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## Introduction:

The International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) report is compiled by the Tuvalu Central Statistics Division (CSD) on a quarterly basis with the assistance of trade data collected from the Tuvalu Customs department through the online system of ASYCUDA.

This IMTS report covers Tuvalu's total imports and total exports in correspondence to the Harmonised Coding System of Tuvalu (HS) of which are classified into categories by commodity and country. According to the trade data collected, Tuvalu has trade connections with its neighbouring region and countries within the Oceania, predominately Fiji, of which is Tuvalu's major partner country for its imports as well as exports.

With this IMTS report, the Tuvalu CSD aims to provide its users with relevant trade data that could interest users to develop better planning and consult trade deals in order to develop progress on relevant trade policies.

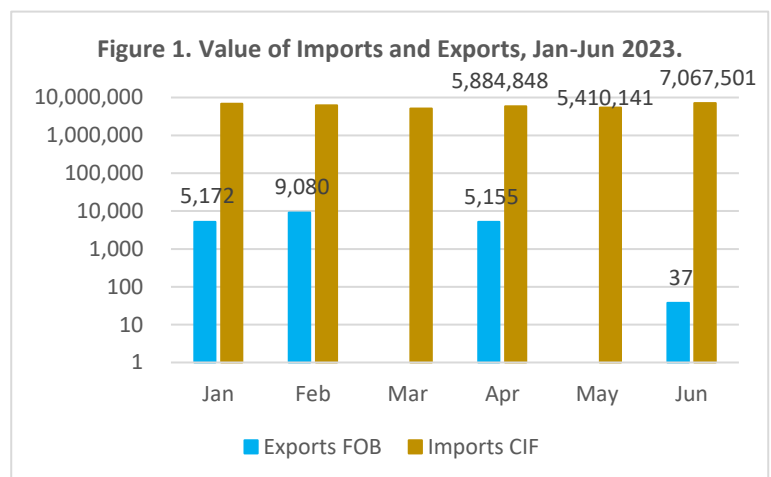
As follows is the IMTS report for the second quarter of 2023 based on an annual trend from 2018 to 2022, the monthly trend of 2023 from January to June 2023 as well as eight release tables containing Tuvalu's imports, exports and re-exports to further assist its users.

## Analyses:

### 1. Value of Imports and Exports:

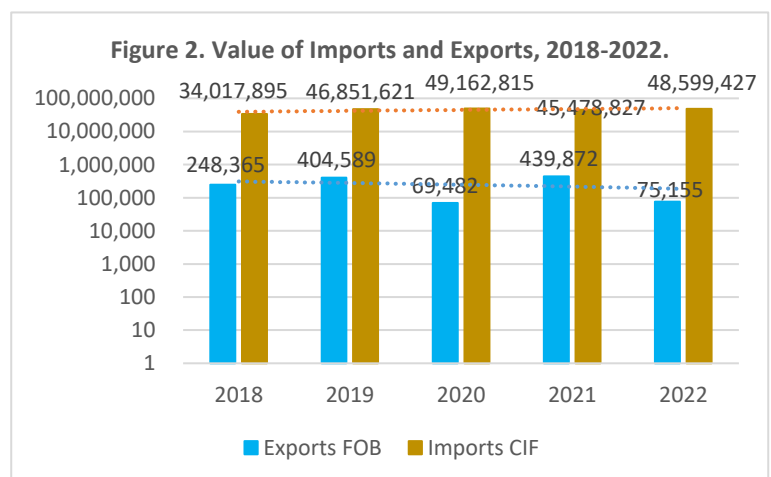
**June 2023:** Figure 1 illustrates the value of imports and exports as of June 2023, and it shows; total imports in June 2023 were \$7,067,501, which is an approximate 31% increase from total imports in May 2023 (\$5,410,141). There is also a slight decrease in total imports by approximately 8% from April 2023 to May 2023.

*\*Note: Total exports from January to June 2023 may be subject to change in the upcoming reports due to inconsistencies in the data collected from Tuvalu Customs and the Department of Energy.*



**2018-2022:** Depicted alongside in Figure 2 is the annual IMTS from 2018 to 2022 which indicates a fluctuating trend of total imports as well as total exports throughout the five consecutive years. Listed below are the major turns of events related to the value of imports and exports;

**2019:** In 2019, the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pacific Island Forum was held in Tuvalu from the 13<sup>th</sup> August to the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2019. Evidently, it is reflected through the significant increase of total imports by 38% and total exports by 63%



from 2018 to 2019 as the country makes preparations for the major event. *\*Note: HS Sections for Imports can be clarified in the following sections below.*

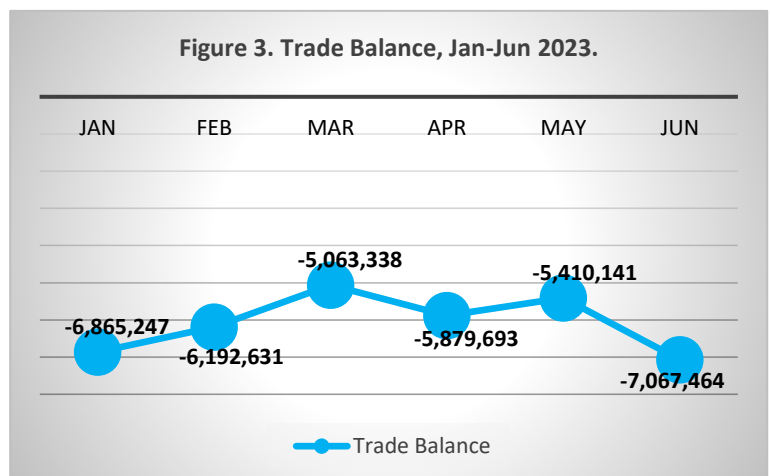
2020: In March 2020, Tuvalu went into lockdown during the Covid 19 pandemic. There is a significant drop in total exports (83%) during the pandemic and a slight increase in total imports (5%) from 2019 to 2020. Figure 2 above depicts that the total imports of 2020 were the greatest during the five consecutive years illustrated, which could be a result of ‘panic purchasing’ during the start of the Covid 19 pandemic.

2022: Tuvalu’s COVID 19 borders lockdown was uplifted in 2022 and therefore had a notable impact on Tuvalu’s trade. Total imports 2022 increased by approximately 7% from 2021.

## 2. Balance of Trade:

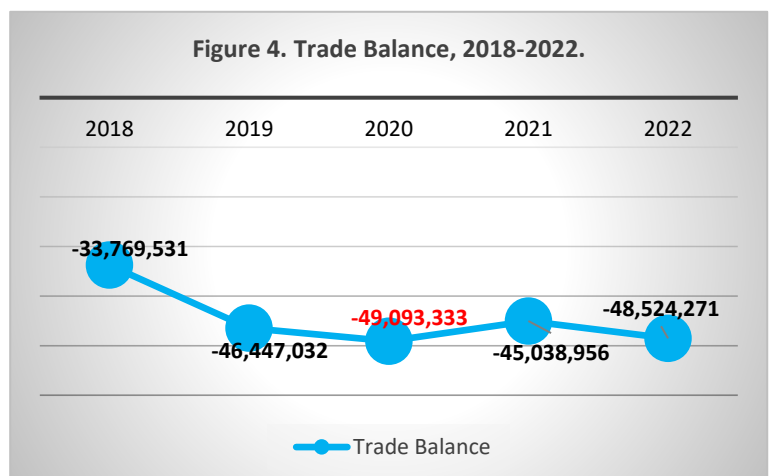
**June 2023:** As of June 2023, Tuvalu has recorded a considerable trade deficit of \$7,067,464.

Figure 3 alongside is a linear representation of Tuvalu’s trade balance from January to June 2023 which shows a major increase in deficit from May to June 2023, which was roughly a 31% increase in deficit.



**2018-2022:** Throughout the five consecutive years illustrated in Figure 4 alongside, Tuvalu’s trade balance for the annual year of 2020 stood out with an outstanding \$49,093,333 in deficit.

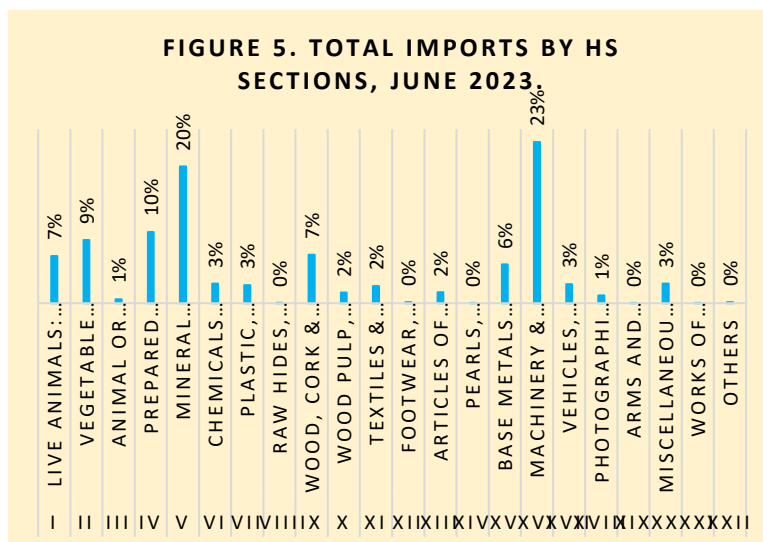
In the year 2020, Tuvalu went into border lockdown during the COVID 19 pandemic. For this reason, Tuvalu’s major importers had imported above standard in preparation for the pandemic therefore a major increase in total imports all while Tuvalu’s total exports declined during the pandemic period, as displayed in Figure 2 above.



### 3. Performance of Imports:

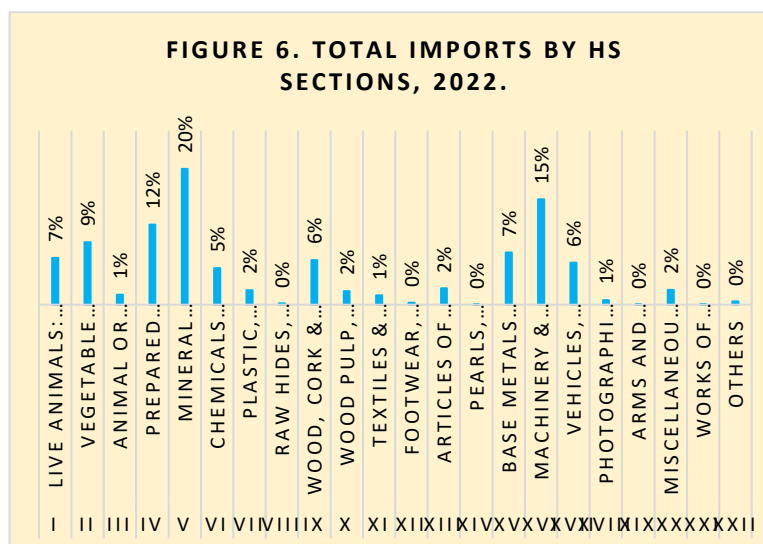
**June 2023:** The HS sections listed below were accounted of 5% or more of imports;

- Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof – 23%
- Mineral products – 20%
- Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco – 10%
- Vegetable products – 9%
- Live animals: animal products – 7%
- Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material – 7%
- Base metals & articles thereof – 6%



**2022:** The following HS sections were the most notable for Tuvalu’s imports for 2022, and they were;

- Mineral products – 20%
- Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof – 15%
- Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco – 12%
- Vegetable products – 9%
- Live animals: animal products – 7%
- Base metals & articles thereof – 7%

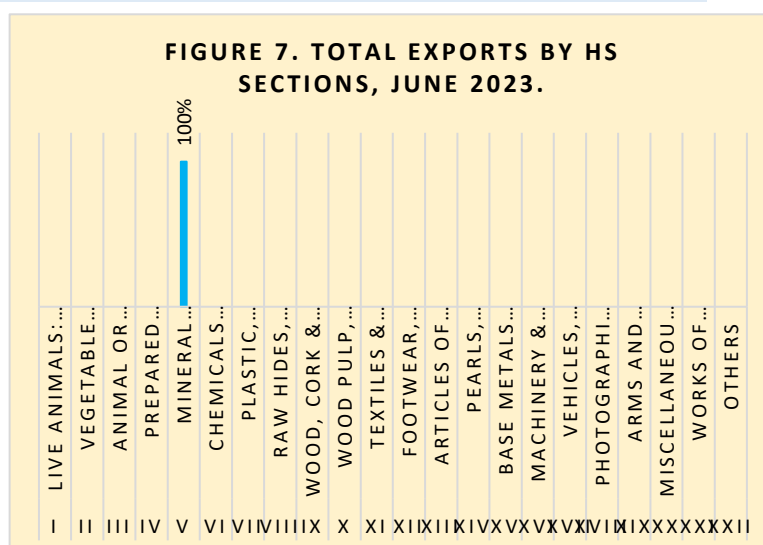


### 4. Performance of Exports:

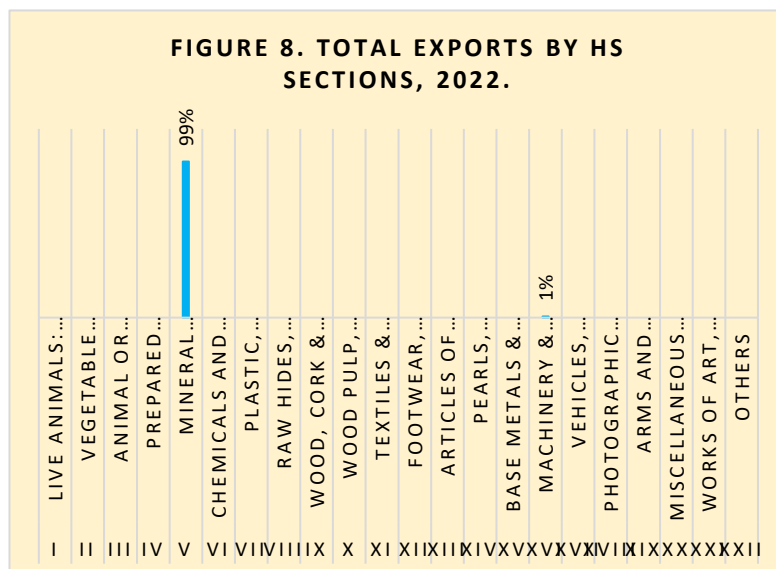
**June 2023:** As of June 2023, Mineral products was the only commodity being exported by Tuvalu.

Mineral products in this regard are re-exported jet-fuels used to refill aircrafts travelling back from Tuvalu to their respective countries.

*\*Note: Total exports data for 2023 are considered to be preliminary data due to the inconsistency of data collected from primary sources.*



**2022:** Mineral products accounted for 99% of Tuvalu’s total exports in 2022. Machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment, and parts thereof accounted for 1% of its exports.

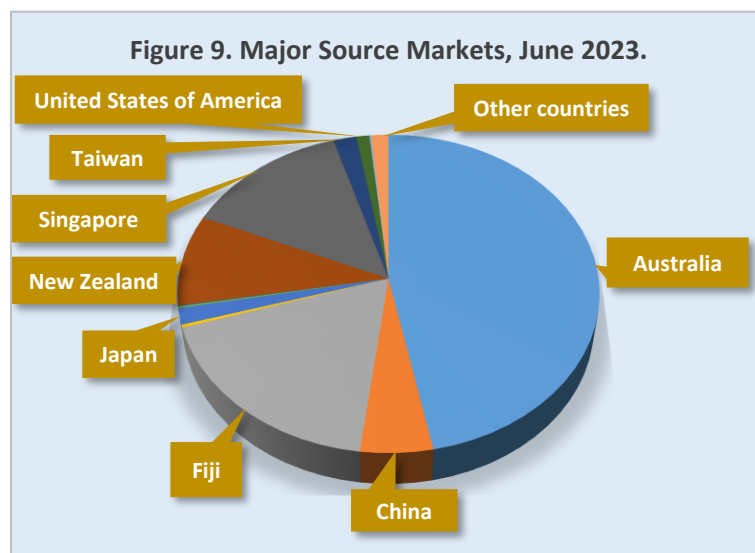


## 5. Direction of Trade:

### a. Major Source Markets:

**June 2023:** Figure 9 alongside is a pie chart depicting Tuvalu’s major source markets from January to June 2023, and they are as followed;

- Australia 47%
- Fiji 18%
- Singapore 14%
- New Zealand 9%
- China 5%
- Japan 2%
- Taiwan 2%
- USA 1%
- Other countries 2%

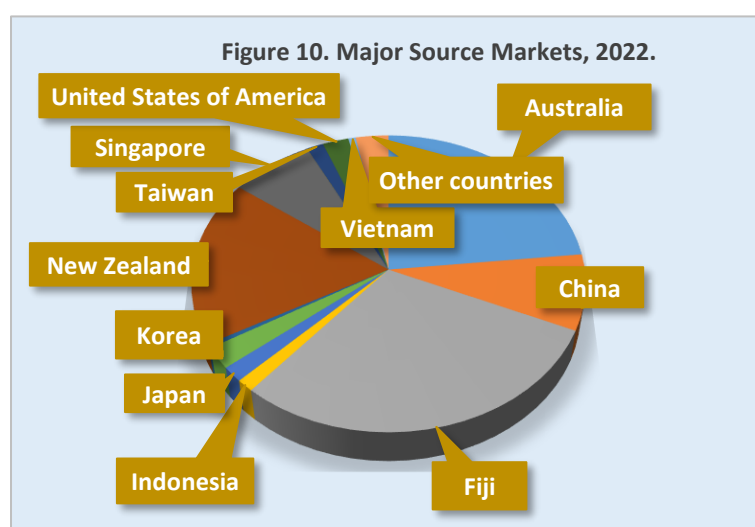


In accumulation, \$27,116,666 or 74% of total imports were commodities imported from Tuvalu’s regional countries within the Oceania (Australia, Fiji and New Zealand)

**2022:** Illustrated in Figure 10 alongside are the major source markets for Tuvalu in 2022. Five outstanding countries that contributed most to Tuvalu’s imports were;

- Fiji 30%
- Australia 23%
- New Zealand 18%
- China 8%
- Singapore 7%

Collectively, 71% or \$32,336,554 of total imports were accounted for Tuvalu’s neighbouring countries within Oceania shores.



b. Major Destinations:

**June 2023:** By June 2023, Tuvalu’s major destination for exports is its neighbouring country, Fiji.

*\*Note: These exported commodities are as highlighted in Figure 7 above, which are **Mineral products** 100%.*

**2022:** Figure 12 alongside shows Tuvalu’s major destinations in 2022 with Fiji itself accounting for roughly 68% of Tuvalu’s total exports.

Figure 11. Major Destinations, June 2023.

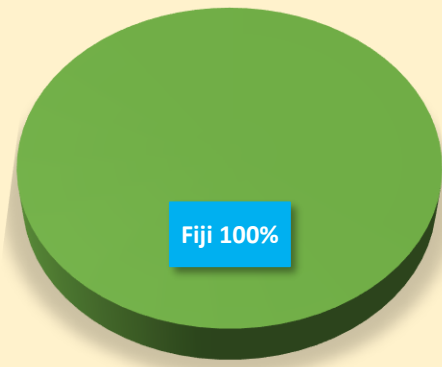
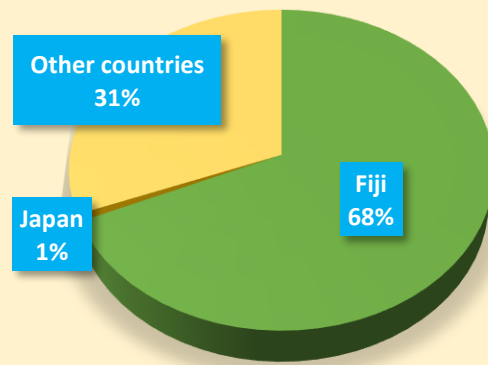


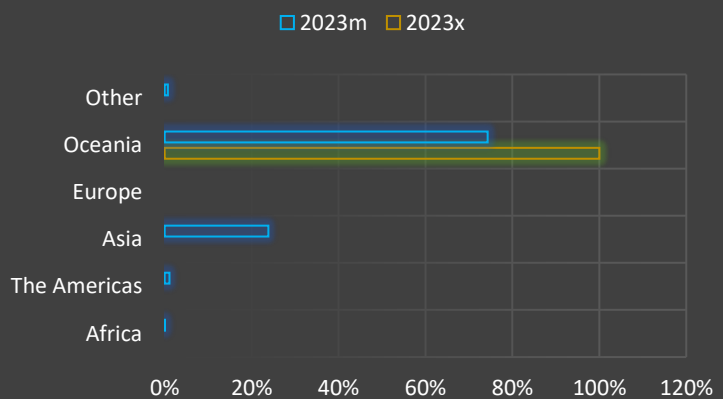
Figure 12. Major Destinations, 2022.



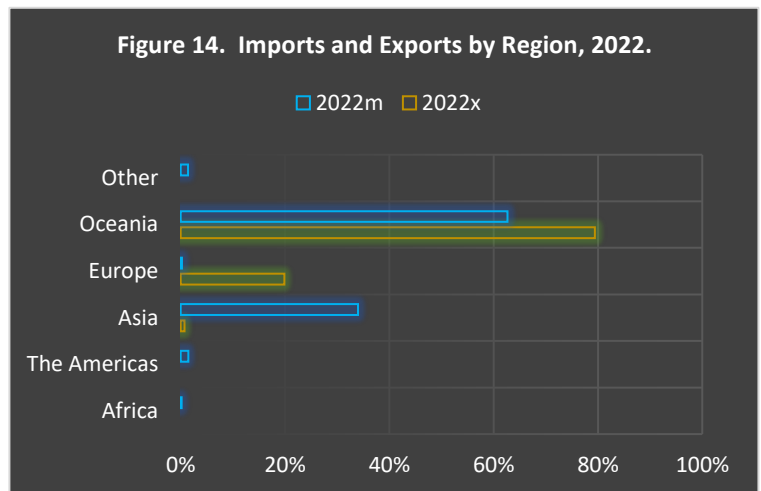
6. Trade by Geographical Region:

**June 2023:** The analyses of Tuvalu’s trade by geographical region, as displayed in Figure 13 alongside shows that trade between Tuvalu and the Oceania dominated over other regions with an indefinite 74% of total imports and 100% of total exports.

Figure 13: Imports and Exports by Region, Jan-Jun 2023.



**2022:** In 2022, Tuvalu's trade by region shows that the Oceania had the most trade interaction with Tuvalu. There were roughly 63% of total imports with 79% of total exports from the Oceania regional countries.





Attached are the respective IMTS release tables;

- Table 1 Balance of Trade (AU\$)
- Table 2 Total Imports by HS (AU\$)
- Table 3 Total Exports by HS (AU\$)
- Table 4 Principal Exports (AU\$)
- Table 5 Principal Imports (AU\$)
- Table 6 Trade by Partner Countries (AU\$)
- Table 7 Trade by Region (AU\$)
- Table 8 Trade by Transport Mode (AU\$)

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## Appendix:

**Table 1. Balance of Trade (AU\$)**

Period	Exports FOB			Imports CIF	Trade Balance
	Domestic	Re-exports	Exports FOB		
2018	52,598	195,767	248,365	34,017,895	- 33,769,531
2019	69,132	335,457	404,589	46,851,621	- 46,447,032
2020	21,501	47,981	69,482	49,162,815	- 49,093,333
2021	400,991	38,881	439,872	45,478,827	- 45,038,956
2022	5,413	69,742	75,155	48,599,427	- 48,524,271
2023	5,192	14,252	19,444	36,497,958	- 36,478,514
2023 YTD					
Jan	-	5172	5172	6,870,419	- 6,865,247
Feb	-	9080	9080	6,201,711	- 6,192,631
Mar	-	-	-	5,063,338	- 5,063,338
Apr	5155	-	5155	5,884,848	- 5,879,693
May	-	-	-	5,410,141	- 5,410,141
Jun	37	-	37	7,067,501	- 7,067,464

**Table 2A: Total Imports by HS by Year, 2018-2022 (AU\$)**

HS Sections		Year					
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
I	Live animals: animal products	1,880,861	2,516,574	2,512,552	3,157,638	3,271,906	2,474,404
II	Vegetable products	4,134,306	5,427,886	5,193,432	4,201,112	4,368,483	3,317,221
III	Animal or vegetable oils & fats	88,321	182,355	146,503	621,833	690,931	209,286
IV	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	5,679,431	6,459,307	6,132,819	6,962,613	5,589,082	3,734,321
V	Mineral products	7,339,132	8,157,603	6,575,379	7,078,000	9,478,691	7,166,393
VI	Chemicals and allied products	1,392,379	1,544,162	2,130,293	1,509,513	2,549,249	1,033,227
VII	Plastic, rubber & articles thereof	552,379	1,097,923	1,380,678	635,805	1,015,454	942,466
VIII	Raw hides, skins, leather articles & travel goods	82,397	66,622	43,791	73,763	86,668	29,061
IX	Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material	2,006,516	2,335,180	2,671,924	2,304,381	3,115,521	2,536,553
X	Wood pulp, paper & paperboard & articles thereof	457,012	445,197	739,041	747,788	940,688	558,087
XI	Textiles & textile articles	894,855	1,129,489	1,055,181	613,952	658,642	891,954
XII	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas & parts thereof	120,024	146,032	159,262	151,754	145,595	55,689
XIII	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	667,557	1,740,081	371,489	474,326	1,147,092	568,245
XIV	Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones & metals	27,957	10,169	10,737	7,761	12,023	8,442
XV	Base metals & articles thereof	1,871,727	2,920,213	1,808,267	2,288,669	3,642,377	2,034,832
XVI	Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	2,743,937	6,360,807	12,725,598	6,328,335	7,358,421	8,449,353
XVII	Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	2,220,383	4,005,116	2,474,939	2,229,951	2,941,004	998,938
XVII	Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods & clocks/watches & musical instruments	342,130	160,785	2,025,620	4,276,291	317,075	401,646
XIX	Arms and ammunition, parts & accessories thereof	1,535	1,835	1,301	2,963	7,047	2,236
XX	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,370,482	1,960,015	932,453	1,598,606	1,034,434	1,033,729
XXI	Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	16	196	2,173	10,280	75	1,104
XXII	Others	144,560	184,072	69,383	203,493	228,968	50,772
	Total	34,017,895	46,851,621	49,162,815	45,478,827	48,599,427	36,497,958

**Table 2B: Total Imports by HS by Month, Jan-Jun 2023 (AU\$)**

HS Sections		2023 YTD					
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
I	Live animals: animal products	629,303	192,769	170,842	832,474	444,160	204,857
II	Vegetable products	610,397	306,175	399,144	1,059,748	654,615	287,142
III	Animal or vegetable oils & fats	69,990	29,193	49,323	14,365	15,118	31,297
IV	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	596,787	592,058	827,565	790,014	523,553	404,344
V	Mineral products	1,582,811	246,410	1,052,891	1,462,903	1,532,402	1,288,976
VI	Chemicals and allied products	279,018	406,430	80,877	99,910	107,334	59,658
VII	Plastic, rubber & articles thereof	136,325	256,455	425,421	28,288	58,535	37,442
VIII	Raw hides, skins, leather articles & travel goods	5,559	4,587	401	7,540	8,776	2,198
IX	Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material	747,496	436,060	539,891	446,864	190,149	176,092
X	Wood pulp, paper & paperboard & articles thereof	84,578	178,876	99,325	37,777	117,809	39,722
XI	Textiles & textile articles	28,148	381,389	56,762	62,353	282,793	80,508
XII	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas & parts thereof	6,222	9,280	5,029	10,203	14,482	10,472
XIII	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	117,909	87,818	157,466	103,856	43,966	57,229
XIV	Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones & metals	-	233	478	55	7,575	100
XV	Base metals & articles thereof	322,596	474,831	284,528	155,935	636,368	160,574
XVI	Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	1,261,399	2,067,753	685,113	347,511	199,507	3,888,070
XVII	Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	258,934	101,223	36,003	149,504	405,241	48,033
XVIII	Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods & clocks/watches & musical instruments	42,702	117,768	6,559	7,428	10,383	216,806
XIX	Arms and ammunition, parts & accessories thereof	608	559	-	-	-	1,069
XX	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	80,915	311,786	181,998	268,070	120,735	70,225
XXI	Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	-	60	-	47	997	-
XXII	Others	8,722	-	3,721	-	35,642	2,687
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,870,419</b>	<b>6,201,711</b>	<b>5,063,338</b>	<b>5,884,848</b>	<b>5,410,141</b>	<b>7,067,501</b>

**Table 3A: Total Exports by HS by Year, 2018-2022 (AU\$)**

HS Sections		Year					
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
I	Live animals: animal products	-	-	900	-	-	-
II	Vegetable products	-	-	900	-	-	-
III	Animal or vegetable oils & fats	-	-	-	-	-	-
IV	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	1,027	50	1,640	-	-	-
V	Mineral products	177,743	335,620	47,981	38,881	74,655	19,444
VI	Chemicals and allied products	300	600	650	-	-	-
VII	Plastic, rubber & articles thereof	650	-	3,178	-	-	-
VIII	Raw hides, skins, leather articles & travel goods	-	-	-	-	-	-
IX	Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material	-	-	-	-	-	-
X	Wood pulp, paper & paperboard & articles thereof	-	-	-	-	-	-
XI	Textiles & textile articles	-	-	-	-	-	-
XII	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas & parts thereof	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIII	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	-	50	-	-	-	-
XIV	Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones & metals	-	-	-	-	-	-
XV	Base metals & articles thereof	10,610	11,664	8,043	1,060	-	-
XVI	Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	4,255	26,240	1,251	2,100	500	-
XVII	Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	26,615	26,445	2,000	350,000	-	-
XVIII	Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods & clocks/watches & musical instruments	50	800	-	-	-	-
XIX	Arms and ammunition, parts & accessories thereof	-	-	-	-	-	-
XX	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	150	200	-	45,000	-	-
XXI	Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	-	-	-	-	-	-
XXII	Others	7,545	2,920	2,939	2,831	-	-
Total		228,945	404,589	69,482	439,872	75,155	19,444

**Table 3B: Total Exports by HS by Month, Jan-Jun 2023 (AU\$)**

HS Sections		2023 YTD					
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
I	Live animals: animal products	-	-	-	-	-	-
II	Vegetable products	-	-	-	-	-	-
III	Animal or vegetable oils & fats	-	-	-	-	-	-
IV	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-
V	Mineral products	5,172	9,080	-	5,155	-	37
VI	Chemicals and allied products	-	-	-	-	-	-
VII	Plastic, rubber & articles thereof	-	-	-	-	-	-
VIII	Raw hides, skins, leather articles & travel goods	-	-	-	-	-	-
IX	Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material	-	-	-	-	-	-
X	Wood pulp, paper & paperboard & articles thereof	-	-	-	-	-	-
XI	Textiles & textile articles	-	-	-	-	-	-
XII	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas & parts thereof	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIII	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV	Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones & metals	-	-	-	-	-	-
XV	Base metals & articles thereof	-	-	-	-	-	-
XVI	Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	-	-	-	-	-	-
XVII	Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
XVIII	Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods & clocks/watches & musical instruments	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIX	Arms and ammunition, parts & accessories thereof	-	-	-	-	-	-
XX	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	-	-	-	-	-	-
XXI	Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	-	-	-	-	-	-
XXII	Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,172</b>	<b>9,080</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37</b>

**Table 4: Principal Exports by Year/Month Jan-Jun 2023YTD (AU\$)**

Commodity	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Exports												
Ferrous waste and scrap	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Containers for compressed or liquefied gas, of iron or steel	3,550	1,092	-	1,060	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sculptures and statuary	-	-	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Exports	49,048	68,040	21,444	399,931	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL excluding Re-exports	52,598	69,132	21,501	400,991	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Re-exports												
Mineral fuel	195,767	335,457	47,981	38,881	69,742	19,444	5,172	9,080	-	5,155	-	37
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other re-exports	0	0	-	-	5,413	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL Re-exports	195,767	335,457	47,981	38,881	75,155	19,444	5,172	9,080	-	5,155	-	37
TOTAL EXPORTS plus REEXPORTS	248,365	404,589	69,482	439,872	75,155	19,444	5,172	9,080	-	5,155	-	37

**Table 5A: Principal Imports by Year, 2018-2022 (AU\$)**

Commodity	Year					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Meat and edible offal, incl poultry, fresh, chilled or frozen	1,186,258	1,685,872	1,573,793	1,670,914	1,630,043	990,096
Dairy produce, eggs and honey	663,873	777,336	896,111	1,395,733	1,320,218	812,783
Edible vegetables	919,272	1,268,856	1,729,076	1,301,160	1,869,449	1,517,833
Coffee and tea	55,510	37,059	31,587	21,822	875	59,821
Rice	1,873,043	2,706,548	1,702,095	1,736,331	1,114,325	896,276
Wheat flour	872,511	891,564	966,718	527,903	463,072	218,221
Animal or vegetable fats & oils	88,321	182,355	146,503	621,833	259,699	209,286
Edible preparation of meat, fish, crustaceans etc	712,978	576,937	870,461	974,130	615,515	517,634
Cane or beet sugar	576,222	794,904	722,115	1,295,632	102,121	768,778
Pasta/noodles and couscous	178,543	283,969	356,297	371,531	404,820	306,996
Biscuits	692,395	747,666	967,361	803,015	691,974	370,468
Sauces	107,817	156,581	145,934	155,293	120,319	100,830
Mineral and aerated waters including sweetened or flavoured	1,231,366	1,065,756	516,427	809,773	186,066	348,069
Beer made from malt	502,284	640,833	529,194	505,670	243,443	170,959
Spirit beverage, incl wine	140,817	135,126	67,476	139,384	67,060	10,932
Cigars, cigarettes and tobacco	392,641	562,162	453,790	263,887	182,745	287,083
Earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	1,590,874	2,003,481	1,471,004	1,106,674	39,462	796,499
Mineral fuels and oils and related products	5,685,099	6,123,700	5,047,908	5,945,115	8,411,088	6,351,215
Pharmaceutical products	117,514	413,442	650,184	96,849	481,787	394,349
Paints and varnishes	230,294	345,630	380,888	474,282	171,534	121,169
Tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings therefor, of plastics	121,621	287,923	131,319	93,857	780	77,880
Wood and articles of wood	1,999,700	2,327,839	2,666,023	2,297,607	3,105,891	2,526,910
Woven fabrics of cotton	397,680	346,251	79,999	41,967	1,730	19,992
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	295,937	467,054	484,992	397,162	38,891	208,175
Other made-up textile articles and worn clothing	84,812	170,764	148,131	52,839	98,335	68,641
Articles of stone, plaster, cement and similar materials	464,699	1,309,604	238,881	208,408	277,711	173,369
Ceramic products	159,658	318,578	88,581	246,066	783,434	349,366
Glass and glassware	43,199	111,900	44,027	19,853	85,947	45,510
Boilers, Machinery and mechanical appliance and parts thereof	1,817,778	4,730,797	9,708,888	3,683,845	3,700,783	2,580,527
Electical machinery and equipment, television image and sound recorders and parts thereof	926,158	1,630,010	3,016,710	2,644,490	3,657,638	5,868,826
Motor vehicles incl motorcycles, bicycles and tractors	1,797,244	3,747,984	1,997,800	1,668,884	2,534,947	931,420
Survey instruments etc	1,041	31,624	158,881	87,653	40,636	207,724
Furniture, bedding, refabricated buildings etc	330,386	644,714	277,624	723,357	546,596	582,423
Other Imports	7,760,350	9,326,804	10,896,037	13,095,911	15,350,494	7,607,896
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>34,017,895</b>	<b>46,851,621</b>	<b>49,162,815</b>	<b>45,478,827</b>	<b>48,599,427</b>	<b>36,497,958</b>



**Table 5B: Principal Imports by Month, Jan-Jun 2023YTD (AU\$)**

Commodity	2023 YTD					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Meat and edible offal, incl poultry, fresh, chilled or frozen	256,762	43,157	88,902	402,851	117,675	80,749
Dairy produce, eggs and honey	196,819	148,634	81,940	174,907	88,041	122,442
Edible vegetables	246,529	89,256	33,972	651,904	446,573	49,599
Coffee and tea	8,564	14,057	12,077	8,768	9,898	6,456
Rice	186,214	87,173	301,855	137,071	44,155	139,808
Wheat flour	34,233	18,890	27,807	42,888	44,513	49,890
Animal or vegetable fats & oils	69,990	29,193	49,323	14,365	15,118	31,297
Edible preparation of meat, fish, crustaceans etc	60,174	121,214	42,767	99,634	90,666	103,179
Cane or beet sugar	49,186	182,035	238,290	187,853	27,251	84,165
Pasta/noodles and couscous	62,159	37,238	46,105	66,994	64,247	30,252
Biscuits	80,838	49,942	54,396	67,628	69,238	48,425
Sauces	25,007	29,650	6,044	19,013	11,021	10,094
Mineral and aerated waters including sweetened or flavoured	81,372	41,961	83,889	28,860	94,686	17,301
Beer made from malt	39,409	6,389	77,146	4,287	40,045	3,683
Spirit beverage, incl wine	-	5,668	2,980			2,284
Cigars, cigarettes and tobacco	-	-	181,650	104,288	1,145	
Earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	199,834	67,375	49,676	101,518	280,898	97,198
Mineral fuels and oils and related products	1,376,543	173,131	1,001,838	1,359,732	1,248,878	1,191,094
Pharmaceutical products	113,259	275,560	4,968	448	71	43
Paints and varnishes	15,224	47,748	11,772	12,296	25,507	8,623
Tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings therefor, of plastics	7,801	13,501	23,006	6,124	7,816	19,630
Wood and articles of wood	747,270	433,783	534,267	445,987	189,511	176,092
Woven fabrics of cotton	-	660	17,091	344	1,897	
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	20,250	43,015	9,843	34,497	64,338	36,232
Other made-up textile articles and worn clothing	4,584	12,077	4,388	1,130	9,296	37,164
Articles of stone, plaster, cement and similar materials	31,472	903	68,043	18,692	21,770	32,489
Ceramic products	83,209	76,527	82,515	81,456	18,525	7,134
Glass and glassware	3,228	10,388	6,908	3,708	3,672	17,607
Boilers, Machinery and mechanical appliance and parts thereof	310,164	1,399,632	356,160	190,464	120,994	203,113
Electrical machinery and equipment, television image and sound recorders and parts thereof	951,235	668,121	328,953	157,047	78,513	3,684,957
Motor vehicles incl motorcycles, bicycles and tractors	251,017	86,998	29,881	141,774	391,063	30,686
Survey instruments etc	78	-	1,292		240	206,114
Furniture, bedding, refabricated buildings etc	20,277	250,252	32,716	184,971	48,553	45,654
Other Imports	1,337,716	1,737,580	1,170,877	1,133,350	1,734,326	494,047
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>6,870,419</b>	<b>6,201,711</b>	<b>5,063,338</b>	<b>5,884,848</b>	<b>5,410,141</b>	<b>7,067,501</b>

**Table 6A: Trade by Partner Countries by Year, 2018-2022YTD (AU\$)**

COUNTRY	Trade Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Australia	Exports	200	-	-	-	-	-
	Imports	8,490,210	13,072,507	11,414,390	10,607,084	14,860,169	17,114,989
	Balance	- 8,490,010	- 13,072,507	- 11,414,390	- 10,607,084	- 14,860,169	- 17,114,989
China	Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Imports	3,491,847	4,720,760	4,237,902	3,738,645	6,288,564	1,856,942
	Balance	- 3,491,847	- 4,720,760	- 4,237,902	- 3,738,645	- 6,288,564	- 1,856,942
Fiji	Exports	246,038	398,879	55,384	393,288	48,036	19,444
	Imports	9,265,004	11,522,390	13,873,036	13,506,292	10,856,800	6,621,657
	Balance	- 9,018,967	- 11,123,510	- 13,817,653	- 13,113,005	- 10,808,764	- 6,602,213
Indonesia	Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Imports	287,932	1,651,406	1,002,717	600,848	225,540	101,916
	Balance	- 287,932	- 1,651,406	- 1,002,717	- 600,848	- 225,540	- 101,916
Japan	Exports	-	-	-	-	500	-
	Imports	1,339,919	1,523,234	5,720,385	750,830	1,511,464	605,938
	Balance	- 1,339,919	- 1,523,234	- 5,720,385	- 750,830	- 1,510,964	- 605,938
Korea	Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Imports	4,212,057	198,524	1,780,030	1,065,646	59,039	59,753
	Balance	- 4,212,057	- 198,524	- 515,688	- 1,065,646	- 59,039	- 59,753
Malaysia	Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Imports	408,962	446,719	225,560	196,500	132,185	29,605
	Balance	- 408,962	- 446,719	- 225,560	- 196,500	- 132,185	- 29,605
New Zealand	Exports	2,127	600	3,440	-	-	-
	Imports	2,307,499	3,621,025	3,804,189	8,223,178	4,623,426	3,380,019
	Balance	- 2,305,372	- 3,620,425	- 3,800,749	- 8,223,178	- 4,623,426	- 3,380,019
Singapore	Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Imports	1,505,169	4,636,301	1,855,385	3,400,973	7,121,933	5,031,450
	Balance	- 1,505,169	- 4,636,301	- 1,855,385	- 3,400,973	- 7,121,933	- 5,031,450
Thailand	Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Imports	152,641	151,034	31,142	6,565	972	1,809
	Balance	- 152,641	- 151,034	- 31,142	- 6,565	- 972	- 1,809
Taiwan	Exports	-	450	150	-	-	-
	Imports	355,442	127,708	694,211	686,772	496,768	708,718
	Balance	- 355,442	- 127,258	- 694,061	- 686,772	- 496,768	- 708,718
United States of America	Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Imports	851,461	1,156,305	1,187,629	1,059,020	728,268	402,723
	Balance	- 851,461	- 1,156,255	- 793,894	- 1,059,020	- 728,268	- 402,723
Vietnam	Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Imports	446,685	1,203,082	539,331	304,517	51	48,046
	Balance	- 446,685	- 1,203,082	- 20,573	- 304,517	- 51	- 48,046
Other countries	Exports	-	4,660	10,507	53,709	21,706	-
	Imports	903,069	2,820,628	2,796,909	1,331,955	1,694,249	534,392
	Balance	- 903,069	- 2,815,968	- 2,786,401	- 1,278,246	- 1,672,543	- 534,392
TOTAL	Exports	248,365	404,589	69,481	439,872	70,242	19,444
	Imports	34,017,895	46,851,621	49,162,815	45,478,827	48,599,427	36,497,958
	Balance	- 33,769,531	- 46,447,032	- 49,093,334	- 45,038,956	- 48,529,185	- 36,478,514

**Table 6B: Trade by Partner Countries by Month, Jan-Jun 2023 YTD (AU\$)**

COUNTRY	Trade Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Australia	Exports						
	Imports	2,589,810	3,302,485	2,287,844	2,585,344	2,459,080	3,890,427
	Balance	- 2,589,810	- 3,302,485	- 2,287,844	- 2,585,344	- 2,459,080	- 3,890,427
China	Exports						
	Imports	378,450	349,244	310,477	202,020	221,796	394,956
	Balance	- 378,450	- 349,244	- 310,477	- 202,020	- 221,796	- 394,956
Fiji	Exports	5,172	9,080	-	5,155		37
	Imports	1,491,788	1,066,994	744,762	1,412,704	988,369	917,041
	Balance	- 1,486,616	- 1,057,913	- 744,762	- 1,407,550	- 988,332	- 917,041
Indonesia	Exports						
	Imports	95,597	4,742	-		540	1,036
	Balance	- 95,597	- 4,742	-	-	- 540	- 1,036
Japan	Exports						
	Imports	300,546	-	-	80,852	55,028	169,512
	Balance	- 300,546	-	-	- 80,852	- 55,028	- 169,512
Korea	Exports						
	Imports	59,753	-	-			
	Balance	- 59,753	-	-	-	-	-
Malaysia	Exports						
	Imports	29,605	-	-			
	Balance	- 29,605	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	Exports						
	Imports	245,276	851,560	393,490	515,157	680,439	694,097
	Balance	- 245,276	- 851,560	- 393,490	- 515,157	- 680,439	- 694,097
Singapore	Exports						
	Imports	1,268,762	-	903,646	999,121	953,477	906,445
	Balance	- 1,268,762	-	- 903,646	- 999,121	- 953,477	- 906,445
Thailand	Exports						
	Imports	-	-	-		1,809	
	Balance	-	-	-	-	- 1,809	-
Taiwan	Exports						
	Imports	81,183	574,123	49,325			4,087
	Balance	- 81,183	- 574,123	- 49,325	-	-	- 4,087
United States of America	Exports						
	Imports	204,990	-	187,967		9,766	
	Balance	- 204,990	-	- 187,967	-	- 9,766	-
Vietnam	Exports						
	Imports	-	-	-			48,046
	Balance	-	-	-	-	-	- 48,046
Other countries	Exports						
	Imports	124,661	52,563	185,827	89,650	39,835	41,856
	Balance	- 124,661	- 52,563	- 185,827	- 89,650	- 39,835	- 41,856
TOTAL	Exports	5,172	9,080	-	5,155	-	37
	Imports	6,870,419	6,201,711	5,063,338	5,884,848	5,410,141	7,067,501
	Balance	- 6,865,247	- 6,192,631	- 5,063,338	- 5,879,693	- 5,410,141	- 7,067,464

**Table 7A: Trade by Region by Year 2018-2022 (AU\$)**

Region	Trade Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023YTD
Africa	Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Imports	2,296	27,244	33,891	41,302	102,549	5,413
	Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Americas	Exports	2,296	27,244	33,891	41,302	102,549	5,413
	Imports	-	50	-	-	-	-
	Balance	851,461	1,157,342	1,187,629	1,059,898	728,268	402,723
Asia	Exports	-	450	150	-	500	-
	Imports	8,126,414	13,864,700	15,720,635	11,008,732	16,513,100	8,700,518
	Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Europe	Exports	8,126,414	13,864,250	15,720,485	11,008,732	16,512,600	8,700,518
	Imports	-	-	-	-	13,963	-
	Balance	351	71,574	63,170	57,449	125,356	-
Oceania	Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Imports	351	71,574	63,170	57,449	111,394	-
	Balance	351	71,574	63,170	57,449	111,394	-
Other	Exports	248,365	404,089	69,332	393,288	55,779	19,444
	Imports	20,114,355	30,134,703	29,738,587	32,358,556	30,457,984	27,116,666
	Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	Exports	19,865,990	29,730,614	29,669,255	31,965,269	30,402,205	27,097,222
	Imports	-	-	1	45,000	-	-
	Balance	4,923,019	1,596,058	2,418,903	952,891	672,169	272,638
TOTAL	Exports	4,923,019	1,596,058	2,418,904	907,891	672,169	272,638
	Imports	34,017,895	46,851,621	49,162,815	45,478,827	48,599,427	36,497,958
	Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	Exports	248,365	404,589	69,482	439,872	70,242	19,444
	Imports	34,017,895	46,851,621	49,162,815	45,478,827	48,599,427	36,497,958
	Balance	33,769,531	46,447,032	49,093,333	45,038,956	48,529,185	36,478,514

**Table 7B: Trade by Region by Month, Jan-Jun 2023 (AU\$)**

Region	Trade Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Africa	Exports						
	Imports	-	-	4,177		1,235	
	Balance	-	-	4,177	-	1,235	-
The Americas	Exports						
	Imports	204,990	-	187,967		9,766	
	Balance	- 204,990	-	187,967	-	9,766	-
Asia	Exports						
	Imports	2,338,556	980,672	1,263,448	1,281,992	1,269,912	1,565,937
	Balance	- 2,338,556	- 980,672	- 1,263,448	- 1,281,992	- 1,269,912	- 1,565,937
Europe	Exports						
	Imports	-	-	-			
	Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oceania	Exports	5,172	9,080	-	5,155	-	37
	Imports	4,326,873	5,221,039	3,426,096	4,513,205	4,127,888	5,501,564
	Balance	- 4,321,701	- 5,211,959	- 3,426,096	- 4,508,051	- 4,127,851	- 5,501,564
Other	Exports						
	Imports	-	-	181,650	89,650	1,338	
	Balance	-	-	181,650	- 89,650	1,338	-
TOTAL	Exports	5,172	9,080	-	5,155	-	37
	Imports	6,870,419	6,201,711	5,063,338	5,884,848	5,410,141	7,067,501
	Balance	- 6,865,247	- 6,192,631	- 5,063,338	- 5,879,693	- 5,410,103	- 7,067,501

**Table 8: Trade by Transport Mode by Year/Month, Jan-Jun 2023 YTD (AU\$)**

Period	Trade Type	Air	Sea	Road	Postal	Others	Total
2018	Exports	-	52,598	-	-	195,767	248,365
	Imports	850,601	33,167,294	-	-	-	34,017,895
2019	Exports	-	69,132	-	-	335,457	404,589
	Imports	794,882	46,056,739	-	-	-	46,851,621
2020	Exports	150	21,351	-	-	47,981	69,482
	Imports	6,030,510	43,132,305	-	-	-	49,162,815
2021	Exports	-	400,991	-	-	38,881	439,872
	Imports	9,645,352	35,833,476	-	-	-	45,478,827
2022	Exports	500	4,913	-	-	69,742	75,155
	Imports	4,706,601	43,900,050	-	-	-	48,606,650
2023 YTD	Exports	-	5,192	-	-	14,252	19,444
	Imports	28,957	36,469,001	-	-	-	36,497,958
2023 YTD							
January	Exports					5,172	5,172
	Imports		6,870,419				6,870,419
February	Exports					9,080	9,080
	Imports	2,352	6,199,359				6,201,711
March	Exports						-
	Imports	3,338	5,060,000				5,063,338
April	Exports		5,155				5,155
	Imports	8,526	5,876,322				5,884,848
May	Exports						-
	Imports	1,583	5,408,558				5,410,141
June	Exports		37				37
	Imports	13,158	7,054,343				7,067,501