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## APPENDIX.

(Some recent information which has come to hand since the various chapters were sent to press is given hereunder in summarized form. For further or more detailed information, as also the latest available statistics, reference should be made to other publications issued by this Bureau (*see* pages 1133-5), notably the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*.)

### CHAPTER II.—PHYSIOGRAPHY.

#### § 2. Climate and Meteorology of Australia.

**Rainfall:** Australian Capital Cities, p. 52.—Rainfall recorded in Australian capital cities during 1955 (1954 in parentheses) was as follows:—Canberra, 30.85 ins. (18.81 ins.); Perth, 46.52 (28.05 ins.); Adelaide, 24.58 ins. (16.73 ins.); Brisbane, 50.41 ins. (61.36 ins.); Sydney, 72.46 ins. (41.29 ins.); Melbourne, 30.70 ins. (33.53 ins.); Hobart, 22.32 ins. (27.20 ins.).

### CHAPTER III.—GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

#### § 1. Scheme of Parliamentary Government.

**Number and Salary of Members of the Legislatures, p. 69.**—At 30th June, 1956 the annual salaries of members of the Queensland and Western Australian Legislatures were £2,480 10s. and £2,120 respectively. The annual salary of members of the Tasmanian Legislature at 31st December, 1955 was £1,382.

#### § 2. Parliaments and Elections.

**Commonwealth Elections, p. 71.**—Following the dissolution of the twenty-first Parliament on 4th November, 1955 a Commonwealth election for the Senate and the House of Representatives was held on 10th December, 1955.

(a) *Senate.* Particulars of electors and voting in the several States are as follows:—

#### SENATE ELECTION, 10th DECEMBER, 1955.

State.	Electors Enrolled.			Electors who Voted.			Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
New South Wales	972,265	1,024,116	1,996,381	930,597	970,099	1,900,696	95.71	94.73	95.21
Victoria ..	702,812	741,223	1,444,035	666,313	699,070	1,365,383	94.81	94.31	94.55
Queensland ..	379,143	373,502	752,645	356,410	353,846	710,256	91.00	94.74	94.37
South Australia	224,507	238,240	462,747	216,679	228,148	444,827	96.51	95.76	96.13
West. Australia	171,069	171,944	343,013	162,637	163,126	325,763	95.07	94.87	94.97
Tasmania ..	85,929	87,693	173,622	83,382	83,787	167,169	97.04	95.55	96.28
Total ..	2,535,725	2,636,718	5,172,443	2,416,018	2,498,076	4,914,094	95.28	94.74	95.01

(b) *House of Representatives.* Particulars of electors and voting in the several States are shown below :—

**ELECTION FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 10th DECEMBER, 1955.(a)**

State.	Electors Enrolled.			Electors who Voted.			Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
New South Wales	891,668	932,493	1,824,161	853,275	883,573	1,736,848	95.69	94.75	95.21
Victoria ..	702,812	741,223	1,444,035	666,313	699,070	1,365,383	94.81	94.31	94.55
Queensland ..	336,251	331,487	667,738	315,287	314,218	629,505	93.77	94.79	94.27
South Australia	224,507	238,240	462,747	216,679	228,148	444,827	96.51	95.76	96.15
West. Australia	94,367	97,123	191,490	89,449	92,593	182,042	94.79	95.34	95.07
Tasmania ..	85,929	87,693	173,622	83,382	83,787	167,169	97.04	95.55	96.28
Aust. Cap. Terr.	8,317	7,864	16,181	7,715	7,262	14,977	92.76	92.34	92.56
Australia	2,343,851	2,436,123	4,779,974	2,232,100	2,308,651	4,540,751	95.23	94.77	95.00

(a) Contested Electorates only. Northern Territory was uncontested.

The twenty-second Parliament opened on 15th February, 1956.

**State Elections, pp. 73-74.**—(a) *Upper Houses.* The following table shows particulars of the voting at the most recent elections for the Upper Houses or Legislative Councils in the States of Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

**STATE UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS.**

State.	Year of Latest Election.	Electors Enrolled—Whole State.			Contested Electorates.					
					Electors who Voted.			Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
		Males.	Fe-males.	Total.	Males.	Fe-males.	Total.	Males.	Fe-males.	Total.
Victoria	1955	695,638	734,492	1,430,130	542,270	570,681	1,112,951	91.69	91.37	91.52
South Australia ..	1956	(a)	(a)	174,241	(a)	(a)	16,002	(a)	(a)	99.69
Western Australia	1956	70,958	29,815	100,773	35,372	15,503	50,935	74.23	71.32	73.31

(a) Not available.

Particulars of voting at the latest contested elections for the Legislative Council in Tasmania in 1956 are as follows.—Number of electors on the roll, 9,538; number of votes recorded, 8,129; percentage of enrolled voters who voted, 85.23.

(b) *Lower Houses.* The following table shows particulars of the voting at the most recent election for the Lower House in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

**STATE LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS.**

State.	Year of Latest Election.	Electors Enrolled—Whole State.			Contested Electorates.					
					Electors who Voted.			Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Fe-males.	Total.
N. S. Wales	1956	979,706	1,031,552	2,011,258	843,786	878,842	1,722,628	93.81	92.64	93.21
Queensland	1956	388,997	386,261	775,258	331,987	330,693	662,680	92.91	93.11	93.01
S. Australia	1956	(a)	(a)	468,303	(a)	(a)	280,811	(a)	(a)	93.90
W. Australia	1956	171,234	170,784	342,018	118,511	123,352	241,863	91.95	92.40	92.18

(a) Not available.

**State Parliaments, pp. 74-77.**—The dates of dissolutions and openings, respectively, of State Parliaments which have occurred since those recorded on pp. 74-77 are as follows (the number of the Parliament concerned being shown in parentheses):—New South Wales, 6th February, 1956 (thirty-seventh), 10th April, 1956 (thirty-eighth); Queensland, 17th April, 1956 (thirty-third), 31st July, 1956 (thirty-fourth); South Australia, 29th February, 1956 (thirty-fourth), 22nd May, 1956 (thirty-fifth); Western Australia, 6th April, 1956 (twenty-first), 2nd August, 1956, (twenty-second).

### § 3. Administration and Legislation.

Commonwealth Ministries, p. 80.—On 18th October, 1956 the Menzies Ministry was reconstructed as follows :—

MENZIES MINISTRY—from 11th January, 1956.

(The State from which each Minister was elected to Parliament is added in parentheses.

<i>Departments.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>
Prime Minister .. ..	The Rt. Hon. ROBERT GORDON MENZIES, C.H., Q.C. (Vic.).
Treasurer .. ..	The Rt. Hon. SIR ARTHUR WILLIAM FADDEN, K.C.M.G. (Qld.).
Minister for Labour and National Service .. ..	The Rt. Hon. HAROLD EDWARD HOLT (Vic.).
Minister for Trade .. ..	The Rt. Hon. JOHN MCEWEN (Vic.).
Minister for External Affairs .. ..	The Rt. Hon. RICHARD GARDINER CASEY, C.H., D.S.O., M.C. (Vic.).
Minister for Defence .. ..	The Hon. SIR PHILIP ALBERT MARTIN MCBRIDE, K.C.M.G. (S.A.).
Vice-President of the Executive Council; and Attorney-General .. ..	Senator the Hon. NEIL O'SULLIVAN (Qld.).
Minister for National Development .. ..	Senator the Hon. WILLIAM HENRY SPOONER, M.M. (N.S.W.).
Minister for Immigration .. ..	The Hon. ATHOL GORDON TOWNLEY (Tas.).
Minister for Territories .. ..	The Hon. PAUL MEERNAA CAEDWALLA HASLUCK (W.A.).
Minister for Supply; and Minister for Defence Production .. ..	The Hon. HOWARD BEALE, Q.C. (N.S.W.).
Minister for Primary Industry .. ..	The Hon. WILLIAM MCMAHON (N.S.W.).
[The above Ministers constitute the Cabinet.]	

Minister for Repatriation .. ..	Senator the Hon. WALTER JACKSON COOPER, M.B.E. (Qld.).
Minister for Shipping and Transport; and Minister for Civil Aviation .. ..	Senator the Hon. SHANE DUNNE PALTRIDGE (W.A.).
Minister for Health .. ..	The Hon. DONALD ALASTAIR CAMERON, O.B.E. (Qld.).
Minister for the Army .. ..	The Hon. JOHN OSCAR CRAMER, (N.S.W.).
Postmaster-General; and Minister for the Navy .. ..	The Hon. CHARLES WILLIAM DAVIDSON, O.B.E. (Qld.).
Minister for Air .. ..	The Hon. FREDERICK MEARES OSBORNE, D.S.C. (N.S.W.).
Minister for the Interior; and Minister for Works .. ..	The Hon. ALLEN FAIRHALL (N.S.W.).
Minister for Social Services .. ..	The Hon. HUGH STEVENSON ROBERTON, (N.S.W.).
Minister for Customs and Excise .. ..	Senator the Hon. NORMAN HENRY DENHAM HENTY (Tas.).

State Ministers, pp. 81-83.—The composition of the Ministry in each State at 31st October, 1956 was as follows :—

#### NEW SOUTH WALES.

(From 15th March, 1956.)

<i>Premier and Colonial Treasurer—</i> THE HON. J. J. CAHILL.	<i>Minister for Local Government and Highways—</i> THE HON. J. B. RENSHAW.
<i>Deputy Premier and Minister for Education—</i> THE HON. R. J. HEFFRON.	<i>Minister for Transport—</i> THE HON. A. G. ENTICKNAP.
<i>Attorney-General, Minister of Justice and Vice-President of the Executive Council—</i> THE HON. R. R. DOWNING, M.L.C.	<i>Minister for Housing—</i> THE HON. A. LANDA.
<i>Chief Secretary, Minister for Immigration and Minister for Co-operative Societies—</i> THE HON. C. A. KELLY.	<i>Minister for Public Works—</i> THE HON. J. F. MCGRATH—
<i>Minister for Agriculture and Food Production—</i> THE HON. E. H. GRAHAM.	<i>Minister for Conservation—</i> THE HON. E. WETHERELL.
<i>Minister for Health—</i> THE HON. W. F. SHEAHAN, Q.C.	<i>Minister for Lands and Mines—</i> THE HON. R. B. NOTT.
<i>Minister for Child Welfare and Social Welfare—</i> THE HON. F. H. HAWKINS.	<i>Minister for Labour and Industry—</i> THE HON. J. J. MALONEY, M.L.C.
	<i>Minister without Portfolio—</i> THE HON. W. M. GOLLAN.
	<i>Minister without Portfolio—</i> THE HON. J. B. SIMPSON.

## VICTORIA.

(From 7th June, 1955.)

*Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Conservation—*

THE HON. H. E. BOLTE.

*Chief Secretary and Attorney-General—*

THE HON. A. G. RYLAH.

*Minister of Transport and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works—*THE HON. SIR ARTHUR WARNER,  
M.L.C.*Minister of Agriculture and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works—*

THE HON. G. L. CHANDLER, M.L.C.

*Minister of Education—*

THE HON. J. S. BLOOMFIELD.

*Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works—*

THE HON. SIR THOMAS MALTBY.

*Minister of Health—*

THE HON. E. P. CAMERON, M.L.C.

*Minister of Water Supply and Minister of Mines—*

THE HON. W. J. MIBUS.

*Minister of Forests and Minister of State Development and Decentralization—*

THE HON. G. S. MCARTHUR, M.L.C.

*Minister of Labour and Industry and Minister of Electrical Undertakings—*

THE HON. G. O. REID.

*Minister of Housing and Minister of Immigration—*

THE HON. H. R. PETTY.

*Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement and President of the Board of Land and Works—*

THE HON. K. H. TURNBULL.

*Ministers without Portfolio—*

THE HON. M. V. PORTER.

THE HON. A. J. FRASER.

## QUEENSLAND.

(From 22nd June, 1956.)

*Premier and Chief Secretary and Vice-President of the Executive Council—*

THE HON. V. C. GAIR.

*Minister for Transport—*

THE HON. J. E. DUGGAN.

*Treasurer—*

THE HON. E. J. WALSH.

*Secretary for Agriculture and Stock—*

THE HON. H. H. COLLINS.

*Secretary for Labour and Industry—*

THE HON. A. JONES.

*Secretary for Health and Home Affairs—*

THE HON. W. M. MOORE.

*Attorney-General—*

THE HON. W. POWER.

*Secretary for Public Lands and Irrigation—*

THE HON. P. J. R. HILTON.

*Secretary for Mines—*

THE HON. G. H. DEVRIES.

*Secretary for Public Works, Housing and Immigration—*

THE HON. C. G. MCCATHIE.

*Secretary for Public Instruction—*

THE HON. L. F. DIPLOCK.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

(From 15th May, 1944.)

<i>Premier, Treasurer and Minister of Immigration—</i>	<i>Minister for Works and Minister of Marine—</i>
THE HON. T. PLAYFORD.	THE HON. SIR MALCOLM MCINTOSH, K.B.E.
<i>Chief Secretary, Minister of Health and Minister of Mines—</i>	<i>Minister of Education—</i>
THE HON. SIR LYELL McEWIN, K.B.E., M.L.C.	THE HON. B. PATTINSON.
<i>Attorney-General and Minister of Industry and Employment—</i>	<i>Minister of Local Government, Minister of Roads and Minister of Railways—</i>
THE HON. C. D. ROWE, M.L.C.	THE HON. N. L. JUDE, M.L.C.
<i>Minister of Lands, Minister of Repatriation and Minister of Irrigation—</i>	<i>Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Forests—</i>
THE HON. C. S. HINCKS.	THE HON. G. G. PEARSON.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

(From 20th April, 1956.)

<i>Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Child Welfare—</i>	<i>Minister for Health and Justice—</i>
THE HON. A. R. G. HAWKE.	THE HON. E. NULSEN.
<i>Minister for Works and Water Supplies and Deputy Premier—</i>	<i>Minister for Education and Labour—</i>
THE HON. J. T. TONKIN.	THE HON. W. HEGNEY.
<i>Minister for Transport, Housing and Forests—</i>	<i>Minister for Mines, Industrial Development and Fisheries—</i>
THE HON. H. E. GRAHAM.	THE HON. L. F. KELLY.
<i>Chief Secretary and Minister for Local Government and Town Planning—</i>	<i>Minister for Railways, North-West and Shipping—</i>
THE HON. G. FRASER, M.L.C.	THE HON. H. C. STRICKLAND, M.L.C.
<i>Minister for Lands and Agriculture—</i>	<i>Minister for Police and Native Welfare—</i>
THE HON. E. K. HOAR.	THE HON. J. J. BRADY.

## TASMANIA.

(From 22nd October, 1956.)

<i>Premier—</i>	<i>Treasurer and Minister for Health—</i>
THE HON. R. COSGROVE.	THE HON. R. J. D. TURNBULL.
<i>Attorney-General—</i>	<i>Minister for Housing, Licensing and Police—</i>
THE HON. R. F. FAGAN.	THE HON. C. AYLETT.
<i>Minister for Agriculture—</i>	<i>Minister for Forests, Tourist and Immigration—</i>
THE HON. J. J. DWYER, V.C.	THE HON. W. A. NEILSON.
<i>Minister for Lands and Works—</i>	<i>Minister for Transport and the Metropolitan Transport Trust—</i>
THE HON. E. E. REECE.	THE HON. A. CASHION.
<i>Chief Secretary—</i>	
THE HON. A. J. WHITE.	

Leaders of the Opposition, p. 83.—The Leader of the Opposition in the Tasmanian House of Assembly is the Hon. W. Jackson.

### § 5. Cost of Parliamentary Government, p. 86.

The cost of Parliamentary Government, Commonwealth and individual States, for the year 1954-55 was as follows:—

Commonwealth, £2,007,013 (4s. 5d. per head); New South Wales, £710,639 (4s. 1d.); Victoria, £535,939 (4s. 4d.); Queensland, £348,458 (5s. 3d.); South Australia, £281,351 (7s. 0d.); Western Australia, £320,572 (9s. 11d.); Tasmania, £189,699 (12s. 1d.); and total, £4,393,671 (9s. 8d.).

The amounts expended under the major headings for all Governments during 1954-55 were:—Governor-General or Governor, £321,477; Ministry, £266,194; Parliament, £2,923,630; Electoral, £762,725.

## CHAPTER IV.—LAND TENURE AND SETTLEMENT.

### § 9. Settlement of Returned Service Personnel: 1939-45 War.

War Service Land Settlement Scheme, pp. 98-101.—At 30th June, 1955 an area of 16,163,037 acres had been submitted by the several States for land settlement. Of this, 13,893,774 acres had been approved by the Commonwealth as suitable for soldier settlement and 12,968,172 acres had actually been acquired by the States. The acreages and holdings allotted to ex-servicemen by the States at 30th June, 1955 were as follows:—New South Wales, 8,522,677 (2,320); Victoria, 913,122 (2,356); Queensland, 218,640 (470); South Australia, 312,750 (658); Western Australia, 1,136,547 (711); Tasmania, 121,000 (217); total 11,224,736 (6,732).

The total expenditure of the War Service Land Settlement Division to 30th June, 1955, £56,396,887, includes War Service Land Settlement, £45,434,123; agricultural loans, £6,201,644; agricultural allowances, £2,277,500; administrative expenses, £1,061,628; rural training, £1,422,792. Aggregate expenditure in the States and Territories to 30th June, 1955 was as follows:—New South Wales, £5,007,555; Victoria, £3,853,664; Queensland, £1,571,803; South Australia, £14,925,015; Western Australia, £22,874,672; Tasmania, £8,146,990; Northern Territory, £10,748; New Guinea, £6,440.

After deducting repayments of expenditure to 30th June, 1955, £7,668,265 and miscellaneous receipts, £5,981,719, the net expenditure to 30th June, 1955 was £42,746,903.

### § 11. Alienation and Occupation of Crown Lands.

Summary, p. 110.—The alienation and occupation of Crown lands in Australia at 31st December, 1955, were as follows:—

Private Lands—154,266,000, acres (8.1 per cent.) alienated; 32,652,000 acres (1.7 per cent.) in process of alienation.

Crown Lands—1,025,901,000 acres (53.9 per cent.) leased or licensed; 690,913,000 acres (36.3 per cent.) other Crown lands.

## CHAPTER VI.—LABOUR, WAGES AND PRICES.

### A. RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

#### § 4. Tabular Statements of Retail Price Index Numbers.

The Interim Retail Price Index, p. 158.—The following table shows the interim retail price index numbers for the March and June quarters, 1956 for each capital city and for the six capital cities combined, showing separate series for each of the four main groups of items:—

#### INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Index: Year 1952-53 = 100.)

Period.	Sydney.	Mel- bourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals. (a)
GROUP I.—FOOD.							
March Qtr., 1956 ..	109.1	112.6	108.7	110.1	112.0	114.7	110.6
June    "    " ..	113.1	117.2	111.1	115.2	113.9	115.8	114.5

For footnotes see next page.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—*continued*.

Period.	Sydney.	Mel- bourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals. (a)
GROUP II.—CLOTHING AND DRAPEY.							
March Qtr., 1956 ..	102.8	104.0	103.1	103.1	103.0	104.5	103.3
June " " ..	103.1	104.0	103.2	102.5	103.3	105.4	103.4
GROUP III.—RENT(b) (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES).							
March Qtr., 1956 ..	111.7	120.7	107.3	116.1	160.4	139.4	118.8
June " " ..	112.0	121.3	107.8	118.0	164.1	145.2	119.7
GROUP IV.—OTHER ITEMS.(c)							
March Qtr., 1956 ..	103.6	110.7	110.0	102.8	106.2	109.9	106.7
June " " ..	106.2	114.6	114.7	106.6	109.9	113.5	110.1
ALL GROUPS.							
March Qtr., 1956 ..	106.2	110.4	107.3	106.8	113.1	113.0	108.3
June " " ..	108.5	113.3	109.5	109.7	115.2	115.1	110.8

(a) Weighted average. (b) The rent index numbers measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. See footnote (b) on page 159. (c) A group of items under the following headings—Electricity, Gas, and Firewood; Household Sundries; Services; Cinema Admission, Radio Licences, and Newspapers; Fares; and Tobacco and Cigarettes.

## § 5. The "C" Series Retail Price Index.

"C" Series Retail Price Index, Six Capital Cities, p. 161.—The following table shows "C" Series index numbers for the year 1955 and the March and June quarters, 1956, for the six capital cities combined:—

## "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS: SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses).(a)	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total "C" Series Index.
1955—Year ..	2,811	1,226	3,237	2,081	2,393
1956—March Quarter ..	2,926	1,310	3,243	2,137	2,465
June " ..	3,054	1,320	3,248	2,212	2,528

(a) See footnote (b), page 159.

## B. WHOLESALE PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

## § 2. Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index.

Index Numbers, p. 163.—Index numbers for each group of commodities and for all groups combined for the index of wholesale prices of basic materials and foodstuffs are shown below for the year 1955-56.



## WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Group : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food- stuffs and To- bacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal. (a)	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Tex- tiles.	Chem- icals.	Rub- ber and Hides.	Build- ing Ma- terials.	Total.		Goods princi- pally Im- ported. (b)	Goods princi- pally Home Pro- duced.	Total All Groups
1955-56—											
July ..	397	214	486	315	307	398	338	331	281	357	334
August ..	397	215	452	315	323	398	337	329	282	354	333
September ..	405	215	441	315	333	398	340	329	290	352	334
October ..	405	215	441	315	336	398	340	325	289	350	332
November ..	404	216	437	317	347	407	342	331	291	355	336
December ..	404	216	447	317	342	407	342	326	291	352	334
January ..	405	216	453	317	330	407	343	327	288	354	334
February ..	405	216	453	317	325	408	343	318	288	347	329
March ..	405	230	446	317	323	425	350	332	299	357	340
April ..	403	230	456	318	326	442	353	337	303	362	344
May ..	410	231	477	317	322	444	357	344	304	369	350
June ..	409	231	482	318	326	444	357	351	299	376	353
Year 1955-56	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	332	292	357	338

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding coal and briquettes was 429 for June, 1956 and 406 for the year 1955-56.

(b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in price of all imports.

(c) Subject to revision.

## D. WAGES.

## § 1. Arbitration and Wages Boards Acts and Associated Legislation.

**Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1956.**—An amendment to the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1955, assented to on 30th June, 1956, altered the structure of the arbitration machinery by setting up two authorities, namely, the Commonwealth Industrial Court and the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, to handle the respective judicial and arbitral functions under the Act.

The Commonwealth Industrial Court, as constituted, comprises a Chief Judge and not more than two other Judges and is empowered to carry out judicial and award enforcement functions under the Act.

The Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, as constituted, shall consist of the following members:—(i) a President, (ii) not less than two Deputy Presidents, (iii) a Senior Commissioner and (iv) not less than five Commissioners. In addition Conciliators shall be appointed for the purposes of this Act.

The Commission is empowered to prevent or settle industrial disputes by conciliation or arbitration, and shall make all suggestions and do all such things as appear to it to be right and proper (a) for effecting a reconciliation between parties to industrial disputes, (b) for preventing and settling industrial disputes by amicable agreement and (c) for preventing and settling, by conciliation or arbitration, industrial disputes not prevented or settled by amicable agreement. The Commission may exercise its powers under the Act on its own motion or on the application of a party to an industrial dispute or of an organization or person bound by an award.

The President may assign a Commissioner to deal with industrial disputes relating to particular industries, or members of the Commission to deal with a particular industrial dispute. However, subject to the approval of the President, it is the duty of the Senior Commissioner to organize and allocate the work of the Commissioners and of the Conciliators.

When an industrial dispute occurs or appears likely to occur, a Commissioner shall take such steps as he thinks fit for the prompt prevention or settlement of that dispute by conciliation or, if in his opinion conciliation is unlikely to succeed or has failed, by arbitration. A Commissioner may arrange with the Senior Commissioner for a Conciliator to assist the parties to reach an amicable agreement. If an agreement is arrived at between the parties to an industrial dispute, a memorandum of its terms shall be made in writing, and may be certified by a Commissioner. A certified memorandum shall have the same effect as an award for all purposes of the Act.

The Commission in Presidential Session (that is, the Commission constituted by at least three presidential members) and not otherwise, is empowered to deal with the making of awards or certifying agreements in so far as they concern standard hours, basic wages and long service leave.

A Commissioner shall, upon application by a party to an industrial dispute which is being dealt with by him, decide, in consultation with the President, whether the dispute is of such importance that in the public interest it should be dealt with by the Commission constituted by not less than three members nominated by the President, of whom at least one is a presidential member of the Commission, and another, where practicable, is the Commissioner concerned. The President may direct this Commission to hear the dispute; however, after consideration the Commission may refer the dispute or part of the dispute back to the Commissioner originally dealing with the dispute, for determination.

An appeal against the decision of a Commissioner may be heard by a Commission of not less than three members nominated by the President, of whom at least two are presidential members of the Commission. However, an appeal will not be heard unless the Commission considers it is a matter of public interest.

The following appointments were announced on 12th August, 1956:—

(i) *The Commonwealth Industrial Court—*

Chief Justice Spicer, Justices Dunphy, Morgan.

(ii) *The Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—*

(a) President, Kirby, J.

(b) Deputy Presidents, Foster, Wright, Ashburner, J.J.

(c) Senior Commissioner, E. A. Chambers.

(d) Commissioners, L. P. Austin, J. R. Donovan, G. A. Findlay, F. D. Kelly, J. H. Portus, E. W. Tonkin, F. J. Webb.

In effect, Judges of the previous Arbitration Court were made either members of the Commonwealth Industrial Court or presidential members of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission. Conciliation Commissioners became non-presidential members of the Commission.

The first meeting of the Commonwealth Industrial Court was held on 23rd August, 1956 and that of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission on 21st August, 1956.

The Public Service Arbitration Act, the Navigation Act, the Coal Industry Act and the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act have been amended to make provision for the revised structure of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act.

## § 2. Rates of Wage and Hours of Labour.

Weekly Rates of Wage, pp. 168-9.—The following table shows for each State and Australia the weighted average nominal weekly rates of wage payable, and the index numbers based thereon, for adult males and for adult females, at the end of each quarter during the period 31st March, 1955 to 30th June, 1956.

### WEEKLY WAGE RATES OF ADULT MALES AND FEMALES.

(WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK AND INDEX NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
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#### ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st March, 1955 ..	302 2	288 0	280 7	283 10	295 1	301 11	293 2
30th June, 1955 ..	302 8	290 10	280 8	284 3	299 1	302 3	294 6
30th September, 1955	303 1	292 10	282 10	284 8	304 2	302 6	295 11
31st December, 1955	310 1	296 7	284 11	284 9	304 9	302 7	300 0
31st March, 1956 ..	312 11	299 5	286 7	284 10	306 2	306 7	302 4
30th June, 1956 ..	317 3	307 1	292 2	295 2	309 1	317 6	308 5

#### ADULT MALES—INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base : Weighted Average Wage for Australia (51s. 3d.), 1911 = 1,000.)

31st March, 1955 ..	5,896	5,619	5,476	5,538	5,758	5,891	5,720
30th June, 1955 ..	5,905	5,675	5,476	5,546	5,836	5,897	5,746
30th September, 1955	5,914	5,714	5,519	5,554	5,935	5,903	5,774
31st December, 1955	6,051	5,787	5,559	5,555	5,946	5,905	5,853
31st March, 1956 ..	6,106	5,843	5,591	5,557	5,973	5,982	5,900
30th June, 1956 ..	6,190	5,991	5,701	5,758	6,030	6,196	6,018

#### ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st March, 1955 ..	201 0	200 9	190 5	199 11	191 6	196 11	199 1
30th June, 1955 ..	201 0	203 3	191 0	199 11	191 6	197 0	200 2
30th September, 1955	201 8	204 11	192 1	200 1	193 11	197 7	201 4
31st December, 1955	205 3	206 9	192 10	199 11	193 7	197 11	203 4
31st March, 1956 ..	205 11	207 11	192 10	199 11	194 0	200 0	204 1
30th June, 1956 ..	210 5	214 5	198 2	207 5	198 10	207 4	209 9

#### ADULT FEMALES—INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base : Weighted Average for Australia (27s. 2d.), 30th April, 1914 = 1,000.)

31st March, 1955 ..	7,398	7,390	7,007	7,358	7,049	7,248	7,328
30th June, 1955 ..	7,398	7,480	7,028	7,359	7,049	7,250	7,367
30th September, 1955	7,424	7,543	7,069	7,363	7,137	7,272	7,410
31st December, 1955	7,554	7,608	7,098	7,358	7,125	7,284	7,483
31st March, 1956 ..	7,580	7,654	7,099	7,358	7,141	7,361	7,512
30th June, 1956 ..	7,745	7,891	7,293	7,635	7,319	7,630	7,721

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

### § 3. Average Weekly Wage Earnings.

Average Weekly Total Wages Paid and Average Earnings, p. 178.—Particulars of average weekly total wages paid and average earnings per employed male unit for the year 1955-56 are shown in the following table :—

#### AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS, 1955-56.

Particulars.	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Average Weekly Total Wages Paid . . £'000.	18,955	13,358	5,809	4,195	2,897	1,476	46,690
Average Weekly Earnings per Employed Male Unit £	18.16	18.22	15.34	17.10	16.37	16.66	17.51

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State, and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

### § 4. Basic Wages in Australia.

Basic Wage Enquiry, 1955-56.—On 4th November, 1956, the Amalgamated Engineering Union and others made application to the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for an alteration of the basic wage in the following respects, namely, for an increase in the basic wage to the amount it would have reached if automatic quarterly adjustments, deleted by the Court in September, 1953, had remained in force; an increase of a further 20s. in the basic wage; the reintroduction of automatic quarterly adjustments; and the abolition of the 3s. country differential.

The hearing commenced on 13th December, 1955, but later that day was adjourned until 14th February, 1956, after the Court had considered questions of procedure for the purpose of expediting the hearing of the case. The Commonwealth Government indicated to the Court its intention to intervene in the public interest under Section 26 of the Conciliation and Arbitration Act, and each of the State Governments was represented as a respondent.

When the hearing was resumed, the Court, consisting of Kirby, Dunphy, Wright and Morgan JJ., heard evidence from the parties, and then the Commonwealth Government, appearing as an intervenor in the public interest, submitted factual and statistical material about the state of the economy. The hearing concluded on 16th April, 1956 and the Court reserved its decision.

The Court's decision was announced on 25th May, 1956, rejecting (a) the claim for restoration of the system of automatic quarterly adjustments abolished in 1953; (b) the claim that the differential of 3s. less for country districts than the basic wage for the capital cities should be abolished; (c) the claim for an increase in the basic wages to the amounts which they would have reached if the provisions for automatic quarterly

adjustments, deleted by the Court in 1953, had remained; and increasing the adult male basic wage by 10s. per week from the beginning of the first pay-period in June, 1956. Adult females received 7s. 6d. per week and juniors proportionate increases.

The new basic wage rates of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for adult males payable in the capital city of each State from the beginning of the first pay-period in June, 1956 are as follows:—

Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capital Cities.(a)
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
253 0	245 0	228 0	241 0	246 0	252 0	246 0

(a) Weighted average.

State Basic Wage Rates, p. 192.—The table below shows the "basic" weekly wage rates of State industrial tribunals, operative in May and August, 1956.

#### STATE BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	May, 1956.			August, 1956.		
	Date of Operation.	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation.	Males.	Females.
	(a)	s. d.	s. d.	(a)	s. d.	s. d.
New South Wales—(b)						
Metropolitan and Country excluding Broken Hill ..	May, 1956	256 0	192 0	Aug., 1956	263 0	197 0
Broken Hill .. ..	May, 1956	256 0	192 0	Aug., 1956	261 0	195 6
Victoria(c) .. ..	May, 1956	256 0	192 0	Aug., 1956	263 0	197 0
Queensland—						
Southern Division (Eastern District)—including Brisbane(d) .. ..	23.4.56	233 0	157 0	23.7.56	237 0	160 8
South Australia(e) .. ..	Aug., 1953	231 0	173 0	June, 1956	241 0	180 6
Western Australia—(f)						
Metropolitan Area .. ..	23.4.56	257 1	167 1	23.7.56	261 6	170 0
South-West Land Division ..	23.4.56	253 11	165 0	23.7.56	258 10	168 3
Goldfields and other areas ..	23.4.56	255 11	166 4	23.7.56	258 10	168 3
Tasmania(g) .. ..	May, 1956	268 0	201 0	Aug., 1956	272 0	204 0

(a) Where dates are not quoted wage rates operate from beginning of first pay-period commencing in month shown. (b) Automatic adjustment discontinued from 23rd October, 1953, following decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on 12th September, 1953 (see page 188). Automatic adjustment re-introduced from first pay-period in November, 1955. (c) No basic wage declared but rates shown (Melbourne) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. The Victorian Labour and Industry Act requires Wages Boards to provide for the automatic adjustment of wage rates in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers. (d) The Queensland Industrial Court each quarter announces the variation, if any, in the basic wage after considering movements in the "C" Series retail price index numbers. (e) The "living wage" declared applies to the whole State except for a 5s. loading at Whyalla. Quarterly variations in the "living wage" were discontinued, following the decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on 12th September, 1953. On 31st May, 1956, the Governor proclaimed a 10s. increase in the "living wage" payable from 4th June, 1956 to conform with the increase of 10s. announced on 25th May, 1956 by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration. (f) The Western Australian Arbitration Court each quarter announces the variation, if any, in the basic wage, after considering movements in the cost of living statements prepared by the Government Statistician. (g) None declared but rates shown (Hobart) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. Commencing with the first pay-period in February, 1956, Wages Boards re-introduced automatic quarterly adjustments, based on movements in the "C" Series retail price index numbers.

## E. EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

## § 1. Employment.

Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment, pp. 197-9.—The following are particulars of wage and salary earners in civilian employment, excluding rural wage earners, females in domestic work in private homes, persons on the paid strength of the Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp, for the month of June, 1956.

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT, JUNE, 1956.

(Excluding Rural Wage Earners, Female Domestics in Private Homes, Persons on Paid Strength of Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp.)

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Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.(a)
Males ..	787.8	564.2	276.0	184.5	135.5	64.4	2,025.9
Females ..	300.2	233.0	91.2	62.9	44.6	22.8	758.9
Persons ..	1,088.0	797.2	367.2	247.4	180.1	87.2	2,784.8

  

Particulars.	Governmental. (b)	Private Employers.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.
Males ..	604.8	1,421.1	57.3	722.2	310.4	129.9	212.7
Females ..	129.8	629.1	1.2	228.3	40.1	122.9	88.1
Persons ..	734.6	2,050.2	58.5	950.5	350.5	252.8	300.8

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (c) Subject to revision.

Government Employees, p. 199.—The number of Government employees in Australia in June, 1956 was as follows:—

Commonwealth Government—males, 162,300; females, 46,100; persons, 208,400; State Government and Semi-Government Bodies—males, 377,000; females, 77,600; persons, 454,600; Local Government Authorities—males, 65,500; females, 6,100; persons, 71,600; Total—males, 604,800; females, 129,800; persons, 734,600.

## § 4. Industrial Disputes.

Summary of Disputes (Involving Stoppage of Work), p. 203.—The following table shows particulars of industrial disputes in each State and Territory during 1955:—

## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : SUMMARY, 1955.

State or Territory.	Number.	Workers Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Estimated Loss in Wages. (£)
		Directly.	Indirectly. (a)	Total.		
New South Wales(b)	1,072	260,353	13,678	274,031	673,325	2,230,935
Victoria ..	66	33,255	2,287	35,542	138,507	435,356
Queensland ..	274	83,026	3,626	86,652	99,318	328,046
South Australia ..	43	23,969	129	24,098	66,881	203,182
Western Australia ..	16	9,504	345	9,849	9,582	32,704
Tasmania (b) ..	48	13,204	240	13,444	20,387	70,927
Northern Territory ..	12	1,013	2	1,015	2,740	8,551
Australian Capital Territory ..	1	16	..	16	144	620
Australia(b) ..	1,532	424,340	20,307	444,647	1,010,884	3,310,321

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

(b) Includes disputes not settled at the end of 1954.

## G. LABOUR ORGANIZATIONS.

## § 1: Labour Organizations in Australia.

Trade Unions, pp. 208-9.—The following tables show the number and membership of trade unions at 31st December, 1955 in each State and Territory and in each industrial group.

## TRADE UNIONS : NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP, 1955.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Separate Unions(a) ..	235	160	130	138	154	101	20	32	372
Members ..	731,960	446,372	305,509	146,422	111,959	51,401	2,440	5,799	1,801,862
Percentage Increase in Membership(b) ..	-0.1	2.9	0.1	-0.8	2.2	2.2	12.5	-2.9	0.8

(a) Without interstate duplication.

(b) On preceding year.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes decrease.

## TRADE UNIONS : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS, AUSTRALIA, 1955.

Industrial Group.	No. of Unions. (a)	No. of Mem- bers.	Industrial Group.	No. of Unions. (a)	No. of Mem- bers.
Manufacturing—			XI. Shipping, etc...	14	41,612
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	6	47,678	XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.	3	66,224
II. Engineering, Metal Works etc.	15	266,897	XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc...	12	37,722
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc.	37	106,865	XIV. Miscellaneous—		
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	7	107,618	(i) Banking, Insurance and Clerical ..	19	114,218
V. Books, Printing, etc.	6	41,514	(ii) Public Service ..	62	203,437
VI. Other Manufacturing	36	85,023	(iii) Retail and Wholesale ..	12	71,583
VII. Building ..	29	134,224	(iv) Municipal, Sewerage and Labouring ..	10	83,572
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, etc.	13	46,641	(v) Other Miscellaneous	57	134,006
IX. Railway and Tramway Services ..	25	146,401	Total .. ..	372	1,801,862
X. Other Transport ..	9	66,627			

(a) Without interstate duplication.

## CHAPTER VII.—TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION.

## B. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

Summary of Operations, p. 227.—The following table gives a summary of the operations of all Government railways open for general traffic during the year 1954-55 :—

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, 1954-55.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	C'wealth.	Aust.
Mileage open (route) at 30th June, 1955 .. miles	6,102	4,451	6,553	2,564	4,111	605	2,201	26,587
Gross revenue .. £'000.	73,361	37,667	31,025	12,939	12,315	2,322	3,741	173,970
Working expenses .. £'000.	68,397	37,032	30,946	15,414	14,690	3,077	2,921	172,477
Net revenue .. £'000.	4,964	635	679	2,475	2,375	755	820	1,493
Interest .. £'000.	7,100	2,545	2,460	1,288	1,411	282	(a) 407	15,493
Train-miles run .. '000	37,294	18,740	19,637	7,216	7,769	2,066	2,029	94,751
Passenger-journeys .. '000	281,477	169,204	35,919	16,849	10,139	3,114	215	516,857
Goods, etc., carried '000 tons	(b) 19,386	10,082	8,492	4,474	3,407	1,041	816	47,698

(a) Includes exchange.

(b) Partly estimated.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

**D. MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.**

Government and Municipal Services, p. 240.—The following is a summary of the operations of government and municipal motor omnibus services in Australia during 1954-55 :—Length of route, 4,492 miles; gross revenue, £9,613,000; working expenses, £12,063,000; omnibus-miles run, 57,513,000; passenger-journeys, 346,749,000 (including estimated figures for the Australian Capital Territory). Revenue and working expenses include particulars for Queensland trolley-buses. All items except route-mileage exclude particulars of Hobart and Launceston Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

Private Services, p. 245.—The following is a summary of the operations of motor omnibus services under the control of private operators during 1954-55 in the States of New South Wales (Metropolitan and Newcastle Transport Districts only), South Australia and Western Australia respectively :—Gross revenue, £2,536,000; £669,000; £1,674,000; omnibus-miles run, 20,587,000; 6,213,000; 13,190,000; passenger-journeys, 89,508,000; 14,058,000; 33,860,000.

**F. MOTOR VEHICLES.**

Motor Vehicle Registrations, p. 247.—Motor vehicles registered at 30th June, 1956 and new motor vehicles registered during 1955-56 were as follows :—

**MOTOR VEHICLES : REGISTRATIONS, 1955-56.**

State or Territory.	Number of Motor Vehicles Registered at 30th June, 1956.(a)				Number of New Motor Vehicles Registered, 1955-56.(a)			
	Motor Cars.(b)	Com- mercial Vehicles. (c)	Motor Cycles.	Total.	Motor Cars.(b)	Com- mercial Vehicles. (c)	Motor Cycles.	Total.
New South Wales ..	483,397	242,514	37,039	762,950	56,074	25,994	2,971	85,039
Victoria(d) ..	498,644	151,597	27,675	677,916	53,511	16,882	2,360	72,753
Queensland ..	179,190	127,393	20,394	326,977	19,629	11,371	1,689	32,689
South Australia ..	154,358	63,630	20,713	238,701	17,461	6,510	1,925	25,896
Western Australia ..	98,875	65,626	13,873	178,374	10,115	5,258	1,089	16,462
Tasmania ..	48,973	22,975	4,800	76,748	5,461	2,632	332	8,425
Northern Territory ..	1,911	3,077	566	5,554	214	343	63	620
Aust. Capital Territory ..	6,978	2,580	515	10,073	1,133	322	101	1,556
Total ..	1,472,326	679,392	125,575	2,277,293	163,598	69,312	10,530	243,440

(a) Excludes Defence Service vehicles. Prior to 1st January, 1956 Department of the Navy vehicles were included. Excludes also trailers, road tractors, etc., and dealer's plates. (b) Includes taxis and hire cars. (c) Includes lorries, vans, buses and utilities. (d) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently, motor cars registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles registered for private use.

Drivers' and riders' licences in force at 30th June, 1956 numbered 2,457,246. This figure excludes licences in Queensland which are no longer issued on an annual basis.



## G. ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

Total Accidents Recorded, p. 249.—The following table is a summary of the total number of accidents (known to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares during 1954-55, the number involving casualties and the number of persons killed or injured in each State and the Commonwealth excluding the Northern Territory.

## ACCIDENTS (KNOWN TO THE POLICE) WHICH OCCURRED IN PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES: ACCIDENTS RECORDED AND CASUALTIES, 1954-55.

State or Territory.	Total Accidents Recorded. (a)	Accidents Involving Casualties.	Casualties.	
			Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.(b)
New South Wales .. .. .	35,315	12,557	798	15,959
Victoria .. .. .	15,093	10,217	528	12,833
Queensland .. .. .	21,438	6,586	273	8,421
South Australia .. .. .	12,304	3,098	173	3,926
Western Australia .. .. .	10,715	3,149	206	4,036
Tasmania .. .. .	2,642	864	57	1,111
Australian Capital Territory ..	251	131	7	179
Total .. .. .	97,758	36,602	2,042	46,465

(a) Total accidents causing death or injury to persons or, except in Tasmania, damage exceeding £10 to property. (b) Persons injured to an extent requiring surgical or medical treatment.

## I. POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES AND WIRELESS.

## § 1. General to § 4. Telephones.

Summary of Operations, pp. 257-268.—The following table gives a summary of the operations of the Postmaster-General's Department during the year 1954-55:—

## POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT: SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, 1954-55.

State.	Gross Re-venue.	Ex-pen-diture.	Total Postal Matter Dealt with. (a)	Money Orders Issued, value.	Postal Notes Issued, value.	Tele-grams Dis-patch-ed.	Telephones.			
							Lines Con-nected. (b)	Instru-ments Con-nected. (b)	Local Calls.	Trunk Line Calls.
	£'000.	£'000.	mill.	£'000.	£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	mill.	mill.
New South Wales(c)	28,560	37,322	675.8	30,641	4,400	8,755	421	606	463	30
Victoria .. .. .	21,129	25,896	466.0	14,137	2,980	5,019	356	505	333	26
Queensland .. .. .	10,128	13,870	208.4	7,570	955	4,199	152	203	132	16
South Australia(d)	6,482	8,327	135.7	4,150	1,706	1,973	100	138	86	9
Western Australia	4,544	5,927	114.9	3,333	560	2,119	65	90	65	5
Tasmania .. .. .	1,982	3,525	53.0	1,870	216	648	33	45	24	4
Australia .. .. .	72,825	103,786	1,653.8	61,701	10,226	22,713	1,127	1,587	1,103	90

(a) Comprises (in millions):—Letters, cards, etc. 1,345.2; newspapers and packets 274.2; parcels, 16.8; registered articles other than parcels, 17.6. (b) At 30th June. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(d) Includes Northern Territory. (e) Includes £8,919,000, Central Office expenditure. (f) Excludes international telegrams—dispatched, 1,376,000 received, 1,422,000.

## § 5. Cable and Radio Communication.

**Radio-communication Stations Authorized, p. 270.**—The following radio-communication stations were authorized in Australia and the Territory of Papua and New Guinea at 30th June, 1956 :—Transmitting and receiving stations—amateur, 3,253 (53); aeronautical, 87 (12); coast, 66 (12); land, 3,092 (302); mobile (general), 13,212 (77) (including ship, 1,322; aircraft, 277; other mobile stations, 484); and miscellaneous, 104. In addition, there were 371 land and 61 mobile (general) stations for the purpose of receiving only. The figures in parentheses refer to the Territory of Papua and New Guinea and are included in the totals preceding them.

## § 6. Broadcasting and Television.

**Broadcasting Stations, p. 270.**—The following table shows the number of broadcasting stations in operation at 30th June, 1956 :—

BROADCASTING STATIONS, 30th JUNE, 1956.

Type of Station.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Papua-New Guinea.	Total.
National—										
Medium Frequency	14	5	12	6	7	4	2	2	1	53
Short-wave ..	1	3	2	..	2	..	..	..	1	9
Commercial ..	36	20	20	8	14	8	..	1	..	107

**Broadcast Listeners' Licences, p. 276.**—Licences in force at 30th June, 1956 were as follows :—New South Wales, 776,284; Victoria, 554,339; Queensland, 301,371; South Australia, 228,625; Western Australia, 153,445; Tasmania, 74,729; Australia, 2,088,793. Figures for the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory have been included with those for South Australia and New South Wales respectively.

## CHAPTER VIII.—TRADE.

**NOTE.**—Values are expressed in £A. f.o.b., port of shipment.

### § 6. Total Oversea Trade.

**Summary of Movements, p. 290.**—The following is a summary of the total overseas trade movements of Australia during the year 1955-56 :—Merchandise—Exports, £770,836,470, Imports, £818,292,717, Commodity balance, -£47,456,247; Bullion and Specie—Exports, £11,027,179, Imports, £2,795,495, Balance, +£8,231,684; Total balance, -£39,224,563.

### § 7. Direction of Oversea Trade.

**According to Countries, p. 291.**—The following table shows particulars of the values of total imports and total exports of Australia, including bullion and specie, according to countries of origin or consignment, for the year 1955-56.

**TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA : COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN OR  
CONSIGNMENT, 1955-56.  
(£'000.)**

Country.	Imports.	Exports.	Country.	Imports.	Exports.
United Kingdom ..	355,912	257,414	China ..	2,275	2,701
Australian Territories—			Czechoslovakia ..	2,728	4,775
New Guinea ..	5,166	7,889	Finland ..	2,823	144
Papua ..	1,129	6,191	France ..	15,626	67,314
Borneo (British) ..	9,801	1,042	Germany, Federal Republic of	34,998	36,431
Canada ..	23,417	10,911	Indonesia ..	22,401	6,705
Ceylon ..	8,632	8,687	Iran ..	22,819	744
Fiji ..	1,307	3,881	Italy ..	11,821	34,621
Hong Kong ..	2,775	14,053	Japan ..	22,592	86,450
India ..	23,469	12,159	Mexico ..	2,203	4,197
Malaya, Federation of	16,118	9,337	Netherlands ..	13,233	6,192
New Zealand ..	8,531	40,928	Norway ..	5,786	608
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	4,294	1,916	Poland ..	152	8,253
Singapore ..	1,453	12,100	Sweden ..	12,048	3,483
South Africa, Union of	4,617	2,438	Switzerland ..	10,596	2,654
Other British Countries	12,582	16,454	United States of America	98,789	55,004
			Other Foreign Countries	16,814	27,021
<b>Total British Countries</b>	<b>479,203</b>	<b>405,400</b>	<b>Total Foreign Countries..</b>	<b>341,885</b>	<b>376,464</b>
Arabian States ..	28,606	2,039			
Austria ..	3,994	915	<b>Total All Countries ..</b>	<b>821,088</b>	<b>781,864</b>
Belgium—Luxemburg	11,581	26,173			

According to Currency Area, p. 292.—The following table shows the trade of Australia during 1955-56 according to currency areas.

**OVERSEA TRADE OF AUSTRALIA ACCORDING TO CURRENCY AREAS, 1955-56.**

Currency Area.	£'000.	Currency Area.	£'000.
<b>STERLING.</b>		<b>OTHER NON-STERLING.</b>	
<b>Imports—</b>		<b>Imports—</b>	
From—United Kingdom ..	355,912	From—Countries of the O.E.E.C., including dependencies	125,823
Other Sterling Area Countries ..	123,879	Other Countries ..	88,836
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>479,791</b>	<b>Total ..</b>	<b>214,659</b>
<b>Exports—</b>		<b>Exports—</b>	
To—United Kingdom ..	257,414	To—Countries of the O.E.E.C., including dependencies	187,461
Other Sterling Area Countries..	141,478	Other Countries ..	122,115
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>398,892</b>	<b>Total ..</b>	<b>309,576</b>
<b>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (—)</b>	<b>—80,899</b>	<b>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (—)</b>	<b>+94,917</b>
<b>DOLLAR.</b>			
<b>Imports—</b>			
From—United States of America ..	98,789		
Canada ..	23,417		
Other Dollar Area Countries	4,432		
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>126,638</b>		
<b>Exports—</b>		<b>ALL CURRENCY AREAS.</b>	
To—United States of America ..	55,004	<b>Total Imports ..</b>	<b>821,088</b>
Canada ..	10,911		
Other Dollar Area Countries..	7,481	<b>Total Exports ..</b>	<b>781,864</b>
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>73,396</b>	<b>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (—)</b>	<b>—39,224</b>
<b>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (—)</b>	<b>—53,242</b>		

### § 11. Classified Summary of Australian Oversea Trade.

Imports and Exports in Statistical Classes, p. 302.—The following table shows the values of total imports and total exports in statistical classes for the year 1955-56 :—

#### TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA : CLASSES, 1955-56.

(£'000.)

Class.	Imports.	Exports
I. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin .. .. .	7,566	113,366
II. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin, Non-alcoholic Beverages .. .. .	22,059	148,760
III. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors .. .. .	2,101	1,460
IV. Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff .. .. .	16,215	518
V. Live Animals .. .. .	727	1,188
VI. Animal Substances (mainly unmanufactured), not Foodstuffs .. .. .	4,000	360,692
VII. Vegetable Substances and Fibres; Cork and Manufactures; Plastic Moulding Materials and Synthetic Fibres .. .. .	17,482	2,432
VIII. Yarns and Manufactured Fibres, Textiles and Apparel—		
(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres .. .. .	24,730	1,270
(b) Textiles .. .. .	75,121	577
(c) Apparel .. .. .	11,469	373
IX. Oils, Fats and Waxes .. .. .	99,640	14,053
X. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes .. .. .	5,937	977
XI. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons .. .. .	7,293	22,677
XII. Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery—		
(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures .. .. .	177,028	51,677
(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery, Electrical Appliances and Equipment .. .. .	35,521	2,752
(c) Machines and Machinery .. .. .	109,519	10,065
XIII. Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof—		
(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures .. .. .	22,030	667
(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures .. .. .	791	2,612
XIV. Wood and Wicker .. .. .	17,881	2,985
XV. Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware .. .. .	14,292	897
XVI. Paper and Stationery—		
(a) Pulp, Paper and Board .. .. .	32,575	481
(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery .. .. .	11,650	2,180
XVII. Sporting Material, Toys, Fancy Goods, Jewellery and Timepieces .. .. .	10,069	547
XVIII. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments and Appliances and Photographic Goods, n.e.i. .. .. .	10,803	1,053
XIX. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, Essential Oils and Fertilizers .. .. .	29,984	5,417
XX. Miscellaneous .. .. .	51,811	21,161
XXI. Gold and Silver; Bronze Specie .. .. .	2,795	11,027
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>821,088</b>	<b>781,864</b>

The following table shows the total quantities of some of the principal commodities exported from Australia during 1955-56:—

**TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA : PRINCIPAL EXPORTS, 1955-56.**

Article.	Unit of Quantity.	Quantity.	Article.	Unit of Quantity.	Quantity.
Barley (unprepared) ..	ton	470,210	Meats preserved by cold process—		
Butter ..	"	82,639	Beef and veal ..	ton	144,084
Cheese ..	"	17,181	Lamb ..	"	36,440
Eggs—	'000 doz.	16,071	Mutton ..	"	15,472
In shell ..	'000 lb.	21,243	Pork ..	"	1,104
Not in shell ..	ton	595,423	Milk and cream ..	'000 lb.	127,385
Flour (wheaten)			Ores and concentrates ..	ton	488,155
Fruit—	"	62,938	Sheep and lamb skins ..	'000	16,661
Dried ..	'000 bus.	6,688	Sugar (cane) ..	ton	592,229
Fresh ..			Wheat ..	"	1,902,896
Preserved in airtight containers ..	ton	93,407	Wool—		
Lead, pig ..	"	145,144	Greasy ..	mill. lb.	1,063
Meats preserved in airtight containers ..	"	58,300	Scoured, etc. ..	"	115

**§ 15. Australian Index of Export Prices.**

Monthly Index (Fixed Weights), p. 311.—The following are the export price index numbers for the year 1955-56.

**EXPORT PRICE INDEXES : AUSTRALIA.**

**SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.**

**INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES, GROUPS OF COMMODITIES AND ALL GROUPS (COMBINED).**

(Base of each section : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups	
											Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.
1955-1956—												
July ..	(f) 505	352	313	538	359	468	266	342	225	178	437	419
August ..	453	351	313	538	365	468	266	341	234	178	411	395
September ..	437	334	313	545	398	468	278	344	235	178	404	388
October ..	437	329	337	543	408	454	282	351	238	178	406	390
November ..	437	323	364	549	383	454	284	366	227	178	407	391
December ..	453	315	368	575	364	454	283	365	232	178	414	398
January ..	460	313	361	590	348	441	285	356	239	178	416	400
February ..	460	311	328	592	331	441	288	364	240	178	411	395
March ..	453	312	304	592	322	441	292	364	247	178	404	388
April ..	468	310	273	579	317	441	293	354	248	178	406	390
May ..	498	321	265	556	324	441	302	344	241	178	421	404
June ..	505	319	299	548	335	441	317	347	252	178	429	411
Year 1955-56	464	324	320	562	355	451	286	353	238	178	414	397

(a) Non-ferrous—silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanas, lexias, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calfskins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the overseas premium markets such price has been used in the index. (f) Nominal. (g) Subject to revision.

### § 19. The Australian Balance of Payments.

NOTE.—Further details of the summarized estimates presented here will be found in *The Australian Balance of Payments, 1928-29 to 1951-52* and in the mimeographed publication *The Australian Balance of Payments 1951-52 to 1955-56* obtainable from the Commonwealth Statistician.

Australia's Balance of Payments on Current and Capital Account, pp. 316-8.—The following table shows in summary form revised estimates for 1953-54 and 1954-55 and preliminary estimates for 1955-56 :—

#### AUSTRALIA : BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, SUMMARY.

(£A. million.)

Particulars.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56. (a)
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT.</b>			
(Credit items +, Debit items -)			
Exports f.o.b. .. .. .	+ 811.7	+ 761.4	+ 772.7
Imports f.o.b. .. .. .	- 681.9	- 846.9	- 819.5
Trade Balance .. .. .	+ 129.8	- 85.5	- 46.8
Invisible Credits .. .. .	+ 125.3	+ 138.0	+ 146.6
Invisible Debits .. .. .	- 270.1	- 309.8	- 321.3
Invisible Balance .. .. .	- 144.8	- 171.8	- 174.7
Balance on Current Account .. .. .	- 15.0	- 257.3	- 221.5
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT.</b>			
(Plus sign (+) indicates net increases in assets or net decreases in liabilities and minus sign (-) indicates net decreases in assets or net increases in liabilities)			
International Reserves .. .. .	+ 9.5	- 142.4	- 73.3
Public Authority Debt Domiciled Overseas .. .. .	+ 10.1	- 2.3	- 7.9
International Monetary Fund and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development .. .. .	- 10.8	- 12.0	- 18.0
Miscellaneous Identified Transactions .. .. .	+ 6.0	- 1.3	- 5.9
Undistributed Income Accruing between Australian and Foreign Companies (Net) .. .. .	- 27.0	- 26.7	- 29.0
Foreign Banks' Holdings of Australian Currency .. .. .	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
Private Capital Movements and Balancing Items .. .. .	- 3.3	- 73.1	- 87.7
Balance on Capital Account .. .. .	- 15.0	- 257.3	- 221.5

(a) Preliminary.

Australia's Balance of Payments on Current Account—Various Countries, p. 319.—Summarized estimates of Australia's regional balance of payments in 1953-54, 1954-55 and 1955-56 (preliminary estimate) are given in the following table.

**AUSTRALIA : BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ON CURRENT ACCOUNT, VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND MONETARY AREAS. (a)**

(£A. million.)

Particulars.	Gold Production.	Sterling Area.		Dollar Area.			Other Non-Sterling.		Total.
		United Kingdom.	Other.	United States of America.	Canada.	Other.	O.E.E.C.	Other. (b)	
1953-54—									
Exports f.o.b.	..	295.8	125.7	55.7	11.0	4.6	208.3	110.6	811.7
Imports f.o.b.	..	332.7	110.3	75.6	18.7	1.1	90.8	52.7	681.9
Invisibles (net)	16.7	71.0	16.8	41.6	8.3	0.2	11.6	12.4	144.8
Balance on Current Account ..	16.7	107.9	1.4	61.5	16.0	3.7	105.9	45.5	15.0
		109.3		73.8			151.4		
1954-55—									
Exports f.o.b.	..	288.6	131.8	52.7	10.5	6.1	185.7	85.7	761.4
Imports f.o.b.	..	378.7	141.6	108.1	23.8	1.2	122.3	71.2	846.9
Invisibles (net)	16.2	84.5	21.7	45.4	9.1	0.3	11.9	15.7	171.8
Balance on Current Account ..	16.2	174.6	31.5	100.8	22.4	5.5	51.5	1.2	257.3
		206.1		117.7			50.3		
1955-56 (c)—									
Exports f.o.b.	..	255.7	131.7	55.8	10.9	8.4	188.0	122.2	772.7
Imports f.o.b.	..	355.4	121.0	98.5	23.4	4.4	126.0	90.8	819.5
Invisibles (net)	15.4	67.0	26.9	43.7	11.2	1.4	13.9	26.0	174.7
Balance on Current Account ..	15.4	166.7	16.2	86.4	23.7	2.6	48.1	5.4	221.5
		182.9		107.5			53.5		

(a) For a list of the countries included in each monetary area see page 292.

(b) Includes international bodies.

(c) Preliminary.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes debit; other items are credits.

Australia's Balance of Payments with the Dollar Area, p. 322.—The following table presents revised estimates of Australia's dollar balance of payments for 1953-54 and 1954-55 and preliminary estimates for 1955-56 :—

**AUSTRALIA : BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WITH THE DOLLAR AREA.**

(United States \$ million.)

Particulars.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56. (a)
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT. . .</b>			
Merchandise Trade.			
1. Merchandise exports f.o.b. to United States of America and Canada . . .	+ 150	+ 142	+ 149
2. Merchandise imports f.o.b. from United States of America and Canada . . .	— 212	— 295	— 273
3. Trade balance with United States of America and Canada . . .	— 62	— 153	— 124
4. Trade balance with other American account countries . . .	+ 8	+ 11	+ 9
5. Trade balance with the Dollar Area . . .	— 54	— 142	— 115

(a) Preliminary.

**AUSTRALIA: BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WITH THE DOLLAR AREA—**  
*continued.*  
 (United States \$ million.)

Particulars.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56. (a)
<b>Other Current Transactions.</b>			
6. Freight on imports .. .. .	- 22.8	- 32.5	- 41.0
7. Other transportation .. .. .	- 2.2	- 2.7	- 2.5
8. Expenditure by Australian travellers .. .. .	- 2.8	- 3.5	- 3.9
9. Expenses of Australian companies in North America .. .. .	- 3.4	- 5.5	- 0.1
10. Film remittances .. .. .	- 5.4	- 5.8	- 5.8
11. Profits and dividends remitted .. .. .	- 30.6	- 28.5	- 25.5
12. Undistributed income accruing to companies incorporated in dollar area (net) .. .. .	- 38.3	- 35.8	(b) - 38.1
13. Public authority interest payments .. .. .	- 7.6	- 7.0	- 6.3
14. Other miscellaneous debits .. .. .	- 13.0	- 16.2	- 15.0
15. Miscellaneous credits .. .. .	+ 14.9	+ 15.9	+ 18.3
16. Other items (net) .. .. .	+ 2.4	+ 17.5	+ 13.6
17. Invisible balance with the Dollar Area .. .. .	- 109	- 104	- 112
18. Balance on current account (5 + 17) .. .. .	- 163	- 246	- 227
<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.</b>			
19. Increase in debt of public authorities .. .. .	- 31	- 11	+ 19
20. Undistributed income (see item 12) .. .. .	+ 38	+ 36	(b) + 38
21. Identified private capital inflow .. .. .	.. .. .	+ 52	+ ..
22. Balancing item .. .. .	+ 7	+ 32	+ 44
23. Balance on Investment Account .. .. .	+ 14	+ 109	+ 101
24. Dollar Surplus or Deficit (18 + 23) .. .. .	- 149	- 137	- 126
<b>DOLLAR FINANCING.</b>			
25. Dollar purchases from I.M.F. (net) (-) .. .. .	- 24	- 26	.. ..
26. Dollar loans from I.B.R.D. net (+) .. .. .	+ 48	+ 53	+ 40
27. Estimated dollar drawings from (+) or contributions to (-) Sterling Area Dollar Pool .. .. .	+ 97	+ 121	+ 90
28. Movement in Australian dollar balances (increase -) .. .. .	+ 28	- 11	- 4
29. Total .. .. .	+ 149	+ 137	+ 126

(a) Preliminary. (b) Provisional estimate only.

NOTE.—In current account plus sign (+) indicates credit items, and minus sign (-) indicates debit items. In investment account plus sign (+) indicates net increases in liabilities or net decreases in assets; minus sign (-) indicates net decreases in liabilities or net increases in assets.

## CHAPTER IX.—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Summary, p. 327.—The tables following give a summary of operations in manufacturing industries during 1954-55.

### FACTORIES: 1954-55, SUMMARY.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1. Factories .. .. . No.	20,837	15,861	5,284	3,750	3,727	1,597	51,056
2. Persons employed(a) .. .. .	419,810	346,648	100,293	89,565	49,314	25,452	1,031,082
3. Salaries and wages paid(b) £'000	326,615	262,750	68,300	70,373	34,738	18,864	781,940
4. Value of power, fuel, light, etc., used £'000	60,925	31,767	11,620	12,897	8,046	3,127	128,382
5. " materials used £'000	802,617	616,666	224,336	169,136	80,583	47,360	1,940,698
6. " production(c) £'000	583,127	452,223	120,061	111,028	60,956	38,114	1,365,509
7. " output £'000	1,446,669	1,100,656	356,017	293,061	149,585	88,601	3,434,589
8. " land and buildings £'000	221,519	186,324	46,187	42,133	30,230	29,603	555,996
9. " plant and machinery £'000	258,596	226,347	76,367	52,145	54,958	29,879	698,292

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in line 7 less totals of figures in lines 4 and 5.

Value of Production in Classes of Industry, p. 350.—The following table shows, for the year 1954-55 the value of production in Australia for the various classes of factories.



**FACTORIES : VALUE OF PRODUCTION, AUSTRALIA, 1954-55.**  
(£.)

Class of Industry.	Value of Production, 1954-55.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	31,503,782
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, etc .. .. .	30,306,447
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	98,125,407
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances ..	532,969,186
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate .. .. .	6,856,949
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods .. .. .	78,394,254
VII. Skins and Leather .. .. .	16,917,197
VIII. Clothing .. .. .	98,416,716
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco .. .. .	186,538,758
X. Woodworking and Basketware .. .. .	74,236,555
XI. Furniture, Bedding, etc .. .. .	23,656,847
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Bookbinding, etc. ..	90,540,122
XIII. Rubber .. .. .	22,725,165
XIV. Musical Instruments .. .. .	2,065,016
XV. Miscellaneous Products .. .. .	25,585,094
XVI. Heat, Light and Power .. .. .	46,671,155
Total .. .. .	1,365,508,650

## CHAPTER XII.—EDUCATION.

### § 2. Government Schools.

**Number of Schools, Teachers and Pupils, p. 462.**—The following table gives a summary of particulars relating to government schools in 1954. It excludes senior technical colleges.

State or Territory.	Schools open at end of year.	Teachers Employed (Excluding Teachers in Training).	Teachers in Training.	Net Enrolment.
New South Wales(a) .. .. .	2,557	15,521	2,875	501,923
Victoria .. .. .	2,003	10,924	2,413	313,963
Queensland .. .. .	1,555	6,407	1,608	191,648
South Australia .. .. .	679	4,326	480	122,994
Western Australia .. .. .	483	3,051	752	(b) 88,748
Tasmania .. .. .	321	2,048	312	54,333
Northern Territory(c) .. .. .	9	68	..	(b) 1,676
Australia .. .. .	7,607	42,345	8,440	1,275,285

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.  
ended 30th June, 1955.

(b) Average weekly enrolment.

(c) Year

**Average Enrolment and Attendance of Pupils, p. 462.**—The following table gives a summary of average enrolment and attendance of pupils in government schools in 1954. It excludes senior technical colleges.

State or Territory.	Average Weekly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance to Enrolment.
New South Wales(a) .. .. .	467,441	415,860	88.96
Victoria .. .. .	299,070	272,548	90.95
Queensland .. .. .	184,210	161,835	87.85
South Australia .. .. .	117,245	109,395	93.30
Western Australia .. .. .	88,748	82,677	93.16
Tasmania .. .. .	51,825	47,169	91.02
Northern Territory(b) .. .. .	1,676	1,520	90.69
Australia .. .. .	1,110,315	1,091,004	90.10

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Year ended 30th June, 1955.

**Expenditure on Government Schools, pp. 463-4.**—The following table gives a summary of particulars of net expenditure on maintenance of government schools, and on government school buildings in 1954. It excludes senior technical colleges.

State or Territory.	Net Expenditure on Maintenance.	Net Expenditure on Buildings.	Total net Expenditure on Government Schools.
	£	£	£
New South Wales(a) .. .. .	21,486,088	5,493,800	26,979,888
Victoria(b) .. .. .	14,446,872	4,667,265	19,114,137
Queensland .. .. .	6,978,485	1,286,620	8,265,105
South Australia .. .. .	4,443,816	1,146,487	5,590,303
Western Australia .. .. .	5,143,030	1,458,278	6,601,308
Tasmania .. .. .	(c)	(c)	(c)
Northern Territory .. .. .	125,062	15,608	140,670
 Australia .. .. .	 (c)	 (c)	 (c)

(a) Gross figures, receipts not being available. Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Excludes junior technical schools. (c) Not yet available.

### CHAPTER XIII.—PUBLIC JUSTICE.

#### § 2. Lower (Magistrates') Courts, § 3. Higher (Judges') Courts,

#### § 4. Civil Courts. § 5. Police and Prisons.

**Convictions, Bankruptcies, Police, Prisons, pp. 502, 503, 505, 510, 512-3.**—The following table is a summary of the more important statistics of this chapter for the latest year for which information is available.

#### PUBLIC JUSTICE: SUMMARY, 1954.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld. (a)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Aust.
Convictions for serious crime, magistrates' courts .. No.	17,085	7,471	3,546	1,867	4,241	898	177	231	35,516
Convictions for drunken- ness .. No.	72,541	19,955	23,947	4,765	5,809	798	474	240	128,529
Convictions at higher courts—									
Offences against the person .. No.	(a) 490	266	149	108	71	64	24	11	1,185
Offences against pro- perty .. No.	(a) 1,095	594	227	174	135	166	16	14	2,421
Other offences .. No.	(a) 46	52	6	30	10	14	15	1	174
 Total ..	 (a) 1,631	 912	 382	 312	 216	 244	 55	 26	 3,775
Bankruptcies(a) .. No.	360	200	155	111	100	49	2	(b)	977
Liabilities .. £	1,162,001	764,083	461,874	338,481	315,157	121,108	3,638	(b)	3,166,432
Assets .. £	789,226	365,151	338,257	241,597	237,222	78,851	7,413	(b)	2,057,717
Police .. No.	4,610	3,021	2,355	(a) 1,086	(a) 964	(a) 471	62	60	12,629
Prisons .. No.	(a) 16	11	7	16	(a) 19	(a) 2	2	..	73
Prisoners in Gaol .. No.	(a) 2,238	1,186	587	377	386	163	50	..	4,958

(a) Year 1954-55.

(b) Included in New South Wales.

**CHAPTER XIV.—PUBLIC HEALTH AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS.****A. PUBLIC HEALTH.****§ 4. Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases, page 531.**

**DISEASES NOTIFIABLE IN EACH STATE AND TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA AND NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED DURING THE YEAR 1955.**

Disease.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Total.
Acute rheumatism ..	180	135	178	16	39	*	..	5	553
Amoebiasis ..	..	3	5	1	9	1	..	2	21
Ankylostomiasis ..	12	3	265	1	1	..	..	25	307
Brucellosis ..	5	23	4	3	5	1	..	..	41
Chorea (St. Vitus Dance) ..	24	16	1	1	4	..	..	..	46
Diarrhoea, infantile ..	234	721	222	7	30	3	31	8	1,256
Diphtheria ..	154	172	68	26	480	3	..	8	911
Dysentery, bacillary ..	..	137	206	63	127	12	3	2	550
Erythema Nodosum ..	..	21	2	6	..	..	..	..	29
Encephalitis ..	26	54	4	29	..	2	1	..	116
Hydatid disease ..	..	11	..	..	1	16	..	..	28
Infective Hepatitis ..	2,501	3,946	..	502	254	27	17	17	7,264
Lead poisoning ..	..	..	24	3	3	..	..	..	30
Leprosy ..	..	2	6	..	29	..	..	2	39
Leptospirosis ..	2	..	191	..	..	..	..	..	193
Malaria ..	..	9	..	..	5	..	..	56	70
Meningococcal Infection ..	117	113	53	10	13	18	..	1	325
Ophthalmia ..	..	..	..	..	35	..	..	..	35
Ornithosis ..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Paratyphoid fever ..	5	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	11
Pollomyelitis ..	234	246	190	182	33	7	1	4	897
Puerperal fever ..	11	4	48	1	5	1	..	..	70
Rubella ..	..	2,464	14	179	227	..	2	..	2,887
Salmonella infection ..	..	..	..	..	58	..	..	6	68
Scarlet fever ..	622	1,048	716	289	68	14	1	..	2,758
Tetanus ..	..	20	25	5	9	..	..	2	61
Trachoma ..	..	2	..	..	1,470	..	..	..	1,472
Tuberculosis ..	1,924	1,039	748	327	440	163	2	46	4,689
Typhoid fever ..	14	14	10	1	13	2	..	5	59
Typhus—flea mite or tick borne ..	4	..	55	1	22	..	..	..	82

\* Not notifiable.

NOTE.—No cases of Anthrax, Bilharziasis, Cholera, Dengue, Filariasis, Homologous Serum Jaundice, Plague, Smallpox, Trichinosis, Epidemic Typhus or Yellow Fever were notified.

**CHAPTER XV.—WELFARE SERVICES.****A. COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.****§ 2. Commonwealth Expenditure on Social and Health Services.**

States, p. 545.—The following table shows particulars of payments of social and health services in each State during 1955–56.

**COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, 1955–56.**  
(£'000.)

Service.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Over-seas.	Total.
Age and Invalid Pensions ..	42,406	24,836	15,178	8,859	6,681	3,450	33	110	72	101,625
Child Endowment ..	21,971	16,165	9,383	5,498	4,684	2,285	150	239	6	60,381
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service ..	119	165	56	88	61	16	..	..	..	505
Funeral Benefits ..	131	83	44	29	23	9	..	..	..	319
Maternity Allowances ..	1,207	935	526	304	276	137	8	15	2	3,410
Unemployment Benefits ..	215	70	288	11	77	10	..	1	..	672
Sickness Benefits ..	641	350	244	134	94	51	2	3	..	1,519
Special Benefits (a) ..	125	127	69	20	16	14	..	1	..	372
Widows' Pensions ..	3,160	1,799	1,328	609	531	268	3	12	13	7,723
National Health Services—										
Hospital Benefits ..	3,979	2,293	1,384	748	779	312	37	21	..	9,553
Medical Benefits ..	2,449	1,299	528	491	533	113	..	..	..	5,413
Medical Benefits for Pensioners ..	1,346	668	347	254	198	55	..	6	..	2,874
Nutrition of Children ..	1,040	539	307	183	136	185	1	14	..	2,405
Pharmaceutical Benefits ..	3,881	2,572	1,073	747	593	171	..	1,343	..	10,380
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners ..	709	314	223	137	96	29	..	..	..	1,508
Miscellaneous ..	46	33	73	8	11	19	7	13	..	510
Tuberculosis Campaign (b) ..	2,135	1,521	852	446	509	220	..	14	..	5,697
Total ..	85,560	53,769	31,903	18,566	15,298	7,344	241	2,092	93	214,866

(a) Includes payments to migrants.

(b) Includes allowances and reimbursements to the States.

### § 3. Age and Invalid Pensions, § 4. Maternity Allowances, § 5. Child Endowment, § 6. Widows' Pensions, § 7. Unemployment and Sickness Benefits.

General, pp. 549-558.—The following table gives a summary of age, invalid and widows' pensions, maternity allowances, child endowment and unemployment, sickness and special benefits for the year 1955-56 :—

#### SOCIAL SERVICES : SUMMARY, 1955-56.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
<b>Age Pensioners—</b>									
Males .. ..	65,359	33,016	25,543	13,067	11,110	4,585	71	203	152,954
Females .. ..	115,184	79,633	40,656	28,716	19,134	9,489	67	374	293,253
Persons .. ..	180,543	112,649	66,199	41,783	30,244	14,074	138	577	446,207
<b>Invalid Pensioners—</b>									
Males .. ..	23,755	10,036	6,669	2,439	2,542	1,275	21	37	46,774
Females .. ..	16,764	8,077	5,496	2,421	1,883	1,321	7	32	36,001
Persons .. ..	40,519	18,113	12,165	4,860	4,425	2,596	28	69	82,775
<b>Maternity Allowances—</b>									
Claims paid .. ..	75,591	58,385	32,764	19,036	17,180	8,328	510	961	212,865
<b>Child Endowment—</b>									
Family claims in force	506,512	361,848	194,028	122,425	100,047	47,552	2,419	4,847	1,339,807
Endowed children ..	104,990	760,667	437,588	261,074	220,792	108,285	5,311	10,643	2,854,524
<b>Widows' Pensions—</b>									
Pensions in force ..	17,357	10,246	7,293	3,505	3,015	1,419	25	70	42,930
Class "A" pensions in force(d) .. ..	8,260	4,302	3,493	1,548	1,143	718	10	37	19,511
<b>Unemployment, Sickness and Special Benefits—</b>									
Persons on benefit at end of year—									
<b>Unemployment Benefit—</b>									
Males .. ..	1,585	1,134	897	210	1,499	63	..	7	5,395
Females .. ..	728	278	373	109	107	8	..	5	1,608
Persons .. ..	2,313	1,412	1,270	319	1,606	71	..	12	7,003
<b>Sickness Benefit—</b>									
Males .. ..	2,298	1,234	828	498	328	202	4	9	5,401
Females .. ..	806	440	320	153	82	39	2	1	1,843
Persons .. ..	3,104	1,674	1,148	651	410	241	6	10	7,244
<b>Special Benefit—(e)</b>									
Males .. ..	197	71	89	37	23	13	1	1	432
Females .. ..	482	458	326	88	76	82	..	3	1,515
Persons .. ..	679	529	415	125	99	95	1	4	1,947
<b>Total—(e)</b>									
Males .. ..	4,080	2,439	1,814	745	1,850	278	5	17	11,228
Females .. ..	2,016	1,176	1,019	350	265	129	2	9	4,966
Persons .. ..	6,096	3,615	2,833	1,095	2,115	407	7	26	16,194
<b>Admissions to Benefit—</b>									
<b>Unemployment Benefit—</b>									
Males .. ..	8,061	3,169	13,115	750	4,781	358	3	65	30,302
Females .. ..	2,578	974	2,718	311	386	96	6	13	7,082
Persons .. ..	10,639	4,143	15,833	1,061	5,167	454	9	78	37,384
<b>Sickness Benefit—</b>									
Males .. ..	16,866	9,261	7,907	4,164	3,486	1,675	64	79	43,502
Females .. ..	5,500	3,049	2,067	872	695	275	9	16	12,483
Persons .. ..	22,366	12,310	9,974	5,036	4,181	1,950	73	95	55,985
<b>Special Benefit—(e)</b>									
Males .. ..	811	371	603	203	137	63	2	4	2,194
Females .. ..	424	648	202	88	65	52	..	6	1,485
Persons .. ..	1,235	1,019	805	291	202	115	2	10	3,679
<b>Total—(e)</b>									
Males .. ..	25,738	12,801	21,625	5,117	8,404	2,096	69	148	75,998
Females .. ..	8,502	4,671	4,987	1,271	1,146	423	15	35	21,050
Persons .. ..	34,240	17,472	26,612	6,388	9,550	2,519	84	183	97,048
<b>Benefits paid—</b>									
Unemployment .. ..	£ 215,672	69,664	287,871	10,961	76,888	9,963	73	728	671,820
Sickness .. ..	£ 641,550	350,172	243,952	134,243	93,854	50,901	1,487	2,914	1,519,073
Special(f) .. ..	£ 124,747	127,437	69,178	20,086	16,291	13,710	124	647	372,220
<b>Total (f)</b>	£ 981,969	547,273	601,001	165,290	187,033	74,574	1,684	4,289	2,563,113

(a) Includes 110 claims paid overseas. (b) Includes 129 oversea claims in force. (c) Includes 263 children overseas. (d) Pensions paid to widows who maintain at least one child under 16 years of age. (e) Excludes migrants. (f) Includes payments to migrants.

**B. OTHER SERVICES.**

1. Benevolent Homes, p. 562.—Expenditure under the Aged Persons Homes Act 1954 was £436,236 in 1954-55 and £397,994 in 1955-56. Estimated expenditure for 1956-57 is £700,000.

**CHAPTER XVI.—POPULATION.****§ 3. Growth and Distribution of Population.**

Growth of Population, pp. 569-70.—The following table shows the estimated population of each State and Territory at 31st December, 1955 and 30th June, 1956 :—

**ESTIMATED POPULATION.**

(EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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**31ST DECEMBER, 1955.**

Males	1,770,966	1,288,058	692,920	423,413	345,487	165,994	10,345	17,746	4,714,029
Females	1,754,957	1,266,963	657,764	411,222	325,263	159,807	6,662	15,724	4,598,362
Persons	3,525,923	2,555,021	1,350,684	834,635	670,750	325,801	17,007	33,470	9,312,391

**30TH JUNE, 1956.**

Males	1,785,243	1,314,537	703,925	431,209	348,967	164,020	10,949	18,717	4,777,567
Females	1,768,189	1,290,551	666,772	417,317	328,422	155,628	7,348	15,764	4,649,991
Persons	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	34,481	9,427,558

**§ 4. Mean Population.**

Mean Population, p. 577.—Mean population estimates for the calendar year ended 31st December, 1955 and for the financial year ended 30th June, 1956 are as follows :—

**MEAN POPULATION.**

(EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Year ended—									
31st Dec., 1955	3,492,385	2,526,275	1,338,995	820,143	658,747	316,153	17,040	32,412	9,202,150
30th June, 1956	3,524,379	2,564,849	1,352,629	834,465	669,040	319,192	17,474	33,642	9,315,670

### § 5. Elements of Increase.

Natural Increase, p. 578, Increase by Net Migration, p. 580 and Total Increase, p. 582.—The following table shows particulars of natural increase, increase by recorded net migration and total increase during the year 1955 :—

#### POPULATION : NATURAL INCREASE, INCREASE BY RECORDED NET MIGRATION AND TOTAL INCREASE, 1955.

(EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

State or Territory.	Natural Increase (Excess of Births over Deaths).	Recorded Net Interstate and Overseas Migration.	Total Increase.
New South Wales .. .. .	41 854	21,756	63,610
Victoria .. .. .	33,809	40,335	74,144
Queensland .. .. .	21,045	6,887	27,932
South Australia .. .. .	10,958	15,434	26,392
Western Australia .. .. .	11,244	10,091	21,335
Tasmania .. .. .	5,600	690	6,290
Northern Territory .. .. .	396	471	867
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	735	1,591	2,326
<b>Australia .. .. .</b>	<b>125,641</b>	<b>97,255</b>	<b>222,896</b>

### § 7. General Characteristics.

Age Distribution, p. 587.—The following table shows the estimated population of Australia at 30th June, 1955 in five-year age groups.

#### POPULATION : ESTIMATED AGE DISTRIBUTION, AUSTRALIA, 30th JUNE, 1955.

(EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

Age Group (Years).	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Age Group (Years).	Males.	Females.	Persons.
0-4 ..	502,532	481,737	984,269	40-44 ..	332,475	315,711	648,186
5-9 ..	481,642	459,238	940,880	45-49 ..	293,598	268,514	562,112
10-14 ..	377,656	362,496	740,152	50-54 ..	247,591	230,330	477,921
15-19 ..	314,866	299,017	613,883	55-59 ..	203,631	212,901	416,532
20-24 ..	309,014	284,839	593,853	60-64 ..	176,082	198,343	374,425
25-29 ..	370,135	333,871	704,006	65 and over	344,941	425,928	770,869
30-34 ..	374,710	351,689	726,399				
35-39 ..	328,178	319,026	647,204	<b>Total ..</b>	<b>4,657,051</b>	<b>4,543,640</b>	<b>9,200,691</b>

### § 8. Dwellings.

Occupied Private Dwellings.—*Weekly Rent.* (a) *All Tenanted Private Dwellings.* The following table shows tenanted private dwellings in the metropolitan urban, other urban and rural areas of Australia, classified according to weekly rent (unfurnished).

# TENANTED PRIVATE DWELLINGS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO WEEKLY RENT (UNFURNISHED), AUSTRALIA, 1947 AND 1954.

(EXCLUDING DWELLINGS OCCUPIED SOLELY BY FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

Weekly Rent (Unfurnished).	Number of Occupied Private Dwellings.								
	Census, 30th June, 1947.				Census, 30th June, 1954.(a)				
	Private House. (b)	Share of Private House.(c)	Flat.	Total Private Dwellings. (d)	Private House. (b)	Share of Private House.(c)	Flat.	Other.	Total Private Dwellings.
METROPOLITAN URBAN.									
Under 5s. ..	303	77	20	456	206	64	29	70	369
5s. and under 10s. ..	2,992	1,157	110	4,664	1,290	238	51	97	1,676
10s. " " 15s. ..	22,678	4,551	626	28,903	8,292	1,231	171	403	10,097
15s. " " 20s. ..	44,526	4,984	1,847	53,095	16,680	1,486	461	556	19,183
20s. " " 25s. ..	68,155	7,272	5,342	82,739	33,203	3,634	1,582	1,191	39,610
25s. " " 30s. ..	67,162	6,308	8,520	83,418	36,380	3,037	3,252	1,144	43,813
30s. " " 35s. ..	48,973	4,079	13,045	67,933	37,612	4,573	6,332	1,541	50,058
35s. " " 40s. ..	23,343	2,201	12,468	38,456	25,523	2,298	8,371	837	37,029
40s. " " 50s. ..	15,745	1,636	14,242	31,958	34,047	4,517	16,250	1,470	56,284
50s. " " 60s. ..	4,778	467	5,489	10,854	14,278	2,327	10,642	855	28,102
60s. " " 70s. ..	1,883	151	2,226	4,300	9,327	1,523	6,294	584	17,728
70s. " " 80s. ..	702	45	1,047	1,815	4,287	602	3,163	286	8,338
80s. " " 90s. ..	446	11	621	1,084	2,679	421	2,199	167	5,466
90s. " " 100s. ..	206	9	271	487	940	116	1,283	66	2,405
100s. and over ..	440	10	679	1,129	2,877	282	3,398	165	6,722
Not Stated ..	26,642	21,918	18,336	90,229	36,062	23,900	22,259	30,844	113,065
Total Private Dwellings..	328,974	55,776	84,889	501,529	263,683	50,249	85,737	40,276	439,945
Average Weekly Rent (Unfurnished) per Private Dwelling	25s. 9d.	23s. 6d.	37s. 9d.	27s. 5d.	34s. 9d.	35s. 8d.	51s. 10d.	37s. 4d.	38s. 3d.

## OTHER URBAN.

Under 5s. ..	775	85	1	876	369	33	13	25	440
5s. and under 10s. ..	3,404	714	48	4,296	2,025	190	18	61	2,294
10s. " " 15s. ..	13,840	1,670	249	15,940	6,946	596	109	136	7,787
15s. " " 20s. ..	18,751	1,385	584	20,876	9,305	544	226	141	10,216
20s. " " 25s. ..	24,555	1,894	1,651	28,365	15,650	1,159	594	282	17,685
25s. " " 30s. ..	18,296	1,305	1,331	21,092	14,109	896	914	294	16,213
30s. " " 35s. ..	10,582	784	1,225	12,659	15,745	1,360	1,346	316	18,767
35s. " " 40s. ..	3,312	213	685	4,237	8,447	501	1,001	214	10,163
40s. " " 50s. ..	2,148	131	641	2,940	13,140	1,181	1,834	321	16,476
50s. " " 60s. ..	477	26	183	691	6,649	578	1,181	192	8,600
60s. " " 70s. ..	155	8	43	206	4,462	287	659	97	5,505
70s. " " 80s. ..	56	4	10	70	1,938	75	391	37	2,441
80s. " " 90s. ..	29	..	9	38	824	56	166	13	1,059
90s. " " 100s. ..	8	..	2	10	264	19	69	4	356
100s. and over ..	12	..	..	12	551	28	123	12	714
Not Stated ..	12,627	6,229	4,050	25,473	22,190	6,865	7,603	3,903	40,561
Total Private Dwellings..	109,027	14,448	10,712	137,781	122,614	14,368	16,247	6,048	159,277
Average Weekly Rent (Unfurnished) per Private Dwelling	21s. 5d.	19s. 3d.	27s. 9d.	21s. 8d.	31s. 11d.	31s. 1d.	41s. 10d.	32s. 6d.	32s. 8d.

(a) The figures shown for 1954 exclude dwellings occupied by "Tenants (Governmental Housing)" in each State.  
 (b) Includes houses, sheds, huts, etc., and shared private houses for which only one Householder's Schedule was received.  
 (c) Portion of a shared private house which is occupied separately and for which portion a separate Householder's Schedule was received.  
 (d) Includes "other private dwellings" not shown in the table.

**TENANTED PRIVATE DWELLINGS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO WEEKLY RENT (UNFURNISHED). AUSTRALIA, 1947 AND 1954—continued.**

Number of Occupied Private Dwellings.									
Weekly Rent (Unfurnished).	Census, 30th June, 1947.				Census, 30th June, 1954.(a)				
	Private House. (b)	Share of Private House.(c)	Flat.	Total Private Dwellings. (d)	Private House. (b)	Share of Private House.(c)	Flat.	Other.	Total Private Dwellings.
<b>RURAL.</b>									
Under 5s. ..	5,758	137	4	5,915	1,266	29	8	7	1,310
5s. and under 10s. ..	19,212	758	40	20,063	6,437	132	15	9	6,593
10s. " " 15s. ..	30,873	1,276	199	32,403	10,356	240	36	49	10,681
15s. " " 20s. ..	21,598	877	288	22,816	7,920	177	54	19	8,170
20s. " " 25s. ..	19,506	957	428	20,951	11,644	282	129	81	12,136
25s. " " 30s. ..	9,469	444	301	10,253	5,850	147	88	27	6,112
30s. " " 35s. ..	5,075	247	213	5,557	5,622	190	95	36	5,943
35s. " " 40s. ..	1,315	57	76	1,450	1,670	49	42	11	1,772
40s. " " 50s. ..	1,109	49	89	1,249	3,681	129	96	24	3,930
50s. " " 60s. ..	318	7	26	351	1,561	58	51	14	1,684
60s. " " 70s. ..	134	3	9	146	981	20	27	5	1,033
70s. " " 80s. ..	28	2	2	32	359	8	7	1	375
80s. " " 90s. ..	21	..	1	22	248	4	5	2	259
90s. " " 100s. ..	2	..	..	2	75	2	..	..	77
100s. and over ..	14	..	..	14	206	6	2	..	214
Not Stated ..	46,140	3,987	1,431	52,214	42,003	1,991	745	340	45,079
Total Private Dwellings ..	160,572	8,801	3,107	173,440	99,879	3,464	1,400	625	105,368
Average Weekly Rent (Unfurnished) per Private Dwelling	15s. 5d.	15s. 11d.	23s. 4d.	15s. 7d.	22s. 1d.	23s. 4d.	30s. 11d.	25s. 1d.	22s. 2d.
<b>TOTAL, AUSTRALIA.</b>									
Under 5s. ..	6,836	299	25	7,247	1,841	126	50	102	2,119
5s. and under 10s. ..	25,608	2,629	198	29,023	9,752	560	84	167	10,563
10s. " " 15s. ..	67,391	7,497	1,074	77,246	25,594	2,067	316	588	28,565
15s. " " 20s. ..	84,875	7,246	2,719	96,787	33,905	2,207	741	716	37,569
20s. " " 25s. ..	112,216	10,123	7,421	132,055	60,497	5,075	2,305	1,554	69,431
25s. " " 30s. ..	94,927	8,057	10,152	114,763	56,339	4,080	4,254	1,465	66,138
30s. " " 35s. ..	64,630	6,010	14,483	86,149	58,979	6,123	7,773	1,062	74,768
35s. " " 40s. ..	27,970	2,471	13,229	44,143	35,640	5,287	9,484	1,814	48,964
40s. " " 50s. ..	19,002	1,816	14,972	36,147	50,868	5,827	18,180	1,061	76,690
50s. " " 60s. ..	5,573	500	5,698	11,896	22,488	2,963	11,874	686	38,386
60s. " " 70s. ..	2,172	162	2,278	4,661	14,770	1,830	6,980	686	24,266
70s. " " 80s. ..	786	51	1,059	1,917	6,584	685	3,561	324	11,154
80s. " " 90s. ..	496	11	631	1,144	3,751	481	2,370	182	6,784
90s. " " 100s. ..	216	9	273	499	1,279	137	1,353	70	2,838
100s. and over ..	466	10	679	1,155	3,634	316	3,523	177	7,650
Not Stated ..	85,409	32,134	23,817	167,916	100,235	32,756	30,607	35,087	198,705
Total Private Dwellings ..	598,573	79,025	98,708	812,750	486,176	68,081	103,384	46,949	704,590
Average Weekly Rent (Unfurnished) per Private Dwelling	22s. 8d.	22s. 0d.	36s. 7d.	24s. 2d.	32s. 2d.	34s. 2d.	50s. 6d.	36s. 2d.	35s. 0d.

(a) The figures shown for 1954 exclude dwellings occupied by "Tenants (Governmental Housing)" in each State.  
 (b) Includes houses, sheds, huts, etc., and shared private houses for which only one Householder's Schedule was received.  
 (c) Portion of a shared private house which is occupied separately and for which portion a separate Householder's Schedule was received.  
 (d) Includes "other private dwellings" not shown in the table.

(b) *Private Houses of Three to Six Rooms.* The following table shows, for metropolitan urban, other urban and rural areas, the average weekly rent per room of tenanted private houses of three to six rooms with walls of wood, brick or stone at the Censuses of 30th June, 1947 and 30th June, 1954.



**AVERAGE WEEKLY RENT (a) PER ROOM OF TENANTED PRIVATE HOUSES  
THREE TO SIX ROOMS, WITH WALLS OF WOOD, BRICK OR STONE  
AUSTRALIA, 1947 AND 1954.**

(EXCLUDING DWELLINGS OCCUPIED SOLELY BY FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

Average Weekly Rent per Room.									
Particulars.	Census, 30th June, 1947.				Census, 30th June, 1954.				Increase. 1947-54. (Aus- tralia.)
	Urban.		Rural.	Total, Aus- tralia.	Urban.		Rural.	Total, Aus- tralia.	
	Metro- politan.	Other.			Metro- politan.	Other.			
Private Houses (a) with Walls of—	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Wood—									
3 rooms .. ..	5 1	5 1	3 10	4 7	7 3	7 11	5 10	7 1	2 6
4 " .. ..	5 0	4 7	3 5	4 4	6 9	7 0	4 10	6 4	2 0
5 " .. ..	4 9	4 3	3 3	4 2	6 8	6 4	4 6	6 1	1 11
6 " .. ..	4 5	3 10	2 11	3 10	5 10	5 5	3 11	5 3	1 5
3 to 6 rooms ..	4 9	4 4	3 3	4 2	6 6	6 3	4 6	5 11	1 9
Brick or Stone—									
3 rooms .. ..	5 7	5 7	4 5	5 6	8 3	9 4	6 8	8 3	2 9
4 " .. ..	5 9	5 0	3 8	5 7	7 10	7 2	5 1	7 8	2 1
5 " .. ..	5 6	4 9	3 8	5 3	7 2	6 8	4 9	7 0	1 9
6 " .. ..	5 4	4 6	3 6	5 1	6 9	6 1	4 3	6 6	1 5
3 to 6 rooms ..	5 6	4 10	3 9	5 4	7 3	6 8	4 9	7 1	1 9
Wood, Brick or Stone—									
3 rooms .. ..	5 5	5 3	3 11	5 1	7 11	8 4	6 0	7 9	2 8
4 " .. ..	5 6	4 8	3 6	5 0	7 6	7 1	4 11	7 1	2 1
5 " .. ..	5 3	4 4	3 4	4 9	7 0	6 5	4 6	6 7	1 10
6 " .. ..	5 0	4 1	3 1	4 6	6 5	5 7	4 0	5 11	1 5
3 to 6 rooms ..	5 3	4 5	3 4	4 9	7 0	6 5	4 7	6 7	1 10

(a) Rents relate to tenanted private houses (one family) in 1947 and to all tenanted private houses, excluding those occupied by "Tenants (Governmental Housing)" in 1954.

**Date of Building.**—The numbers of occupied private dwellings in Australia at the Census of 30th June, 1954, classified according to date of building, were as follows:—Built before 30th June, 1947, 1,758,448; 1st July–31st December, 1947, 19,742; 1948, 60,360; 1949, 63,897; 1950, 78,965; 1951, 85,852; 1952, 91,712; 1953, 88,467; 1st January–30th June, 1954, 44,725; built after 30th June, 1947 but particular year not stated, 19,641; not stated, 31,612; total, 2,343,421.

## § 9. Oversea Migration.

**Classes of Arrivals and Departures, p. 608.**—Arrivals and departures during 1955 were:—Permanent new arrivals, 130,795; Australian residents returning from abroad, 52,877; temporary visitors arriving, 53,565; total arrivals, 237,237; Australian residents departing permanently, 35,478; Australian residents departing temporarily, 52,180; temporary visitors departing, 52,324; total departures, 139,982.

## § 11. Citizenship and Naturalization.

**Certificates Granted, p. 620.**—The number of certificates granted under the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948–1955 during the year 1955 was 17,160. Former nationalities of the recipients were: Polish, 3,229; Hungarian, 2,300; Italian, 1,749; Czechoslovak, 1,583; Latvian, 1,288; Yugoslav, 1,172; other nationalities, 5,839.

## § 12. Population of Territories, p. 621.

The population of the external Territories of Australia at 30th June, 1955 was as follows:—Norfolk Island, 880; Papua, 6,794 (non-indigenous); New Guinea, 12,545 (non-indigenous) and Nauru, 1,741 (non-indigenous).

## CHAPTER XVII.—VITAL STATISTICS.

## § 1. Marriages, § 2. Fertility and Reproduction, and § 3. Mortality.

Numbers and Rates, pp. 624-5, 633-4, 644-5 and 649.—The following table shows totals and rates for marriages, live births, deaths and infant deaths for 1955 :—

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, DEATHS AND INFANT DEATHS, 1955.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Marriages .. { Number	27,645	20,056	10,098	6,226	5,145	2,600	151	251	72,172
Rate(a)	7.92	7.94	7.54	7.59	7.81	8.22	8.86	7.74	7.84
Live Births .. { Number	74,407	56,336	32,352	18,494	16,623	8,089	515	861	207,677
Rate(a)	21.31	22.30	24.16	22.55	25.23	25.59	30.22	26.56	22.57
Deaths .. { Number	32,553	22,527	11,307	7,536	5,379	2,489	119	126	82,036
Rate(a)	9.32	8.92	8.44	9.19	8.17	7.87	6.98	3.89	8.91
Infant Deaths.. { Number	1,850	1,035	656	431	373	189	26	12	4,572
Rate(b)	24.86	18.37	20.28	23.30	22.44	23.37	50.49	13.94	22.01

(a) Number per 1,000 of mean population.

(b) Number of deaths of children aged under one year per 1,000 live births registered.

## § 1. Marriages.

Age and Conjugal Condition at Marriage, p. 626.—A summary of the previous conjugal condition of bridegrooms and brides in 1955 in relation to age at marriage is as follows :—

## AGE AND CONJUGAL CONDITION OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES : AUSTRALIA, 1955.

Age at Marriage (Years).	Bridegrooms.				Brides.			
	Bachelors.	Widowers.	Divorced.	Total.	Spinsters.	Widows.	Divorced.	Total.
Under 20 ..	2,643	..	..	2,643	16,689	4	10	16,703
20-24 ..	29,779	6	43	29,828	31,663	66	304	32,033
25-29 ..	20,135	85	543	20,763	9,150	223	1,025	10,398
30-34 ..	6,541	168	990	7,699	3,183	350	1,227	4,760
35-39 ..	2,443	219	566	3,528	1,272	412	956	2,640
40-44 ..	1,331	320	834	2,485	772	493	759	2,030
45-49 ..	769	392	555	1,717	450	496	387	1,333
50-54 ..	357	418	368	1,143	240	408	230	878
55-59 ..	220	423	185	828	122	366	88	576
60-64 ..	93	450	92	635	93	298	43	434
65 and over ..	96	735	72	903	73	294	20	387
Total ..	64,407	3,216	4,549	72,172	63,713	3,410	5,049	72,172

In 1955 the proportional distribution (per cent.) of bridegrooms and brides according to previous conjugal condition was :—

Bridegrooms : Bachelors, 89.24; Widowers, 4.46; Divorced .6.30.

Brides : Spinsters, 88.28; Widows, 4.72; Divorced, 7.00.

The average age in 1955 of bridegrooms was 28.68 years and of brides 25.42 years.

Celebration of Marriages, p. 632.—The number of marriages in 1955 celebrated by ministers of religion in the various denominations or by civil officers was as follows.

## MARRIAGES IN EACH DENOMINATION, 1955.

Denomination.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.	
									No.	Proportion of Total.
										%
Church of England	9,622	5,269	2,728	1,273	1,523	929	26	89	21,459	29.73
Roman Catholic	6,812	4,843	2,571	1,051	1,142	492	33	84	17,028	23.59
Presbyterian	3,995	3,645	1,924	297	375	143	8	16	9,593	13.17
Methodist	2,723	2,494	1,492	1,615	599	429	26	9	9,387	13.01
Baptist	366	324	204	173	48	69	..	1	1,135	1.64
Congregational	277	286	121	261	122	58	..	2	1,135	1.64
Lutheran	123	244	263	407	32	11	11	5	1,096	1.52
Church of Christ	88	382	63	173	75	17	..	2	800	1.11
Greek Orthodox	240	278	66	60	51	..	1	3	699	0.97
Salvation Army	96	84	91	35	29	25	9	..	369	0.51
Seventh-Day Adventist	89	43	34	9	20	13	..	..	268	0.29
Other Christian	182	227	140	47	119	29	3	..	691	0.96
Hebrew	137	183	11	4	13	1	..	..	351	0.48
Total	23,850	18,302	9,708	5,405	4,150	2,216	117	211	63,959	88.62
Civil Officers	3,795	1,754	390	821	995	384	34	40	8,213	11.38
Grand Total	27,645	20,056	10,098	6,226	5,145	2,600	151	251	72,172	100.00

PROPORTION OF TOTAL.  
(Per Cent.)

Denominational ..	86.27	91.25	96.14	86.81	80.66	85.23	77.48	84.06	88.62
Civil ..	13.73	8.75	3.86	13.19	19.34	14.77	22.52	15.94	11.38

## § 2. Fertility and Reproduction.

Gross and Net Reproduction Rates for Females, p. 636.—In 1955 the gross reproduction rate was 1.594 and the net reproduction rate (based on 1946-48 mortality experience) was 1.513.

Fertility of Marriages, p. 637.—For the year 1955 the number of nuptial confinements per marriage on the basis explained on p. 637 was 2.71. This figure must be read in conjunction with the text on that page.

Age, Duration of Marriage and Issue of Mothers, p. 640.—The average number of children born to mothers in the various age groups in 1955 was :—Under 20 years, 1.22 ; 20-24 years, 1.72 ; 25-29 years, 2.41 ; 30-34 years, 3.09 ; 35-39 years, 3.79 ; 40-44 years, 4.61 ; over 45 years, 5.44. The average for mothers of all ages was 2.50.

A classification of mothers by age group and previous issue is given for 1955 in the following table :—

## NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS : AGE OF MOTHER AND PREVIOUS ISSUE, AUSTRALIA, 1955.

Previous Issue.	Age of Mother (Years).							Total Married Mothers.
	Under 20.	20-24.	25-29.	30-34.	35-39.	40-44.	45 and over.	
0 .. ..	8,438	28,031	16,410	6,385	2,279	651	34	62,238
1 .. ..	1,807	18,400	22,186	10,253	3,379	821	39	56,885
2 .. ..	201	6,578	14,819	11,074	4,245	952	43	37,912
3 .. ..	13	1,865	6,614	7,017	3,692	1,016	47	20,264
4 .. ..	1	409	2,485	3,479	2,445	801	52	9,672
5 .. ..	..	81	928	1,650	1,403	558	32	4,652
6 .. ..	..	16	305	808	772	402	36	2,339
7 .. ..	..	5	96	409	514	291	25	1,340
8 .. ..	..	1	31	181	288	188	18	707
9 .. ..	..	..	9	71	152	142	18	392
10 and over	..	..	..	50	195	243	28	516
Total Married Mothers ..	10,460	55,386	63,893	41,377	19,364	6,065	372	196,917

Nuptial First Births, p. 642.—The number and proportion of first births in 1955 according to duration of marriage of the mother was :—

### FIRST BIRTHS : DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1955.

Duration of Marriage.	Number of First Births	Proportion of Total First Births.	Duration of Marriage.	Number of First Births.	Proportion of Total First Births.
		%			%
Under 8 months ..	11,185	17.97	2- 3 years ..	7,672	12.33
8 months ..	2,084	3.35	3- 4 " ..	4,393	7.06
9 " ..	4,543	7.30	4- 5 " ..	2,738	4.40
10 " ..	3,773	6.06	5-10 " ..	4,476	7.19
11 " ..	3,114	5.00	10-15 " ..	682	1.10
			15 years and over ..	139	0.22
Total under 1 year ..	24,697	39.68			
1- 2 years ..	17,439	28.02	Total ..	62,238	100.00

### § 3. Mortality.

Age Distribution, p. 653.—A summary of the ages at death for Australia for the year 1955 is given in the following table :—

### AGE AT DEATH : AUSTRALIA, 1955.

Age at Death.	Males.	Fe- males.	Per- sons.	Age at Death.	Males.	Fe- males.	Per- sons.
Under 1 week ..	1,629	1,183	2,812	Total 5- 9 years..	284	212	496
1 week and under 2 weeks..	122	97	219	" 10-14 " ..	223	135	358
2 weeks " " 3 " ..	64	43	107	" 15-19 " ..	487	156	643
3 " " " 28 days ..	48	33	81	" 20-24 " ..	528	183	711
				" 25-29 " ..	612	221	833
Total under 28 days ..	1,863	1,356	3,219	" 30-34 " ..	683	378	1,061
				" 35-39 " ..	749	503	1,252
28 days and under 3 months	242	140	382	" 40-44 " ..	1,163	790	1,953
3 months and under 6 " ..	250	187	437	" 45-49 " ..	1,748	1,062	2,810
6 " " " 12 " ..	270	264	534	" 50-54 " ..	2,520	1,355	3,875
				" 55-59 " ..	3,438	1,898	5,336
Total under 1 year ..	2,625	1,947	4,572	" 60-64 " ..	4,686	2,874	7,560
				" 65-69 " ..	6,247	3,079	9,326
1 year ..	270	221	491	" 70-74 " ..	6,317	4,763	11,080
2 years ..	175	119	294	" 75-79 " ..	5,459	5,228	10,687
3 " ..	120	90	210	" 80-84 " ..	4,194	4,711	8,905
4 " ..	89	86	175	" 85-89 " ..	2,520	3,311	5,831
				" 90-94 " ..	877	1,314	2,191
Total under 5 years ..	3,279	2,463	5,742	" 95-99 " ..	137	286	423
				" 100 and over..	21	20	41
				Age not stated ..	16	6	22
				Total, All Ages ..	46,188	35,848	82,036

## CHAPTER XIX.—PRIVATE FINANCE.

### A. CURRENCY.

#### § 2. Coinage.

Issues of Australian Coins, p. 714.—The net issues of Australian coins to 30th June, 1956, were :—silver, £34,722,000; bronze, £2,884,000; total, £37,606,000.

#### § 3. Notes.

The Australian Note Issue, p. 716.—The average value of notes in circulation for the year 1955–56 was £376,336,000. This amount was distributed in denominations as follows :—10s., £10,496,000; £1, £70,564,000; £5, £180,565,000; £10, £113,809,000; £20, £4,000; £50, £46,000; £100, £50,000; and £1,000, £802,000. The amount held by the banks was £42,909,000 and by the public, £333,427,000.

### B. BANKING.

#### § 1. Cheque-Paying Banks.

Commonwealth Bank, p. 725.—The average liabilities of the Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department) of the Commonwealth Bank for the year ended June, 1956 amounted to £906,229,000. Capital and Reserve Funds amounted to £14,945,000; Notes on Issue to £374,096,000; Special Accounts of Trading Banks to £272,841,000; Other Deposits of Trading Banks to £35,630,000; Other Liabilities to £208,717,000.

Particulars of the average assets were as follows :—Gold and Balances held abroad; £298,885,000; Australian Coin, £2,364,000; Cheques and Bills of other Banks, £6,505,000; Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills), £515,716,000; Bills Receivable and Remittances in Transit, £3,746,000; and Other Assets, £79,013,000.

Commonwealth Trading Bank, pp. 726 and 729.—The average liabilities in Australia of the Commonwealth Trading Bank for the year ended June, 1956, were £199,670,000. Of this amount Deposits not bearing interest amounted to £135,617,000; Deposits bearing interest to £46,243,000; Balances due to other Banks to £314,000; Other Liabilities to £17,496,000.

The average assets in Australia, £202,071,000, included Cash and Cash Balances £10,213,000; Special Deposit Account with Central Bank, £33,155,000; Balances with other Banks, £1,238,000; Treasury Bills, £6,333,000; Other Australian Public Securities, £38,599,000; Other Securities, £1,824,000; Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted, £103,894,000; Other Assets, £6,815,000.

Private Trading Banks, p. 729.—Average liabilities in Australia of the Private Trading Banks for the year ended June, 1956, were £1,319,044,000. Interminable Deposits or Deposit Stock amounted to £6,000; Deposits not bearing interest to £1,032,332,000; Deposits bearing interest to £263,107,000; Notes in Circulation to £158,000; Balances due to other Banks to £6,528,000; Other Liabilities to £16,913,000.

Average assets in Australia amounted to £1,355,623,000. These comprised Cash and Cash Balances, £66,883,000; Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank, £238,803,000; Balances with other Banks, £19,672,000; Treasury Bills, £50,015,000; Other Australian Public Securities, £113,977,000; Other Securities, £5,821,000; Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted, £804,392,000; All Other Assets, £56,060,000.

Classification of Advances within Australia—Commonwealth Trading Bank and Private Trading Banks, p. 732.—Advances within Australia at the end of December, 1955 dissected by industries were:—Business advances—Agriculture, Dairying and Grazing, £212,375,000; Manufacturing, £178,955,000; Transport, Storage and Communication, £16,198,000; Finance and Property, £90,348,000; Commerce, £155,532,000; Miscellaneous, £59,437,000; Not elsewhere specified, £10,969,000; Total Business advances, £723,814,000; Advances to Public Authorities, £21,686,000; Personal advances, £147,869,000; Total, £893,369,000.

Clearing House Returns, p. 734.—The average weekly bank clearings in each capital city for the year ended June, 1956 were as follows:—Sydney, £109,975,000; Melbourne, £101,153,000; Brisbane, £22,488,000; Adelaide, £21,021,000; Perth, £14,089,000; Hobart, £3,962,000; Total, £272,688,000.

Debits to Customers' Accounts—All Cheque-paying Banks, p. 734.—The average weekly debits to customers' accounts in each State for the year 1955-56 for all cheque-paying banks (excluding debits to accounts of Australian Governments in capital cities) were as follows:—New South Wales, £200,852,000; Victoria, £185,369,000; Queensland, £56,028,000; South Australia, £39,564,000; Western Australia, £26,918,000; Tasmania, £11,615,000; Australian Capital Territory, £1,025,000; Total, £521,371,000.

## § 2. Savings Banks.

All Savings Banks, pp. 736-737.—The amounts on deposit in the several States at 30th June, 1956 were:—New South Wales, £386,676,000; Victoria, £386,176,000; Queensland, £132,700,000; South Australia, £135,756,000; Western Australia, £57,934,000; Tasmania, £37,211,000; Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory £4,666,000; Total, £1,141,119,000. Total excess of deposits over withdrawals during 1955-56 was £44,440,000 and interest added was £23,285,000.

The number of operative accounts in the several States at 30th June, 1956 was:—New South Wales, 2,463,000; Victoria, 2,232,000; Queensland, 907,000; South Australia, 787,000; Western Australia, 446,000; Tasmania, 285,000; Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory, 32,000; Total, 7,152,000.

## D. INSURANCE.

### § 2. Life Assurance.

'Life Assurance, pp. 747-753.—The following is a summary of the life assurance business transacted in Australia during 1955 (figures for 1954 in parentheses) compiled from monthly returns collected from the 20 companies registered under the Life Insurance Act 1945-1953, and excluding the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only within their respective States. Particulars shown are therefore not entirely comparable with those in Chapter XIX., which are derived from annual returns and include business of the State Government Offices.

Ordinary Department and Industrial Department, respectively:—New Policies issued in Australia—Number, 289,560 (283,945), 213,124 (234,504); Sum Assured, £324,017,000 (£271,148,000), £32,775,000 (£33,395,000); Policies Matured or Otherwise Discontinued in Australia—Number, 155,820 (146,320), 273,298 (270,167); Sum Assured, £102,206,000 (£86,803,000), £22,756,000 (£21,705,000). Particulars of annuities are excluded.

Premium receipts of Ordinary and Industrial Departments in Australia in 1955 amounted, respectively, to £66,072,000 (£58,696,000) and £14,634,000 (£14,417,000.) Claims, etc., paid amounted to £25,348,000 (£22,627,000) and £9,199,000 (£8,445,000) respectively. Particulars of annuities are included.

## CHAPTER XX.—PUBLIC FINANCE.

### A. COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

Consolidated Revenue Fund, pp. 764 and 772.—The table below shows details of revenue and expenditure for the years 1954-55 and 1955-56:—

#### COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Revenue.			Expenditure.		
Item.	Amount.		Item.	Amount.	
	1954-55.	1955-56.		1954-55.	1955-56.
<b>Taxation—</b>			<b>Defence Services</b> ..	153,303	153,071
Customs .. ..	101,254	87,508	War and Repatriation Services ..	120,151	124,524
Excise .. ..	143,149	168,264	Subsidies and Bounties ..	21,539	17,393
Sales Tax .. ..	100,446	110,001	Departmental .. ..	79,337	88,767
Land Tax .. ..	13	..	National Welfare Fund—		
Income Taxes (a) ..	532,976	573,988	Expenditure on Social		
Pay-roll Tax .. ..	41,455	45,543	Services .. ..	189,319	214,865
Estate Duty .. ..	9,614	10,120			
Entertainments Tax ..	2	1	<b>Business Undertakings—</b>		
Other Taxes .. ..	8,768	8,357	Postmaster - General's		
			Department .. ..	76,246	85,627
<b>Total</b> .. ..	<b>937,613</b>	<b>1,003,780</b>	Broadcasting Services ..	4,871	5,590
			Railways .. ..	3,622	3,721
<b>Business Undertakings—</b>			<b>Total</b> .. ..	<b>84,739</b>	<b>94,938</b>
Postmaster - General's			<b>Territories</b> .. ..	<b>12,971</b>	<b>14,603</b>
Department .. ..	72,825	79,341			
Broadcasting Services ..	3,875	3,897	<b>Capital Works and Services—</b>		
Railways .. ..	3,510	4,583	Defence Services ..	33,003	38,479
<b>Total</b> .. ..	<b>80,210</b>	<b>87,821</b>	Business Undertakings ..	29,212	32,461
			Other .. ..	64,754	69,439
<b>Territories</b> .. ..	<b>2,419</b>	<b>2,240</b>	<b>Total</b> .. ..	<b>126,969</b>	<b>140,379</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b> .. ..	<b>47,199</b>	<b>44,508</b>	<b>Payments to or for States</b>	<b>200,729</b>	<b>220,542</b>
			<b>Other Expenditure</b> ..	<b>8,233</b>	<b>7,663</b>
<b>Grand Total</b> .. ..	<b>1,067,441</b>	<b>1,138,358</b>	<b>Grand Total</b> .. ..	<b>997,290</b>	<b>1,076,745</b>

(a) Includes Wool Deduction.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes an excess of refunds.

## C. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

Revenue and Expenditure, p. 803.—The following table shows particulars of Commonwealth and State revenue and expenditure during the year 1954-55 and estimated revenue and expenditure for the year 1955-56.

## COMMONWEALTH AND STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.(a)

(£'000.)

Government of—	Consolidated Revenue Fund.			Loan Fund— Net Expenditure on Works and Services.
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—)	

1954-55.

New South Wales(b)	..	..	193,039	195,187	— 2,148	51,314
Victoria ..	..	..	116,789	115,453	+ 1,336	38,781
Queensland ..	..	..	73,820	73,602	+ 218	18,024
South Australia ..	..	..	48,684	50,918	— 2,234	23,444
Western Australia ..	..	..	46,070	46,554	— 484	14,731
Tasmania ..	..	..	14,495	14,707	— 212	14,251
Six States ..	..	..	492,897	496,421	— 3,524	160,545
Commonwealth ..	..	..	1,067,441	997,290	+ 70,151	33,182
Grand Total—Unadjusted	..	..	1,560,338	1,493,711	+ 66,627	193,727
Adjusted	..	..	1,384,808	1,318,181	+ 66,627	193,727

1955-56: ESTIMATED.

New South Wales(b)	205,600	207,872	— 2,272	(c)
Victoria ..	120,805	122,655	— 1,850	
Queensland ..	77,337	77,319	+ 18	
South Australia ..	55,715	56,463	— 748	
Western Australia ..	49,317	49,771	— 454	
Tasmania ..	16,880	17,455	— 575	
Six States ..	525,654	531,535	— 5,881	..
Commonwealth (d) ..	1,138,340	1,076,722	+ 61,618	44,000
Grand Total—Unadjusted	1,663,994	1,608,257	+ 55,737	(c)
Adjusted	1,475,234	1,419,477	+ 55,737	

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and special financial assistance, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted.  
 (b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, etc., from undertakings outside the Budget.  
 (c) Not available.  
 (d) Actual receipts and expenditure.

## D. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

## § 3. Commonwealth and State Public Debt Outstanding.

Public Debt and Annual Interest Payable, pp. 807-8.—The following table shows details of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States and the annual interest payable thereon at 30th June, 1956.



**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE  
AT 30th JUNE, 1956.**

Particulars.	Maturing in—					Total. £'000.
	Australia. £A'000.	London. £Stg.'000.	New York. £'000.(a)	Switzerland. £'000.(b)	Canada. £'000.(a)	

**DEBT.**

Commonwealth—						
War (1914-18) ..	122,346	7,534	..	..	..	129,880
War (1939-45) ..	1,399,347	5,725	..	..	..	1,405,072
Works and other purposes ..	268,287	48,796	59,199	12,251	3,082	391,615
Total ..	1,789,980	62,055	59,199	12,251	3,082	1,926,567
States ..	1,651,243	288,449	22,336	..	..	1,962,028
Grand Total ..	3,441,223	350,504	81,535	12,251	3,082	3,888,595

**ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.**

Commonwealth ..	51,361	2,084	2,592	475	116	56,628
States ..	60,479	9,303	828	..	..	70,610
Grand Total ..	111,840	11,387	3,420	475	116	127,238

(a) £ payable in dollars which have been arbitrarily converted to £ at the rate of \$4.8665 to £1.  
 (b) Loan raised in Switzerland has been converted to £ at the rate of 1,000 Swiss francs to £102 18. 10d.  
 as provided in Loan Agreement.

**§ 4. Commonwealth Loan Raisings.**

Loans Raised, pp. 815-818.—Particulars of loans raised by the Commonwealth between 1st July, 1954 and 30th June, 1956 are given in the following table.

**COMMONWEALTH LOANS RAISED, 1954-56.(a)**

Month of Raising.	Where Raised.	Amount Invited.	Amount Sub-scribed.	Rate of Interest. (b)	Year of Maturity.	Purpose.
		£'000.	£'000.	%		
1954-55—						
August, 1954 ..	Australia	50,000	{ 7,866 43,593	{ 3 4½	{ 1957 1967	{ State purposes, £46,505,000; Conversion, £4,959,000.
November, 1954 ..	Australia	125,000	{ 17,355 79,764	{ 3 4½	{ 1957 1968	{ State purposes, £37,159,000; Conversion, £59,960,000.
December, 1954 ..	New York	5,137	5,137	3½	1969	Conversion.
March, 1955 ..	Australia	40,000	{ 12,526 31,570	{ 3 4½	{ 1957 1968	{ State purposes, £41,095,000.
“ “ ..	Australia	198,942	{ 64,652 124,222	{ 3 4½	{ 1957 1968	{ Conversion, £188,874,000.
June, 1955 ..	Australia	48,000	{ 10,000 38,000	{ 3 4½	{ 1957 1968	{ War (1939-45) and Repatriation Ser- vices, £3,452,000; Advances for housing, £29,201,000; State purposes, £15,347,000.

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## COMMONWEALTH LOANS RAISED, 1954-56(a)—continued.

Month of Raising.	Where Raised.	Amount Invited.	Amount Subscribed.	Rate of Interest. (b)	Year of Maturity.	Purpose.	
		£'000.	£'000.	%			
1955-56—							
August, 1955	..	Australia	35,000	{ 16,051 16,408 7,173 3,082	{ 3 4½ 4½ 4	{ 1956 1965 1970 1970	{ State purposes, £39,627,000.
November, 1955	..	Canada	3,082	{ 8,519 14,639 4,892	{ 3 4½ 4½	{ 1956 1965 1970	{ State purposes, £28,032,000.
November, 1955	..	Australia	30,000	{ 32,297 41,815 39,589	{ 3 4½ 4½	{ 1956 1965 1970	{ Conversion.
November, 1955	..	Australia	129,488	{ 12,907 20,127	{ 3½ 5	{ 1957 1963	{ State purposes, £33,000,000. Conversion. £6,795,000.
May, 1956 ..	..	Australia	30,000	{ 76,000 17,205	{ 3½ 5	{ 1957 1963	{ War (1939-45) and Repatriation Ser- vices, £8,354,000; Advances for Housing, £32,805,000; State purposes £48,848,000.
June, 1956 ..	..	Australia	100,000	{ 76,000 17,205	{ 3½ 5	{ 1957 1963	{ War (1939-45) and Repatriation Ser- vices, £8,354,000; Advances for Housing, £32,805,000; State purposes £48,848,000.

(a) During 1954-55, and 1955-56 £2,521,000 and 43,383,000 respectively were drawn against loans made available by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. In 1954-55 a loan of 60,000,000 Swiss francs was raised in Switzerland. (b) Australian loans bearing interest at 4½ per cent. were issued at par and those at 3 per cent. were issued at prices ranging from £99 15s. to £98 10s. London loans raised in 1954-55 were issued at par. The New York loan was issued at £99, and the Canadian loan at £98 5s.

## CHAPTER XXI.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

## § 3. Distribution, Production and Value of Crops.

Principal Crops, pp. 740-3.—The following table shows the area, production and yield per acre of wheat in each State for 1954-55 and 1955-56.

## WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION AND YIELD PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
AREA ('000 ACRES).								
1954-55	..	2,919	2,390	688	1,689	2,979	7	10,673
1955-56(a)	..	2,730	2,141	582	1,609	2,890	6	9,959
PRODUCTION ('000 BUSHELS).								
1954-55	..	37,718	48,484	16,478	31,463	34,300	158	168,606
1955-56(a)	..	37,000	41,083	14,922	28,892	33,250	129	153,295
AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE (BUSHELS).								
1954-55	..	12.9	20.3	24.0	18.6	11.5	21.7	19.4
1955-56(a)	..	20.9	19.2	25.7	18.0	18.4	20.7	15.8

(a) Preliminary, subject to revision.

The area, production and yield per acre of other principal crops in Australia during 1954-55 are set out hereunder :—

Area (acres) : Oats, 2,574,000 ; Maize, 170,000 ; Hay, 1,984,000 ; Sugar-cane, 386,000 ; Total Crops, 21,695,000.

Production : Oats, 32,834,000 bushels ; Maize, 5,076,000 bushels ; Hay, 2,856,000 tons ; Sugar-cane crushed, 10,087,000 tons ; Cane sugar, 1,328,000 tons.

Yield per Acre : Oats, 12.8 bushels ; Maize, 29.9 bushels ; Hay, 1.4 tons ; Sugar-cane, 27.0 tons ; Cane-sugar, 3.6 tons. (Sugar-cane and cane sugar yields are per acre of productive crop.)

## CHAPTER XXII.—PASTORAL PRODUCTION.

Livestock, Meat and Wool Produced.—The following table shows, for each State, the numbers of live stock at 31st March, 1955, and 1956, and the amounts of meat and wool produced during 1954-55 and 1955-56 :—

### LIVESTOCK, MEAT AND WOOL PRODUCED.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
HORSES ('000.), p. 903.									
1955 ..	258	132	267	49	47	16	(a) 33	1	803
1956 (b) ..	247	119	261	44	46	15	(a) 37	1	770
CATTLE ('000.), p. 904.									
1955 ..	3,461	2,456	7,238	524	861	319	(a) 969	8	15,836
1956 (b) ..	3,679	2,616	7,330	566	897	332	(a) 1,028	9	16,457
SHEEP ('000.), p. 909.									
1955 ..	59,200	22,330	20,222	12,817	13,411	2,595	(a) 29	245	130,849
1956 (b) ..	62,988	23,343	22,116	13,585	14,128	2,673	(a) 33	258	139,124
PIGS ('000), p. 945.									
1955 ..	375	264	407	85	107	58	(a) 1	..	1,297
1956 (b) ..	343	227	373	73	99	50	(a) 1	..	1,166
BEEF, INCLUDING VEAL ('000 TONS BONE-IN WEIGHT), p. 906.									
1954-55 ..	215	143	272	34	37	14	3	2	720
1955-56 (b) ..	225	137	291	38	38	16	3	2	750
MUTTON AND LAMB ('000 TONS BONE-IN WEIGHT), p. 910.									
1954-55 ..	122	156	19	50	28	12	..	1	388
1955-56 (b) ..	122	141	22	45	33	12	..	1	376
TOTAL MEAT (INCLUDING PIG-MEATS) IN TERMS OF FRESH ('000 TONS BONE-IN WEIGHT)									
1954-55 ..	371	320	314	92	74	29	4	3	1,207
1955-56 (b) ..	377	300	335	91	79	31	3	3	1,219
WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED ('000 lb.), p. 915.									
Season—1954-55	540,977	253,364	176,548	155,761	129,667	23,797	311	2,232	1,282,657

(a) For year ended previous December.

(b) Preliminary, subject to revision.

## CHAPTER XXIII.—FARMYARD, DAIRY AND BEE PRODUCTS.

Principal Farmyard, Dairy and Bee Products.—Particulars of the total production of these products in each State during 1954-55 and 1955-56 are shown below :—

## PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL FARMYARD, DAIRY AND BEE PRODUCTS.

Season.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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## TOTAL WHOLE MILK PRODUCED ('000 GALS.), p. 938.

1954-55 .. ..	315,719	536,835	275,605	90,699	54,194	52,022	725	1,325,799
1955-56 (a) .. ..	335,234	578,493	282,723	91,109	55,578	60,959	913	1,405,009

## BUTTER(b) (TONS), p. 939.

1954-55 .. ..	40,128	80,182	46,223	8,704	7,266	8,571	4	191,078
1955-56 (a) .. ..	42,325	91,421	48,459	8,656	7,542	10,183	4	208,590

## CHEESE(b) (TONS), p. 940.

1954-55 .. ..	2,508	20,302	7,921	13,101	1,086	275	..	45,193
1955-56 (a) .. ..	3,391	13,955	7,497	12,636	847	259	..	38,585

## PORK (TONS, BONE-IN WEIGHT), p. 946.

1954-55 .. ..	17,026	11,078	8,948	3,521	4,362	2,027	192	(d) 47,219
1955-56 (a) .. ..	14,629	11,047	7,708	3,452	3,481	2,215	204	(e) 42,770

## BACON AND HAM (TONS, CURED WEIGHT), p. 947.

1954-55 .. ..	11,769	8,074	10,807	3,378	3,316	1,027	..	38,371
1955-56 (a) .. ..	11,426	7,774	10,217	3,586	3,236	1,033	..	37,272

## SHELL EGGS : PRODUCTION(f) RECORDED BY EGG BOARDS ('000 DOZ.), p. 948.

1954-55 .. ..	55,057	26,377	8,312	12,359	8,909	889	..	111,903
1955-56 .. ..	51,635	24,985	7,848	11,820	7,687	943	..	104,918

## HONEY ('000 lb.), p. 951.

1954-55 .. ..	16,411	8,834	1,732	3,671	2,721	243	20	(g) 33,633
1955-56(a) .. ..	15,707	7,010	2,329	(h)	4,482	235	18	(h)

(a) Preliminary, subject to revision. (b) Includes an estimate of farm production. (c) Includes Northern Territory, 69 tons. (d) Includes Northern Territory, 65 tons. (e) Includes Northern Territory, 68 tons. (f) Receipts from consignors and sales by producer agents. (g) Includes Northern Territory, 1,180 lb. (h) Not yet available.

## CHAPTER XXVI.—MINERAL INDUSTRY.

## § 1. The Mineral Wealth of Australia.

Quantity and Value of Production, pp. 985-6.—In the table hereunder particulars are given of the quantity and value of production in Australia of the principal minerals during the year 1955 :—

## MINERAL PRODUCTION : QUANTITIES AND VALUES, AUSTRALIA.

## METALLIC MINERALS.

Year.	Principal Contents of Metallic Minerals Produced.								Total Value of Output of Metal Mining.
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.	Sulphur. (a)	
	Tons.	Fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	£'000.
1955 (b) ..	45,496	1,049,039	22,304,165	295,944	14,555	2,017	256,564	267,183	84,374

## NON-METALLIC AND FUEL MINERALS.

Year.	Quantities Produced.						Total Value of Output of Non-metal and Fuel Mining.
	Coal.		Gypsum.	Limestone. (d)	Mica.	Salt.	
	Black.	Brown.					
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	lb.	Tons.	£'000.
1955(b) .. ..	19,275	10,112	470,014	3,997,696	76,809	370,000	65,742

(a) Includes sulphur content of spent oxide roasted. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Estimated  
(d) Excludes limestone used as a construction material.

Industrial Census of the Mining and Quarrying Industry, 1954, pp. 989.—A summary of the statistics collected for 1954 is shown in the following table.

## MINING AND QUARRYING : SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, AUSTRALIA, 1954.

Particulars	Unit.	Metal Mining.	Fuel Mining.	Non-Metal (excluding Fuel) Mining. (a)	Total All Mining.	Construction Material Quarrying. (b)	Total All Mining and Quarrying.
Mines and Quarries ..	No.	818	306	683	1,807	687	2,494
Persons Employed (c) ..	"	21,366	28,268	2,858	52,492	4,121	56,613
Salaries and Wages Paid (d)(e) ..	£'000.	23,308	27,545	1,693	52,546	2,045	54,591
Value of Output (f) ..	"	71,155	58,829	7,015	136,999	12,383	149,382
Total Fuel, Materials, etc., Used ..	"	17,297	10,642	1,422	29,361	1,955	31,316
Value of Production (g) ..	"	53,858	48,187	5,593	107,638	10,428	118,066
Value of Fixed Assets (d)(h) ..	"	44,030	41,327	4,062	89,419	4,201	93,620

(a) Incomplete for some industries outside the normal administrative control of State Mines Departments (e.g., clays and salt). (b) Incomplete in some States. (c) Average number employed (including working proprietors) during whole year. (d) Excludes mines and quarries employing less than four persons (less than five persons in Western Australia). (e) Excludes drawings by working proprietors; the amounts are net after deducting value of explosives sold to employees. (f) Value at mine or quarry. (g) Value of output less cost of power, fuel and light and other materials and stores used; depreciation and maintenance costs have not been deducted. (h) Depreciated value (i.e., book value less any depreciation reserves) at end of year.

**§ 2. Gold, § 3. Silver, Lead, Zinc, § 4. Copper, § 5. Tin, pp. 990-1001.**

The smelter and refinery production of the principal metals in Australia during the year 1955 is shown below.

**SMELTER AND REFINERY PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL METALS, AUSTRALIA.**

Year.	Refined Gold.	Refined Silver. (a)	Refined Lead. (a)	Lead Content of Lead Bullion Produced for Export. (a)	Refined Zinc. (a)	Refined Copper. (a)	Refined Tin. (a)
1955(b) .. ..	'000 fine oz. 1,055	'000 fine oz. 7,818	Tons. 187,134	Tons. 37,392	Tons. 101,090	Tons. 28,148	Tons. 2,004

(a) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources.

(b) Subject to revision.

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