



## Appendix F—Trade profiles of Middle Eastern countries<sup>1</sup>

### **People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria**

Annual two-way merchandise trade between Australia and Algeria in 2014-15 was \$8.6 million, with Australia exporting \$3.4 million in meat excluding beef and importing \$27,000 in vegetables. In 2013, two-way trade had been over \$85 million, a major increase from \$4 million in 2012. Australia exported \$2 million in services to Algeria in 2014-15 and imported \$4 million in services.<sup>2</sup> As of 15 March 2016, DFAT’s travel advice website cautioned Australians to reconsider their need to travel to Algeria, especially near the borders of neighbouring countries, because of a threat of terrorist attack or kidnapping by both criminals and terrorists.<sup>3</sup>

### **State of Bahrain**

Annual two-way merchandise trade between Australia and Bahrain in 2014-15 was \$975 million up from \$775 million in 2013-14, with Australia exporting \$60 million in in sheep and goats meat, \$58 million in aluminium and \$41 million in live animals. Australia imported \$62 million in aluminium from Bahrain. Australia invested \$263 million in Bahrain in 2014 and Bahrain invested \$22 million in

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1 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, *Submission 9*, pp. 36 – 55 and DFAT country/economy fact sheets, viewed 16 March 2016, <<http://dfat.gov.au/geo/pages/countries-and-regions.aspx>>.

2 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, country/economy fact sheets, viewed 16 March 2016, <<http://dfat.gov.au/geo/pages/countries-and-regions.aspx>>.

3 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, travel information, <<http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/algeria>>.

Australia.<sup>4</sup> As of 22 April 2016, DFAT's travel advice website cautioned Australians to reconsider their need to travel to Bahrain due to the threat of terrorist attack and potential for civil disturbance.<sup>5</sup>

## Arab Republic of Egypt

Annual two-way merchandise trade between Australia and Egypt in 2014-15 was \$545 million up from \$478 million in 2013-14, with Australia exporting \$151 million in wheat, \$121 million in vegetables and \$41 million in meat excluding beef. Australia imported \$33 million in floor coverings, road vehicles and cement from Egypt. In 2014-15, Australia exported \$34 million in services to Egypt and imported \$78 million from Egypt. In 2014 Australia invested \$148 million in Egypt down from \$171 million the previous year. Egypt invested \$42 million in Australia in 2014 up from \$28 million the previous year.<sup>6</sup> Egypt completed its US\$8 billion expansion of the Suez canal in August 2015 which is expected to bolster the canal's US\$5 billion in toll revenue by almost doubling its shipping capacity because ships can now sail in both directions. As of 23 April 2016, DFAT's travel advice website cautioned Australians to reconsider their need to travel to Egypt due to threat of a terrorist attack and kidnapping, and maintain heightened vigilance at tourist locations. DFAT advised against travel to North Sinai.<sup>7</sup>

## Islamic Republic of Iran

Australia is implementing changes to its sanctions on Iran in line with its international obligations under United Nations Security Council resolutions. Australia has decided to suspend certain autonomous sanctions on Iran, while others will remain in place. In 2014, two-way merchandise trade amounted to \$393 million, dominated by \$360 million of Australian exports that included \$338 million of Australian wheat. Australia exported \$138 million in services to Iran and imported \$62 million.<sup>8</sup> As of 21 December 2015, DFAT's travel advice website

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4 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, country/economy fact sheets, viewed 16 March 2016, <<http://dfat.gov.au/geo/pages/countries-and-regions.aspx>>.

5 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, travel information, <<http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/bahrain>>.

6 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, country/economy fact sheets, viewed 16 March 2016, <<http://dfat.gov.au/geo/pages/countries-and-regions.aspx>>.

7 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, travel information, <<http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/egypt>>.

8 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, country/economy fact sheets, viewed 16 March 2016, <<http://dfat.gov.au/geo/pages/countries-and-regions.aspx>>.

cautioned Australians to exercise a high degree of caution and not to travel near the borders of Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan.<sup>9</sup>

## Republic of Iraq

In 2014-15, two-way merchandise trade with Iraq was \$74.8 million, down 77 per cent from the previous year's \$329 million. Australia's \$74.4 million in exports to Iraq was dominated by \$55 million in wheat exports, which fell significantly from \$313 million the previous year. Australia exported \$48 million in services to Iraq and imported \$32 million from Iraq.<sup>10</sup> As of 10 December 2015, DFAT's travel advice website strongly advised Australians not to travel to Iraq because armed opposition groups are active in many parts of Iraq.<sup>11</sup>

## Israel

Total merchandise trade with Israel was worth \$961 million in 2014, with Australia exporting \$72 million in live animals and \$27 million in aluminium and importing \$80 million in pearls and gems and \$48 million in telecom equipment from Israel. Australia exported \$42 million in services to Israel and imported \$98 million in services from Israel. Australian investment in Israel was worth \$804 million and Israel investment in Australia was worth \$234 million. As of 23 April 2016, DFAT's travel advice website cautioned Australians to exercise a high degree of caution when travelling to Israel and not to travel to the Gaza Strip.<sup>12</sup>

## Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

In 2014-15, total two-way merchandise trade was worth \$246 million, up from \$216 million in 2013-14. This included Australia exporting \$108 million in sheep and goat meat and \$25 million in beef, plus \$18 million in live animals. Australia imported \$23 million in fertilisers from Jordan. Australia also exported \$31 million in services to Jordan and imported \$26 million. As of 4 March 2016, DFAT's travel

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9 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, travel information, <<http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/iran>>.

10 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, country/economy fact sheets, viewed 16 March 2016, <<http://dfat.gov.au/geo/pages/countries-and-regions.aspx>>.

11 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, travel information, <<http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/iraq>>.

12 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, travel information, <[http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/israel\\_gaza\\_strip\\_and\\_west\\_bank](http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/israel_gaza_strip_and_west_bank)>.

advice website cautioned Australians to exercise a high degree of caution when travelling to Jordan.<sup>13</sup>

## State of Kuwait

Two-way merchandise trade between Australia and Kuwait was \$712 million in 2014-15 down 21 per cent on the previous year but dominated by \$711 million of exports from Australia. Australia exported \$243 million in passenger motor vehicles, \$134 million in wheat, \$67 million in live animals, and also \$63 million of meat excluding beef into Kuwait. In 2015, Australia also exported 576,350 sheep into the Kuwait.<sup>14</sup> Australia exported \$53 million in services to Kuwait in 2014-15 and imported \$8 million in services from Kuwait. Kuwait invested nearly \$3.6 billion in Australia in 2014. As of 4 April 2016, DFAT's travel advice website cautioned Australians to exercise a high degree of caution when travelling to Kuwait.<sup>15</sup>

## Lebanon

Two-way merchandise trade between Australia and Lebanon in 2014-15 was worth nearly \$61 million with \$45 million of exports from Australia, including \$9 million of beef exports, \$8 million of wheat and \$5.5 million of vegetables. Lebanon's \$16 million of imports into Australia included \$2 million of preserved fruit and \$2 million of preserved vegetables from Lebanon. Australia exported \$47 million of services to Lebanon in 2014-15 and imported \$136 million of services. As of 26 February 2016, DFAT's travel advice website cautioned Australians to reconsider their need to travel to Lebanon and not to travel to the southern suburbs of Beirut and the border areas with Syria and Israel.<sup>16</sup>

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13 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, travel information, <<http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/jordan>>.

14 LiveCorp, Sheep statistics , Australian live sheep exports by destination for 2014 and 2015, <[www.livecorp.com.au](http://www.livecorp.com.au)>.

15 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, travel information, <<http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/kuwait>>.

16 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, travel information, <<http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/lebanon>>.

## Libya

Australia's two-way merchandise trade with Libya was valued at \$23 million in 2014, a decline of nearly 100 per cent from 2013. Australia's exports included nearly \$6 million of live animals and nearly \$6 million of sheep and goats meat, and \$4.5 million of dairy produce. As of 9 July 2015, DFAT's travel advice website cautioned Australians not to travel to Libya because of ongoing fighting across Libya.<sup>17</sup>

## Kingdom of Morocco

Two-way merchandise trade between Australia and Morocco was worth \$67 million in 2014-15 dropping 41 per cent from the previous year. Australia's \$33 million of exports included \$13 million of sheep and goats meat, \$8 million in beef and nearly \$6 million in butter. Morocco's \$34 million of imports into Australia included \$11 million in fertilisers and \$6 million in women's clothing. Australia exported \$4 million of services to Morocco and imported \$20 million of services from Morocco. As of 5 February 2016, DFAT's travel advice website cautioned Australians to exercise a high degree of caution when travelling to Morocco and not travelling to the Western Sahara.<sup>18</sup>

## Sultanate of Oman

Australia's two-way merchandise trade with Oman in 2014-15 was worth \$543 million up 21 per cent from \$447 million the previous year. Australia's \$456 million in exports included \$64 million in passenger motor vehicles, \$50 million in wheat and \$34 million in sheep meat. Oman's \$87 million in imports was mostly \$76 million in fertilisers. Australia exported \$30 million in services to Oman and imported \$10 million in services from Oman. There was also \$57 million of Australian investment in Oman.

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17 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, travel information, <<http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/libya>>.

18 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, travel information, <<http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/morocco>>.

## State of Qatar

Australia's two-way merchandise trade with Qatar grew 10 per cent in 2014-15 to reach \$1.2 billion including \$591 million worth of exports such as \$89 million of sheep meat, \$59 million of passenger motor vehicles and \$38 million of live animals. Australia imported \$611 million of goods from Qatar including \$210 million in fertilisers and \$196 million in liquefied propane and butane. Australia exported \$126 million of services to Qatar in 2014-15 and imported \$423 million of services from Qatar. Australian investment in Qatar in 2014 reached \$209 million and Qatar invested \$16 million in Australia.<sup>19</sup>

## Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia is Australia's second-largest trading partner in the Middle East, with \$2.49 billion of two-way merchandise trade in 2014-15, down 3.7 per cent from the previous year. Australia exported \$2.1 billion to Saudi Arabia including \$778 million in passenger motor vehicles, \$201 million in beef, \$154 million in mostly sheep meat and \$43 million in dairy. Australia imported \$386 million from Saudi Arabia including \$190 million in fertilisers and \$40 million in plastics. In 2014-15 Australia exported \$355 million in services to Saudi Arabia of which \$262 million was in education-related travel and \$41 million in professional, technical and other services. Australia imported \$44 million in services, which included \$22 million in travel. In 2014, Saudi Arabia invested \$4.7 billion in Australia and Australia invested \$974 million in Saudi Arabia.<sup>20</sup> As of 19 February 2016, DFAT's travel advice website cautioned Australians to reconsider their need to travel to Saudi Arabia due to threat of terrorist attack and not to travel within 30 kilometres of Yemen.<sup>21</sup>

## Syria

Since the Syrian civil war began in 2011, Syria's economy has largely collapsed. Australia's two-way merchandise trade with Syria was worth nearly \$3.4 million in 2014-15 including exports of \$185,000 in animal feed and \$164,000 in paper and

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19 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, country/economy fact sheets, viewed 16 March 2016, <<http://dfat.gov.au/geo/pages/countries-and-regions.aspx>>.

20 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, country/economy fact sheets, viewed 16 March 2016, <<http://dfat.gov.au/geo/pages/countries-and-regions.aspx>>.

21 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, travel information, <[http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/saudi\\_arabia](http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/saudi_arabia)>.

cardboard from Australia and imports of \$757,000 in spices.<sup>22</sup> As of 25 February 2016, DFAT's travel advice website cautioned Australians not to travel to Syria because of the extremely dangerous security situation.<sup>23</sup>

## Republic of Tunisia

Australia's two-way merchandise trade with Tunisia was worth \$32.6 million in 2014-15 with Australia exporting \$7.4 million in goods including \$3.9 million in fruit and nuts and \$1.4 million in sheep meat. Tunisia exported \$25 million of goods to Australia including \$10 million in men's and women's clothing and other textile clothing.<sup>24</sup> As of 2 April 2016, DFAT's travel advice website cautioned Australians to reconsider their need to travel to Tunisia and not to travel to southern Tunisia and the western border.<sup>25</sup>

## United Arab Emirates

Australia's two-way merchandise trade with the UAE in 2014-15 was \$6.4 billion, making the UAE Australia's 18th largest merchandise trading partner, and largest Middle East partner. Australia exported \$3.3 billion in goods including \$242 million in passenger motor vehicles, \$199 million in meat excluding beef and \$166 million in oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits. In 2015, Australia also exported 454,233 sheep into the UAE.<sup>26</sup> The UAE exported \$3.1 billion of goods to Australia including nearly \$2.6 billion in crude petroleum. Australia also exported \$633 million in services in 2014-15 and imported \$2.2 billion in services from the UAE, of which \$1.9 billion is for transportation, mostly with UAE airlines Emirates and Etihad. In 2014 Australia invested \$2.4 billion in the UAE and the UAE invested \$26 billion in Australia.<sup>27</sup> There are over 16,000 Australians residing in the UAE, and more than 350 registered Australian companies.

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22 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, country/economy fact sheets, viewed 16 March 2016, <<http://dfat.gov.au/geo/pages/countries-and-regions.aspx>>.

23 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, travel information, <<http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/syria>>.

24 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, country/economy fact sheets, viewed 16 March 2016, <<http://dfat.gov.au/geo/pages/countries-and-regions.aspx>>.

25 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, travel information, <<http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/tunisia>>.

26 LiveCorp, Sheep statistics, Australian live sheep exports by destination for 2014 and 2015, <[www.livecorp.com.au](http://www.livecorp.com.au)>.

27 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, country/economy fact sheets, viewed 16 March 2016, <<http://dfat.gov.au/geo/pages/countries-and-regions.aspx>>.

## Republic of Yemen

In 2014-15, Australia's two-way merchandise trade with Yemen decreased 15 per cent to nearly \$340 million, including \$300 million in wheat and \$27 million in dairy. Yemen exported \$206,000 to Australia including \$71,000 of coffee.<sup>28</sup> As of 22 April 2016, DFAT's travel advice website cautioned Australians not to travel to Yemen because of civil and international conflict.<sup>29</sup>

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28 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, country/economy fact sheets, viewed 16 March 2016, <<http://dfat.gov.au/geo/pages/countries-and-regions.aspx>>.

29 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, travel information, <<http://smartraveller.gov.au/countries/yemen>>.