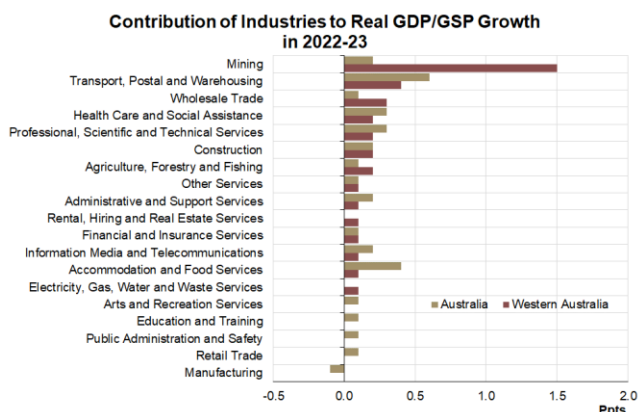
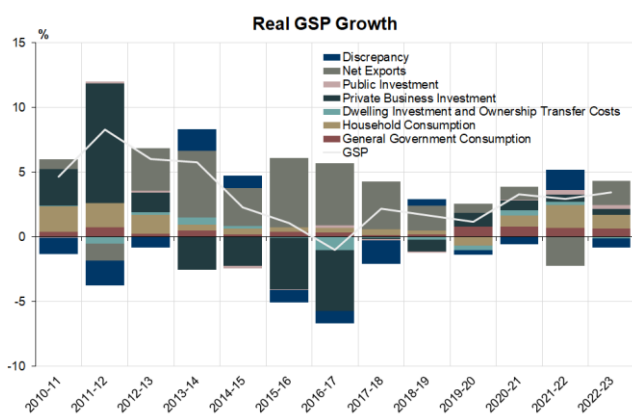


THIS MONTH'S WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DATA HIGHLIGHTS

- As expected, [the RBA](#) increased the cash rate target by 25bps to 4.35% in November.
- Western Australian gross state product rose by 3.5% in the financial year 2022-23.
- Western Australian [employment](#) climbed by 9.4k in October, while the unemployment rate stood at 3.8%.
- Western Australian [retail trade](#) rose by 0.7% in October, the most of all the states.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GROSS STATE PRODUCT 2022-23

- Western Australian gross state product (GSP) was A\$445.3 billion in 2022-23, 17.4% of Australia's gross domestic product. Western Australia's per capital GSP was A\$157,390, well above the national level of A\$97,435.
- Western Australia's real gross state product (GSP) rose 3.5% in 2022-23, following 2.9% growth in 2021-22.
- Growth in the expenditure measure of GSP was led by net exports, which added 1.9ppts to growth, driven by a 5.5% increase in exports of goods and services.
- Regarding the domestic economy, real state final demand rose 3.8%, with a 3.6% increase in household consumption adding 1.1ppts to GSP growth.
- Private business investment expanded 3.7% in 2022-23, adding 0.4ppts to headline growth, while dwelling investment and ownership transfer costs fell a combined 3.2%, to shave 0.1ppts from GSP.
- Public sector spending made a solid contribution to GSP growth in 2022-23. General government consumption spending increased 4.9% and added 0.6ppts, while a 10.8% increase in public sector investment contributed 0.3ppts.
- From the production measure of GSP, growth was recorded in most industries in 2022-23. The largest contribution came from a 3.3% increase in mining production, which added 1.5ppts to growth. Other significant contributors were transport, postal and warehousing services (+0.4ppts) as well as wholesale trade (+0.3ppts). Agriculture, forestry and fishing production increased 7.3%, adding 0.2ppts to the headline, reflecting another strong harvest and record levels of exports.



Source: ABS

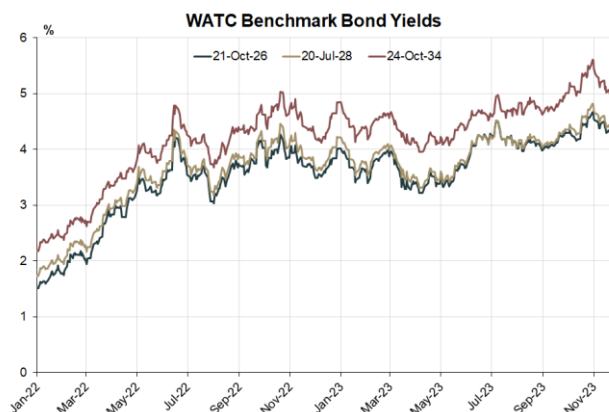
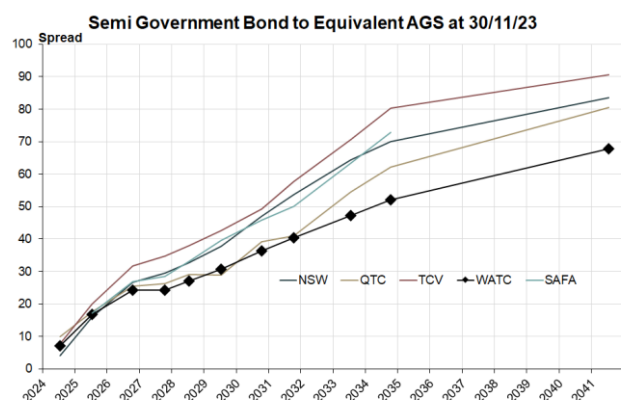
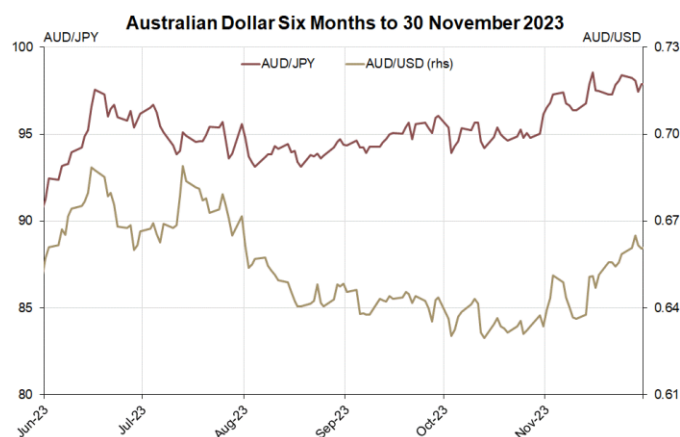
Australian Interest Rates (%)			FX and Equities	
RBA Cash Rate Target	4.35	(↑25 pt)	AUD/USD	0.6605 (↑4.2%)
90-Day Bank Bills	4.37	(↑2 pt)	AUD/JPY	97.89 (↑1.8%)
3-year Australian Government Bond	4.01	(↓39 pt)		
10-year Australian Government Bond	4.41	(↓51 pt)	ASX200	7087 (↑307 pt)

### MARKET SUMMARY

- The RBA increased interest rates by 25bps in November, as expected, taking the cash rate target to 4.35%, which is the highest level since late 2011. RBA Governor Michele Bullock explained that the decision was driven by the increased risk of inflation remaining elevated for a prolonged period.
- Australian government bond yields followed global yields lower in November. The decline was driven by easing concerns over further rate increases by the Fed following softer-than-expected US employment data, which raised concerns over the economic outlook and ongoing easing in US inflation.
- The Australian dollar strengthened against the greenback in November after depreciating over the previous three months. The rise in AUD/USD was driven by the diverging monetary policy outlook, with the probability of another rate hike being significantly higher in Australia than in the US. The Australian dollar also appreciated against the Japanese yen but much less than against the US dollar.
- The Australian equity market saw the first monthly gain since July, mainly with the market rallying over the first half of the month, before giving up some of its gains. Increases were recorded for all sectors, except for energy, utilities and consumer staples. The strongest increases were for healthcare and real estate.

WATC Benchmark Bond Yields			
Maturity	Yield 30/11/2023	Spread to AGS 30/11/2023	
23 July 2024	4.37 (↓11 pt)	+7 pt (↑5 pt)	
23 July 2025	4.35 (↓29 pt)	+17 pt (↑3 pt)	
21 October 2026	4.25 (↓42 pt)	+24 pt (↓2 pt)	
21 October 2027	4.27 (↓48 pt)	+24 pt (↓4 pt)	
20 July 2028	4.33 (↓49 pt)	+27 pt (↓5 pt)	
24 July 2029	4.44 (↓54 pt)	+31 pt (↓5 pt)	
22 October 2030	4.59 (↓55 pt)	+36 pt (↓4 pt)	
22 October 2031	4.71 (↓58 pt)	+40 pt (↓8 pt)	
20 July 2033*	4.83 (↓61 pt)	+47 pt (↓8 pt)	
24 October 2034	4.98 (↓63 pt)	+52 pt (↓10 pt)	
23 July 2041	5.38 (↓62 pt)	+68 pt (↓3 pt)	

Spreads are to nearest Commonwealth Bond. \* Green bond.



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