

## SUMMARY

During the September quarter 2022, private mineral exploration expenditure:

- rose 9.7% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms to be 52% higher than a year earlier
- nationally, fell 1.5% but was 8.7% higher than a year earlier.

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

Trend data, which was suspended during the COVID period has been reinstated in this release.

## FURTHER ANALYSIS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

South Australian expenditure on private mineral exploration rose by 9.7% in the September quarter and was 52% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 2.

The 2.2% fall in national expenditure on mineral and petroleum exploration during the September quarter was driven by a 5.5% fall in petroleum exploration expenditure and a fall of 1.5% in mineral exploration expenditure. National total exploration expenditure was 1.1% higher than a year earlier.

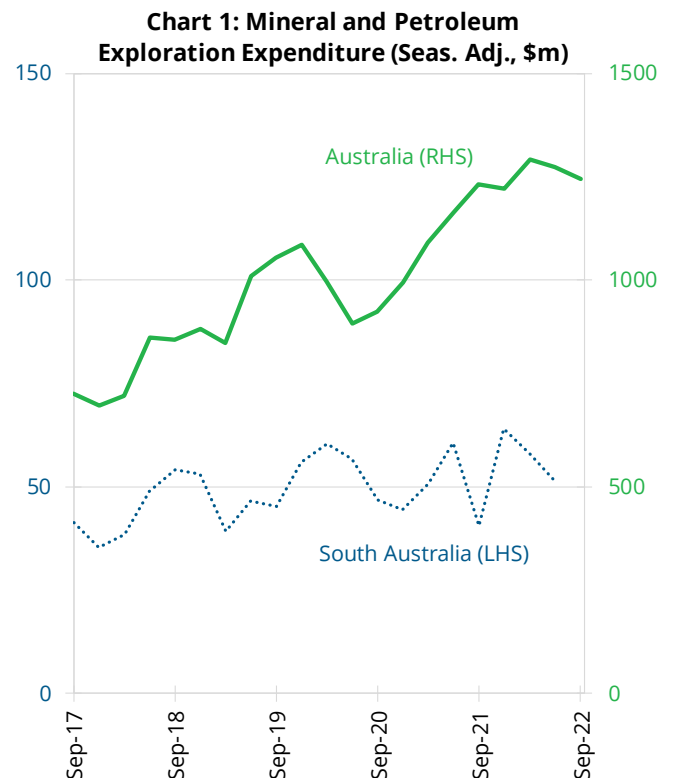
### TREND DATA

South Australian expenditure on mineral exploration was 37% higher compared to a year earlier.

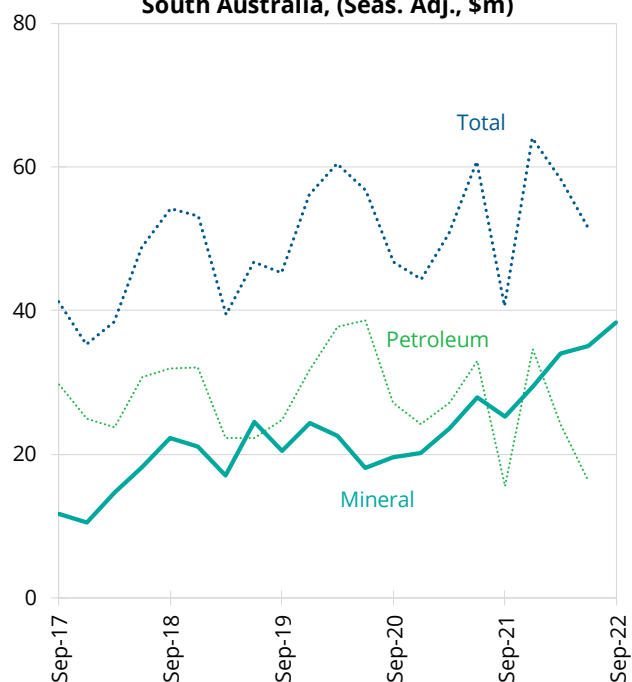
National expenditure on private mineral and petroleum exploration was 3.8% higher compared with a year earlier. Expenditure on non-petroleum exploration was 12% higher and for petroleum exploration was 22% lower.

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

	Sep qtr 22 (\$m)	Sep qtr 22 v Jun qtr 22 (% change)	Sep qtr 22 v Sep qtr 21 (% change)
<b>SA</b>			
Mineral	38.4	9.7	52.4
Petroleum	np	np	np
Total	np	np	np
<b>AUS</b>			
Mineral	1015.1	-1.5	8.7
Petroleum	230.4	-5.5	-22.8
Total	1245.5	-2.2	1.1



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



## ORIGINAL DATA

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

- Copper (37% of total);
- Iron ore (23% of total); and
- Uranium (14% 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*

Next release of [this ABS data](#) (formerly cat. no. 8412.0) is 27 February 2023