

ABERDEEN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND INC  
Form N-Q  
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM N-Q**

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

**OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

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| Investment Company Act file number:                 | 811-04438   |
| Exact name of registrant as specified in charter:   | Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.  |
| Address of principal executive offices:             | 1735 Market Street, 32 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br>Philadelphia, PA 19103  |
| Name and address of agent for service:              | Ms. Andrea Melia<br>Aberdeen Asset Management Inc.<br>1735 Market Street 32 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br>Philadelphia, PA 19103 |
| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: | 800-522-5465  |
| Date of fiscal year end:                            | October 31  |
| Date of reporting period:                           | July 31, 2017   |

**Item 1 Schedule of Investments** The Schedule of Investments for the three-month period ended July 31, 2017 is filed herewith.

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Portfolio of Investments (unaudited)

As of July 31, 2017

| Shares                                     | Description                                | Industry and Percentage of Net Assets   | Value (US\$)       |
|--|--|---|--------------------|
| <b>LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS - 96.9%(a)</b>    |  |   |                    |
| <b>COMMON STOCKS - 96.9%</b>               |  |   |                    |
| <b>AUSTRALIA - 81.9%</b>                   |  |   |                    |
| 657,800                                    | Adelaide Brighton Ltd.                     | Construction Materials - 2.0%           | \$ 2,960,089       |
| 337,900                                    | AGL Energy Ltd.                            | Multi-Utilities - 4.4%                  | 6,515,969          |
| 480,900                                    | Amcor Ltd.                                 | Containers & Packaging - 4.0%           | 5,903,263          |
| 718,200                                    | AMP Ltd.                                   | Diversified Financial Services - 2.1%   | 3,096,132          |
| 214,600                                    | ASX Ltd.                                   | Capital Markets - 6.1%                  | 8,975,766          |
| 3,428,800                                  | AusNet Services                            | Electric Utilities - 3.0%               | 4,484,851          |
| 249,900                                    | Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd. | Banks - 4.0%                            | 5,924,915          |
| 314,700                                    | Brambles Ltd.                              | Commercial Services & Supplies - 1.6%   | 2,326,821          |
| 155,800                                    | Caltex Australia Ltd.                      | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels - 2.6%      | 3,882,656          |
| 213,600                                    | Coca-Cola Amatil Ltd.                      | Beverages - 0.9%                        | 1,406,542          |
| 42,120                                     | Cochlear Ltd.                              | Health Care - 3.2%                      | 4,811,524          |
| 138,500                                    | Commonwealth Bank of Australia             | Banks - 6.3%                            | 9,278,787          |
| 79,900                                     | CSL Ltd.                                   | Biotechnology - 5.4%                    | 8,050,102          |
| 2,918,900                                  | Healthscope Ltd.                           | Health Care Providers & Services - 3.3% | 4,858,558          |
| 1,338,000                                  | Incitec Pivot Ltd.                         | Chemicals - 2.3%                        | 3,416,169          |
| 197,000                                    | IOOF Holdings Ltd.                         | Capital Markets - 1.1%                  | 1,582,538          |
| 110,400                                    | Iress Ltd.                                 | Capital Markets - 0.8%                  | 1,139,824          |
| 1,142,000                                  | Medibank Pvt Ltd.                          | Insurance - 1.7%                        | 2,485,036          |
| 59,400                                     | Perpetual Ltd.                             | Capital Markets - 1.6%                  | 2,399,073          |
| 1,689,700                                  | Scentre Group                              | REIT - 3.8%                             | 5,587,374          |
| 337,700                                    | Tatts Group Ltd.                           | Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure - 0.7%    | 1,080,698          |
| 1,716,800                                  | Telstra Corp. Ltd.                         | Diversified Telecommunication Services  | 5,632,078          |
|  |  | - 3.8%                                  |                    |
| 167,300                                    | Treasury Wine Estates Ltd.                 | Beverages - 1.1%                        | 1,628,794          |
| 928,700                                    | Westfield Corp.                            | REIT - 3.9%                             | 5,709,949          |
| 328,100                                    | Westpac Banking Corp.                      | Banks - 5.6%                            | 8,363,314          |
| 281,600                                    | Woodside Petroleum Ltd.                    | Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels - 4.4%      | 6,581,156          |
| 153,100                                    | Woolworths Ltd.                            | Food & Staples Retailing - 2.2%         | 3,267,678          |
|  |  |   | <b>121,349,656</b> |
| <b>UNITED KINGDOM - 11.8%</b>              |  |   |                    |
| 420,800                                    | BHP Billiton PLC - London Listing          | Metals & Mining - 5.2%                  | 7,672,871          |
| 174,800                                    | Rio Tinto PLC - London Listing             | Metals & Mining - 5.5%                  | 8,192,353          |
| 695,200                                    | South32 Ltd. - London Listing              | Metals & Mining - 1.1%                  | 1,622,317          |
|  |  |   | <b>17,487,541</b>  |
| <b>UNITED STATES - 3.2%</b>                |  |   |                    |
| 617,000                                    | ResMed, Inc.                               | Health Care - 3.2%                      | 4,757,219          |
| <b>Total Long-Term Investments - 96.9%</b> |  |   |                    |
| <b>(cost \$133,712,072)</b>                |  |   | <b>143,594,416</b> |

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See Notes to Portfolio of Investments.

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**Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) (concluded)**

As of July 31, 2017

| Shares                                       | Description   | Value<br>(US\$)       |
|--|---|-----------------------|
| <b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT - 2.4%</b>          |   |                       |
| <b>UNITED STATES - 2.4%</b>                  |   |                       |
| 3,531,326                                    | State Street Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund(b) | \$ 3,531,326          |
| <b>Total Short-Term Investment - 2.4%</b>    |   |                       |
| (cost \$3,531,326)                           |   | <b>3,531,326</b>      |
| <b>Total Investments - 99.3%</b>             |   |                       |
| (cost \$137,243,398)(c)                      |   | <b>147,125,742</b>    |
| Other Assets in Excess of Liabilities - 0.7% |   | 1,035,759             |
| <b>Net Assets - 100.0%</b>                   |   | <b>\$ 148,161,501</b> |

(a) Fair Valued Security. Fair Values are determined pursuant to procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors. See Note (a) of the accompanying Notes to Portfolio of Investments.

(b) Registered investment company advised by State Street Global Advisors.

(c) See accompanying Notes to Portfolio of Investments for tax unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of securities.

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**Notes to Portfolio of Investments (unaudited)**

**July 31, 2017**

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**a. Security Valuation:**

The Fund values its securities at current market value or fair value, consistent with regulatory requirements. Fair value is defined in the Fund's Valuation and Liquidity Procedures as the price that could be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between willing market participants without a compulsion to transact at the measurement date.

In accordance with the authoritative guidance on fair value measurements and disclosures under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, the Fund discloses the fair value of its investments using a three-level hierarchy that classifies the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure the fair value. The hierarchy assigns Level 1 measurements to valuations based upon unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets, Level 2 measurements to valuations based upon significant observable inputs, including adjusted quoted prices in active markets for similar assets, and Level 3 measurements to valuations based upon unobservable inputs that are significant to the valuation. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk, for example, the risk inherent in a particular valuation technique used to measure fair value including a pricing model and/or the risk inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, which are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Equity securities that are traded on an exchange are valued at the last quoted sale price on the principal exchange on which the security is traded at the Valuation Time subject to application, when appropriate, of valuation factors described in the paragraph below. The Valuation Time is as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (usually 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time). In the absence of a sale price, the security is valued at the mean of the bid/ask price quoted at the close on the principal exchange on which the security is traded. Securities traded on NASDAQ are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. Closed-end funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) are valued at the market price of the security at the Valuation Time. A security using any of these pricing methodologies is determined to be a Level 1 investment.

Foreign equity securities that are traded on foreign exchanges that close prior to the Valuation Time are valued by applying valuation factors to the last sale price or the mean price as noted above. Valuation factors are provided by an independent pricing service provider approved by the Fund's Board of Directors (the Board). These valuation factors are used when pricing the Fund's portfolio holdings to estimate market movements between the time foreign markets close and the time the Fund values such foreign securities. These valuation factors are based on inputs such as depositary receipts, indices, futures, sector indices/ETFs, exchange rates, and local exchange opening and closing prices of each security. When prices with the application of valuation factors are utilized, the value assigned to the foreign securities may not be the same as quoted or published prices of the securities on their primary markets. A security that applies a valuation factor is determined to be a Level 2 investment because the exchange-traded price has been adjusted. Valuation factors are not utilized if the independent pricing service provider is unable to provide a valuation factor or if the valuation factor falls below a predetermined threshold; in such case, the security is determined to be a Level 1 investment.

Short-term investments are comprised of cash and cash equivalents invested in short-term investment funds which are redeemable daily. The Fund sweeps available cash into the State Street Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund, which has elected to qualify as a government money market fund pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and has an objective to maintain a \$1.00 per share net asset value, and which objective is not guaranteed. Generally, these investment types are categorized as Level 1 investments.

In the event that a security's market quotations are not readily available or are deemed unreliable (for reasons other than because the foreign exchange on which they trade closed before the Valuation Time), the security is valued at fair value as determined by the Fund's Pricing Committee, taking into account the relevant factors and surrounding circumstances using valuation policies and procedures approved and established by the Board. A security that has been fair valued by the Fund's Pricing Committee may be classified as Level 2 or Level 3 depending on the nature of the inputs.

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**Notes to Portfolio of Investments (unaudited) (concluded)****July 31, 2017**

The three-level hierarchy of inputs is summarized below:

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical investments;

Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, and credit risk); or

Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of July 31, 2017 in valuing the Fund's investments at fair value. The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. Please refer to the Portfolio of Investments for a detailed breakout of the security types:

| <b>Investments, at Value</b> | <b>Level 1</b>      | <b>Level 2</b>        | <b>Level 3</b> | <b>Total</b>          |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Long-Term Investments        | \$                  | \$ 143,594,416        | \$             | \$ 143,594,416        |
| Short-Term Investment        | 3,531,326           |                       |                | 3,531,326             |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 3,531,326</b> | <b>\$ 143,594,416</b> | <b>\$</b>      | <b>\$ 147,125,742</b> |

Amounts listed as are \$0 or round to \$0.

For movements between the levels within the fair value hierarchy, the Fund has adopted a policy of recognizing transfers at the end of each period. During the period ended July 31, 2017, there were no transfers between Levels 1, 2 or 3. For the period ended July 31, 2017, there were no significant changes to the fair valuation methodologies.

**b. Federal Income Taxes:**

The U.S. federal income tax basis of the Fund's investments and the net unrealized appreciation as of July 31, 2017 were as follows:

| <b>Cost</b>   | <b>Appreciation</b> | <b>Depreciation</b> | <b>Net Unrealized Appreciation</b> |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| \$128,251,071 | \$27,120,159        | \$ (8,245,488)      | \$ 18,874,671                      |

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**Item 2 Controls and Procedures**

- (a) The Registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on the evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There was no change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 3. Exhibits**

- (a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer of the Registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)) is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.302CERT.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

By: */s/ Christian Pittard*  
Christian Pittard,

Principal Executive Officer of Aberdeen

Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

Date: September 28, 2017

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: */s/ Christian Pittard*  
Christian Pittard,

Principal Executive Officer of

Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

Date: September 28, 2017

By: */s/ Andrea Melia*  
Andrea Melia,

Principal Financial Officer of

Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

Date: September 28, 2017