

**TABLE 16: AUSTRALIA'S MAJOR MERCHANDISE IMPORTS
RANK, VALUE AND GROWTH
(A\$ million)**

Rank	SITC	Commodity	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	% share	% growth
							2007-08 to 2008-09
Total commodities			180,801	202,307	219,469	100.0	8.5
1	333	Crude petroleum	13,022	16,767	14,441	6.6	-13.9
2	334	Refined petroleum	7,645	12,044	12,199	5.6	1.3
3	781	Passenger motor vehicles	13,242	15,082	11,618	5.3	-23.0
4	971	Gold	5,311	7,316	11,251	5.1	53.8
5	542	Medicaments (incl veterinary)	6,416	6,513	7,393	3.4	13.5
6	764	Telecom equipment & parts	6,148	6,783	7,348	3.3	8.3
7	752	Computers	5,958	5,511	5,861	2.7	6.4
8	782	Goods vehicles	5,277	6,080	4,985	2.3	-18.0
9	723	Civil engineering equipment & parts	3,117	3,889	3,356	1.5	-13.7
10	761	Monitors, projectors & TVs	2,540	3,120	3,025	1.4	-3.0
11	894	Prams, toys, games & sporting goods	2,142	2,363	2,936	1.3	24.2
12	874	Measuring & analysing instruments	2,455	2,631	2,933	1.3	11.5
13	743	Pumps (excl liquid pumps) & parts	2,204	1,718	2,849	1.3	65.8
14	821	Furniture, mattresses & cushions	2,343	2,568	2,841	1.3	10.6
15	778	Electrical machinery & parts, nes	2,201	2,306	2,509	1.1	8.8
16	784	Vehicle parts & accessories	2,555	2,665	2,443	1.1	-8.3
17	699	Manufactures of base metal, nes	1,885	1,906	2,202	1.0	15.5
18	741	Heating & cooling equipment & parts	2,172	1,991	2,197	1.0	10.3
19	343	Natural gas	800	724	2,166	1.0	199.2
20	744	Mechanical handling equip & parts	1,771	1,889	2,114	1.0	11.9
21	775	Household-type equipment, nes	1,777	1,931	2,114	1.0	9.5
22	728	Specialised machinery & parts	1,590	1,986	2,097	1.0	5.6
23	893	Plastic articles, nes	1,738	1,831	2,030	0.9	10.9
24	716	Rotating electric plant & parts	1,049	1,471	2,003	0.9	36.2
25	641	Paper & paperboard	2,039	2,010	2,002	0.9	-0.4
26	679	Tubes & pipes of iron or steel	1,127	1,273	1,993	0.9	56.6
27	751	Office machines	1,799	1,876	1,957	0.9	4.3
28	625	Rubber tyres, treads & tubes	1,768	1,788	1,888	0.9	5.6
29	515	Organo-inorganic compounds	1,872	1,986	1,882	0.9	-5.2
30	872	Medical instruments (incl veterinary)	1,413	1,523	1,809	0.8	18.8
31	845	Other textile clothing	1,405	1,454	1,773	0.8	21.9
32	792	Aircraft, spacecraft & parts (a)	2,962	4,062	1,765
33	562	Fertilisers (excl crude)	760	1,558	1,750	0.8	12.3
34	772	Electrical circuits equipment	1,413	1,477	1,730	0.8	17.1
35	541	Pharm products (excl medicaments)	1,400	1,475	1,688	0.8	14.4
36	899	Misc manufactured articles, nes	1,321	1,422	1,617	0.7	13.7
37	522	Inorganic chemical elements	730	841	1,505	0.7	79.0
38	098	Edible products & preparations, nes	1,263	1,352	1,504	0.7	11.2
39	851	Footwear	1,182	1,184	1,404	0.6	18.6
40	713	Internal combustion piston engines	1,538	1,560	1,399	0.6	-10.3

(a) Excludes imports of aircraft from September 2008.

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41	898	Musical instruments & parts	1,232	1,282	1,356	0.6	5.8
42	747	Taps, cocks & valves	1,032	1,113	1,330	0.6	19.5
43	714	Non-electric engines & motors	825	971	1,289	0.6	32.7
44	842	Women's clothing (excl knitted)	1,029	1,011	1,272	0.6	25.8
45	112	Alcoholic beverages	947	1,097	1,245	0.6	13.5
46	553	Perfumery & cosmetics (excl soap)	1,095	1,142	1,240	0.6	8.6
47	759	Computer parts & accessories	1,760	1,225	1,196	0.5	-2.4
48	785	Motorcycles & cycles	1,061	1,133	1,190	0.5	5.0
49	892	Printed matter	1,067	1,094	1,174	0.5	7.3
50	745	Non-electrical machinery & parts	979	960	1,110	0.5	15.6
51	582	Plastic plates, sheets & film	1,005	1,019	1,093	0.5	7.3
52	776	Electronic integrated circuits	1,073	1,016	1,081	0.5	6.4
53	773	Electrical distributing equipment	1,147	1,111	1,069	0.5	-3.8
54	771	Electric power machinery & parts	607	680	1,045	0.5	53.7
55	897	Jewellery	782	940	1,006	0.5	7.0
56	791	Railway vehicles (incl hovertrains)	246	378	977	0.4	158.5
57	598	Miscellaneous chemical products, nes	856	910	974	0.4	7.0
58	658	Made-up textile articles, nes	825	882	969	0.4	9.9
59	721	Agric machinery (excl tractors) & parts	629	665	946	0.4	42.3
60	742	Pumps for liquids & parts	670	779	936	0.4	20.2
61	748	Transmission shafts & parts	743	749	932	0.4	24.4
62	841	Men's clothing (excl knitted)	741	749	906	0.4	21.0
63	676	Iron & steel bars & rods	696	579	872	0.4	50.6
64	763	Sound & video recorders	769	802	868	0.4	8.2
65	891	Arms & ammunition	877	351	863	0.4	145.9
66	642	Paper & paperboard, cut to size	671	721	835	0.4	15.8
67	831	Travel goods, bags & like containers	620	670	827	0.4	23.4
68	674	Coated flat-rolled iron & steel	558	471	804	0.4	70.7
69	667	Pearls & gems	609	651	778	0.4	19.5
70	684	Aluminium	739	799	769	0.4	-3.8
71	691	Iron, steel, aluminium structures	438	530	759	0.3	43.2
72	695	Hand or machine tools	630	676	729	0.3	7.8
73	335	Residual petroleum products, nes	432	566	722	0.3	27.6
74	682	Copper	561	864	719	0.3	-16.8
75	722	Tractors	423	484	713	0.3	47.3
76	793	Ships & boats (incl hovercraft)	860	1,373	676	0.3	-50.8
77	697	Household equip of base metal, nes	568	600	665	0.3	10.8
78	037	Seafood, prepared or preserved	432	471	622	0.3	32.1
79	774	Medical electrodiagnostic apparatus	560	529	614	0.3	16.1
80	575	Other primary plastics	584	570	607	0.3	6.5