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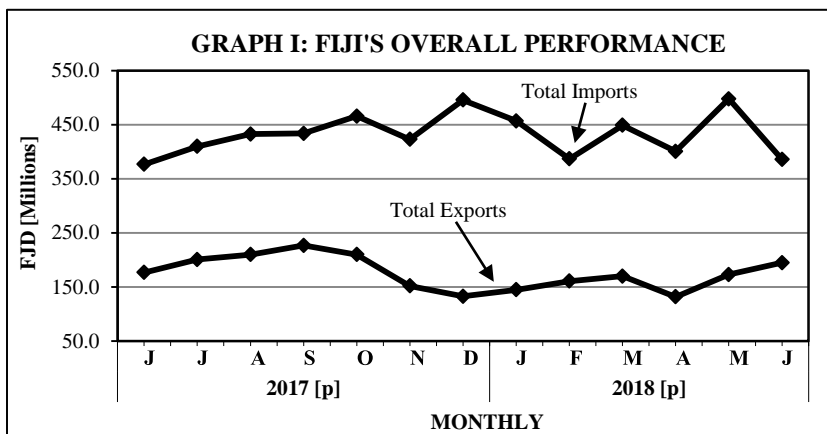
INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS

June 2018

Provisional data put the total value of goods imported in June 2018 at \$386.5 million while the value of total exports was \$195.1 million. (Refer Graph I).

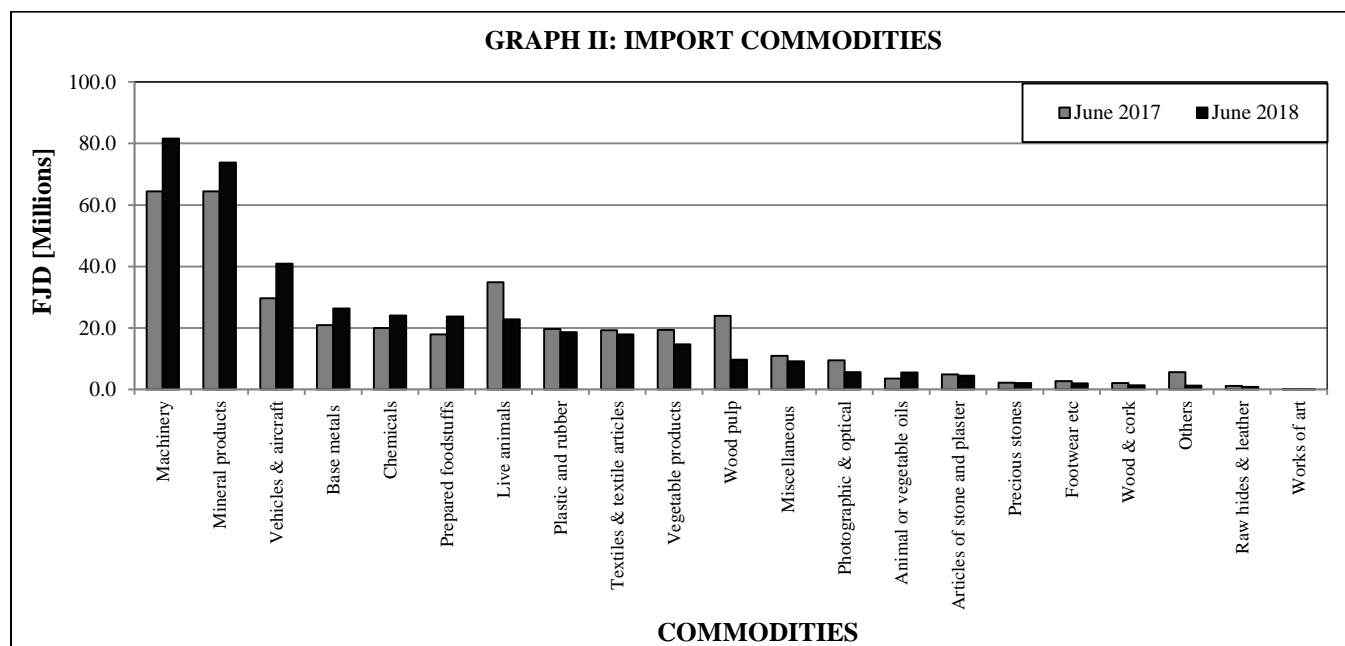
Compared to June 2017, total imports and total exports increased by \$9.4 million (2.5%) and \$18.0 million (10.2%) respectively.

The June 2018 trade deficit amounted to \$191.4 million compared to \$325.2 million a month earlier (May).



HIGHLIGHTS

IMPORTS



The percentage breakdown of major import commodities as categorized by the Harmonized System (HS) codes are as follows;

Table 1: Major contributors to Imports FJD [Millions]

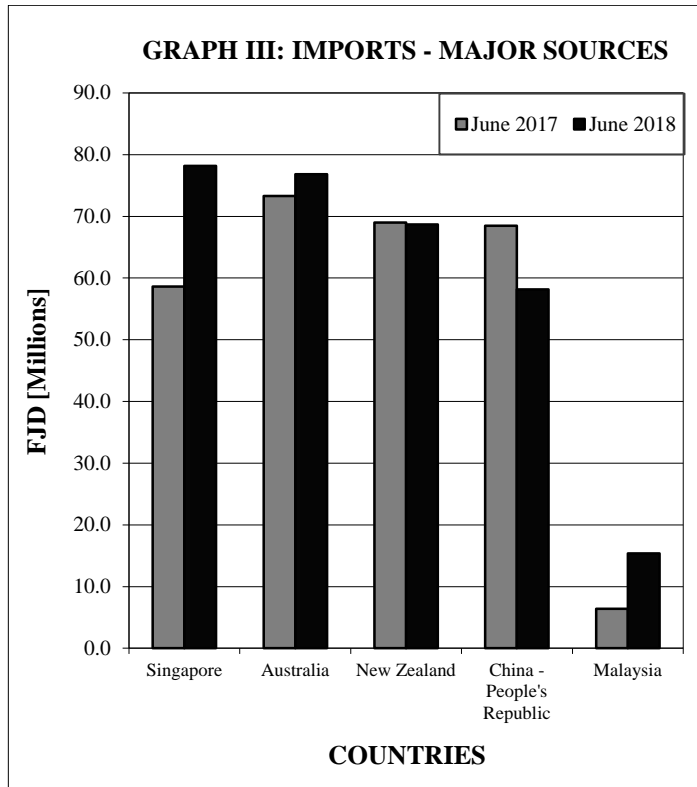
HS Sections	June 2017	%	June 2018	%
Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	64.5	17.1	81.6	21.1
Mineral products	64.4	17.1	73.8	19.1
Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	29.6	7.9	40.9	10.6
Base metals & articles thereof	20.9	5.6	26.3	6.8
Chemicals and allied products	20.0	5.3	24.1	6.2
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	17.9	4.7	23.7	6.1
Live animals: animal products	34.8	9.2	22.8	5.9
Total Imports	377.1		386.5	

Compared to June 2017, the import categories recording notable increases were:

- **Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof [HS 84-85]**, up \$17.1 million (26.6%) to \$81.6 million due to increased imports of telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks;
- **Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment [HS 86-89]**, up \$11.2 million (38.0%) to \$40.9 million due to increased imports of other vessels for the transport of goods and other vessels for the transport of both persons and goods;
- **Mineral products [HS 25-27]**, up \$9.5 million (14.7%) to \$73.8 million due to increased imports of aviation turbine fuel and residual fuel oil;
- **Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco [HS 16-24]**, up \$5.8 million (32.5%) to 23.7 million due to increased imports of other preparations of a kind used in animal feeding; and
- **Base metals & articles thereof [HS 72-83]**, up \$5.4 million (25.7%) to \$26.3 million due to increased imports of other semi-finished products of iron-alloy steel.

Compared to June 2017, the import categories recording notable decreases were:

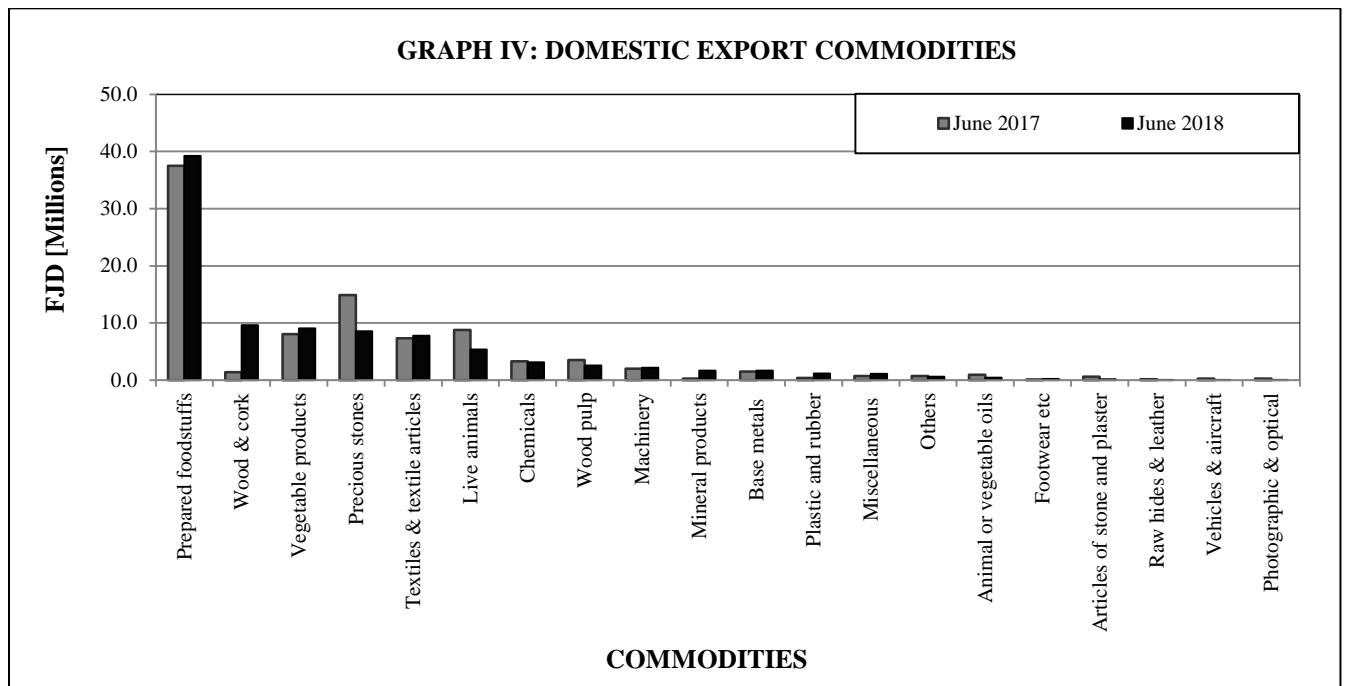
- **Wood pulp, paper & paperboard, & articles thereof [HS 47-49]**, down \$14.3 million (59.6%) to \$9.7 million due to decreased imports of kraftliner; and
- **Live animals: animal products [HS 01-05]**, down \$12.0 million (34.6%) to \$22.8 million due to decreased imports of albacore or longfinned tuna.



For the month of June 2018, Fiji’s major sources of imports (Refer Graph III) were:

- **Singapore**, up \$19.6 million (33.4%) to \$78.2 million due to increased imports of residual fuel oil and aviation turbine fuel;
- **Australia**, up \$3.5 million (4.8%) to \$76.8 million due to increased imports of other preparations of a kind used in animal feed and containers for compressed or liquefied gas;
- **New Zealand**, down \$0.3 million (0.4%) to \$68.7 million due to decreased imports of milk and instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking the flow or level of liquids & gases;
- **China – People’s Republic**, down \$10.3 million (15.0%) to \$58.2 million due to decreased imports of albacore or longfinned tuna; and
- **Malaysia**, up \$9.0 million (141.1%) to \$15.4 million due to increased imports of other vessels for the transport of goods and other vessels for the transport of both persons and goods.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS



The percentage breakdown of major domestic export commodities as categorized by the Harmonized System (HS) codes are as follows;

Table 2: Major contributors to Domestic Exports FJD [Millions]

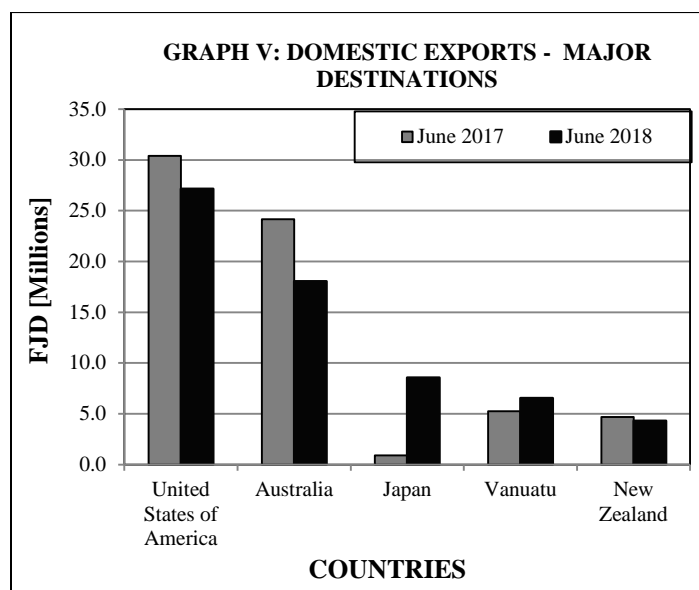
HS Sections	June 2017	%	June 2018	%
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	37.5	40.4	39.2	41.4
Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material	1.4	1.5	9.6	10.1
Vegetable products	8.1	8.7	9.1	9.6
Pearls, precious, semi-precious stones & metals	14.9	16.0	8.5	9.0
Textiles & textile articles	7.3	7.9	7.8	8.2
Live animals: animal products	8.8	9.5	5.4	5.7
Total Domestic Exports	92.8		94.7	

Compared to June 2017, the domestic export category recording a notable increase was:

- **Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material [HS 44-46]**, up \$8.2 million (589.2%) to \$9.6 million due to increased domestic exports of wood in chips or particles.

Compared to June 2017, the domestic export category recording a notable decrease was:

- **Pearls, precious, semi-precious stones & metals [HS 71]**, down \$6.3 million (42.6%) to \$8.5 million due to decreased domestic exports of gold.

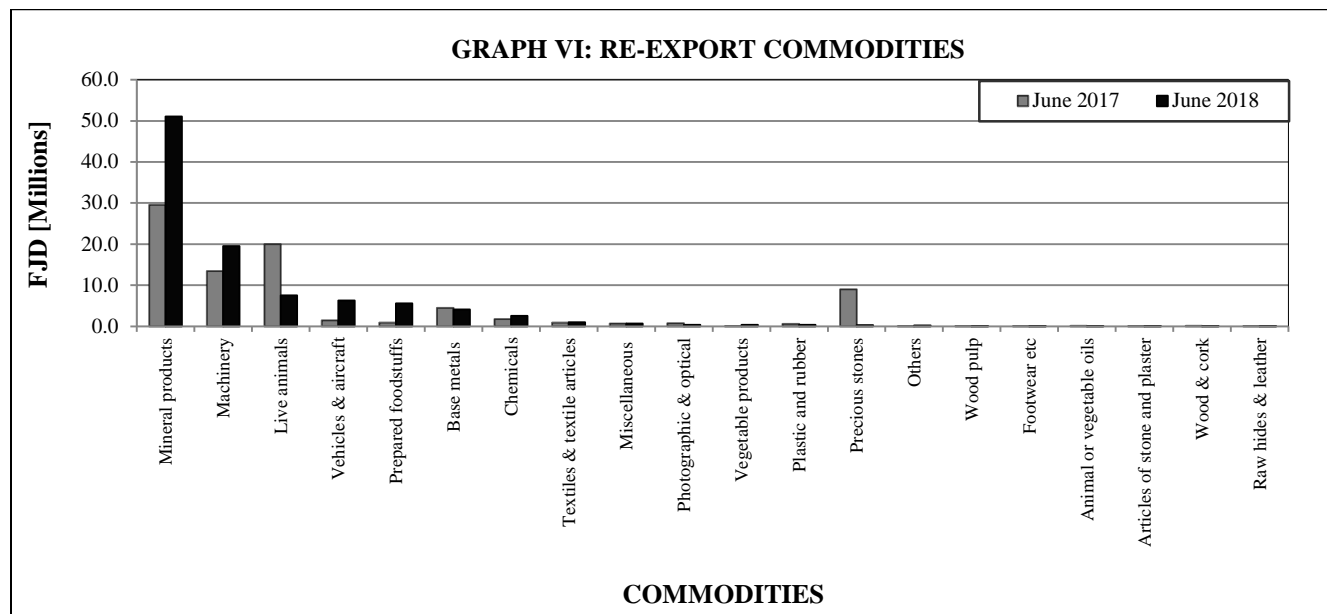


For the month of June 2018, Fiji's major domestic export destinations (Refer Graph V) were:

- **United States of America**, down \$3.2 million (10.7%) to \$27.1 million due to decreased exports of mineral water;
- ***Australia**, down \$6.1 million (25.4%) to \$18.0 million due to decreased exports of gold;
- **Japan**, up \$7.7 million (848.4%) to \$8.6 million due to increased exports of wood in chips or particles;
- **Vanuatu**, up \$1.3 million (24.9%) to \$6.5 million due to increased exports of corned meat; and
- **New Zealand**, down \$0.4 million (7.7%) to \$4.3 million due to decreased exports of corned meat.

*Domestic export of gold is under query.

RE-EXPORTS



The percentage breakdown of major re-export commodities as categorized by the Harmonized System (HS) codes are as follows;

Table 3: Major contributors to Re-exports FJD [Millions]

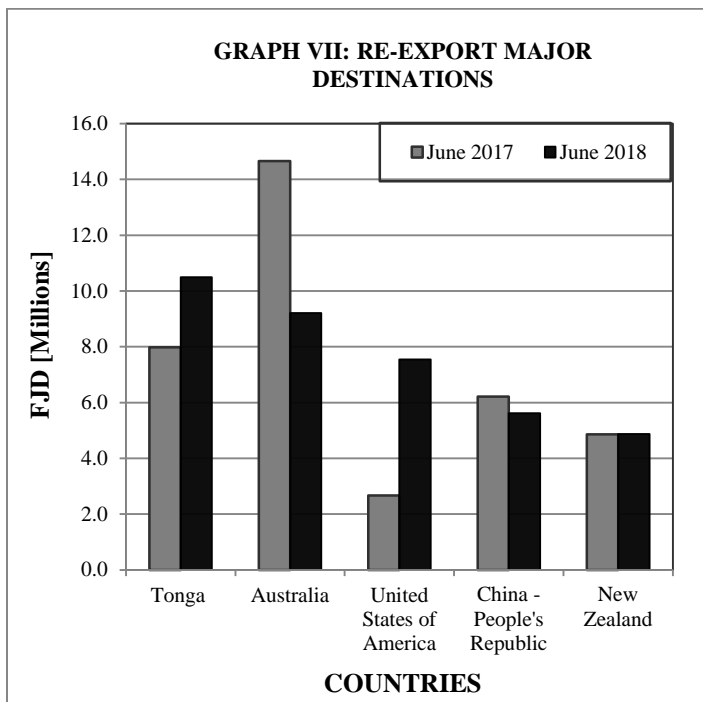
HS Section	June 2017	%	June 2018	%
Mineral products	29.6	35.1	51.0	50.9
Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	13.4	16.0	19.6	19.5
Live animals: animal products	20.0	23.7	7.5	7.5
Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	1.5	1.7	6.3	6.3
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	0.9	1.0	5.6	5.6
Total Re-exports	84.3		100.3	

Compared to June 2017, the re-export categories recording notable increases were:

- **Mineral products [HS 25-27]**, up \$21.5 million (72.6%) to \$51.0 million due to increased re-exports of gas oil (diesel) and aviation turbine fuel; and
- **Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof [HS 84-85]**, up \$6.1 million (45.4%) to \$19.6 million due to increased re-exports of television cameras, digital cameras and video camera recorders.

Compared to June 2017, the re-export category recording notable decreases were:

- **Live animals: animal products [HS 01-05]**, down \$12.5 million (62.3%) to \$7.5 million due to decreased re-exports of frozen tunas; and
- **Pearls, precious, semi-precious stones & metals [HS 71]**, down \$8.7 million (96.7%) to \$0.3 million due to decreased re-exports of other articles of jewellery and parts thereof.



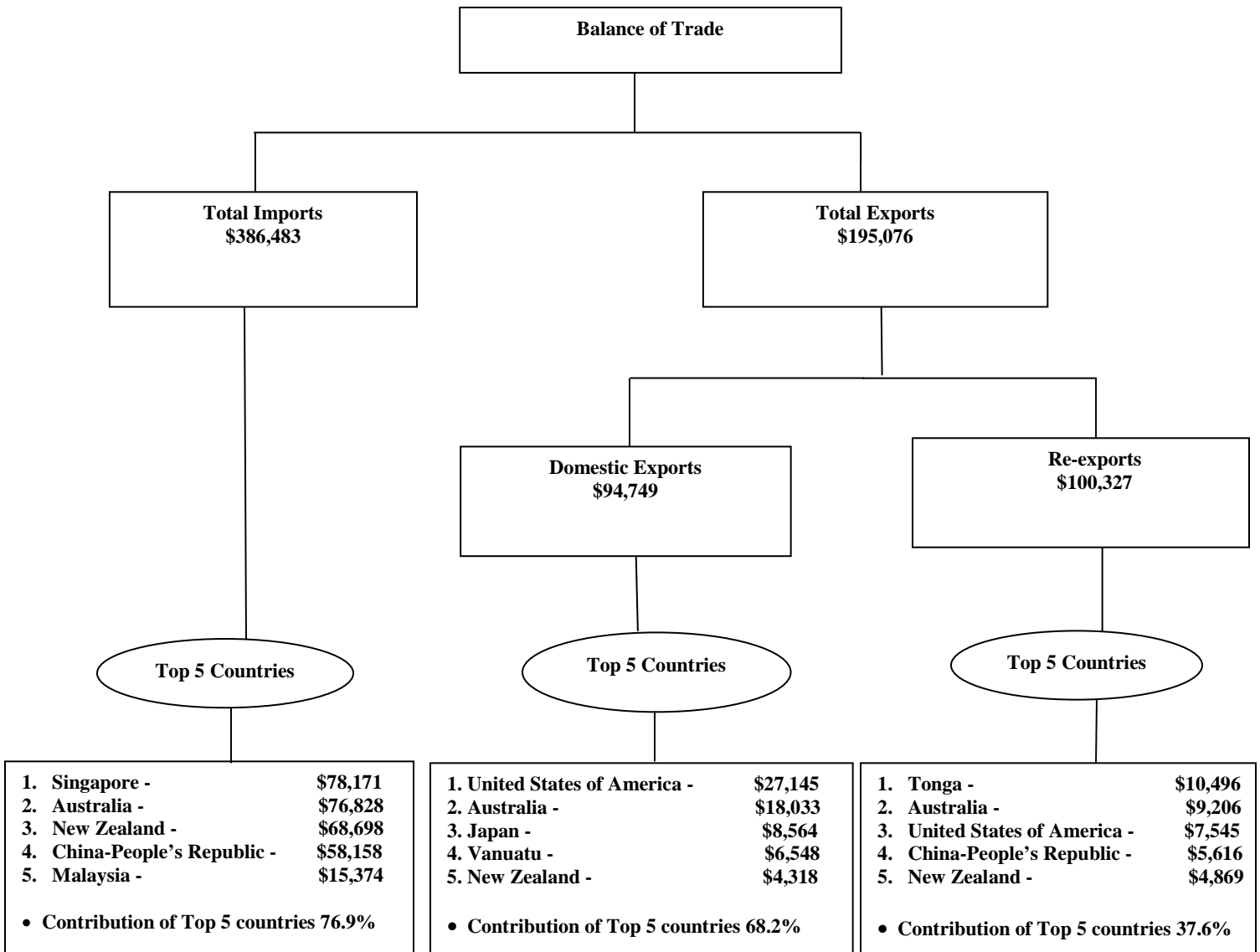
For the month June 2018, Fiji's major re-export destinations (Refer Graph VII) were:

- **Tonga**, up \$2.5 million (31.5%) to \$10.5 million due to increased re-exports of aviation turbine fuel;
- **Australia**, down \$5.4 million (37.2%) to \$9.2 million due to decreased re-exports of other articles of jewellery and parts thereof;
- **United States of America**, up \$4.9 million (183.0%) to \$7.5 million due to increased re-exports of television cameras, digital cameras and video camera recorders;
- **China – People's Republic**, down \$0.6 million (9.6%) to \$5.6 million due to decreased re-exports of frozen tuna; and
- **New Zealand**, up \$0.01 million (0.1%) to \$4.9 million due to increased re-exports of containers for compressed or liquefied gas, of iron or steel.

Below presents the main features of Fiji's International Merchandise Trade Statistics for the Month of June 2018.

Figure 1: Flow of Trade – June 2018

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For more information on International Merchandise Trade Statistics refer to the following attached tables:

- **Table 4:** Balance of Trade;
- **Table 5:** Total Imports by HS;
- **Table 6:** Domestic Exports by HS;
- **Table 7:** Re-exports by HS;
- **Table 8:** Total Exports by HS;
- **Table 9:** Principal Domestic Exports by HS;
- **Table 10:** Principal Imports by HS;
- **Table 11:** Balance of Trade by major partner countries for June 2018;
- **Table 12:** Exports by SITC;
- **Table 13:** Imports by SITC; and
- **Table 14:** Mode of Transport.

For Technical Notes refer to page 25.

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The International Merchandise Trade Statistics for July 2018 will be released in September 2018.



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