



## International Trade September 2018

### Key Facts

#### Exports

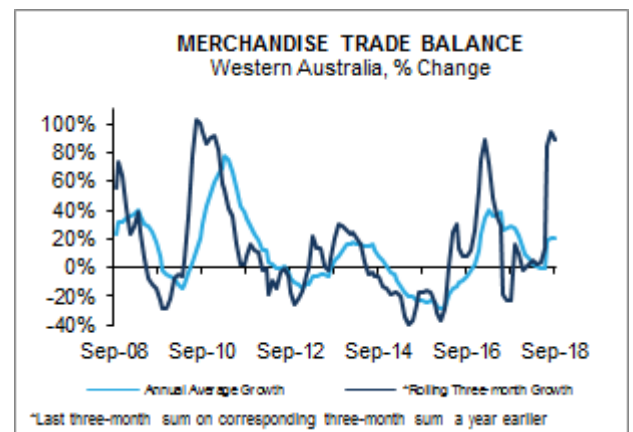
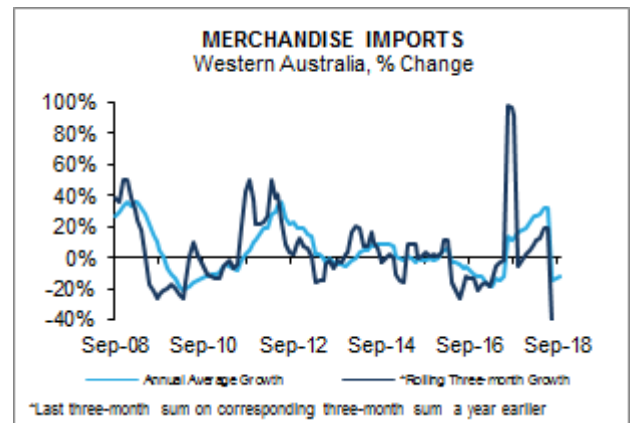
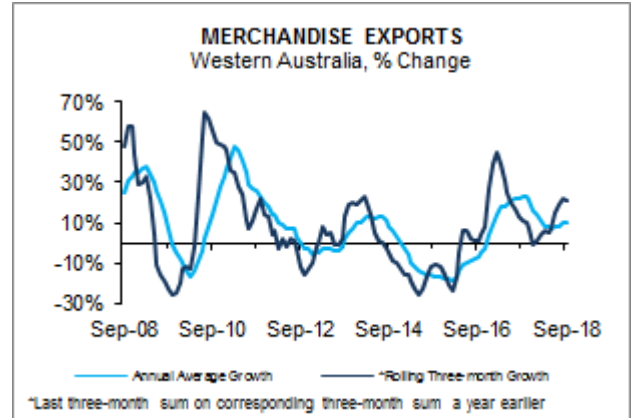
- Merchandise exports from Western Australia increased by 21.2% to \$36.6 billion in the three months to September compared to the same period the previous year. Exports rose by 10.3% in the 12 months to September 2018.
- The value of exports from Australia increased by 17.0% to \$88.4 billion in the three months to September compared to the same period the previous year. Exports rose by 8.3% over the year in rolling annual terms.
- Over the year to September, the largest increase in exports by State was 25.6%, in Tasmania. The smallest increase was 1.6%, in South Australia.

#### Imports

- The value of imports in Western Australia decreased by 44.9% to \$8.4 billion in the three months to September 2018 compared to the same period in 2017, and fell by 11.8% over the year to September 2018.
- Australia's imports decreased by 6.5% to \$76.9 billion in the three months to September compared to the same period a year earlier. Imports rose by 5.2% over the year in rolling annual terms.
- Over the year to September, the largest increase in imports by State was 37.7% in Tasmania. The largest decrease was 11.8% in Western Australia.

#### Trade Balance

- WA's merchandise trade surplus increased by 20% to \$102.8 billion in the year to September 2018. This compares to a surplus of \$31.6 billion nationally and a deficit of \$71.2 billion for the rest of Australia excluding Western Australia.



#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE (NOMINAL)

	September 2018							
	3 Months to September 2018		3 Months to September 2018 on 3 Months to September 2017		Year to September 2018		Year to September 2018 on Year to September 2017	
	Value	Change	Value	%	Value	Change	Value	%
	\$ Million	\$ Million	%	\$ Million	\$ Million	%	\$ Million	%
Exports	36,564	6,390	21.2	136,016	12,673	10.3		
Imports	8,441	-6,870	-44.9	33,248	-4,460	-11.8		
Trade Balance	28,123	13,260	89.2	102,768	17,133	20.0		