

## SUMMARY

During the June quarter 2020, private mineral and petroleum exploration expenditure in seasonally adjusted terms:

- fell 14% in South Australia (nationally, exploration expenditure fell 12%).

Note: Due to the impacts of COVID-19 on mineral and petroleum exploration, the ABS has suspended the trend series from the March quarter 2020 onwards until further notice.

## FURTHER ANALYSIS

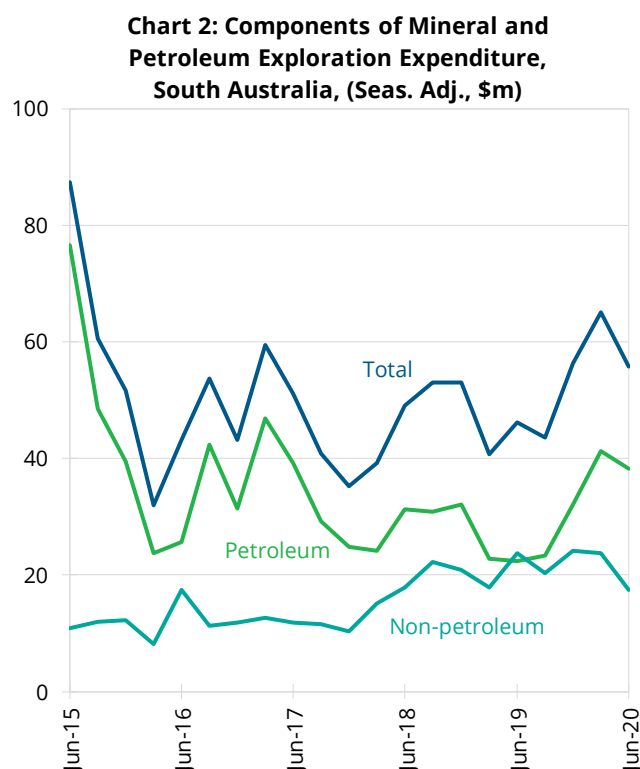
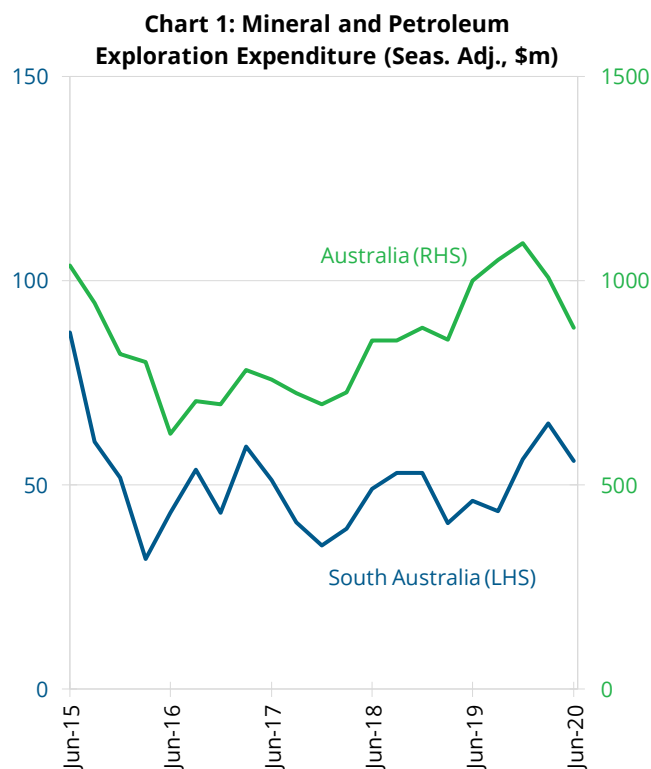
### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

The 14% fall in South Australian expenditure on total private mineral and petroleum exploration during the June quarter resulted from falls in both non-petroleum (mineral) exploration expenditure (down 26%) and petroleum exploration expenditure (down 7.3%). June quarter total exploration spending was 21% higher compared to a year earlier—see Charts 1 and 2.

The 12% fall in national expenditure on mineral and petroleum exploration during the June quarter also resulted from falls in both petroleum exploration expenditure (down 26%) and mineral exploration expenditure (down 6.8%). Nationally, total exploration expenditure was 12% lower than a year earlier.

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

|            | Jun qtr 20<br>(\$m) | Jun qtr 20 v<br>Mar qtr 20<br>(% change) | Jun qtr 20 v<br>Jun qtr 19<br>(% change) |
|------------|---------------------|--|--|
| <b>SA</b>  |                     |  |  |
| Mineral    | 17.5                | -26.5                                    | -26.5                                    |
| Petroleum  | 38.3                | -7.3                                     | 71.0                                     |
| Total      | 55.8                | -14.3                                    | 20.8                                     |
| <b>AUS</b> |                     |  |  |
| Mineral    | 665.0               | -6.8                                     | 2.9                                      |
| Petroleum  | 219.4               | -25.7                                    | -38.0                                    |
| Total      | 884.4               | -12.3                                    | -11.6                                    |



## ORIGINAL DATA

In the June quarter 2020, non-petroleum mineral exploration expenditure in South Australia was concentrated in:

- Copper (64% of total); and
- Uranium (5.1% 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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