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World Gold Supply and Demand Data										
tonnes	2002	2003	Change y-o-y	03.Q2	03.Q3	03.Q4	04.Q1	04.Q2¹	Q2 ch. y-o-y	FH ch. y-o-y
Supply										
Mine production	2,590	2,593	0.1%	648	706	640	561	639	-1.5%	-3.8%
Net producer hedging	-423	-291	-31.2%	-124	-5	-37	-84	-90	-27.5%	-29.9%
Total mine supply	2,167	2,302	6.2%	524	701	603	477	549	4.7%	2.7%
Official sector sales ²	545	617	13.2%	162	152	172	102	81	-50.1%	-37.8%
Old gold scrap	836	945	13.0%	223	210	240	212	191	-14.6%	-18.7%
Total supply	3,549	3,865	8.9%	909	1,062	1,015	791	820	-9.8%	-9.9%
Demand										
Jewellery consumption	2,680	2,531	-5.6%	613	667	685	627	664	8.4%	9.6%
Net retail investment ³	282	273	-2.9%	60	60	84	83	79	32.5%	25.3%
Total 'consumer demand'	2,962	2,804	-5.3%	673	726	769	710	743	10.5%	11.1%
Industrial	291	318	9.3%	82	79	82	79	87	6.9%	5.6%
Dental	69	67	-2.8%	17	16	17	17	17	-0.4%	-0.4%
London PM fix (US\$/oz)	309.68	363.32	17.3%	346.90	363.16	391.06	408.44	393.27	13.4%	14.7%

1. Provisional. 2. Excluding any delta hedging of central bank options. 3. Major countries only.

Definitions:

Jewellery is shown in the above table on a consumption basis (domestic fabrication plus imports less exports adjusted for retail stock movements). It will therefore differ from statistics published elsewhere on a fabrication basis. Retail investment comprises individuals' purchases of coins and bars defined according to the standard adopted by the European Union for investment gold. Medallions of at least 99% purity, wires and lumps sold in small quantities are also included. In practice this includes the initial sale of many coins destined ultimately to be considered as numismatic rather than bullion. It excludes second hand coins and is measured as net purchases. 'Consumer demand' is terminology coined by the WGC and represents the sum of jewellery consumption and net retail investment. The industrial and dental categories are presented on a fabrication basis.

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