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(Source: Commonwealth Bank of Australia)

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Country	Currency	Bank buys* at -	Bank sells at -
USA	\$A1 = US Dollars	0.5509	0.5445
UK	\$A1 = Pounds	0.3555	0.3479
EEC	\$A1 = EUROs	0.5665	0.5511
Austria	\$A1 = Schillings	n.a.	n.a.
Belgium	\$A1 = Belgium Francs	n.a.	n.a.
Canada	\$A1 = Canadian Dollars	0.8703	0.8496
China	\$A1 = Renminbi	n.a.	n.a.
Denmark	\$A1 = Kroner	4.1997	4.0903
Fiji	\$A1 = Fiji Dollars	n.a.	1.1595
Finland	\$A1 = Markka	n.a.	n.a.
France	\$A1 = French Francs	n.a.	n.a.
Germany	\$A1 = Deutschemarks	n.a.	n.a.
Greece	\$A1 = Drachmae	n.a.	n.a.
Hong Kong	\$A1 = HK Dollars	4.3375	4.2022
India	\$A1 = Rupees	26.4449	25.6986
Indonesia	\$A1 = Rupiah	n.a.	n.a.
Italy	\$A1 = Lire	n.a.	n.a.
Japan	\$A1 = Yen	66.7400	65.2424
Malaysia	\$A1 = Ringgits	n.a.	n.a.
Malta	\$A1 = Pounds	0.2346	0.2263
Netherlands	\$A1 = Florins	n.a.	n.a.
New Caledonia	\$A1 = Francs	66.7819	64.3752
New Zealand	\$A1 = NZ Dollars	1.1737	1.1535
Norway	\$A1 = Kroner	4.1639	4.0554
Pakistan	\$A1 = Rupees	n.a.	n.a.
PNG	\$A1 = Kina	n.a.	1.9134
Philippines	\$A1 = Pesos	n.a.	27.2361
Portugal	\$A1 = Escudos	n.a.	n.a.
Singapore	\$A1 = Singaporean Dollar	0.9745	0.9491
South Africa	\$A1 = Rand	5.9635	5.6534
Spain	\$A1 = Pesetas	n.a.	n.a.
Sri Lanka	\$A1 = Rupees	52.7143	49.3490
Sweden	\$A1 = Kronor	5.1835	5.0485
Switzerland	\$A1 = Swiss Francs	0.8279	0.8063
Thailand	\$A1 = Bahts	23.9233	21.9148

Value of Australian Dollar against Major Currencies at 7am (AEST) on the Final trading day of: September 2002

Country	Currency	Bank buys* at -	Bank sells at -
USA	\$A1 = US Dollars	0.5471	0.5407
UK	\$A1 = Pounds	0.3525	0.3450
EEC	\$A1 = EUROS	0.5623	0.5469
Germany	\$A1 = Deutschemarks	n.a.	n.a.
Japan	\$A1 = Yen	67.3300	65.8200

^{*} telegraphic transfer rate n.a. not available



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ABOUT THE DATA SERVICE

This data service summarises the exchange rates of the Australian Dollar with approximately 35 other currencies for the month from daily data supplied by the Commonwealth Bank.

MAIN FINDINGS

During September 2002 the midpoint of the buying and selling rates of \$A1.00 was US Dollars 0.5477, up from 0.5414 during August 2002. At 7am AEST on the final trading day of September 2002 the midpoint of the buying and selling rates for \$A1.00 was US Dollars 0.5439, down from 0.5523 at the end of August 2002.

CHANGES TO SCOPE AND COVERAGE

European Single Currency

A single currency (the Euro) was adopted in many EU countries from 1 January 2002. The Commonwealth Bank of Australia ceased quoting telegraphic transfer and selling rates after that date for the following currencies: Austrian Shillings, Belgian Franc, Finnish Markka, French Franc, German Deutschemarks, Greek Drachmae, Irish Pounds, Italian Lire, Netherlands Guilder, Portuguese Escudo and Spanish Pesetas.

Changes and Revisions this Issue

There were no changes or revisions this issue.

DATA AVAILABILITY

From July 1998 time series data has been delivered to clients from the ABSDB via AUSSTATS and Time Series Deliver, previously these files were delivered from INFOS. The change in source has resulted in changes to the available date range for some series.

Time series are available back to January 1966 for some exchange rates. We can produce on request calendar and financial year average exchange rate reports. In addition to the published exchange rates, there are also six unpublished exchange rates for the following six currencies: Irish Pounds (or Punt), Kuwaiti Diners, Oman Rials, Saudi Riyals, Solomon Island Dollars, and Vanuatu Vatu. However the time series for these currencies only exists from May 2001.