

## SUMMARY

During the September quarter 2023, private mineral exploration expenditure:

- rose 18% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, exploration expenditure rose 1.7%); and
- rose 11% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, exploration expenditure rose 1.6%).

**N.B. Estimates of South Australian petroleum exploration expenditure were withheld from publication in the September quarter 2023. Consequently, the combined mineral and petroleum estimate is not available.**

## FURTHER ANALYSIS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

South Australian expenditure on private mineral exploration rose 18% in the September quarter to be 72% higher than a year earlier – see Chart 2.

The 7.7% rise in national expenditure on private mineral and petroleum exploration during the September quarter was driven by a 34% rise in petroleum exploration expenditure and a 1.7% rise in mineral exploration expenditure. National exploration expenditure was 12% higher than a year earlier.

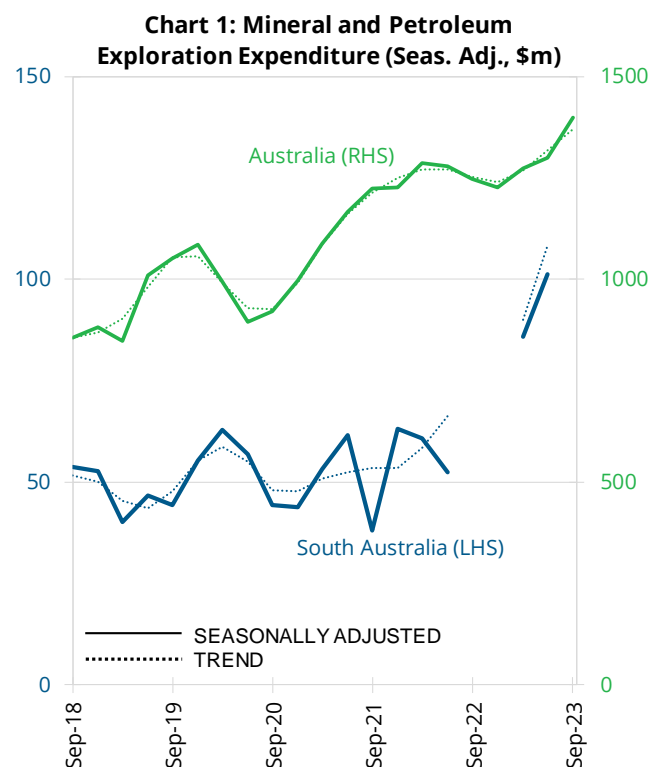
### TREND DATA

South Australian expenditure on private mineral exploration rose 11% in the September quarter to be 79% higher than a year earlier.

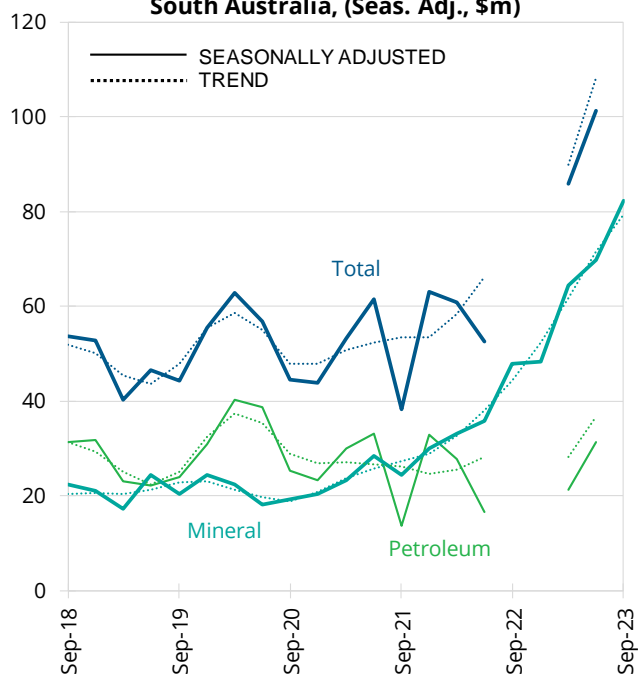
National expenditure on private mineral and petroleum exploration was 9.4% higher compared with a year earlier. Expenditure on petroleum exploration was 31% higher and expenditure on mineral exploration was 4.6% higher.

**Table 1: Mineral and petroleum exploration expenditure**  
(seasonally adjusted)

	Sep qtr 23 (\$m)	Sep qtr 23 v Jun qtr 23 (% change)	Sep qtr 23 v Sep qtr 22 (% change)
<b>SA</b>			
Mineral	82.4	18.1	72.4
Petroleum	np	np	np
Total	np	np	np
<b>AUS</b>			
Mineral	1,078.5	1.7	5.2
Petroleum	321.9	34.2	44.6
Total	1,400.4	7.7	12.2



**Chart 2: Components of Mineral and Petroleum Exploration Expenditure, South Australia, (Seas. Adj., \$m)**



## ORIGINAL DATA

In the September quarter 2023, private mineral exploration expenditure in South Australia was concentrated in:

- Copper (65% of total);
- Iron ore (10% of total); and
- Uranium (9.0% of total).

*Note: References to expenditure data by type of mineral sought is in original terms – the ABS does not provide these data in trend or seasonally adjusted terms*

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