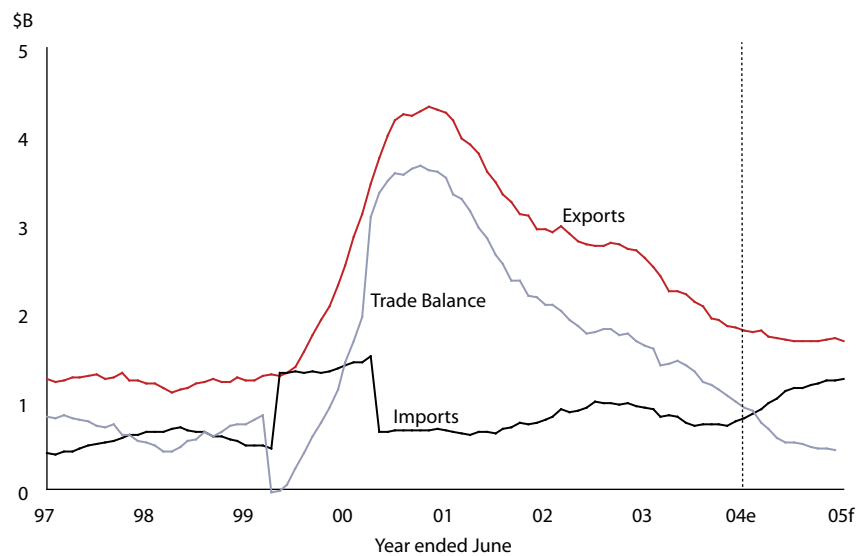


International Trade

- Mineral and energy exports dominate Northern Territory international merchandise exports, while tourism-related activities are the major international services exports.
- Refined fuels, manufactured goods, machinery and equipment make up the majority of international imports. Significant levels of international imports enter the Territory via other Australian states and are therefore classified as interstate imports.
- Oil production has had a significant impact on Territory export levels since the Laminaria-Corallina fields commenced operation in 1999-2000.
- Territory exports are forecast to fall by 6.6 per cent to \$1.7 billion in 2004-05, as oil exports fall by 30 per cent. Imports are forecast to increase significantly as importation of material for the construction of the liquefied natural gas plant and pipeline continues.
- Over time, the operational phase of the Adelaide to Darwin railway is expected to generate increased international trade as landbridge-related opportunities develop. By 2007 it is anticipated that 50 000 containers of international freight will be moved by rail through the East Arm Port.

Chart 5: Territory International Merchandise Trade (nominal dollars)



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Source: NT Treasury, ABS data service 5432.0.65.001