

SUMMARY

During the June quarter 2026, private mineral and petroleum exploration expenditure fell by 2.1% in South Australia (nationally rose by 9.9%) in seasonally adjusted terms.

BACKGROUND

The 2.1% fall in South Australian expenditure on total private mineral and petroleum exploration during the June quarter was driven by a 41% fall in petroleum exploration expenditure and a rise of 22% in mineral exploration expenditure. June quarter exploration spending was 5.5% lower compared to a year earlier—see Charts 1 and 2.

The 9.9% rise in national expenditure on mineral and petroleum exploration during the June quarter was driven by a 24% rise in petroleum exploration expenditure and a rise of 3.9% in mineral exploration expenditure. National exploration expenditure was 33% higher than a year earlier.

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

	Jun qtr 26 (\$m)	Jun qtr 26 v Mar qtr 26 (% change)	Jun qtr 26 v Jun qtr 25 (% change)
SA			
Mineral	58.5	22.1	8.3
Petroleum	17.3	-41.4	-34.0
Total	75.8	-2.1	-5.5
AUS			
Mineral	1142.9	3.9	17.9
Petroleum	583.7	24.1	76.3
Total	1726.6	9.9	32.8

BY COMMODITY

In the June quarter 2026, mineral exploration expenditure in South Australia was concentrated in:

- Copper (47% of total);
- Uranium (16% of total); and
- Mineral Sands (1.7% of total).

Note: References to expenditure data by type of mineral sought is published in original terms only.

Next release of [ABS Mineral and Petroleum Exploration](#) is 30 November 2026.

Chart 1: **Mineral and Petroleum Exploration Expenditure (\$m)**

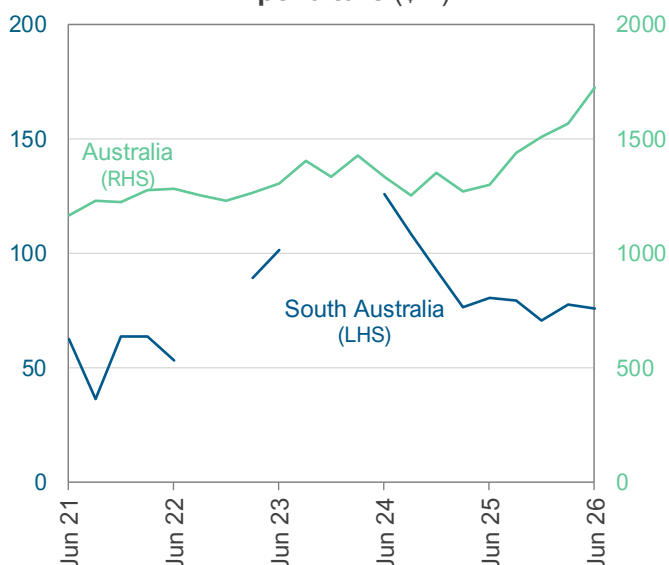


Chart 2: **Components of Mineral and Petroleum Exploration Expenditure, South Australia (\$m)**

