

SUMMARY

During the June quarter 2022, private mineral and petroleum exploration expenditure:

- fell 15% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, exploration expenditure fell 1.7%).

FURTHER ANALYSIS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

The 15% fall in South Australian expenditure on total private mineral and petroleum exploration during the June quarter was driven by a 35% fall in petroleum exploration expenditure and a fall of 0.3% in mineral exploration expenditure. June quarter exploration spending was 17% lower compared to a year earlier—see Charts 1 and 2.

The 1.7% fall in national expenditure on mineral and petroleum exploration during the June quarter was driven by a 21% fall in petroleum exploration expenditure partially offset by a rise of 4.5% in mineral exploration expenditure. National exploration expenditure was 9.2% higher than a year earlier.

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

	Jun qtr 22 (\$m)	Jun qtr 22 v Mar qtr 22 (% change)	Jun qtr 22 v Jun qtr 21 (% change)
SA			
Mineral	33.7	-0.3	21.2
Petroleum	15.4	-35.3	-51.3
Total	49.1	-14.8	-17.3
AUS			
Mineral	1026.9	4.5	15.8
Petroleum	245.3	-21.4	-11.6
Total	1272.2	-1.7	9.2

ORIGINAL DATA

In the June quarter 2022, non-petroleum mineral exploration expenditure in South Australia was concentrated in:

- Copper (39% of total);
- Uranium (11% 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

Chart 1: Mineral and Petroleum Exploration Expenditure (Seas. Adj., \$m)

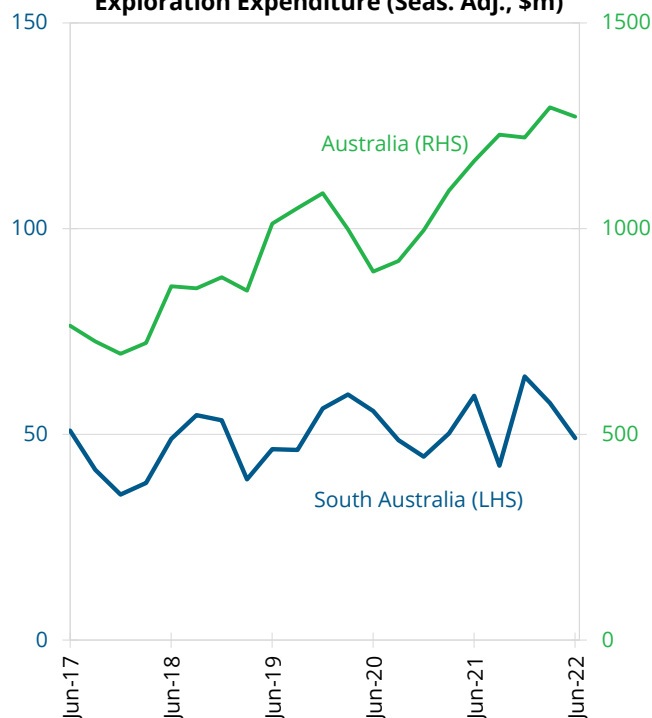
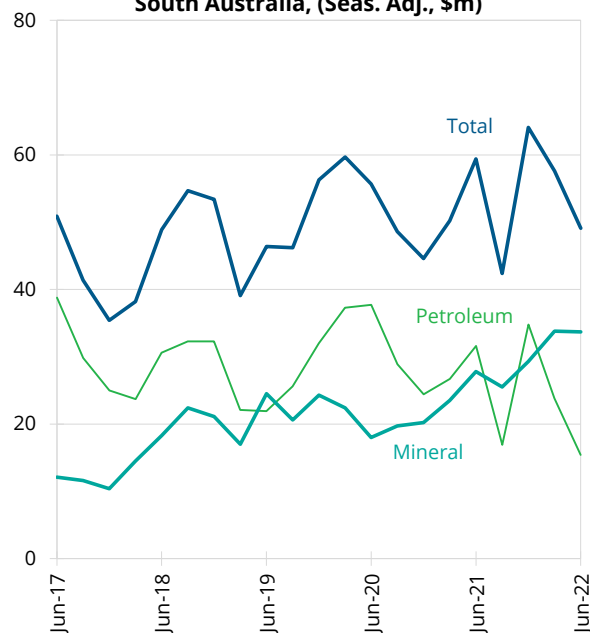


Chart 2: Components of Mineral and Petroleum Exploration Expenditure, South Australia, (Seas. Adj., \$m)



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