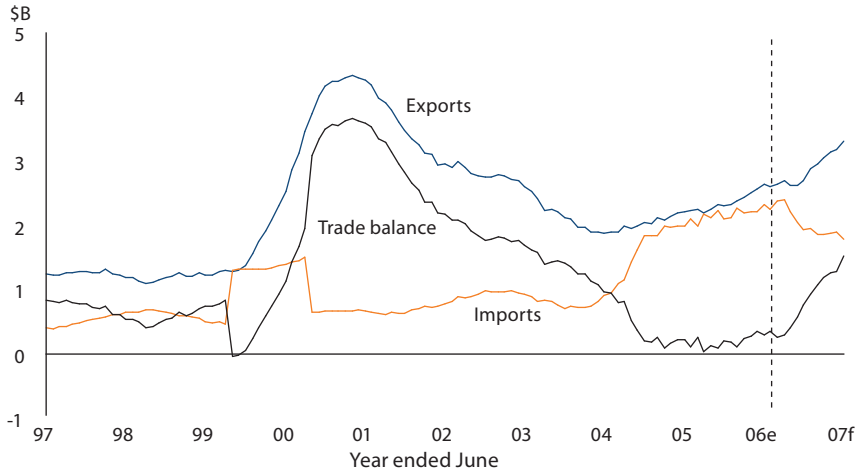




International Trade

- Major Territory exports are mineral ores, mineral fuels and services related to international visitors (tourists and foreign defence personnel).
- Merchandise exports increased by 18 per cent to an estimated \$2.6 billion in 2005-06, largely due to increased global commodity demand and prices.
- Strong growth (26 per cent) in merchandise exports is forecast for 2006-07, supported by a full year of liquefied natural gas production, manganese from the new Bootu Creek mine and increased alumina from Alcan’s Gove refinery.
- Major Territory imports are machinery and equipment (mostly industrial equipment for mining and construction activities) and refined fuels.
- In 2005-06, imports increased by an estimated 17 per cent to \$2.3 billion, largely due to equipment imported for the Bayu-Undan gas and condensate development and higher prices for refined fuel. The import of aircraft via Darwin for the Jetstar fleet also contributed to this increase.
- Imports are forecast to decrease by 23 per cent in 2006-07, due in large part to completion of work on the Alcan G3 refinery expansion and the completion of Jetstar’s fleet purchases. Mineral fuel imports are forecast to increase significantly (32 per cent) with import of feedstock gas for the Wickham Point LNG plant.

Territory International Merchandise Trade



e: estimate; f: forecast
Source: Northern Territory Treasury, ABS data service 5432.0.65.001