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# Foreword

Waterline is published by the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) and provides information on container movements on both the wharf-side and the landside of five Australian major port terminals: Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Fremantle. This issue of *Waterline* covers port terminal activity up to the December quarter 2018.

Waterline reports on trends in container handling productivity on the waterfront in Australia, as well as the cost of importing and exporting containers. It covers loading and unloading of container ships and the landside transport of containers to and from container terminals. Waterline provides the latest available data on stevedoring productivity and landside performance.

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# At a glance

## Throughput

- The *number of unitised cellular container (UCC) vessels handled by stevedores* decreased by 2.1 per cent in the five ports in the period July–December 2018, compared to the same period in 2017. Declines occurred in Melbourne (8.5 per cent) and Sydney (3.1 per cent), whereas there were increases in Adelaide (3.3 per cent), Brisbane (2.6 per cent) and Fremantle (1.2 per cent).
- The *total number of twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) handled by stevedores* increased by 3.8 per cent in July–December 2018, compared to July–December 2017. The largest increases were recorded at Melbourne (6.3 per cent) and Fremantle (5.1 per cent), while Adelaide saw the only decline (1.1 per cent).
- The *number of TEUs moved through empty container parks* grew by 7.7 per cent in July–December 2018, compared to the same period in 2017. Increases occurred in all five ports, with the largest in Sydney (13.4 per cent) and Fremantle (13.0 per cent).

## Productivity

- The *average lifts per berth-hour* increased by 4.9 per cent in the five ports in the period July–December 2018 (compared to the same period in 2017). The largest increases occurred in Adelaide (10.9 per cent) and Melbourne (11.1 per cent), while declines occurred in Brisbane (3.4 per cent) and Fremantle (1.2 per cent).
- *Wharfside productivity* increased in the five ports in July–December 2018, with the *crane rate*, *labour rate* and *ship rate* improving by 6.8 per cent, 12.4 per cent and 12.2 per cent, respectively, as measured in TEUs per unit time. Melbourne saw the largest improvement in *labour rate* (17.8 per cent) and *ship rate* (19.5 per cent), while Adelaide had the largest growth in *crane rate* at 10.7 per cent.
- *Average truck turnaround time* was steady in the five ports in July–December 2018, compared to the same period in 2017. Truck turnaround times decreased at Brisbane (7.9 per cent) and Melbourne (3.3 per cent), but increased at Sydney (7.4 per cent), Adelaide (7.3 per cent) and Fremantle (1.5 per cent).
- The *proportion of trucks backloaded* in July–December 2018 remained fairly stable, decreasing by 0.3 percentage points to 13.2 per cent. In July–December 2018, the largest percentage of backloaded operations was in Adelaide (27.6 per cent).
- The *total number of truck timeslots used* in the five ports increased by 9.3 per cent in July–December 2018 compared to the same period in 2017.

## *Port interface costs*

- Port interface costs for exports decreased for all ship categories in July–December 2018:
  - For small ships (5 000 to 20 000 gross tonnes), port interface costs decreased by \$11 per TEU.
  - For medium-size ships (35 000 to 40 000 gross tonnes), port interface costs decreased by \$11 per TEU.
  - For large ships (50 000 to 55 000 gross tonnes), port interface costs decreased by \$3 per TEU.
- Port interface costs for imports decreased for small- and medium-size vessels, but increased slightly for large vessels in the period July–December 2018:
  - For small ships (5 000 to 20 000 gross tonnes), port interface costs decreased by \$16 per TEU.
  - For medium-size ships (35 000 to 40 000 gross tonnes), port interface costs decreased by \$9 per TEU.
  - For large ships (50 000 to 55 000 gross tonnes), port interface costs increased by \$2 per TEU.



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- Ports Australia
- Containerchain Pty Ltd
- shipping lines
- customs brokers
- road transport operators
- pilot, tug and mooring operators.



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## CHAPTER I

# Measures of container terminal throughput

### Overview

Chapter I of *Waterline* presents all container port throughput indicators in a consolidated format. The indicators are in four groups—wharf-side, landside, whole of container terminal and whole of port.

There are four wharf-side quarterly throughput indicators:

- I.1 UCC ships handled, as reported by stevedores
- I.2 Total containers handled by stevedores
- I.3 Total TEUs handled by stevedores
- I.4 40-foot containers as per cent of all containers handled

There are seven landside quarterly throughput indicators:

- I.5 Number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations
- I.6 Total number of containers transported by trucks and rail
- I.7 Total number of containers transported by trucks
- I.8 Number of containers by rail
- I.9 Total number of TEUs transported by trucks and rail
- I.10 Total number of TEUs transported by trucks
- I.11 Number of TEUs by rail

Using data from port authorities, there are two quarterly whole-of-terminal throughput indicators:

- I.12 Total number of container ship visits
- I.13 Total number of containers (lifts) exchanged

Using data from port authorities, there are seven quarterly whole-of-port throughput indicators:

- I.14 Total cargo throughput
- I.15 Non-containerised general cargo throughput

I.16 Total number of TEUs exchanged

I.17 Number of TEUs: Full import

I.18 Number of TEUs: Empty import

I.19 Number of TEUs: Full export

I.20 Number of TEUs: Empty export

Indicators are presented separately for Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Fremantle, as well as for the five ports as a whole, where applicable.

## *Container terminal*

The movement of containers from/to the container ship takes place on a wharf or pier known as a container terminal. Unlike a traditional wharf, a container terminal needs a large stacking area adjoining the wharf for storing containers. While in the terminal, the containers are at the disposal of a stevedoring company.

## *Stevedoring*

The term stevedore can refer to a company which manages the operation of loading or unloading a ship. In Australia the people who work on the waterfront are referred to as waterside workers or stevedores. A stevedoring company typically owns equipment used in the loading or discharging operation and hires labour for that purpose. A stevedoring company may also contract with a terminal owner to manage all terminal operations. In Australia, there are three major stevedoring companies which handle containers: Patrick, Dubai Ports World and Hutchison Ports Australia.

## *Wharf-side throughput measures*

Measures of throughput at the wharf-side relate only to containers moved by stevedoring companies from/to UCC ships at the container terminals.

### **Indicator I.1 UCC ships handled, as reported by stevedores**

Only fully cellular ships, or Unitised Cellular Container (UCC) ships, are included in this indicator. Normally these purpose built container ships are equipped with 40-foot cell guides below deck as a minimum requirement.

### **Indicator I.2 Total containers handled**

This is the total number of containers lifted on/off UCC ships at specialised container berths. These counts are not standardised to account for different container sizes. Thus, one 20-foot container and one 40-foot container are counted as two containers.

### **Indicator I.3 Total TEUs handled**

This indicator is similar to total containers handled (Indicator I.2), but measured in 'twenty-foot equivalent units' (TEUs). It accounts for containers of different sizes. The TEU is a universally-recognised measure which represents containers of different sizes in a standardised way. A 20-foot container equals one TEU, and a 40-foot container equals two TEUs. Less common container sizes may be fractions of a TEU.



**Indicator 1.4 40-foot containers as proportion of all containers handled**

This is the number of 40-foot containers as a proportion of all containers handled.

## *Landside throughput measures*

**Indicator 1.5 Number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations**

This is the count of trucks processed through either the vehicle booking system (VBS) or the truck appointments system (TAS). This count excludes trucks that perform bulk runs of empty containers between the container parks and container terminals. This indicator counts trucks on a round trip. That is, a truck entering a container terminal and the same truck exiting the container terminal is counted as one truck.

**Indicator 1.6 Total number of containers transported by trucks and rail**

This indicator includes the total number of containers transported in all modes on the landside, either by trucks or by rail. Counts of containers in this indicator are further broken down into Indicator 1.7 (containers moved by trucks) and Indicator 1.8 (containers moved by rail).

**Indicator 1.7 Total number of containers transported by trucks**

This indicator includes the total number of containers transported by VBS/TAS trucks. This indicator is computed using data provided by stevedores. Up to Waterline 55, this indicator included the trucks undertaking bulk runs; this has been discontinued due to inconsistent data.

**Indicator 1.8 Number of containers by rail**

The total number of containers carried by rail in or out of container terminals, using data supplied by container port operators.

This indicator includes containers handled through 'on-dock' and 'near-dock' rail sidings. 'On-dock' refers to rail sidings accessible by yard container handling equipment, whereas 'near-dock' sidings are those within the port precinct, but accessed via the public road network. Only on-dock rail data is reported for Sydney, as port precinct rail data is not available.

**Indicator 1.9 Total number of TEUs transported by trucks and rail**

This indicator includes the total number of TEUs transported in all modes on the landside, either by trucks or by rail. Counts of TEUs in this indicator are further broken down into Indicator 1.10 (TEUs moved by trucks) and Indicator 1.11 (TEUs moved by rail).

**Indicator 1.10 Total number of TEUs transported by trucks**

This indicator includes the total number of TEUs transported by VBS/TAS trucks. Up to Waterline 55, this indicator included the number of TEUs transported by trucks undertaking bulk runs; this has been discontinued due to inconsistent data.

**Indicator 1.11 Number of TEUs by rail**

The total number of TEUs carried by rail in or out of container terminals, using data supplied by container port operators.

This indicator includes containers handled through 'on-dock' and 'near-dock' rail sidings. 'On-dock' refers to rail sidings accessible by yard container handling equipment, whereas 'near-dock'

sidings are those within the port precinct, but accessed via the public road network. Only on-dock rail data is reported for Sydney, as port precinct rail data is not available.

## *Whole of container terminal throughput*

### **Indicator 1.12 Total number of container ship visits**

This is a count of all port calls by UCC ships where the vessel visited and exchanged containers at the container terminal. Tables 1.7 and 1.8 summarise ship visits by size of ship and by container port.

### **Indicator 1.13 Total number of containers (lifts) exchanged**

This indicator is estimated using Indicator 1.4 (proportion of 40-foot containers) and the total number of TEUs exchanged with container vessels, as reported by ports.

## *Whole of port throughput*

### **Indicator 1.14 Total cargo throughput**

This is the weight, measured in tonnes, of all container and non-container general cargoes that passed through the port.

### **Indicator 1.15 Non-containerised general cargo throughput**

This is the weight of non-container general cargoes processed through a port. Non-container general cargo refers to break bulk commodities including machinery, iron and steel products, timber, paper and timber products and other general cargoes. It does not include bulk cargoes.

### **Indicator 1.16 Total number of TEUs exchanged**

This is a count of TEUs, exchanged through the port. This count is further broken down into Indicators 1.17 to 1.20.

### **Indicator 1.17 Full import TEUs**

This is a count of full containers in TEUs imported (unloaded) at the port.

### **Indicator 1.18 Empty import TEUs**

This is a count of empty containers in TEUs imported (unloaded) at the port.

### **Indicator 1.19 Full export TEUs**

This is a count of full containers in TEUs exported (loaded) at the port.

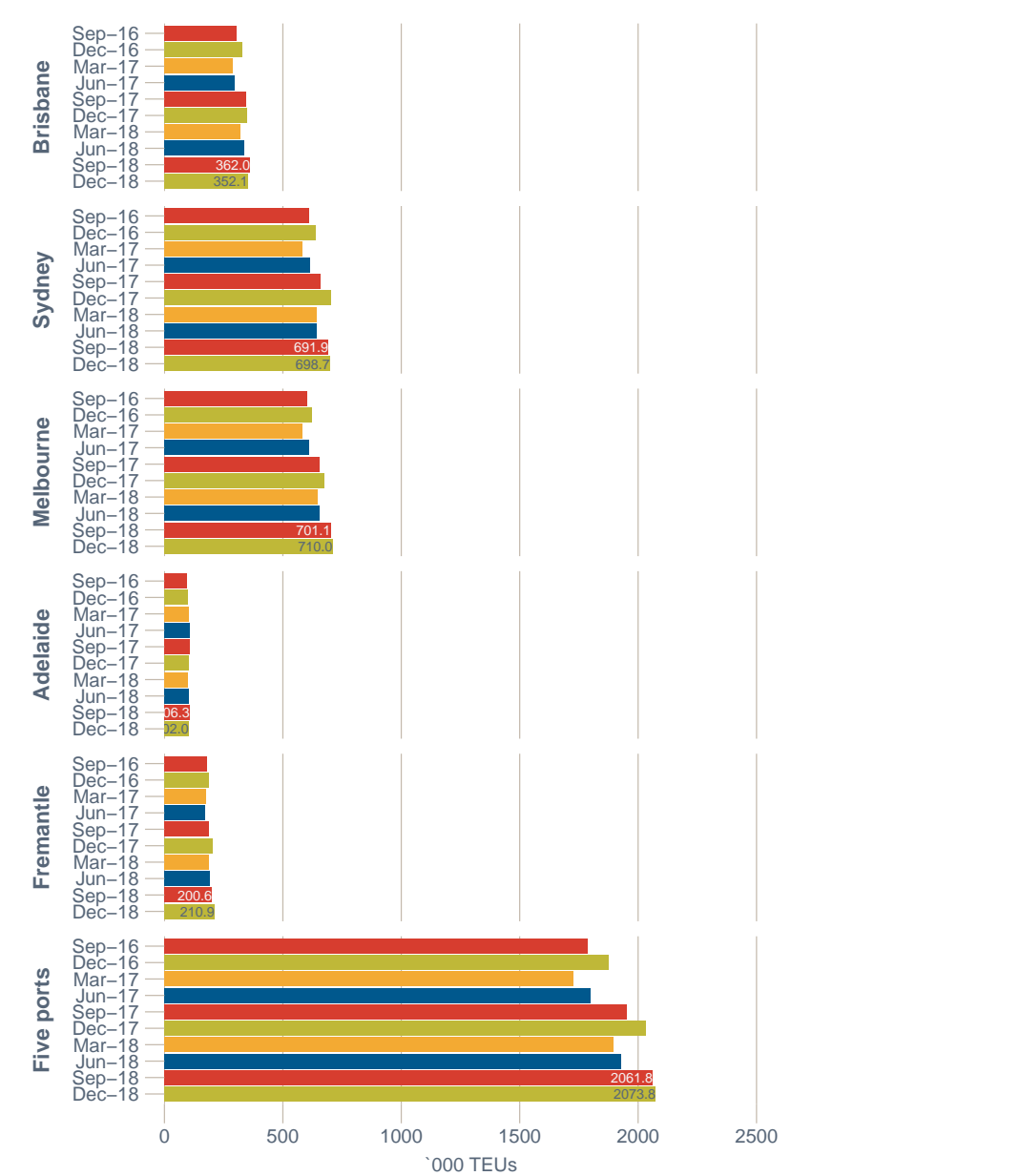
### **Indicator 1.20 Empty export TEUs**

This is a count of empty containers in TEUs exported (loaded) at the port.



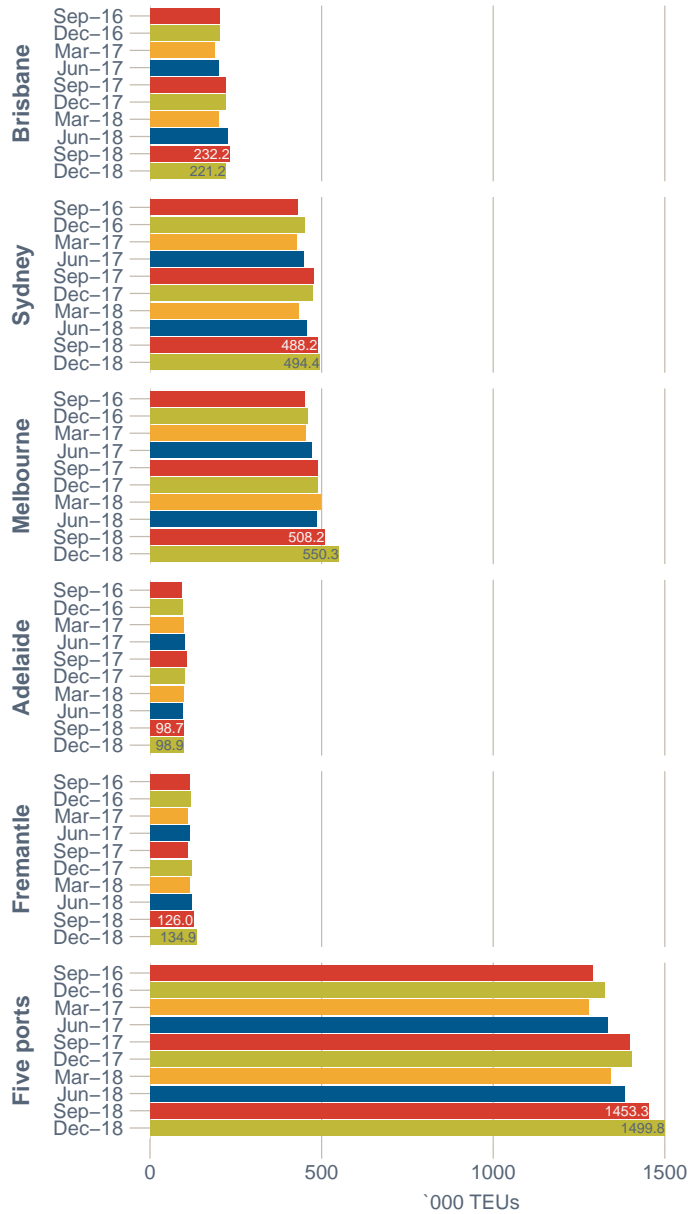
Vessels OOCL *Dalian* and MSC *Melissa* berthed at Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal. Photo courtesy of Flinders Ports.

Figure I.1 TEU throughput by container port: wharf-side



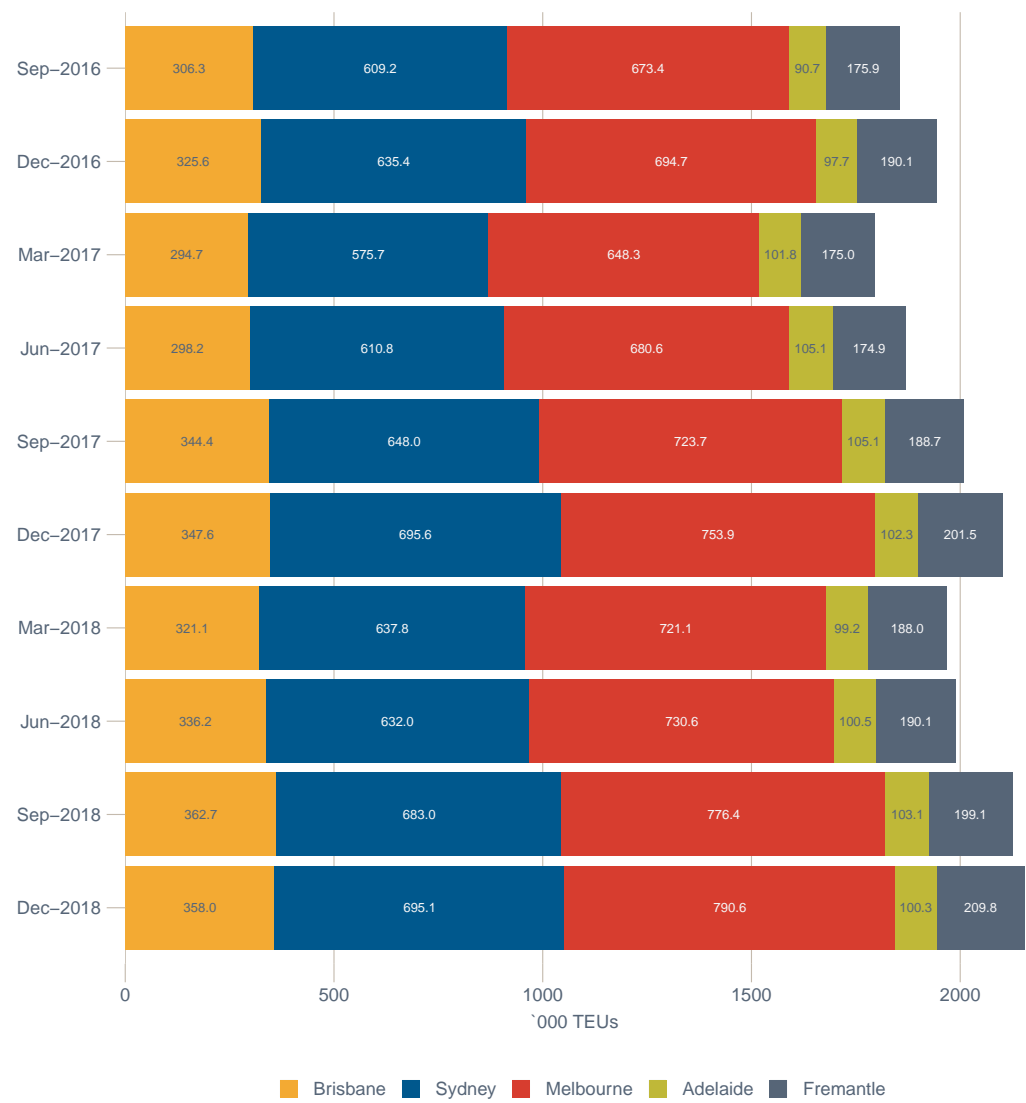
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Figure I.2 TEU throughput by container port: landside

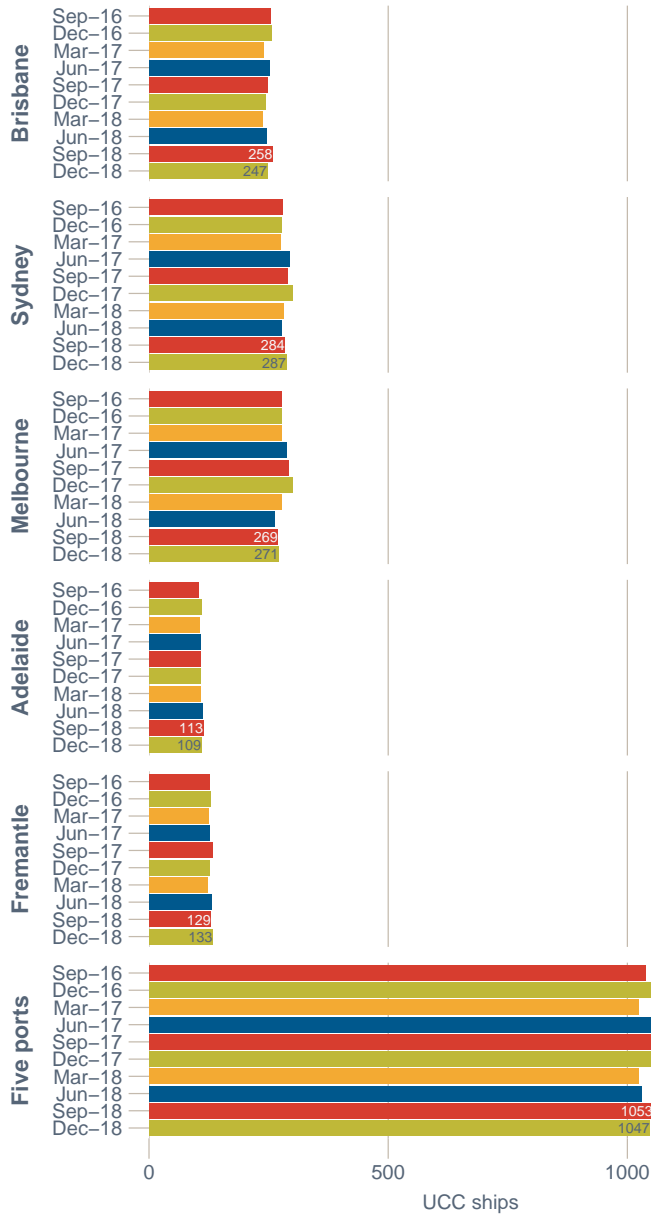


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Figure 1.3 TEU throughput by container port: whole of port

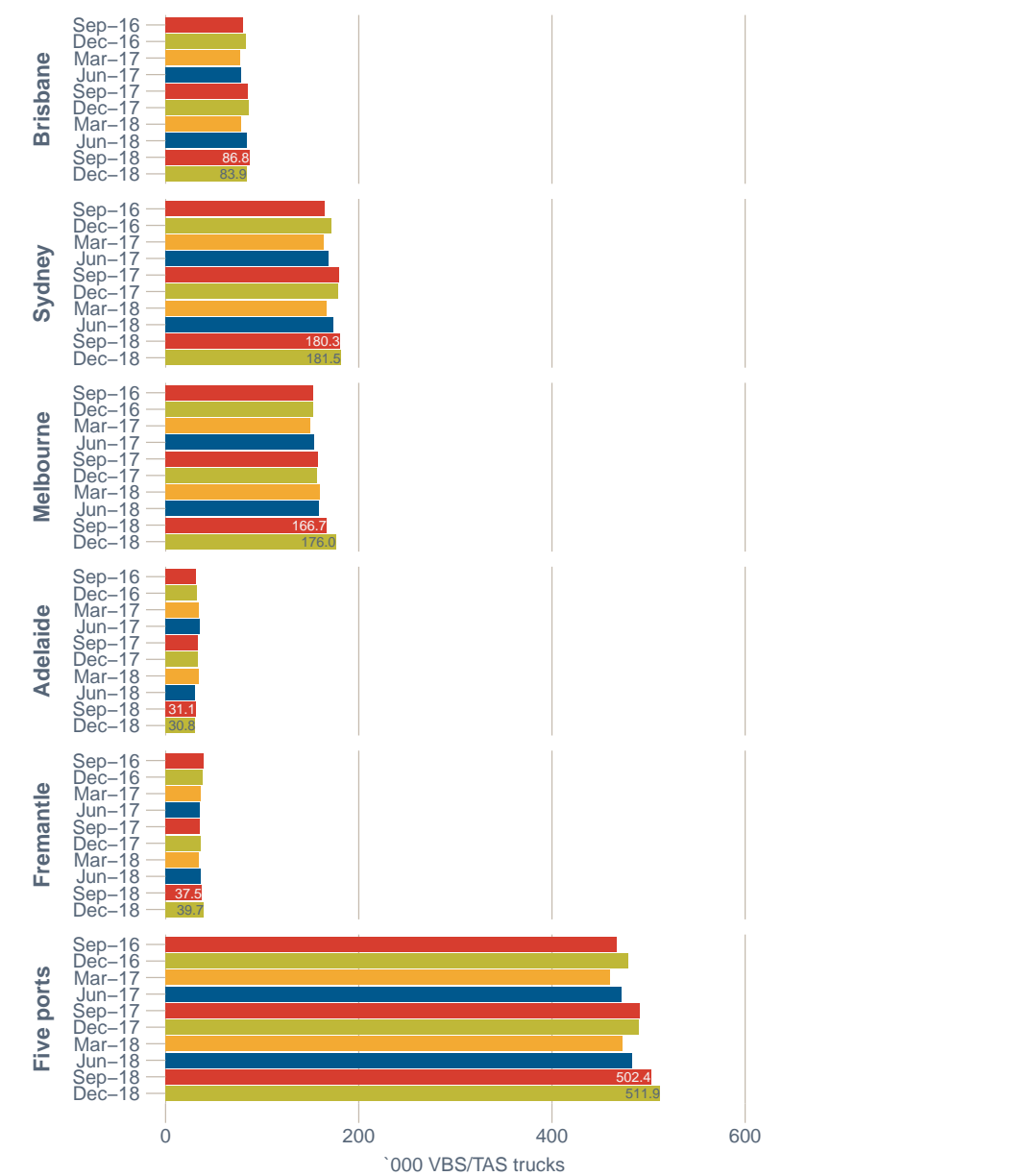


Sources: Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2019), NSW Ports (2019), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2019), Flinders Ports (2019) and Fremantle Ports (2019)

**Figure 1.4** Container terminal traffic: number of UCC ships handled

Sources: DP World (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)

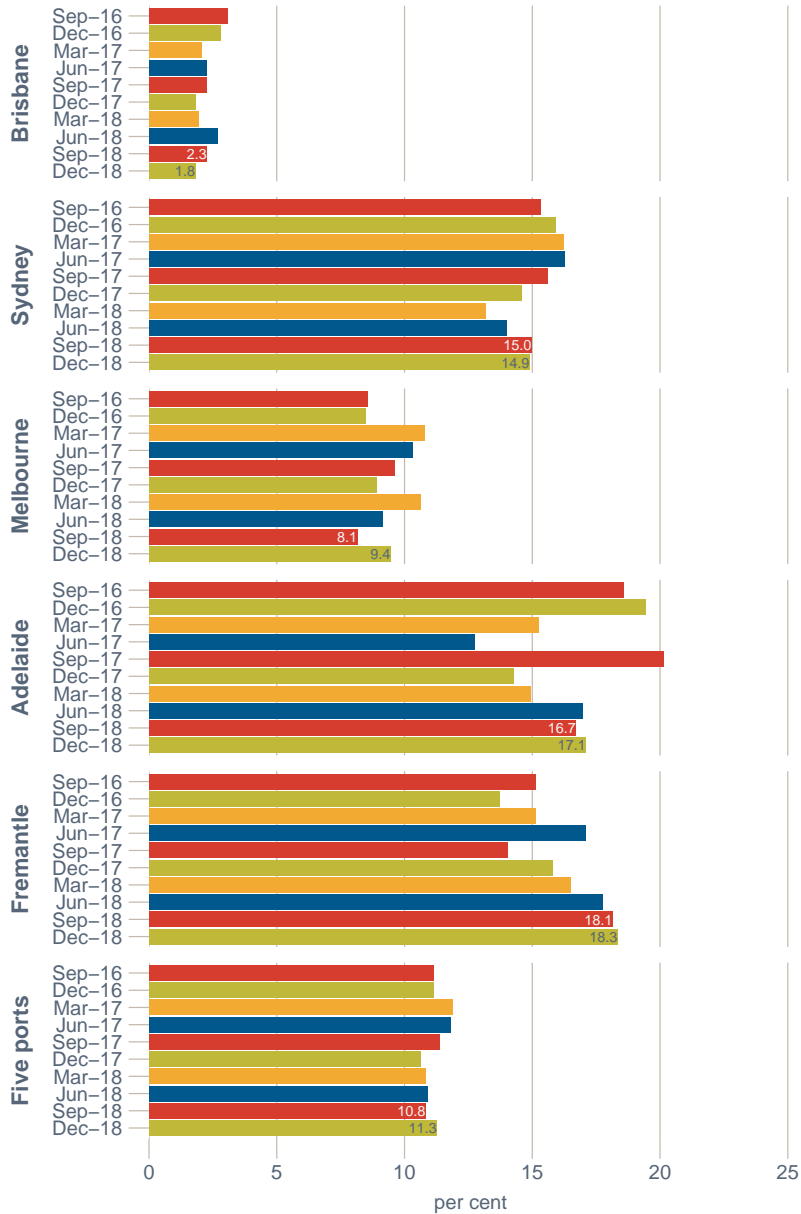
Figure I.5 Container terminal traffic: number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations



Sources: DP World (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)



Figure 1.6 Rail share of TEUs handled



Sources: DP World (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019), Flinders Ports (2019), Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2019), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2019) and Fremantle Ports (2019)

**Table 1.1** Container terminal throughput: Brisbane

	2016					2017					2018				
	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec
<b>Wharfside</b>															
UCC ships handled, as reported by stevedores	253	256	509	239	251	490	248	244	492	237	246	483	258	247	505
Total containers handled ('000)	201.5	220.3	421.9	193.9	197.0	390.9	223.0	226.7	449.7	208.0	216.7	424.7	232.4	225.0	457.4
Total TEUs handled ('000)	302.6	326.6	629.2	288.6	296.9	585.5	343.0	349.3	692.3	318.8	335.8	654.6	362.0	352.1	714.1
40-foot containers as proportion of all containers handled (%)	50.1	48.2	49.1	48.8	50.7	49.8	53.8	54.1	53.9	53.3	54.9	54.1	55.8	56.5	56.1
<b>Landside</b>															
Number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations ('000)	80.0	82.6	162.6	76.8	78.3	155.1	84.9	86.1	170.9	77.7	84.0	161.7	86.8	83.9	170.7
Total containers transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	139.8	143.6	283.4	132.2	135.8	268.0	147.2	148.4	295.7	134.5	150.5	285.0	153.1	146.1	299.3
Containers by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	131.4	135.5	266.9	126.7	129.7	256.4	140.0	142.8	282.8	129.1	142.4	271.5	145.7	140.5	286.1
Containers by rail ('000)	8.4	8.1	16.4	5.4	6.2	11.6	7.2	5.7	12.9	5.4	8.0	13.5	7.5	5.7	13.1
Total TEUs transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	202.5	203.6	406.2	189.2	199.1	388.3	219.5	220.8	440.2	199.2	226.2	425.4	232.2	221.2	453.4
TEUs by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	193.2	194.5	387.6	183.2	192.4	375.6	211.7	214.4	426.1	193.1	217.2	410.2	224.1	214.8	438.9
TEUs by rail ('000)	9.3	9.2	18.5	6.0	6.7	12.7	7.8	6.3	14.1	6.2	9.0	15.2	8.2	6.4	14.6
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
Total number of container ship visits	243	232	475	231	237	468	233	228	461	228	239	467	258	258	516
Total number of containers (lifts) exchanged ('000)	196.3	205.8	402.2	192.4	191.3	383.7	216.8	220.0	436.8	203.6	210.2	413.9	229.7	225.2	454.9
<b>Whole of port</b>															
Total cargo throughput (million tonnes)	8.3	8.2	16.5	8.4	8.3	16.7	8.6	8.2	16.8	7.9	8.6	16.5	8.7	8.5	17.2
Non-containerised general cargo throughput (million tonnes)	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.6
Total TEUs exchanged ('000)	306.3	325.6	632.0	294.7	298.2	592.9	344.4	347.6	691.9	321.1	336.2	657.2	362.7	358.0	720.7
Full import ('000)	138.7	146.9	285.6	131.4	134.4	265.8	154.9	164.1	319.0	149.0	151.8	300.8	162.0	162.9	324.9
Empty import ('000)	19.9	19.8	39.7	15.0	17.3	32.3	22.1	11.9	34.0	12.4	18.7	31.1	22.6	12.6	35.2
Full export ('000)	92.5	86.8	179.4	80.0	98.3	178.3	109.2	80.7	189.9	70.0	102.4	172.4	99.3	82.7	182.0
Empty export ('000)	55.2	72.1	127.3	68.3	48.2	116.5	58.2	90.9	149.1	89.7	63.3	153.0	78.8	99.8	178.6

Note: Blank cells mean no data were reported in that period.

Sources: DP World (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2019)

Table 1.2 Container terminal throughput: Sydney

	2016			2017						2018					
	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec
<b>Wharfside</b>															
UCC ships handled, as reported by stevedores	279	278	557	275	293	568	290	299	589	282	278	560	284	287	571
Total containers handled ('000)	395.7	412.9	808.5	375.0	396.6	771.6	424.7	449.1	873.7	409.8	412.0	821.8	442.6	443.4	886.0
Total TEUs handled ('000)	611.8	638.3	1 250.2	580.5	614.0	1 194.5	659.2	702.9	1 362.1	642.1	641.7	1 283.7	691.9	698.7	1 390.5
40-foot containers as proportion of all containers handled (%)	54.6	54.6	54.6	54.8	54.8	54.8	55.2	56.5	55.9	56.7	55.7	56.2	56.3	57.6	56.9
<b>Landside</b>															
Number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations ('000)	164.6	171.8	336.5	163.4	168.3	331.7	179.3	178.3	357.6	166.8	173.2	339.9	180.3	181.5	361.9
Total containers transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	297.3	313.6	610.9	297.3	306.4	603.7	320.2	315.5	635.7	288.5	301.7	590.2	321.3	324.2	645.5
Containers by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	234.7	244.2	478.9	231.0	239.1	470.1	252.6	249.3	501.8	232.5	243.0	475.5	256.2	259.4	515.6
Containers by rail ('000)	62.7	69.4	132.0	66.3	67.3	133.6	67.7	66.2	133.9	56.0	58.7	114.7	65.1	64.8	129.9
Total TEUs transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	430.8	451.5	882.2	426.3	447.5	873.8	476.8	474.0	950.8	431.6	455.0	886.6	488.2	494.4	982.6
TEUs by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	336.9	349.8	686.7	332.1	347.5	679.7	373.9	371.5	745.4	347.1	365.1	712.2	384.6	390.4	775.0
TEUs by rail ('000)	93.9	101.7	195.5	94.2	99.9	194.1	102.9	102.5	205.4	84.4	89.9	174.3	103.6	104.1	207.7
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
Total number of container ship visits	256	268	524	268	282	550	274	279	553	272	274	546	279	281	560
Total number of containers (lifts) exchanged ('000)	361.2	405.8	767.0	374.0	388.4	762.4	419.4	436.1	855.4	402.8	408.6	811.5	434.4	432.4	866.8
<b>Whole of port</b>															
Total cargo throughput (million tonnes)	6.5	6.9	13.4	6.6	7.0	13.6	6.7	7.7	14.4	6.8	7.6	14.4	7.1	6.0	13.1
Non-containerised general cargo throughput (million tonnes)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total TEUs exchanged ('000)	609.2	635.4	1 244.6	575.7	610.8	1 186.5	648.0	695.6	1 343.6	637.8	632.0	1 269.8	683.0	695.1	1 378.2
Full import ('000)	312.3	315.9	628.2	283.9	305.4	589.3	325.0	347.2	672.1	317.9	318.7	636.6	338.7	347.3	686.0
Empty import ('000)	2.3	3.6	5.8	3.3	4.1	7.4	2.5	2.6	5.2	3.7	3.3	7.0	3.8	3.7	7.6
Full export ('000)	127.4	125.9	253.2	122.6	131.4	254.0	137.8	119.3	257.2	111.7	131.4	243.0	134.4	125.3	259.7
Empty export ('000)	167.3	190.0	357.3	165.8	169.9	335.7	182.6	226.5	409.1	204.4	178.7	383.2	206.1	218.8	424.8

Note: Blank cells mean no data were reported in that period.

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Sources: DP World (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and NSW Ports (2019)

Table I.3 Container terminal throughput: Melbourne

	2016				2017						2018														
	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec
Wharfside																									
UCC ships handled, as reported by stevedores	276	277	553	278	287	565	291	299	590	276	262	538	269	271	540										
Total containers handled ('000)	397.4	408.4	805.8	385.1	399.3	784.4	428.4	441.0	869.5	420.1	423.8	843.9	453.9	458.7	912.6										
Total TEUs handled ('000)	603.8	623.2	1 227.1	581.6	609.2	1 190.8	654.5	673.2	1 327.7	646.2	655.0	1 301.1	701.1	710.0	1 411.1										
40-foot containers as proportion of all containers handled (%)	51.9	52.6	52.3	51.1	52.6	51.8	52.8	52.6	52.7	53.8	54.5	54.2	54.5	54.8	54.6										
Landside																									
Number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations ('000)	152.3	153.1	305.4	149.5	153.8	303.3	158.1	156.4	314.4	159.5	158.9	318.4	166.7	176.0	342.7										
Total containers transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	299.4	304.5	603.9	305.6	314.3	619.8	323.0	322.8	645.7	328.6	319.1	647.7	330.6	356.1	686.7										
Containers by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	265.4	270.0	535.3	264.0	273.1	537.1	281.8	283.5	565.3	284.0	280.5	564.5	293.6	312.8	606.4										
Containers by rail ('000)	34.1	34.5	68.6	41.6	41.2	82.7	41.2	39.3	80.5	44.6	38.7	83.3	37.0	43.3	80.3										
Total TEUs transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	449.5	457.9	907.4	454.2	470.1	924.4	486.8	486.7	973.5	497.8	486.1	983.9	508.2	550.3	1 058.5										
TEUs by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	397.8	405.2	802.9	391.4	407.4	798.8	423.9	426.7	850.6	429.2	426.3	855.5	451.1	483.2	934.3										
TEUs by rail ('000)	51.8	52.7	104.4	62.8	62.8	125.6	62.9	60.0	122.9	68.6	59.8	128.4	57.1	67.1	124.2										
Whole of container terminal																									
Total number of container ship visits	272	269	541	268	274	542	267	277	544	267	257	524	262	270	532										
Total number of containers (lifts) exchanged ('000)	393.3	398.2	791.4	381.1	388.3	769.4	420.4	432.3	852.7	411.3	417.7	829.0	446.3	454.9	901.2										
Whole of port																									
Total cargo throughput (million tonnes)	8.6	8.8	17.4	9.1	9.3	18.4	9.5	9.7	19.2	9.3	9.6	19.0	9.7	9.5	19.1										
Non-containerised general cargo throughput (million tonnes)	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	1.0										
Total TEUs exchanged ('000)	673.4	694.7	1 368.2	648.3	680.6	1 328.9	723.7	753.9	1 477.6	721.1	730.6	1 451.7	776.4	790.6	1 566.9										
Full import ('000)	319.0	323.2	642.2	295.8	308.5	604.3	338.0	347.9	685.9	328.2	338.4	666.5	358.3	367.9	726.2										
Empty import ('000)	23.7	24.8	48.5	29.7	30.9	60.7	27.8	30.7	58.5	33.7	32.0	65.6	30.5	27.3	57.9										
Full export ('000)	216.5	215.6	432.1	225.5	240.3	465.8	240.1	243.5	483.6	243.5	239.1	482.6	239.4	230.3	469.7										
Empty export ('000)	114.3	131.2	245.4	97.3	100.8	198.1	117.8	131.9	249.7	115.8	121.2	236.9	148.2	165.0	313.2										

Note: Blank cells mean no data were reported in that period.

The counts of containers by rail include those handled by Qube Logistics.

Sources: DP World (2019), Patrick (2019), Victoria International Container Terminal (2019) and Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2019)

Table 1.4 Container terminal throughput: Adelaide

	2016			2017						2018					
	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec
<b>Wharfside</b>															
UCC ships handled, as reported by stevedores	103	110	213	106	108	214	108	107	215	107	112	219	113	109	222
Total containers handled ('000)	64.2	70.9	135.1	75.1	77.2	152.3	73.3	73.5	146.8	72.9	71.7	144.6	73.9	72.4	146.3
Total TEUs handled ('000)	92.7	98.1	190.8	103.5	107.5	210.9	106.6	104.0	210.6	100.3	102.6	202.9	106.3	102.0	208.3
40-foot containers as proportion of all containers handled (%)	44.4	38.3	41.2	37.7	39.2	38.5	45.4	41.5	43.4	37.5	43.1	40.3	43.8	41.0	42.4
<b>Landside</b>															
Number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations ('000)	31.3	32.4	63.7	34.6	35.4	70.0	33.3	33.0	66.3	33.9	30.3	64.2	31.1	30.8	61.9
Total containers transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	64.3	68.7	133.0	71.5	71.7	143.1	74.9	69.7	144.6	70.4	65.2	135.6	67.6	68.8	136.4
Containers by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	52.2	54.3	106.5	59.2	61.4	120.6	57.5	59.1	116.6	60.0	53.9	113.9	56.3	57.1	113.5
Containers by rail ('000)	12.1	14.3	26.4	12.2	10.3	22.5	17.4	10.6	28.0	10.5	11.3	21.7	11.3	11.6	22.9
Total TEUs transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	92.7	94.5	187.2	97.9	100.2	198.1	104.9	99.3	204.2	97.9	94.3	192.2	98.7	98.9	197.6
TEUs by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	75.5	75.5	151.0	82.1	86.5	168.6	83.4	84.5	167.9	82.9	76.9	159.8	81.0	81.5	162.4
TEUs by rail ('000)	17.2	19.1	36.3	15.8	13.7	29.5	21.5	14.8	36.3	15.0	17.4	32.4	17.8	17.4	35.2
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
Total number of container ship visits	105	111	216	104	107	211	112	107	219	106	106	212	114	110	224
Total number of containers (lifts) exchanged ('000)	63.3	68.7	132.0	73.0	75.4	148.4	73.2	72.5	145.7	72.0	71.1	143.1	72.5	71.1	143.5
<b>Whole of port</b>															
Total cargo throughput (million tonnes)	3.4	3.7	7.1	4.2	4.4	8.6	4.2	3.9	8.2	3.9	4.2	8.1	3.8	3.7	7.6
Non-containerised general cargo throughput (million tonnes)	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total TEUs exchanged ('000)	90.7	97.7	188.4	101.8	105.1	206.9	105.1	102.3	207.3	99.2	100.5	199.7	103.1	100.3	203.3
Full import ('000)	34.5	35.9	70.4	40.3	35.2	75.5	37.7	39.3	77.0	36.8	36.6	73.4	40.4	40.9	81.2
Empty import ('000)	11.2	11.9	23.1	11.2	14.9	26.1	15.7	11.6	27.3	14.3	12.7	27.0	13.1	10.4	23.5
Full export ('000)	37.4	43.9	81.3	37.9	45.0	82.9	43.0	44.6	87.7	41.6	45.1	86.8	43.1	42.6	85.8
Empty export ('000)	7.4	5.8	13.2	12.4	9.9	22.3	8.4	6.6	15.0	6.3	5.4	11.7	5.9	6.1	12.0

Note: Blank cells mean no data were reported in that period.

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Sources: Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019) and Flinders Ports (2019)

**Table 1.5** Container terminal throughput: Fremantle

	2016				2017					2018					
	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec
<b>Wharfside</b>															
UCC ships handled, as reported by stevedores	127	128	255		125	127	252	132	127	259	122	131	253	129	133
Total containers handled ('000)	118.1	126.3	244.4		116.1	116.9	233.0	125.5	135.3	260.8	126.1	129.6	255.7	134.0	141.0
Total TEUs handled ('000)	177.3	189.4	366.7		173.4	172.4	345.8	188.8	202.7	391.5	188.4	192.5	380.9	200.6	210.9
40-foot containers as proportion of all containers handled (%)	50.2	49.9	50.0		49.3	47.5	48.4	50.5	49.8	50.1	49.4	48.5	48.9	49.7	49.6
<b>Landside</b>															
Number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations ('000)	38.8	38.7	77.5		36.0	35.8	71.8	35.4	36.4	71.8	34.8	36.0	70.8	37.5	39.7
Total containers transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	81.7	83.3	165.1		78.3	82.6	160.9	78.0	86.9	164.9	82.4	86.3	168.7	90.2	96.8
Containers by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	62.4	64.2	126.6		59.5	60.9	120.4	58.5	62.9	121.4	59.2	60.8	120.0	62.7	67.3
Containers by rail ('000)	19.3	19.1	38.4		18.9	21.6	40.5	19.5	24.0	43.5	23.3	25.5	48.8	27.5	29.5
Total TEUs transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	115.1	116.9	232.0		110.6	115.7	226.3	110.4	122.2	232.6	116.0	121.5	237.5	126.0	134.9
TEUs by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	88.3	91.0	179.2		84.4	86.3	170.6	83.8	90.2	174.0	84.9	87.4	172.3	89.6	96.2
TEUs by rail ('000)	26.8	26.0	52.8		26.2	29.4	55.7	26.5	32.0	58.5	31.1	34.1	65.2	36.4	38.7
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
Total number of container ship visits	125	125	250		124	128	252	132	126	258	124	130	254	132	133
Total number of containers (lifts) exchanged ('000)	115.5	120.7	236.2		113.9	118.0	231.8	122.7	131.9	254.6	125.3	128.2	253.6	134.6	138.0
<b>Whole of port</b>															
Total cargo throughput (million tonnes)	8.4	8.8	17.2		8.7	9.4	18.1	8.2	8.7	17.0	9.3	8.5	17.8	8.3	8.5
Non-containerised general cargo throughput (million tonnes)	0.2	0.2	0.4		0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2
Total TEUs exchanged ('000)	175.9	190.1	366.1		175.0	174.9	349.9	188.7	201.5	390.2	188.0	190.1	378.1	199.1	209.8
Full import ('000)	88.1	87.4	175.5		83.1	84.5	167.6	93.4	95.8	189.2	88.8	89.3	178.1	96.0	95.2
Empty import ('000)	5.3	7.0	12.3		7.0	6.3	13.2	4.2	8.1	12.3	5.5	7.6	13.2	7.3	10.8
Full export ('000)	49.7	55.3	105.0		52.3	57.5	109.8	56.7	61.2	117.9	57.9	60.4	118.2	59.9	68.3
Empty export ('000)	32.8	40.3	73.2		32.6	26.6	59.3	34.4	36.4	70.8	35.8	32.8	68.6	35.9	35.4

Note: Blank cells mean no data were reported in that period.

Sources: DP World (2019), Patrick (2019) and Fremantle Ports (2019)

Table 1.6 Container terminal throughput: Five ports

	2016			2017						2018					
	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec
Wharfside															
UCC ships handled, as reported by stevedores	1 038	1 049	2 087			1 023	1 066	2 089		1 069	1 076	2 145	1 024	1 029	2 053
Total containers handled ('000)	1 176.9	1 238.8	2 415.7			1 145.2	1 186.9	2 332.2		1 275.0	1 325.6	2 600.6	1 236.9	1 253.9	2 490.8
Total TEUs handled ('000)	1 788.3	1 875.6	3 663.9			1 727.7	1 799.9	3 527.6		1 952.2	2 032.0	3 984.2	1 895.7	1 927.6	3 823.3
40-foot containers as proportion of all containers handled (%)	51.9	51.4	51.7			50.9	51.6	51.3		53.1	53.3	53.2	53.3	53.7	53.5
Landside															
Number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations ('000)	467.0	478.6	945.6			460.3	471.5	931.8		491.0	490.1	981.0	472.6	482.4	955.0
Total containers transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	882.6	913.7	1 796.2			884.9	910.7	1 795.6		943.4	943.2	1 886.6	904.5	922.8	1 827.3
Containers by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	746.1	768.2	1 514.3			740.5	764.1	1 504.6		790.4	797.4	1 587.9	764.7	780.7	1 545.4
Containers by rail ('000)	136.5	145.4	281.9			144.4	146.6	291.0		153.0	145.7	298.7	139.8	142.1	281.9
Total TEUs transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	1 290.5	1 324.5	2 615.0			1 278.2	1 332.6	2 610.8		1 398.4	1 403.0	2 801.3	1 342.5	1 383.1	2 725.6
TEUs by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	1 091.6	1 115.9	2 207.5			1 073.3	1 120.0	2 193.3		1 176.7	1 187.3	2 364.0	1 137.2	1 172.8	2 310.1
TEUs by rail ('000)	199.0	208.5	407.5			204.9	212.6	417.5		221.6	215.7	437.3	205.3	210.2	415.5
Whole of container terminal															
Total number of container ship visits	1 001	1 005	2 006			995	1 028	2 023		1 018	1 017	2 035	997	1 006	2 003
Total number of containers (lifts) exchanged ('000)	1 129.2	1 199.5	2 328.6			1 134.7	1 161.2	2 295.9		1 252.4	1 292.6	2 545.1	1 215.0	1 235.9	2 450.9
Whole of port															
Total cargo throughput (million tonnes)	35.1	36.4	71.5			37.0	38.4	75.4		37.2	38.3	75.6	37.2	38.6	75.7
Non-containerised general cargo throughput (million tonnes)	0.9	0.9	1.8			0.8	0.9	1.8		1.0	1.0	2.0	1.4	1.1	2.5
Total TEUs exchanged ('000)	1 855.5	1 943.6	3 799.1			1 795.5	1 869.5	3 665.0		2 009.7	2 100.9	4 110.6	1 967.2	1 989.4	3 956.6
Full import ('000)	892.6	909.3	1 801.9			834.5	867.9	1 702.5		949.0	994.2	1 943.3	920.7	934.8	1 855.5
Empty import ('000)	62.4	67.1	129.5			66.2	73.5	139.7		72.4	64.9	137.2	69.6	74.3	143.9
Full export ('000)	523.5	527.5	1 051.0			518.3	572.5	1 090.8		586.8	549.4	1 136.1	524.7	578.3	1 103.0
Empty export ('000)	376.9	439.4	816.3			376.4	355.4	731.8		401.4	492.3	893.7	452.0	401.4	853.4

Note: Blank cells mean no data were reported in that period.

Sources: DP World (2019), Patrick (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Victoria International Container Terminal (2019), Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2019), NSW Ports (2019), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2019), Flinders Ports (2019) and Fremantle Ports (2019)

**Table 1.7** Container ship visits by port: July–December 2018

	Brisbane	Sydney	Melbourne	Adelaide	Fremantle	Five ports
<i>Gross Tonnage</i>						
5 000–20 000 GT	41	60	32	0	26	159
20 001–35 000 GT	34	60	53	12	6	165
35 001–40 000 GT	57	43	46	21	28	195
40 001–50 000 GT	144	124	138	51	33	490
50 001 GT and above	228	273	258	137	167	1 063
All ship sizes	504	560	527	221	260	2 072

Sources: Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2019), NSW Ports (2019), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2019), Flinders Ports (2019) and Fremantle Ports (2019)

**Table 1.8** Container ship visits by port: January–June 2018

	Brisbane	Sydney	Melbourne	Adelaide	Fremantle	Five ports
<i>Gross Tonnage</i>						
5 000–20 000 GT	40	66	68	1	26	201
20 001–35 000 GT	33	79	52	15	4	183
35 001–40 000 GT	43	39	37	17	17	153
40 001–50 000 GT	133	108	104	29	4	378
50 001 GT and above	209	254	255	149	201	1 068
All ship sizes	458	546	516	211	252	1 983

Sources: Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2019), NSW Ports (2019), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2019), Flinders Ports (2019) and Fremantle Ports (2019)



## CHAPTER 2

# Measures of container terminal productivity

### Overview

Chapter 2 of *Waterline* presents container terminal productivity measures. The indicators are in three groups—wharfside, landside and whole of container terminal.

Seven quarterly wharf-side productivity indicators are covered:

- 2.1 Crane rate—containers per hour
- 2.2 Elapsed labour rate—containers per hour
- 2.3 Ship rate—containers per hour
- 2.4 Crane rate—TEUs per hour
- 2.5 Elapsed labour rate—TEUs per hour
- 2.6 Ship rate—TEUs per hour
- 2.7 Throughput pbm (containers per berth metre)

The following five quarterly landside productivity indicators are reported for trucks involved in VBS/TAS operations. Bulk run trucks are not included in calculating these indicators:

- 2.1 Containers per truck
- 2.2 TEUs per truck
- 2.3 Per cent of trucks backloaded
- 2.4 Average truck turnaround time
- 2.5 Average container turnaround time

Twelve indicators are reported for whole of container terminal productivity.

- 2.1 Median of ship turnaround time
- 2.2 95th percentile of ship turnaround time
- 2.3 Number of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours
- 2.4 Per cent of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours
- 2.5 Average waiting time at anchorage

- 2.6 Median waiting time at anchorage
- 2.7 Total time ships spent at berth
- 2.8 Average TEUs per ship-hour at berth
- 2.9 Average lifts per ship-hour at berth
- 2.10 Total time ships available to stevedores
- 2.11 Average lifts per hour of stevedoring operation
- 2.12 Average lifts per berth visit

The indicators are presented for Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Fremantle, as well as aggregates of the five ports, where applicable.

## *Wharfside productivity measures*

Measures of productivity on the wharf-side of a container terminal relate only to containers moved by stevedoring companies from/to UCC ships at that container terminal.

### **Indicator 2.1 Crane rate—containers per hour**

This is computed as the total number of containers handled divided by the total crane time (see details in Box 2.1).

### **Indicator 2.2 Elapsed labour rate—containers per hour**

This indicator is computed as the number of containers handled divided by the total elapsed labour time (see details in Box 2.2). Sometimes this measure is reported as the “ship working rate”.

### **Indicator 2.3 Ship rate—containers per hour**

This is the average number of containers moved on or off a ship in an hour.

### **Indicator 2.4 Crane rate—TEUs per hour**

This is similar to Indicator 2.1 after converting containers to TEUs.

### **Indicator 2.5 Elapsed labour rate—TEUs per hour**

This is similar to Indicator 2.2 after converting containers to TEUs.

### **Indicator 2.6 Ship rate—TEUs per hour**

This is similar to Indicator 2.3 after converting containers to TEUs.

### **Indicator 2.7 Throughput pbm (containers per berth metre)**

This is the number of containers through a container terminal divided by the length (in metres) of berths. At a container terminal it measures the intensity of use of the terminal container handling facility. The six month figure is a weighted average of the corresponding quarterly throughput.

## *Landside productivity measures*

These indicators relate to the performance in processing containers through the formal vehicle booking systems (VBS and TAS). They do not include the performance of bulk run trucks.

**Box 2.1** Crane time

This is the crane time allocated by the stevedore to work on a container ship, assuming the container ship is ready for loading or unloading. It is the sum of hours that each quay crane is allocated to a ship, less operational and non-operational delays:

- No labour allocated
- Closed-port holiday
- Port-wide industrial stoppage
- Total crane time spent handling break-bulk cargo and containers that require manual intervention, e.g. use of wires, chains, non-rigid spreaders or other handling gear
- Award or enterprise agreement breaks as applicable
- Adverse weather
- Delays caused by the ship or its agent
- All breakdowns, including spreader changes
- Other equipment breakdowns which stop crane operations
- Booming up for passing ships
- Handling hatch covers
- Cage work and lashing/unlashing where crane operations are affected
- Crane long-travelling between hatches and crossing accommodation
- Labour withdrawn without operator's agreement including enterprise agreement related industrial stoppages
- Over-dimensional containers requiring additional (rigid) spreader
- Spreader changes
- Waiting for export cargo
- Defective ship's gear (e.g. jammed twist-locks, broken cell guides, ballast pumps unable to maintain list/trim).

**Indicator 2.8** Containers per truck

Count of containers processed through the VBS/TAS systems divided by the total number of VBS/TAS trucks used.

**Indicator 2.9** TEUs per truck

Count of TEUs through the VBS/TAS systems divided by the total number of VBS/TAS trucks used. In contrast to Indicator 2.8, this indicator measures the truck efficiency in a standard unit, a TEU, and thus takes into account the different sizes of containers.

**Indicator 2.10** Proportion of trucks backloaded

This indicator shows the number of backloaded trucks as a proportion of the total VBS/TAS trucks. It was published for the first time in Waterline 57.

**Box 2.2** Elapsed labour time

This is the time elapsed between labour first boarding a container ship and labour last leaving the ship, less any time when the labour has not worked for whatever reasons including non-operational delays such as:

- No labour allocated to ship
- Closed-port holiday
- Industrial stoppages
- Break bulk and containers that require manual interventions, e.g. use of wires, chains, non-rigid spreaders or other handling gear.

In contrast to 'crane time' (Box 2.1), elapsed labour time is not equivalent to the total labour-hours worked.

'Backloaded operations' refers to trucks which haul containers on both the inbound and out-bound legs of a single trip. Such operations make more effective use of trucks and landside infrastructure.

**Indicator 2.11** Average truck turnaround time

The indicator measures the time elapsed from when the truck enters the gate of a container terminal to the time when the last container is loaded. It does not include the time the truck waits outside the gate of a container terminal.

This is a measure of stevedoring efficiency and shows how quickly a stevedoring company processes trucks at a container terminal.

**Indicator 2.12** Average container turnaround time

This indicator is calculated as the 'average truck turnaround time' (Indicator 2.11) divided by 'average containers per truck' (Indicator 2.8). It is a measure of the stevedoring efficiency in handling containers at a container terminal.

Container turnaround time improves (that is, it goes down) if either the truck utilisation rates improve, implying that the number of containers per truck increases, or the container terminal is faster in processing each truck.

**Whole of container terminal measures****Indicator 2.13** Median of ship turnaround time

This is the median of the time (in hours) a container ship is in a port. It is the time that elapses from the time a ship enters a port to the time a ship leaves the port.

**Indicator 2.14** 95th percentile of ship turnaround time

The 95th percentile indicates that for 95 per cent of the ships, the turnaround time is below the value of the indicator. Conversely, for 5 per cent of the ships, the turnaround time is above the value of the indicator.

**Indicator 2.15 Number of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours**

This indicator provides the number of container ships, as reported by port authorities, that waited for longer than 2 hours for port entry clearance at the time of the ship's first entry. Delay before entering a port usually results from the geography-specific situation of a port and may also be caused by operational reasons, either at the terminal, the ship, or both.

**Indicator 2.16 Proportion of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours**

This is the number of container ships in Indicator 2.15 as a proportion of the total number of container ships that visited the container terminal in the period.

**Indicator 2.17 Average waiting time at anchorage**

This is the average time (hours) ships have waited in anchorage. Only ships that waited for port entry clearance for two hours or more are included in the calculation.

**Indicator 2.18 Median waiting time at anchorage**

This is the median of time (hours) ships have waited in anchorage. Only ships that waited for port entry clearance for two hours or more are included in the calculation.

**Indicator 2.19 Total time ships spent at berth**

This is the total hours spent in berth by all dedicated container ships (UCC) that exchanged containers at that port. The time a ship spends in berth is the elapsed time between the time a ship arrives at berth and the time of its departure from berth. Port authorities report the berth time as a 'gross value' including all times spent by a ship at berth such as time for loading/unloading containers, for maintenance and supply operations, or waiting for labour or suitable weather.

**Indicator 2.20 Average TEUs per ship-hour at berth**

This is the total TEUs lifted on/off dedicated container ships (UCC) divided by the total time ship spent in berth (Indicator 2.19). The indicator is strongly influenced by changes in average number of TEUs exchanged per visiting ships and by the mix of ship sizes during the period. The average number of TEUs exchanged also varies seasonally and cyclically.

**Indicator 2.21 Average lifts per ship-hour at berth**

This indicator is similar to Indicator 2.20 whereas the total crane lifts (containers handled) is used in calculating the indicator rather than the number of TEUs.

**Indicator 2.22 Total time ships are available to stevedores**

This is the total time (in hours) when ships can be loaded or unloaded.

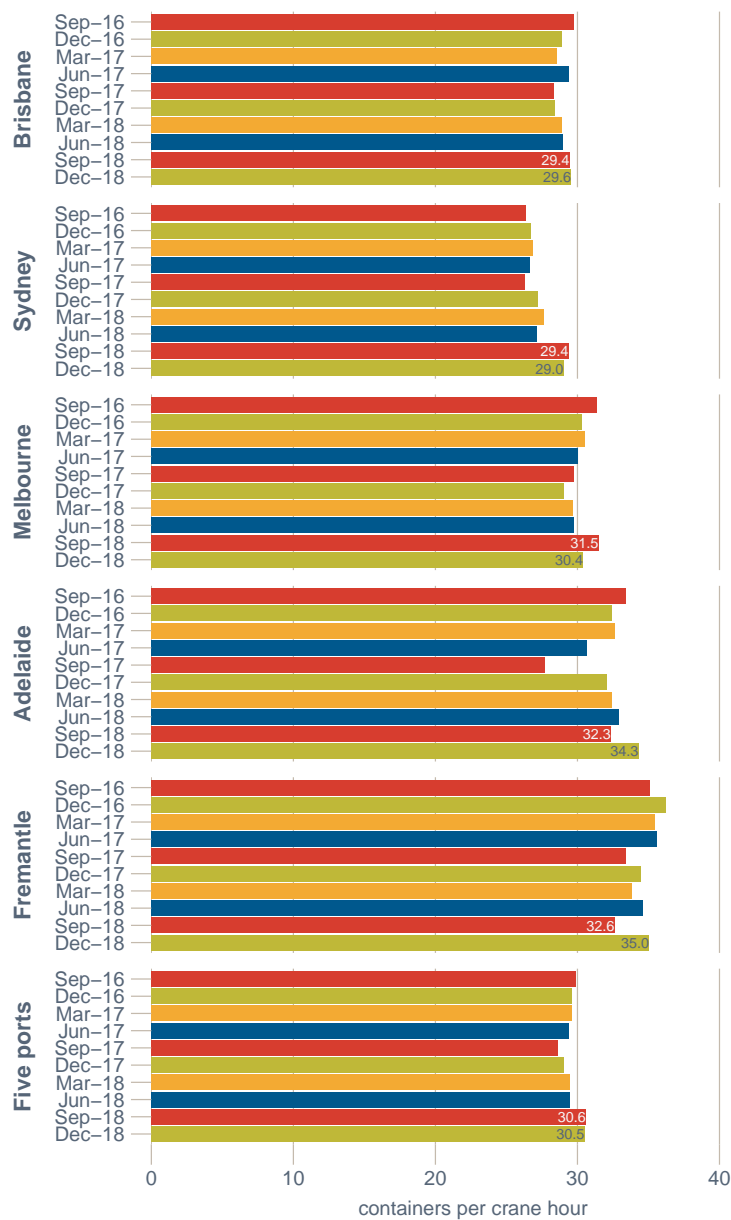
**Indicator 2.23 Average lifts per hour of stevedoring operation**

This is the total number of crane lifts (containers handled) divided by the total (gross) time available to stevedores for loading and unloading containers.

**Indicator 2.24 Average lifts per berth visit**

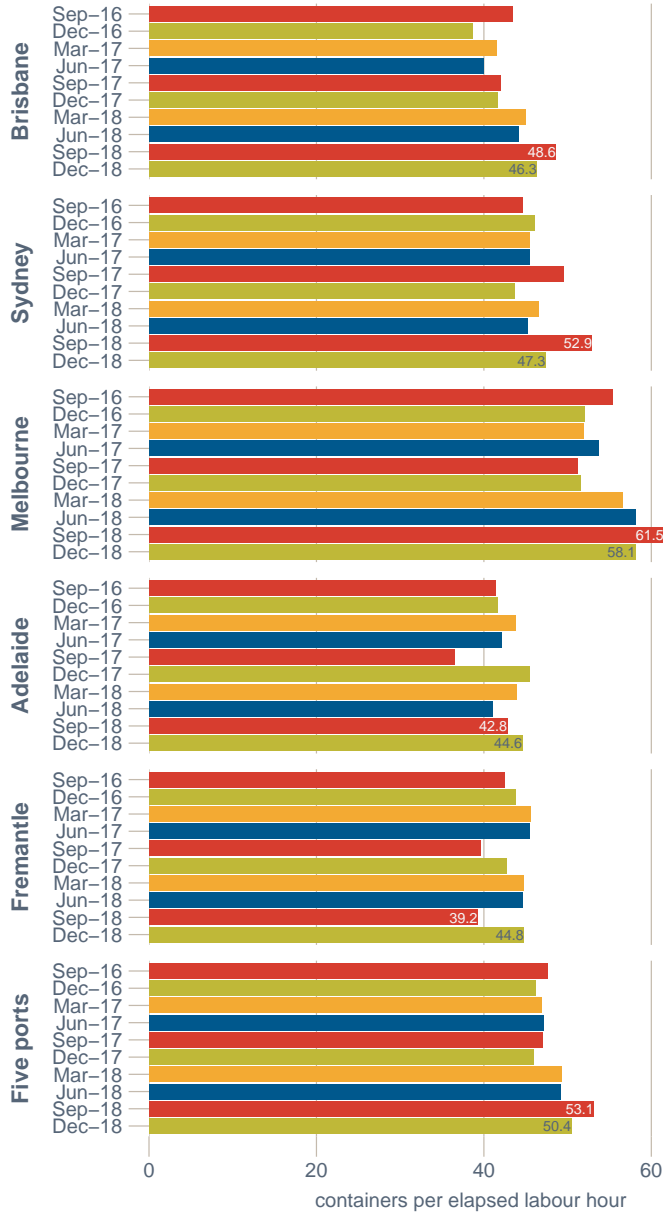
This is the number of crane lifts (containers handled) divided by the number of berth visits of dedicated container ships (UCC).

Figure 2.1 Wharf-side crane rate



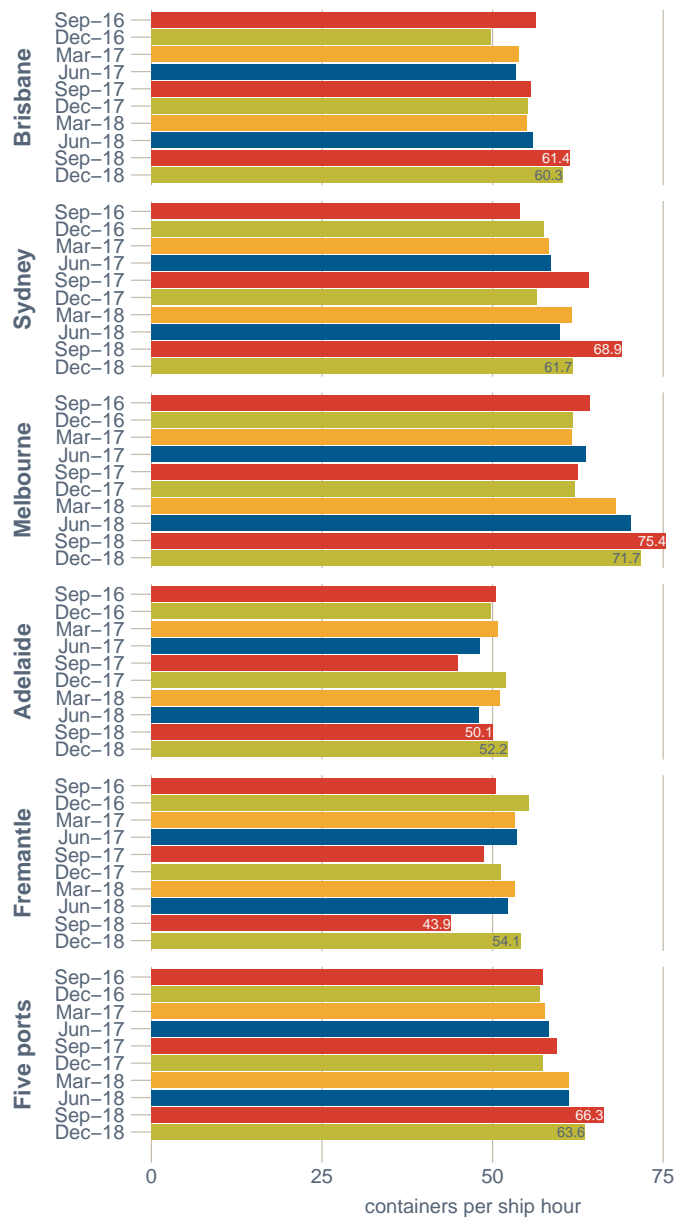
Sources: DP World (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)

Figure 2.2 Wharf-side elapsed labour rate



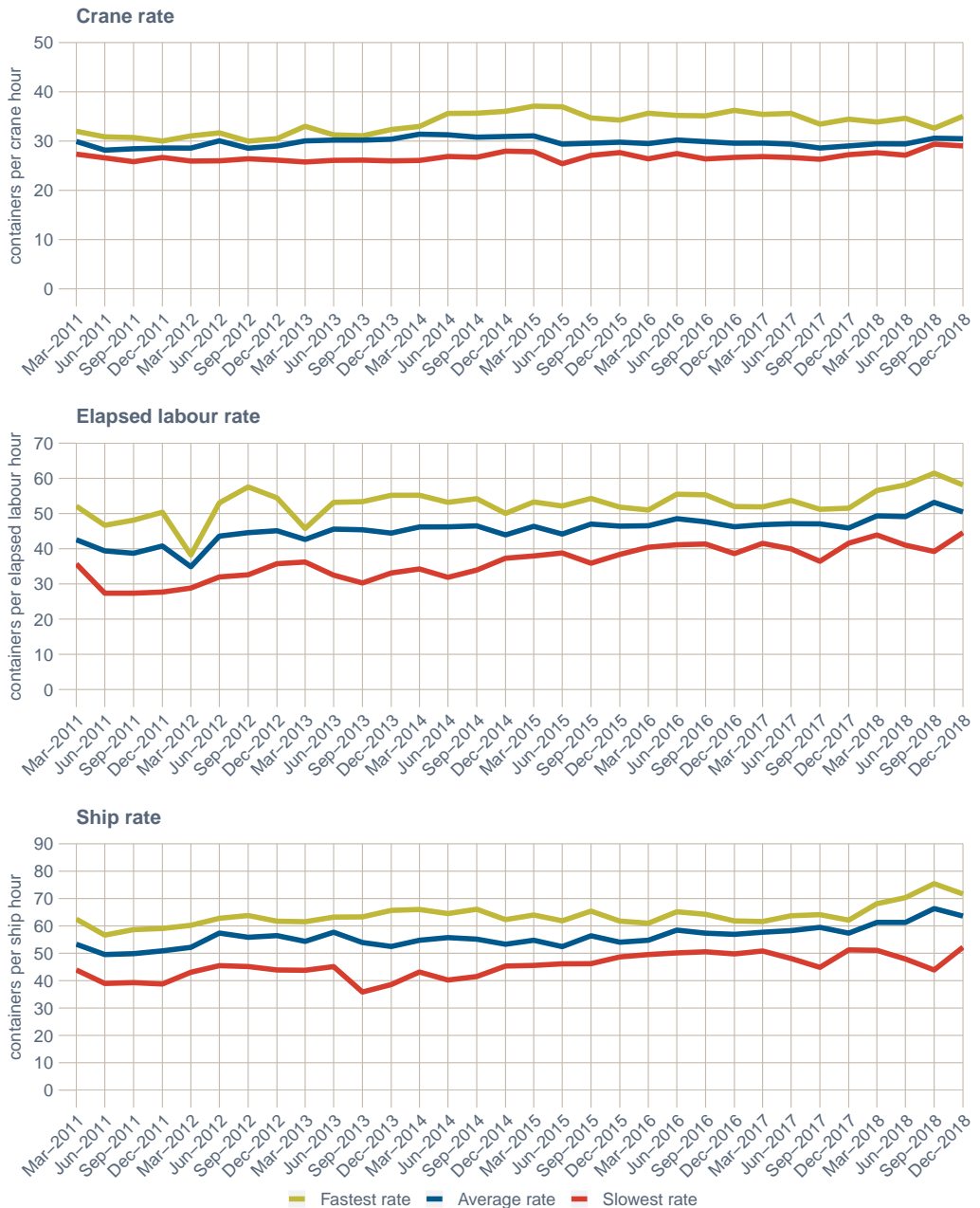
Sources: DP World (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)

Figure 2.3 Wharf-side ship rate



Sources: DP World (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)

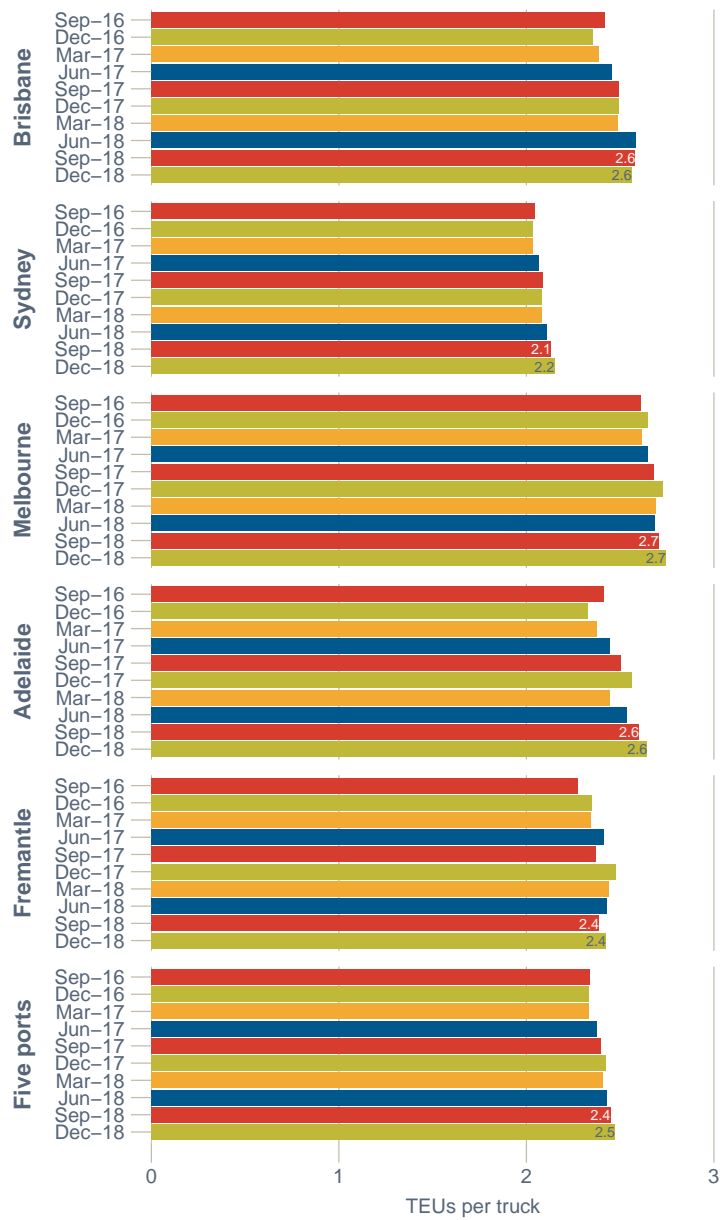


**Figure 2.4** Productivity in five ports: Comparison of wharfside rates

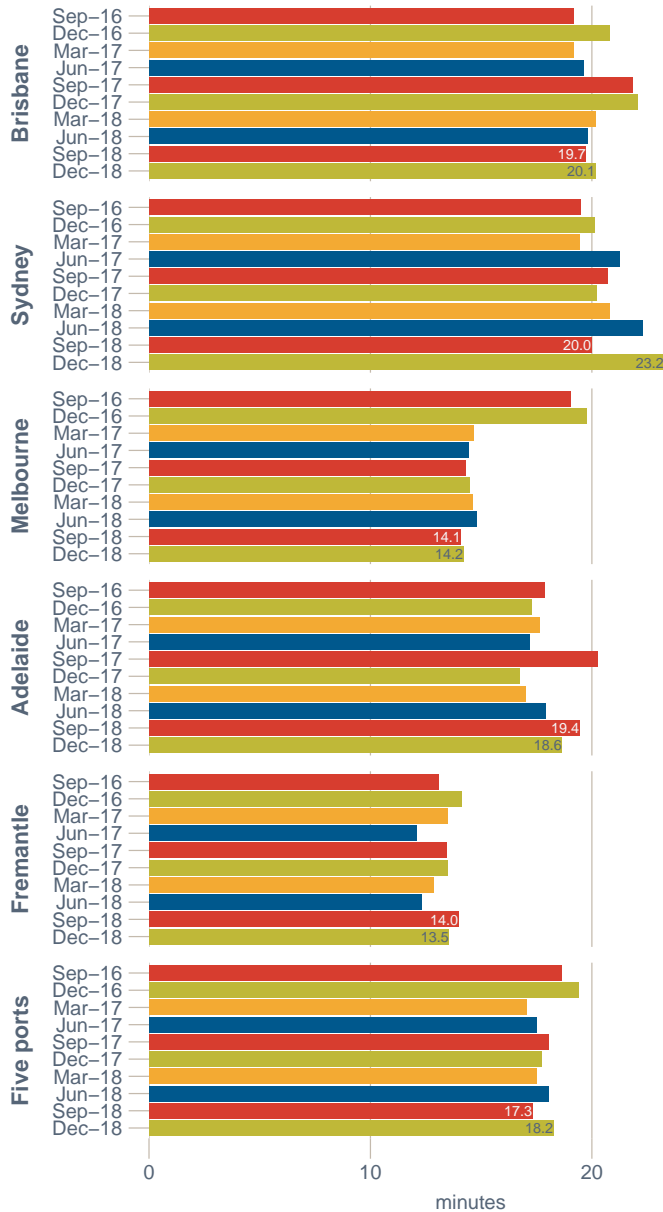
Note: The wharf-side crane rate, labour rate and ship rate are compared among all five ports and the fastest, average and slowest rates are illustrated. The fastest and slowest rate may correspond to different ports in different periods. The average rate is weighted by the TEU throughput at each port. Crane rate, labour rate and ship rate are measured in containers per crane hour, elapsed labour hour and berth hour respectively.

Sources: DP World (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)

Figure 2.5 Average TEUs per truck on landside of container terminals



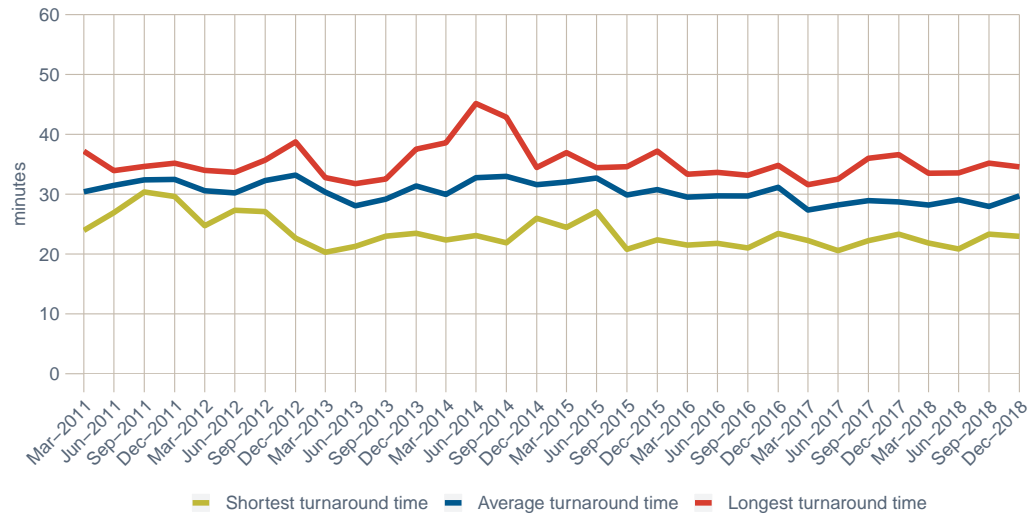
Note: This indicator is based on only the trucks that are processed through the VBS/TAS system.  
Sources: DP World (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)

**Figure 2.6** Average container turnaround time on landside of container terminals

Note: This indicator is based on only the trucks that are processed through the VBS/TAS system.

Sources: DP World (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)

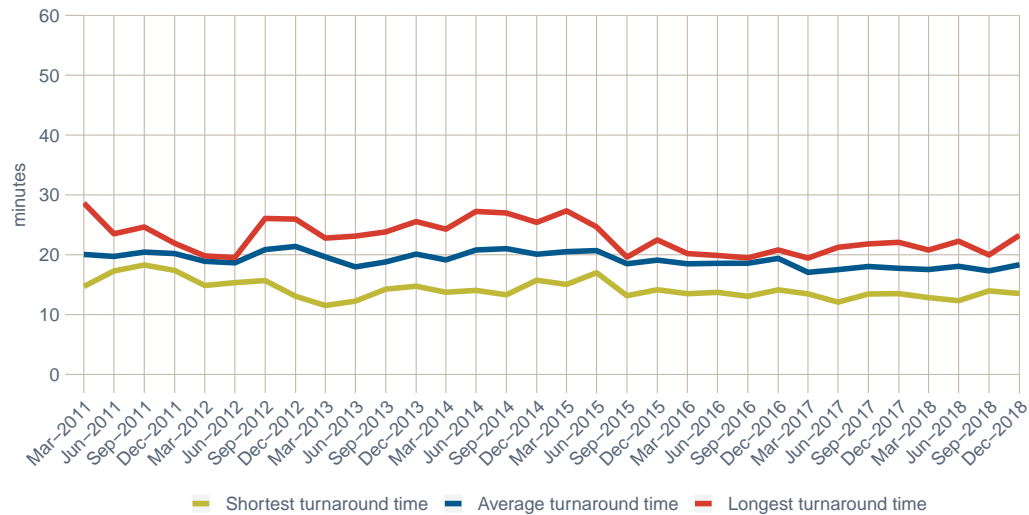
Figure 2.7 Longest and shortest truck turnaround time in five ports



Note: The truck turnaround time is compared among all five ports in each quarter. The longest and shortest truck turnaround time may correspond to different ports in different periods. The average rate is weighted by the TEU throughput at each port.

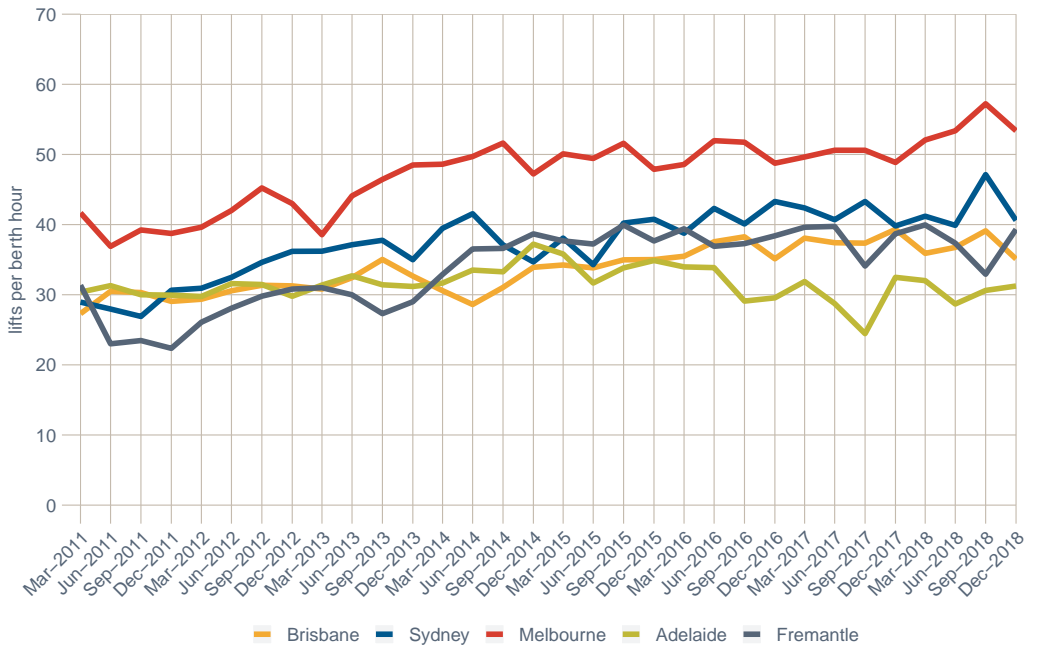
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Figure 2.8 Longest and shortest container turnaround time in five ports



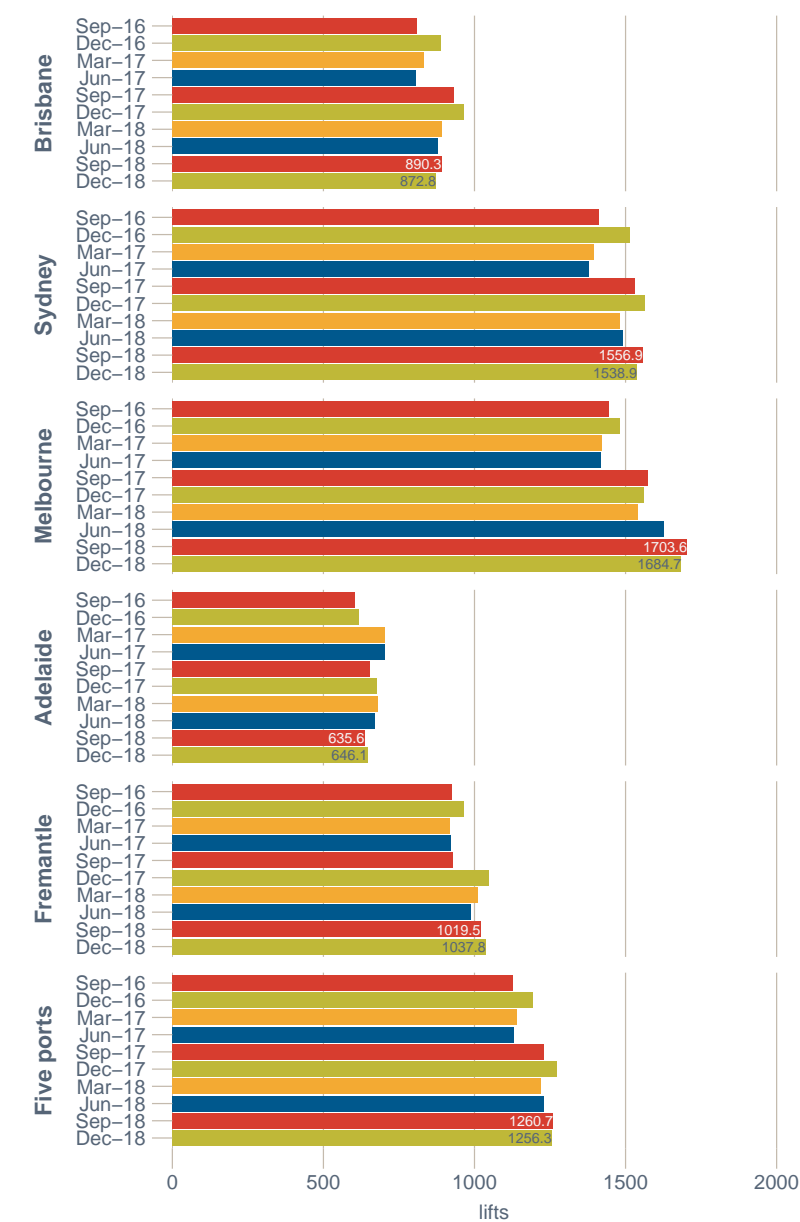
Note: The container turnaround time is compared among all five ports in each quarter. The longest and shortest container turnaround time may correspond to different ports in different periods. The average rate is weighted by the TEU throughput at each port.

Sources: DP World (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)

**Figure 2.9** Average number of lifts per hour a ship spent at berth

Sources: BITRE estimates based on data from Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2019), NSW Ports (2019), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2019), Flinders Ports (2019) and Fremantle Ports (2019)

Figure 2.10 Average number of lifts per berth visit



Sources: BITRE estimates based on data from Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2019), NSW Ports (2019), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2019), Flinders Ports (2019) and Fremantle Ports (2019)

Table 2.1 Container terminal productivity: Brisbane

	2016				2017				2018																
	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec
Wharfside																									
Containers per hour																									
Crane rate		29.8	28.9	29.3		28.5	29.4	29.0	28.3	28.4	28.4	28.9	29.0	28.9	29.4	29.6	29.5								
Elapsed labour rate		43.4	38.6	40.9		41.5	40.0	40.7	42.0	41.6	41.8	44.9	44.2	44.6	48.6	46.3	47.5								
Ship rate		56.4	49.8	52.9		53.8	53.4	53.6	55.5	55.2	55.4	55.0	55.8	55.4	61.4	60.3	60.9								
TEUs per hour																									
Crane rate		44.9	42.8	43.8		42.5	44.3	43.4	43.7	43.7	43.7	44.3	45.0	44.6	45.9	46.2	46.1								
Elapsed labour rate		65.5	57.2	61.2		62.0	60.3	61.2	64.8	64.2	64.5	68.9	68.5	68.7	75.8	72.6	74.2								
Ship rate		84.8	73.7	79.0		80.5	80.6	80.5	85.8	85.2	85.5	84.3	86.6	85.5	96.0	94.7	95.4								
Containers per berth metre		80.8	88.4	84.6		77.8	79.0	78.4	89.5	90.9	90.2	83.4	86.9	85.2	93.2	90.3	91.7								
Landside																									
Containers per truck		1.6	1.6	1.6		1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7								
TEUs per truck		2.4	2.4	2.4		2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6								
Per cent of trucks backloaded (%)		12.1	11.2	11.6		12.3	13.4	12.9	12.9	12.3	12.6	11.9	12.7	12.3	12.2	11.3	11.8								
Average truck turnaround time (mins)		31.5	34.1	32.8		31.6	32.5	32.1	36.0	36.6	36.3	33.5	33.6	33.5	33.1	33.8	33.4								
Average container turnaround time (mins)		19.2	20.8	20.0		19.1	19.6	19.4	21.8	22.1	21.9	20.2	19.8	20.0	19.7	20.1	19.9								
Whole of container terminal																									
Ship turnaround time																									
Median of ship turnaround time (hours)		27.4	30.5	29.1		28.7	28.9	28.8	31.6	31.7	31.7	31.2	30.8	31.0	30.2	31.3	30.8								
95th percentile of ship turnaround time (hours)		44.6	73.6	54.6		42.7	41.1	42.5	52.8	53.1	53.0	57.7	48.5	54.4	50.6	54.0	52.7								
Port congestion																									
Number of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours		9	20	29		13	10	23	11	13	24	16	5	21	20	17	37								
Per cent of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours (%)		3.7	8.6	6.1		5.6	4.2	4.9	4.7	5.7	5.2	7.0	2.1	4.5	7.8	6.6	7.2								
Average waiting time at anchorage (hours)		16.7	21.5	20.0		10.6	13.7	11.9	16.6	22.1	19.6	13.5	16.6	14.2	22.2	20.6	21.5								
Median waiting time at anchorage (hours)		11.8	13.1	11.8		10.6	11.2	10.6	14.4	11.8	14.3	10.8	9.8	10.7	12.7	10.3	12.4								
Total time ships spent at berth ('000 hours)		5.1	5.9	11.0		5.1	5.1	10.2	5.8	5.6	11.4	5.7	5.7	11.4	5.9	6.4	12.3								
Average TEUs per ship-hour at berth (TEUs per hour)		57.4	52.1	54.6		56.7	56.4	56.5	57.4	60.6	59.0	55.0	56.9	56.0	60.9	54.9	57.8								
Average lifts per ship-hour at berth (lifts per hour)		38.3	35.1	36.6		38.1	37.4	37.7	37.4	39.3	38.3	35.9	36.7	36.3	39.1	35.1	37.0								
Total time ships are available to stevedores ('000 hours)		4.7	5.8	10.6		4.8	5.0	9.8	5.4	5.6	11.0	4.6	5.0	9.6	4.8	4.9	9.7								
Average lifts per hour of stevedoring operation (lifts per hour)		41.6	35.2	38.1		40.0	38.5	39.3	40.0	39.4	39.7	43.8	42.4	43.1	47.8	46.1	46.9								
Average lifts per berth visit (lifts)		807.9	887.0	846.7		833.0	807.2	819.9	930.4	964.8	947.4	893.0	879.7	886.2	890.3	872.8	881.6								

Note: Cells may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Sources: DP World (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019), Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2019) and Maritime Safety Queensland (2019)

**Table 2.2** Container terminal productivity: Sydney

	2016					2017					2018				
	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec
<b>Wharfside</b>															
Containers per hour															
Crane rate	26.4	26.7	<b>26.5</b>	26.8	26.7	<b>26.8</b>	26.3	27.2	<b>26.8</b>	27.6	27.1	<b>27.4</b>	29.4	29.0	<b>29.2</b>
Elapsed labour rate	44.7	46.1	<b>45.4</b>	45.4	45.4	<b>45.4</b>	49.5	43.6	<b>46.5</b>	46.5	45.2	<b>45.9</b>	52.9	47.3	<b>50.1</b>
Ship rate	54.0	57.5	<b>55.8</b>	58.3	58.5	<b>58.4</b>	64.1	56.5	<b>60.2</b>	61.6	59.8	<b>60.7</b>	68.9	61.7	<b>65.3</b>
TEUs per hour															
Crane rate	40.7	41.2	<b>40.9</b>	41.5	41.2	<b>41.3</b>	40.8	42.6	<b>41.7</b>	43.2	42.1	<b>42.7</b>	45.9	45.7	<b>45.8</b>
Elapsed labour rate	69.7	71.8	<b>70.8</b>	70.4	70.6	<b>70.5</b>	77.3	68.5	<b>72.7</b>	73.0	70.7	<b>71.8</b>	83.0	74.7	<b>78.9</b>
Ship rate	83.9	89.3	<b>86.7</b>	90.4	90.9	<b>90.7</b>	100.2	88.8	<b>94.3</b>	96.6	93.5	<b>95.1</b>	108.2	97.5	<b>102.8</b>
Containers per berth metre	108.8	113.5	<b>111.2</b>	103.1	109.0	<b>106.1</b>	116.8	123.5	<b>120.1</b>	112.7	113.3	<b>113.0</b>	121.7	121.9	<b>121.8</b>
<b>Landside</b>															
Containers per truck	1.4	1.4	<b>1.4</b>	1.4	1.4	<b>1.4</b>	1.4	1.4	<b>1.4</b>	1.4	1.4	<b>1.4</b>	1.4	1.4	<b>1.4</b>
TEUs per truck	2.0	2.0	<b>2.0</b>	2.0	2.1	<b>2.0</b>	2.1	2.1	<b>2.1</b>	2.1	2.1	<b>2.1</b>	2.1	2.2	<b>2.1</b>
Per cent of trucks backloaded (%)	9.0	8.6	<b>8.8</b>	8.2	9.3	<b>8.8</b>	8.9	8.0	<b>8.4</b>	7.9	9.0	<b>8.5</b>	8.6	8.4	<b>8.5</b>
Average truck turnaround time (mins)	27.8	28.6	<b>28.2</b>	27.5	30.2	<b>28.9</b>	29.1	28.2	<b>28.7</b>	29.0	31.2	<b>30.1</b>	28.4	33.2	<b>30.8</b>
Average container turnaround time (mins)	19.5	20.1	<b>19.8</b>	19.4	21.2	<b>20.4</b>	20.7	20.2	<b>20.4</b>	20.8	22.3	<b>21.5</b>	20.0	23.2	<b>21.6</b>
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
Ship turnaround time															
Median of ship turnaround time (hours)	31.9	34.1	<b>33.6</b>	31.8	33.0	<b>32.3</b>	32.9	37.0	<b>35.5</b>	33.7	31.8	<b>32.6</b>	31.9	34.8	<b>33.3</b>
95th percentile of ship turnaround time (hours)	56.7	52.4	<b>55.4</b>	55.1	55.5	<b>55.5</b>	58.0	66.0	<b>62.5</b>	65.2	77.1	<b>70.7</b>	55.8	68.8	<b>60.5</b>
Port congestion															
Number of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours	44	33	<b>77</b>	31	31	<b>62</b>	43	61	<b>104</b>	35	65	<b>100</b>	43	89	<b>132</b>
Per cent of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours (%)	17.2	12.3	<b>14.7</b>	11.6	11.0	<b>11.3</b>	15.7	21.9	<b>18.8</b>	12.9	23.7	<b>18.3</b>	15.4	31.7	<b>23.6</b>
Average waiting time at anchorage (hours)	93.0	13.2	<b>58.8</b>	12.1	9.3	<b>10.7</b>	14.7	17.6	<b>16.4</b>	30.0	26.2	<b>27.6</b>	9.3	27.1	<b>21.3</b>
Median waiting time at anchorage (hours)	6.7	5.7	<b>6.4</b>	5.7	6.2	<b>6.0</b>	8.0	9.1	<b>8.2</b>	6.8	18.6	<b>10.7</b>	4.5	18.0	<b>11.0</b>
Total time ships spent at berth ('000 hours)	9.0	9.4	<b>18.4</b>	8.8	9.5	<b>18.4</b>	9.7	11.0	<b>20.6</b>	9.8	10.2	<b>20.0</b>	9.2	10.7	<b>19.9</b>
Average TEUs per ship-hour at berth (TEUs per hour)	62.0	66.9	<b>64.5</b>	65.6	63.0	<b>64.2</b>	67.2	62.3	<b>64.6</b>	64.5	62.1	<b>63.3</b>	73.7	64.0	<b>68.5</b>
Average lifts per ship-hour at berth (lifts per hour)	40.1	43.3	<b>41.7</b>	42.4	40.7	<b>41.5</b>	43.3	39.8	<b>41.4</b>	41.2	39.9	<b>40.5</b>	47.1	40.6	<b>43.6</b>
Total time ships are available to stevedores ('000 hours)	9.3	9.3	<b>18.6</b>	8.4	9.3	<b>17.8</b>	8.9	10.5	<b>19.4</b>	9.0	9.2	<b>18.2</b>	8.7	9.7	<b>18.4</b>
Average lifts per hour of stevedoring operation (lifts per hour)	38.8	43.5	<b>41.2</b>	44.5	41.6	<b>42.9</b>	47.0	41.5	<b>44.0</b>	44.7	44.2	<b>44.5</b>	50.0	44.5	<b>47.1</b>
Average lifts per berth visit (lifts)	1 411.0	1 514.1	<b>1 463.8</b>	1 395.5	1 377.4	<b>1 386.2</b>	1 530.5	1 563.0	<b>1 546.8</b>	1 481.0	1 491.4	<b>1 486.2</b>	1 556.9	1 538.9	<b>1 547.8</b>

Note: Cells may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Sources: DP World (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019), NSW Ports (2019) and Port Authority of New South Wales (2019)



Table 2.3 Container terminal productivity: Melbourne

	2016				2017				2018							
	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	
<b>Wharfside</b>																
Containers per hour																
Crane rate	31.4	30.3	<b>30.8</b>	30.5	30.0	<b>30.3</b>	29.7	29.0	<b>29.4</b>	29.7	29.7	<b>29.7</b>	31.5	30.4	<b>30.9</b>	
Elapsed labour rate	55.3	52.0	<b>53.6</b>	51.9	53.7	<b>52.8</b>	51.2	51.5	<b>51.4</b>	56.5	58.1	<b>57.3</b>	61.5	58.1	<b>59.8</b>	
Ship rate	64.2	61.8	<b>63.0</b>	61.6	63.7	<b>62.7</b>	62.4	62.1	<b>62.3</b>	68.1	70.3	<b>69.2</b>	75.4	71.7	<b>73.5</b>	
TEUs per hour																
Crane rate	47.5	46.2	<b>46.9</b>	45.9	45.7	<b>45.8</b>	45.2	44.1	<b>44.7</b>	45.5	45.7	<b>45.6</b>	48.3	46.8	<b>47.6</b>	
Elapsed labour rate	84.0	79.3	<b>81.6</b>	78.3	82.1	<b>80.3</b>	78.3	78.5	<b>78.4</b>	87.1	89.8	<b>88.4</b>	94.8	89.9	<b>92.3</b>	
Ship rate	97.7	94.3	<b>96.0</b>	93.1	97.6	<b>95.4</b>	95.6	94.9	<b>95.2</b>	104.9	108.7	<b>106.8</b>	116.6	111.1	<b>113.9</b>	
Containers per berth metre	181.6	186.6	<b>184.1</b>	135.0	140.0	<b>137.5</b>	150.2	154.6	<b>152.4</b>	147.2	148.6	<b>147.9</b>	159.1	160.8	<b>159.9</b>	
<b>Landside</b>																
Containers per truck	1.7	1.8	<b>1.8</b>	1.8	1.8	<b>1.8</b>	1.8	1.8	<b>1.8</b>	1.8	1.8	<b>1.8</b>	1.8	1.8	<b>1.8</b>	
TEUs per truck	2.6	2.6	<b>2.6</b>	2.6	2.6	<b>2.6</b>	2.7	2.7	<b>2.7</b>	2.7	2.7	<b>2.7</b>	2.7	2.7	<b>2.7</b>	
Per cent of trucks backloaded (%)	16.6	15.5	<b>16.0</b>	16.7	17.2	<b>16.9</b>	17.3	17.7	<b>17.5</b>	17.3	17.2	<b>17.3</b>	16.9	18.5	<b>17.7</b>	
Average truck turnaround time (mins)	33.2	34.8	<b>34.0</b>	25.9	25.6	<b>25.7</b>	25.5	26.2	<b>25.9</b>	26.0	26.1	<b>26.1</b>	24.8	25.2	<b>25.0</b>	
Average container turnaround time (mins)	19.0	19.7	<b>19.4</b>	14.6	14.4	<b>14.5</b>	14.3	14.5	<b>14.4</b>	14.6	14.8	<b>14.7</b>	14.1	14.2	<b>14.1</b>	
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>																
Ship turnaround time																
Median of ship turnaround time (hours)	35.5	37.8	<b>36.6</b>	36.3	35.9	<b>36.0</b>	39.4	40.0	<b>39.7</b>	37.8	38.2	<b>38.1</b>	36.6	38.5	<b>37.5</b>	
95th percentile of ship turnaround time (hours)	61.5	56.8	<b>59.2</b>	53.1	49.5	<b>51.2</b>	64.4	64.6	<b>64.6</b>	59.8	59.9	<b>59.9</b>	63.6	61.8	<b>62.8</b>	
Port congestion																
Number of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours	1	2	<b>3</b>	4	1	<b>5</b>	8	8	<b>16</b>	8	4	<b>12</b>	1	1	<b>2</b>	
Per cent of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours (%)	0.4	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	1.5	0.4	<b>0.9</b>	3.0	2.9	<b>2.9</b>	3.0	1.6	<b>2.3</b>	0.4	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	
Average waiting time at anchorage (hours)	3.7	8.6	<b>7.0</b>	9.9	75.1	<b>23.0</b>	28.1	25.6	<b>26.8</b>	20.5	26.9	<b>22.6</b>	3.9	17.2	<b>10.5</b>	
Median waiting time at anchorage (hours)	3.7	8.6	<b>6.5</b>	7.7	75.1	<b>12.3</b>	23.4	20.3	<b>20.3</b>	15.6	23.0	<b>22.0</b>	3.9	17.2	<b>10.5</b>	
Total time ships spent at berth ('000 hours)	7.6	8.2	<b>15.8</b>	7.7	7.7	<b>15.4</b>	8.3	8.8	<b>17.2</b>	7.9	7.8	<b>15.7</b>	7.8	8.5	<b>16.3</b>	
Average TEUs per ship-hour at berth (TEUs per hour)	78.6	74.4	<b>76.4</b>	75.0	77.2	<b>76.1</b>	77.3	74.6	<b>75.9</b>	80.1	82.5	<b>81.3</b>	88.4	82.6	<b>85.4</b>	
Average lifts per ship-hour at berth (lifts per hour)	51.7	48.7	<b>50.2</b>	49.6	50.6	<b>50.1</b>	50.6	48.9	<b>49.7</b>	52.1	53.4	<b>52.7</b>	57.2	53.4	<b>55.2</b>	
Total time ships are available to stevedores ('000 hours)	7.2	7.9	<b>15.1</b>	7.5	7.5	<b>15.0</b>	8.4	8.6	<b>17.0</b>	7.5	7.3	<b>14.8</b>	7.4	8.0	<b>15.4</b>	
Average lifts per hour of stevedoring operation (lifts per hour)	54.7	50.5	<b>52.5</b>	51.0	51.9	<b>51.5</b>	50.2	50.3	<b>50.2</b>	54.9	57.2	<b>56.0</b>	60.2	57.1	<b>58.6</b>	
Average lifts per berth visit (lifts)	1 445.9	1 480.1	<b>1 462.9</b>	1 422.1	1 417.0	<b>1 419.5</b>	1 574.4	1 560.7	<b>1 567.5</b>	1 540.4	1 625.3	<b>1 582.1</b>	1 703.6	1 684.7	<b>1 694.0</b>	

Note: Cells may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Whole of container terminal refers to East and West Swanson Docks and Webb Dock East.

Sources: DP World (2019), Patrick (2019), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)

**Table 2.4** Container terminal productivity: Adelaide

	2016					2017					2018				
	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec
<b>Wharfside</b>															
Containers per hour															
Crane rate	33.4		32.4		<b>32.9</b>	32.7		30.7		<b>31.7</b>	27.7		32.1		<b>29.9</b>
Elapsed labour rate	41.3		41.6		<b>41.5</b>	43.7		42.1		<b>42.9</b>	36.4		45.5		<b>41.0</b>
Ship rate	50.5		49.8		<b>50.2</b>	50.8		48.1		<b>49.4</b>	44.9		51.9		<b>48.4</b>
TEUs per hour															
Crane rate	48.3		44.9		<b>46.5</b>	45.0		42.7		<b>43.8</b>	40.3		45.4		<b>42.8</b>
Elapsed labour rate	59.7		57.5		<b>58.6</b>	60.2		58.7		<b>59.4</b>	53.0		64.3		<b>58.6</b>
Ship rate	73.0		68.9		<b>70.9</b>	70.0		67.0		<b>68.4</b>	65.2		73.5		<b>69.3</b>
Containers per berth metre	107.0		118.1		<b>112.6</b>	125.2		128.6		<b>126.9</b>	122.2		122.5		<b>122.4</b>
<b>Landside</b>															
Containers per truck	1.7		1.7		<b>1.7</b>	1.7		1.7		<b>1.7</b>	1.7		1.8		<b>1.8</b>
TEUs per truck	2.4		2.3		<b>2.4</b>	2.4		2.4		<b>2.4</b>	2.5		2.6		<b>2.5</b>
Per cent of trucks backloaded (%)	22.6		23.2		<b>22.9</b>	26.3		29.5		<b>27.9</b>	27.6		28.7		<b>28.1</b>
Average truck turnaround time (mins)	29.8		29.0		<b>29.4</b>	30.2		29.8		<b>30.0</b>	34.9		30.0		<b>32.5</b>
Average container turnaround time (mins)	17.9		17.3		<b>17.6</b>	17.6		17.2		<b>17.4</b>	20.2		16.8		<b>18.5</b>
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
Ship turnaround time															
Median of ship turnaround time (hours)	18.3		21.1		<b>19.7</b>	21.9		23.3		<b>23.1</b>	24.3		18.5		<b>22.8</b>
95th percentile of ship turnaround time (hours)	37.2		32.9		<b>35.3</b>	36.0		41.1		<b>39.2</b>	53.4		36.2		<b>46.3</b>
Port congestion															
Number of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours	8		14		<b>22</b>	11		18		<b>29</b>	25		12		<b>37</b>
Per cent of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours (%)	7.6		12.6		<b>10.2</b>	10.6		16.8		<b>13.7</b>	22.3		11.2		<b>16.9</b>
Average waiting time at anchorage (hours)	30.7		19.2		<b>23.4</b>	15.9		17.0		<b>16.5</b>	25.2		17.6		<b>22.8</b>
Median waiting time at anchorage (hours)	27.2		13.5		<b>18.2</b>	11.2		12.7		<b>12.2</b>	17.0		14.1		<b>17.0</b>
Total time ships spent at berth ('000 hours)	2.2		2.3		<b>4.5</b>	2.3		2.6		<b>4.9</b>	3.0		2.2		<b>5.2</b>
Average TEUs per ship-hour at berth (TEUs per hour)	42.0		40.9		<b>41.4</b>	43.9		40.0		<b>41.8</b>	35.6		45.9		<b>40.0</b>
Average lifts per ship-hour at berth (lifts per hour)	29.1		29.6		<b>29.3</b>	31.9		28.7		<b>30.2</b>	24.5		32.5		<b>27.9</b>
Total time ships are available to stevedores ('000 hours)	1.6		1.7		<b>3.3</b>	1.7		1.8		<b>3.5</b>	2.0		1.6		<b>3.6</b>
Average lifts per hour of stevedoring operation (lifts per hour)	40.8		40.3		<b>40.5</b>	42.5		41.1		<b>41.8</b>	36.4		44.8		<b>40.2</b>
Average lifts per berth visit (lifts)	602.7		618.9		<b>611.1</b>	702.3		704.4		<b>703.4</b>	653.9		677.3		<b>665.4</b>

Note: Cells may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Sources: Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019) and Flinders Ports (2019)

Table 2.5 Container terminal productivity: Fremantle

	2016				2017				2018																
	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec
Wharfside																									
Containers per hour																									
Crane rate		35.1	36.2	35.7		35.4	35.6	35.5	33.4	34.4	34.0	33.9	34.6	34.3	32.6	35.0	33.9							33.9	
Elapsed labour rate		42.4	43.8	43.1		45.6	45.4	45.5	39.6	42.7	41.2	44.7	44.7	44.7	39.2	44.8	42.1							42.1	
Ship rate		50.5	55.3	53.0		53.3	53.6	53.4	48.8	51.2	50.0	53.3	52.3	52.8	43.9	54.1	49.1							49.1	
TEUs per hour																									
Crane rate		52.6	54.2	53.4		52.8	52.5	52.7	50.4	51.6	51.1	50.5	51.7	51.1	49.0	52.5	50.8							50.8	
Elapsed labour rate		63.6	65.5	64.6		68.0	67.0	67.5	59.6	64.0	61.9	66.8	66.4	66.6	58.8	67.0	63.0							63.0	
Ship rate		75.8	82.9	79.5		79.5	79.0	79.3	73.5	76.8	75.2	79.6	77.8	78.7	65.7	80.9	73.5							73.5	
Containers per berth metre		92.0	98.4	95.2		90.5	91.1	90.8	97.8	105.4	101.6	98.3	101.0	99.7	104.4	109.9	107.2								
Landside																									
Containers per truck		1.6	1.7	1.6		1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7							1.7	
TEUs per truck		2.3	2.3	2.3		2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4							2.4	
Per cent of trucks backloaded (%)		11.9	12.0	11.9		12.2	12.4	12.3	11.9	12.4	12.1	11.6	12.6	12.1	10.0	10.5	10.2							10.2	
Average truck turnaround time (mins)		21.0	23.4	22.2		22.3	20.6	21.4	22.2	23.3	22.8	21.8	20.8	21.3	23.3	23.0	23.1							23.1	
Average container turnaround time (mins)		13.1	14.1	13.6		13.5	12.1	12.8	13.4	13.5	13.5	12.8	12.3	12.6	14.0	13.5	13.7							13.7	
Whole of container terminal																									
Ship turnaround time																									
Median of ship turnaround time (hours)		26.3	27.4	27.0		24.0	24.2	24.1	29.0	29.1	29.1	28.0	28.2	28.2	35.5	29.3	32.0							32.0	
95th percentile of ship turnaround time (hours)		50.3	46.1	48.2		48.8	40.4	42.2	69.8	56.2	66.0	44.8	56.4	47.6	82.4	55.2	67.2							67.2	
Port congestion																									
Number of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours		4	6	10		3	5	8	12	3	15	5	4	9	16	1	17							17	
Per cent of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours (%)		3.2	4.8	4.0		2.4	3.9	3.2	9.1	2.4	5.8	4.0	3.1	3.5	12.1	0.8	6.4							6.4	
Average waiting time at anchorage (hours)		16.5	14.4	15.2		13.9	13.1	13.4	15.9	17.3	16.2	12.7	20.6	16.2	22.3	44.4	23.6							23.6	
Median waiting time at anchorage (hours)		15.2	11.0	13.3		17.5	13.9	15.4	13.4	6.2	12.7	10.7	22.4	10.8	15.8	44.4	16.4							16.4	
Total time ships spent at berth ('000 hours)		3.1	3.1	6.2		2.9	3.0	5.8	3.6	3.4	7.0	3.1	3.4	6.6	4.1	3.5	7.6							7.6	
Average TEUs per ship-hour at berth (TEUs per hour)		56.0	57.6	56.8		59.2	58.6	58.9	51.3	58.0	54.5	59.7	55.5	57.5	49.3	58.8	53.7							53.7	
Average lifts per ship-hour at berth (lifts per hour)		37.3	38.4	37.8		39.6	39.7	39.7	34.1	38.7	36.3	40.0	37.4	38.6	32.9	39.3	35.9							35.9	
Total time ships are available to stevedores ('000 hours)		2.8	2.9	5.7		2.6	2.6	5.2	3.3	3.2	6.5	2.8	2.9	5.7	3.4	3.1	6.6							6.6	
Average lifts per hour of stevedoring operation (lifts per hour)		41.0	41.3	41.1		44.1	45.1	44.6	37.2	40.7	38.9	44.3	43.9	44.1	39.3	43.8	41.5							41.5	
Average lifts per berth visit (lifts)		924.1	965.7	944.9		918.4	921.6	919.9	929.5	1046.9	986.8	1010.7	986.4	998.3	1019.5	1037.8	1028.7							1028.7	

Note: Cells may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Sources: DP World (2019), Patrick (2019) and Fremantle Ports (2019)

**Table 2.6** Container terminal productivity: Five ports

	2016					2017					2018				
	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Jul-Dec
<b>Wharfside</b>															
Containers per hour															
Crane rate	29.9	29.6	<b>29.7</b>	29.6	29.4	<b>29.5</b>	28.6	29.0	<b>28.8</b>	29.5	29.4	<b>29.5</b>	30.6	30.5	<b>30.5</b>
Elapsed labour rate	47.6	46.2	<b>46.9</b>	46.8	47.1	<b>47.0</b>	47.0	45.9	<b>46.5</b>	49.3	49.1	<b>49.2</b>	53.1	50.4	<b>51.8</b>
Ship rate	57.3	56.9	<b>57.1</b>	57.7	58.2	<b>57.9</b>	59.4	57.3	<b>58.4</b>	61.2	61.2	<b>61.2</b>	66.3	63.6	<b>64.9</b>
TEUs per hour															
Crane rate	45.3	44.6	<b>45.0</b>	44.5	44.4	<b>44.4</b>	43.7	44.3	<b>44.0</b>	45.0	45.1	<b>45.0</b>	47.1	47.0	<b>47.0</b>
Elapsed labour rate	72.7	70.4	<b>71.5</b>	70.8	71.7	<b>71.3</b>	72.4	70.4	<b>71.4</b>	75.8	75.7	<b>75.8</b>	82.3	78.2	<b>80.2</b>
Ship rate	87.4	86.6	<b>86.9</b>	87.3	88.9	<b>88.1</b>	91.6	88.2	<b>89.9</b>	94.3	94.6	<b>94.4</b>	102.9	98.8	<b>100.9</b>
Containers per berth metre	115.4	121.4	<b>118.4</b>	105.4	109.2	<b>107.3</b>	117.3	122.0	<b>119.7</b>	113.8	115.4	<b>114.6</b>	123.0	123.4	<b>123.2</b>
<b>Landside</b>															
Containers per truck	1.6	1.6	<b>1.6</b>	1.6	1.6	<b>1.6</b>	1.6	1.6	<b>1.6</b>	1.6	1.6	<b>1.6</b>	1.6	1.6	<b>1.6</b>
TEUs per truck	2.3	2.3	<b>2.3</b>	2.3	2.4	<b>2.4</b>	2.4	2.4	<b>2.4</b>	2.4	2.4	<b>2.4</b>	2.4	2.5	<b>2.5</b>
Per cent of trucks backloaded (%)	13.0	12.4	<b>12.7</b>	13.2	14.0	<b>13.6</b>	13.6	13.3	<b>13.5</b>	13.0	13.6	<b>13.3</b>	13.0	13.4	<b>13.2</b>
Average truck turnaround time (mins)	29.7	31.2	<b>30.5</b>	27.4	28.3	<b>27.9</b>	29.1	28.8	<b>28.9</b>	28.3	29.2	<b>28.8</b>	28.0	29.8	<b>29.0</b>
Average container turnaround time (mins)	18.6	19.4	<b>19.0</b>	17.1	17.5	<b>17.3</b>	18.0	17.7	<b>17.9</b>	17.5	18.1	<b>17.8</b>	17.3	18.2	<b>17.8</b>
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
Ship turnaround time															
Median of ship turnaround time (hours)	30.3	32.2	<b>31.2</b>	30.4	30.7	<b>30.6</b>	33.0	34.1	<b>33.6</b>	32.2	31.9	<b>32.0</b>	31.8	33.1	<b>32.4</b>
95th percentile of ship turnaround time (hours)	52.8	55.7	<b>54.0</b>	50.0	49.5	<b>49.8</b>	59.7	62.2	<b>61.9</b>	59.5	62.2	<b>60.1</b>	58.5	60.8	<b>60.0</b>
Port congestion															
Number of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours	66	75	<b>141</b>	62	65	<b>127</b>	99	97	<b>196</b>	69	78	<b>147</b>	93	117	<b>210</b>
Per cent of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours (%)	6.6	7.5	<b>7.0</b>	6.2	6.3	<b>6.3</b>	9.7	9.5	<b>9.6</b>	6.9	7.8	<b>7.3</b>	8.9	11.1	<b>10.0</b>
Average waiting time at anchorage (hours)	69.0	16.5	<b>41.1</b>	12.4	13.4	<b>12.9</b>	18.8	18.8	<b>18.8</b>	22.9	25.4	<b>24.2</b>	15.1	25.4	<b>20.9</b>
Median waiting time at anchorage (hours)	8.9	10.3	<b>9.4</b>	8.7	9.4	<b>9.2</b>	11.8	10.8	<b>11.4</b>	7.8	19.2	<b>11.2</b>	9.3	15.3	<b>11.8</b>
Total time ships spent at berth ('000 hours)	27.0	28.9	<b>55.9</b>	26.7	27.9	<b>54.6</b>	30.4	31.0	<b>61.4</b>	28.7	29.7	<b>58.4</b>	29.3	31.4	<b>60.7</b>
Average TEUs per ship-hour at berth (TEUs per hour)	63.5	62.9	<b>63.2</b>	64.1	63.1	<b>63.5</b>	63.1	63.8	<b>63.5</b>	64.8	64.0	<b>64.4</b>	69.2	65.2	<b>67.1</b>
Average lifts per ship-hour at berth (lifts per hour)	41.8	41.5	<b>41.7</b>	42.5	41.6	<b>42.0</b>	41.2	41.6	<b>41.4</b>	42.3	41.6	<b>41.9</b>	44.9	42.1	<b>43.5</b>
Total time ships are available to stevedores ('000 hours)	25.6	27.7	<b>53.3</b>	25.0	26.2	<b>51.2</b>	28.0	29.6	<b>57.6</b>	25.6	26.2	<b>51.8</b>	26.0	27.3	<b>53.4</b>
Average lifts per hour of stevedoring operation (lifts per hour)	44.1	43.3	<b>43.7</b>	45.4	44.3	<b>44.8</b>	44.7	43.7	<b>44.2</b>	47.4	47.2	<b>47.3</b>	50.6	48.3	<b>49.4</b>
Average lifts per berth visit (lifts)	1128.0	1193.5	<b>1160.8</b>	1140.4	1129.6	<b>1134.9</b>	1230.3	1271.0	<b>1250.6</b>	1218.7	1228.5	<b>1223.6</b>	1260.7	1256.3	<b>1258.4</b>

Note: Cells may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Sources: DP World (2019), Patrick (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Victoria International Container Terminal (2019), Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2019), Maritime Safety Queensland (2019), Port Authority of New South Wales (2019), NSW Ports (2019), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2019), Flinders Ports (2019) and Fremantle Ports (2019)

## CHAPTER 3

# Vehicle booking system and empty container park operations

### Overview

This chapter reports on three main indicator types:

1. The number of truck booking or appointment timeslots available at a container terminal
2. The number of truck booking or appointment timeslots used at a container terminal
3. The volume of container traffic through empty container parks

The data is derived from the vehicle booking systems used by the stevedores. An important use of these statistics is to monitor the time of day and week when trucks access the container terminals to pick up or deliver containers. For this reason the count of slots available and used are provided for the following windows:

Monday to Friday Day: 6:01 AM to 6:00 PM

Monday to Friday Evening: 6:01 PM to 12:00 Midnight

Monday to Friday Night: 12:01 Midnight to 6:00 AM

Saturday Day: 6:01 AM to 6:00 PM

Saturday Evening: 6:01 PM to 12:00 Midnight

Saturday Night: 12:01 Midnight to 6:00 AM

Sunday Day: 6:01 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday Evening: 6:01 PM to 12:00 Midnight

Sunday Night: 12:01 Midnight to 6:00 AM

The stevedores at the five container terminals do not have identical day, evening and night shifts. Thus data has been adjusted to fit into these standardised work shifts for comparative purposes.

#### Indicator 3.1 Number of truck timeslots available

Stevedoring companies make available a number of truck timeslots at various times in each day, based on the deployment of container handling equipment. The main factors affecting the availability of truck timeslots are the volume of containers to be processed, and terminal

resources available to process containers. When shipping schedules and container volumes demand extra resources, additional labour and extra equipment can be deployed to the landside of a container terminal and extra available timeslots are advertised normally one or two days in advance.

### **Indicator 3.2 Number of timeslots actually used**

This is the count of timeslots actually used by trucks.

### **Indicator 3.3 Timeslots used by trucks in all off-peak periods as proportion of total timeslots used at container terminals**

This indicator, derived from Indicator 3.2, gives the count of timeslots used by trucks during the off-peak period as a proportion of all timeslots used. The off-peak period is defined as all time periods except Monday to Friday 6:01 AM to 6:00 PM.

Results for this indicator are presented in Figure 3.1. The indicator is further divided up into Monday to Friday off-peak (Indicator 3.4) and weekend usage (Indicator 3.5).

### **Indicator 3.4 Timeslots used by trucks in Monday to Friday off-peak periods as proportion of total timeslots used**

This indicator, derived from Indicator 3.2, gives a count of timeslots used by trucks during the Monday to Friday off-peak period as a proportion of all timeslots used. Results for this indicator are presented in Figure 3.2.

### **Indicator 3.5 Timeslots used by trucks on Saturday and Sunday as proportion of total timeslots used**

This indicator, derived from Indicator 3.2, gives a count of timeslots used by trucks during the Weekend (Saturday to Sunday) as a proportion of all timeslots used. Results for this indicator are presented in Figure 3.3.

### **Indicator 3.6 Average TEUs handled per VBS/TAS truck timeslot**

This indicator is a measure of the intensity of usage of timeslots. The indicator increases as opportunities for out/return load carrying trips in one job increase. Results for this indicator are presented in Figure 3.4.

### **Indicator 3.7 Number of containers moved through empty container parks**

This indicator is a measure of the usage of empty container parks. It shows the number of notifications of container movements to empty container parks in the vicinity of each port.

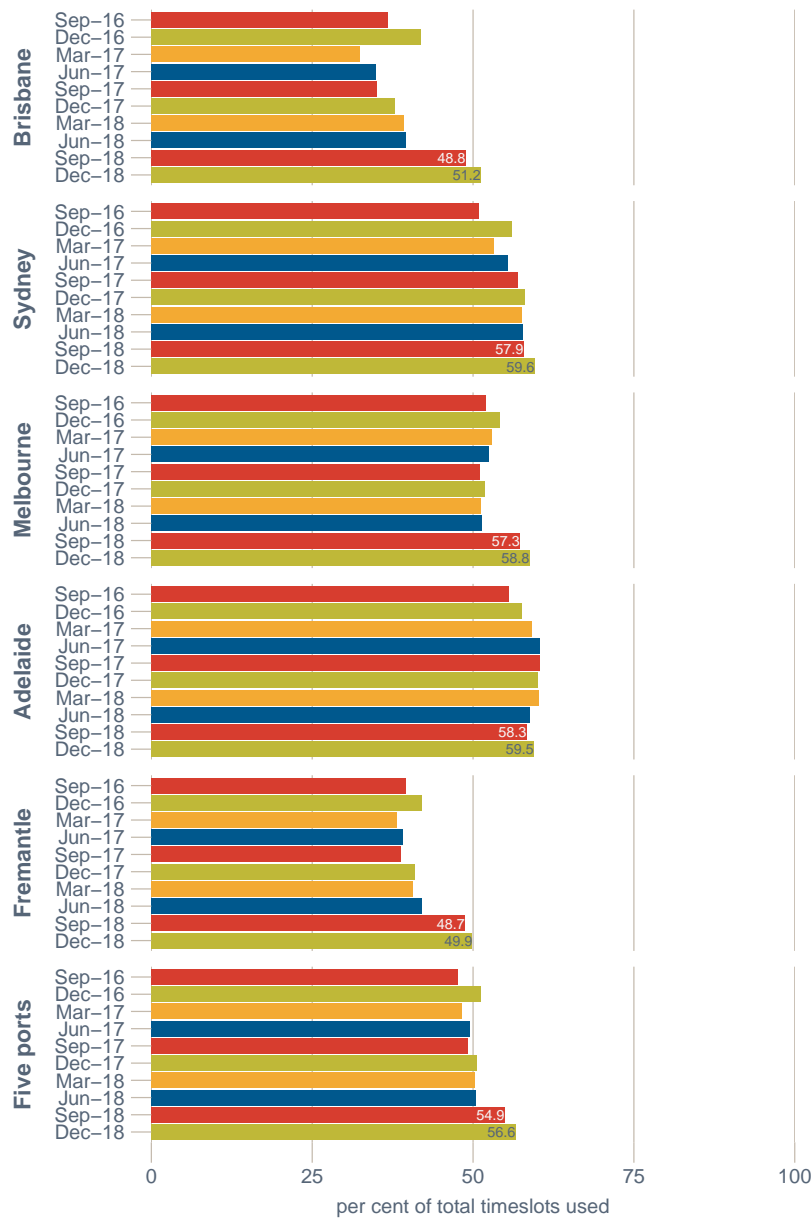
### **Indicator 3.8 Number of TEUs moved through empty container parks**

This indicator is a measure of the usage of empty container parks. It shows the number of TEUs moved in the operations shown by Indicator 3.7.



Trucks and straddle carrier at Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal. Photo courtesy of Flinders Ports.

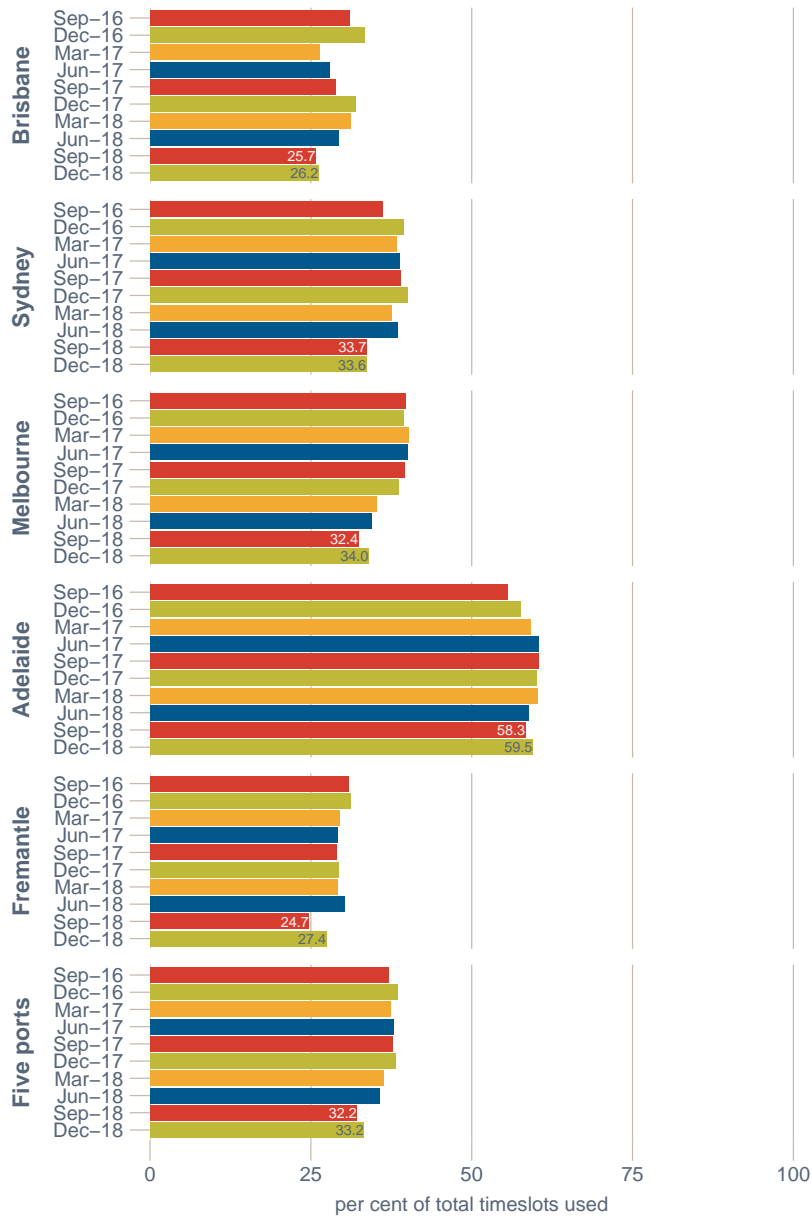
Figure 3.1 Timeslots used by trucks in all off-peak periods



Sources: DP World (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)

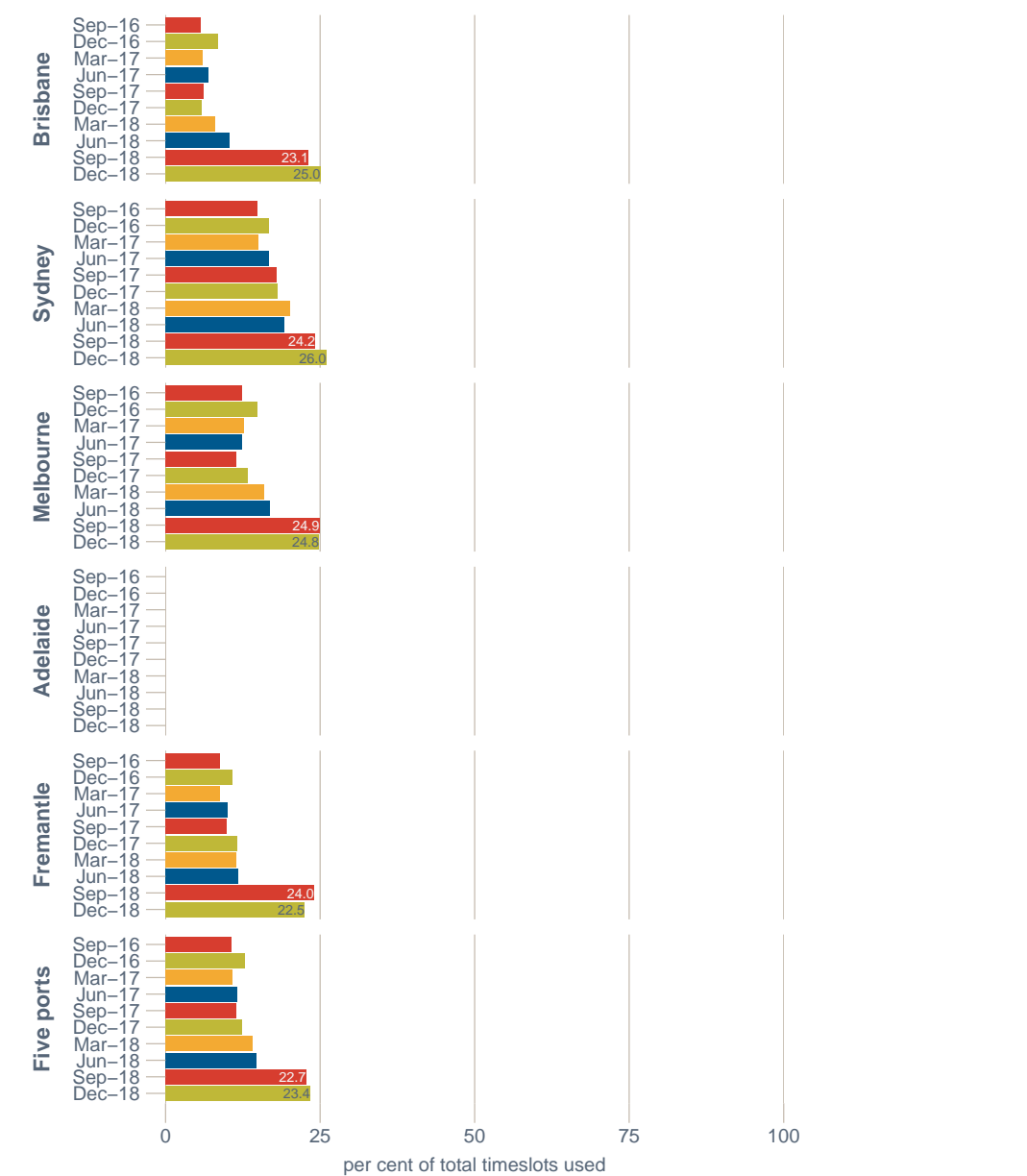


Figure 3.2 Timeslots used by trucks in off-peak periods Monday to Friday



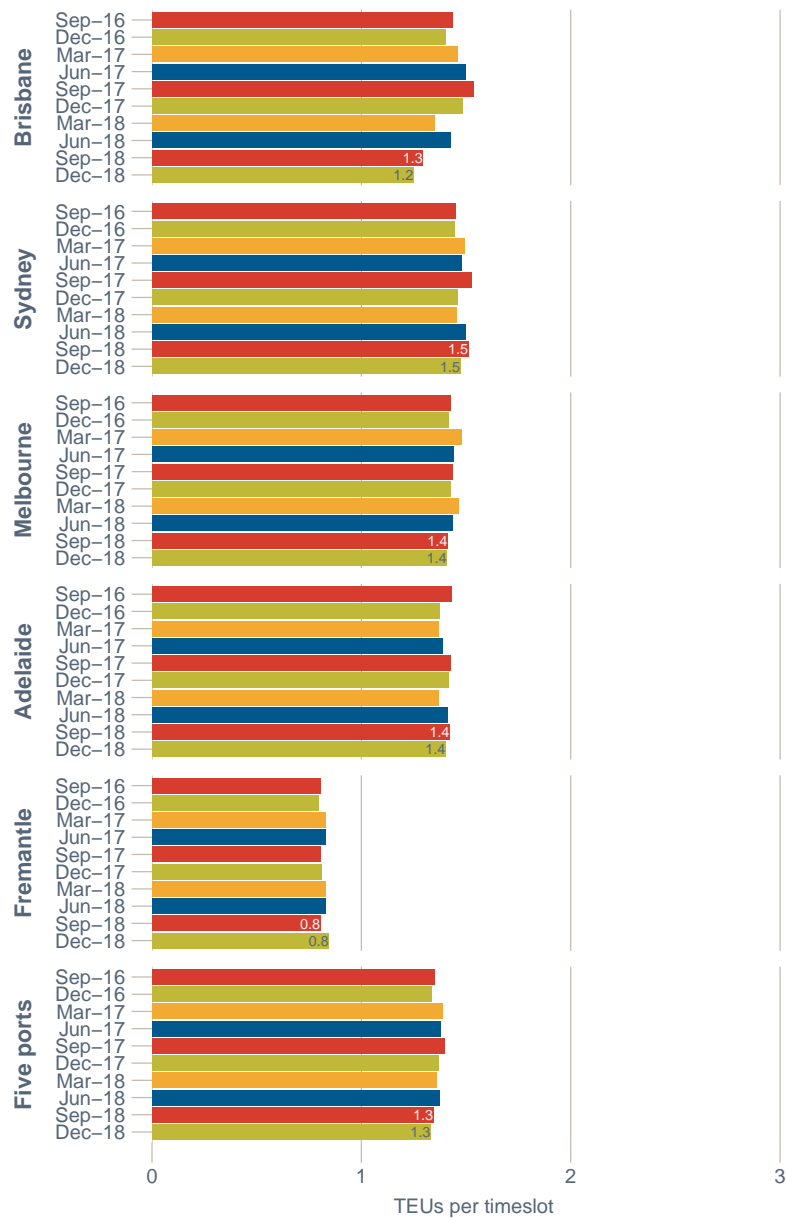
Sources: DP World (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)

Figure 3.3 Timeslots used by trucks on Saturday and Sunday



Sources: DP World (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)

Figure 3.4 TEUs processed per VBS timeslot used at container terminals



Sources: DP World (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)

**Table 3.1** Timeslots available and actually used by trucks: Brisbane

	Weekday	Shift	2016				2017				2018											
			Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr
Available ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	91.6	88.5	91.7	89.3	95.2	95.6	93.9	97.7	94.1	89.5										
		Evening	27.7	32.0	28.5	27.8	29.3	31.7	31.0	32.2	31.0	31.2										
		Night	16.5	22.6	16.5	12.3	14.0	18.4	17.7	16.5	16.4	17.5										
		Sub-total	135.7	143.0	136.7	129.4	138.5	145.7	142.7	146.4	141.4	138.2										
	Saturday	Day	6.5	9.4	8.6	9.6	9.0	8.7	7.0	10.0	16.6	16.8										
		Evening	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	5.6	5.7										
		Night	1.2	1.8	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.8	1.4	2.2	2.8	5.6										
		Sub-total	7.7	11.9	9.2	9.7	9.4	9.6	8.5	12.3	25.0	28.1										
	Sunday	Day	0.2	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.0	3.9	11.6	12.1										
		Evening	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.7										
		Night	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	3.4	3.2										
		Sub-total	0.8	2.4	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	5.0	6.0	16.3	16.0										
	Total timeslots available			144.2	157.4	146.8	139.9	148.9	156.3	156.2	164.6	182.8	182.3									
Used ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	85.2	80.7	85.0	83.6	89.6	89.7	87.0	91.9	88.6	83.9										
		Evening	25.6	27.9	23.8	25.1	27.2	28.7	27.9	29.3	29.2	29.2										
		Night	16.2	18.3	9.4	10.9	12.6	17.5	16.8	15.3	15.4	15.9										
		Sub-total	127.0	126.8	118.2	119.5	129.4	135.9	131.6	136.4	133.1	128.9										
	Saturday	Day	5.8	7.9	6.7	8.0	7.1	6.5	5.2	7.7	15.9	16.6										
		Evening	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	5.5	5.5										
		Night	1.0	1.6	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.8	1.4	2.1	2.8	5.5										
		Sub-total	6.9	9.7	6.7	8.0	7.4	7.4	6.6	10.0	24.2	27.6										
	Sunday	Day	0.1	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.8	3.8	11.3	11.6										
		Evening	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.7										
		Night	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	3.4	3.2										
		Sub-total	0.8	2.1	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0	4.9	5.8	15.9	15.4										
	Total timeslots used			134.7	138.7	125.7	128.4	137.8	144.4	143.1	152.1	173.2	172.0									

Note: Data are rounded to the nearest 1000. Cells with an entry of "0.0" mean that data were reported but rounded to zero.

Sources: DP World (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019) and Patrick (2019)

**Table 3.2** Timeslots available and actually used by trucks: Sydney

	Weekday	Shift	2016			2017				2018									
			Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Sep
Available ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	136.2	131.9	131.8	130.1	130.3	132.8	129.9	132.9	133.5	134.5							
		Evening	51.3	59.9	58.6	60.2	62.7	67.2	59.3	63.9	60.5	60.7							
		Night	41.9	55.1	53.3	56.2	57.9	59.4	54.0	58.1	49.6	50.7							
		Sub-total	229.4	247.0	243.7	246.5	250.9	259.4	243.2	255.0	243.6	245.8							
	Saturday	Day	12.5	15.3	15.8	17.3	18.4	18.9	16.1	15.7	19.0	21.8							
		Evening	1.1	1.5	0.7	1.5	1.4	1.5	3.9	3.1	10.0	10.7							
		Night	4.8	7.3	7.5	8.5	8.6	10.5	11.2	9.9	12.2	12.8							
		Sub-total	18.4	24.1	24.0	27.3	28.4	30.8	31.3	28.7	41.3	45.3							
	Sunday	Day	7.9	10.3	8.2	10.0	11.4	11.9	12.9	15.8	17.1	20.2							
		Evening	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.5	7.5	7.1	7.2	8.0	4.9	6.2							
		Night	3.3	3.2	2.7	3.7	4.7	4.5	4.1	3.7	8.2	10.5							
		Sub-total	17.6	19.8	17.1	20.2	23.6	23.6	24.2	27.6	30.1	36.8							
	Total timeslots available			265.4	290.9	284.8	294.0	302.9	313.8	298.6	311.2	315.1	328.0						
Used ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	113.9	106.3	103.8	104.7	105.6	106.6	101.3	103.3	107.3	107.3							
		Evening	45.9	50.4	46.0	48.3	51.2	54.7	47.8	49.5	47.9	48.5							
		Night	38.0	44.8	39.2	42.7	44.3	47.2	41.6	44.5	37.8	40.6							
		Sub-total	197.8	201.6	189.0	195.7	201.1	208.5	190.7	197.2	193.1	196.3							
	Saturday	Day	11.8	14.0	11.9	13.4	14.7	14.7	12.6	11.6	15.8	18.1							
		Evening	1.0	1.5	0.5	1.3	1.2	1.2	3.8	2.9	9.3	9.5							
		Night	4.8	6.2	4.6	5.2	5.6	7.2	8.7	6.7	9.1	9.5							
		Sub-total	17.5	21.6	17.0	20.0	21.5	23.1	25.0	21.2	34.2	37.0							
	Sunday	Day	7.7	9.9	7.9	9.6	11.0	11.6	12.3	14.8	15.9	17.7							
		Evening	6.2	5.9	5.8	6.3	7.2	6.9	6.7	7.5	4.3	4.8							
		Night	3.1	2.9	2.5	3.5	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.5	7.3	9.4							
		Sub-total	17.0	18.7	16.2	19.4	22.6	22.8	22.9	25.8	27.5	31.9							
	Total timeslots used			232.3	241.9	222.2	235.1	245.3	254.4	238.6	244.2	254.7	265.2						

Sources: DP World (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019) and Patrick (2019)

**Table 3.3** Timeslots available and actually used by trucks: Melbourne

Weekday	Shift	2016				2017				2018			
		Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr
Available ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	136.1	133.7	125.6	128.7	132.8	133.8	127.3	127.6	165.1	156.5	
		Evening	61.2	64.3	60.3	59.7	62.1	62.9	57.2	56.3	88.0	98.8	
		Night	52.2	51.5	46.3	48.3	47.7	50.2	42.4	40.2	38.7	49.2	
		Sub-total	249.5	249.4	232.2	236.7	242.7	246.9	226.8	224.2	291.8	304.5	
	Saturday	Day	15.5	18.3	15.5	16.1	15.1	16.0	14.1	15.3	33.5	32.8	
		Evening	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.3	3.4	3.7	10.4	10.1	
		Night	4.8	6.0	3.6	4.3	4.4	4.5	7.9	6.8	9.0	11.5	
		Sub-total	20.3	24.6	19.5	20.6	19.5	20.7	25.3	25.8	52.8	54.4	
	Sunday	Day	5.5	8.2	7.1	6.1	4.2	7.6	9.1	10.2	26.2	30.1	
		Evening	6.0	7.0	5.2	4.7	5.3	5.6	5.6	6.3	6.5	7.3	
		Night	3.9	4.3	3.6	3.6	4.4	4.0	3.9	4.3	8.6	8.4	
		Sub-total	15.5	19.5	15.9	14.4	13.9	17.2	18.6	20.9	41.3	45.7	
	Total timeslots available		285.3	293.5	267.6	271.6	276.1	284.8	270.7	270.9	385.9	404.7	
Used ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	133.8	131.1	124.9	134.3	144.5	144.0	143.3	144.7	136.6	141.3	
		Evening	59.6	62.8	61.3	65.9	69.9	66.4	61.9	62.9	66.6	76.3	
		Night	51.0	49.9	44.9	47.2	46.7	49.0	41.2	39.5	36.9	40.2	
		Sub-total	244.4	243.8	231.2	247.4	261.2	259.4	246.4	247.0	240.1	257.8	
	Saturday	Day	14.8	17.4	14.5	16.7	15.9	18.1	17.4	18.5	27.0	28.4	
		Evening	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	3.5	3.9	10.2	9.9	
		Night	4.7	5.9	3.5	4.2	4.3	4.4	7.5	6.7	8.8	9.8	
		Sub-total	19.5	23.6	18.4	21.0	20.2	22.8	28.4	29.1	45.9	48.0	
	Sunday	Day	5.3	8.0	6.8	6.0	4.1	7.5	9.3	10.7	20.0	23.9	
		Evening	5.8	6.7	5.1	4.6	5.2	5.5	5.6	6.3	5.4	5.3	
		Night	3.8	4.0	3.4	3.4	4.2	3.8	3.7	4.2	8.3	8.0	
		Sub-total	14.9	18.7	15.3	14.0	13.5	16.8	18.6	21.2	33.6	37.2	
	Total timeslots used		278.8	286.1	264.8	282.4	294.9	299.0	293.4	297.4	319.7	343.0	

Note: VICT 'Used timeslots' are included from March quarter 2017, however VICT 'Available timeslots' are counted only from September quarter 2018.

Sources: DP World (2019), Patrick (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)

**Table 3.4** Timeslots available and actually used by trucks: Adelaide

	Weekday	Shift	2016				2017				2018			
			Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr
Available ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	24.4	23.7		24.7	25.0	23.8	24.4	24.4	23.3	24.3	24.2	
		Evening	17.5	17.6		19.3	20.1	18.7	19.1	19.7	17.6	18.9	18.8	
		Night	16.2	16.1		18.2	20.1	19.7	19.3	19.5	17.5	17.5	18.2	
		Sub-total	58.1	57.4		62.2	65.2	62.2	62.9	63.6	58.3	60.8	61.2	
	Saturday	Day												
		Evening												
		Night												
		Sub-total												
	Sunday	Day												
		Evening												
		Night												
		Sub-total												
	Total timeslots available		58.1	57.4		62.2	65.2	62.2	62.9	63.6	58.3	60.8	61.2	
Used ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	23.5	23.3		24.5	24.7	23.2	23.8	24.1	22.4	23.7	23.6	
		Evening	16.1	17.2		19.0	19.9	18.3	18.9	19.4	17.0	18.3	18.4	
		Night	13.2	14.4		16.4	17.8	17.1	17.0	17.1	15.0	14.9	16.1	
		Sub-total	52.8	55.0		59.9	62.3	58.6	59.7	60.6	54.4	57.0	58.1	
	Saturday	Day												
		Evening												
		Night												
		Sub-total												
	Sunday	Day												
		Evening												
		Night												
		Sub-total												
	Total timeslots used		52.8	55.0		59.9	62.3	58.6	59.7	60.6	54.4	57.0	58.1	

Note: Blank cells mean no data was reported for the categories.

Sources: Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019)

**Table 3.5** Timeslots available and actually used by trucks: Fremantle

	Weekday	Shift	2016			2017				2018									
			Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Sep
Available ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	67.1	67.2	63.7	64.4	65.2	66.8	61.8	62.0	58.8	58.2							
		Evening	23.8	24.9	21.6	21.9	22.5	23.8	22.6	23.3	19.4	20.9							
		Night	11.2	12.4	9.3	9.7	9.3	9.9	9.0	9.9	9.7	11.6							
		Sub-total	102.0	104.5	94.5	95.9	96.9	100.5	93.5	95.2	87.8	90.7							
	Saturday	Day	4.7	6.5	5.8	6.3	4.9	6.2	6.5	5.6	12.5	12.0							
		Evening	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	3.9							
		Night	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	3.2							
		Sub-total	4.8	6.7	5.9	6.3	4.9	6.2	6.5	5.6	19.5	19.2							
	Sunday	Day	4.7	6.1	3.1	3.9	5.3	6.6	5.2	6.6	8.2	6.8							
		Evening	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3							
		Night	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2							
		Sub-total	5.2	6.8	3.4	4.4	5.6	7.2	5.6	7.0	8.6	7.2							
	Total timeslots available		112.0	118.0	103.8	106.7	107.4	113.9	105.5	107.8	116.0	117.1							
Used ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	66.2	66.3	62.7	63.3	64.0	65.7	60.7	61.1	57.2	57.1							
		Evening	23.0	23.3	20.7	20.8	21.1	22.8	21.0	22.1	18.3	19.8							
		Night	10.7	12.3	9.2	9.6	9.1	9.8	8.9	9.7	9.3	11.3							
		Sub-total	100.0	101.9	92.6	93.7	94.2	98.2	90.6	92.9	84.8	88.2							
	Saturday	Day	4.5	5.8	5.6	6.1	4.8	6.0	6.3	5.5	12.0	11.7							
		Evening	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	3.7							
		Night	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	3.1							
		Sub-total	4.5	5.9	5.6	6.1	4.8	6.0	6.3	5.5	18.6	18.6							
	Sunday	Day	4.6	5.9	3.1	3.8	5.2	6.4	5.1	6.5	7.9	6.6							
		Evening	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3							
		Night	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2							
		Sub-total	5.1	6.5	3.3	4.3	5.4	7.0	5.5	6.9	8.2	7.1							
	Total timeslots used		109.6	114.3	101.6	104.1	104.4	111.2	102.4	105.3	111.6	113.9							

Note: Data are rounded to the nearest 1000. Cells with an entry of “0.0” mean that data were reported but rounded to zero.

Sources: DP World (2019) and Patrick (2019)



**Table 3.6** Timeslots available and actually used by trucks: Five ports

Weekday	Shift	2016			2017				2018				
		Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr
Available ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	455.3	445.1	437.5	437.4	447.3	453.5	437.4	443.5	475.8	462.8	
		Evening	181.5	198.7	188.3	189.6	195.4	204.6	189.8	193.3	217.8	230.4	
		Night	137.9	157.6	143.6	146.5	148.5	157.1	142.5	142.2	131.9	147.2	
		Sub-total	774.8	801.4	769.3	773.6	791.2	815.3	769.7	779.1	825.5	840.4	
	Saturday	Day	39.1	49.5	45.8	49.4	47.4	49.7	43.7	46.6	81.6	83.6	
		Evening	1.2	2.5	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.9	7.3	6.9	30.2	30.4	
		Night	10.8	15.3	11.3	12.7	13.3	15.8	20.5	18.9	26.8	33.1	
		Sub-total	51.1	67.3	58.7	63.9	62.2	67.4	71.6	72.4	138.6	147.0	
	Sunday	Day	18.3	26.1	18.6	20.2	21.1	26.3	30.1	36.5	63.1	69.1	
		Evening	12.7	14.2	11.8	11.6	13.1	13.6	14.3	15.8	13.0	14.5	
		Night	8.0	8.3	6.9	8.1	9.9	9.2	8.9	9.0	20.3	22.2	
		Sub-total	39.1	48.5	37.2	39.8	44.1	49.0	53.3	61.4	96.4	105.8	
	Total timeslots available		865.0	917.2	865.2	877.4	897.5	931.7	894.6	912.9	1 060.4	1 093.2	
Used ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	422.6	407.7	401.0	410.7	426.9	429.7	416.4	423.3	413.5	413.1	
		Evening	170.3	181.7	170.9	179.9	187.8	191.6	178.0	180.7	180.3	192.2	
		Night	129.1	139.8	119.1	128.1	129.8	140.4	125.6	124.0	114.3	124.1	
		Sub-total	722.0	729.2	690.9	718.7	744.5	761.7	720.0	727.9	708.0	729.4	
	Saturday	Day	36.9	45.0	38.7	44.3	42.4	45.3	41.4	43.3	70.7	74.8	
		Evening	1.1	1.9	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.6	7.3	6.9	29.0	28.6	
		Night	10.5	13.9	8.2	9.5	10.2	12.4	17.6	15.6	23.1	27.9	
		Sub-total	48.5	60.9	47.8	55.2	54.0	59.3	66.3	65.8	122.8	131.3	
	Sunday	Day	17.7	25.2	17.9	19.5	20.5	25.7	29.6	35.7	55.0	59.8	
		Evening	12.3	13.2	11.1	11.2	12.7	13.1	13.8	15.3	11.2	11.0	
		Night	7.7	7.6	6.4	7.7	9.4	8.8	8.4	8.6	19.0	20.7	
		Sub-total	37.7	46.0	35.5	38.5	42.6	47.6	51.8	59.7	85.2	91.5	
	Total timeslots used		808.2	836.1	774.2	812.3	841.0	868.6	838.1	853.4	916.1	952.2	

Note: VICT 'Used timeslots' are included from March quarter 2017, however VICT 'Available timeslots' are counted only from September quarter 2018.

Sources: DP World (2019), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2019), Hutchison Ports Australia (2019), Patrick (2019) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2019)

**Table 3.7** Empty container park operations

	Port	2016				2017				2018			
		Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr	Mar	Qtr	Jun	Qtr	Sep	Qtr	Dec	Qtr
Number of containers ('000)	Brisbane	135.4	139.1	130.1	142.4	151.0	134.5	129.9	150.8	148.6	142.0		
	Sydney	188.7	195.0	178.1	178.3	196.5	194.1	175.7	187.1	212.9	225.1		
	Melbourne	329.8	356.8	347.2	337.0	350.3	361.3	348.3	355.9	369.9	364.6		
	Adelaide	22.0	23.6	25.1	23.4	22.2	24.2	27.8	25.4	25.3	24.7		
	Fremantle	82.4	87.7	86.7	89.2	86.5	95.3	94.0	96.3	97.4	109.0		
	Five ports	758.4	802.3	767.2	770.3	806.5	809.3	775.7	815.4	854.0	865.3		
Number of TEUs ('000)	Brisbane	190.3	186.5	175.2	201.8	219.8	190.1	184.5	219.0	218.7	206.7		
	Sydney	281.2	289.0	263.5	262.9	293.0	294.8	267.7	281.6	321.7	344.7		
	Melbourne	488.3	529.0	512.9	502.6	522.8	536.8	517.9	533.5	556.6	554.3		
	Adelaide	32.3	33.3	35.1	32.6	33.1	34.3	37.9	36.8	36.8	35.0		
	Fremantle	117.6	124.3	123.5	127.7	123.6	137.0	134.6	138.5	138.8	155.7		
	Five ports	1109.6	1162.1	1110.1	1127.6	1192.3	1193.0	1142.5	1209.4	1272.5	1296.4		

Sources: Containerchain Pty Ltd (2019)

## CHAPTER 4

# Port interface cost index

### Overview

The port interface cost index (PICI) provides a measure of shore-based shipping charges which approximate costs of carting containers through Australia's mainland major city ports. PICI is based on an indicative approach; that is, the index is not an average of all charges, but is based on typical charges levied by service providers. In particular, note that PICI uses scheduled service prices and does not account for specific commercial arrangements.

PICI is computed as a national average (Table 4.6) taking into account the port fees and charges for imports and exports of containers at the five major container ports (Tables 4.1 to 4.5).

### What PICI measures

PICI is a measure of shore-based shipping costs or charges for containers moved through mainland capital city ports. These are called "shore-based" because they are that part of the charges paid by importers and exporters of containers which are directly related to the activity which occurs in the port and on the wharf. They do not include the total price for importing or exporting goods carried in containers paid by customers to customs brokers and freight forwarders.

The index is a measure of the movements in costs to users of waterfront and related services, and signals whether the cost is increasing or decreasing. The waterfront is defined as the interface between seaports and land transport, hence the term port interface cost index. Port interface costs are estimated for standard representative ships.

PICI is based on twenty-one indicators which fall in four main groups:

1. Parameters used in computing the index;
2. Ship-based charges;
3. Cargo-based charges; and
4. Other charges, namely: stevedoring costs; customs brokers' fees; road transport costs.

### Parameters used in computing the index

These parameters enable the PICI charges to be estimated on a per TEU basis for these typical ships.

**Indicator 4.1 Ship size**

Port interface costs vary by ship size. To calculate PICI, ships are divided into three size ranges (based on 'gross tonnage', or GT) which are represented by a 'typical' vessel within that size range. The vessel's other parameters, such as length and draft, are used as necessary.

The three size ranges currently computed for PICI are:

- 5 000 to 20 000 GT
- 35 000 to 40 000 GT
- 50 000 to 55 000 GT

**Indicator 4.2 Average TEUs exchanged**

The total TEUs exchanged by ships in the size range, averaged over the number of visits made by those ships. Equivalent to the sum of Indicator 4.3 and Indicator 4.6.

**Indicator 4.3 Average full (loaded) TEUs exchanged**

The total loaded TEUs exchanged by ships in the size range, averaged over the number of visits made by those ships. Equivalent to the sum of Indicator 4.4 and Indicator 4.5.

**Indicator 4.4 Average full import TEUs**

The sum of full (loaded) import containers moved into a port by ships in the size range, averaged over the number of visits made by those ships during the specified period.

**Indicator 4.5 Average full export TEUs**

The sum of full (loaded) export containers moved out of a port by ships in the size range, averaged over the number of visits made by those ships during the specified period.

**Indicator 4.6 Empty TEUs**

The sum of empty import and export containers exchanged by ships in the size range, averaged over the number of visits made by those ships.

**Indicator 4.7 Number of port calls**

The average number of port calls made by ships in the size range, to a given port, during the period.

**Indicator 4.8 Average elapsed berth time**

The total elapsed berth time for ships in the size range, divided by the number of ship visits (by ships in the size range) during the period. A ship's elapsed berth time is the time between a ship's arrival at berth, and its departure.

***Ship-based charges (per ship visit)*****Indicator 4.9 Total ship-based charges by ship visit**

The total ship-based charges paid by the size range's representative vessel, given the parameters in Indicators 4.1 to 4.8.

**Indicator 4.10 Total ship-based charges for handling empty containers**

The total charges paid on empty containers, given the parameters in Indicators 4.1 to 4.8.

This is the sum of wharfage, harbour dues, berth charges and channel fees levied per empty TEU, multiplied by the average number of empty TEUs exchanged (Indicator 4.6).

*Ship-based charges (per TEU)***Indicator 4.11 Conservancy**

Conservancy charges are navigation service charges levied by the government of the state in which the port is situated.

**Indicator 4.12 Tonnage**

Tonnage charges are port service charges levied by the port authority, based on the Gross Tonnage of the ship.

**Indicator 4.13 Pilotage**

Pilotage charges cover services for piloting the ship. A pilot is a mariner who guides ships through dangerous or congested waters, such as harbors or river mouths. Pilots are expert ship handlers who possess detailed knowledge of local waterways.

**Indicator 4.14 Towage**

Towage charges are levied by the operator of a tugboat—a boat that manoeuvres vessels by pushing or towing them. Charges are typically levied per tug, with higher charges for larger vessels.

Depending on ship's equipment, larger vessels may also require additional tugs. For PICI, the standard towage requirements published in port information handbooks are used.

**Indicator 4.15 Mooring, unmooring charges**

Mooring charges relate to the services of linesmen and related line and launch hire. (Un)mooring is the making fast (loosening) of a ship to (from) moorings or anchorage by means of lines, cables and/or anchors. Depending on local arrangements for lines services, mooring charges may be levied by the port authority, stevedore or another service provider.

**Indicator 4.16 Total ship-based charges per TEU**

The sum of the charges in Indicators 4.11 to 4.15 or, equivalently, the total ship-based charges (Indicator 4.9) divided by the total TEUs exchanged (Indicator 4.2).

*Cargo-based charges (per TEU)*

Each of these fees and charges are discussed only once in the text below. They are however, listed separately for imports and exports in Tables 4.1 to 4.5.

Some charge schedules levy a different fee for a forty-foot container than for a twenty-foot container. Where this occurs, PICI uses the fee charged per twenty-foot container.

**Indicator 4.17 Wharfage**

Wharfage is a charge assessed against cargo or merchandise, vessel's stores, fuel and supplies for passage on, over, under or through any wharf, pier, or bank controlled by a port authority. Wharfage is also charged for cargo passing between ships or overside ships (to or from barge, lighter or water) when berthed at a wharf, pier or bank controlled by the port authority.

**Indicator 4.18 Harbour dues**

These are monies that a ship owner must pay to a port authority for keeping a ship in a harbour. The amount of money charged is usually based on the volume of cargo the ship is carrying.

**Other charges (per TEU)****Indicator 4.19 Stevedoring charge**

Stevedoring charges are the charges levied by stevedoring companies for handling containers. They are estimated for Australia each year by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), which monitors their price. The stevedoring costs are taken from the ACCC's annual report on the stevedoring industry, the *Container Stevedoring Monitoring Report*.

**Indicator 4.20 Customs broker fees**

These are the fees charged by customs brokers for the administrative costs associated with organising the import and export of containers for a representative consignment.

**Indicator 4.21 Road transport charges**

Transport charges are estimates of what transport companies charge for transporting a container to or from the wharf from/to the metropolitan area of the capital city in which the port is situated. These charges are estimated for a representative transport distance.

**Indicator 4.22 Total fees and charges**

This is the sum of ship-based charges per TEU, the cargo-based charges per TEU, and the other cargo-based charges per TEU. These costs enable the calculation of the national PICI measured in current and constant prices in dollars per TEU. These are computed separately for imports and exports in Tables 4.1 to 4.6.

**Indicator 4.23 Port's share in national index**

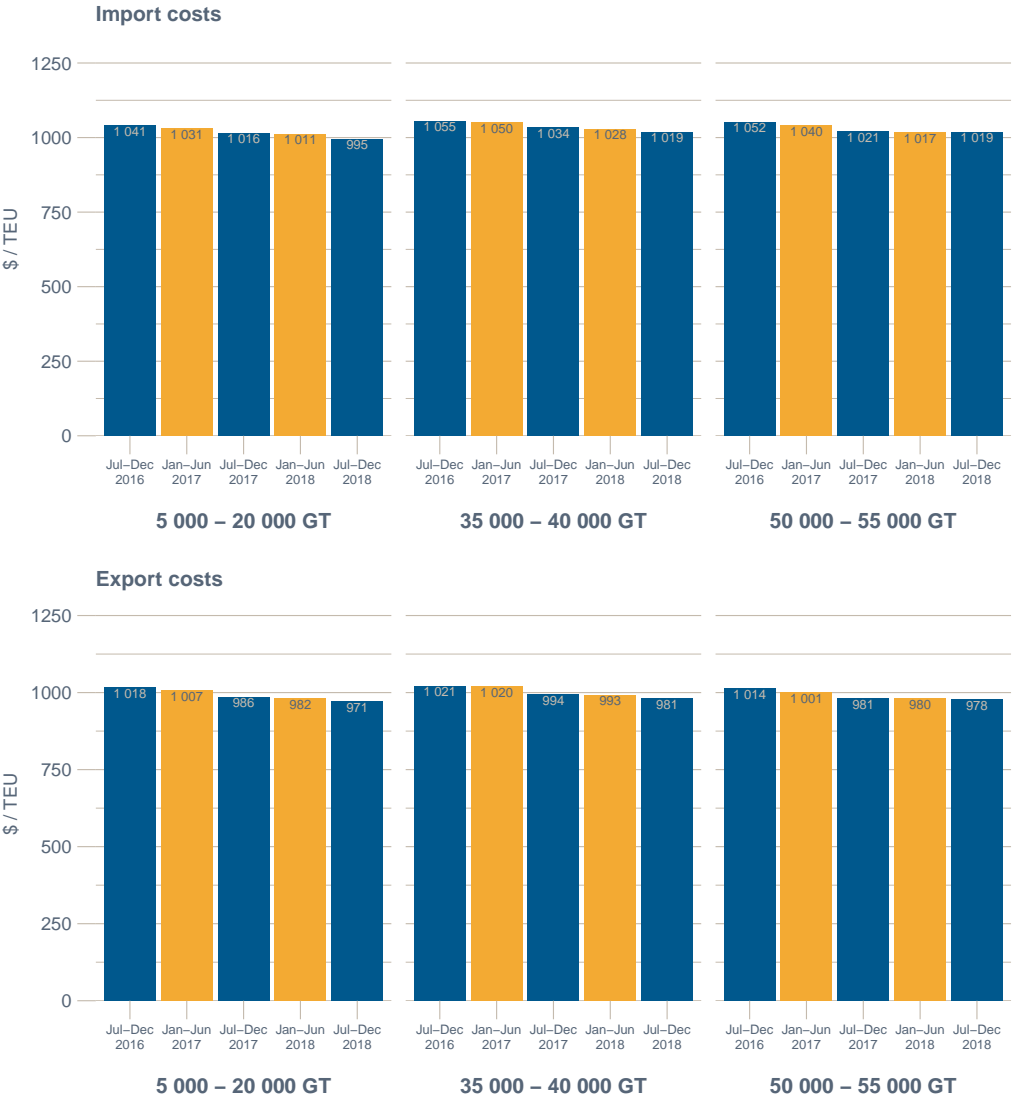
These shares are used in computing the national PICI and they are computed for exports and imports separately.

**Indicator 4.24 National Port Interface Cost Index**

The national port interface cost indexes are the main outputs of the PICI calculations. These indexes are computed separately for imports and exports and for each of the ship size ranges monitored in *Waterline*.

The national PICI for ships in a GT range is the national average cost per TEU. From BTCE (1993), this is a weighted average of individual port estimates.

Figure 4.1 Port interface costs, constant prices (July–December 2018), by ship size



Sources: BITRE estimates based on data in Tables 4.1 to 4.5 and ABS (2019).

**Table 4.1** Port interface costs by ship type—parameters and estimates: Brisbane

	5 000 to 20 000 GT ships					35 000 to 40 000 GT ships					50 000 to 55 000 GT ships				
	2016		2017		2018	2016		2017		2018	2016		2017		2018
	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec
<b>Port call parameters<sup>a</sup></b>															
Total TEUs exchanged	262	280	298	253	277	1 398	1 229	1 276	1 005	1 058	1 589	1 506	1 806	1 783	1 702
Loaded	223	236	286	222	229	1 018	933	952	791	834	1 168	1 080	1 259	1 162	1 124
Loaded inwards	78	101	127	99	92	563	434	424	473	520	775	694	861	791	752
Loaded outwards	145	135	159	123	137	454	498	528	319	313	393	386	399	370	372
Empty <sup>b</sup>	61	64	53	31	48	437	296	324	213	225	463	426	557	622	578
Number of port calls	6	6	6	7	10	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
Elapsed berth time (hours)	25	22	23	21	24	23	22	23	22	20	23	22	25	28	25
<b>Charges per ship visit (\$)</b>															
Total ship-based charges	21 407	21 534	22 121	22 232	22 773	53 702	54 148	55 549	55 936	57 259	63 103	63 600	65 288	65 717	67 319
Empty	1 236	1 307	1 088	646	1 013	8 907	6 032	6 724	4 422	4 748	9 431	8 680	11 536	12 879	12 210
<b>Ship-based charges (\$/TEU)</b>															
Conservancy	8	8	8	9	9	6	7	7	9	8	7	8	7	7	7
Tonnage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pilotage	36	34	33	39	37	12	14	14	18	18	13	14	12	12	13
Towage	27	26	25	30	28	18	21	21	27	26	18	19	16	17	18
Mooring, unmooring <sup>c</sup>	10	9	9	10	9	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	2
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	82	77	74	88	82	38	44	44	56	54	40	42	36	37	40
<b>Fees and charges for imports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	82	77	74	88	82	38	44	44	56	54	40	42	36	37	40
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	37	37	38	38	38	37	37	38	38	38	37	37	38	38	38
Harbour dues	66	66	67	67	68	66	66	67	67	68	66	66	67	67	68
Other charges															
Stevedoring	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174
Customs broker fees	150	150	146	147	149	150	150	146	147	149	150	150	146	147	149
Road transport charges <sup>d</sup>	486	486	480	480	484	486	486	480	480	484	486	486	480	480	484
Terminal infrastructure charges <sup>e</sup>	28	28	29	34	37	28	28	29	34	37	28	28	29	34	37
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / import TEU)</b>	<b>1 017</b>	<b>1 013</b>	<b>1 003</b>	<b>1 024</b>	<b>1 031</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>1 003</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>989</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>f</sup> (%)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>

(cont.)



**Table 4.1** Port interface costs by ship type—parameters and estimates: Brisbane (*continued*)

	5 000 to 20 000 GT ships					35 000 to 40 000 GT ships					50 000 to 55 000 GT ships				
	2016	2017	2018			2016	2017	2018			2016	2017	2018		
	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec
<b>Fees and charges for exports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	82	77	74	88	82	38	44	44	56	54	40	42	36	37	40
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	37	37	38	38	38	37	37	38	38	38	37	37	38	38	38
Harbour dues	66	66	67	67	68	66	66	67	67	68	66	66	67	67	68
Other charges															
Stevedoring	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174
Customs broker fees	156	156	131	132	133	156	156	131	132	133	156	156	131	132	133
Road transport charges <sup>d</sup>	486	486	480	480	484	486	486	480	480	484	486	486	480	480	484
Terminal infrastructure charges <sup>e</sup>	28	28	29	34	37	28	28	29	34	37	28	28	29	34	37
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / export TEU)</b>	1 024	1 019	988	1 008	1 015	981	986	957	976	987	982	984	950	957	973
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>g</sup> (%)</b>	13	10	11	9	12	18	22	34	29	26	21	18	24	27	25

Note: Estimates of charges are rounded to the nearest whole dollar. A value of zero indicates that the charge per TEU is less than fifty cents.

**a** The average TEUs exchanged and the ship call parameters are mean values for ships in the size category for the given period.

**b** Sum of wharfage, harbour, berth and channel fees levied per empty TEU, multiplied by the average number of empty TEUs exchanged.

**c** BITRE estimates.

**d** BITRE estimates based on a survey of road transport operators. Survey responses from July–December 2017 are not directly comparable to prior figures.

**e** Charges as levied by container terminal operators. These were reported separately for the first time in *Waterline 63*.

**f** Estimated as the TEUs imported through the port by ships in the size class, as a fraction of TEUs imported through the five ports by ships in the size class.

**g** Estimated as the TEUs exported through the port by ships in the size class, as a fraction of TEUs exported through the five ports by ships in the size class.

Sources: BITRE estimates based on ship call data from Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2019) and other sources (see text).

**Table 4.2** Port interface costs by ship type—parameters and estimates: Sydney

	5 000 to 20 000 GT ships					35 000 to 40 000 GT ships					50 000 to 55 000 GT ships				
	2016		2017		2018	2016		2017		2018	2016		2017		2018
	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec
<b>Port call parameters<sup>a</sup></b>															
Total TEUs exchanged	556	485	825	611	557	1 915	1 821	1 911	1 825	1 995	2 725	2 581	2 671	2 707	2 570
Loaded	507	433	655	518	457	1 341	1 261	1 314	1 287	1 474	1 939	1 873	1 833	1 802	1 699
Loaded inwards	214	172	340	236	202	859	796	904	825	1 008	1 296	1 244	1 316	1 240	1 179
Loaded outwards	292	261	315	283	256	482	465	410	462	466	643	629	517	562	520
Empty <sup>b</sup>	50	53	170	93	100	574	560	596	538	520	785	708	837	905	871
Number of port calls	7	7	7	6	15	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	4	4	3
Elapsed berth time (hours)	30	24	26	24	23	34	31	37	32	33	36	36	41	37	37
<b>Charges per ship visit (\$)</b>															
Total ship-based charges	23 090	23 264	23 785	23 991	24 621	59 159	59 509	60 984	61 401	63 192	71 681	72 062	73 931	74 385	76 654
Empty	686	728	2 395	1 311	1 439	7 955	7 757	8 419	7 591	7 510	10 886	9 806	11 821	12 785	12 566
<b>Ship-based charges (\$/TEU)</b>															
Conservancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tonnage	11	12	8	10	12	12	12	12	13	12	12	12	12	12	13
Pilotage	7	8	5	7	8	5	5	5	6	5	4	4	4	4	4
Towage	19	22	13	18	20	12	13	12	13	12	9	9	9	9	10
Mooring, unmooring <sup>c</sup>	5	6	3	5	5	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	42	48	29	39	44	31	33	32	34	32	26	28	28	27	30
<b>Fees and charges for imports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	42	48	29	39	44	31	33	32	34	32	26	28	28	27	30
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	130	130	132	132	135	130	130	132	132	135	130	130	132	132	135
Harbour dues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other charges															
Stevedoring	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174
Customs broker fees	151	151	141	142	143	151	151	141	142	143	151	151	141	142	143
Road transport charges <sup>d</sup>	542	542	532	533	537	542	542	532	533	537	542	542	532	533	537
Terminal infrastructure charges <sup>e</sup>	-	21	23	28	30	-	21	23	28	30	-	21	23	28	30
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / import TEU)</b>	<b>1 034</b>	<b>1 062</b>	<b>1 027</b>	<b>1 044</b>	<b>1 064</b>	<b>1 024</b>	<b>1 047</b>	<b>1 030</b>	<b>1 039</b>	<b>1 051</b>	<b>1 019</b>	<b>1 042</b>	<b>1 026</b>	<b>1 032</b>	<b>1 050</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>f</sup> (%)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>

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**Table 4.2** Port interface costs by ship type—parameters and estimates: Sydney (*continued*)

	5 000 to 20 000 GT ships					35 000 to 40 000 GT ships					50 000 to 55 000 GT ships				
	2016	2017	2018			2016	2017	2018			2016	2017	2018		
	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec
<b>Fees and charges for exports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	42	48	29	39	44	31	33	32	34	32	26	28	28	27	30
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	85	85	87	87	90	85	85	87	87	90	85	85	87	87	90
Harbour dues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other charges															
Stevedoring	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174
Customs broker fees	133	133	116	117	118	133	133	116	117	118	133	133	116	117	118
Road transport charges <sup>d</sup>	542	542	532	533	537	542	542	532	533	537	542	542	532	533	537
Terminal infrastructure charges <sup>e</sup>	-	21	23	28	30	-	21	23	28	30	-	21	23	28	30
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / export TEU)</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>979</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>g</sup> (%)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>

Note: Estimates of charges are rounded to the nearest whole dollar. A value of zero indicates that the charge per TEU is less than fifty cents.

**a** The average TEUs exchanged and the ship call parameters are mean values for ships in the size category for the given period.

**b** Sum of wharfage, harbour, berth and channel fees levied per empty TEU, multiplied by the average number of empty TEUs exchanged.

**c** BITRE estimates.

**d** BITRE estimates based on a survey of road transport operators. Survey responses from July–December 2017 are not directly comparable to prior figures.

**e** Charges as levied by container terminal operators. These were reported separately for the first time in *Waterline 63*.

**f** Estimated as the TEUs imported through the port by ships in the size class, as a fraction of TEUs imported through the five ports by ships in the size class.

**g** Estimated as the TEUs exported through the port by ships in the size class, as a fraction of TEUs exported through the five ports by ships in the size class.

Sources: BITRE estimates based on ship call data from NSW Ports (2019) and other sources (see text).

**Table 4.3** Port interface costs by ship type—parameters and estimates: Melbourne

	5 000 to 20 000 GT ships					35 000 to 40 000 GT ships					50 000 to 55 000 GT ships				
	2016		2017		2018	2016		2017		2018	2016		2017		2018
	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec
<b>Port call parameters<sup>a</sup></b>															
Total TEUs exchanged	608	543	665	691	960	2 003	1 729	1 613	1 789	1 932	2 800	2 795	3 115	3 135	3 158
Loaded	571	463	560	564	841	1 644	1 489	1 359	1 365	1 479	2 208	2 283	2 500	2 684	2 484
Loaded inwards	276	212	253	272	305	1 094	989	964	1 022	1 037	1 413	1 319	1 579	1 688	1 648
Loaded outwards	296	252	307	292	536	550	501	395	343	442	795	965	920	995	836
Empty <sup>b</sup>	37	80	105	127	119	359	240	254	423	453	592	512	615	451	674
Number of port calls	7	7	6	6	6	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	3
Elapsed berth time (hours)	22	20	22	19	29	28	24	26	25	27	32	30	35	33	32
<b>Charges per ship visit (\$)</b>															
Total ship-based charges	32 478	32 663	33 139	33 372	33 842	59 508	59 759	60 753	61 065	62 013	82 380	82 730	84 133	84 564	85 910
Empty	685	1 477	1 980	2 387	2 288	6 619	4 425	4 774	7 971	8 688	10 912	9 433	11 589	8 497	12 919
<b>Ship-based charges (\$/TEU)</b>															
Conservancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tonnage	10	11	9	9	6	11	13	14	13	12	13	13	12	12	12
Pilotage	14	15	13	12	9	7	8	9	8	7	5	5	5	5	5
Towage	25	29	24	23	17	10	12	13	12	11	10	10	10	10	10
Mooring, unmooring <sup>c</sup>	5	5	4	4	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	53	60	50	48	35	30	35	38	34	32	29	30	27	27	27
<b>Fees and charges for imports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	53	60	50	48	35	30	35	38	34	32	29	30	27	27	27
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	74	74	118	118	120	74	74	118	118	120	74	74	118	118	120
Harbour dues	41	41	0	0	0	41	41	0	0	0	41	41	0	0	0
Other charges															
Stevedoring	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174
Customs broker fees	155	155	142	143	145	155	155	142	143	145	155	155	142	143	145
Road transport charges <sup>d</sup>	549	549	512	503	506	549	549	512	503	506	549	549	512	503	506
Terminal infrastructure charges <sup>e</sup>	4	18	32	46	48	4	18	32	46	48	4	18	32	46	48
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / import TEU)</b>	<b>1 046</b>	<b>1 067</b>	<b>1 022</b>	<b>1 028</b>	<b>1 028</b>	<b>1 022</b>	<b>1 042</b>	<b>1 010</b>	<b>1 013</b>	<b>1 025</b>	<b>1 022</b>	<b>1 037</b>	<b>1 000</b>	<b>1 006</b>	<b>1 020</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>f</sup> (%)</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>

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**Table 4.3** Port interface costs by ship type—parameters and estimates: Melbourne (*continued*)

	5 000 to 20 000 GT ships					35 000 to 40 000 GT ships					50 000 to 55 000 GT ships				
	2016	2017	2018			2016	2017	2018			2016	2017	2018		
	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec
<b>Fees and charges for exports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	53	60	50	48	35	30	35	38	34	32	29	30	27	27	27
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	70	70	108	108	105	70	70	108	108	105	70	70	108	108	105
Harbour dues	41	41	0	0	0	41	41	0	0	0	41	41	0	0	0
Other charges															
Stevedoring	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174
Customs broker fees	141	141	127	129	130	141	141	127	129	130	141	141	127	129	130
Road transport charges <sup>d</sup>	549	549	512	503	506	549	549	512	503	506	549	549	512	503	506
Terminal infrastructure charges <sup>e</sup>	4	18	32	46	48	4	18	32	46	48	4	18	32	46	48
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / export TEU)</b>	1 028	1 049	998	1 003	999	1 004	1 023	986	989	995	1 004	1 018	975	982	991
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>g</sup> (%)</b>	29	29	31	31	29	38	36	30	28	30	36	37	40	41	38

Note: Estimates of charges are rounded to the nearest whole dollar. A value of zero indicates that the charge per TEU is less than fifty cents.

**a** The average TEUs exchanged and the ship call parameters are mean values for ships in the size category for the given period.

**b** Sum of wharfage, harbour, berth and channel fees levied per empty TEU, multiplied by the average number of empty TEUs exchanged.

**c** BITRE estimates.

**d** BITRE estimates based on a survey of road transport operators. Survey responses from July–December 2017 are not directly comparable to prior figures.

**e** Charges as levied by container terminal operators. These were reported separately for the first time in *Waterline 63*.

**f** Estimated as the TEUs imported through the port by ships in the size class, as a fraction of TEUs imported through the five ports by ships in the size class.

**g** Estimated as the TEUs exported through the port by ships in the size class, as a fraction of TEUs exported through the five ports by ships in the size class.

Sources: BITRE estimates based on ship call data from Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2019) and other sources (see text).

**Table 4.4** Port interface costs by ship type—parameters and estimates: Adelaide

	5 000 to 20 000 GT ships					35 000 to 40 000 GT ships					50 000 to 55 000 GT ships				
	2016		2017		2018	2016		2017		2018	2016		2017		2018
	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec
<b>Port call parameters<sup>a</sup></b>															
Total TEUs exchanged	-	-	-	43	-	768	611	502	463	711	982	1 078	1 021	875	899
Loaded	-	-	-	43	-	672	570	477	400	553	816	841	797	712	756
Loaded inwards	-	-	-	43	-	441	433	409	364	489	392	379	379	370	396
Loaded outwards	-	-	-	0	-	226	137	68	36	64	425	462	418	342	361
Empty <sup>b</sup>	-	-	-	0	-	101	41	25	63	157	166	237	224	162	143
Number of port calls	-	-	-	1	-	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	4
Elapsed berth time (hours)	-	-	-	8	-	21	18	15	15	16	23	23	23	21	23
<b>Charges per ship visit (\$)</b>															
Total ship-based charges	24 024	24 202	24 754	29 521	25 497	51 228	50 778	51 181	51 433	52 757	59 760	58 941	60 140	60 120	61 858
Empty	-	-	-	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ship-based charges (\$/TEU)</b>															
Conservancy	-	-	-	61	-	6	7	9	10	7	7	6	6	7	7
Tonnage	-	-	-	116	-	13	14	17	18	12	13	12	13	14	15
Pilotage	-	-	-	169	-	9	11	14	16	11	7	6	7	8	8
Towage	-	-	-	341	-	39	50	62	68	45	34	31	33	39	39
Mooring, unmooring <sup>c</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	-	-	-	687	-	67	83	102	111	74	61	55	59	69	69
<b>Fees and charges for imports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	-	-	-	687	-	67	83	102	111	74	61	55	59	69	69
<b>Cargo-based charges</b>															
Wharfage	86	86	88	88	90	86	86	88	88	90	86	86	88	88	90
Harbour dues	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
<b>Other charges</b>															
Stevedoring	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174
Customs broker fees	149	149	143	144	145	149	149	143	144	145	149	149	143	144	145
Road transport charges <sup>d</sup>	399	399	419	423	454	399	399	419	423	454	399	399	419	423	454
Terminal infrastructure charges <sup>e</sup>	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	28
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / import TEU)</b>	-	-	-	1 518	-	877	893	927	942	973	871	865	884	900	968
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>f</sup> (%)</b>	-	-	-	0	-	7	7	8	6	7	4	5	3	2	3

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**Table 4.4** Port interface costs by ship type—parameters and estimates: Adelaide (*continued*)

	5 000 to 20 000 GT ships					35 000 to 40 000 GT ships					50 000 to 55 000 GT ships				
	2016	2017	2018			2016	2017	2018			2016	2017	2018		
	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec
<b>Fees and charges for exports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	-	-	-	687	-	67	83	102	111	74	61	55	59	69	69
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	86	86	88	88	90	86	86	88	88	90	86	86	88	88	90
Harbour dues	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Other charges															
Stevedoring	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174
Customs broker fees	92	92	93	94	95	92	92	93	94	95	92	92	93	94	95
Road transport charges <sup>d</sup>	399	399	419	423	454	399	399	419	423	454	399	399	419	423	454
Terminal infrastructure charges <sup>e</sup>	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	28
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / export TEU)</b>	-	-	-	1 468	-	820	837	878	892	923	814	808	835	850	917
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>g</sup> (%)</b>	-	-	-	0	-	7	4	3	1	2	8	9	7	4	5

Note: Estimates of charges are rounded to the nearest whole dollar. A value of zero indicates that the charge per TEU is less than fifty cents.

**a** The average TEUs exchanged and the ship call parameters are mean values for ships in the size category for the given period.

**b** Sum of wharfage, harbour, berth and channel fees levied per empty TEU, multiplied by the average number of empty TEUs exchanged.

**c** BITRE estimates.

**d** BITRE estimates based on a survey of road transport operators. Survey responses from July–December 2017 are not directly comparable to prior figures.

**e** Charges as levied by container terminal operators. These were reported separately for the first time in *Waterline 63*.

**f** Estimated as the TEUs imported through the port by ships in the size class, as a fraction of TEUs imported through the five ports by ships in the size class.

**g** Estimated as the TEUs exported through the port by ships in the size class, as a fraction of TEUs exported through the five ports by ships in the size class.

Sources: BITRE estimates based on ship call data from Flinders Ports (2019) and other sources (see text).

**Table 4.5** Port interface costs by ship type—parameters and estimates: Fremantle

	5 000 to 20 000 GT ships					35 000 to 40 000 GT ships					50 000 to 55 000 GT ships				
	2016		2017		2018	2016		2017		2018	2016		2017		2018
	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec
<b>Port call parameters<sup>a</sup></b>															
Total TEUs exchanged	2 698	2 487	2 917	2 318	2 251	825	791	609	781	1 112	1 360	1 467	1 735	1 685	1 428
Loaded	2 204	2 116	2 332	1 874	1 956	736	739	590	691	950	1 017	1 149	1 206	1 292	996
Loaded inwards	1 315	1 187	1 432	1 087	1 134	540	573	514	615	645	637	725	795	852	582
Loaded outwards	889	929	900	787	822	197	165	76	75	304	380	425	411	439	414
Empty <sup>b</sup>	494	371	586	444	296	89	52	18	91	162	343	317	529	393	432
Number of port calls	13	13	13	13	11	4	4	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4
Elapsed berth time (hours)	35	33	38	35	34	20	18	18	19	25	24	25	28	25	26
<b>Charges per ship visit (\$)</b>															
Total ship-based charges	18 492	18 578	18 896	18 989	19 466	39 853	40 039	40 730	40 927	41 820	57 818	58 134	59 053	59 391	60 485
Empty	5 856	4 396	7 111	5 388	3 647	1 054	613	224	1 104	1 994	4 062	3 760	6 424	4 777	5 324
<b>Ship-based charges (\$/TEU)</b>															
Conservancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tonnage	1	1	1	1	1	11	12	16	12	9	10	9	8	8	10
Pilotage	2	2	2	2	3	12	12	16	12	9	7	6	6	6	7
Towage	3	4	3	4	4	24	25	33	26	18	25	23	20	21	25
Mooring, unmooring <sup>c</sup>	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	7	7	6	8	9	48	51	67	52	38	43	40	34	35	42
<b>Fees and charges for imports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	7	7	6	8	9	48	51	67	52	38	43	40	34	35	42
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	79	79	80	80	82	79	79	80	80	82	79	79	80	80	82
Harbour dues	37	37	38	38	38	37	37	38	38	38	37	37	38	38	38
Other charges															
Stevedoring	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174
Customs broker fees	162	162	176	178	180	162	162	176	178	180	162	162	176	178	180
Road transport charges <sup>d</sup>	467	467	452	456	460	467	467	452	456	460	467	467	452	456	460
Terminal infrastructure charges <sup>e</sup>	-	-	6	7	8	-	-	6	7	8	-	-	6	7	8
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / import TEU)</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>984</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>f</sup> (%)</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

(cont.)



**Table 4.5** Port interface costs by ship type—parameters and estimates: Fremantle (*continued*)

	5 000 to 20 000 GT ships					35 000 to 40 000 GT ships					50 000 to 55 000 GT ships				
	2016	2017	2018			2016	2017	2018			2016	2017	2018		
	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec
<b>Fees and charges for exports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	7	7	6	8	9	48	51	67	52	38	43	40	34	35	42
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	79	79	80	80	82	79	79	80	80	82	79	79	80	80	82
Harbour dues	37	37	38	38	38	37	37	38	38	38	37	37	38	38	38
Other charges															
Stevedoring	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174	170	170	169	169	174
Customs broker fees	109	109	143	145	147	109	109	143	145	147	109	109	143	145	147
Road transport charges <sup>d</sup>	467	467	452	456	460	467	467	452	456	460	467	467	452	456	460
Terminal infrastructure charges <sup>e</sup>	-	-	6	7	8	-	-	6	7	8	-	-	6	7	8
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / export TEU)</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>951</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>g</sup> (%)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>

Note: Estimates of charges are rounded to the nearest whole dollar. A value of zero indicates that the charge per TEU is less than fifty cents.

<sup>a</sup> The average TEUs exchanged and the ship call parameters are mean values for ships in the size category for the given period.

<sup>b</sup> Sum of wharfage, harbour, berth and channel fees levied per empty TEU, multiplied by the average number of empty TEUs exchanged.

<sup>c</sup> BITRE estimates.

<sup>d</sup> BITRE estimates based on a survey of road transport operators. Survey responses from July–December 2017 are not directly comparable to prior figures.

<sup>e</sup> Charges as levied by container terminal operators. These were reported separately for the first time in *Waterline 63*.

<sup>f</sup> Estimated as the TEUs imported through the port by ships in the size class, as a fraction of TEUs imported through the five ports by ships in the size class.

<sup>g</sup> Estimated as the TEUs exported through the port by ships in the size class, as a fraction of TEUs exported through the five ports by ships in the size class.

Sources: BITRE estimates based on ship call data from Fremantle Ports (2019) and other sources (see text).

**Table 4.6** National port interface costs, by size of ship

Ship gross tonnage range	Port interface costs (\$ / TEU)	2016	2017		2018	
		Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec
5 000 – 20 000 GT	Import ( <i>nominal</i> )	987	999	985	993	995
	Import ( <i>nominal</i> )	1 041	1 031	1 016	1 011	995
	Export ( <i>nominal</i> )	965	976	956	964	971
	Export ( <i>nominal</i> )	1 018	1 007	986	982	971
35 000 – 40 000 GT	Import ( <i>nominal</i> )	1 001	1 017	1 003	1 010	1 019
	Import ( <i>nominal</i> )	1 055	1 050	1 034	1 028	1 019
	Export ( <i>nominal</i> )	968	989	965	975	981
	Export ( <i>nominal</i> )	1 021	1 020	994	993	981
50 000 – 55 000 GT	Import ( <i>nominal</i> )	998	1 007	991	998	1 019
	Import ( <i>nominal</i> )	1 052	1 040	1 021	1 017	1 019
	Export ( <i>nominal</i> )	961	970	952	962	978
	Export ( <i>nominal</i> )	1 014	1 001	981	980	978
ABS non-farm GDP deflator		94.8	96.9	97.0	98.2	100.0

Notes: Values in constant prices are derived using the ABS non-farm GDP deflator, with July–December 2018 as the base period.

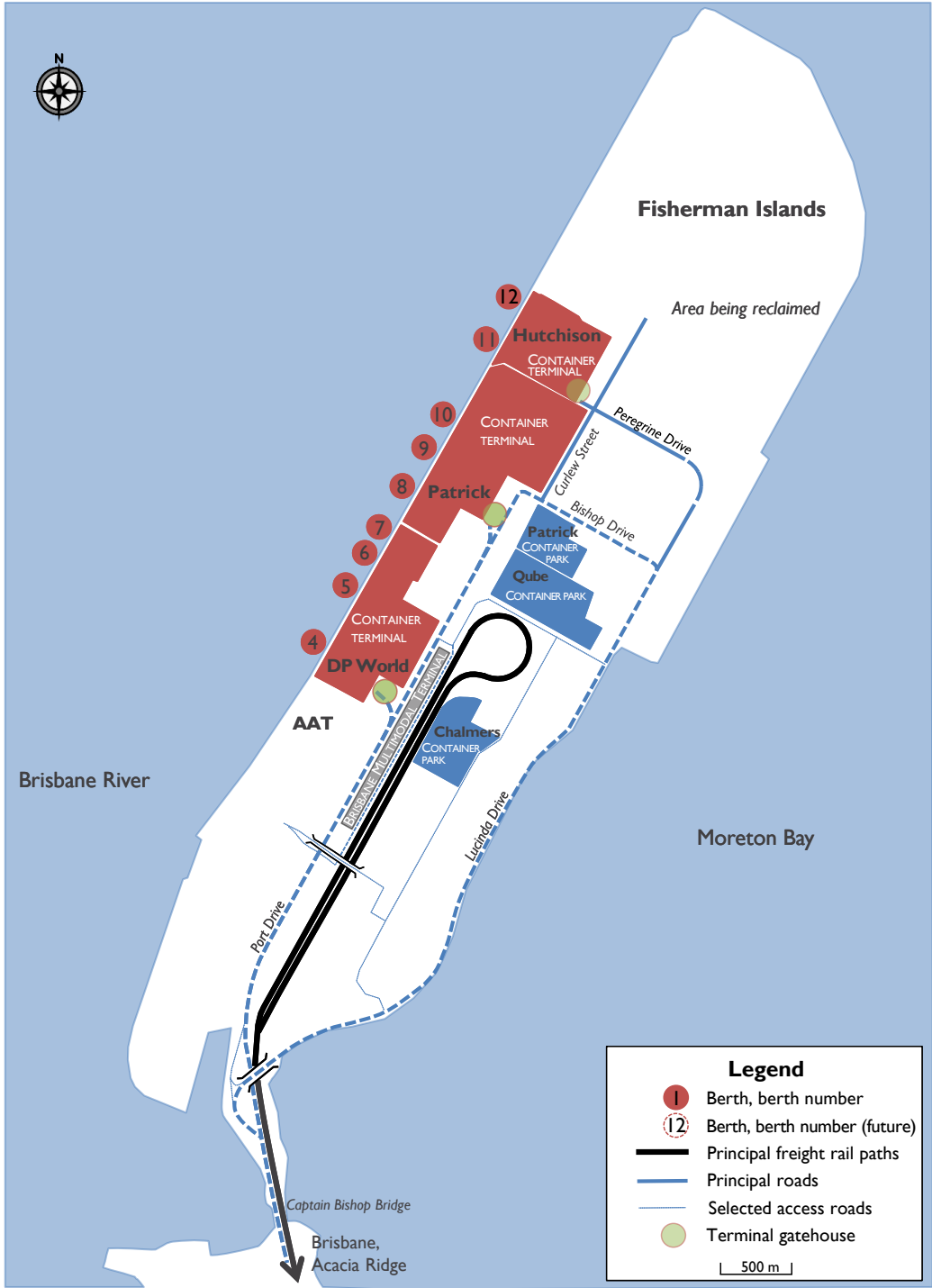
Sources: BITRE estimates based on data in Tables 4.1 to 4.5 and ABS (2019).

## APPENDIX A

# Maps of five major Australian container ports

This appendix presents maps of container terminals and supplementary information about facilities and port services available at the five major Australian container ports as at December 2018.

Figure A.1 Brisbane (Fisherman Islands terminals)



(Last updated: September 2016)

## Brisbane (*Fisherman Islands terminals*)

The Port of Brisbane is managed and developed by the Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd, under a 99-year lease from the Queensland Government.

### Dockside

**Stevedores.** The map shows the DP World, Patrick and Hutchison Ports Australia terminals. Some containers are also handled by Australian Amalgamated Terminals (AAT), who provide a multi-purpose, multi-user facility that is based at Berths 1–3, to the west of the DP World container yard.

**Berths.** DP World operates from container berths 4–7. The Patrick container berths are 8–10. Hutchison operates berths 11 and 12.

**Equipment.** DP World has 6 cranes, including 5 post-Panamax cranes and one Panamax crane. Two post-Panamax cranes were commissioned in 2018. DP World's semi-automated terminal has 16 automated stacking cranes. Patrick has 5 cranes, consisting of 4 post-Panamax cranes and one Panamax crane; in addition, Patrick has 31 automated straddle carriers (AutoStrads). Hutchison's Brisbane Container Terminals includes 4 post-Panamax cranes and 6 automated stacking cranes.

### Road

Road access to the area is via the bridge to Fisherman Islands, over the Captain Bishop Bridge. Access to the DP World and Patrick terminals is via Port Drive or Lucinda Drive / Bishop Drive / Curlew Street; access to the Hutchison terminal is via Curlew Street.

### Rail

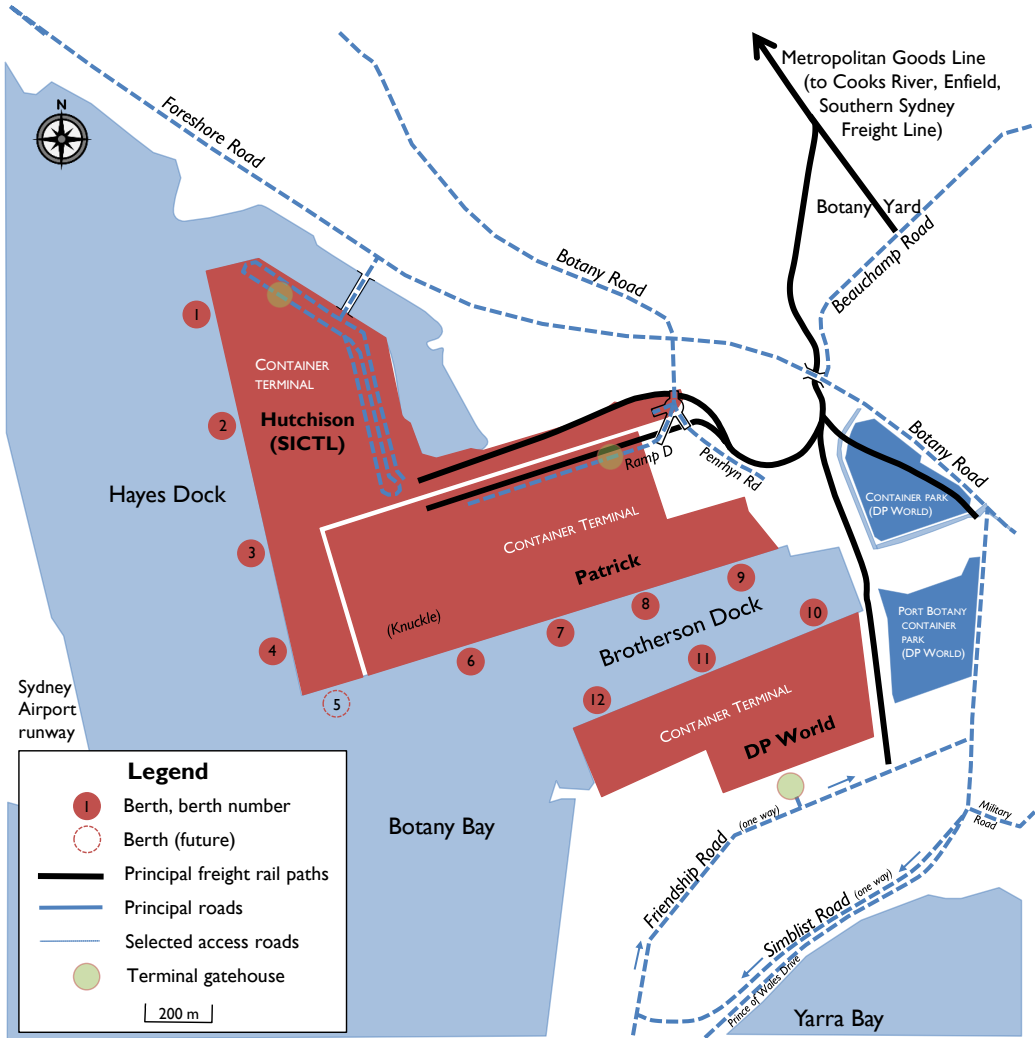
**Facilities.** An intermodal facility is provided on Fisherman Islands—the Brisbane Multimodal Terminal. Train lengths of up to 850 metres are permitted. Containers are shifted by road between that terminal and the container terminals. In that context, rail access is classed as having “near-dock” facilities.

**Services.** Scheduled rail services to the Brisbane Multimodal Terminal include long haul:

- bulk coal from West Moreton and grain from western Queensland, both via narrow gauge;
- reefer containers containing meat from Rockhampton, by narrow-gauge trains;
- some containers are taken from Fisherman Islands—the presumption is that they are mainly empty containers; and
- there are no scheduled standard-gauge container trains.

**National rail connections.** Dual narrow and (national) standard gauge tracks are installed between Fisherman Islands and the inter-/intra-state intermodal terminal at Acacia Ridge.

Figure A.2 Sydney (Port Botany terminals)



(Last updated: February 2017)

## Sydney (Port Botany terminals)

Port Botany is managed by the NSW Ports Consortium, which has a 99-year lease of the State-owned assets at the port.

### Dockside

**Stevedores.** The three container terminals at Port Botany are served by the stevedores Patrick, DP World and Hutchison (Sydney International Container Terminals Limited, SICTL).

**Berths.** Patrick operates four berths, numbers 6–9. DP World's three berths are numbered 10–12. Hutchison has four operational berths (1–4).

**Equipment.** DP World equipment includes 6 twin-lift quay cranes and 2 single-lift quay cranes. DP World took delivery of three twin-lift, post-Panamax cranes in 2018. Patrick equipment includes 8 twin-lift quay cranes and 1 single-lift quay crane. The Hutchison terminal includes 4 post-Panamax quay cranes.

The Patrick terminal has implemented an automated container yard, with 47 automated straddle carriers (AutoStrads). Automatic operations commenced on 2 April 2015.

The Hutchison terminal operates 12 automated stacking cranes.

### Road

Access to the DP World terminal is via Friendship Road (one-way). The Patrick terminal is accessed from Penrhyn Road. Hutchison's terminal is accessed via a bridge from Foreshore Road.

### Rail

**Facilities.** Each stevedore has on-dock rail facilities. DP World has 3 sidings of 340 metre length. Patrick has 2 sidings of 650 metre length. Hutchison's terminal has 2 rail sidings of 680 metres; these are parallel to the Patrick sidings.

**Services.** Scheduled short haul and long haul rail container services between Botany and the hinterland include:

- Yennora, Cooks River, Minto and Enfield.
- logs and grain from Kelso (Southern Shorthaul Railroad; Pacific National);
- logs from Goulburn (Qube Logistics);
- processed meat, grain and other agricultural products from Dubbo (Fletcher Export International / Southern Shorthaul Railroad; Qube Logistics);
- specialised grain transport from Coonamble (Qube Logistics);
- cotton and agricultural produce from Nevertire, Warren, Warren South, Trangie South, Narrabri, Wee Waa, Narromine and Forbes (Qube Logistics; Genesee & Wyoming Australia; Sydney Rail Services);
- paper products and grain from Harefield (Qube Logistics);
- aluminium, logs and agricultural produce from Walsh Point, Carrington and Sandgate [Newcastle] (Qube Logistics and Crawford's Freightlines / Sydney Rail Services);
- plantation logs, grain, meat and other agricultural produce from Werri Creek (Crawford's Freightlines / Sydney Rail Services).

**Rail access.** Railway sidings at Botany Yard are used to regulate train entry to the port; to split trains, where necessary, for onwards movements to the port, and to re-form trains from port-terminal wagon rakes for movements to Cooks River, Enfield and beyond.

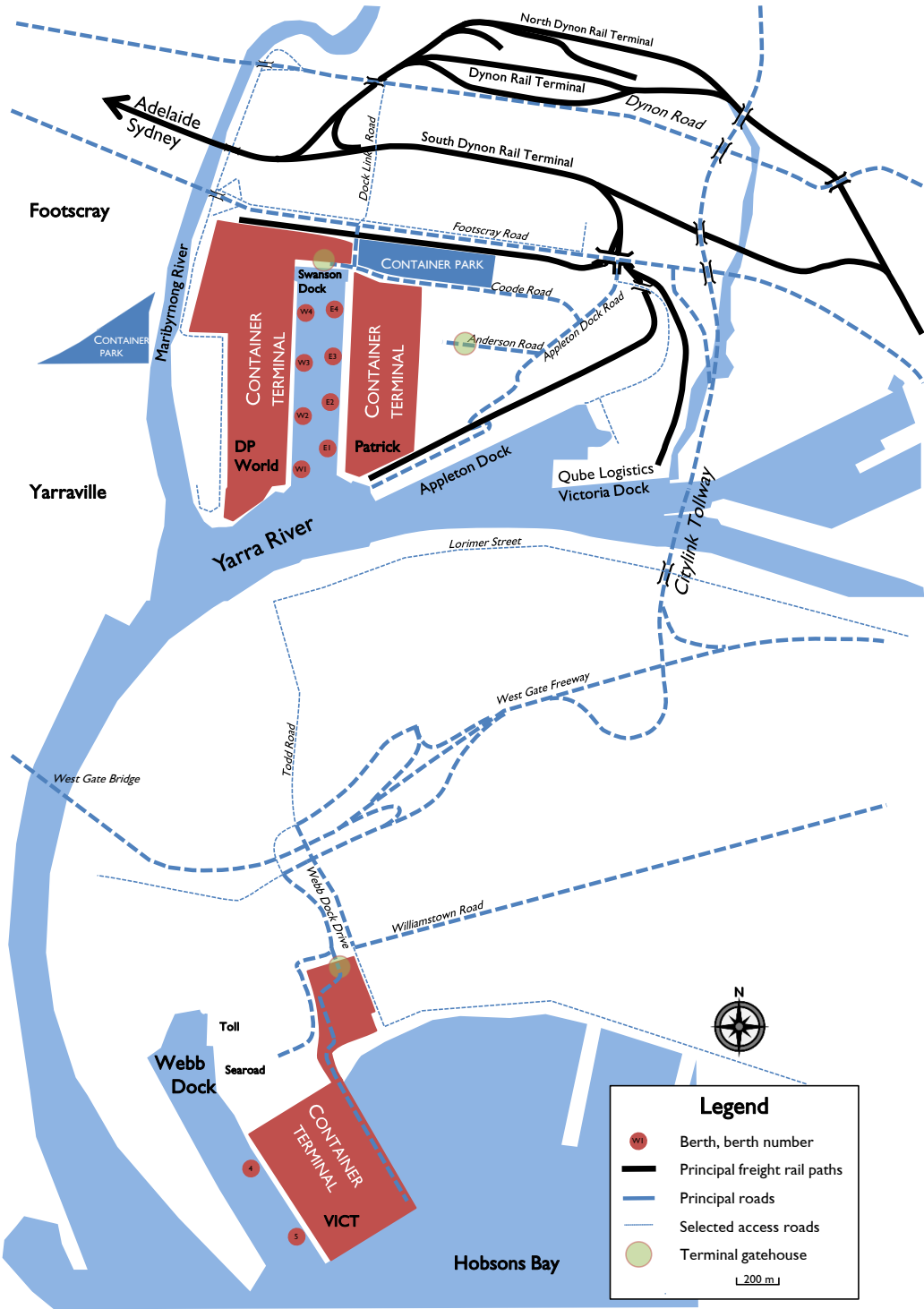
**National and regional rail connections.** The port is linked to the intrastate and interstate rail network, including the Southern Sydney Freight Line, and via the Metropolitan Freight Network (including the Port Botany Goods Line).





Vessel *Al Bahia* at Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal. Photo courtesy of Flinders Ports.

Figure A.3 Melbourne (Swanson and Webb Dock terminals)



(Last updated: September 2019)

## Melbourne (*Swanson and Webb Dock terminals*)

The Port of Melbourne is operated by Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd on behalf of the Lonsdale Consortium, which holds a 50-year lease of the State-owned assets at the port.

### Dockside

**Stevedores.** DP World's container terminal is at Swanson Dock West. Patrick has a container terminal across the dock at Swanson Dock East. Victoria International Container Terminal (VICT) operates on Webb Dock East.

**Logistics.** Qube Logistics has a container and general cargo terminal at Victoria Dock, with one berth.

**Equipment.** The Patrick terminal has 7 cranes, of which 5 are post-Panamax; the DP World terminal has 9 cranes, including 6 post-Panamax, twin-lift cranes—three post-Panamax cranes were commissioned in 2018. VICT has 5 remotely operated Neo-Panamax quay cranes. Patrick has 42 straddle carriers, DP World has 48 straddle carriers and VICT has 11 automated container carriers and 20 automated stacking cranes (ASCs).

**Berths.** There are 4 container berths at Patrick's Swanson Dock East—berths E1–E4. There are 4 berths at DP World's Swanson Dock West—berths W1–W4. There are two berths at Webb Dock East operated by VICT. There is one general cargo berth at Victoria Dock (berth 24) which handles containers.

### Road

Access to the DP World terminal is via Coode Road. Access to the Patrick terminal is via Appleton Dock Road; an access road leads to the Qube terminal from Appleton Dock Road. Access to VICT is from Webb Dock Road.

### Rail

**Facilities.** Import and export containers are rail-served to near the dockside. Containers are also railed through the Dynon rail terminals (to the north of the docks) and conveyed by road between those terminals and the on-dock container stacks.

- West Swanson Intermodal Terminal serves DP World. This is a single dual-gauge (standard and broad) siding of 510 metres, running just to the south of Footscray Road; there is also a locomotive run-around track;
- Patrick (East Swanson Dock) is served by a single dual-gauge siding off the Appleton Dock rail yard. The Appleton Dock rail yard also services the ACFS Logistics depot on Appleton Dock Road. The yard has two dual (standard and broad) gauge tracks of 640 metres in length and a locomotive run-around track;
- Qube's Victoria Dock sidings have two dual-gauge (standard and broad) sidings, with 630 metre lengths, plus a locomotive run-around track.

**Services.** Scheduled long-haul rail services shifting containers include:

- rice from Deniliquin to Victoria Dock sidings (Qube Logistics, broad gauge);
- paper products from Maryvale to Victoria Dock sidings (Qube Logistics, broad gauge);
- cotton from Barnawartha to West Swanson Dock (SCT, standard gauge);

- grain and other agricultural products from Dooen to West Swanson Dock (SCT / Wimmera Container Line, standard gauge);
- meat and milk products from Westvic / Warmambool to Appleton Dock (Pacific National, broad gauge);
- grain and other agricultural products from Tocumwal to Appleton Dock (Pacific National and Qube Logistics, broad gauge);
- wine and agricultural products, including fruit in reefer containers, from Merbein / Mildura to Appleton Dock (Pacific National, standard gauge);
- grain and agricultural products from Donald to Appleton Dock (Pacific National, standard gauge);
- cotton, beverages, meat and agricultural products from Griffith, Wumbulgal, Leeton and Ettamogah to West Swanson Dock and Appleton Dock (Pacific National, standard gauge);
- hay from Ultima to Victoria Dock (Qube, broad gauge).

Port rail containers also arrive by road shuttles from the Dynon railway terminals.

**Rail linkages.** The dock area consists of rail facilities near the docks and the nearby intermodal container terminals at South Dynon, Dynon and North Dynon. Although there is an eastern link from the Dynon terminals towards the east (Southern Cross and Flinders Street), the container movements are to and from the west via the Tottenham–Dynon line.

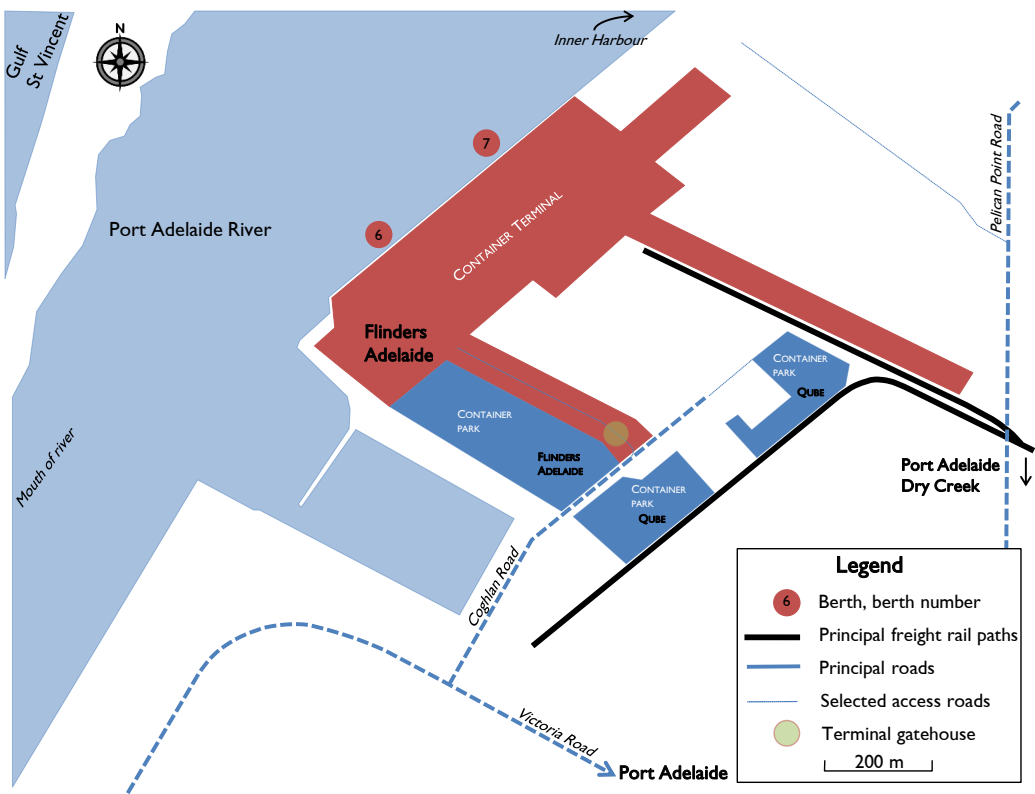
Of the five container ports represented here, the Port of Melbourne is unique in the proximity of intermodal terminals near to the docks as well as the on- / near-dock facilities.

**National rail connections.** Principal freight rail paths are shown; most tracks (including dock-side tracks) are dual gauge (namely, broad- and standard-gauge tracks). Access to the interstate network is via the dual-gauge track to the west, via Tottenham.



Cranes at Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal working vessel *MSC Melissa*. Photo courtesy of Flinders Ports.

Figure A.4 Adelaide (Outer Harbor / Pelican Point)



(Last updated: October 2018)

## Adelaide (*Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal*)

Flinders Ports manages the port facilities in Adelaide; these are at Outer Harbor and the Inner Harbour (up the Port Adelaide River). Container services are provided by Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal at Outer Harbor.

### Dockside

**Stevedores.** Port Adelaide's Outer Harbor Container Terminal is operated by Flinders Adelaide, using two berths.

**Berths.** The map shows the container terminal located in the outer harbour (at Outer Harbor) of Port Adelaide; the Inner Harbour at Port Adelaide is not shown. The Flinders Adelaide container facilities use berths 6 and 7.

**Equipment.** The terminal has three post-Panamax container-handling cranes. A fourth, Panamax-sized crane was decommissioned in December 2017.

### Road

Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal is accessed via Coghlan Road.

### Rail

**Facilities.** The Outer Harbor terminal has two sets of standard-gauge rail sidings. Two sidings, each of 640 metre length, serve the Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal. The other set of sidings serve the Qube Logistics terminal and container park.

In October 2018, Flinders Ports upgraded the rail facility to increase the staging area for rail containers.

**Services.** Scheduled railed movements to the dockside include:

Short-haul:

- Penfield (Direk) to Flinders Adelaide (SCT Logistics).

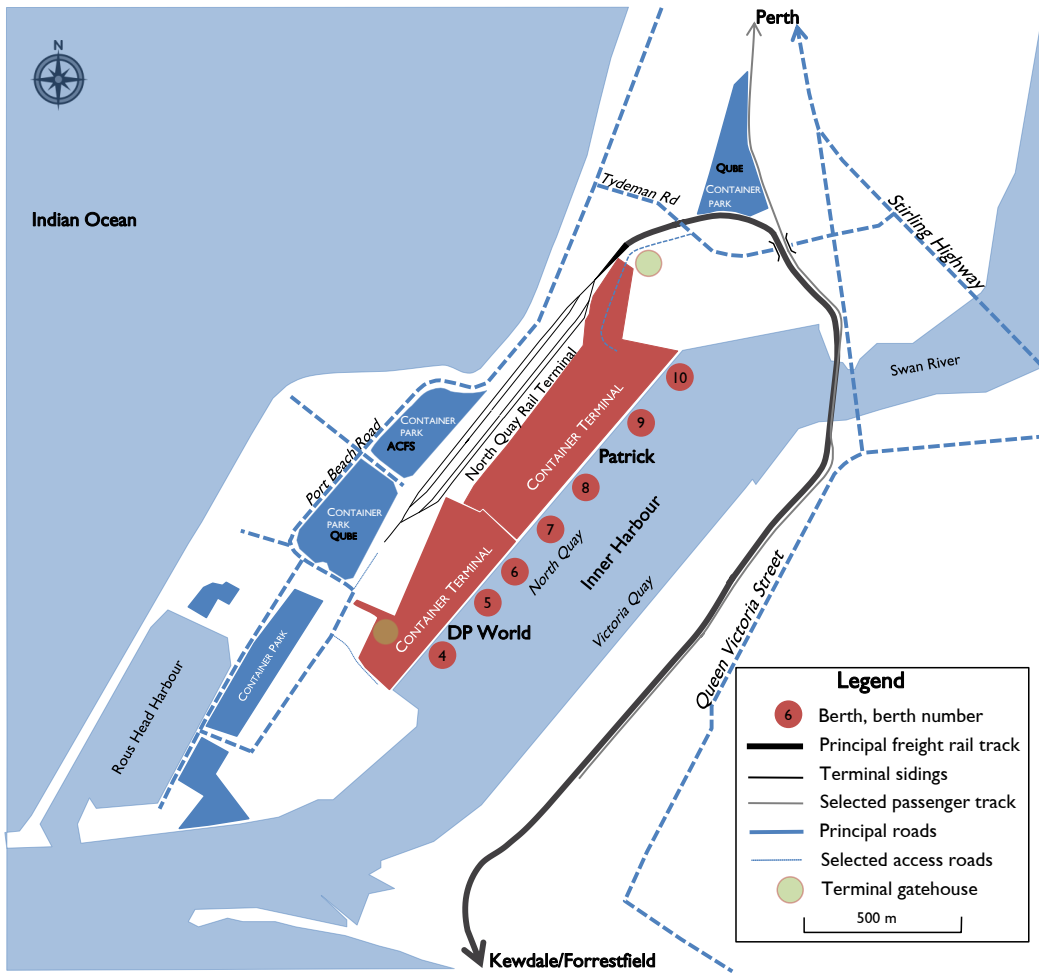
Long-haul:

- containerised lead from Port Pirie, agricultural products from Bowmans Intermodal Terminal, via Port Flat (Bowmans Rail);
- copper concentrates from Prominent Hill (Genesee and Wyoming Australia);
- mineral sands from Kanandah (Bowmans Rail);
- bulk grain from various producers. Some of this is containerised for export by Viterra's 'inverter' grain loader at Inner Harbour.

**Rail linkages.** The Outer Harbor facility is at the extremity of a freight-only railway between Outer Harbor, Port Adelaide and Dry Creek.

**National rail connections.** The Outer Harbor – Dry Creek line connects with the interstate network at Dry Creek. Nearby intermodal terminals include the Genesee and Wyoming Australia terminal at Dry Creek, the Pacific National terminal at Islington (including the Northline logistics facility) and the SCT Logistics terminal at Penfield.

Figure A.5 Fremantle (North Quay terminals in the Inner Harbour)



(Last updated: October 2018)



## *Fremantle (North Quay terminals)*

Fremantle Ports, a Western Australian Government trading enterprise, manages the port.

### Dockside

**Stevedores.** Container stevedoring is undertaken at North Quay in the Inner Harbour by Patrick and DP World. Patrick have four berths and DP World has three berths.

**Berths.** DP World operates three berths, numbers 4–6. Patrick operates from berths 7–10.

**Equipment.** The Patrick terminal has 4 cranes, of which 3 are post-Panamax; the DP World terminal has 4 cranes, including 3 post-Panamax. DP World received its third post-Panamax crane in September 2018.

### Road

The principal roads on this peninsula are Tydeman Road (from the Stirling Highway) and Port Beach Road / Rudderham Drive. The DP World terminal is accessed via Rudderham Drive while the Patrick terminal is accessed via Tydeman Road.

### Rail

**Facilities.** North Quay Rail Terminal, to the west of the Patrick terminal, serves both Patrick and DP World container terminals. The sidings at that location are around 690 metres in length, accommodating blocks of 600 metre-length trains. The rail terminal has dual-gauge tracks.

**Services.** Scheduled rail services to the port include the following (standard-gauge) trains:

- containers between Kewdale / Forrestfield and North Quay Rail Terminal (Intermodal Link Services);
- a container shuttle service between Kwinana and North Quay Rail Terminal (Aurizon);
- containers from Kalgoorlie, via the Kwinana service (Aurizon).

**Rail linkages.** Trains access the Rail Terminal on a dual narrow- and standard-gauge, freight-only line from Midland. Freight and passenger trains share a track on the bridge over the Swan River.

**National rail connections.** The rail link to Midland, on the interstate network, includes spur tracks to interstate intermodal terminals at Kewdale and Forrestfield.



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