

## SUMMARY

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

- fell 8.1% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, exploration expenditure rose 5.4%).

## FURTHER ANALYSIS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

The 8.1% fall in South Australian expenditure on total private mineral and petroleum exploration during the March quarter was driven by a 28% fall in petroleum exploration expenditure partly offset by a 16% a rise in mineral exploration expenditure. March quarter exploration spending was 16% higher compared to a year earlier—see Charts 1 and 2.

The 5.4% rise in national expenditure on mineral and petroleum exploration during the March quarter was driven by a 7.6% rise in petroleum exploration expenditure and a rise of 4.7% in mineral exploration expenditure. National exploration expenditure was 18% higher than a year earlier.

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

	Mar qtr 22 (\$m)	Mar qtr 22 v Dec qtr 21 (% change)	Mar qtr 22 v Mar qtr 21 (% change)
<b>SA</b>			
Mineral	34.1	15.6	43.3
Petroleum	25.8	-27.7	-7.9
Total	59.9	-8.1	15.6
<b>AUS</b>			
Mineral	968.5	4.7	15.3
Petroleum	340.0	7.6	26.3
Total	1308.5	5.4	17.9

## ORIGINAL DATA

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

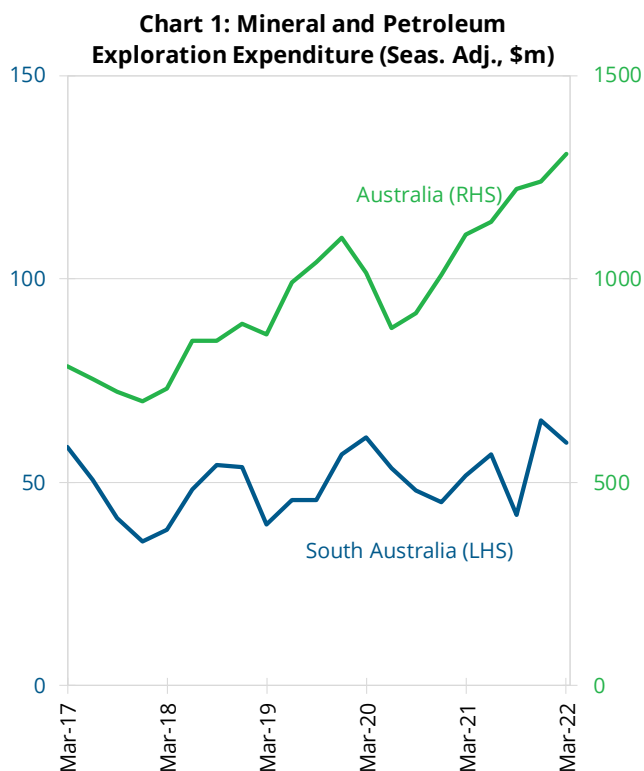
- Copper (48% of total); and
- Uranium (9.9% of total).

*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.*

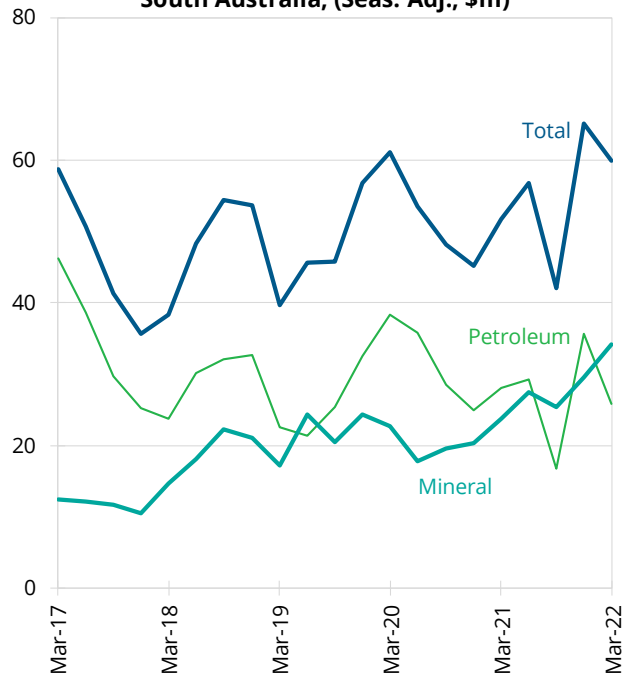
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**Chart 2: Components of Mineral and Petroleum Exploration Expenditure, South Australia, (Seas. Adj., \$m)**



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