	530
May	6 280	1 189	749	951	860	604	417	1 073	437	742
June	6 480	1 238	788	1 069	868	737	326	1 015	439	678
July	6 644	1 122	867	1 153	782	694	443	1 059	524	579
August	6 610	1 285	810	960	819	661	374	1 051	650	527
September	6 972	1 205	844	1 169	739	811	383	1 184	637	532
October	7 475	1 321	910	1 286	920	746	371	1 159	762	656

FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE

4 months to Oct 1999	20 717	3 548	2 778	2 061	2 507	2 381	1 758	3 808	1 876	2 424
4 months to Oct 2000	27 701	4 933	3 431	4 568	3 260	2 912	1 571	4 453	2 573	2 294

(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>	<i>\$m</i>
1997-1998	-92 084	-25 899	-3 282	-2 062	-7 102	-3 456	-2 956	-7 041
1998-1999	-98 427	-28 041	-3 606	-2 245	-7 231	-3 739	-3 184	-8 036
1999-2000	-110 693	-30 789	-3 943	-2 458	-7 735	-4 235	-3 239	-9 179
1999								
August	-8 914	-2 652	-316	-194	-658	-402	-292	-790
September	-9 622	-2 741	-330	-198	-682	-369	-317	-845
October	-9 226	-2 728	-346	-224	-730	-322	-302	-804
November	-9 799	-2 762	-382	-260	-577	-334	-302	-907
December	-8 860	-2 419	-361	-211	-557	-294	-269	-727
2000								
January	-8 188	-2 133	-308	-167	-473	-335	-201	-649
February	-8 756	-2 461	-326	-180	-551	-454	-242	-708
March	-9 810	-2 703	-342	-215	-710	-386	-269	-781
April	-8 136	-2 282	-289	-186	-577	-312	-216	-702
May	-10 618	-2 676	-335	-222	-692	-331	-269	-827
June	-10 365	-2 654	-291	-215	-797	-293	-286	-772
July	-10 070	-3 116	-365	-263	-845	-433	-284	-926
August	-10 845	-3 313	-392	-301	-771	-515	-349	-985
September	-10 215	-3 078	-354	-261	-804	-427	-328	-904
October	-11 067	-3 416	-401	-312	-894	-438	-386	-985

FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE

4 months to Oct 1999	-36 161	-10 699	-1 309	-802	-2 801	-1 496	-1 185	-3 106
4 months to Oct 2000	-42 197	-12 923	-1 512	-1 137	-3 314	-1 813	-1 347	-3 800

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

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

CAPITAL GOODS.....

<i>Period</i>	<i>Total capital goods</i>	<i>Machinery and industrial equipment</i>	<i>ADP equipment</i>	<i>Telecommunications equipment</i>	<i>Civil aircraft</i>	<i>Industrial transport equipment n.e.s.</i>	<i>Capital 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>
1997-1998	-21 168	-8 862	-4 345	-2 070	- 464	-2 560	-2 867
1998-1999	-23 055	-9 226	-4 496	-2 812	- 649	-2 860	-3 012
1999-2000	-26 699	-8 913	-4 911	-4 153	-1 414	-3 981	-3 327
1999							
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	-2 343	- 753	- 392	- 419	-26	- 468	- 285
December	-2 103	- 726	- 415	- 345	-54	- 317	- 246
2000							
January	-2 114	- 720	- 305	- 305	- 320	- 248	- 216
February	-1 888	- 652	- 352	- 356	-19	- 252	- 257
March	-2 389	- 731	- 489	- 401	-52	- 411	- 305
April	-1 912	- 602	- 382	- 300	-60	- 332	- 236
May	-2 540	- 808	- 505	- 478	- 122	- 335	- 292
June	-2 631	- 811	- 589	- 393	- 216	- 332	- 290
July	-2 230	- 745	- 502	- 389	- 2	- 322	- 270
August	-2 477	- 795	- 549	- 455	-64	- 298	- 316
September	-2 181	- 734	- 471	- 361	-93	- 263	- 259
October	-2 345	- 792	- 471	- 530	-15	- 244	- 293

FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE

4 months to Oct 1999	-8 779	-3 110	-1 482	-1 156	- 545	-1 286	-1 200
4 months to Oct 2000	-9 233	-3 066	-1 993	-1 735	- 174	-1 127	-1 138

(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>
1997-1998	-40 454	- 746	- 950	-4 276	-5 346	-1 993	-7 193	-2 814
1998-1999	-43 293	- 758	- 882	-4 428	-6 085	-1 944	-7 692	-3 139
1999-2000	-49 144	- 731	-1 117	-7 540	-6 874	-1 936	-8 010	-3 572
1999								
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	-4 219	-59	-94	- 774	- 534	- 142	- 682	- 276
December	-4 021	-60	-116	- 655	- 537	- 158	- 630	- 351
2000								
January	-3 673	-61	-68	- 460	- 487	- 136	- 613	- 295
February	-4 020	-72	-88	- 624	- 588	- 148	- 628	- 321
March	-4 449	-54	-113	- 552	- 667	- 195	- 720	- 378
April	-3 689	-67	-79	- 480	- 533	- 160	- 635	- 261
May	-5 003	-57	-107	- 954	- 726	- 191	- 795	- 316
June	-4 777	-50	-95	- 978	- 651	- 215	- 774	- 337
July	-4 454	-60	-80	- 740	- 610	- 203	- 828	- 248
August	-4 819	-50	-82	- 939	- 610	- 194	- 828	- 250
September	-4 676	-53	-114	- 808	- 602	- 187	- 789	- 440
October	-5 015	-43	-97	-1 023	- 654	- 187	- 872	- 269
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE								
4 months to Oct 1999	-15 293	- 251	- 357	-2 063	-2 151	- 591	-2 533	-1 037
4 months to Oct 2000	-18 964	- 206	- 373	-3 510	-2 476	- 771	-3 317	-1 207

(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
1997-1998	-1 901	-2 005	-1 623	-1 814	-9 431	- 362	-4 563
1998-1999	-1 978	-2 006	-1 470	-1 889	-10 140	- 882	-4 038
1999-2000	-2 208	-1 987	-1 509	-2 037	-10 813	- 810	-4 061
1999							
August	- 172	- 172	- 129	- 171	- 821	-60	- 246
September	- 195	- 178	- 116	- 176	- 885	-96	- 323
October	- 201	- 158	- 123	- 170	- 849	-82	- 591
November	- 205	- 172	- 118	- 179	- 927	-57	- 475
December	- 181	- 151	- 120	- 181	- 856	-25	- 317
2000							
January	- 164	- 153	- 125	- 159	- 829	- 123	- 268
February	- 176	- 155	- 132	- 162	- 878	-48	- 387
March	- 194	- 163	- 151	- 176	-1 006	-80	- 269
April	- 169	- 134	- 124	- 148	- 850	-49	- 253
May	- 190	- 178	- 132	- 184	-1 104	-69	- 399
June	- 182	- 177	- 124	- 173	- 953	-68	- 303
July	- 197	- 171	- 117	- 175	- 947	-78	- 270
August	- 209	- 188	- 123	- 190	-1 074	-82	- 236
September	- 215	- 163	- 125	- 183	- 937	-60	- 280
October	- 239	- 176	- 132	- 200	-1 040	-83	- 291
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE							
4 months to Oct 1999	- 747	- 704	- 483	- 675	-3 410	- 291	-1 390
4 months to Oct 2000	- 860	- 698	- 497	- 748	-3 998	- 303	-1 077

(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
1997-1998	25 206	1 061	5 550	11 540	7 055	-26 398	-5 013	-4 097	-8 372	-8 916
1998-1999	26 156	1 199	5 604	11 944	7 409	-28 026	-5 009	-4 358	-9 044	-9 615
1999-2000	28 212	1 017	5 848	13 190	8 157	-29 931	-5 257	-4 761	-9 836	-10 077
1999										
August	2 115	89	458	935	633	-2 460	-419	-390	-803	-848
September	2 050	90	458	860	642	-2 640	-419	-420	-931	-870
October	2 273	79	502	1 011	681	-2 556	-437	-398	-907	-814
November	2 252	79	502	984	687	-2 434	-456	-353	-748	-877
December	2 268	80	498	995	695	-2 385	-404	-416	-714	-851
2000										
January	2 585	84	509	1 348	644	-2 504	-367	-410	-924	-803
February	2 890	84	509	1 661	636	-2 249	-414	-340	-699	-796
March	2 331	84	506	1 082	659	-2 416	-480	-357	-754	-825
April	2 376	86	482	1 071	737	-2 438	-400	-387	-861	-790
May	2 237	86	482	927	742	-2 574	-526	-424	-807	-817
June	2 313	87	484	978	764	-2 724	-512	-458	-822	-932
July	2 814	86	504	1 482	742	-2 667	-490	-472	-929	-776
August	2 336	86	509	1 013	728	-2 705	-535	-437	-910	-823
September	3 635	84	558	1 285	1 708	-2 906	-477	-485	-1 042	-902
October	2 719	82	609	1 187	841	-2 909	-562	-442	-994	-911
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE										
4 months to Oct 1999	8 960	347	1 876	4 144	2 593	-10 207	-1 698	-1 616	-3 507	-3 386
4 months to Oct 2000	11 504	338	2 180	4 967	4 019	-11 187	-2 064	-1 836	-3 875	-3 412

(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.....			
	Dec Qtr 1999	Mar Qtr 2000	Jun Qtr 2000	Sep Qtr 2000	Dec Qtr 1999	Mar Qtr 2000	Jun Qtr 2000	Sep Qtr 2000
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
SERVICES	6 793	7 806	6 926	8 785	-7 375	-7 169	-7 736	-8 278
Transportation services	1 740	1 776	1 707	1 827	-2 464	-2 368	-2 707	-2 896
Passenger	1 502	1 524	1 448	1 571	- 932	- 881	-1 049	-1 153
Freight	238	252	259	256	-1 297	-1 261	-1 438	-1 502
Other	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	- 235	- 226	- 220	- 241
Travel services	2 990	4 091	2 976	3 780	-2 369	-2 377	-2 490	-2 881
Business	235	272	289	262	- 578	- 697	- 658	- 705
Personal	2 755	3 819	2 687	3 518	-1 791	-1 680	-1 832	-2 176
Education-related	429	1 513	601	987	- 128	- 153	- 113	- 222
Other	2 326	2 306	2 086	2 531	-1 663	-1 527	-1 719	-1 954
Communications services	348	264	356	392	- 443	- 387	- 496	- 450
Construction services	7	3	8	6	0	0	0	0
Insurance services	192	192	190	186	- 226	- 226	- 224	- 226
Financial services	187	187	186	187	- 132	- 132	- 131	- 132
Computer and information services	174	135	192	191	- 133	-89	-98	- 122
Royalties and licence fees	136	139	156	150	- 454	- 422	- 420	- 428
Other business services	748	677	781	815	- 794	- 791	- 781	- 831
Merchanting and other trade-related	126	112	126	163	-55	-49	-57	-70
Operational leasing	4	4	6	4	- 232	- 237	- 205	- 220
Miscellaneous business, professional & technical	618	561	649	648	- 507	- 505	- 519	- 541
Legal, accounting, management consulting and public relations	77	80	79	105	-47	-41	-44	-53
Advertising, market research, and public opinion polling	32	31	31	19	-32	-37	-37	-24
Research and development	75	50	53	63	-32	-28	-21	-37
Architectural, engineering and other technical services	144	189	202	164	- 138	- 199	- 198	- 168
Agricultural, mining, and on-site processing	17	7	5	18	-38	-30	-17	-47
Services between affiliated enterprises n.i.e.	221	166	258	225	- 180	- 142	- 162	- 170
Other	52	38	21	54	-40	-28	-40	-42
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	123	136	100	1 100	- 202	- 206	- 200	- 179
Audiovisual and related services	44	58	27	1 016	- 176	- 166	- 175	- 146
Other personal, cultural and recreational services	79	78	73	84	-26	-40	-25	-33
Government services n.i.e.	148	206	274	151	- 158	- 171	- 189	- 133

(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>
1997-1998	0.6808	0.4138	..	86.02	0.5026	58.3
1998-1999	0.6276	0.3824	..	77.81	0.4589	56.0
1999-2000	0.6289	0.3948	0.6356	67.90	0.4642	55.2
1999						
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
2000						
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
June	0.5940	0.3935	0.6258	63.05	0.4464	52.9
July	0.5887	0.3900	0.6257	63.50	0.4447	52.9
August	0.5815	0.3903	0.6418	62.83	0.4442	52.6
September	0.5541	0.3865	0.6355	59.17	0.4280	50.8
October	0.5277	0.3634	0.6179	57.20	0.4103	49.0

(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 5878. 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 7630.

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 on a monthly basis. 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)
- *International Merchandise Trade, Australia* (Cat. no. 5422.0)—issued quarterly
- *Information Paper: Implementing New International Statistical Standards in ABS International Accounts Statistics* (Cat. no. 5364.0)—irregular, issued on 29 September 1997
- *Information Paper: Upgraded Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Statistics* (Cat. no. 5365.0)—irregular, issued on 24 November 1997.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.e.s. not elsewhere specified
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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

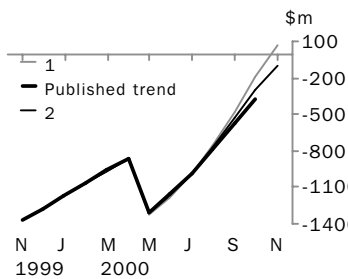
The graph below presents the effect of two possible scenarios on the previous trend estimates:

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

2 The November seasonally adjusted estimate of the balance on goods and services 'deteriorates' by \$200 million when compared with the October 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:	
		1 <i>improves by \$200m on Oct 2000</i>	2 <i>deteriorates by \$200m on Oct 2000</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m
April 2000	- 864	- 864	- 864
May 2000	-1 305	-1 318	-1 311
June 2000	-1 157	-1 180	-1 166
July 2000	- 983	- 994	- 987
August 2000	- 781	- 752	- 770
September 2000	- 574	- 475	- 534
October 2000	- 370	- 191	- 303
November 2000		73	-95

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