

## Australia

Gross Domestic Product (GDP):	US\$284 billion (1993); US\$339.7 billion (1994 est.)
GDP Growth Rate:	4.1% (1993); 6% (1994 est.)
GDP Per Capita:	US\$16,100 (1993); US\$18,400 (1994 est.)
Population:	17.92 million (1994)
Head of State:	Queen Elizabeth II, represented by Governor General William Hayden
Head of Government:	Prime Minister Paul Keating
Minister of Foreign Affairs:	Gareth Evans
Minister for International Trade:	Robert McMullan

## Canada-Australia Relations

- Canada's first overseas trade office was opened in Sydney in 1895. Both countries are currently celebrating their centenary of bilateral relations with major conferences and cultural activities. Several high-level visits have also commemorated this event, including visits by Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren to Australia and Australia's Minister for International Trade Robert McMullan to Canada. During his visit, Mr. MacLaren announced the appointment of an honorary consul in Melbourne.
- As parliamentary democracies within the Commonwealth, Australia and Canada share many common values and perspectives. Current domestic preoccupations include constitutional reform, aboriginal land claims, economic reform, immigration and multiculturalism, and the environment.
- Canada and Australia work closely together in the United Nations (UN), the Commonwealth, the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) forum and in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum.
- There is a well-established tradition of exchanging officials and views and of mutual assistance in consular and immigration matters. The two governments have co-located their diplomatic missions in Barbados and in Cambodia, sharing the same buildings.