

RBA meeting, US nonfarm payrolls - This isn't such a busy week on the data front. The main events will be the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) meeting on Tuesday and the US nonfarm payrolls (NFP) on Friday.

Upcoming economic indicators and events					
Time	Country	Indicator	Month	Expected	Previous
(GMT)					
Tuesday	05-Jul				
n.a.	UK	First round of Conservative Party Leadership election			
01:30	Australia	Trade balance	May	-1700mn	-1579mn
01:30	Australia	Retail sales (mom)	May	0.3%	0.2%
01:45	China	Caixin PMI services	Jun	n.a.	51.2
01:45	China	Caixin PMI composite	Jun	n.a.	50.5
04:30	Australia	RBA Cash Rate target		1.75%	1.75%
07:00	EU	EU's Juncker to speak on Brexit at EU Parliament			
08:00	EU	Markit services PMI	Jun (F)	52.4	52.4
08:00	EU	Markit composite PMI	Jun (F)	52.8	52.8
08:30	UK	Markit/CIPS services PMI	Jun	52.8	53.5
08:30	UK	Markit/CIPS composite PMI	Jun	52.0	53.0
09:30	UK	Bank of England Financial Stability Report (inc Carney press conference)			
14:00	US	Factory orders	May	-0.8%	1.9%
14:00	US	Factory orders ex transportation equipr	May	n.a.	-2.2%
Wed	06-Jul	. , , , ,	•		
06:00	Germany	Factory orders (mom)	May	1.0%	-2.0%

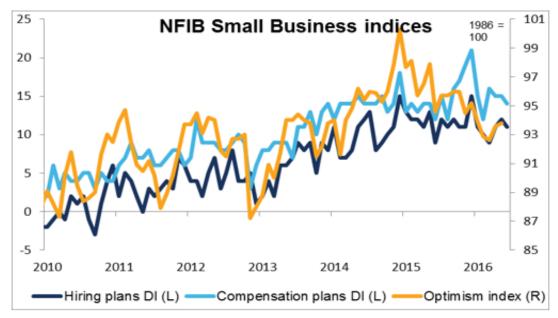
The week gets off to a quiet start Monday. Not only are there few data points out on Monday

, but also it's the US Independence Day holiday, so US markets are closed. Sometimes thin markets can mean volatile markets if there is



something to move prices, but if there isn't, then thin markets can mean quiet markets, too. Tuesday morning in Asian time we get two of the main points of the week. **The Caixin services and composite PMIs for China** will indicate whether the economy as a whole is slowing or recovering. Then **the RBA announces its cash rate**. The market is unanimous in expecting no change in the rate at this meeting. However, all but one expect them to cut it at the next meeting, in August. Why is this? Probably because of the inflation rate. The main catalyst for the rate cut in May was the worse-thanexpected CPI for Q1, announced on 27 April. In that case, they are likely to wait for the 2Q CPI, due out 27 July, before deciding to move again. If that figure too shows the rate of inflation falling, then another cut is likely. Brexit is not a direct threat to Australia, but over time the hit to investment and risk-taking sentiment may weigh on commodity prices, adding to the pressure on the RBA. August seems more likely than July. In that case, the big question will be what kind of a bias the RBA adopts. At the June meeting, the RBA basically kept a neutral stance and made no comment about which way the next move might be. The market will be focused on whether the statement continues that neutral stance or moves to an outright easing bias.





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