

# INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

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## SEPTEMBER KEY FIGURES

### TREND ESTIMATES

	Jul 2002 \$m	Aug 2002 \$m	Sep 2002 \$m	Aug 2002 to Sep 2002 % change
Balance on goods & services	- 829	- 882	- 932	..
Credits (exports of goods & services)	12 531	12 537	12 542	0
Debits (imports of goods & services)	13 360	13 419	13 474	0

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Jul 2002 \$m	Aug 2002 \$m	Sep 2002 \$m	Aug 2002 to Sep 2002 % change
Balance on goods & services	- 717	- 831	- 948	..
Credits (exports of goods & services)	12 620	12 737	12 434	-2
Debits (imports of goods & services)	13 337	13 568	13 382	-1

## SEPTEMBER KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES

- The provisional trend estimate of the balance on goods and services was a deficit of \$932m in September, an increase of \$50m on the deficit in August.
- Goods and services credits rose \$5m to \$12,542m, while goods and services debits rose \$55m to \$13,474m.

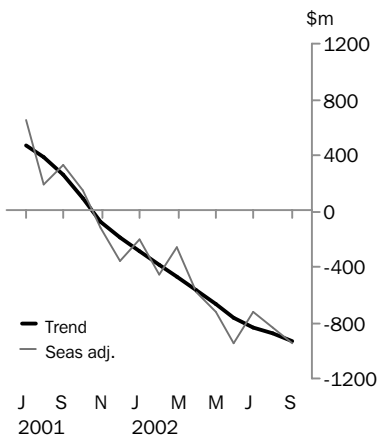
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- In seasonally adjusted terms, the balance on goods and services was a deficit of \$948m, an increase of \$117m on the deficit in August.
- Goods and services credits fell \$303m (2%), with a decrease in goods credits of \$275m (3%) and a decrease in services credits of \$28m (1%). Rural goods fell \$135m (6%) while non-rural and other goods decreased \$140m (2%).
- Goods and services debits fell \$186m (1%) with goods debits down \$177m (2%) and services debits down \$9m. The decrease in goods debits was driven by the fall in imports of intermediate and other goods, down \$298m (6%).

### ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, the September balance on goods and services was a deficit of \$1,673m, an increase of \$557m on the deficit in August.

### Balance on goods and services



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# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>EXPECTED RELEASE DATE</i>
October 2002	2 December 2002
November 2002	10 January 2003
December 2002	31 January 2003
January 2003	4 March 2003
February 2003	1 April 2003
March 2003	2 May 2003

## CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

### *Revisions*

In original terms, revisions since the previous issue have:

- increased the deficit on goods and services for 2001-2002 by \$330m; and
- decreased the deficit on goods and services for the two months to August 2002 by \$125m.

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

- incorporation of the latest available data on merchandise imports and exports; and
- incorporation of the latest available services data from administrative sources and the quarterly Survey of International Trade in Services.

### *Feature Articles*

Feature articles on Australia's international trade in goods and services by partner country, and international trade in services by state, for financial year 2001-2002 will be released on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> on 30 October 2002. Comparable data for calendar year 2001 was released on 14 October 2002.

To access these articles on the web site

select Themes then International Trade then Topics of Interest.

## CHANGES TO FORTHCOMING ISSUES

### *Seasonal factors*

Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates of the balance on goods and services will be revised in the next issue of this publication as a result of the annual seasonal re-analysis. These revised forward seasonal factors will be re-issued (free of charge to existing subscribers) in mid November 2002. The factors will cover the period from October 2002 to September 2003.

## SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
n.i.e.	not included elsewhere
n.p.	not published
..	not applicable

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## ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

### BALANCE ON GOODS AND SERVICES

The trend estimate of the balance on goods and services was a deficit of \$932m in September, up \$50m on the deficit in August.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the balance on goods and services was a deficit of \$948m, an increase of \$117m on the deficit in August.

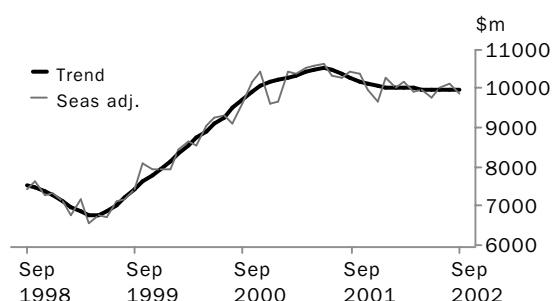
The sum of the preliminary seasonally adjusted balances for the three months to September 2002 is a deficit of \$2,496m, up \$251m on the deficit for the three months to June 2002. However, if the more detailed seasonal factors used to compile the quarterly Balance of Payments time series are applied, the September quarter 2002 deficit is \$2,610m, up \$254m on the deficit for June quarter 2002.

### EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES

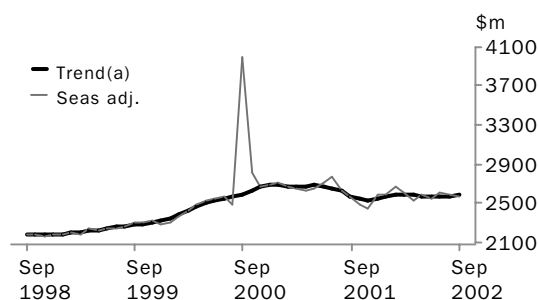
The trend estimate of goods and services credits rose \$5m in September to \$12,542m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, goods and services credits decreased \$303m in September to \$12,434m. Rural goods were down \$135m (6%) and non-rural and other goods fell \$140m (2%). Services credits decreased \$28m (1%).

#### GOODS CREDITS



#### SERVICES CREDITS



(a) Trend estimates exclude the impact of the Olympics in September and October 2000

**RURAL GOODS** The trend estimate of rural goods fell \$15m to \$2,315m. In seasonally adjusted terms, rural goods decreased \$135m (6%).

Rural goods, in original terms, decreased \$175 million (7%) to \$2,180m. The major contributors to this decrease were:

- cereal and cereal preparations, down \$71m (16%) to \$382m as exports of wheat fell \$75m on account of a 25% decrease in volumes shipped; and
- other rural goods, down \$137m (12%), due largely to a \$113m fall in the volume of fish, crustaceans and molluscs exported as the tuna season wound down. Decreases also occurred in exports of wood, down \$24m (45%), and vegetables and fruit, down \$24m (16%).

These decreases were partly offset by an increase in exports of wool and sheepskins; up \$43m (16%) to \$311m. Exports of greasy wool rose \$36m (23%), with volumes shipped up 21%.

## ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

### NON-RURAL AND OTHER GOODS

The trend estimate of non-rural and other goods exports rose \$13m to \$7,643m. Seasonally adjusted, non-rural goods and other goods fell \$140m to \$7,609m.

In original terms, non-rural and other goods declined \$213m to \$7,803m. The most significant contributors to the decrease were:

- transport equipment, down \$77m (14%) to \$476m, with other transport equipment falling \$173m on a high August result. This was partly offset by a \$99m (34%) rise in the exports of new road vehicles (predominantly of small engine capacity);
- metals (excluding gold), down \$75m (9%) to \$727m. Exports of non-ferrous metals decreased \$85m due largely to falls in exports of unwrought, unalloyed and unrefined zinc, lead and aluminium; and
- coal, coke and briquettes, down \$60m (6%) to \$1,024m. This was largely due to decreases in the volumes of semi-soft coking and high ranking metallurgical coal shipped; down \$45m (19%) and \$16m (4%) respectively.

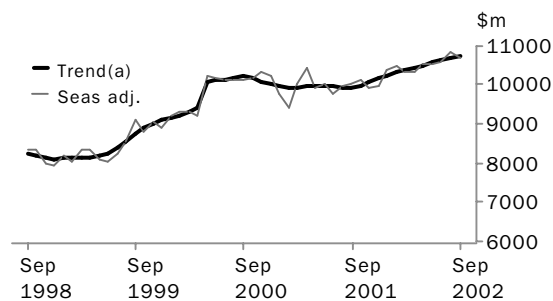
Partially offsetting were increases in exports of other manufactures, up \$131m (12%) to \$1,254m. The most significant increase occurred in non-metallic mineral manufactures, up \$68m (102%), reflecting increased volumes of pearl exports.

### IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES

The trend estimate of goods and services debits increased \$55m to \$13,474m.

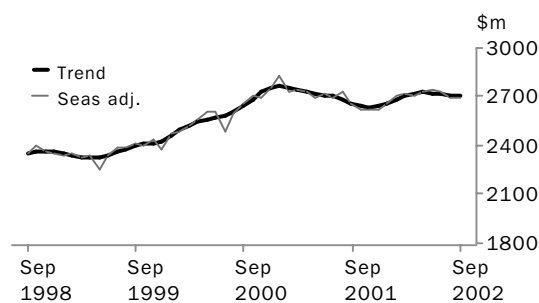
In seasonally adjusted terms, goods and services debits fell \$186m (1%) to \$13,382m. Goods debits decreased \$177m (2%), while services debits fell \$9m.

#### GOODS DEBITS



(a) A trend break of \$500m has been applied to May 2000

#### SERVICES DEBITS



## ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

CONSUMPTION GOODS The trend estimate of imports of consumption goods increased \$38m to \$3,406m.

In seasonally adjusted terms, imports of consumption goods rose \$158m (5%) to \$3,494m.

Consumption goods, in original terms, rose \$102m (3%) to \$3,703m.

Increases occurred in five of the six categories, most significantly in:

- non-industrial transport equipment, up \$108m (12%), due to increased imports of passenger motor cars, up \$108m (13%);
- consumption goods n.e.s., up \$46m (4%), mainly due to increased imports of medicaments, up \$20m (6%); and
- household electrical, up \$20m (6%).

Offsetting these increases were falls in imports of textiles, clothing and footwear, down \$87m (17%), largely due to a fall in imports of articles of apparel, down \$59m (20%).

CAPITAL GOODS The trend estimate of imports of capital goods fell \$9m to \$2,445m. Seasonally adjusted, capital goods imports decreased \$37m (2%) to \$2,334m.

Imports of capital goods, in original terms, rose \$15m (1%) to \$2,444m. Increases occurred in four out of six categories, the largest being:

- civil aircraft, up \$148m with no imports in the previous month;
- industrial transport equipment, up \$37m (12%); and
- ADP equipment, up \$27m (7%).

These increases were largely offset by decreases in imports of machinery and industrial equipment, down \$194m (18%), mainly due to decreased imports of other machinery and industrial equipment, down \$124m (22%).

INTERMEDIATE AND OTHER GOODS The trend estimate of imports of intermediate and other goods increased \$32m to \$4,917m. In seasonally adjusted terms, intermediate and other goods imports fell \$298m (6%) to \$4,864m.

Imports of intermediate and other goods, in original terms, decreased \$310m (6%) to \$4,838m. The largest decreases were in:

- fuels and lubricants, down \$222m (26%); driven by decreases in volumes (30%) of crude petroleum, down \$191m (28%); and
- other merchandise goods, down \$75m (35%), mainly due to decreased imports of other merchandise goods n.e.s., down \$44m (35%).

Slightly offsetting these decreases were increases in imports of processed industrial supplies, up \$40m (4%), and goods for processing, up \$21m (7%).

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

Months	CREDITS.....						DEBITS.....					
	<i>Balance on goods and services</i>	<i>Total goods and services</i>	<i>Total goods</i>	<i>Rural goods(b)</i>	<i>Non-rural and other goods(b)</i>	<i>Total services</i>	<i>Total goods and services</i>	<i>Total goods</i>	<i>Con-sumption goods</i>	<i>Capital goods</i>	<i>Inter-mediate and other goods</i>	<i>Total services</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED</b>												
<b>2001</b>												
July	658	13 108	10 343	2 621	7 722	2 765	-12 450	-9 754	-2 958	-2 136	-4 660	-2 696
August	187	12 898	10 272	2 678	7 594	2 626	-12 711	-9 975	-3 022	-2 077	-4 876	-2 736
September	323	13 008	10 448	2 636	7 812	2 560	-12 685	-10 025	-3 014	-2 217	-4 794	-2 660
October	143	12 886	10 400	2 643	7 757	2 486	-12 743	-10 118	-3 106	-2 211	-4 801	-2 625
November	-114	12 417	9 978	2 483	7 495	2 439	-12 531	-9 913	-3 110	-2 223	-4 580	-2 618
December	-358	12 259	9 679	2 159	7 520	2 580	-12 617	-9 995	-2 935	-2 253	-4 807	-2 622
<b>2002</b>												
January	-203	12 861	10 275	2 386	7 889	2 586	-13 064	-10 411	-3 176	-2 328	-4 907	-2 653
February	-460	12 724	10 051	2 485	7 566	2 673	-13 184	-10 475	-3 278	-2 352	-4 845	-2 709
March	-265	12 786	10 169	2 386	7 783	2 617	-13 051	-10 334	-3 177	-2 232	-4 925	-2 717
April	-582	12 451	9 931	2 344	7 587	2 520	-13 033	-10 330	-3 265	-2 293	-4 772	-2 703
May	-721	12 568	9 983	2 456	7 527	2 585	-13 289	-10 560	-3 304	-2 532	-4 724	-2 729
June	-942	12 333	9 792	2 357	7 435	2 541	-13 275	-10 536	-3 291	-2 403	-4 842	-2 739
July	-717	12 620	10 013	2 318	7 695	2 607	-13 337	-10 608	-3 296	-2 644	-4 668	-2 729
August	-831	12 737	10 139	2 390	7 749	2 598	-13 568	-10 869	-3 336	-2 371	-5 162	-2 699
September	-948	12 434	9 864	2 255	7 609	2 570	-13 382	-10 692	-3 494	-2 334	-4 864	-2 690
<b>TREND ESTIMATES</b>												
<b>2001</b>												
July	467	13 150	10 489	2 662	7 827	2 661	-12 683	-9 982	-3 022	-2 091	-4 869	-2 701
August	390	13 023	10 402	2 645	7 757	2 621	-12 633	-9 948	-3 019	-2 127	-4 802	-2 685
September	255	12 864	10 291	2 598	7 693	2 573	-12 609	-9 946	-3 023	-2 169	-4 754	-2 663
October	85	12 730	10 191	2 537	7 654	2 539	-12 645	-10 000	-3 043	-2 211	-4 746	-2 645
November	-72	12 643	10 113	2 467	7 646	2 530	-12 715	-10 078	-3 069	-2 242	-4 767	-2 637
December	-189	12 612	10 067	2 409	7 658	2 545	-12 801	-10 160	-3 101	-2 264	-4 795	-2 641
<b>2002</b>												
January	-286	12 615	10 043	2 376	7 667	2 572	-12 901	-10 244	-3 141	-2 280	-4 823	-2 657
February	-381	12 618	10 026	2 370	7 656	2 592	-12 999	-10 318	-3 183	-2 302	-4 833	-2 681
March	-477	12 617	10 019	2 382	7 637	2 598	-13 094	-10 389	-3 222	-2 337	-4 830	-2 705
April	-572	12 599	10 009	2 394	7 615	2 590	-13 171	-10 451	-3 254	-2 380	-4 817	-2 720
May	-668	12 564	9 986	2 391	7 595	2 578	-13 232	-10 507	-3 280	-2 419	-4 808	-2 725
June	-759	12 534	9 961	2 371	7 590	2 573	-13 293	-10 570	-3 304	-2 446	-4 820	-2 723
July	-829	12 531	9 956	2 350	7 606	2 575	-13 360	-10 641	-3 334	-2 458	-4 849	-2 719
August	-882	12 537	9 960	2 330	7 630	2 577	-13 419	-10 707	-3 368	-2 454	-4 885	-2 712
September	-932	12 542	9 958	2 315	7 643	2 584	-13 474	-10 768	-3 406	-2 445	-4 917	-2 706

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 8 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	Consumption goods	Capital goods	Inter-mediate and other goods	Total services
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1999-2000</b>	-14 289	126 034	97 665	23 617	74 048	28 369	-140 323	-110 610	-30 781	-26 695	-53 134	-29 713
<b>2000-2001</b>	875	153 511	120 307	29 061	91 246	33 204	-152 636	-120 337	-35 775	-25 552	-59 010	-32 299
<b>2001-2002</b>	-1 921	152 157	121 199	29 571	91 628	30 958	-154 078	-121 927	-37 422	-27 151	-57 354	-32 151
<b>2001</b>												
July	895	13 732	10 612	2 554	8 058	3 120	-12 837	-9 967	-3 160	-2 102	-4 705	-2 870
August	-471	13 004	10 516	2 650	7 866	2 488	-13 475	-10 683	-3 357	-2 273	-5 053	-2 792
September	328	12 932	10 628	2 591	8 037	2 304	-12 604	-9 755	-3 056	-2 152	-4 547	-2 849
October	-1 248	13 274	10 835	2 691	8 144	2 439	-14 522	-11 703	-3 749	-2 476	-5 478	-2 819
November	-778	12 409	10 057	2 555	7 502	2 352	-13 187	-10 607	-3 427	-2 336	-4 844	-2 580
December	914	12 786	10 217	2 341	7 876	2 569	-11 872	-9 284	-2 754	-2 132	-4 398	-2 588
<b>2002</b>												
January	-676	11 792	8 897	2 155	6 742	2 895	-12 468	-9 802	-2 801	-2 232	-4 769	-2 666
February	590	12 466	9 293	2 394	6 899	3 173	-11 876	-9 510	-3 057	-1 970	-4 483	-2 366
March	849	13 067	10 510	2 553	7 957	2 557	-12 218	-9 709	-2 900	-2 080	-4 729	-2 509
April	-805	12 134	9 744	2 304	7 440	2 390	-12 939	-10 257	-3 171	-2 181	-4 905	-2 682
May	-1 032	12 422	10 108	2 543	7 565	2 314	-13 454	-10 782	-3 087	-2 779	-4 916	-2 672
June	-487	12 139	9 782	2 240	7 542	2 357	-12 626	-9 868	-2 903	-2 438	-4 527	-2 758
July	-988	13 201	10 246	2 260	7 986	2 955	-14 189	-11 289	-3 673	-2 777	-4 839	-2 900
August	-1 116	12 829	10 371	2 355	8 016	2 458	-13 945	-11 178	-3 601	-2 429	-5 148	-2 767
September	-1 673	12 271	9 983	2 180	7 803	2 288	-13 944	-10 985	-3 703	-2 444	-4 838	-2 959
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE												
3 months to Sep 2001	752	39 668	31 756	7 795	23 961	7 912	-38 916	-30 405	-9 573	-6 527	-14 305	-8 511
3 months to Sep 2002	-3 777	38 301	30 600	6 795	23 805	7 701	-42 078	-33 452	-10 977	-7 650	-14 825	-8 626

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

## 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>1999-2000</b>	97 665	23 617	4 467	4 941	n.p.	2 963	11 246
<b>2000-2001</b>	120 307	29 061	5 796	5 834	n.p.	3 897	13 534
<b>2001-2002</b>	121 199	29 571	6 245	5 994	n.p.	3 687	13 645
<b>2001</b>							
July	10 612	2 554	555	460	n.p.	290	1 249
August	10 516	2 650	563	540	n.p.	313	1 234
September	10 628	2 591	624	533	n.p.	316	1 118
October	10 835	2 691	617	498	n.p.	365	1 211
November	10 057	2 555	516	546	n.p.	328	1 165
December	10 217	2 341	504	445	n.p.	278	1 114
<b>2002</b>							
January	8 897	2 155	298	666	n.p.	176	1 015
February	9 293	2 394	450	523	n.p.	313	1 108
March	10 510	2 553	562	431	n.p.	421	1 139
April	9 744	2 304	495	503	n.p.	291	1 015
May	10 108	2 543	550	439	n.p.	322	1 232
June	9 782	2 240	511	410	n.p.	274	1 045
July	10 246	2 260	495	362	n.p.	308	1 095
August	10 371	2 355	477	453	n.p.	268	1 157
September	9 983	2 180	467	382	n.p.	311	1 020
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE							
3 months to Sep 2001	31 756	7 795	1 742	1 533	n.p.	919	3 601
3 months to Sep 2002	30 600	6 795	1 439	1 197	n.p.	887	3 272

(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>	<i>\$m</i>
<b>1999-2000</b>	66 493	11 760	8 336	9 082	8 810	7 133	4 597	11 539	5 236	7 555
<b>2000-2001</b>	83 836	15 205	10 844	13 464	10 146	8 797	5 041	13 530	6 809	7 410
<b>2001-2002</b>	84 009	14 763	13 429	10 970	9 650	7 998	5 753	13 789	7 657	7 619
<b>2001</b>										
July	7 454	1 413	1 135	1 101	933	681	390	1 178	623	604
August	7 261	1 263	1 106	1 006	784	730	443	1 193	736	605
September	7 395	1 228	1 228	1 079	848	638	463	1 246	665	642
October	7 467	1 351	1 165	917	830	700	614	1 165	725	677
November	6 823	1 124	1 026	930	812	735	415	1 219	562	679
December	7 370	1 385	1 121	875	724	892	567	1 148	658	506
<b>2002</b>										
January	6 019	1 034	1 246	879	810	470	205	881	494	723
February	6 336	1 143	1 080	765	757	575	430	1 118	468	563
March	7 312	1 137	1 159	805	893	682	742	1 247	647	645
April	6 845	1 276	1 087	855	755	590	492	1 094	696	595
May	6 799	1 147	1 027	860	805	684	401	1 165	710	766
June	6 928	1 262	1 049	898	699	621	591	1 135	673	614
July	7 236	1 183	1 014	1 028	807	665	535	1 177	827	750
August	7 379	1 220	1 084	1 109	802	630	553	1 123	858	637
September	7 282	1 273	1 024	1 057	727	659	476	1 254	812	521
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE										
3 months to Sep 2001	22 110	3 904	3 469	3 186	2 565	2 049	1 296	3 617	2 024	1 851
3 months to Sep 2002	21 897	3 676	3 122	3 194	2 336	1 954	1 564	3 554	2 497	1 908

(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>
<b>1999-2000</b>	- 110 610	-30 781	-3 943	-2 456	-7 735	-4 232	-3 238	-9 177
<b>2000-2001</b>	- 120 337	-35 775	-4 483	-3 000	-9 627	-4 811	-3 359	-10 495
<b>2001-2002</b>	- 121 927	-37 422	-4 687	-3 166	-9 931	-4 849	-3 493	-11 296
<b>2001</b>								
July	-9 967	-3 160	-379	-232	-799	-452	-324	-974
August	-10 683	-3 357	-397	-281	-824	-503	-330	-1 022
September	-9 755	-3 056	-376	-257	-810	-389	-330	-894
October	-11 703	-3 749	-507	-348	-898	-420	-395	-1 181
November	-10 607	-3 427	-460	-338	-903	-388	-320	-1 018
December	-9 284	-2 754	-386	-217	-821	-309	-218	-803
<b>2002</b>								
January	-9 802	-2 801	-406	-186	-696	-440	-234	-839
February	-9 510	-3 057	-376	-238	-685	-528	-272	-958
March	-9 709	-2 900	-365	-238	-861	-371	-231	-834
April	-10 257	-3 171	-360	-286	-820	-393	-279	-1 033
May	-10 782	-3 087	-358	-286	-908	-338	-275	-922
June	-9 868	-2 903	-317	-259	-906	-318	-285	-818
July	-11 289	-3 673	-382	-314	-1 095	-476	-327	-1 079
August	-11 178	-3 601	-409	-330	-893	-526	-356	-1 087
September	-10 985	-3 703	-419	-350	-1 001	-439	-361	-1 133
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE								
3 months to Sep 2001	-30 405	-9 573	-1 152	-770	-2 433	-1 344	-984	-2 890
3 months to Sep 2002	-33 452	-10 977	-1 210	-994	-2 989	-1 441	-1 044	-3 299

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 8 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>	<i>\$m</i>
<b>1999-2000</b>	-26 695	-8 912	-4 912	-4 150	-1 414	-3 981	-3 326
<b>2000-2001</b>	-25 552	-8 876	-5 260	-4 379	- 609	-2 753	-3 675
<b>2001-2002</b>	-27 151	-9 506	-5 055	-3 643	-1 513	-3 553	-3 881
<b>2001</b>							
July	-2 102	- 786	- 417	- 302	0	- 249	- 348
August	-2 273	- 915	- 376	- 368	-28	- 256	- 330
September	-2 152	- 752	- 366	- 475	-3	- 235	- 321
October	-2 476	- 976	- 422	- 343	-14	- 367	- 354
November	-2 336	- 874	- 436	- 366	-34	- 289	- 337
December	-2 132	- 773	- 477	- 305	-46	- 228	- 303
<b>2002</b>							
January	-2 232	- 827	- 378	- 163	- 354	- 233	- 277
February	-1 970	- 654	- 373	- 171	- 234	- 249	- 289
March	-2 080	- 713	- 457	- 231	- 133	- 239	- 307
April	-2 181	- 735	- 473	- 228	- 110	- 287	- 348
May	-2 779	- 781	- 435	- 358	- 231	- 627	- 347
June	-2 438	- 720	- 445	- 333	- 326	- 294	- 320
July	-2 777	- 916	- 450	- 271	- 472	- 298	- 370
August	-2 429	-1 090	- 393	- 265	0	- 301	- 380
September	-2 444	- 896	- 420	- 258	- 148	- 338	- 384
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE							
3 months to Sep 2001	-6 527	-2 453	-1 159	-1 145	-31	- 740	- 999
3 months to Sep 2002	-7 650	-2 902	-1 263	- 794	- 620	- 937	-1 134

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 8 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>1999-2000</b>	-49 073	- 731	-1 117	-7 450	-6 874	-1 936	-8 008	-3 572
<b>2000-2001</b>	-54 652	- 592	-1 133	-10 358	-7 089	-2 255	-9 072	-3 777
<b>2001-2002</b>	-52 183	- 576	-1 117	-8 823	-6 835	-2 159	-8 216	-3 448
<b>2001</b>								
July	-4 328	-48	-80	- 794	- 552	- 193	- 755	- 259
August	-4 606	-50	-88	- 866	- 653	- 170	- 715	- 355
September	-4 147	-39	-90	- 810	- 523	- 158	- 618	- 296
October	-4 957	-46	-115	- 885	- 694	- 186	- 781	- 289
November	-4 456	-53	-101	- 650	- 550	- 190	- 712	- 281
December	-3 953	-39	-76	- 690	- 522	- 191	- 631	- 285
<b>2002</b>								
January	-4 419	-56	-100	- 618	- 550	- 177	- 663	- 369
February	-4 028	-51	-73	- 688	- 547	- 161	- 619	- 252
March	-4 314	-50	-107	- 703	- 538	- 193	- 650	- 289
April	-4 399	-48	-106	- 648	- 564	- 183	- 690	- 277
May	-4 554	-50	-96	- 800	- 584	- 172	- 716	- 284
June	-4 022	-46	-85	- 671	- 558	- 185	- 666	- 212
July	-4 408	-62	-104	- 697	- 621	- 199	- 718	- 287
August	-4 758	-63	-128	- 847	- 631	- 178	- 721	- 237
September	-4 424	-60	-129	- 625	- 600	- 159	- 717	- 239
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE								
3 months to Sep 2001	-13 081	- 137	- 258	-2 470	-1 728	- 521	-2 088	- 910
3 months to Sep 2002	-13 590	- 185	- 361	-2 169	-1 852	- 536	-2 156	- 763

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes.

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

Period	<i>Paper and paperboard</i>	<i>Textile yarn and fabrics</i>	<i>Iron and steel</i>	<i>Plastics</i>	<i>Processed industrial supplies n.e.s.</i>	<i>Other merchandise goods</i>	<i>Other goods(b)</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1999-2000</b>	-2 207	-1 987	-1 509	-2 037	-10 772	- 873	-4 061
<b>2000-2001</b>	-2 311	-1 863	-1 437	-2 193	-11 252	-1 320	-4 358
<b>2001-2002</b>	-2 225	-1 830	-1 765	-2 181	-11 443	-1 565	-5 171
<b>2001</b>							
July	- 185	- 172	- 140	- 186	- 874	-90	- 377
August	- 199	- 167	- 149	- 185	- 911	-98	- 447
September	- 183	- 145	- 135	- 172	- 905	-73	- 400
October	- 221	- 164	- 172	- 204	-1 036	- 164	- 521
November	- 206	- 160	- 163	- 208	-1 089	-93	- 388
December	- 156	- 117	- 116	- 155	- 853	- 122	- 445
<b>2002</b>							
January	- 181	- 151	- 176	- 194	-1 017	- 167	- 350
February	- 178	- 142	- 125	- 157	- 913	- 122	- 455
March	- 187	- 133	- 154	- 176	- 959	- 175	- 415
April	- 189	- 155	- 146	- 183	-1 068	- 142	- 506
May	- 182	- 172	- 148	- 193	-1 022	- 135	- 362
June	- 158	- 152	- 141	- 168	- 796	- 184	- 505
July	- 183	- 182	- 135	- 196	- 936	-88	- 431
August	- 205	- 170	- 164	- 205	- 993	- 216	- 390
September	- 199	- 160	- 158	- 204	-1 033	- 141	- 414
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE							
3 months to Sep 2001	- 567	- 484	- 424	- 543	-2 690	- 261	-1 224
3 months to Sep 2002	- 587	- 512	- 457	- 605	-2 962	- 445	-1 235

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 8 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>1999-2000</b>	28 369	1 017	5 848	13 139	8 365	-29 713	-5 257	-4 761	-9 836	-9 859
<b>2000-2001</b>	33 204	1 038	7 024	15 366	9 776	-32 299	-5 991	-5 361	-11 189	-9 758
<b>2001-2002</b>	30 958	1 001	6 664	14 530	8 763	-32 151	-5 626	-5 150	-11 043	-10 332
<b>2001</b>										
July	3 120	84	587	1 748	701	-2 870	-468	-502	-1 088	-812
August	2 488	84	585	1 111	708	-2 792	-531	-434	-999	-828
September	2 304	84	564	949	707	-2 849	-452	-484	-1 046	-867
October	2 439	93	536	1 047	763	-2 819	-554	-397	-965	-903
November	2 352	93	519	963	777	-2 580	-512	-360	-805	-903
December	2 569	92	560	1 154	763	-2 588	-422	-434	-799	-933
<b>2002</b>										
January	2 895	77	577	1 531	710	-2 666	-449	-407	-993	-817
February	3 173	77	571	1 822	703	-2 366	-430	-361	-736	-839
March	2 557	76	591	1 203	687	-2 509	-466	-413	-809	-821
April	2 390	80	526	1 043	741	-2 682	-468	-422	-934	-858
May	2 314	80	526	957	751	-2 672	-472	-445	-894	-861
June	2 357	81	522	1 002	752	-2 758	-402	-491	-975	-890
July	2 955	82	560	1 582	731	-2 900	-476	-497	-1 066	-861
August	2 458	82	560	1 074	742	-2 767	-505	-430	-959	-873
September	2 288	84	563	902	739	-2 959	-482	-484	-1 115	-878
FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE										
3 months to Sep 2001	7 912	252	1 736	3 808	2 116	-8 511	-1 451	-1 420	-3 133	-2 507
3 months to Sep 2002	7 701	248	1 683	3 558	2 212	-8 626	-1 463	-1 411	-3 140	-2 612

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) For more detailed trade in services by commodity, see Table 6.

## SERVICES(a)(b): Original—Quarterly

	CREDITS.....				DEBITS.....			
	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<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>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2002</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>7 360</b>	<b>8 625</b>	<b>7 061</b>	<b>7 701</b>	<b>-7 987</b>	<b>-7 541</b>	<b>-8 112</b>	<b>-8 626</b>
<b>Transportation services</b>	<b>1 893</b>	<b>1 969</b>	<b>1 815</b>	<b>1 931</b>	<b>-2 679</b>	<b>-2 526</b>	<b>-2 700</b>	<b>-2 874</b>
Passenger	1 615	1 739	1 574	1 683	- 951	- 940	-1 138	-1 176
Freight	278	230	241	248	-1 488	-1 345	-1 342	-1 463
Other	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	- 240	- 241	- 220	- 235
<b>Travel services</b>	<b>3 164</b>	<b>4 556</b>	<b>3 002</b>	<b>3 558</b>	<b>-2 569</b>	<b>-2 538</b>	<b>-2 803</b>	<b>-3 140</b>
Business	231	280	327	286	- 564	- 670	- 653	- 735
Personal	2 933	4 276	2 675	3 272	-2 005	-1 868	-2 150	-2 405
Education-related	519	1 755	714	1 069	- 165	- 169	- 148	- 249
Other	2 414	2 521	1 961	2 203	-1 840	-1 699	-2 002	-2 156
<b>Communications services</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>- 394</b>	<b>- 356</b>	<b>- 301</b>	<b>- 315</b>
<b>Construction services</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Insurance services</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>- 214</b>	<b>- 214</b>	<b>- 214</b>	<b>- 214</b>
<b>Financial services</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>- 139</b>	<b>- 139</b>	<b>- 139</b>	<b>- 139</b>
<b>Computer and information services</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>- 131</b>	<b>- 83</b>	<b>- 130</b>	<b>- 130</b>
<b>Royalties and licence fees</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>- 433</b>	<b>- 483</b>	<b>- 437</b>	<b>- 459</b>
<b>Other business services</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>-1 045</b>	<b>- 828</b>	<b>- 963</b>	<b>- 983</b>
Merchanting and other trade-related	158	135	134	135	-92	-76	-90	-94
Operational leasing	7	5	9	6	- 276	- 209	- 207	- 205
Miscellaneous business, professional & technical	791	636	712	712	- 677	- 543	- 666	- 684
Legal, accounting, management consulting and public relations	186	176	158	173	-85	-84	- 124	-98
Advertising, market research, and public opinion polling	37	38	34	20	-37	-37	-57	-41
Research and development	80	50	66	68	-35	-19	-21	-32
Architectural, engineering and other technical services	185	118	137	147	-99	- 118	- 142	- 139
Agricultural, mining, and on-site processing	23	28	9	8	-82	-46	-38	-33
Services between affiliated enterprises n.i.e.	211	175	259	240	- 231	- 191	- 209	- 263
Other	69	51	49	56	- 108	-48	-75	-78
<b>Personal, cultural, and recreational services</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>- 223</b>	<b>- 218</b>	<b>- 235</b>	<b>- 215</b>
Audiovisual and related services	21	24	17	20	- 181	- 186	- 200	- 179
Other personal, cultural and recreational services	121	128	148	135	-42	-32	-35	-36
<b>Government services n.i.e.</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>- 160</b>	<b>- 156</b>	<b>- 190</b>	<b>- 157</b>

(a) For sign conventions, see paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) For more information, see paragraphs 11 and 12 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>1999-2000</b>	0.6289	0.3948	..	67.90	0.4642	55.2
<b>2000-2001</b>	0.5379	0.3704	0.6023	61.49	0.4177	50.3
<b>2001-2002</b>	0.5239	0.3632	0.5850	66.10	0.4135	50.8
<b>2001</b>						
July	0.5101	0.3608	0.5934	63.56	0.4079	49.8
August	0.5251	0.3654	0.5823	63.77	0.4120	50.0
September	0.5063	0.3461	0.5558	60.16	0.3937	48.1
October	0.5054	0.3482	0.5574	61.30	0.3952	48.6
November	0.5168	0.3597	0.5821	63.25	0.4075	50.0
December	0.5146	0.3573	0.5761	65.50	0.4070	50.1
<b>2002</b>						
January	0.5169	0.3600	0.5836	68.51	0.4121	50.9
February	0.5130	0.3605	0.5897	68.54	0.4122	50.7
March	0.5243	0.3685	0.5982	68.74	0.4195	51.4
April	0.5354	0.3713	0.6047	70.06	0.4263	52.3
May	0.5497	0.3765	0.6000	69.55	0.4308	52.6
June	0.5694	0.3839	0.5962	70.29	0.4383	53.4
July	0.5544	0.3564	0.5580	65.43	0.4166	51.2
August	0.5422	0.3527	0.5543	64.48	0.4106	50.5
September	0.5470	0.3517	0.5578	66.01	0.4138	51.1

(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. General merchandise imports and exports are derived mainly from international trade statistics, which are based on Australian Customs Service records. Adjustments for coverage and timing are made to international trade statistics to bring them to a balance of payments basis. The main source of services data is the quarterly Survey of International Trade in Services.

**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, 1998* (cat. no. 5331.0).

## SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

**4** Monthly original estimates are volatile, being subject to calendar related and large irregular influences. Seasonally adjusted estimates are derived by estimating and removing systematic calendar related effects, such as seasonal and trading day influences, from the original series. The trading day influences arise from the varying length of months and the varying number of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays etc in each month. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. The irregular influences may reflect both random economic events and difficulties of statistical recording.

**5** The factors used to seasonally adjust the monthly goods and services statistics can be obtained from Kevin Yeadon on Canberra (02) 6252 6255. There is a charge for this service.

## TREND ESTIMATES

**6** 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.

**7** 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, they result in revisions to the estimates for the most recent six months 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.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### SIGN CONVENTION

**8** 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.

### COMMODITY BREAKDOWNS OF GOODS

**9** 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, 1998* (cat. no. 5331.0).

**10** 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. The information at this level is available as a special data service, and can be obtained from Kevin Yeadon on Canberra 02 6252 6255.

### COMMODITY BREAKDOWNS OF SERVICES

**11** The quarterly detailed services data published in Table 6 are consistent with the monthly aggregates shown in Table 5. Subject to confidentiality constraints, a further breakdown of services data on a quarterly basis is available on request. Services trade data by major partner countries and by Australian state of production/consumption are published on a financial year basis and a calendar year basis in feature articles in this publication. Additional detail and additional presentations of the data are available on request. For further information contact Kevin Yeadon on Canberra 02 6252 6255.

**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 and Referral Service. Contact details are shown on the back of this publication.

**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
- *International Merchandise Trade, Australia* (cat no. 5422.0)—issued quarterly
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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 7.

### TREND REVISIONS

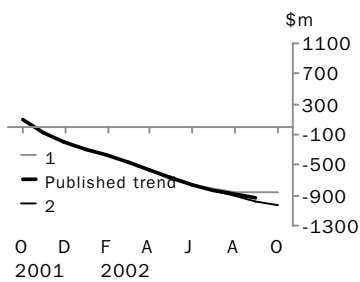
The graph below presents the effect of two possible scenarios on the previous trend estimates:

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

**2** The October seasonally adjusted estimate of the balance on goods and services 'deteriorates' by \$200 million when compared with the September 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 Sep 2002</i>	<b>2</b> <i>deteriorates by \$200m on Sep 2002</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m
March 2002	- 477	- 477	- 477
April 2002	- 572	- 577	- 569
May 2002	- 668	- 677	- 663
June 2002	- 759	- 762	- 755
July 2002	- 829	- 817	- 835
August 2002	- 882	- 848	- 907
September 2002	- 932	- 865	- 976
October 2002		- 854	-1 023

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