

## **Gold Regains Ground**

GOLD was positive, iron ore was weaker and base metals were mixed overnight.



The gold price rose to \$US1218.50 an ounce, its first rise in more than a week.

Australian dollar spot gold was at \$A1681.70/oz.

The local currency broke back through US72c yesterday after the release of current account deficit figures.

All eyes will be on the release of quarterly gross domestic product data this morning.

"Market expectations are for a rise of 0.8% quarter-on-quarter with a rise of 2.9% year-on-year," ANZ Research said.

"The key component to watch will be the average wage measure within the data."

Most global markets were weaker overnight, and the ASX is expected to follow suit this morning ahead of the GDP numbers.

Meanwhile, the iron ore spot price capped off a volatile month with a 0.2% drop to \$50.15 per tonne.

It dropped 24.3% in May, spending the first five days of the month above \$60/t and dropping as low as \$49.48/t last week.

Base metals were mixed overnight, with zinc the best performer, up 1.1% to \$1922.75/t, a one-month high.

Copper dropped 0.5% to \$4696.75/t.