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# Foreword

Waterline is published by the Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research 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 June quarter 2020.

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 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) handled by stevedores* declined in both July–December 2019 and in January–June 2020 in the five ports, by 4.1 per cent and 4.3 per cent respectively, relative to the same periods in 2018–19.  
In July–December 2019, the decline was driven by contractions in the four eastern ports in September quarter 2019, with Sydney showing the largest decrease (9.3 per cent). In January–June 2020, disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic were seen first (in March quarter 2020) in Sydney (decreased by 8.8 per cent) and Melbourne (7.8 per cent), then more uniformly in June quarter 2020 with declines in Adelaide (decreased by 7.0 per cent), Fremantle (7.0 per cent), Sydney (3.5 per cent) and Melbourne (3.9 per cent), while Brisbane remained steady (increased by 0.9 per cent).
- In July–December 2019, the *number of unitised cellular container (UCC) vessels handled by stevedores* declined in the five ports, by 4.7 per cent compared to July–December 2018. The largest decrease occurred in Fremantle (11.8 per cent), with declines also in Brisbane (2.8 per cent), in Melbourne (7.6 per cent) and in Adelaide (7.7 per cent). Only Sydney remained steady, with a 0.9 per cent increase.  
January–June 2020 saw continued reductions in vessel arrivals, posting an average 14.8 per cent decline across the five ports compared to January–June 2019, including falls of: 4.8 per cent at Brisbane, 13.1 per cent at Sydney, 14.3 per cent at Melbourne, 27.3 per cent at Adelaide and 27.8 per cent at Fremantle.

## Productivity

- The average *lifts per berth-hour* declined by 5.3 per cent for the five ports in July–December 2019, compared to July–December 2018. Sydney declined by 10.8 per cent, while Melbourne declined by 5.9 per cent. Fremantle posted the sole improvement, an increase of 11.9 per cent.  
In January–June 2020, average *lifts per berth-hour* declined slightly for the five ports on the basis of declines at Sydney (7.0 per cent) and Melbourne (3.6 per cent) while Brisbane improved by 1.8 per cent.
- In July–December 2019, average *ship rate* and *crane rate* improved in the five ports, by 1.6 per cent and 1.5 per cent respectively, while *labour rate* decreased by 4.2 per cent. Sydney saw the biggest declines in *ship rate* (5.6 per cent) and *labour rate* (9.4 per cent), while Fremantle posted the biggest improvements in all three measures: *ship rate* (17.5 per cent), *crane rate* (4.0 per cent) and *labour rate* (11.4 per cent).

- Wharfside performance decreased on average over the five ports in January–June 2020, compared to January–June 2019, with *ship rate* declining by 1.0 per cent, *crane rate* by 0.6 per cent and *labour rate* by 3.2 per cent. The decline in *ship rate* was greatest at Sydney, at 10.4 per cent, where *labour rate* also fell by 7.5 per cent, while *crane rate* increased by 3.0 per cent. The largest improvement in *ship rate* was at Melbourne, up 6.0 per cent compared to January–June 2019, while Brisbane had the only increase in *labour rate*, of 2.0 per cent.
- The *proportion of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours* increased by 1.5 percentage points in the five ports in the period July–December 2019 (compared to the same period in 2018), to 11.5 per cent.
- The *proportion of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours* increased by 3.7 percentage points in the five ports in the period January–June 2020 (compared to the same period in 2019), to 11.7 per cent.
- Average *truck turnaround time* increased by 7.3 per cent in the five ports during the period July–December 2019, with increases at Sydney (14.9 per cent), Melbourne (9.2 per cent) and Brisbane (4.5 per cent). Turnaround times at Adelaide decreased by 14.4 per cent. The average *truck turnaround time* in the five ports was 31.1 minutes. Truck turnaround time increased again in January–June 2020, to 31.3 minutes in the five ports (an increase of 5.7 per cent compared to January–June 2019).
- The *proportion of trucks backloaded* declined by 1.7 percentage points in July–December 2019, to 11.5 per cent, and then remained steady at 11.6 per cent in January–June 2020. In January–June 2020, the highest percentage of backloaded operations was in Adelaide (24.0 per cent) with Sydney the lowest at 6.2 per cent.
- The total *number of truck timeslots used* in the five ports decreased by 6.3 per cent in July–December 2019 compared to the same period in 2018, to 1 751.3 thousand slots.
- The total *number of truck timeslots used* in the five ports decreased by 7.5 per cent in January–June 2020 compared to the same period in 2019, to 1 620.8 thousand slots.

## Port interface costs

The vessel size classes for the Port Interface Cost Index have been updated.

Since 2011, PICI has been calculated on three vessel sizes:

- 5 000 – 20 000 gross tonnes
- 35 000 – 40 000 gross tonnes
- 50 000 – 55 000 gross tonnes

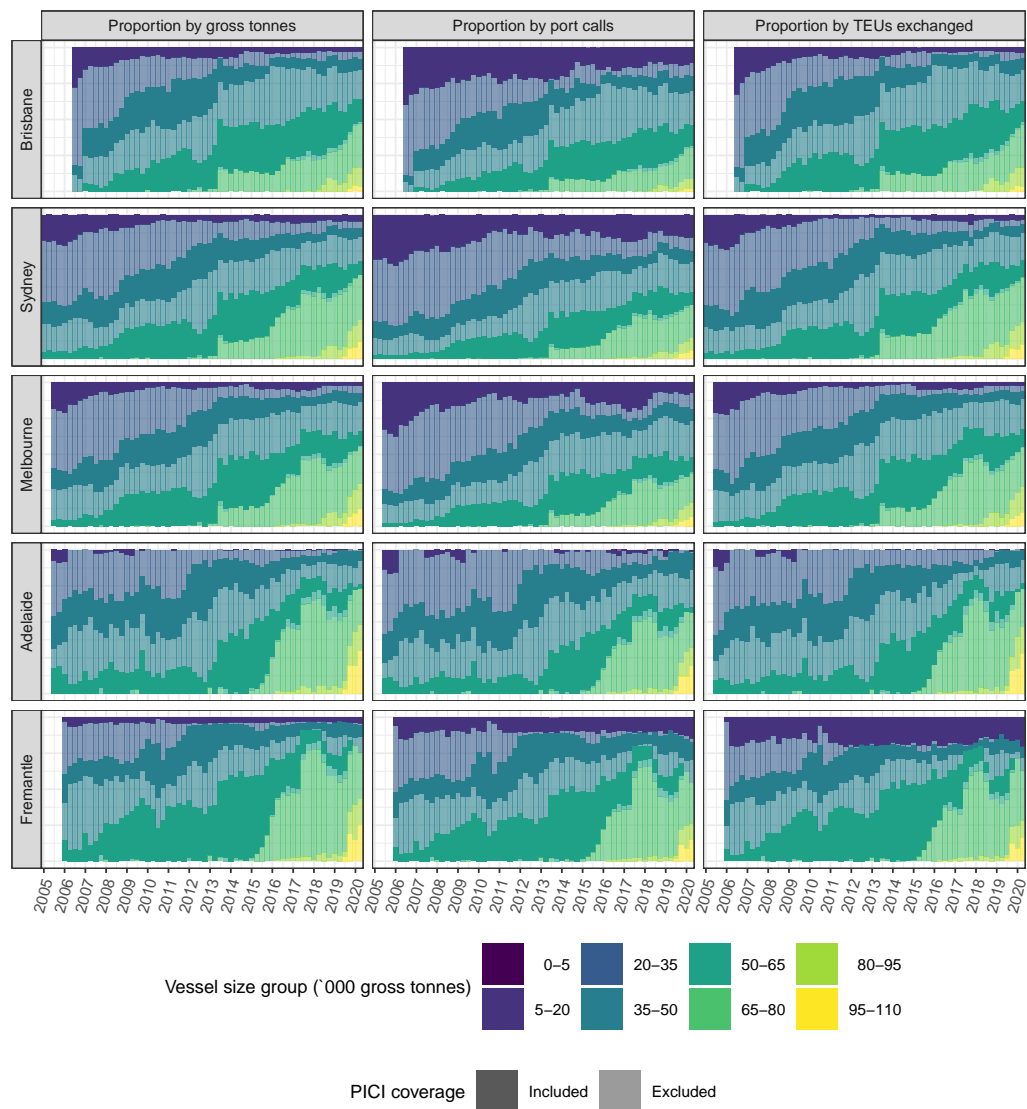
These were selected according to the container fleet of the time, however the shift in fleet profile towards larger vessels means they are no longer appropriate, with the tonnage of most vessels calling at the major ports now exceeding the largest size class in PICI.

The updated size classes are all 15,000 gross tonnes wide, beginning at 5,000 gross tonnes and covering vessels up to 110,000 gross tonnes.

The trend towards larger vessels is illustrated in Figure 1, which shows the prominence of each size class in gross tonnage, port calls and total TEUs exchanged, from 2005 (where data is available) to 2020. Darker shading emphasises the coverage of the previous PICI size classes.



**Figure 1** Vessel-size coverage of the Port Interface Cost Index, 2005-2020



Sources: Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2020), NSW Ports (2020), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2020), Flinders Ports (2020), Fremantle Ports (2020), Lloyd's List Intelligence (2020)

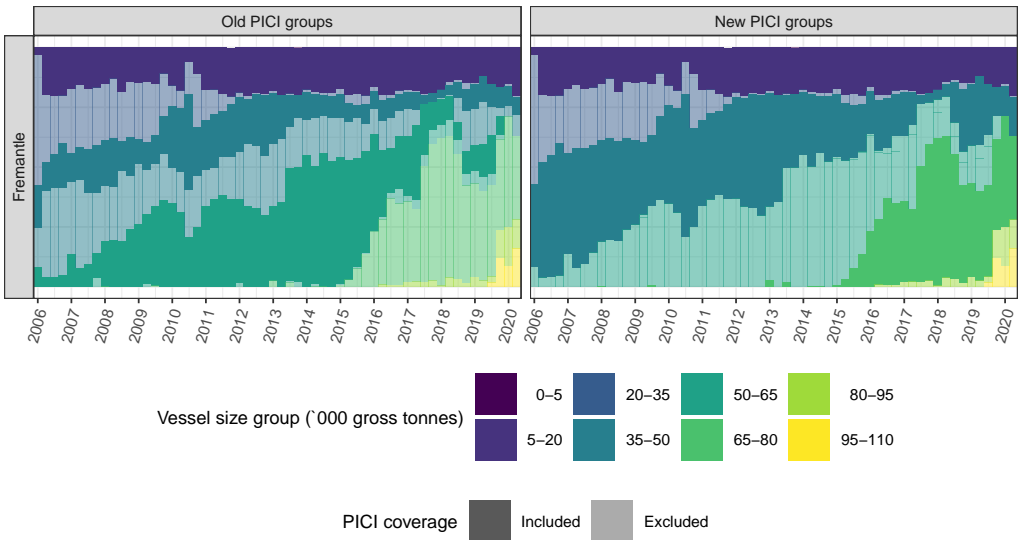
For brevity, Tables 4.1 to 4.5 and Figure 4.1 illustrate only three size classes in detail:

- 5 000 – 20 000 gross tonnes
- 35 000 – 50 000 gross tonnes
- 65 000 – 80 000 gross tonnes

Figure 2 illustrates the coverage of TEUs exchanged by the figures in Tables 4.1 to 4.5, compared to previous editions of *Waterline*. Darker shading shows the tables’ coverage under the old and new size classes.

Under the new classification, the national PICI figures in Tables 4.6 to 4.7 are calculated as a TEU-weighted average across all size categories, whereas in previous issues of *Waterline* only the tabulated vessel sizes were included.

**Figure 2** Coverage comparison of PICI tables, Fremantle, 2006-2020



Sources: Fremantle Ports (2020), Lloyd’s List Intelligence (2020)

- Port interface costs for exports increased for all vessel sizes in July–December 2019, and again in January–June 2020, compared to the immediate prior period:
  - For small ships (5 000 to 20 000 gross tonnes), port interface costs increased by \$4 per TEU in July–December 2019, and by \$8 per TEU in January–June 2020.
  - For medium-size ships (35 000 to 50 000 gross tonnes), port interface costs increased by \$5 per TEU in July–December 2019, and by a further \$10 per TEU in January–June 2020.
  - For large ships (65 000 to 80 000 gross tonnes), port interface costs increased by \$4 per TEU in July–December 2019, and by \$6 per TEU in January–June 2020.

- For imports, port interface costs increased for all but the smallest vessels in July–December 2019, compared to January–June 2019, and then for all vessels in January–June 2020:
  - For small ships (5 000 to 20 000 gross tonnes), port interface costs decreased by \$4 per TEU in July–December 2019, but then increased by \$17 per TEU in January–June 2020.
  - For medium-size ships (35 000 to 50 000 gross tonnes), port interface costs increased by \$8 per TEU in July–December 2019, and then by \$18 per TEU in January–June 2020.
  - For large ships (65 000 to 80 000 gross tonnes), port interface costs increased by \$6 per TEU in July–December 2019, and increased by \$14 per TEU in January–June 2020.



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- customs brokers
- road transport operators
- pilot, tug and mooring operators.



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## CHAPTER 1

# Measures of container terminal throughput

### Overview

Chapter 1 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:

- 1.1 UCC ships handled, as reported by stevedores
- 1.2 Total containers handled by stevedores
- 1.3 Total TEUs handled by stevedores
- 1.4 40-foot containers as per cent of all containers handled

There are seven landside quarterly throughput indicators:

- 1.5 Number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations
- 1.6 Total number of containers transported by trucks and rail
- 1.7 Total number of containers transported by trucks
- 1.8 Number of containers by rail
- 1.9 Total number of TEUs transported by trucks and rail
- 1.10 Total number of TEUs transported by trucks
- 1.11 Number of TEUs by rail

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

- 1.12 Total number of container ship visits
- 1.13 Total number of containers (lifts) exchanged

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

- 1.14 Total cargo throughput
- 1.15 Non-containerised general cargo throughput

- 1.16 Total number of TEUs exchanged
- 1.17 Number of TEUs: Full import
- 1.18 Number of TEUs: Empty import
- 1.19 Number of TEUs: Full export
- 1.20 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 water-side 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 1.1 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 1.2 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 1.3 Total TEUs handled**

This indicator is similar to total containers handled (Indicator 1.2), 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 land-side, 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.

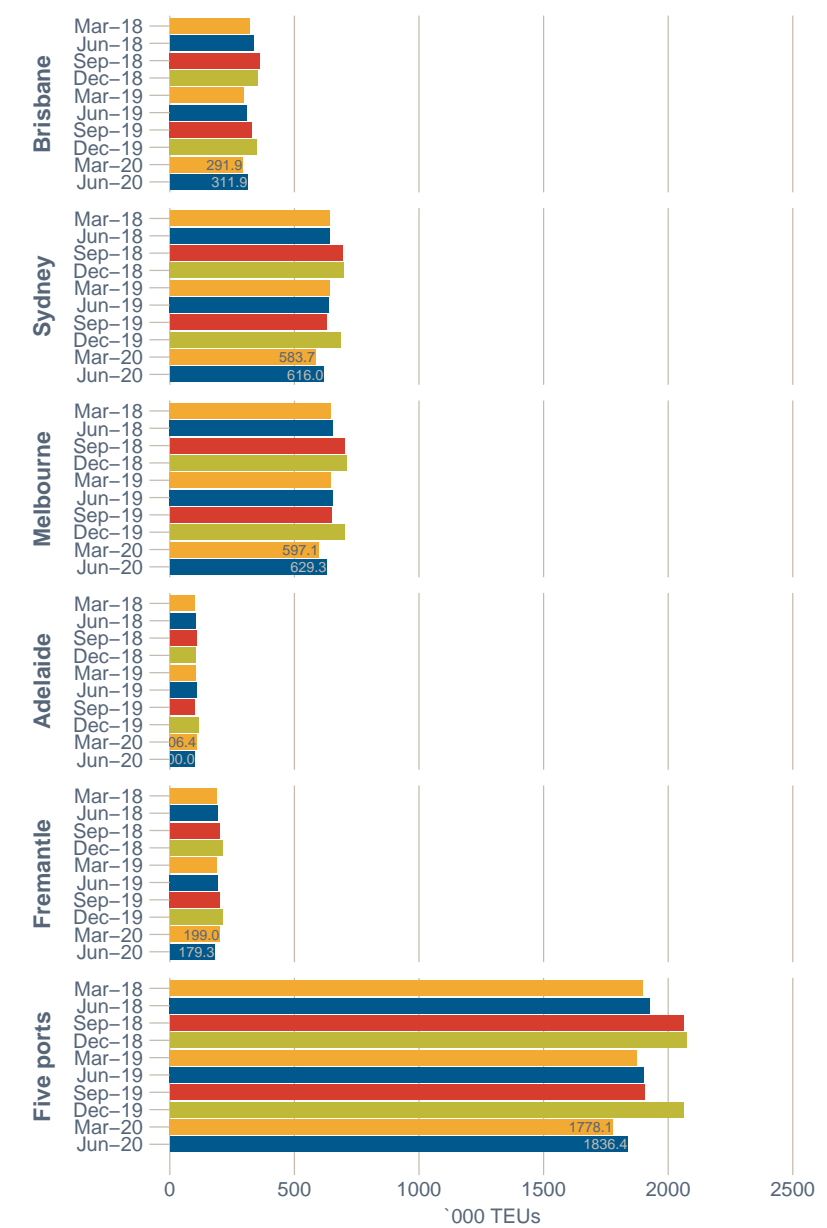
### **Indicator 1.20 Empty export TEUs**

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



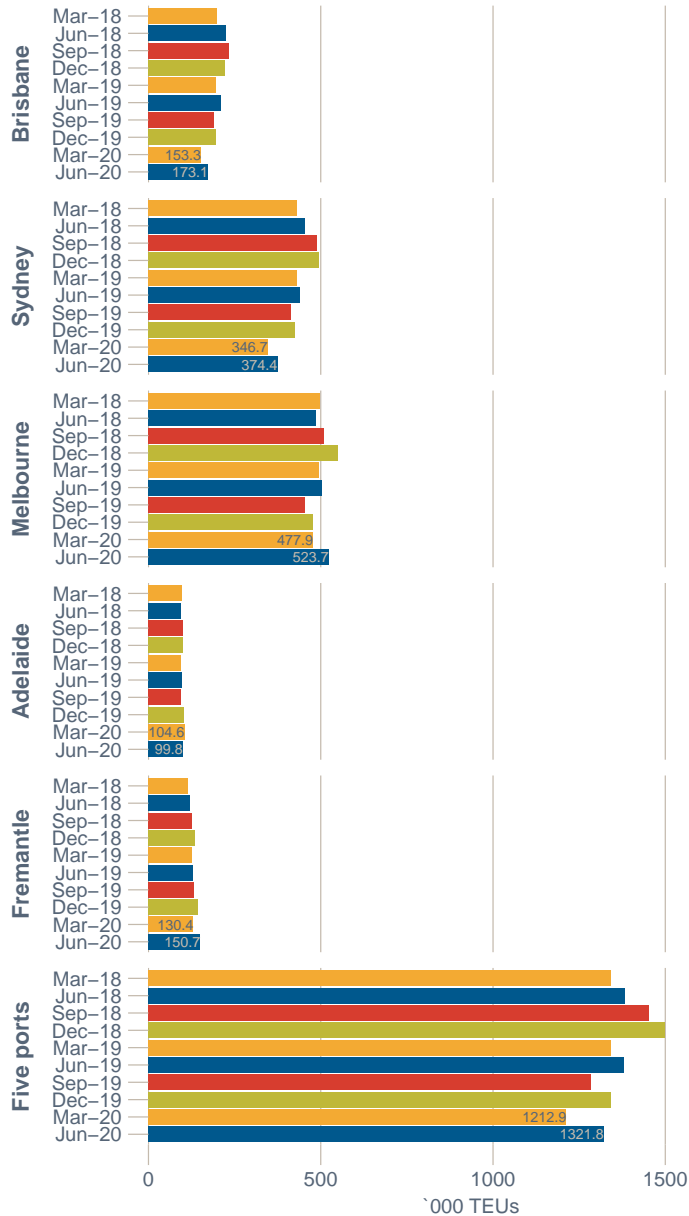
View over *MSC Antonella* (IMO: 9702273) towards Appleton and Victoria Docks, Port of Melbourne. Photo courtesy of Port of Melbourne.

Figure 1.1 TEU throughput by container port: wharf-side



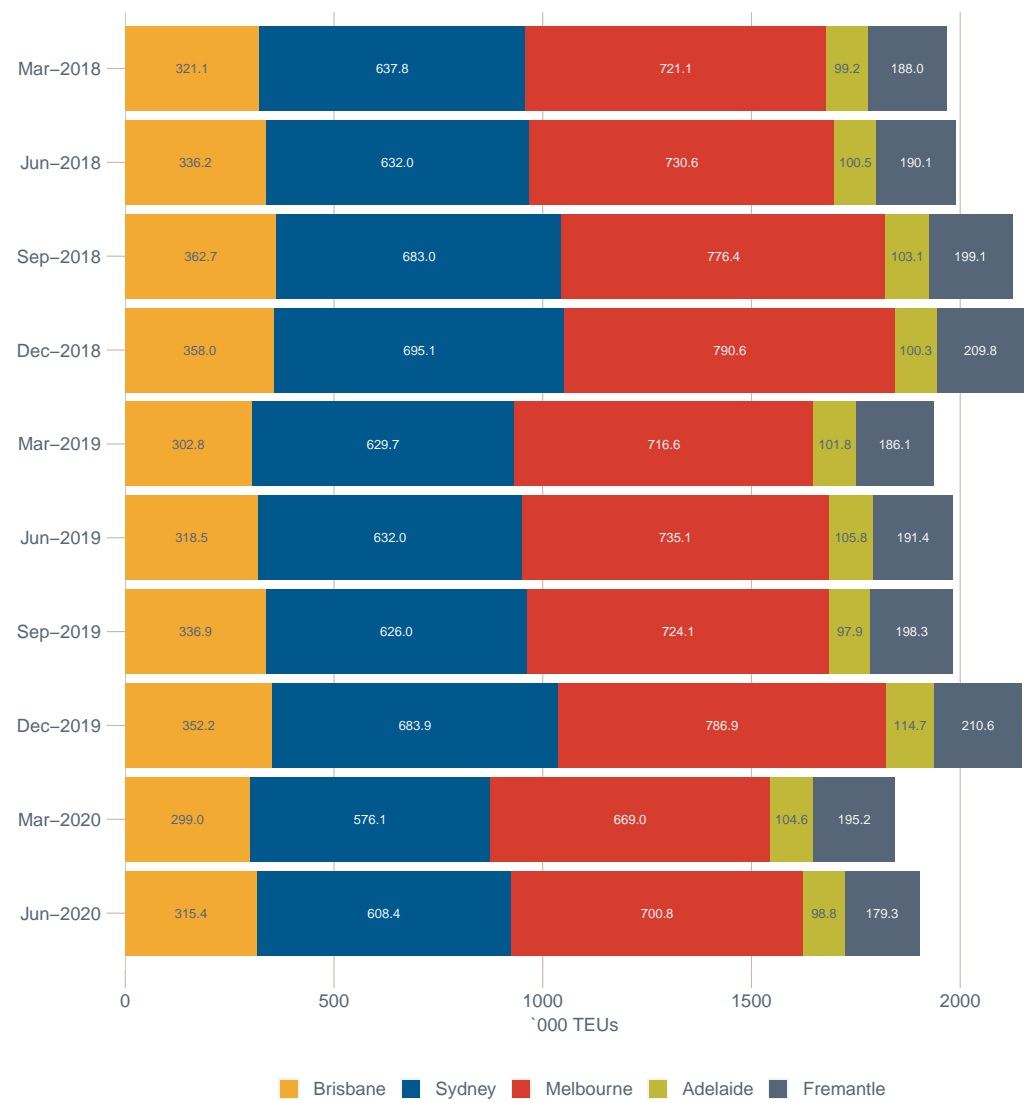
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**Figure 1.2** TEU throughput by container port: landside

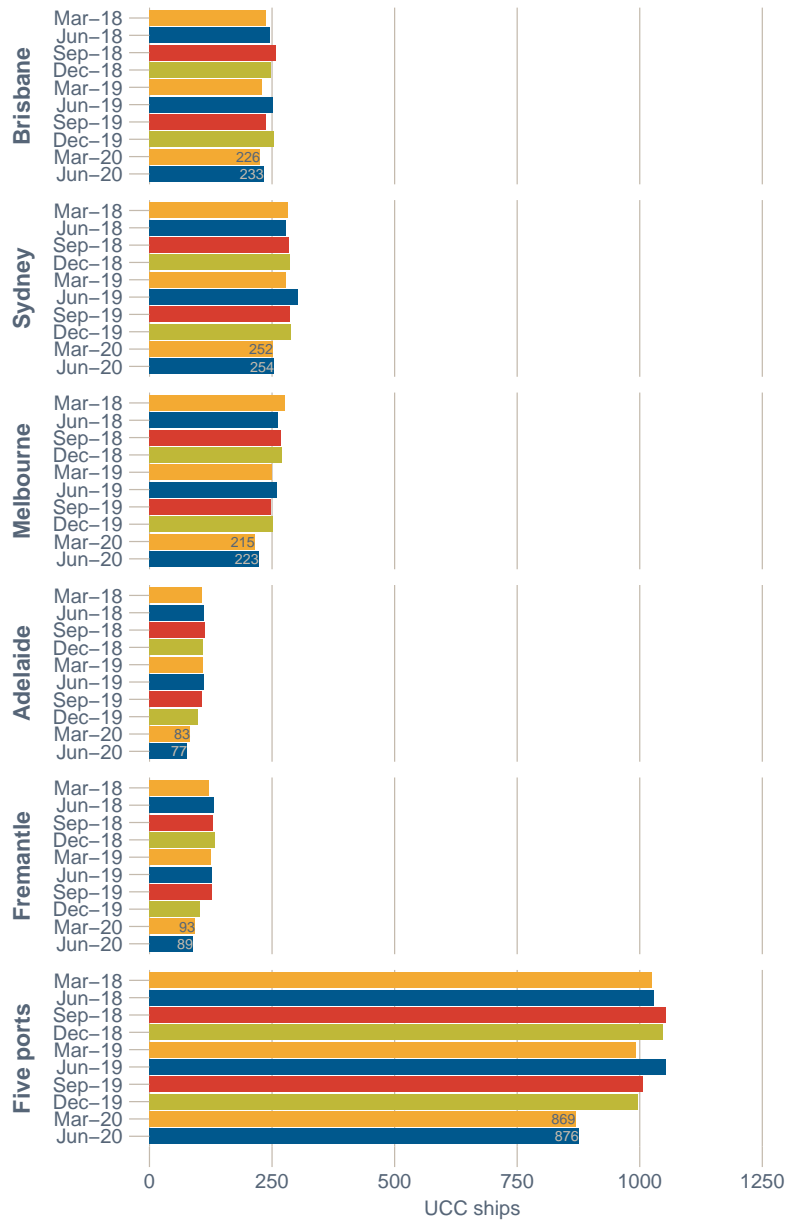
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Figure 1.3 TEU throughput by container port: whole of port



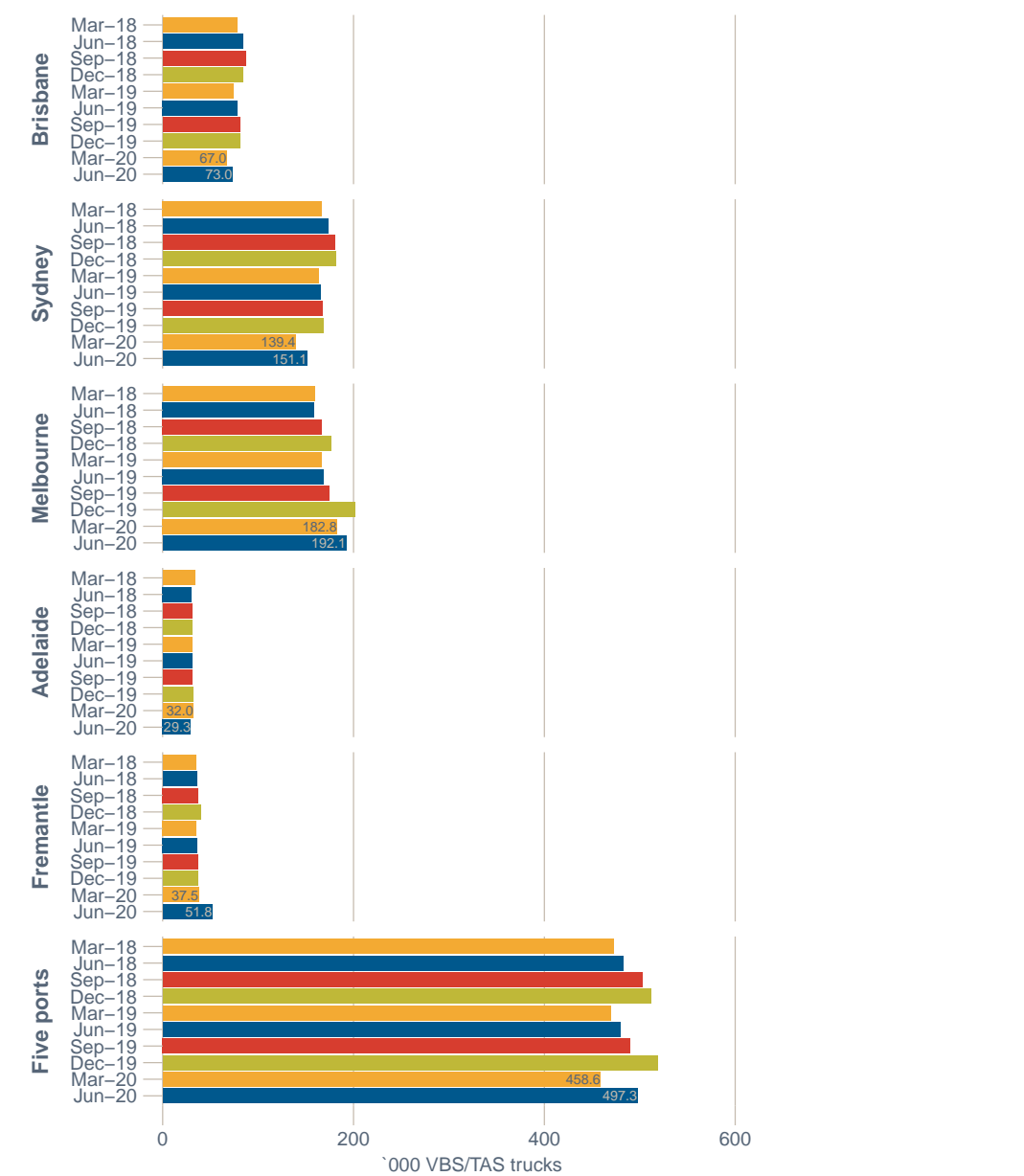
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Figure 1.4 Container terminal traffic: number of UCC ships handled



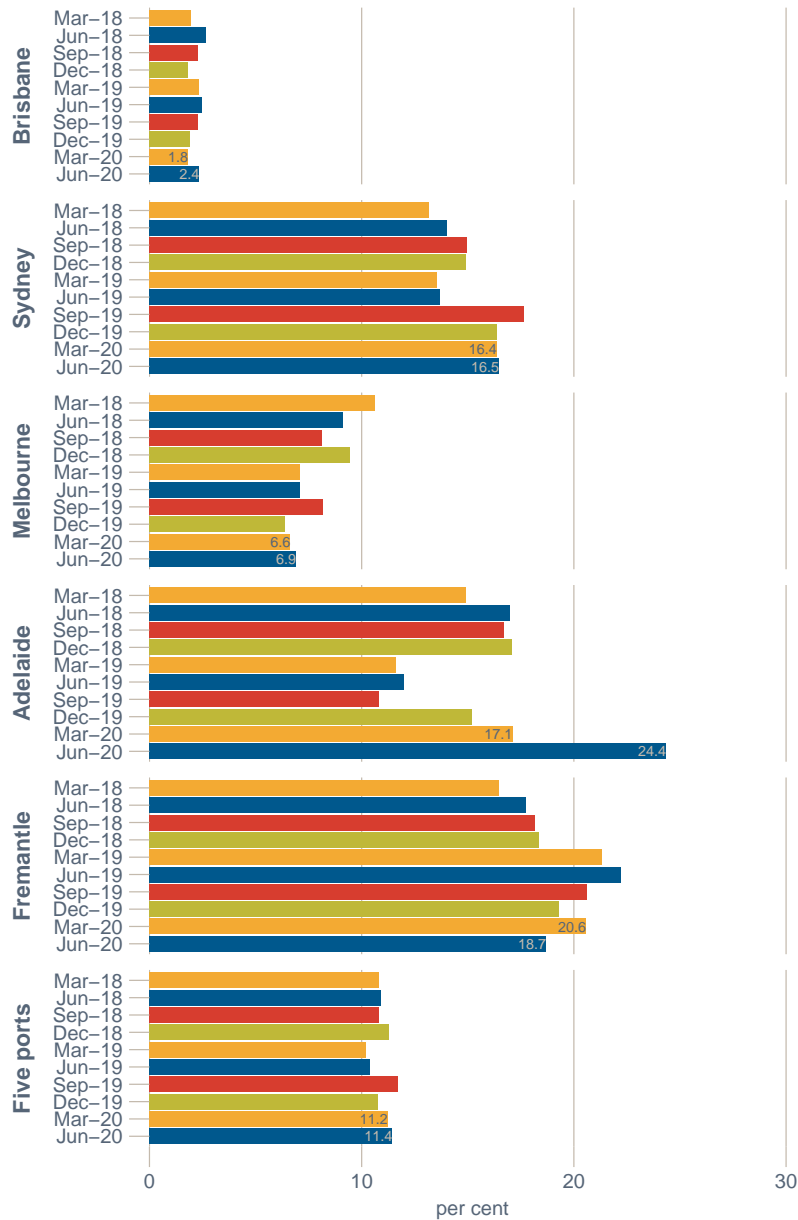
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Figure 1.5 Container terminal traffic: number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations



Sources: DP World (2020), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2020)

Figure 1.6 Rail share of TEUs handled



Sources: DP World (2020), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020), Flinders Ports (2020), Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2020), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2020) and Fremantle Ports (2020)

**Table 1.1** Container terminal throughput: Brisbane

	2018						2019						2020		
	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun
<b>Wharfside</b>															
UCC ships handled, as reported by stevedores	237	246	<b>483</b>	258	247	<b>505</b>	230	252	<b>482</b>	237	254	<b>491</b>	226	233	<b>459</b>
Total containers handled ('000)	208.0	216.7	<b>424.7</b>	232.4	225.0	<b>457.4</b>	190.6	198.6	<b>389.2</b>	211.8	221.8	<b>433.6</b>	189.1	201.2	<b>390.3</b>
Total TEUs handled ('000)	318.8	335.8	<b>654.6</b>	362.0	352.1	<b>714.1</b>	295.9	309.1	<b>605.0</b>	329.4	349.3	<b>678.8</b>	291.9	311.9	<b>603.7</b>
40-foot containers as proportion of all containers handled (%)	53.3	54.9	<b>54.1</b>	55.8	56.5	<b>56.1</b>	55.3	55.6	<b>55.5</b>	55.6	57.5	<b>56.5</b>	54.4	55.0	<b>54.7</b>
<b>Landside</b>															
Number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations ('000)	77.7	84.0	<b>161.7</b>	86.8	83.9	<b>170.7</b>	73.8	78.5	<b>152.2</b>	80.9	81.0	<b>161.9</b>	67.0	73.0	<b>140.0</b>
Total containers transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	134.5	150.5	<b>285.0</b>	153.1	146.1	<b>299.3</b>	130.9	138.8	<b>269.6</b>	143.5	143.8	<b>287.3</b>	117.2	128.0	<b>245.2</b>
Containers by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	129.1	142.4	<b>271.5</b>	145.7	140.5	<b>286.1</b>	124.5	131.7	<b>256.3</b>	136.8	138.0	<b>274.8</b>	112.4	121.5	<b>233.8</b>
Containers by rail ('000)	5.4	8.0	<b>13.5</b>	7.5	5.7	<b>13.1</b>	6.3	7.0	<b>13.3</b>	6.8	5.7	<b>12.5</b>	4.8	6.5	<b>11.3</b>
Total TEUs transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	199.2	226.2	<b>425.4</b>	232.2	221.2	<b>453.4</b>	196.3	210.4	<b>406.7</b>	189.7	194.9	<b>384.6</b>	153.3	173.1	<b>326.4</b>
TEUs by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	193.1	217.2	<b>410.2</b>	224.1	214.8	<b>438.9</b>	189.3	202.7	<b>392.1</b>	182.1	188.3	<b>370.4</b>	148.0	165.8	<b>313.7</b>
TEUs by rail ('000)	6.2	9.0	<b>15.2</b>	8.2	6.4	<b>14.6</b>	7.0	7.7	<b>14.7</b>	7.6	6.6	<b>14.2</b>	5.3	7.3	<b>12.7</b>
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
Total number of container ship visits	228	239	<b>467</b>	258	258	<b>516</b>	239	257	<b>496</b>	247	263	<b>510</b>	237	232	<b>469</b>
Total number of containers (lifts) exchanged ('000)	203.6	210.2	<b>413.9</b>	229.7	225.2	<b>454.9</b>	190.3	197.8	<b>388.2</b>	213.5	218.2	<b>431.7</b>	190.7	189.7	<b>380.3</b>
<b>Whole of port</b>															
Total cargo throughput (million tonnes)	7.9	8.6	<b>16.5</b>	8.7	8.5	<b>17.2</b>	8.2	8.5	<b>16.8</b>	8.7	8.2	<b>16.9</b>	8.1	6.4	<b>14.5</b>
Non-containerised general cargo throughput (million tonnes)	0.3	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.3	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.2	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.2	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	0.2	<b>0.4</b>
Total TEUs exchanged ('000)	321.1	336.2	<b>657.2</b>	362.7	358.0	<b>720.7</b>	302.8	318.5	<b>621.3</b>	336.9	352.2	<b>689.1</b>	299.0	315.4	<b>614.4</b>
Full import ('000)	149.0	151.8	<b>300.8</b>	162.0	162.9	<b>324.9</b>	139.3	142.7	<b>282.0</b>	149.1	159.6	<b>308.7</b>	131.3	145.7	<b>277.0</b>
Empty import ('000)	12.4	18.7	<b>31.1</b>	22.6	12.6	<b>35.2</b>	13.7	18.1	<b>31.9</b>	26.6	17.1	<b>43.8</b>	15.1	20.3	<b>35.4</b>
Full export ('000)	70.0	102.4	<b>172.4</b>	99.3	82.7	<b>182.0</b>	79.8	92.8	<b>172.6</b>	97.6	90.5	<b>188.1</b>	78.6	86.4	<b>165.0</b>
Empty export ('000)	89.7	63.3	<b>153.0</b>	78.8	99.8	<b>178.6</b>	69.9	64.9	<b>134.8</b>	63.6	85.0	<b>148.5</b>	73.9	63.1	<b>137.0</b>

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

Sources: DP World (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020) and Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2020)

**Table 1.2** Container terminal throughput: Sydney

	2018						2019						2020		
	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun
<b>Wharfside</b>															
UCC ships handled, as reported by stevedores	282	278	<b>560</b>	284	287	<b>571</b>	279	303	<b>582</b>	287	289	<b>576</b>	252	254	<b>506</b>
Total containers handled ('000)	409.8	412.0	<b>821.8</b>	442.6	443.4	<b>886.0</b>	408.4	408.2	<b>816.6</b>	400.4	430.7	<b>831.1</b>	369.9	389.7	<b>759.6</b>
Total TEUs handled ('000)	642.1	641.7	<b>1 283.7</b>	691.9	698.7	<b>1 390.5</b>	640.0	638.2	<b>1 278.2</b>	627.7	684.0	<b>1 311.7</b>	583.7	616.0	<b>1 199.7</b>
40-foot containers as proportion of all containers handled (%)	56.7	55.7	<b>56.2</b>	56.3	57.6	<b>56.9</b>	56.7	56.4	<b>56.5</b>	56.8	58.8	<b>57.8</b>	57.8	58.1	<b>57.9</b>
<b>Landside</b>															
Number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations ('000)	166.8	173.2	<b>339.9</b>	180.3	181.5	<b>361.9</b>	163.1	165.5	<b>328.6</b>	167.1	168.0	<b>335.1</b>	139.4	151.1	<b>290.5</b>
Total containers transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	288.5	301.7	<b>590.2</b>	321.3	324.2	<b>645.5</b>	285.4	290.0	<b>575.4</b>	307.2	305.8	<b>613.0</b>	253.1	276.3	<b>529.5</b>
Containers by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	232.5	243.0	<b>475.5</b>	256.2	259.4	<b>515.6</b>	229.8	233.9	<b>463.7</b>	237.3	235.6	<b>472.9</b>	192.1	211.8	<b>403.9</b>
Containers by rail ('000)	56.0	58.7	<b>114.7</b>	65.1	64.8	<b>129.9</b>	55.6	56.1	<b>111.7</b>	69.8	70.2	<b>140.1</b>	61.0	64.6	<b>125.6</b>
Total TEUs transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	431.6	455.0	<b>886.6</b>	488.2	494.4	<b>982.6</b>	431.6	439.7	<b>871.3</b>	413.2	424.5	<b>837.7</b>	346.7	374.4	<b>721.2</b>
TEUs by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	347.1	365.1	<b>712.2</b>	384.6	390.4	<b>775.0</b>	344.9	352.4	<b>697.2</b>	302.4	312.5	<b>614.9</b>	251.2	272.9	<b>524.1</b>
TEUs by rail ('000)	84.4	89.9	<b>174.3</b>	103.6	104.1	<b>207.7</b>	86.7	87.3	<b>174.1</b>	110.9	112.0	<b>222.8</b>	95.5	101.5	<b>197.1</b>
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
Total number of container ship visits	272	274	<b>546</b>	279	283	<b>562</b>	276	297	<b>573</b>	285	289	<b>574</b>	250	249	<b>499</b>
Total number of containers (lifts) exchanged ('000)	402.8	408.6	<b>811.5</b>	434.4	436.1	<b>870.5</b>	407.9	400.5	<b>808.4</b>	398.5	430.9	<b>829.5</b>	360.9	378.0	<b>739.0</b>
<b>Whole of port</b>															
Total cargo throughput (million tonnes)	6.8	7.6	<b>14.4</b>	7.1	6.0	<b>13.1</b>	5.8	6.2	<b>12.0</b>	6.1	5.7	<b>11.7</b>	5.4	5.7	<b>11.1</b>
Non-containerised general cargo throughput (million tonnes)	0.3	0.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.0	<b>0.1</b>
Total TEUs exchanged ('000)	637.8	632.0	<b>1 269.8</b>	683.0	695.1	<b>1 378.2</b>	629.7	632.0	<b>1 261.7</b>	626.0	683.9	<b>1 309.9</b>	576.1	608.4	<b>1 184.5</b>
Full import ('000)	317.9	318.7	<b>636.6</b>	338.7	347.3	<b>686.0</b>	307.5	310.2	<b>617.7</b>	320.8	339.5	<b>660.3</b>	283.1	308.6	<b>591.7</b>
Empty import ('000)	3.7	3.3	<b>7.0</b>	3.8	3.7	<b>7.6</b>	2.3	4.0	<b>6.3</b>	4.1	4.1	<b>8.2</b>	3.1	3.0	<b>6.2</b>
Full export ('000)	111.7	131.4	<b>243.0</b>	134.4	125.3	<b>259.7</b>	118.6	127.0	<b>245.6</b>	125.8	126.1	<b>251.9</b>	113.2	114.0	<b>227.2</b>
Empty export ('000)	204.4	178.7	<b>383.2</b>	206.1	218.8	<b>424.8</b>	201.3	190.8	<b>392.1</b>	175.3	214.2	<b>389.5</b>	176.7	182.8	<b>359.4</b>

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

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Sources: DP World (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020) and NSW Ports (2020)

**Table 1.3** Container terminal throughput: Melbourne

	2018						2019						2020		
	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun
<b>Wharfside</b>															
UCC ships handled, as reported by stevedores	276	262	<b>538</b>	269	271	<b>540</b>	250	261	<b>511</b>	247	252	<b>499</b>	215	223	<b>438</b>
Total containers handled ('000)	420.1	423.8	<b>843.9</b>	453.9	458.7	<b>912.6</b>	416.4	421.5	<b>837.9</b>	416.1	446.5	<b>862.6</b>	384.4	405.8	<b>790.2</b>
Total TEUs handled ('000)	646.2	655.0	<b>1 301.1</b>	701.1	710.0	<b>1 411.1</b>	647.4	654.8	<b>1 302.2</b>	647.8	699.9	<b>1 347.7</b>	597.1	629.3	<b>1 226.4</b>
40-foot containers as proportion of all containers handled (%)	53.8	54.5	<b>54.2</b>	54.5	54.8	<b>54.6</b>	55.4	55.4	<b>55.4</b>	55.7	56.7	<b>56.2</b>	55.3	55.1	<b>55.2</b>
<b>Landside</b>															
Number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations ('000)	159.5	158.9	<b>318.4</b>	166.7	176.0	<b>342.7</b>	166.1	168.8	<b>334.8</b>	174.5	201.2	<b>375.7</b>	182.8	192.1	<b>374.9</b>
Total containers transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	328.6	319.1	<b>647.7</b>	330.6	356.1	<b>686.7</b>	318.0	322.6	<b>640.7</b>	351.2	416.8	<b>768.0</b>	340.6	359.1	<b>699.7</b>
Containers by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	284.0	280.5	<b>564.5</b>	293.6	312.8	<b>606.4</b>	288.6	292.7	<b>581.3</b>	317.3	388.3	<b>705.6</b>	315.1	331.0	<b>646.1</b>
Containers by rail ('000)	44.6	38.7	<b>83.3</b>	37.0	43.3	<b>80.3</b>	29.5	29.9	<b>59.4</b>	34.0	28.5	<b>62.4</b>	25.5	28.1	<b>53.6</b>
Total TEUs transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	497.8	486.1	<b>983.9</b>	508.2	550.3	<b>1 058.5</b>	493.7	503.1	<b>996.8</b>	455.5	477.7	<b>933.2</b>	477.9	523.7	<b>1 001.6</b>
TEUs by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	429.2	426.3	<b>855.5</b>	451.1	483.2	<b>934.3</b>	447.9	456.5	<b>904.4</b>	402.6	433.1	<b>835.6</b>	438.2	480.2	<b>918.4</b>
TEUs by rail ('000)	68.6	59.8	<b>128.4</b>	57.1	67.1	<b>124.2</b>	45.8	46.5	<b>92.3</b>	52.9	44.6	<b>97.5</b>	39.7	43.5	<b>83.2</b>
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
Total number of container ship visits	267	257	<b>524</b>	262	270	<b>532</b>	250	257	<b>507</b>	247	235	<b>482</b>	220	223	<b>443</b>
Total number of containers (lifts) exchanged ('000)	411.3	417.7	<b>829.0</b>	446.3	454.9	<b>901.2</b>	415.5	413.8	<b>829.3</b>	416.4	418.8	<b>835.1</b>	382.0	399.5	<b>781.5</b>
<b>Whole of port</b>															
Total cargo throughput (million tonnes)	9.3	9.6	<b>19.0</b>	9.7	9.5	<b>19.1</b>	8.8	9.0	<b>17.8</b>	9.0	9.2	<b>18.2</b>	8.4	9.0	<b>17.5</b>
Non-containerised general cargo throughput (million tonnes)	0.5	0.5	<b>1.0</b>	0.5	0.5	<b>1.0</b>	0.5	0.5	<b>1.0</b>	0.5	0.4	<b>0.9</b>	0.5	0.4	<b>0.8</b>
Total TEUs exchanged ('000)	721.1	730.6	<b>1 451.7</b>	776.4	790.6	<b>1 566.9</b>	716.6	735.1	<b>1 451.7</b>	724.1	786.9	<b>1 511.0</b>	669.0	700.8	<b>1 369.8</b>
Full import ('000)	328.2	338.4	<b>666.5</b>	358.3	367.9	<b>726.2</b>	325.2	331.2	<b>656.3</b>	341.3	356.8	<b>698.1</b>	299.7	324.2	<b>623.9</b>
Empty import ('000)	33.7	32.0	<b>65.6</b>	30.5	27.3	<b>57.9</b>	33.6	35.8	<b>69.5</b>	32.3	35.3	<b>67.6</b>	36.5	35.5	<b>72.1</b>
Full export ('000)	243.5	239.1	<b>482.6</b>	239.4	230.3	<b>469.7</b>	212.1	229.7	<b>441.8</b>	223.8	228.3	<b>452.1</b>	206.8	222.0	<b>428.9</b>
Empty export ('000)	115.8	121.2	<b>236.9</b>	148.2	165.0	<b>313.2</b>	145.7	138.4	<b>284.1</b>	126.7	166.6	<b>293.3</b>	125.9	119.0	<b>244.9</b>

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 (2020), Patrick (2020), Victoria International Container Terminal (2020) and Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2020)



**Table 1.4** Container terminal throughput: Adelaide

	2018						2019						2020		
	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun
<b>Wharfside</b>															
UCC ships handled, as reported by stevedores	107	112	219	113	109	222	109	111	220	107	98	205	83	77	160
Total containers handled ('000)	72.9	71.7	144.6	73.9	72.4	146.3	72.2	75.2	147.4	70.0	84.0	154.0	76.0	69.9	145.9
Total TEUs handled ('000)	100.3	102.6	202.9	106.3	102.0	208.3	104.4	107.5	211.9	99.1	117.3	216.4	106.4	100.0	206.3
40-foot containers as proportion of all containers handled (%)	37.5	43.1	40.3	43.8	41.0	42.4	44.6	42.9	43.7	41.5	39.6	40.5	39.9	43.1	41.4
<b>Landside</b>															
Number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations ('000)	33.9	30.3	64.2	31.1	30.8	61.9	31.1	30.9	61.9	30.7	31.6	62.3	32.0	29.3	61.3
Total containers transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	70.4	65.2	135.6	67.6	68.8	136.4	66.3	66.7	133.0	64.2	72.1	136.3	74.5	71.8	146.3
Containers by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	60.0	53.9	113.9	56.3	57.1	113.5	58.2	58.5	116.8	57.7	61.0	118.7	61.5	53.3	114.7
Containers by rail ('000)	10.5	11.3	21.7	11.3	11.6	22.9	8.1	8.2	16.2	6.5	11.2	17.7	13.1	18.5	31.6
Total TEUs transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	97.9	94.3	192.2	98.7	98.9	197.6	95.5	97.6	193.2	93.1	103.0	196.1	104.6	99.8	204.4
TEUs by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	82.9	76.9	159.8	81.0	81.5	162.4	83.4	84.8	168.2	82.4	85.2	167.6	86.4	75.5	161.9
TEUs by rail ('000)	15.0	17.4	32.4	17.8	17.4	35.2	12.1	12.9	25.0	10.7	17.8	28.5	18.2	24.3	42.5
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
Total number of container ship visits	106	106	212	114	110	224	108	112	220	107	99	206	83	77	160
Total number of containers (lifts) exchanged ('000)	72.0	71.1	143.1	72.5	71.1	143.5	70.7	74.3	145.0	69.2	81.7	150.9	74.4	67.8	142.2
<b>Whole of port</b>															
Total cargo throughput (million tonnes)	3.9	4.2	8.1	3.6	3.3	6.9	3.0	3.3	6.3	3.0	3.3	6.3	3.1	3.8	6.9
Non-containerised general cargo throughput (million tonnes)	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
Total TEUs exchanged ('000)	99.2	100.5	199.7	103.1	100.3	203.3	101.8	105.8	207.6	97.9	114.7	212.6	104.6	98.8	203.4
Full import ('000)	36.8	36.6	73.4	40.4	40.9	81.2	40.9	38.8	79.7	35.8	45.5	81.3	34.5	33.0	67.5
Empty import ('000)	14.3	12.7	27.0	13.1	10.4	23.5	9.9	15.5	25.4	13.9	15.1	29.0	15.4	15.1	30.5
Full export ('000)	41.6	45.1	86.8	43.1	42.6	85.8	37.5	43.8	81.3	39.5	43.5	83.0	45.4	47.1	92.5
Empty export ('000)	6.3	5.4	11.7	5.9	6.1	12.0	12.2	7.3	19.5	8.4	7.9	16.3	8.5	2.6	11.1

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

Cells with a value of "0.0" mean that data were reported but rounded to zero.

Sources: Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020) and Flinders Ports (2020)

**Table 1.5** Container terminal throughput: Fremantle

	2018						2019						2020		
	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun
<b>Wharfside</b>															
UCC ships handled, as reported by stevedores	122	131	<b>253</b>	129	133	<b>262</b>	125	127	<b>252</b>	128	103	<b>231</b>	93	89	<b>182</b>
Total containers handled ('000)	126.1	129.6	<b>255.7</b>	134.0	141.0	<b>275.0</b>	126.1	130.1	<b>256.2</b>	135.1	137.7	<b>272.9</b>	132.2	118.8	<b>251.0</b>
Total TEUs handled ('000)	188.4	192.5	<b>380.9</b>	200.6	210.9	<b>411.5</b>	187.9	192.8	<b>380.7</b>	201.3	211.1	<b>412.3</b>	199.0	179.3	<b>378.3</b>
40-foot containers as proportion of all containers handled (%)	49.4	48.5	<b>48.9</b>	49.7	49.6	<b>49.6</b>	49.0	48.1	<b>48.6</b>	48.9	53.3	<b>51.1</b>	50.5	50.9	<b>50.7</b>
<b>Landside</b>															
Number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations ('000)	34.8	36.0	<b>70.8</b>	37.5	39.7	<b>77.2</b>	35.3	36.1	<b>71.4</b>	37.0	36.9	<b>73.9</b>	37.5	51.8	<b>89.3</b>
Total containers transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	82.4	86.3	<b>168.7</b>	90.2	96.8	<b>187.0</b>	89.9	93.8	<b>183.7</b>	93.0	90.1	<b>183.1</b>	96.7	116.8	<b>213.5</b>
Containers by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	59.2	60.8	<b>120.0</b>	62.7	67.3	<b>130.0</b>	59.8	61.3	<b>121.0</b>	62.4	60.7	<b>123.0</b>	67.7	93.2	<b>160.9</b>
Containers by rail ('000)	23.3	25.5	<b>48.8</b>	27.5	29.5	<b>57.0</b>	30.2	32.6	<b>62.7</b>	30.6	29.5	<b>60.1</b>	29.0	23.6	<b>52.6</b>
Total TEUs transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	116.0	121.5	<b>237.5</b>	126.0	134.9	<b>260.9</b>	124.9	129.6	<b>254.5</b>	132.5	142.6	<b>275.2</b>	130.4	150.7	<b>281.1</b>
TEUs by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	84.9	87.4	<b>172.3</b>	89.6	96.2	<b>185.8</b>	84.8	86.8	<b>171.6</b>	91.0	101.9	<b>192.9</b>	89.5	117.2	<b>206.6</b>
TEUs by rail ('000)	31.1	34.1	<b>65.2</b>	36.4	38.7	<b>75.1</b>	40.1	42.8	<b>82.9</b>	41.5	40.7	<b>82.3</b>	41.0	33.5	<b>74.5</b>
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
Total number of container ship visits	124	130	<b>254</b>	132	133	<b>265</b>	125	129	<b>254</b>	126	106	<b>232</b>	92	88	<b>180</b>
Total number of containers (lifts) exchanged ('000)	125.3	128.2	<b>253.6</b>	134.6	138.0	<b>272.6</b>	124.9	129.2	<b>254.1</b>	132.2	134.0	<b>266.2</b>	125.5	115.5	<b>240.9</b>
<b>Whole of port</b>															
Total cargo throughput (million tonnes)	9.3	8.5	<b>17.8</b>	8.3	8.5	<b>16.8</b>	9.0	8.7	<b>17.7</b>	8.6	8.4	<b>17.0</b>	8.3	7.4	<b>15.7</b>
Non-containerised general cargo throughput (million tonnes)	0.2	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.2	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.2	0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.2	0.2	<b>0.5</b>
Total TEUs exchanged ('000)	188.0	190.1	<b>378.1</b>	199.1	209.8	<b>408.9</b>	186.1	191.4	<b>377.5</b>	198.3	210.6	<b>408.9</b>	195.2	179.3	<b>374.5</b>
Full import ('000)	88.8	89.3	<b>178.1</b>	96.0	95.2	<b>191.2</b>	85.4	85.0	<b>170.4</b>	92.9	99.0	<b>191.8</b>	89.3	91.5	<b>180.8</b>
Empty import ('000)	5.5	7.6	<b>13.2</b>	7.3	10.8	<b>18.1</b>	9.3	12.4	<b>21.7</b>	11.9	10.6	<b>22.5</b>	5.1	4.4	<b>9.5</b>
Full export ('000)	57.9	60.4	<b>118.2</b>	59.9	68.3	<b>128.2</b>	64.4	66.7	<b>131.1</b>	65.6	63.9	<b>129.5</b>	55.9	52.4	<b>108.3</b>
Empty export ('000)	35.8	32.8	<b>68.6</b>	35.9	35.4	<b>71.3</b>	27.0	27.3	<b>54.3</b>	27.9	37.1	<b>65.1</b>	44.9	31.1	<b>75.9</b>

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

Sources: DP World (2020), Patrick (2020) and Fremantle Ports (2020)

**Table 1.6** Container terminal throughput: Five ports

	2018						2019						2020		
	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun
<b>Wharfside</b>															
UCC ships handled, as reported by stevedores	1 024	1 029	<b>2 053</b>	1 053	1 047	<b>2 100</b>	993	1 054	<b>2 047</b>	1 006	996	<b>2 002</b>	869	876	<b>1 745</b>
Total containers handled ('000)	1 236.9	1 253.9	<b>2 490.8</b>	1 336.7	1 340.5	<b>2 677.2</b>	1 213.7	1 233.6	<b>2 447.3</b>	1 233.4	1 320.8	<b>2 554.2</b>	1 151.6	1 185.4	<b>2 337.0</b>
Total TEUs handled ('000)	1 895.7	1 927.6	<b>3 823.3</b>	2 061.8	2 073.8	<b>4 135.6</b>	1 875.5	1 902.4	<b>3 777.9</b>	1 905.3	2 061.5	<b>3 966.9</b>	1 778.1	1 836.4	<b>3 614.5</b>
40-foot containers as proportion of all containers handled (%)	53.3	53.7	<b>53.5</b>	54.2	54.7	<b>54.5</b>	54.5	54.2	<b>54.4</b>	54.5	56.1	<b>55.3</b>	54.4	54.9	<b>54.7</b>
<b>Landside</b>															
Number of trucks used in VBS/TAS operations ('000)	472.6	482.4	<b>955.0</b>	502.4	511.9	<b>1 014.4</b>	469.3	479.7	<b>949.0</b>	490.3	518.7	<b>1 009.0</b>	458.6	497.3	<b>956.0</b>
Total containers transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	904.5	922.8	<b>1 827.3</b>	962.9	991.9	<b>1 954.8</b>	890.5	911.9	<b>1 802.4</b>	959.2	1 028.7	<b>1 987.8</b>	882.2	951.9	<b>1 834.1</b>
Containers by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	764.7	780.7	<b>1 545.4</b>	814.5	837.0	<b>1 651.6</b>	760.9	778.1	<b>1 539.0</b>	811.4	883.6	<b>1 695.0</b>	748.7	810.7	<b>1 559.5</b>
Containers by rail ('000)	139.8	142.1	<b>281.9</b>	148.4	154.9	<b>303.3</b>	129.6	133.8	<b>263.4</b>	147.7	145.1	<b>292.8</b>	133.5	141.2	<b>274.7</b>
Total TEUs transported by VBS/TAS trucks and rail ('000)	1 342.5	1 383.1	<b>2 725.6</b>	1 453.3	1 499.8	<b>2 953.1</b>	1 342.0	1 380.5	<b>2 722.5</b>	1 284.0	1 342.8	<b>2 626.7</b>	1 212.9	1 321.8	<b>2 534.7</b>
TEUs by VBS/TAS trucks ('000)	1 137.2	1 172.8	<b>2 310.1</b>	1 230.3	1 266.1	<b>2 496.4</b>	1 150.3	1 183.2	<b>2 333.5</b>	1 060.4	1 121.0	<b>2 181.4</b>	1 013.2	1 111.5	<b>2 124.8</b>
TEUs by rail ('000)	205.3	210.2	<b>415.5</b>	223.0	233.6	<b>456.7</b>	191.8	197.2	<b>389.0</b>	223.6	221.8	<b>445.3</b>	199.7	210.3	<b>409.9</b>
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
Total number of container ship visits	997	1 006	<b>2 003</b>	1 045	1 054	<b>2 099</b>	998	1 052	<b>2 050</b>	1 012	992	<b>2 004</b>	882	869	<b>1 751</b>
Total number of containers (lifts) exchanged ('000)	1 215.0	1 235.9	<b>2 450.9</b>	1 317.4	1 325.3	<b>2 642.7</b>	1 209.5	1 215.6	<b>2 425.0</b>	1 230.1	1 283.8	<b>2 513.6</b>	1 133.6	1 150.5	<b>2 284.0</b>
<b>Whole of port</b>															
Total cargo throughput (million tonnes)	37.2	38.6	<b>75.7</b>	37.4	35.8	<b>73.2</b>	34.8	35.8	<b>70.6</b>	35.4	34.7	<b>70.1</b>	33.3	32.3	<b>65.6</b>
Non-containerised general cargo throughput (million tonnes)	1.4	1.1	<b>2.5</b>	1.1	1.1	<b>2.2</b>	1.0	1.0	<b>2.1</b>	1.0	1.0	<b>1.9</b>	1.1	0.8	<b>1.9</b>
Total TEUs exchanged ('000)	1 967.2	1 989.4	<b>3 956.6</b>	2 124.3	2 153.8	<b>4 278.0</b>	1 937.0	1 982.9	<b>3 919.9</b>	1 983.2	2 148.3	<b>4 131.5</b>	1 843.8	1 902.8	<b>3 746.6</b>
Full import ('000)	920.7	934.8	<b>1 855.5</b>	995.3	1 014.1	<b>2 009.5</b>	898.3	907.9	<b>1 806.1</b>	939.8	1 000.3	<b>1 940.1</b>	838.0	902.9	<b>1 740.9</b>
Empty import ('000)	69.6	74.3	<b>143.9</b>	77.4	64.8	<b>142.2</b>	68.9	85.9	<b>154.7</b>	88.9	82.2	<b>171.1</b>	75.3	78.4	<b>153.6</b>
Full export ('000)	524.7	578.3	<b>1 103.0</b>	576.1	549.3	<b>1 125.4</b>	512.4	560.0	<b>1 072.4</b>	552.4	552.3	<b>1 104.6</b>	499.9	522.0	<b>1 021.9</b>
Empty export ('000)	452.0	401.4	<b>853.4</b>	474.9	525.1	<b>1 000.0</b>	456.1	428.7	<b>884.7</b>	401.9	510.8	<b>912.7</b>	429.8	398.5	<b>828.4</b>

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

Sources: DP World (2020), Patrick (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020), Victoria International Container Terminal (2020), Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2020), NSW Ports (2020), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2020), Flinders Ports (2020) and Fremantle Ports (2020)

**Table 1.7** Container ship visits by port: January–June 2020

	Brisbane	Sydney	Melbourne	Adelaide	Fremantle	Five ports
<i>Gross Tonnage</i>						
5 000–20 000 GT	49	79	36	-	25	189
20 001–35 000 GT	33	44	42	2	4	125
35 001–50 000 GT	160	146	155	61	45	567
50 001–65 000 GT	76	47	48	5	-	176
65 001–80 000 GT	100	113	89	42	59	403
80 001–95 000 GT	32	41	43	24	25	165
95 001–110 000 GT	9	24	24	24	21	102
All ship sizes	459	494	437	158	179	1 727

Sources: Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2020), NSW Ports (2020), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2020), Flinders Ports (2020) and Fremantle Ports (2020)

**Table 1.8** Container ship visits by port: July–December 2019

	Brisbane	Sydney	Melbourne	Adelaide	Fremantle	Five ports
<i>Gross Tonnage</i>						
5 000–20 000 GT	52	83	35	-	26	196
20 001–35 000 GT	39	51	42	2	2	136
35 001–50 000 GT	192	180	176	76	49	673
50 001–65 000 GT	97	75	73	34	39	318
65 001–80 000 GT	93	139	112	67	87	498
80 001–95 000 GT	23	30	30	13	13	109
95 001–110 000 GT	2	12	10	12	12	48
All ship sizes	498	570	478	204	228	1 978

Sources: Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2020), NSW Ports (2020), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2020), Flinders Ports (2020) and Fremantle Ports (2020)

**Table 1.9** Container ship visits by port: January–June 2019

	Brisbane	Sydney	Melbourne	Adelaide	Fremantle	Five ports
<i>Gross Tonnage</i>						
5 000–20 000 GT	48	78	33	1	26	186
20 001–35 000 GT	30	43	34	3	2	112
35 001–50 000 GT	189	178	188	82	76	713
50 001–65 000 GT	132	107	103	45	40	427
65 001–80 000 GT	75	143	119	82	100	519
80 001–95 000 GT	16	24	23	7	7	77
95 001–110 000 GT	-	-	-	-	-	-
All ship sizes	490	573	500	220	251	2 034

Sources: Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2020), NSW Ports (2020), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2020), Flinders Ports (2020) and Fremantle Ports (2020)

## 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.

**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.

**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.

'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.

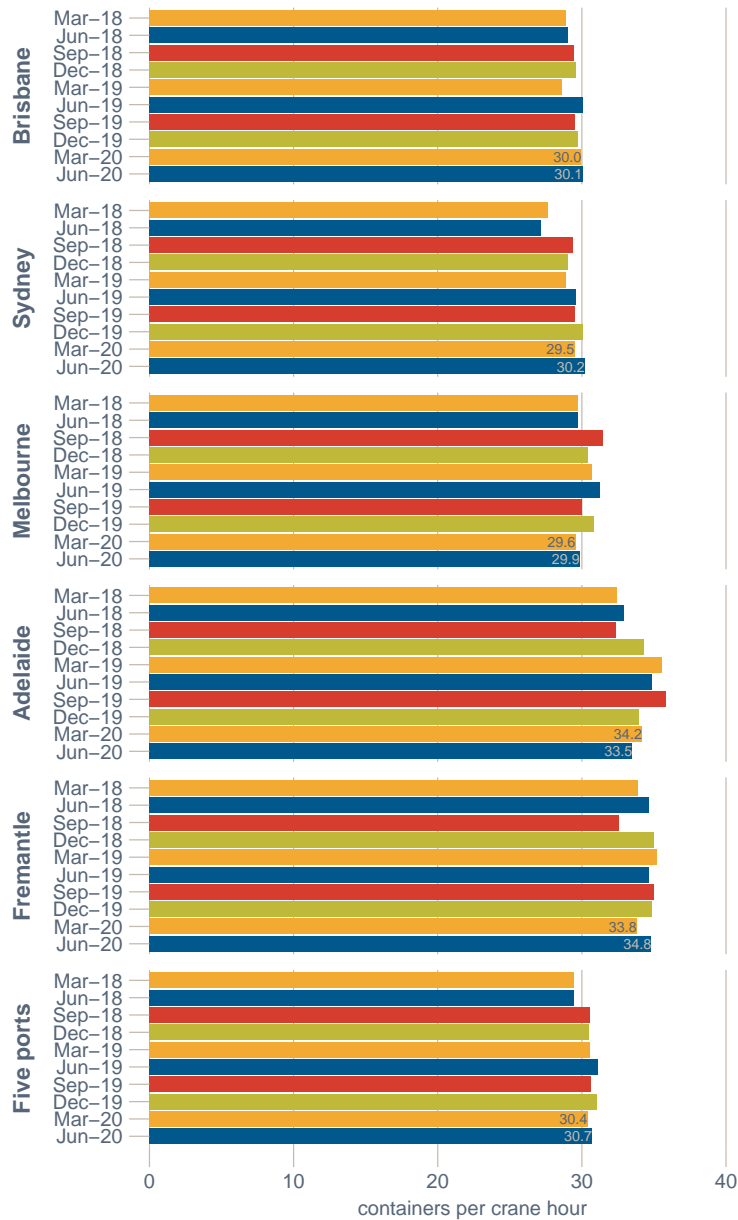
**Indicator 2.23 Average lifts per hour of stevedoring operation**

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**

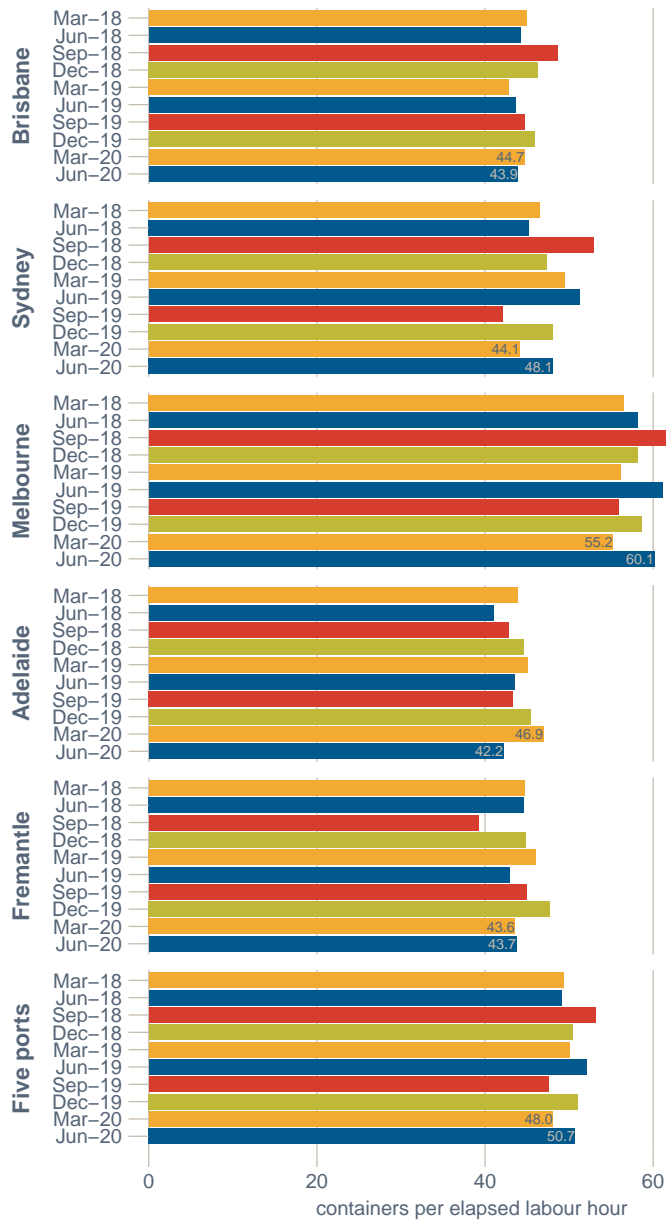
This is the number of crane lifts (containers handled) divided by the number of berth visits of dedicated container ships (UCC).

Figure 2.1 Wharf-side crane rate



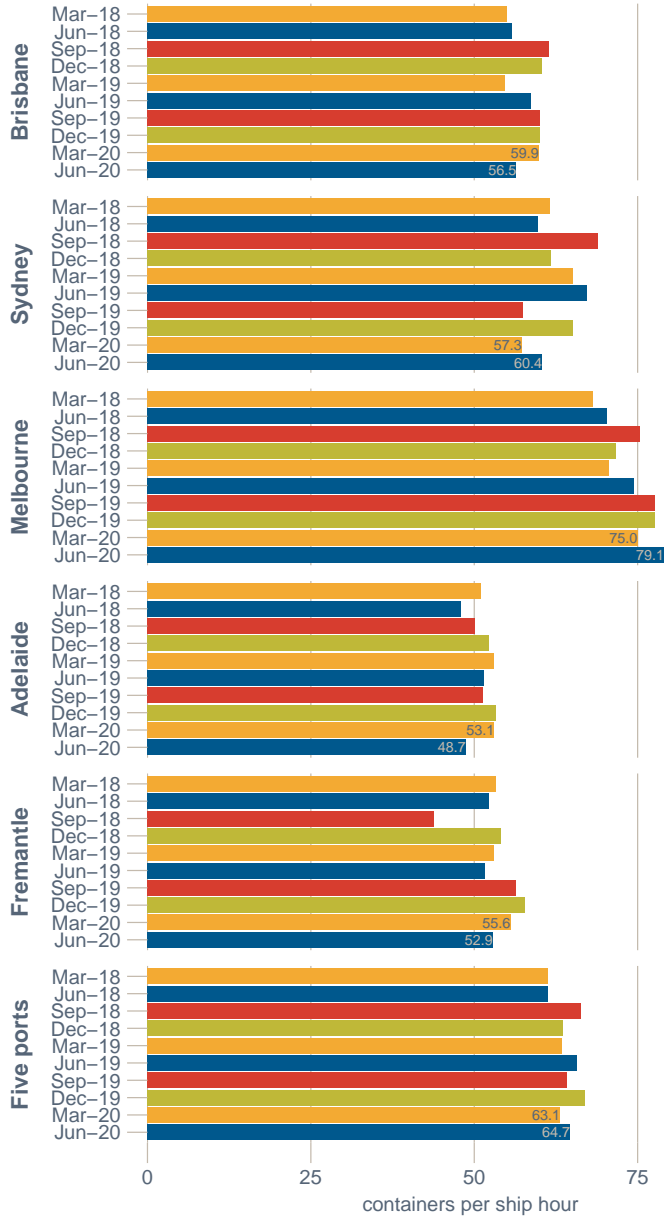
Sources: DP World (2020), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2020)

Figure 2.2 Wharf-side elapsed labour rate



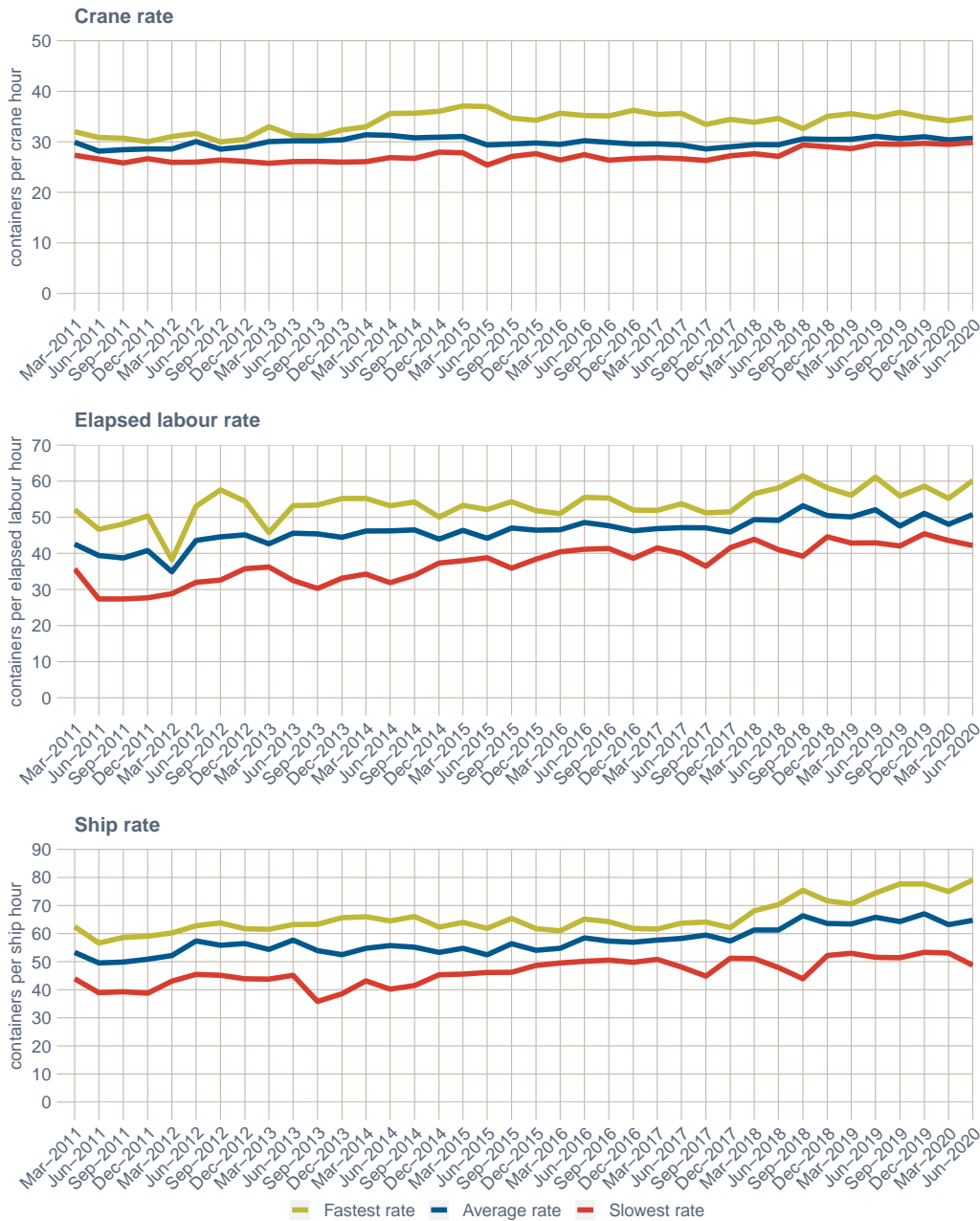
Sources: DP World (2020), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2020)

**Figure 2.3** Wharf-side ship rate



Sources: DP World (2020), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2020)

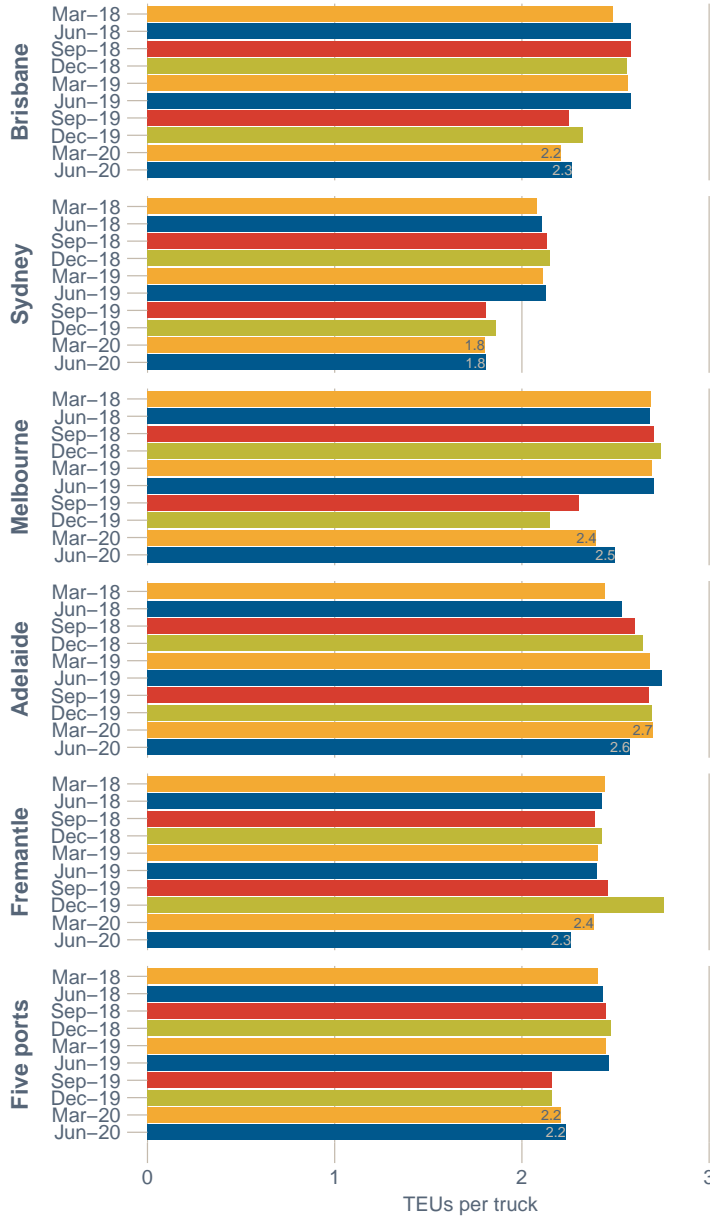
**Figure 2.4** Productivity in five ports: Comparison of wharfside rates



**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 (2020), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2020)

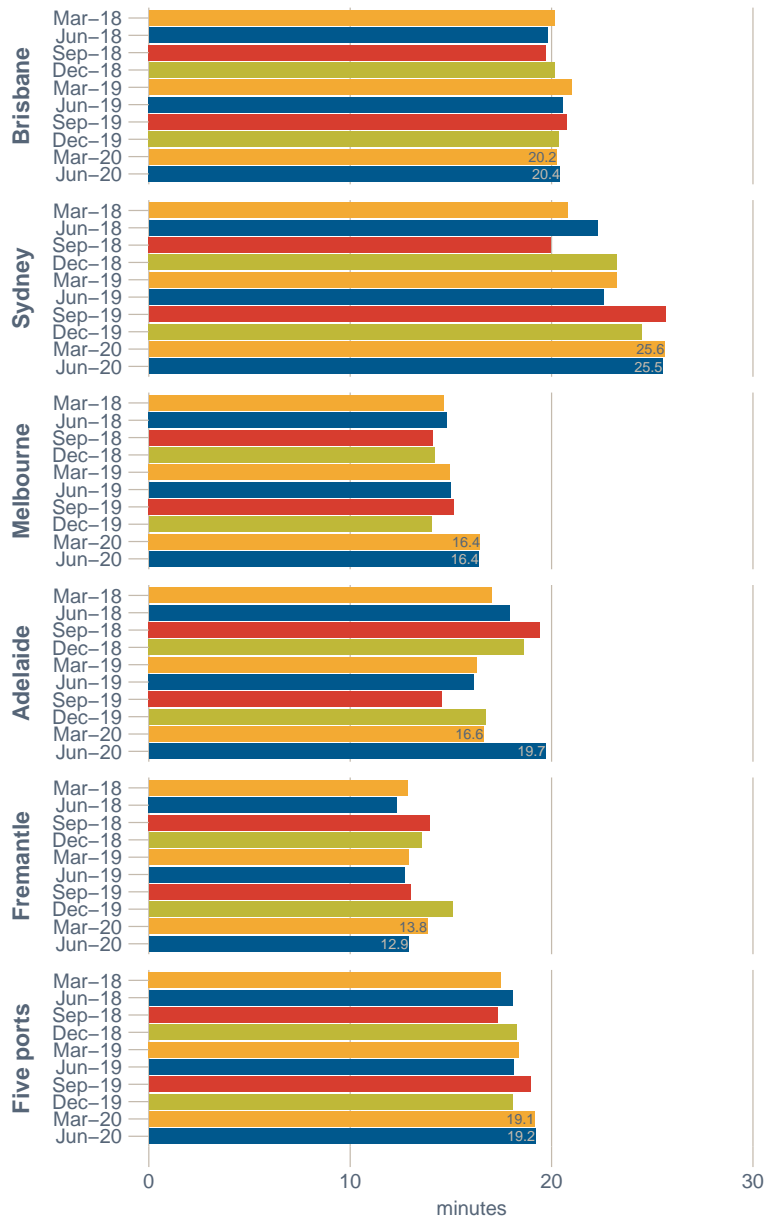
**Figure 2.5** Average TEUs per truck on landside of container terminals



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

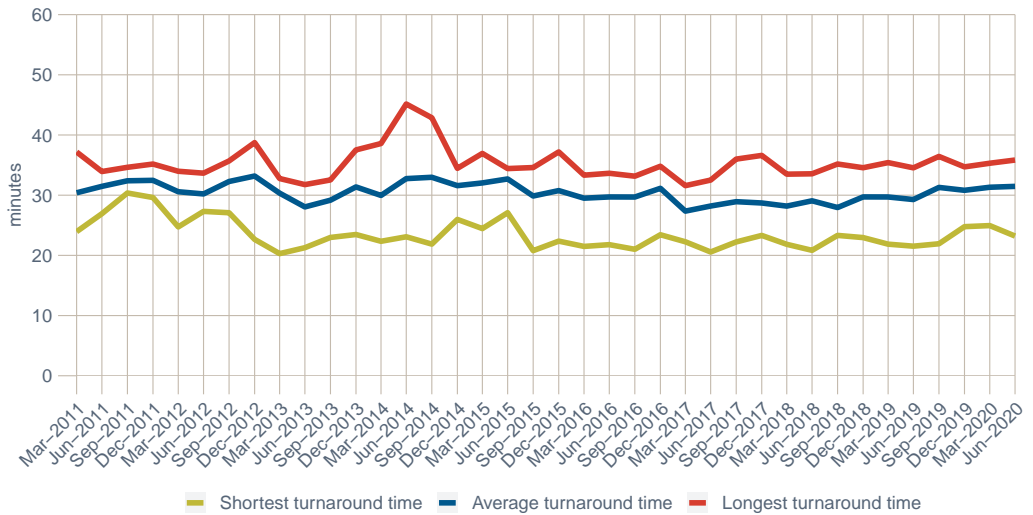
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Figure 2.6 Average container turnaround time on landside of container terminals



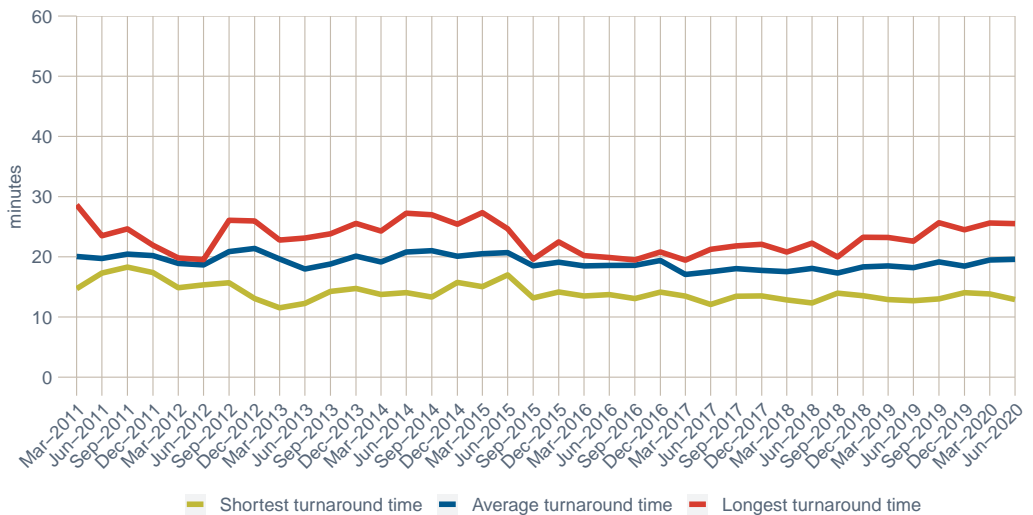
Note: This indicator is based on only the trucks that are processed through the VBS/TAS system.  
Sources: DP World (2020), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2020)



**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.

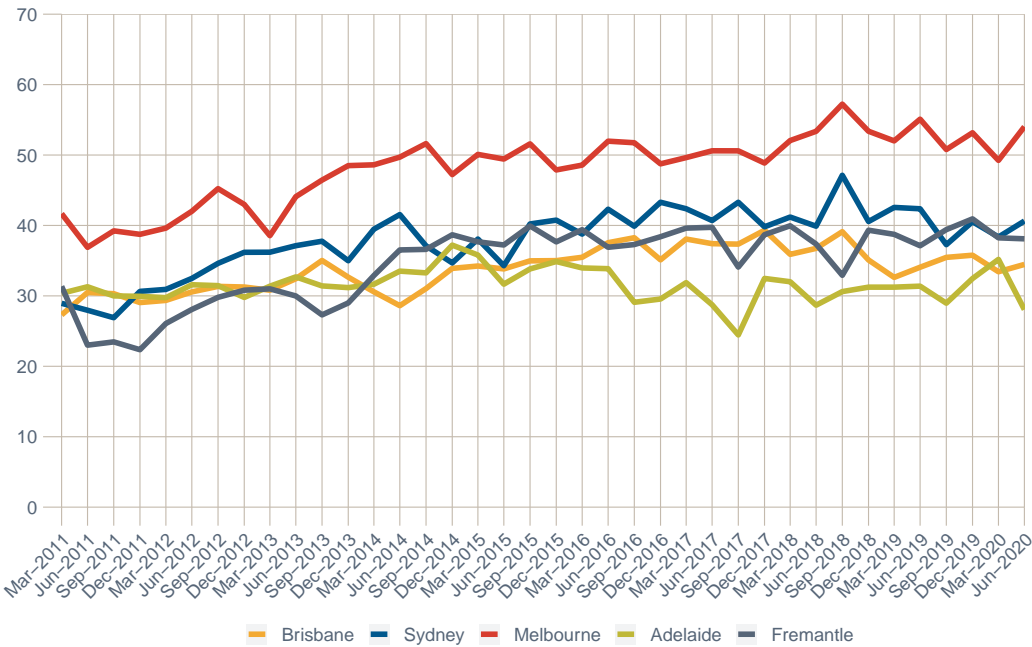
Sources: DP World (2020), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2020)

**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.

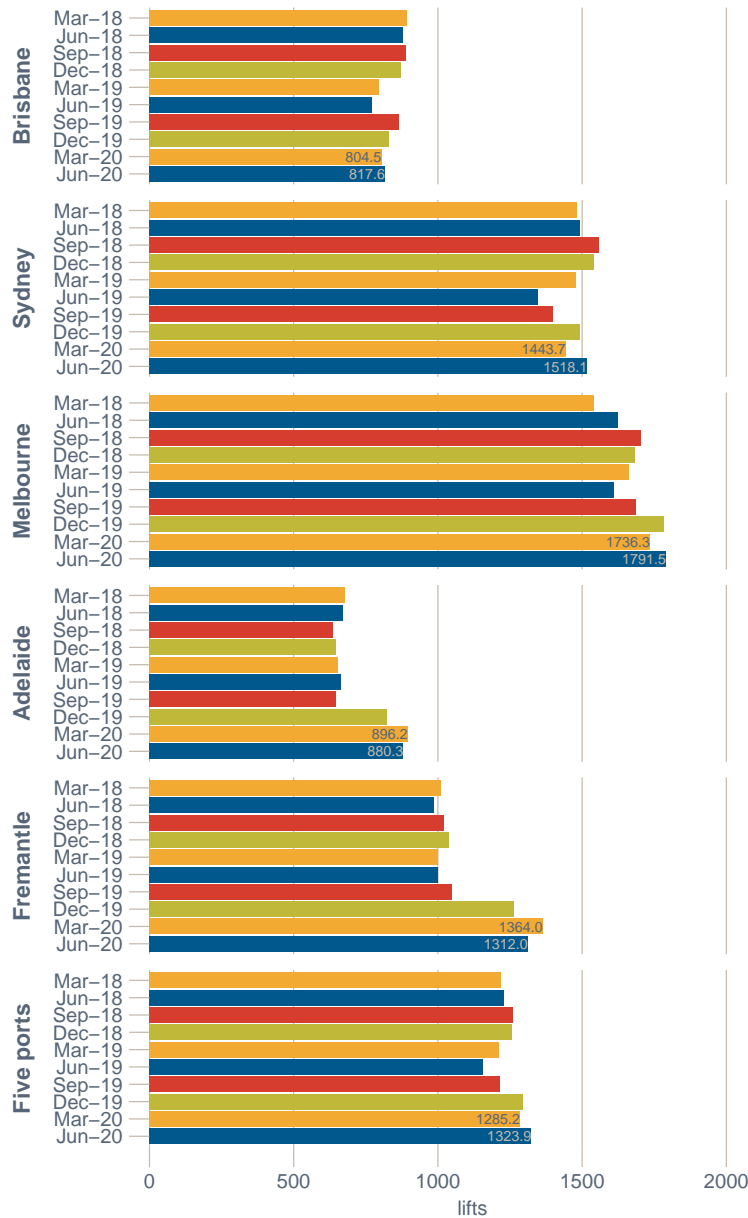
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**Figure 2.9** Average number of lifts per hour a ship spent at berth



Sources: BITRE estimates based on data from Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2020), NSW Ports (2020), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2020), Flinders Ports (2020) and Fremantle Ports (2020)

Figure 2.10 Average number of lifts per berth visit



Sources: BITRE estimates based on data from Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2020), NSW Ports (2020), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2020), Flinders Ports (2020) and Fremantle Ports (2020)

**Table 2.1** Container terminal productivity: Brisbane

	2018						2019						2020		
	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun
<b>Wharfside</b>															
<b>Containers per hour</b>															
Crane rate	28.9	29.0	<b>28.9</b>	29.4	29.6	<b>29.5</b>	28.6	30.1	<b>29.4</b>	29.5	29.7	<b>29.6</b>	30.0	30.1	<b>30.0</b>
Elapsed labour rate	44.9	44.2	<b>44.6</b>	48.6	46.3	<b>47.5</b>	42.9	43.6	<b>43.2</b>	44.7	45.9	<b>45.3</b>	44.7	43.9	<b>44.3</b>
Ship rate	55.0	55.8	<b>55.4</b>	61.4	60.3	<b>60.9</b>	54.7	58.7	<b>56.7</b>	60.0	60.0	<b>60.0</b>	59.9	56.5	<b>58.1</b>
<b>TEUs per hour</b>															
Crane rate	44.3	45.0	<b>44.6</b>	45.9	46.2	<b>46.1</b>	44.5	46.8	<b>45.7</b>	45.9	46.9	<b>46.4</b>	46.4	46.6	<b>46.5</b>
Elapsed labour rate	68.9	68.5	<b>68.7</b>	75.8	72.6	<b>74.2</b>	66.6	67.8	<b>67.2</b>	69.4	72.3	<b>70.9</b>	69.1	68.1	<b>68.6</b>
Ship rate	84.3	86.6	<b>85.5</b>	96.0	94.7	<b>95.4</b>	85.0	91.9	<b>88.5</b>	93.5	94.8	<b>94.2</b>	92.6	87.7	<b>90.1</b>
<b>Containers per berth metre</b>	83.4	86.9	<b>85.2</b>	93.2	90.3	<b>91.7</b>	76.4	79.7	<b>78.1</b>	84.9	89.0	<b>87.0</b>	75.8	80.7	<b>78.3</b>
<b>Landside</b>															
<b>Containers per truck</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>1.7</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>1.7</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>1.7</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>1.7</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>1.7</b>
<b>TEUs per truck</b>	2.5	2.6	<b>2.5</b>	2.6	2.6	<b>2.6</b>	2.6	2.6	<b>2.6</b>	2.3	2.3	<b>2.3</b>	2.2	2.3	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Per cent of trucks backloaded (%)</b>	11.9	12.7	<b>12.3</b>	12.2	11.3	<b>11.8</b>	11.8	11.9	<b>11.9</b>	12.4	11.8	<b>12.1</b>	10.9	10.9	<b>10.9</b>
<b>Average truck turnaround time (mins)</b>	33.5	33.6	<b>33.5</b>	33.1	33.8	<b>33.4</b>	35.4	34.5	<b>35.0</b>	35.1	34.7	<b>34.9</b>	34.0	34.0	<b>34.0</b>
<b>Average container turnaround time (mins)</b>	20.2	19.8	<b>20.0</b>	19.7	20.1	<b>19.9</b>	21.0	20.6	<b>20.8</b>	20.8	20.4	<b>20.6</b>	20.2	20.4	<b>20.3</b>
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
<b>Ship turnaround time</b>															
Median of ship turnaround time (hours)	31.2	30.8	<b>31.0</b>	30.2	31.3	<b>30.8</b>	30.6	29.1	<b>29.8</b>	31.0	30.1	<b>30.5</b>	30.7	29.7	<b>30.4</b>
95th percentile of ship turnaround time (hours)	57.7	48.5	<b>54.4</b>	50.6	54.0	<b>52.7</b>	56.2	52.0	<b>52.9</b>	60.3	57.8	<b>58.7</b>	63.2	57.8	<b>61.5</b>
<b>Port congestion</b>															
Number of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours	16	5	<b>21</b>	20	17	<b>37</b>	15	21	<b>36</b>	23	20	<b>43</b>	24	16	<b>40</b>
Per cent of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours (%)	7.0	2.1	<b>4.5</b>	7.8	6.6	<b>7.2</b>	6.3	8.2	<b>7.3</b>	9.3	7.6	<b>8.4</b>	10.1	6.9	<b>8.5</b>
Average waiting time at anchorage (hours)	13.5	16.6	<b>14.2</b>	22.2	20.6	<b>21.5</b>	17.5	15.0	<b>16.1</b>	19.0	20.5	<b>19.7</b>	15.4	21.0	<b>17.7</b>
Median waiting time at anchorage (hours)	10.8	9.8	<b>10.7</b>	12.7	10.3	<b>12.4</b>	13.0	9.2	<b>11.4</b>	16.2	14.3	<b>14.3</b>	9.6	16.1	<b>12.2</b>
<b>Total time ships spent at berth ('000 hours)</b>	5.7	5.7	<b>11.4</b>	5.9	6.4	<b>12.3</b>	5.8	5.8	<b>11.6</b>	6.0	6.1	<b>12.1</b>	5.7	5.5	<b>11.2</b>
<b>Average TEUs per ship-hour at berth (TEUs per hour)</b>	55.0	56.9	<b>56.0</b>	60.9	54.9	<b>57.8</b>	50.7	53.0	<b>51.8</b>	55.2	56.3	<b>55.8</b>	51.6	53.4	<b>52.5</b>
<b>Average lifts per ship-hour at berth (lifts per hour)</b>	35.9	36.7	<b>36.3</b>	39.1	35.1	<b>37.0</b>	32.6	34.1	<b>33.3</b>	35.5	35.8	<b>35.6</b>	33.4	34.5	<b>33.9</b>
<b>Total time ships are available to stevedores ('000 hours)</b>	4.6	5.0	<b>9.6</b>	4.8	4.9	<b>9.7</b>	4.5	4.6	<b>9.0</b>	4.7	4.8	<b>9.6</b>	4.2	4.6	<b>8.8</b>
<b>Average lifts per hour of stevedoring operation (lifts per hour)</b>	43.8	42.4	<b>43.1</b>	47.8	46.1	<b>46.9</b>	42.6	43.4	<b>43.0</b>	45.0	45.1	<b>45.0</b>	45.0	41.3	<b>43.1</b>
<b>Average lifts per berth visit (lifts)</b>	893.0	879.7	<b>886.2</b>	890.3	872.8	<b>881.6</b>	796.3	769.8	<b>782.6</b>	864.3	829.8	<b>846.5</b>	804.5	817.6	<b>810.9</b>

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

Sources: DP World (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020), Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2020) and Maritime Safety Queensland (2020)

**Table 2.2** Container terminal productivity: Sydney

	2018						2019						2020		
	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun
<b>Wharfside</b>															
<b>Containers per hour</b>															
Crane rate	27.6	27.1	<b>27.4</b>	29.4	29.0	<b>29.2</b>	28.9	29.6	<b>29.3</b>	29.5	30.1	<b>29.8</b>	29.5	30.2	<b>29.9</b>
Elapsed labour rate	46.5	45.2	<b>45.9</b>	52.9	47.3	<b>50.1</b>	49.4	51.3	<b>50.3</b>	42.1	48.1	<b>45.2</b>	44.1	48.1	<b>46.2</b>
Ship rate	61.6	59.8	<b>60.7</b>	68.9	61.7	<b>65.3</b>	65.2	67.3	<b>66.2</b>	57.4	65.1	<b>61.4</b>	57.3	60.4	<b>58.9</b>
<b>TEUs per hour</b>															
Crane rate	43.2	42.1	<b>42.7</b>	45.9	45.7	<b>45.8</b>	45.3	46.3	<b>45.8</b>	46.3	47.8	<b>47.1</b>	46.5	47.7	<b>47.1</b>
Elapsed labour rate	73.0	70.7	<b>71.8</b>	83.0	74.7	<b>78.9</b>	77.7	80.2	<b>78.9</b>	65.9	76.6	<b>71.4</b>	69.8	76.0	<b>73.0</b>
Ship rate	96.6	93.5	<b>95.1</b>	108.2	97.5	<b>102.8</b>	102.6	105.3	<b>103.9</b>	89.9	103.8	<b>97.1</b>	90.5	95.5	<b>93.1</b>
<b>Containers per berth metre</b>	112.7	113.3	<b>113.0</b>	121.7	121.9	<b>121.8</b>	112.3	112.2	<b>112.3</b>	110.1	118.4	<b>114.3</b>	101.7	107.2	<b>104.4</b>
<b>Landside</b>															
<b>Containers per truck</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>	1.4	1.4	<b>1.4</b>
<b>TEUs per truck</b>	2.1	2.1	<b>2.1</b>	2.1	2.2	<b>2.1</b>	2.1	2.1	<b>2.1</b>	1.8	1.9	<b>1.8</b>	1.8	1.8	<b>1.8</b>
<b>Per cent of trucks backloaded (%)</b>	7.9	9.0	<b>8.5</b>	8.6	8.4	<b>8.5</b>	6.9	7.4	<b>7.1</b>	7.9	6.7	<b>7.3</b>	6.1	6.4	<b>6.2</b>
<b>Average truck turnaround time (mins)</b>	29.0	31.2	<b>30.1</b>	28.4	33.2	<b>30.8</b>	32.7	31.9	<b>32.3</b>	36.4	34.3	<b>35.4</b>	35.3	35.8	<b>35.5</b>
<b>Average container turnaround time (mins)</b>	20.8	22.3	<b>21.5</b>	20.0	23.2	<b>21.6</b>	23.2	22.6	<b>22.9</b>	25.7	24.5	<b>25.1</b>	25.6	25.5	<b>25.6</b>
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
<b>Ship turnaround time</b>															
Median of ship turnaround time (hours)	33.7	31.8	<b>32.6</b>	31.9	34.9	<b>33.3</b>	32.3	29.4	<b>30.7</b>	33.5	33.8	<b>33.6</b>	35.5	33.7	<b>34.7</b>
95th percentile of ship turnaround time (hours)	65.2	77.1	<b>70.7</b>	55.8	68.8	<b>60.5</b>	66.1	56.0	<b>60.2</b>	70.0	69.2	<b>69.7</b>	68.8	66.8	<b>68.8</b>
<b>Port congestion</b>															
Number of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours	35	65	<b>100</b>	43	89	<b>132</b>	54	45	<b>99</b>	75	77	<b>152</b>	51	68	<b>119</b>
Per cent of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours (%)	12.9	23.7	<b>18.3</b>	15.4	31.4	<b>23.5</b>	19.6	15.2	<b>17.3</b>	26.3	26.6	<b>26.5</b>	20.4	27.3	<b>23.8</b>
Average waiting time at anchorage (hours)	30.0	26.2	<b>27.6</b>	9.3	27.1	<b>21.3</b>	19.5	13.6	<b>16.8</b>	25.3	14.2	<b>19.7</b>	16.9	31.1	<b>25.0</b>
Median waiting time at anchorage (hours)	6.8	18.6	<b>10.7</b>	4.5	18.0	<b>11.0</b>	7.2	6.6	<b>7.0</b>	15.5	8.8	<b>10.3</b>	9.9	11.5	<b>10.3</b>
<b>Total time ships spent at berth ('000 hours)</b>	9.8	10.2	<b>20.0</b>	9.2	10.8	<b>20.0</b>	9.6	9.5	<b>19.0</b>	10.7	10.6	<b>21.3</b>	9.4	9.3	<b>18.7</b>
<b>Average TEUs per ship-hour at berth (TEUs per hour)</b>	64.5	62.1	<b>63.3</b>	73.7	63.9	<b>68.4</b>	66.7	66.2	<b>66.5</b>	58.4	64.4	<b>61.4</b>	60.5	64.2	<b>62.4</b>
<b>Average lifts per ship-hour at berth (lifts per hour)</b>	41.2	39.9	<b>40.5</b>	47.1	40.6	<b>43.6</b>	42.6	42.4	<b>42.5</b>	37.3	40.5	<b>38.9</b>	38.4	40.6	<b>39.5</b>
<b>Total time ships are available to stevedores ('000 hours)</b>	9.0	9.2	<b>18.2</b>	8.7	9.7	<b>18.4</b>	8.4	8.1	<b>16.5</b>	9.7	9.3	<b>19.0</b>	8.6	8.2	<b>16.8</b>
<b>Average lifts per hour of stevedoring operation (lifts per hour)</b>	44.7	44.2	<b>44.5</b>	50.0	44.9	<b>47.3</b>	48.3	49.6	<b>48.9</b>	41.1	46.5	<b>43.7</b>	42.0	45.8	<b>43.9</b>
<b>Average lifts per berth visit (lifts)</b>	1 481.0	1 491.4	<b>1 486.2</b>	1 556.9	1 541.0	<b>1 548.9</b>	1 478.0	1 348.4	<b>1 410.9</b>	1 398.4	1 491.1	<b>1 445.1</b>	1 443.7	1 518.1	<b>1 480.9</b>

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

Sources: DP World (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020), NSW Ports (2020) and Port Authority of New South Wales (2020)

**Table 2.3** Container terminal productivity: Melbourne

	2018						2019						2020		
	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun
<b>Wharfside</b>															
<b>Containers per hour</b>															
Crane rate	29.7	29.7	<b>29.7</b>	31.5	30.4	<b>30.9</b>	30.7	31.3	<b>31.0</b>	30.0	30.9	<b>30.4</b>	29.6	29.9	<b>29.7</b>
Elapsed labour rate	56.5	58.1	<b>57.3</b>	61.5	58.1	<b>59.8</b>	56.1	61.1	<b>58.6</b>	55.9	58.6	<b>57.3</b>	55.2	60.1	<b>57.7</b>
Ship rate	68.1	70.3	<b>69.2</b>	75.4	71.7	<b>73.5</b>	70.5	74.4	<b>72.5</b>	77.7	77.7	<b>77.7</b>	75.0	79.1	<b>77.1</b>
<b>TEUs per hour</b>															
Crane rate	45.5	45.7	<b>45.6</b>	48.3	46.8	<b>47.6</b>	47.6	48.3	<b>47.9</b>	46.5	48.2	<b>47.4</b>	45.8	46.1	<b>46.0</b>
Elapsed labour rate	87.1	89.8	<b>88.4</b>	94.8	89.9	<b>92.3</b>	87.2	94.9	<b>91.1</b>	87.0	92.0	<b>89.6</b>	85.9	93.3	<b>89.7</b>
Ship rate	104.9	108.7	<b>106.8</b>	116.6	111.1	<b>113.9</b>	110.0	115.9	<b>113.0</b>	121.0	122.0	<b>121.5</b>	116.7	122.7	<b>119.8</b>
<b>Containers per berth metre</b>	147.2	148.6	<b>147.9</b>	159.1	160.8	<b>159.9</b>	146.0	147.7	<b>146.8</b>	145.8	156.5	<b>151.2</b>	134.7	142.2	<b>138.5</b>
<b>Landside</b>															
<b>Containers per truck</b>	1.8	1.8	<b>1.8</b>	1.8	1.8	<b>1.8</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>1.7</b>	1.8	1.9	<b>1.9</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>1.7</b>
<b>TEUs per truck</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>	2.3	2.2	<b>2.2</b>	2.4	2.5	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Per cent of trucks backloaded (%)</b>	17.3	17.2	<b>17.3</b>	16.9	18.5	<b>17.7</b>	18.1	18.1	<b>18.1</b>	16.4	11.5	<b>13.8</b>	16.9	17.0	<b>16.9</b>
<b>Average truck turnaround time (mins)</b>	26.0	26.1	<b>26.1</b>	24.8	25.2	<b>25.0</b>	26.0	26.0	<b>26.0</b>	27.6	27.1	<b>27.3</b>	28.4	28.2	<b>28.3</b>
<b>Average container turnaround time (mins)</b>	14.6	14.8	<b>14.7</b>	14.1	14.2	<b>14.1</b>	15.0	15.0	<b>15.0</b>	15.2	14.0	<b>14.5</b>	16.4	16.4	<b>16.4</b>
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
<b>Ship turnaround time</b>															
Median of ship turnaround time (hours)	37.8	38.2	<b>38.1</b>	36.6	38.5	<b>37.5</b>	37.8	35.6	<b>36.7</b>	40.0	40.2	<b>40.1</b>	42.4	40.5	<b>41.2</b>
95th percentile of ship turnaround time (hours)	59.8	59.9	<b>59.9</b>	63.6	61.8	<b>62.8</b>	64.1	51.0	<b>57.9</b>	70.3	70.6	<b>70.6</b>	76.4	77.4	<b>77.4</b>
<b>Port congestion</b>															
Number of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours	8	4	<b>12</b>	1	1	<b>2</b>	1	2	<b>3</b>	7	6	<b>13</b>	9	12	<b>21</b>
Per cent of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours (%)	3.0	1.6	<b>2.3</b>	0.4	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.8	<b>0.6</b>	2.8	2.6	<b>2.7</b>	4.1	5.4	<b>4.7</b>
Average waiting time at anchorage (hours)	20.5	26.9	<b>22.6</b>	3.9	17.2	<b>10.5</b>	6.3	54.5	<b>38.4</b>	20.3	19.5	<b>19.9</b>	24.0	32.6	<b>28.9</b>
Median waiting time at anchorage (hours)	15.6	23.0	<b>22.0</b>	3.9	17.2	<b>10.5</b>	6.3	54.5	<b>18.9</b>	18.1	17.7	<b>18.1</b>	14.4	37.3	<b>26.1</b>
<b>Total time ships spent at berth ('000 hours)</b>	7.9	7.8	<b>15.7</b>	7.8	8.5	<b>16.3</b>	8.0	7.5	<b>15.5</b>	8.2	7.9	<b>16.1</b>	7.8	7.4	<b>15.2</b>
<b>Average TEUs per ship-hour at berth (TEUs per hour)</b>	80.1	82.5	<b>81.3</b>	88.4	82.6	<b>85.4</b>	80.8	85.6	<b>83.1</b>	79.1	83.3	<b>81.2</b>	76.5	83.8	<b>80.0</b>
<b>Average lifts per ship-hour at berth (lifts per hour)</b>	52.1	53.4	<b>52.7</b>	57.2	53.4	<b>55.2</b>	52.0	55.1	<b>53.5</b>	50.8	53.2	<b>51.9</b>	49.2	54.0	<b>51.6</b>
<b>Total time ships are available to stevedores ('000 hours)</b>	7.5	7.3	<b>14.8</b>	7.4	8.0	<b>15.4</b>	7.4	6.9	<b>14.3</b>	7.5	7.6	<b>15.1</b>	7.0	6.8	<b>13.8</b>
<b>Average lifts per hour of stevedoring operation (lifts per hour)</b>	54.9	57.2	<b>56.0</b>	60.2	57.1	<b>58.6</b>	56.0	59.9	<b>57.9</b>	55.8	54.7	<b>55.2</b>	54.3	59.1	<b>56.7</b>
<b>Average lifts per berth visit (lifts)</b>	1 540.4	1 625.3	<b>1 582.1</b>	1 703.6	1 684.7	<b>1 694.0</b>	1 662.1	1 610.0	<b>1 635.7</b>	1 685.8	1 782.0	<b>1 732.5</b>	1 736.3	1 791.5	<b>1 764.1</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 (2020), Patrick (2020), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2020) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2020)

**Table 2.4** Container terminal productivity: Adelaide

	2018						2019						2020		
	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun
<b>Wharfside</b>															
<b>Containers per hour</b>															
Crane rate	32.4	32.9	<b>32.7</b>	32.3	34.3	<b>33.3</b>	35.6	34.8	<b>35.2</b>	35.9	33.9	<b>34.8</b>	34.2	33.5	<b>33.9</b>
Elapsed labour rate	43.9	41.0	<b>42.5</b>	42.8	44.6	<b>43.7</b>	45.0	43.5	<b>44.3</b>	43.4	45.4	<b>44.5</b>	46.9	42.2	<b>44.6</b>
Ship rate	51.1	47.9	<b>49.5</b>	50.1	52.2	<b>51.1</b>	53.0	51.6	<b>52.3</b>	51.4	53.3	<b>52.5</b>	53.1	48.7	<b>51.0</b>
<b>TEUs per hour</b>															
Crane rate	44.6	47.1	<b>45.9</b>	46.5	48.4	<b>47.4</b>	51.4	49.8	<b>50.6</b>	50.7	47.4	<b>48.9</b>	47.8	47.9	<b>47.9</b>
Elapsed labour rate	60.4	58.7	<b>59.5</b>	61.5	62.9	<b>62.2</b>	65.1	62.2	<b>63.7</b>	61.3	63.4	<b>62.5</b>	65.6	60.3	<b>63.1</b>
Ship rate	70.2	68.6	<b>69.4</b>	72.1	73.6	<b>72.8</b>	76.7	73.7	<b>75.2</b>	72.7	74.5	<b>73.7</b>	74.3	69.7	<b>72.1</b>
<b>Containers per berth metre</b>	121.5	119.5	<b>120.5</b>	123.1	120.6	<b>121.9</b>	120.3	125.4	<b>122.8</b>	116.7	140.0	<b>128.3</b>	126.7	116.5	<b>121.6</b>
<b>Landside</b>															
<b>Containers per truck</b>	1.8	1.8	<b>1.8</b>	1.8	1.9	<b>1.8</b>	1.9	1.9	<b>1.9</b>	1.9	1.9	<b>1.9</b>	1.9	1.8	<b>1.9</b>
<b>TEUs per truck</b>	2.4	2.5	<b>2.5</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	2.6	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Per cent of trucks backloaded (%)</b>	25.2	26.9	<b>26.0</b>	27.3	27.9	<b>27.6</b>	29.0	29.5	<b>29.2</b>	26.2	27.4	<b>26.8</b>	25.8	22.1	<b>24.0</b>
<b>Average truck turnaround time (mins)</b>	30.1	31.9	<b>30.9</b>	35.2	34.6	<b>34.9</b>	30.5	30.6	<b>30.6</b>	27.4	32.2	<b>29.8</b>	31.9	35.8	<b>33.8</b>
<b>Average container turnaround time (mins)</b>	17.0	17.9	<b>17.4</b>	19.4	18.6	<b>19.0</b>	16.3	16.1	<b>16.2</b>	14.6	16.7	<b>15.7</b>	16.6	19.7	<b>18.1</b>
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
<b>Ship turnaround time</b>															
Median of ship turnaround time (hours)	21.5	22.8	<b>22.6</b>	21.5	20.3	<b>21.0</b>	20.5	20.9	<b>20.7</b>	21.9	23.3	<b>22.8</b>	24.6	29.4	<b>26.3</b>
95th percentile of ship turnaround time (hours)	35.1	41.2	<b>38.8</b>	32.4	30.0	<b>31.9</b>	33.8	33.0	<b>33.0</b>	33.5	43.1	<b>40.6</b>	38.9	68.2	<b>47.9</b>
<b>Port congestion</b>															
Number of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours	5	0	<b>5</b>	13	9	<b>22</b>	7	8	<b>15</b>	3	6	<b>9</b>	5	6	<b>11</b>
Per cent of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours (%)	4.7	0.0	<b>2.4</b>	11.4	8.2	<b>9.8</b>	6.5	7.1	<b>6.8</b>	2.8	6.1	<b>4.4</b>	6.0	7.8	<b>6.9</b>
Average waiting time at anchorage (hours)	17.8		<b>17.8</b>	15.8	17.5	<b>16.5</b>	11.1	18.3	<b>14.9</b>	12.3	23.0	<b>19.4</b>	12.5	34.3	<b>24.4</b>
Median waiting time at anchorage (hours)	19.3		<b>19.3</b>	10.8	11.4	<b>11.1</b>	11.7	20.4	<b>13.4</b>	12.5	24.7	<b>19.8</b>	9.7	23.8	<b>16.8</b>
<b>Total time ships spent at berth ('000 hours)</b>	2.3	2.5	<b>4.7</b>	2.4	2.3	<b>4.6</b>	2.3	2.4	<b>4.6</b>	2.4	2.5	<b>4.9</b>	2.1	2.4	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Average TEUs per ship-hour at berth (TEUs per hour)</b>	44.0	41.0	<b>42.5</b>	44.0	44.1	<b>44.0</b>	45.2	44.8	<b>45.0</b>	41.0	45.3	<b>43.2</b>	49.2	40.1	<b>44.4</b>
<b>Average lifts per ship-hour at berth (lifts per hour)</b>	32.0	28.7	<b>30.3</b>	30.6	31.2	<b>30.9</b>	31.2	31.4	<b>31.3</b>	29.0	32.5	<b>30.8</b>	35.2	28.1	<b>31.4</b>
<b>Total time ships are available to stevedores ('000 hours)</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>3.4</b>	1.7	1.6	<b>3.4</b>	1.6	1.7	<b>3.3</b>	1.6	1.8	<b>3.5</b>	1.6	1.7	<b>3.3</b>
<b>Average lifts per hour of stevedoring operation (lifts per hour)</b>	43.4	40.7	<b>42.0</b>	41.9	43.8	<b>42.8</b>	44.1	43.0	<b>43.5</b>	42.9	44.2	<b>43.6</b>	45.9	40.9	<b>43.4</b>
<b>Average lifts per berth visit (lifts)</b>	679.5	670.8	<b>675.2</b>	635.6	646.1	<b>640.8</b>	654.5	663.5	<b>659.0</b>	647.2	824.9	<b>732.6</b>	896.2	880.3	<b>888.5</b>

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

Sources: Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020) and Flinders Ports (2020)

**Table 2.5** Container terminal productivity: Fremantle

	2018						2019						2020		
	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun
<b>Wharfside</b>															
<b>Containers per hour</b>															
Crane rate	33.9	34.6	<b>34.3</b>	32.6	35.0	<b>33.9</b>	35.2	34.6	<b>34.9</b>	35.0	34.9	<b>34.9</b>	33.8	34.8	<b>34.3</b>
Elapsed labour rate	44.7	44.7	<b>44.7</b>	39.2	44.8	<b>42.1</b>	46.1	42.9	<b>44.5</b>	45.0	47.7	<b>46.4</b>	43.6	43.7	<b>43.6</b>
Ship rate	53.3	52.3	<b>52.8</b>	43.9	54.1	<b>49.1</b>	53.0	51.6	<b>52.3</b>	56.4	57.8	<b>57.1</b>	55.6	52.9	<b>54.3</b>
<b>TEUs per hour</b>															
Crane rate	50.5	51.7	<b>51.1</b>	49.0	52.5	<b>50.8</b>	52.5	51.3	<b>51.9</b>	52.3	53.4	<b>52.8</b>	50.5	52.2	<b>51.3</b>
Elapsed labour rate	66.8	66.4	<b>66.6</b>	58.8	67.0	<b>63.0</b>	68.7	63.6	<b>66.1</b>	67.0	73.2	<b>70.2</b>	65.5	65.9	<b>65.7</b>
Ship rate	79.6	77.8	<b>78.7</b>	65.7	80.9	<b>73.5</b>	78.9	76.4	<b>77.6</b>	83.9	88.7	<b>86.3</b>	83.7	79.9	<b>81.9</b>
<b>Containers per berth metre</b>	98.3	101.0	<b>99.7</b>	104.4	109.9	<b>107.2</b>	98.3	101.4	<b>99.9</b>	104.6	106.6	<b>105.6</b>	102.4	91.9	<b>97.1</b>
<b>Landside</b>															
<b>Containers per truck</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>1.7</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>1.7</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>1.7</b>	1.7	1.6	<b>1.7</b>	1.8	1.8	<b>1.8</b>
<b>TEUs per truck</b>	2.4	2.4	<b>2.4</b>	2.4	2.4	<b>2.4</b>	2.4	2.4	<b>2.4</b>	2.5	2.8	<b>2.6</b>	2.4	2.3	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Per cent of trucks backloaded (%)</b>	11.6	12.6	<b>12.1</b>	10.0	10.5	<b>10.2</b>	11.4	11.4	<b>11.4</b>	11.4	9.8	<b>10.5</b>	7.7	7.3	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Average truck turnaround time (mins)</b>	21.8	20.8	<b>21.3</b>	23.3	23.0	<b>23.1</b>	21.9	21.5	<b>21.7</b>	21.9	24.8	<b>23.3</b>	25.0	23.2	<b>23.9</b>
<b>Average container turnaround time (mins)</b>	12.8	12.3	<b>12.6</b>	14.0	13.5	<b>13.7</b>	12.9	12.7	<b>12.8</b>	13.0	15.1	<b>14.0</b>	13.8	12.9	<b>13.3</b>
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
<b>Ship turnaround time</b>															
Median of ship turnaround time (hours)	28.0	28.2	<b>28.2</b>	35.5	29.3	<b>32.0</b>	28.9	30.0	<b>29.3</b>	30.2	36.5	<b>33.1</b>	40.6	38.1	<b>38.8</b>
95th percentile of ship turnaround time (hours)	44.8	56.4	<b>47.6</b>	82.4	55.2	<b>67.2</b>	48.4	53.0	<b>50.2</b>	48.0	66.2	<b>59.2</b>	74.5	66.5	<b>74.1</b>
<b>Port congestion</b>															
Number of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours	5	4	<b>9</b>	16	1	<b>17</b>	4	6	<b>10</b>	6	7	<b>13</b>	6	7	<b>13</b>
Per cent of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours (%)	4.0	3.1	<b>3.5</b>	12.1	0.8	<b>6.4</b>	3.2	4.7	<b>3.9</b>	4.8	6.6	<b>5.6</b>	6.5	8.0	<b>7.2</b>
Average waiting time at anchorage (hours)	12.7	20.6	<b>16.2</b>	22.3	44.4	<b>23.6</b>	29.8	17.6	<b>22.5</b>	16.0	30.4	<b>23.7</b>	22.8	18.8	<b>20.7</b>
Median waiting time at anchorage (hours)	10.7	22.4	<b>10.8</b>	15.8	44.4	<b>16.4</b>	23.0	17.5	<b>17.5</b>	14.1	30.3	<b>16.0</b>	22.4	16.3	<b>16.3</b>
<b>Total time ships spent at berth ('000 hours)</b>	3.1	3.4	<b>6.6</b>	4.1	3.5	<b>7.6</b>	3.2	3.5	<b>6.7</b>	3.4	3.3	<b>6.6</b>	3.3	3.0	<b>6.3</b>
<b>Average TEUs per ship-hour at berth (TEUs per hour)</b>	59.7	55.5	<b>57.5</b>	49.3	58.8	<b>53.7</b>	57.7	55.0	<b>56.3</b>	58.7	62.7	<b>60.7</b>	57.6	57.5	<b>57.5</b>
<b>Average lifts per ship-hour at berth (lifts per hour)</b>	40.0	37.4	<b>38.6</b>	32.9	39.3	<b>35.9</b>	38.7	37.1	<b>37.9</b>	39.4	40.9	<b>40.2</b>	38.2	38.1	<b>38.2</b>
<b>Total time ships are available to stevedores ('000 hours)</b>	2.8	2.9	<b>5.7</b>	3.4	3.1	<b>6.6</b>	2.7	3.0	<b>5.8</b>	3.0	2.9	<b>5.9</b>	3.0	2.7	<b>5.8</b>
<b>Average lifts per hour of stevedoring operation (lifts per hour)</b>	44.3	43.9	<b>44.1</b>	39.3	43.8	<b>41.5</b>	45.6	42.6	<b>44.0</b>	44.0	46.4	<b>45.2</b>	41.3	42.4	<b>41.8</b>
<b>Average lifts per berth visit (lifts)</b>	1 010.7	986.4	<b>998.3</b>	1 019.5	1 037.8	<b>1 028.7</b>	998.9	1 001.9	<b>1 000.4</b>	1 049.5	1 264.0	<b>1 147.5</b>	1 364.0	1 312.0	<b>1 338.6</b>

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

Sources: DP World (2020), Patrick (2020) and Fremantle Ports (2020)



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

	2018						2019						2020		
	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Jul-Dec	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Jan-Jun
<b>Wharfside</b>															
<b>Containers per hour</b>															
Crane rate	29.5	29.4	<b>29.5</b>	30.6	30.5	<b>30.5</b>	30.5	31.1	<b>30.8</b>	30.6	31.0	<b>30.8</b>	30.4	30.7	<b>30.6</b>
Elapsed labour rate	49.3	49.1	<b>49.2</b>	53.1	50.4	<b>51.8</b>	50.1	52.0	<b>51.1</b>	47.6	51.1	<b>49.4</b>	48.0	50.7	<b>49.4</b>
Ship rate	61.2	61.2	<b>61.2</b>	66.3	63.6	<b>64.9</b>	63.4	65.7	<b>64.6</b>	64.2	67.0	<b>65.7</b>	63.1	64.7	<b>63.9</b>
<b>TEUs per hour</b>															
Crane rate	45.0	45.1	<b>45.0</b>	47.1	47.0	<b>47.0</b>	47.0	47.8	<b>47.4</b>	47.2	48.3	<b>47.8</b>	46.8	47.4	<b>47.1</b>
Elapsed labour rate	75.8	75.7	<b>75.8</b>	82.3	78.2	<b>80.2</b>	77.6	80.5	<b>79.1</b>	73.5	80.0	<b>76.9</b>	74.4	78.7	<b>76.6</b>
Ship rate	94.3	94.6	<b>94.4</b>	102.9	98.8	<b>100.9</b>	98.6	102.1	<b>100.3</b>	99.6	105.2	<b>102.5</b>	97.9	100.6	<b>99.3</b>
<b>Containers per berth metre</b>	113.8	115.4	<b>114.6</b>	123.0	123.4	<b>123.2</b>	111.7	113.5	<b>112.6</b>	113.4	121.4	<b>117.4</b>	105.9	109.0	<b>107.4</b>
<b>Landside</b>															
<b>Containers per truck</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>	1.7	1.7	<b>1.7</b>	1.6	1.6	<b>1.6</b>
<b>TEUs per truck</b>	2.4	2.4	<b>2.4</b>	2.4	2.5	<b>2.5</b>	2.5	2.5	<b>2.5</b>	2.2	2.2	<b>2.2</b>	2.2	2.2	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Per cent of trucks backloaded (%)</b>	13.0	13.6	<b>13.3</b>	13.0	13.4	<b>13.2</b>	12.6	12.8	<b>12.7</b>	12.7	10.4	<b>11.5</b>	11.7	11.6	<b>11.6</b>
<b>Average truck turnaround time (mins)</b>	28.3	29.2	<b>28.8</b>	28.0	29.8	<b>29.0</b>	29.8	29.4	<b>29.6</b>	31.4	30.8	<b>31.1</b>	31.3	31.3	<b>31.3</b>
<b>Average container turnaround time (mins)</b>	17.5	18.1	<b>17.8</b>	17.3	18.2	<b>17.8</b>	18.4	18.1	<b>18.2</b>	19.0	18.1	<b>18.5</b>	19.1	19.2	<b>19.2</b>
<b>Whole of container terminal</b>															
<b>Ship turnaround time</b>															
Median of ship turnaround time (hours)	32.2	31.9	<b>32.0</b>	31.8	33.2	<b>32.4</b>	31.8	30.1	<b>30.9</b>	32.4	33.8	<b>33.1</b>	35.1	34.7	<b>34.8</b>
95th percentile of ship turnaround time (hours)	59.5	62.2	<b>60.1</b>	58.5	60.8	<b>60.0</b>	59.6	52.0	<b>56.2</b>	67.3	64.3	<b>66.0</b>	71.0	67.5	<b>69.2</b>
<b>Port congestion</b>															
Number of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours	69	78	<b>147</b>	93	117	<b>210</b>	81	82	<b>163</b>	114	116	<b>230</b>	95	109	<b>204</b>
Per cent of ships waiting at anchorage for more than 2 hours (%)	6.9	7.8	<b>7.3</b>	8.9	11.1	<b>10.0</b>	8.1	7.8	<b>8.0</b>	11.3	11.7	<b>11.5</b>	10.8	12.5	<b>11.7</b>
Average waiting time at anchorage (hours)	22.9	25.4	<b>24.2</b>	15.1	25.4	<b>20.9</b>	18.8	15.7	<b>17.2</b>	22.9	17.0	<b>19.9</b>	17.3	29.2	<b>23.7</b>
Median waiting time at anchorage (hours)	7.8	19.2	<b>11.2</b>	9.3	15.3	<b>11.8</b>	9.1	9.2	<b>9.2</b>	15.7	10.1	<b>12.5</b>	10.7	14.7	<b>12.9</b>
<b>Total time ships spent at berth ('000 hours)</b>	28.7	29.7	<b>58.4</b>	29.3	31.5	<b>60.8</b>	28.9	28.6	<b>57.5</b>	30.7	30.4	<b>61.1</b>	28.3	27.7	<b>55.9</b>
<b>Average TEUs per ship-hour at berth (TEUs per hour)</b>	64.8	64.0	<b>64.4</b>	69.2	65.1	<b>67.1</b>	64.7	65.5	<b>65.1</b>	62.0	65.9	<b>63.9</b>	61.9	64.5	<b>63.2</b>
<b>Average lifts per ship-hour at berth (lifts per hour)</b>	42.3	41.6	<b>41.9</b>	44.9	42.1	<b>43.5</b>	41.9	42.5	<b>42.2</b>	40.1	42.2	<b>41.2</b>	40.1	41.6	<b>40.8</b>
<b>Total time ships are available to stevedores ('000 hours)</b>	25.6	26.2	<b>51.8</b>	26.0	27.3	<b>53.4</b>	24.7	24.3	<b>49.0</b>	26.5	26.5	<b>53.0</b>	24.5	24.0	<b>48.5</b>
<b>Average lifts per hour of stevedoring operation (lifts per hour)</b>	47.4	47.2	<b>47.3</b>	50.6	48.5	<b>49.5</b>	49.0	50.0	<b>49.5</b>	46.4	48.5	<b>47.4</b>	46.2	48.0	<b>47.1</b>
<b>Average lifts per berth visit (lifts)</b>	1 218.7	1 228.5	<b>1 223.6</b>	1 260.7	1 257.4	<b>1 259.0</b>	1 211.9	1 155.5	<b>1 182.9</b>	1 215.5	1 294.1	<b>1 254.3</b>	1 285.2	1 323.9	<b>1 304.4</b>

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

Sources: DP World (2020), Patrick (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020), Victoria International Container Terminal (2020), Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (2020), Maritime Safety Queensland (2020), Port Authority of New South Wales (2020), NSW Ports (2020), Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (2020), Flinders Ports (2020) and Fremantle Ports (2020)



## 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 land-side 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.

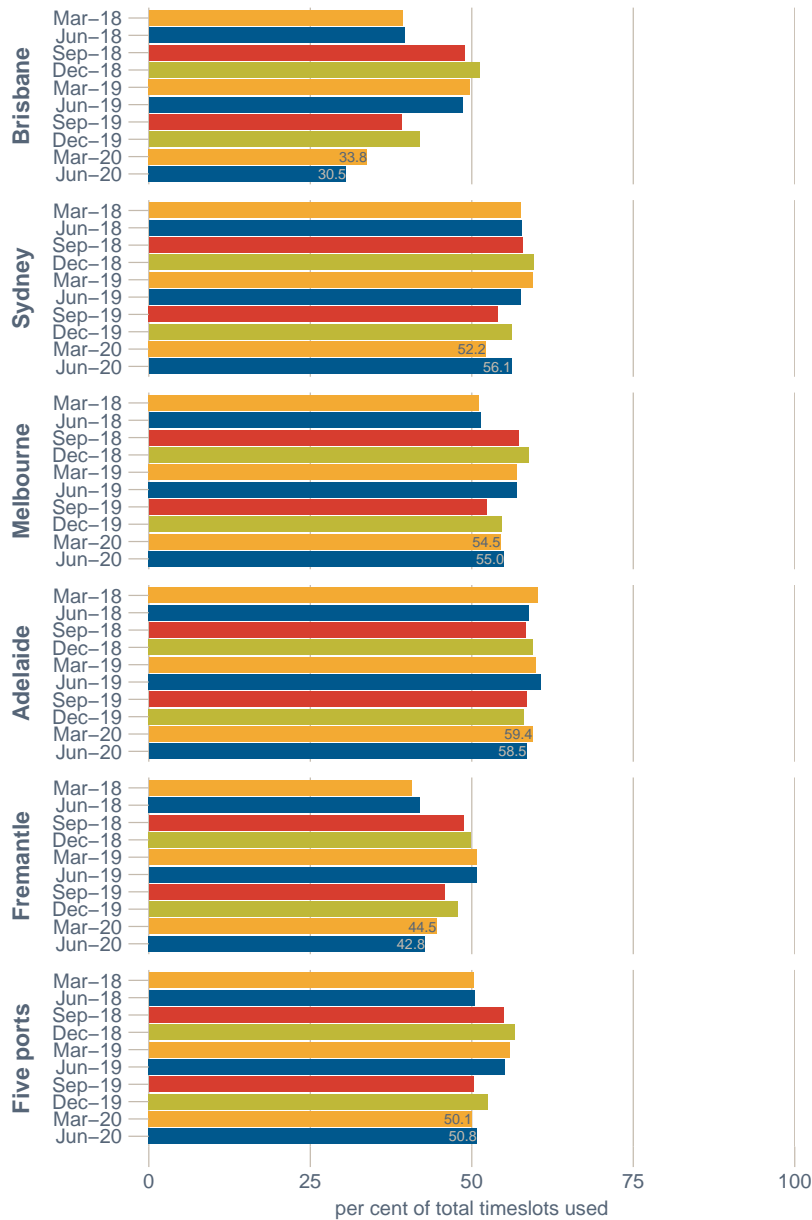
**Indicator 3.8 Number of TEUs moved through empty container parks**

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.



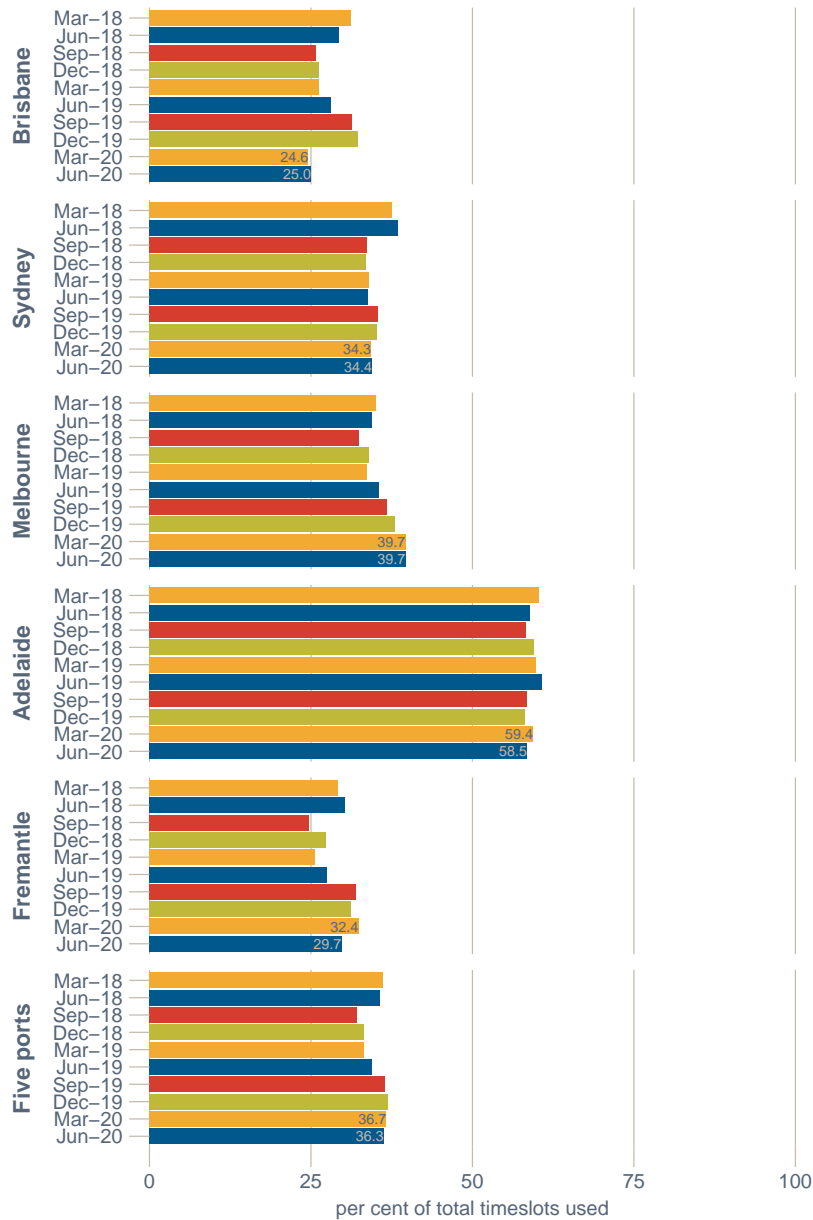
Aerial view of Victoria International Container Terminal, Port of Melbourne. Photo courtesy of Victoria International Container Terminal.

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



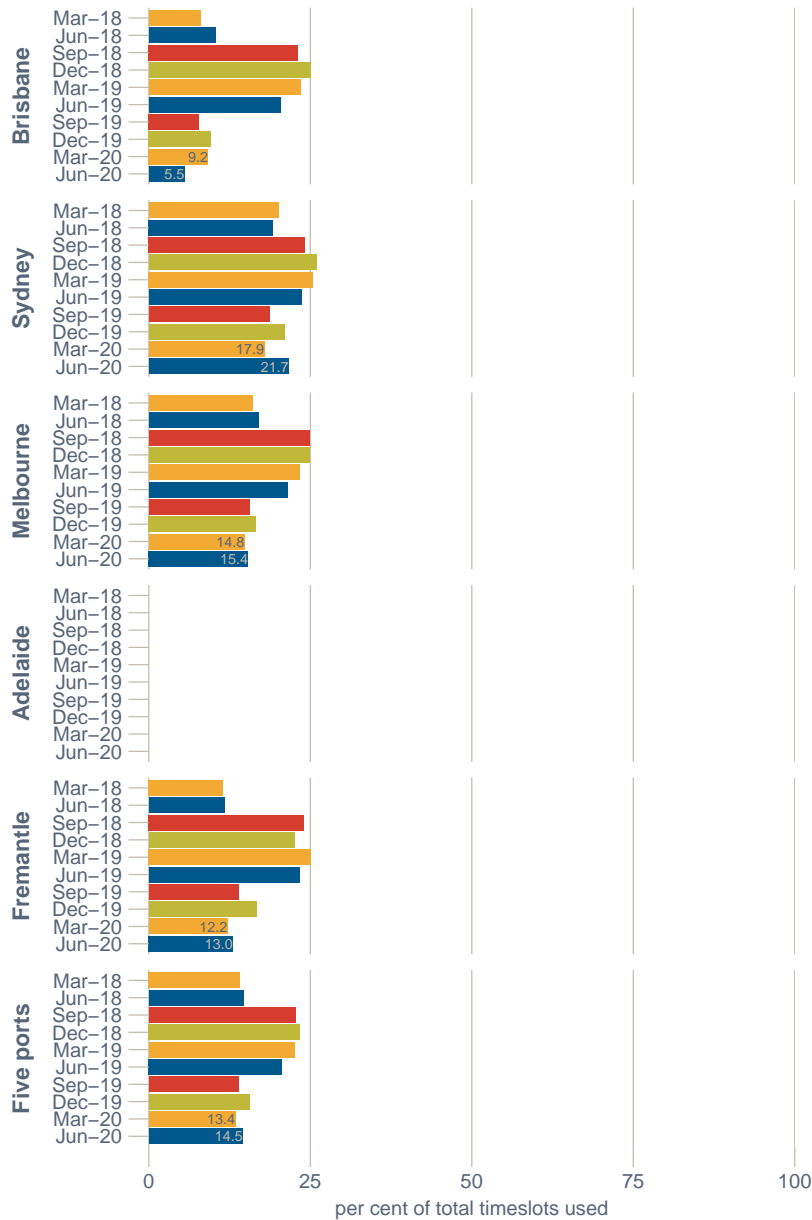
Sources: DP World (2020), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2020)

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



Sources: DP World (2020), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2020)

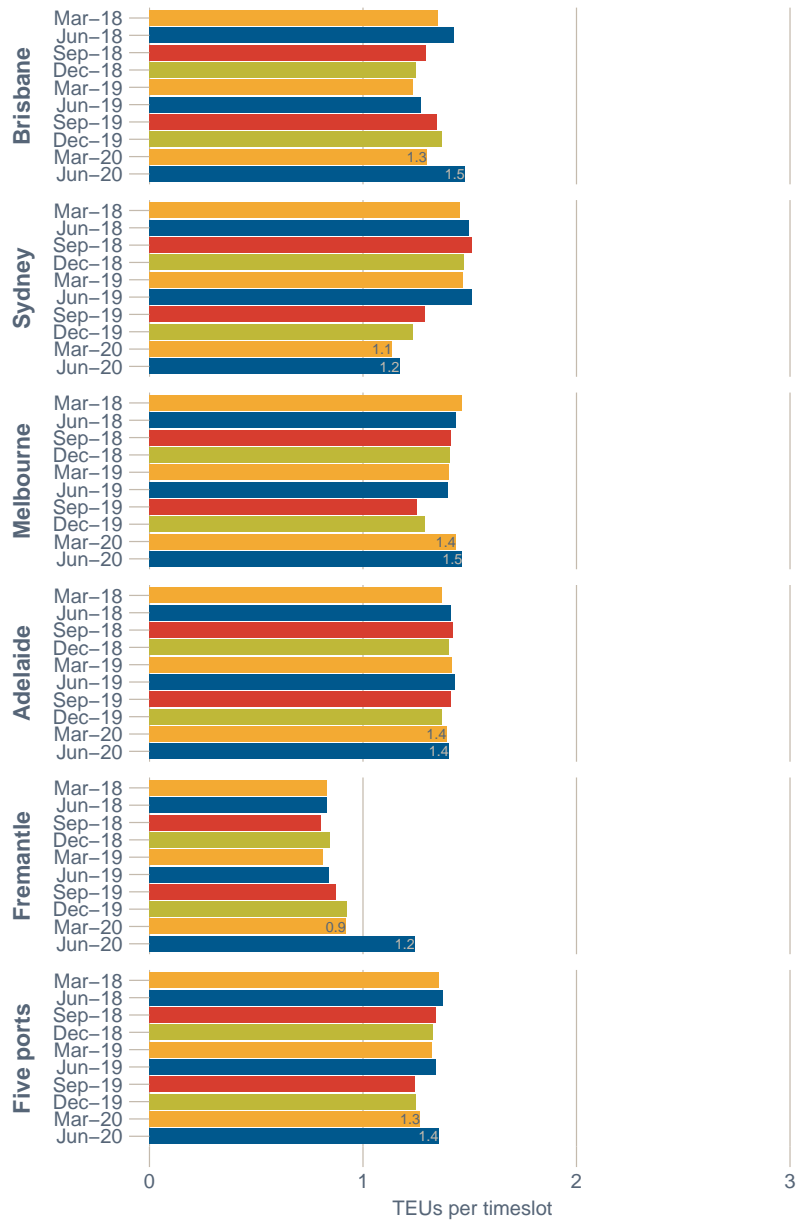
Figure 3.3 Timeslots used by trucks on Saturday and Sunday



Sources: DP World (2020), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2020)



Figure 3.4 TEUs processed per VBS timeslot used at container terminals



Sources: DP World (2020), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2020)

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

	Weekday	Shift	2018				2019				2020	
			Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr
Available ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	93.9	97.7	94.1	89.5	84.6	88.0	117.6	114.0	109.7	109.7
		Evening	31.0	32.2	31.0	31.2	30.0	31.4	40.1	39.9	31.7	31.6
		Night	17.7	16.5	16.4	17.5	15.0	18.0	22.7	26.0	11.4	8.7
		Sub-total	142.7	146.4	141.4	138.2	129.7	137.4	180.5	179.9	152.8	150.0
	Saturday	Day	7.0	10.0	16.6	16.8	16.6	14.9	8.5	10.4	7.7	1.2
		Evening	0.0	0.1	5.6	5.7	4.8	4.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
		Night	1.4	2.2	2.8	5.6	3.4	1.9	2.0	2.6	1.5	0.7
		Sub-total	8.5	12.3	25.0	28.1	24.8	20.9	10.6	13.1	9.4	2.0
	Sunday	Day	3.0	3.9	11.6	12.1	8.8	9.8	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.9
		Evening	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9
		Night	0.9	0.9	3.4	3.2	2.1	1.6	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.0
		Sub-total	5.0	6.0	16.3	16.0	11.8	12.3	4.1	4.6	4.7	4.8
	Total timeslots available		156.2	164.6	182.8	182.3	166.2	170.6	195.2	197.6	166.8	156.8
Used ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	87.0	91.9	88.6	83.9	77.1	81.8	82.4	79.7	75.4	78.0
		Evening	27.9	29.3	29.2	29.2	27.3	29.0	27.2	26.9	20.5	21.8
		Night	16.8	15.3	15.4	15.9	13.0	15.8	15.3	17.5	7.6	6.3
		Sub-total	131.6	136.4	133.1	128.9	117.5	126.7	124.9	124.1	103.5	106.1
	Saturday	Day	5.2	7.7	15.9	16.6	16.3	14.7	4.9	6.8	4.5	0.7
		Evening	0.0	0.1	5.5	5.5	4.7	4.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
		Night	1.4	2.1	2.8	5.5	3.4	1.9	1.6	1.9	1.2	0.7
		Sub-total	6.6	10.0	24.2	27.6	24.4	20.6	6.6	8.7	5.9	1.5
	Sunday	Day	2.8	3.8	11.3	11.6	8.8	9.4	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.8
		Evening	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.9
		Night	0.9	0.9	3.4	3.2	2.1	1.6	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.0
		Sub-total	4.9	5.8	15.9	15.4	11.7	11.9	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.7
	Total timeslots used		143.1	152.1	173.2	172.0	153.5	159.2	135.4	137.3	113.9	112.2

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 (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020) and Patrick (2020)

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

	Weekday	Shift	2018				2019				2020	
			Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr
Available ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	129.9	132.9	133.5	134.5	127.6	128.1	175.6	180.1	176.9	166.9
		Evening	59.3	63.9	60.5	60.7	56.9	56.4	73.3	76.8	68.5	70.1
		Night	54.0	58.1	49.6	50.7	43.2	45.5	60.1	63.5	54.0	55.8
		Sub-total	243.2	255.0	243.6	245.8	227.7	230.0	309.1	320.3	299.4	292.8
	Saturday	Day	16.1	15.7	19.0	21.8	19.2	17.6	16.2	21.8	16.6	19.0
		Evening	3.9	3.1	10.0	10.7	9.9	9.5	2.7	2.8	2.3	3.2
		Night	11.2	9.9	12.2	12.8	11.1	10.0	10.2	11.9	9.7	10.2
		Sub-total	31.3	28.7	41.3	45.3	40.2	37.1	29.2	36.5	28.5	32.4
	Sunday	Day	12.9	15.8	17.1	20.2	17.7	17.1	19.0	21.2	18.5	20.5
		Evening	7.2	8.0	4.9	6.2	4.8	4.4	10.6	11.4	9.4	9.5
		Night	4.1	3.7	8.2	10.5	9.8	7.2	3.1	3.3	2.4	3.7
		Sub-total	24.2	27.6	30.1	36.8	32.4	28.7	32.7	35.8	30.3	33.7
	Total timeslots available		298.6	311.2	315.1	328.0	300.3	295.8	370.9	392.6	358.2	358.9
Used ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	101.3	103.3	107.3	107.3	95.5	98.9	107.5	110.9	105.7	102.3
		Evening	47.8	49.5	47.9	48.5	44.2	43.8	45.7	48.3	42.6	45.0
		Night	41.6	44.5	37.8	40.6	35.7	35.1	37.2	40.5	33.2	35.3
		Sub-total	190.7	197.2	193.1	196.3	175.3	177.8	190.3	199.8	181.5	182.5
	Saturday	Day	12.6	11.6	15.8	18.1	15.5	14.4	10.4	14.0	10.4	13.7
		Evening	3.8	2.9	9.3	9.5	8.6	8.2	2.3	2.5	1.6	2.8
		Night	8.7	6.7	9.1	9.5	8.1	7.8	6.3	7.6	5.2	6.4
		Sub-total	25.0	21.2	34.2	37.0	32.1	30.4	19.0	24.1	17.1	22.9
	Sunday	Day	12.3	14.8	15.9	17.7	14.8	15.0	14.1	17.0	13.9	17.1
		Evening	6.7	7.5	4.3	4.8	3.9	3.5	8.0	9.0	6.8	7.2
		Night	3.8	3.5	7.3	9.4	8.8	6.2	2.6	3.0	1.7	3.3
		Sub-total	22.9	25.8	27.5	31.9	27.5	24.7	24.7	28.9	22.4	27.6
	Total timeslots used		238.6	244.2	254.7	265.2	235.0	232.9	234.1	252.8	221.1	233.1

Sources: DP World (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020) and Patrick (2020)

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

	Weekday	Shift	2018				2019				2020	
			Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr
Available ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	127.3	127.6	165.1	156.5	151.5	148.1	174.7	166.3	152.6	154.3
		Evening	57.2	56.3	88.0	98.8	47.9	90.0	98.5	90.7	84.3	83.0
		Night	42.4	40.2	38.7	49.2	34.2	66.1	69.0	64.8	60.1	56.5
		Sub-total	226.8	224.2	291.8	304.5	233.6	304.2	342.3	321.9	297.0	293.8
	Saturday	Day	14.1	15.3	33.5	32.8	31.6	27.1	20.5	20.8	17.9	18.6
		Evening	3.4	3.7	10.4	10.1	9.0	7.9	3.5	3.7	3.1	2.6
		Night	7.9	6.8	9.0	11.5	8.9	12.9	12.8	11.9	9.1	8.0
		Sub-total	25.3	25.8	52.8	54.4	49.6	47.8	36.9	36.5	30.1	29.2
	Sunday	Day	9.1	10.2	26.2	30.1	26.3	26.7	18.9	18.3	15.8	14.9
		Evening	5.6	6.3	6.5	7.3	3.6	4.5	7.7	8.8	11.3	11.9
		Night	3.9	4.3	8.6	8.4	6.6	6.7	3.9	3.7	3.8	4.3
		Sub-total	18.6	20.9	41.3	45.7	36.5	37.8	30.5	30.8	30.9	31.0
Total timeslots available			270.7	270.9	385.9	404.7	319.7	389.9	409.7	389.1	358.0	354.0
Used ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	143.3	144.7	136.6	141.3	137.2	140.5	153.2	152.7	139.1	147.4
		Evening	61.9	62.9	66.6	76.3	73.1	73.3	75.7	79.9	76.6	81.7
		Night	41.2	39.5	36.9	40.2	34.3	42.8	42.3	47.9	44.5	48.2
		Sub-total	246.4	247.0	240.1	257.8	244.6	256.6	271.1	280.4	260.2	277.3
	Saturday	Day	17.4	18.5	27.0	28.4	28.0	23.7	15.3	18.7	15.3	18.3
		Evening	3.5	3.9	10.2	9.9	8.5	7.7	3.4	3.4	1.8	2.3
		Night	7.5	6.7	8.8	9.8	7.7	8.4	7.1	7.8	5.7	5.5
		Sub-total	28.4	29.1	45.9	48.0	44.3	39.9	25.8	29.9	22.8	26.2
	Sunday	Day	9.3	10.7	20.0	23.9	20.3	19.5	13.5	15.1	13.0	13.7
		Evening	5.6	6.3	5.4	5.3	3.5	4.3	7.1	7.5	6.9	7.7
		Night	3.7	4.2	8.3	8.0	6.3	6.5	3.6	3.3	2.6	2.8
		Sub-total	18.6	21.2	33.6	37.2	30.1	30.3	24.1	25.9	22.5	24.2
Total timeslots used			293.4	297.4	319.7	343.0	319.0	326.8	321.0	336.2	305.4	327.6

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

Sources: DP World (2020), Patrick (2020) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2020)

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

	Weekday	Shift	2018				2019				2020	
			Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr
Available ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	24.4	23.3	24.3	24.2	24.0	24.0	25.0	26.7	25.5	23.2
		Evening	19.7	17.6	18.9	18.8	19.5	19.6	19.2	19.2	20.2	17.6
		Night	19.5	17.5	17.5	18.2	18.8	19.4	19.5	20.4	20.1	18.8
		Sub-total	63.6	58.3	60.8	61.2	62.3	63.0	63.6	66.2	65.8	59.6
	Saturday	Day										
		Evening										
		Night										
		Sub-total										
	Sunday	Day										
		Evening										
		Night										
		Sub-total										
	Total timeslots available		63.6	58.3	60.8	61.2	62.3	63.0	63.6	66.2	65.8	59.6
Used ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	24.1	22.4	23.7	23.6	23.7	23.3	24.2	26.0	25.2	22.4
		Evening	19.4	17.0	18.3	18.4	19.2	19.1	18.6	18.8	19.8	16.7
		Night	17.1	15.0	14.9	16.1	16.1	17.0	15.5	17.3	17.1	14.8
		Sub-total	60.6	54.4	57.0	58.1	59.0	59.3	58.3	62.1	62.1	53.8
	Saturday	Day										
		Evening										
		Night										
		Sub-total										
	Sunday	Day										
		Evening										
		Night										
		Sub-total										
	Total timeslots used		60.6	54.4	57.0	58.1	59.0	59.3	58.3	62.1	62.1	53.8

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

Sources: Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020)

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

	Weekday	Shift	2018				2019				2020	
			Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr
Available ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	61.8	62.0	58.8	58.2	52.8	52.2	67.5	70.6	66.4	63.5
		Evening	22.6	23.3	19.4	20.9	17.7	19.0	23.5	25.3	23.2	22.0
		Night	9.0	9.9	9.7	11.6	10.0	10.3	14.2	14.6	14.2	11.8
		Sub-total	93.5	95.2	87.8	90.7	80.5	81.5	105.2	110.5	103.8	97.3
	Saturday	Day	6.5	5.6	12.5	12.0	11.9	11.2	6.6	9.1	7.1	5.1
		Evening	0.0	0.0	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.7	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
		Night	0.0	0.0	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		Sub-total	6.5	5.6	19.5	19.2	19.0	18.1	6.8	9.2	7.1	5.1
	Sunday	Day	5.2	6.6	8.2	6.8	7.4	6.4	8.7	10.1	6.3	7.9
		Evening	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.8
		Night	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
		Sub-total	5.6	7.0	8.6	7.2	7.8	6.4	9.4	10.9	6.9	8.8
	Total timeslots available		105.5	107.8	116.0	117.1	107.3	106.1	121.4	130.6	117.7	111.2
Used ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	60.7	61.1	57.2	57.1	51.4	51.0	56.4	57.5	53.9	54.0
		Evening	21.0	22.1	18.3	19.8	16.9	18.2	20.2	21.1	19.6	18.0
		Night	8.9	9.7	9.3	11.3	9.8	10.2	13.0	13.1	11.9	10.0
		Sub-total	90.6	92.9	84.8	88.2	78.2	79.4	89.6	91.7	85.4	82.0
	Saturday	Day	6.3	5.5	12.0	11.7	11.8	11.1	5.8	8.0	6.0	4.3
		Evening	0.0	0.0	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.7	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
		Night	0.0	0.0	2.6	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		Sub-total	6.3	5.5	18.6	18.6	18.7	17.8	6.0	8.1	6.0	4.4
	Sunday	Day	5.1	6.5	7.9	6.6	7.1	6.2	7.8	9.5	5.3	7.1
		Evening	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8
		Night	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		Sub-total	5.5	6.9	8.2	7.1	7.5	6.3	8.4	10.2	5.8	7.9
	Total timeslots used		102.4	105.3	111.6	113.9	104.4	103.5	104.0	110.1	97.2	94.3

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 (2020) and Patrick (2020)

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

	Weekday	Shift	2018				2019				2020	
			Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr
Available ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	437.4	443.5	475.8	462.8	440.5	440.5	560.5	557.7	531.1	517.7
		Evening	189.8	193.3	217.8	230.4	172.1	216.4	254.6	251.8	227.8	224.3
		Night	142.5	142.2	131.9	147.2	121.2	159.3	185.5	189.3	159.8	151.6
		Sub-total	769.7	779.1	825.5	840.4	733.8	816.2	1 000.6	998.8	918.7	893.6
	Saturday	Day	43.7	46.6	81.6	83.6	79.3	70.8	51.8	62.1	49.3	44.0
		Evening	7.3	6.9	30.2	30.4	27.8	25.2	6.6	6.8	5.5	6.0
		Night	20.5	18.9	26.8	33.1	26.5	27.9	25.1	26.4	20.3	18.8
		Sub-total	71.6	72.4	138.6	147.0	133.6	123.9	83.5	95.3	75.1	68.7
	Sunday	Day	30.1	36.5	63.1	69.1	60.2	59.9	49.2	52.4	43.5	46.2
		Evening	14.3	15.8	13.0	14.5	9.6	9.9	19.9	21.8	22.0	23.1
		Night	8.9	9.0	20.3	22.2	18.6	15.6	7.5	7.9	7.3	9.1
		Sub-total	53.3	61.4	96.4	105.8	88.4	85.3	76.6	82.1	72.7	78.3
	Total timeslots available		894.6	912.9	1 060.4	1 093.2	955.8	1 025.4	1 160.8	1 176.2	1 066.5	1 040.6
Used ('000)	Monday–Friday	Day	416.4	423.3	413.5	413.1	384.8	395.6	423.7	426.8	399.4	403.9
		Evening	178.0	180.7	180.3	192.2	180.7	183.3	187.3	195.0	179.1	183.1
		Night	125.6	124.0	114.3	124.1	109.0	120.8	123.3	136.4	114.2	114.7
		Sub-total	720.0	727.9	708.0	729.4	674.5	699.8	734.2	758.2	692.7	701.7
	Saturday	Day	41.4	43.3	70.7	74.8	71.6	63.9	36.4	47.4	36.2	37.1
		Evening	7.3	6.9	29.0	28.6	25.7	23.7	6.0	6.1	3.5	5.3
		Night	17.6	15.6	23.1	27.9	22.3	21.2	15.0	17.3	12.1	12.6
		Sub-total	66.3	65.8	122.8	131.3	119.5	108.7	57.3	70.8	51.8	54.9
	Sunday	Day	29.6	35.7	55.0	59.8	50.9	50.2	38.0	44.4	35.0	40.8
		Evening	13.8	15.3	11.2	11.0	8.6	8.9	16.5	17.9	14.9	16.5
		Night	8.4	8.6	19.0	20.7	17.3	14.2	6.7	7.2	5.3	7.1
		Sub-total	51.8	59.7	85.2	91.5	76.8	73.2	61.2	69.5	55.2	64.4
	Total timeslots used		838.1	853.4	916.1	952.2	870.8	881.7	852.8	898.5	799.7	821.0

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

Sources: DP World (2020), Flinders Adelaide Container Terminal (2020), Hutchison Ports Australia (2020), Patrick (2020) and Victoria International Container Terminal (2020)

**Table 3.7** Empty container park operations

	Port	2018				2019				2020	
		Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr
<b>Number of containers ('000)</b>	Brisbane	129.9	150.8	148.6	142.0	135.6	140.7	169.5	198.1	164.4	174.2
	Sydney	175.7	187.1	212.9	225.1	219.2	212.8	258.6	324.1	286.3	289.6
	Melbourne	348.3	355.9	369.9	364.6	335.3	335.6	345.3	384.9	348.1	356.4
	Adelaide	27.8	25.4	25.3	24.7	27.2	25.2	28.4	30.7	33.9	30.7
	Fremantle	94.0	96.3	97.4	109.0	103.4	104.6	114.2	126.1	120.6	112.0
	Five ports	775.7	815.4	854.0	865.3	820.7	819.0	916.0	1 063.9	953.2	962.9
<b>Number of TEUs ('000)</b>	Brisbane	184.5	219.0	218.7	206.7	198.8	206.5	252.0	299.2	244.2	258.4
	Sydney	267.7	281.6	321.7	344.7	337.7	330.1	398.9	507.4	447.1	451.1
	Melbourne	517.9	533.5	556.6	554.3	514.8	515.7	529.3	594.2	536.4	547.5
	Adelaide	37.9	36.8	36.8	35.0	38.5	36.6	40.7	42.7	48.3	44.6
	Fremantle	134.6	138.5	138.8	155.7	147.0	148.2	163.1	188.7	178.4	167.2
	Five ports	1 142.5	1 209.4	1 272.5	1 296.4	1 236.8	1 237.1	1 384.1	1 632.3	1 454.4	1 468.8

Sources: Containerchain Pty Ltd (2020)



## 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 in current (Table 4.6) and constant prices (Table 4.7),

#### Box 4.1 Changes to PICI

PICI has been modified in *Waterline 66*.

Previously, PICI was calculated for three vessel size classes (5,000–20,000 gross tonnes, 35,000–40,000 gross tonnes and 50,000–55,000 gross tonnes). However, the shift in fleet profile towards larger vessels means these groups are no longer appropriate, with most vessels' tonnage exceeding the largest class.

The new size classes are all of even width (15,000 gross tonnes), beginning with 5,000–20,000 gross tonnes:

- **5,000–20,000 gross tonnes**
- 20,000–35,000 gross tonnes
- **35,000–50,000 gross tonnes**
- 50,000–65,000 gross tonnes
- **65,000–80,000 gross tonnes**
- 80,000–95,000 gross tonnes
- 95,000–110,000 gross tonnes

The three size classes in bold are enumerated in Tables 4.1 to 4.5. The national PICI is computed over all size classes.

Calculations for several components, particularly those under 'Other charges', have been updated to reflect costs per average TEU, rather than per twenty-foot container.

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 “shore-based” in that they are the subset of charges paid by importers and exporters of containers which are directly related to the activity which occurs in the port and on the wharf. PICI does not include the charges applicable to the ocean freight service itself, nor does it cover all ancillary charges paid by shippers to customs brokers, freight forwarders and other service providers.

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 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.

All size groups are used to calculate the national Port Interface Cost Index (Indicator 4.25). A breakdown of charges is provided in Tables 4.1 to 4.5 for 5 000–20 000 GT, 35 000–50 000 GT and 65 000–80 000 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 charged is usually based on the volume of cargo the ship is carrying.

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

Charges levied by stevedoring companies for container handling at the wharf. The charge is estimated on an annual, per-lift basis from the ACCC *Container Stevedoring Monitoring Report* series. A price per TEU is then calculated using the proportion of 40-foot containers transferred at the port (Indicator 1.4).

**Indicator 4.20 Stevedoring charge (landside)**

Typical landside and ancillary service charges levied by stevedoring companies for container handling, excluding terminal access charges. The charge is calculated from stevedoring landside revenue per lift reported in the ACCC *Container Stevedoring Monitoring Report*, less a

BITRE estimate of total terminal access charges. A price per TEU is then calculated using the proportion of 40-foot containers transferred at the port (Indicator 1.4).

**Indicator 4.21 Terminal access charges**

Terminal access charges (formerly infrastructure charges) are levied by terminal operators on all full containers.

**Indicator 4.22 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 4.23 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 4.5.

**Indicator 4.24 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 4.25 National Port Interface Cost Index**

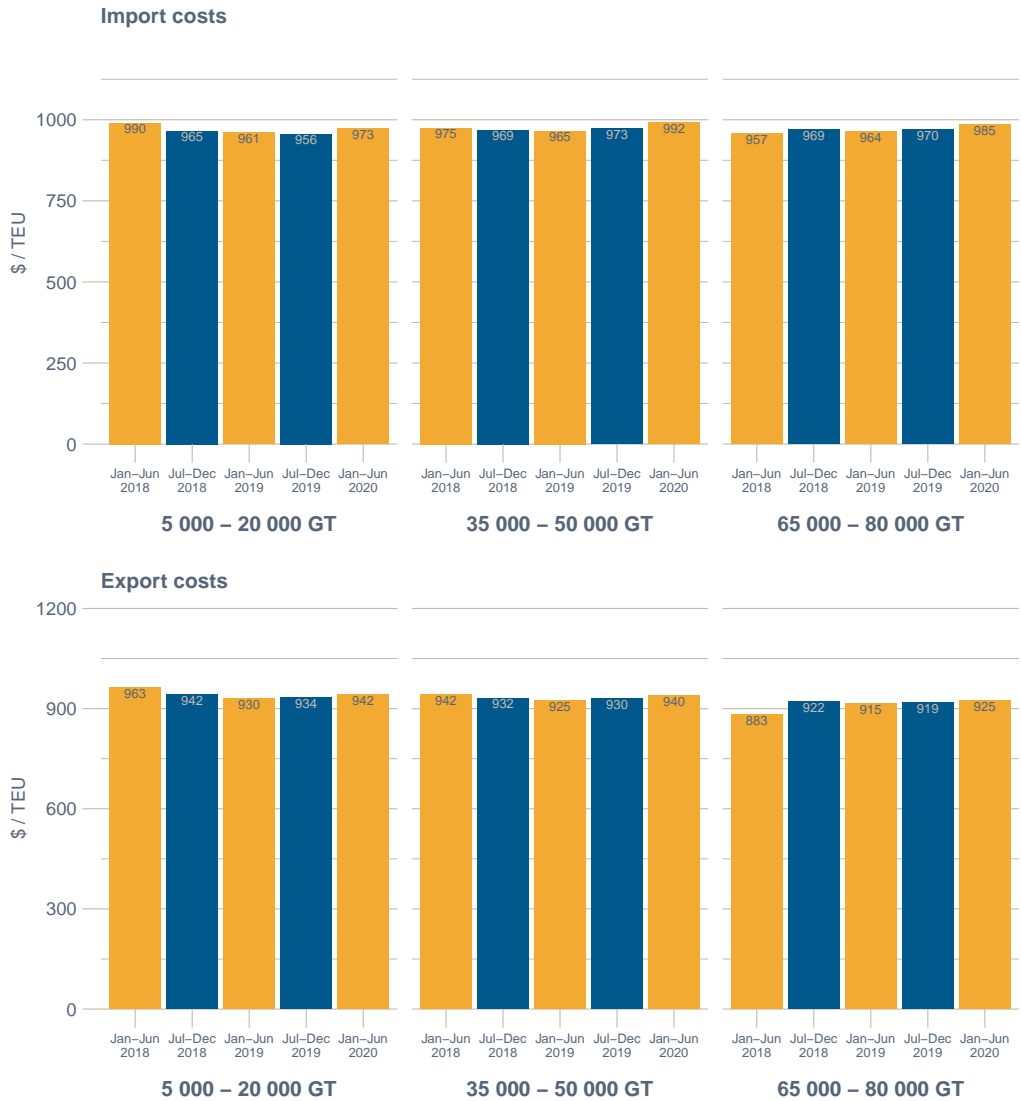
The national port interface cost indexes are the main outputs of the PICI calculations. These indexes are computed separately for imports and exports and for each of the ship size ranges monitored in *Waterline*.

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.



The 9 365-TEU *CMA CGM Loire* (IMO: 9674531) berthing at Swanson Dock West. Photo courtesy of DP World Australia.

**Figure 4.1** Port interface costs, constant prices (January–June 2020), by ship size



Sources: BITRE estimates based on data in Tables 4.1 to 4.5 and ABS (2020).

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

	5 000 to 20 000 GT ships					35 000 to 50 000 GT ships					65 000 to 80 000 GT ships				
	2018	2019	2020			2018	2019	2020			2018	2019	2020		
	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun
<b>Port call parameters<sup>a</sup></b>															
Total TEUs exchanged	253	277	326	330	398	1 264	1 209	1 050	1 220	1 116	1 882	1 961	1 663	1 847	1 646
Loaded	222	229	245	244	292	1 035	953	871	966	888	1 243	1 289	1 136	1 280	1 217
Loaded inwards	99	92	104	117	124	691	635	549	625	596	729	800	721	814	821
Loaded outwards	123	137	141	127	168	343	318	322	341	292	513	490	415	466	396
Empty <sup>b</sup>	31	48	81	86	107	229	256	179	254	228	639	672	527	566	429
Number of port calls	7	10	7	11	7	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Elapsed berth time (hours)	21	24	24	22	28	22	21	21	21	21	29	28	27	28	25
<b>Charges per ship visit (\$)</b>															
Total ship-based charges	36 112	36 795	37 055	37 693	37 959	57 105	58 357	58 731	59 778	60 160	66 126	67 655	68 053	69 284	69 692
Empty	504	792	1 337	1 350	1 688	4 459	5 169	3 608	5 121	4 677	12 689	13 675	10 604	11 488	8 626
<b>Ship-based charges (\$/TEU)</b>															
Conservancy	14	14	11	12	10	7	8	9	8	9	8	8	10	9	10
Tonnage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pilotage	46	44	37	38	31	15	16	19	17	18	11	11	13	12	13
Towage	72	67	57	57	48	21	22	26	22	25	15	14	17	16	18
Mooring, unmooring <sup>c</sup>	10	9	8	8	6	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	143	133	114	114	95	45	48	56	49	54	35	34	41	38	42
<b>Fees and charges for imports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	143	133	114	114	95	45	48	56	49	54	35	34	41	38	42
<b>Cargo-based charges</b>															
Wharfage	38	38	38	39	39	38	38	38	39	39	38	38	38	39	39
Harbour dues	67	68	68	69	69	67	68	68	69	69	67	68	68	69	69
<b>Other charges</b>															
Stevedoring—wharfside	153	150	150	150	151	153	150	150	150	151	153	150	150	150	151
Stevedoring—landside	29	28	28	33	33	29	28	28	33	33	29	28	28	33	33
Terminal access charges <sup>d</sup>	22	23	34	39	52	22	23	34	39	52	22	23	34	39	52
Road transport charges <sup>e</sup>	430	429	431	431	433	430	429	431	431	433	430	429	431	431	433
Customs broker fees	131	129	127	125	123	131	129	127	125	123	131	129	127	125	123
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / import TEU)</b>	<b>1 012</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>1 000</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>943</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>f</sup> (%)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</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 50 000 GT ships					65 000 to 80 000 GT ships				
	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020
	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun
<b>Fees and charges for exports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	143	133	114	114	95	45	48	56	49	54	35	34	41	38	42
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	38	38	38	39	39	38	38	38	39	39	38	38	38	39	39
Harbour dues	67	68	68	69	69	67	68	68	69	69	67	68	68	69	69
Other charges															
Stevedoring—wharfside	153	150	150	150	151	153	150	150	150	151	153	150	150	150	151
Stevedoring—landside	29	28	28	33	33	29	28	28	33	33	29	28	28	33	33
Terminal access charges <sup>d</sup>	22	23	34	39	46	22	23	34	39	46	22	23	34	39	46
Road transport charges <sup>e</sup>	430	429	431	431	433	430	429	431	431	433	430	429	431	431	433
Customs broker fees	118	117	115	114	113	118	117	115	114	113	118	117	115	114	113
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / export TEU)</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>927</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>g</sup> (%)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</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** Charges as levied by container terminal operators. These were reported separately for the first time in *Waterline 63*.

**e** BITRE estimates based on a survey of road transport operators. Survey responses from July–December 2017 onwards are not directly comparable to earlier results.

**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 (2020) 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 50 000 GT ships					65 000 to 80 000 GT ships				
	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020
	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun
<b>Port call parameters<sup>a</sup></b>															
Total TEUs exchanged	611	557	593	572	523	2 011	2 206	1 941	2 051	2 139	3 549	3 586	3 098	3 200	3 069
Loaded	518	457	499	456	418	1 486	1 613	1 440	1 514	1 538	2 345	2 365	2 052	2 188	2 157
Loaded inwards	236	202	220	184	169	1 010	1 120	1 013	1 094	1 141	1 824	1 812	1 537	1 641	1 586
Loaded outwards	283	256	279	272	249	476	494	427	419	397	521	553	515	547	571
Empty <sup>b</sup>	93	100	94	116	105	525	593	501	537	601	1 204	1 221	1 046	1 012	912
Number of port calls	6	15	11	14	12	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	4
Elapsed berth time (hours)	24	23	26	27	27	36	33	31	36	-	47	45	40	42	43
<b>Charges per ship visit (\$)</b>															
Total ship-based charges	30 325	31 180	31 355	32 183	32 362	61 654	63 498	63 814	65 581	65 903	81 167	83 758	84 093	86 558	86 902
Empty	1 311	1 439	1 356	1 706	1 545	7 411	8 552	7 231	7 908	8 849	16 999	17 620	15 091	14 902	13 419
<b>Ship-based charges (\$/TEU)</b>															
Conservancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tonnage	16	18	17	18	20	12	12	13	13	13	12	12	14	14	14
Pilotage	9	11	10	11	12	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	4	4	4
Towage	20	22	21	22	25	11	10	12	11	11	7	7	8	8	8
Mooring, unmooring <sup>c</sup>	5	5	5	5	5	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	50	56	53	56	62	31	29	33	32	31	23	23	27	27	28
<b>Fees and charges for imports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	50	56	53	56	62	31	29	33	32	31	23	23	27	27	28
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	132	135	135	142	142	132	135	135	142	142	132	135	135	142	142
Harbour dues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other charges															
Stevedoring—wharfside	153	150	150	150	150	153	150	150	150	150	153	150	150	150	150
Stevedoring—landside	29	28	28	32	32	29	28	28	32	32	29	28	28	32	32
Terminal access charges <sup>d</sup>	18	19	30	37	54	18	19	30	37	54	18	19	30	37	54
Road transport charges <sup>e</sup>	473	473	475	476	478	473	473	475	476	478	473	473	475	476	478
Customs broker fees	121	125	129	132	135	121	125	129	132	135	121	125	129	132	135
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / import TEU)</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>1 000</b>	<b>1 025</b>	<b>1 053</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>1 001</b>	<b>1 022</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>1 019</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>f</sup> (%)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</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 50 000 GT ships					65 000 to 80 000 GT ships				
	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020
	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun
<b>Fees and charges for exports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	50	56	53	56	62	31	29	33	32	31	23	23	27	27	28
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	87	90	90	96	96	87	90	90	96	96	87	90	90	96	96
Harbour dues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other charges															
Stevedoring—wharfside	153	150	150	150	150	153	150	150	150	150	153	150	150	150	150
Stevedoring—landside	29	28	28	32	32	29	28	28	32	32	29	28	28	32	32
Terminal access charges <sup>d</sup>	18	19	30	37	50	18	19	30	37	50	18	19	30	37	50
Road transport charges <sup>e</sup>	473	473	475	476	478	473	473	475	476	478	473	473	475	476	478
Customs broker fees	108	108	107	107	107	108	108	107	107	107	108	108	107	107	107
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / export TEU)</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>941</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>g</sup> (%)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</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> Charges as levied by container terminal operators. These were reported separately for the first time in *Waterline* 63.

<sup>e</sup> BITRE estimates based on a survey of road transport operators. Survey responses from July–December 2017 onwards are not directly comparable to earlier results.

<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 NSW Ports (2020) 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 50 000 GT ships					65 000 to 80 000 GT ships				
	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020
	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun
<b>Port call parameters<sup>a</sup></b>															
Total TEUs exchanged	691	960	960	928	848	2 101	2 250	2 101	2 206	2 148	3 494	3 401	3 244	3 639	3 736
Loaded	564	841	856	809	731	1 713	1 749	1 631	1 729	1 703	2 681	2 525	2 369	2 731	2 896
Loaded inwards	272	305	331	293	285	1 083	1 110	999	1 103	1 043	1 551	1 578	1 469	1 761	1 844
Loaded outwards	292	536	526	516	447	630	639	632	626	660	1 130	947	900	971	1 051
Empty <sup>b</sup>	127	119	104	119	117	388	502	470	477	444	812	876	875	908	840
Number of port calls	6	6	6	5	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	4
Elapsed berth time (hours)	19	29	28	28	26	28	29	27	30	29	38	34	34	40	41
<b>Charges per ship visit (\$)</b>															
Total ship-based charges	40 095	40 677	40 923	41 293	41 545	61 675	62 637	62 928	63 541	63 838	84 998	86 410	86 704	87 619	87 921
Empty	2 387	2 288	2 001	2 306	2 266	7 302	9 619	9 014	9 272	8 637	15 298	16 804	16 784	17 643	16 326
<b>Ship-based charges (\$/TEU)</b>															
Conservancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tonnage	14	10	10	10	11	12	11	12	11	12	13	14	14	13	13
Pilotage	15	11	11	12	13	7	6	7	7	7	5	5	5	5	4
Towage	25	18	18	19	21	10	9	10	10	10	6	6	7	6	6
Mooring, unmooring <sup>c</sup>	4	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	58	42	43	45	49	29	28	30	29	30	24	25	27	24	24
<b>Fees and charges for imports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	58	42	43	45	49	29	28	30	29	30	24	25	27	24	24
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	118	120	120	122	124	118	120	120	122	124	118	120	120	122	124
Harbour dues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other charges															
Stevedoring—wharfside	153	151	150	151	151	153	151	150	151	151	153	151	150	151	151
Stevedoring—landside	29	29	28	33	33	29	29	28	33	33	29	29	28	33	33
Terminal access charges <sup>d</sup>	30	31	49	54	71	30	31	49	54	71	30	31	49	54	71
Road transport charges <sup>e</sup>	458	459	461	462	465	458	459	461	462	465	458	459	461	462	465
Customs broker fees	130	129	128	127	127	130	129	128	127	127	130	129	128	127	127
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / import TEU)</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1 019</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>1 000</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>993</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>f</sup> (%)</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</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 50 000 GT ships					65 000 to 80 000 GT ships				
	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020
	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun
<b>Fees and charges for exports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	58	42	43	45	49	29	28	30	29	30	24	25	27	24	24
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	108	105	105	103	103	108	105	105	103	103	108	105	105	103	103
Harbour dues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other charges															
Stevedoring—wharfside	153	151	150	151	151	153	151	150	151	151	153	151	150	151	151
Stevedoring—landside	29	29	28	33	33	29	29	28	33	33	29	29	28	33	33
Terminal access charges <sup>d</sup>	30	31	49	54	65	30	31	49	54	65	30	31	49	54	65
Road transport charges <sup>e</sup>	458	459	461	462	464	458	459	461	462	464	458	459	461	462	464
Customs broker fees	118	116	114	113	111	118	116	114	113	111	118	116	114	113	111
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / export TEU)</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>950</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>g</sup> (%)</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</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** Charges as levied by container terminal operators. These were reported separately for the first time in *Waterline 63*.

**e** BITRE estimates based on a survey of road transport operators. Survey responses from July–December 2017 onwards are not directly comparable to earlier results.

**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 (2020) 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 50 000 GT ships					65 000 to 80 000 GT ships				
	2018	2019	2020			2018	2019	2020			2018	2019	2020		
	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun
<b>Port call parameters<sup>a</sup></b>															
Total TEUs exchanged	43	-	322	-	-	462	729	765	782	813	1 145	1 056	1 134	1 196	1 370
Loaded	43	-	287	-	-	375	624	652	643	637	932	856	833	883	1 028
Loaded inwards	43	-	232	-	-	250	375	340	326	307	400	360	371	384	340
Loaded outwards	0	-	55	-	-	124	249	313	317	330	533	496	462	499	688
Empty <sup>b</sup>	0	-	35	-	-	87	106	113	139	176	213	200	301	314	342
Number of port calls	1	-	1	-	-	4	4	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	4
Elapsed berth time (hours)	8	-	24	-	-	15	16	18	22	23	25	23	23	26	30
<b>Charges per ship visit (\$)</b>															
Total ship-based charges	31 566	27 398	34 240	28 043	28 213	50 328	51 695	52 306	55 401	56 111	62 218	64 122	64 485	66 563	67 347
Empty	0	-	0	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ship-based charges (\$/TEU)</b>															
Conservancy	80	-	11	-	-	8	6	5	7	6	7	9	8	8	6
Tonnage	123	-	22	-	-	19	13	13	14	14	14	15	14	14	14
Pilotage	169	-	23	-	-	16	10	10	10	10	6	7	7	7	6
Towage	363	-	49	-	-	66	42	41	40	39	27	30	28	27	24
Mooring, unmooring <sup>c</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	734	-	106	-	-	109	71	68	71	69	54	61	57	56	49
<b>Fees and charges for imports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	734	-	106	-	-	109	71	68	71	69	54	61	57	56	49
<b>Cargo-based charges</b>															
Wharfage	88	90	90	91	91	88	90	90	91	91	88	90	90	91	91
Harbour dues	7	7	7	30	30	7	7	7	30	30	7	7	7	30	30
<b>Other charges</b>															
Stevedoring—wharfside	160	-	156	-	-	160	156	156	157	157	160	156	156	157	157
Stevedoring—landside	32	-	31	-	-	32	31	31	36	36	32	31	31	36	36
Terminal access charges <sup>d</sup>	-	-	20	-	-	-	20	20	21	20	-	20	20	21	20
Road transport charges <sup>e</sup>	-	-	381	-	-	-	382	381	382	382	-	382	381	382	382
Customs broker fees	133	-	131	-	-	133	132	131	131	130	133	132	131	131	130
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / import TEU)</b>	<b>1 154</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>895</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>f</sup> (%)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

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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 50 000 GT ships					65 000 to 80 000 GT ships				
	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020
	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun
<b>Fees and charges for exports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	734	-	106	-	-	109	71	68	71	69	54	61	57	56	49
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	88	90	90	91	91	88	90	90	91	91	88	90	90	91	91
Harbour dues	7	7	7	30	30	7	7	7	30	30	7	7	7	30	30
Other charges															
Stevedoring—wharfside	160	-	156	-	-	160	156	156	157	157	160	156	156	157	157
Stevedoring—landside	32	-	31	-	-	32	31	31	36	36	32	31	31	36	36
Terminal access charges <sup>d</sup>	-	-	20	-	-	-	20	20	21	20	-	20	20	21	20
Road transport charges <sup>e</sup>	-	-	381	-	-	-	382	381	382	382	-	382	381	382	382
Customs broker fees	85	-	86	-	-	85	86	86	88	89	85	86	86	88	89
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / export TEU)</b>	<b>1 105</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>854</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>g</sup> (%)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</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** Charges as levied by container terminal operators. These were reported separately for the first time in *Waterline* 63.

**e** BITRE estimates based on a survey of road transport operators. Survey responses from July–December 2017 onwards are not directly comparable to earlier results.

**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 (2020) 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 50 000 GT ships					65 000 to 80 000 GT ships				
	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020
	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun
<b>Port call parameters<sup>a</sup></b>															
Total TEUs exchanged	2 318	2 251	1 951	2 360	2 574	784	1 434	1 326	1 350	1 134	1 415	1 517	1 430	1 760	2 509
Loaded	1 874	1 956	1 801	2 020	2 105	701	1 171	1 135	1 134	923	1 103	1 136	1 084	1 314	1 796
Loaded inwards	1 087	1 134	948	1 188	1 165	628	828	716	794	631	637	624	578	736	1 018
Loaded outwards	787	822	852	833	939	73	342	418	340	292	466	511	506	578	778
Empty <sup>b</sup>	444	296	150	340	469	83	263	192	216	211	312	381	346	447	713
Number of port calls	13	11	12	13	12	3	4	5	5	4	7	6	5	5	6
Elapsed berth time (hours)	35	34	33	32	34	18	26	25	24	26	26	30	26	29	39
<b>Charges per ship visit (\$)</b>															
Total ship-based charges	23 350	23 878	23 998	24 343	24 515	41 221	42 123	42 316	42 945	43 219	64 300	65 458	65 808	66 726	67 227
Empty	5 388	3 647	1 848	4 272	5 899	1 007	3 244	2 363	2 711	2 655	3 791	4 695	4 264	5 614	8 968
<b>Ship-based charges (\$/TEU)</b>															
Conservancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tonnage	2	2	2	2	2	13	7	8	8	9	12	11	12	10	7
Pilotage	2	3	3	3	2	12	7	8	8	9	7	7	7	6	4
Towage	5	6	7	5	5	25	14	15	15	18	26	24	26	21	15
Mooring, unmooring <sup>c</sup>	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	10	11	12	10	10	53	29	32	32	38	45	43	46	38	27
<b>Fees and charges for imports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	10	11	12	10	10	53	29	32	32	38	45	43	46	38	27
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	80	82	82	83	83	80	82	82	83	83	80	82	82	83	83
Harbour dues	38	38	38	39	39	38	38	38	39	39	38	38	38	39	39
Other charges															
Stevedoring—wharfside	156	153	153	153	153	156	153	153	153	153	156	153	153	153	153
Stevedoring—landside	30	30	30	34	34	30	30	30	34	34	30	30	30	34	34
Terminal access charges <sup>d</sup>	5	5	5	5	26	5	5	5	5	26	5	5	5	5	26
Road transport charges <sup>e</sup>	420	420	419	418	419	420	420	419	418	419	420	420	419	418	419
Customs broker fees	159	157	155	153	151	159	157	155	153	151	159	157	155	153	151
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / import TEU)</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>933</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>f</sup> (%)</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</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 50 000 GT ships					65 000 to 80 000 GT ships				
	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020	2018		2019		2020
	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun
<b>Fees and charges for exports</b>															
Total ship-based charges (\$/TEU)	10	11	12	10	10	53	29	32	32	38	45	43	46	38	27
Cargo-based charges															
Wharfage	80	82	82	83	83	80	82	82	83	83	80	82	82	83	83
Harbour dues	38	38	38	39	39	38	38	38	39	39	38	38	38	39	39
Other charges															
Stevedoring—wharfside	156	153	153	153	153	156	153	153	153	153	156	153	153	153	153
Stevedoring—landside	30	30	30	34	34	30	30	30	34	34	30	30	30	34	34
Terminal access charges <sup>d</sup>	5	5	5	5	21	5	5	5	5	21	5	5	5	5	21
Road transport charges <sup>e</sup>	420	420	419	418	419	420	420	419	418	419	420	420	419	418	419
Customs broker fees	129	126	123	120	118	129	126	123	120	118	129	126	123	120	118
<b>Total fees and charges (\$ / export TEU)</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>894</b>
<b>Port's share in national index<sup>g</sup> (%)</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</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** Charges as levied by container terminal operators. These were reported separately for the first time in *Waterline 63*.

**e** BITRE estimates based on a survey of road transport operators. Survey responses from July–December 2017 onwards are not directly comparable to earlier results.

**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 Fremantle Ports (2020) and other sources (see text).

**Table 4.6** National port interface costs, by size of ship (current prices)

Port interface costs (\$ / TEU)		2018		2019		2020
		Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun
<b>Import</b>	5,000–20,000 GT	946	935	951	953	973
	20,000–35,000 GT	943	957	975	983	1 016
	35,000–50,000 GT	931	938	956	970	992
	50,000–65,000 GT	918	935	950	963	992
	65,000–80,000 GT	914	938	955	967	985
	80,000–95,000 GT	921	939	958	970	983
	95,000–110,000 GT	-	-	-	969	985
<b>Export</b>	5,000–20,000 GT	920	913	920	931	942
	20,000–35,000 GT	844	913	941	948	966
	35,000–50,000 GT	899	902	915	927	940
	50,000–65,000 GT	877	897	910	919	941
	65,000–80,000 GT	844	893	906	916	925
	80,000–95,000 GT	835	902	913	921	928
	95,000–110,000 GT	-	-	-	913	922

Sources: BITRE estimates based on data in Tables 4.1 to 4.5.

**Table 4.7** National port interface costs, by size of ship (constant prices)

Port interface costs (\$ / TEU)		2018		2019		2020
		Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun
<b>ABS non-farm GDP deflator</b>		95.5	96.9	99.0	99.7	100.0
<b>Import</b>	5,000–20,000 GT	990	965	961	956	973
	20,000–35,000 GT	987	988	985	987	1 016
	35,000–50,000 GT	975	969	965	973	992
	50,000–65,000 GT	961	965	959	966	992
	65,000–80,000 GT	957	969	964	970	985
	80,000–95,000 GT	965	970	967	973	983
	95,000–110,000 GT	-	-	-	972	985
<b>Export</b>	5,000–20,000 GT	963	942	930	934	942
	20,000–35,000 GT	883	942	950	951	966
	35,000–50,000 GT	942	932	925	930	940
	50,000–65,000 GT	919	926	919	922	941
	65,000–80,000 GT	883	922	915	919	925
	80,000–95,000 GT	874	931	922	924	928
	95,000–110,000 GT	-	-	-	916	922

Notes: Values in constant prices are derived using the ABS non-farm GDP deflator, with January–June 2020 as the base period.

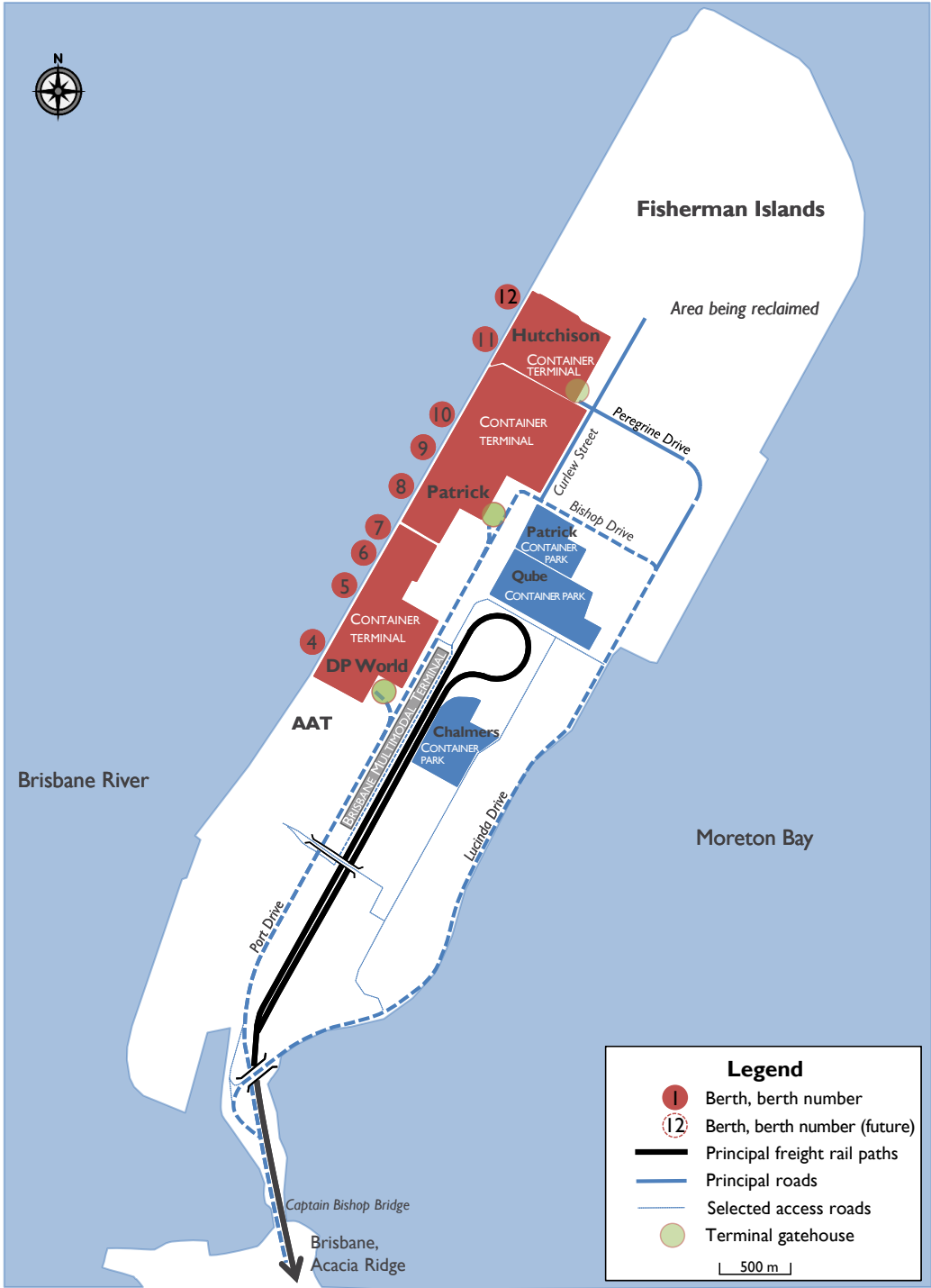
Sources: BITRE estimates based on data in Tables 4.1 to 4.5 and ABS (2020).

## **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 June 2020.

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**

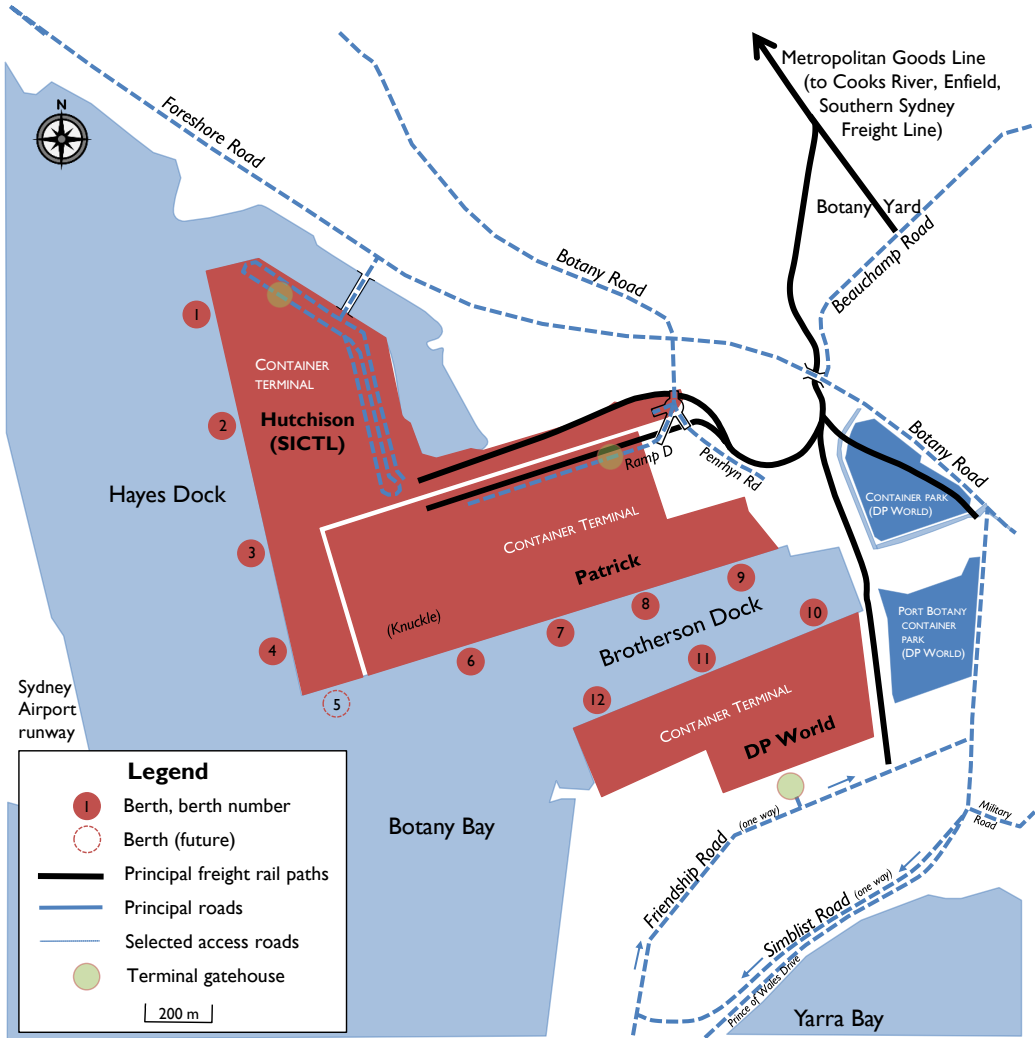
**Facilities.** An intermodal facility is provided on Fisherman Islands—the Brisbane Multimodal Terminal. Train lengths of up to 850 metres are permitted. Containers are shifted by road between that terminal and the container terminals. In that context, rail access is classed as having “near-dock” facilities.

**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 Fore-shore Road.

### Rail

**Facilities.** Each stevedore has on-dock rail facilities. DP World has 3 sidings of 340 metre length. Patrick has 2 sidings of 600 metre length, with 4 additional sidings of 600 metre length under construction. 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:

- Short-haul services from Yennora, Cooks River, Minto and Enfield.
- logs and grain from Kelso (Bathurst) (Southern Shorthaul Railroad; Pacific National);
- logs from Goulburn (Crawfords Freightlines);
- processed meat, grain and other agricultural products from Dubbo (Fletcher Export International / Southern Shorthaul Railroad);
- wheat, barley, oilseeds and pulses from Narrabri (Crawfords Freightlines / Southern Shorthaul Railroad);
- specialised grain transport from Forbes, Narrabri, Dubbo, Coonamble and Narromine (Qube Logistics);
- cotton and agricultural produce from Nevertire, Warren, Warren South, Trangie South, Narrabri, Wee Waa, Narromine and Forbes (Qube Logistics; 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 Crawfords Freightlines / Sydney Rail Services);
- plantation logs, grain, meat and other agricultural produce from Werris Creek (Crawfords 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.

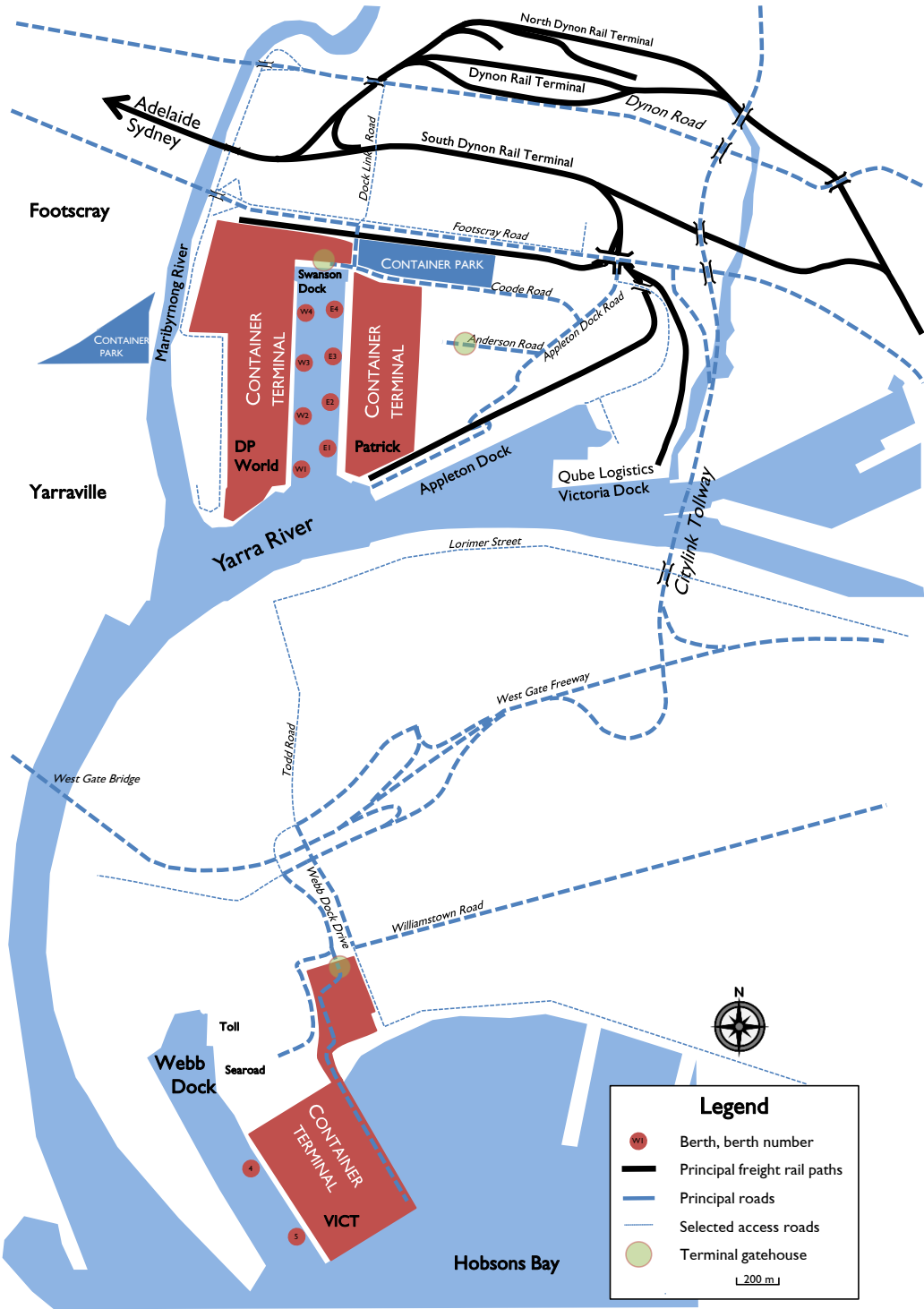
**National and regional rail connections.** The port is linked to the intrastate and interstate rail network, including the Southern Sydney Freight Line, and via the Metropolitan Freight Network (including the Port Botany Goods Line).





*Soro Maersk* (IMO: 9166780), at 346.98 metres LOA, the longest vessel to call at Port of Melbourne as of April 2021. Photo courtesy of Victoria International Container Terminal.

**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 post-Panamax cranes, with the latest two ZPMC cranes replacing older Panamax hardware in early 2020. 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 Appleton Dock (SCT, standard gauge);
- grain, hay and pulses from Dooen to Appleton Dock (SCT / Wimmera Container Line, standard gauge);
- metal ingots, machinery, meat and milk products from Warrnambool to Appleton Dock (Westvic Container Export Services; 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 Appleton Dock (Pacific National, standard gauge);
- paper products from Ettamogah to Appleton Dock (Pacific National, standard gauge);
- hay, grain and wine from Ultima to Victoria Dock (Qube, broad gauge).

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

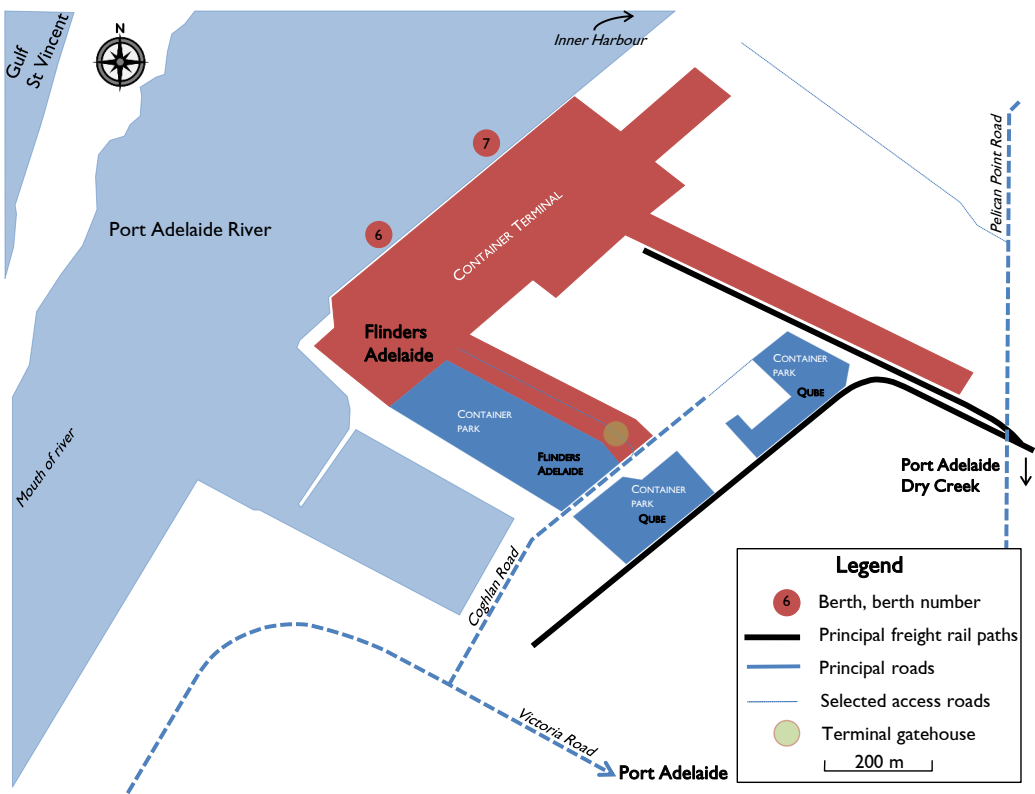
**Rail linkages.** The dock area consists of rail facilities near the docks and the nearby intermodal container terminals at South Dynon, Dynon and North Dynon. Although there is an eastern link from the Dynon terminals towards the east (Southern Cross and Flinders Street), the container movements are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



*Maersk Skarstind* (IMO: 9740457) at Swanson Dock, Melbourne. Photo courtesy of Port of Melbourne.

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). The Outer Harbor shipping channel was widened in late 2019, enabling post-Panamax ships to call at the port.

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).

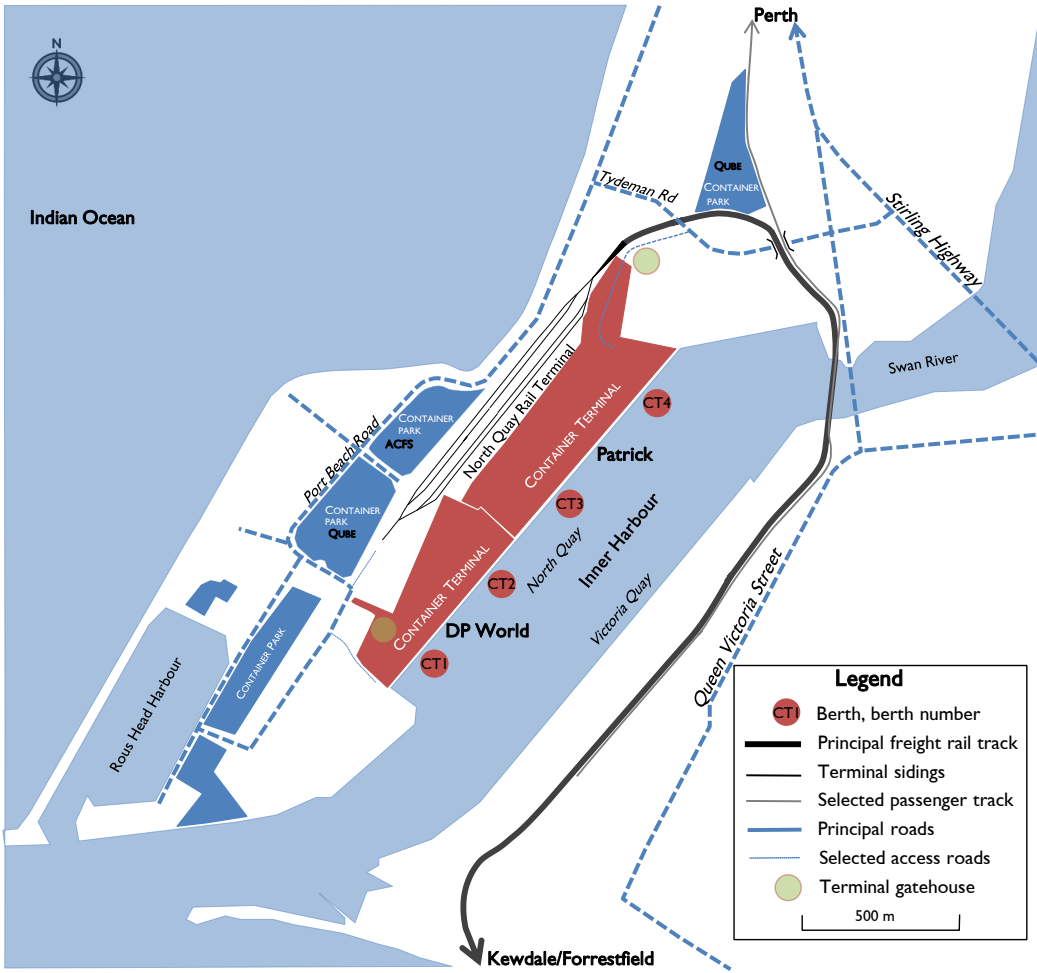
Long-haul:

- containerised lead from Port Pirie, agricultural products from Bowmans Intermodal Terminal, via Port Flat (Bowmans Rail);
- copper concentrates from Prominent Hill (One Rail 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 One Rail 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: April 2021)



## *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 two berths, numbers CT01 and CT02. Patrick operates from berths CT03 and CT04.

**Equipment.** The Patrick terminal has 4 post-Panamax cranes, the latest of which was commissioned in early 2020. 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).
- Long-haul:
  - lead and nickel matte from Leonora and Kalgoorlie to Kwinana. (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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