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PREFACE

By the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Parliament of the Commonwealth is empowered, subject to the Constitution, "to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Commonwealth, with respect to Census and statistics." In the exercise of the power so conferred, a *Census and Statistics Act* was passed in 1905, and in the year following the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics was created. The first Official Year Book was published early in 1908. The publication here presented is the forty-ninth Official Year Book issued under the authority of the Commonwealth Government.

The Synopsis on pp. xi to xxix following shows the general arrangement of the work. The special index (preceding the General Index) provided at the end of the volume, together with certain references given in the various chapters, will assist in tracing in previous issues special articles and other more or less important miscellaneous matter which, in order to conserve space, have been omitted or abbreviated in the present volume. Where, in the General Index, more than one reference to a subject is given, the chief reference (or references) has been specially indicated wherever possible.

Among the new matter included and existing matter revised or rearranged in this volume the following items may be especially mentioned.

Chapter III. General Government. Special article on the Commonwealth Parliament (pp. 65-71); revised and enlarged section relating to Commonwealth Government Departments (pp. 87-98).

Chapter V. The Territories of Australia. Special article on growth and development of Canberra (pp. 122-32); new tables showing results of the 1961 Population Census of External Territories (pp. 164-78).

Chapter IX. Population. New tables showing results of the 1961 Population Census (pp. 317-35); revised section on overseas arrivals and departures (pp. 336-42).

Chapter XI. Housing and Building. New tables on Census dwellings showing results of the 1961 Population Census (pp. 403-15); revised and enlarged sections relating to government housing activities and advances to home purchasers (pp. 426-44).

Chapter XII. Labour, Wages and Prices. New sections showing results of the 1962 Survey of Weekly Earnings and Hours (pp. 482-5), and the Three Weeks' Annual Leave Inquiry, 1962 (pp. 513-4).

Chapter XIII. Oversea Trade. New sections dealing with Australian Trade Missions (p. 544), and European Economic Integration (pp. 545-6).

Chapter XVIII. Education, Cultural Activities and Research. Extensively revised sections dealing with education (pp. 725-60); new matter dealing with botanical and zoological gardens (pp. 774-5), book publishing (775-7); film production, drama, etc. (pp. 777-81); special article on Science and Technology in Australia (pp. 781-4).

Chapter XX. Private Finance. New sections dealing with decimal currency (pp. 835-8), and overseas investment (pp. 894-900); enlarged section dealing with pension and superannuation schemes (pp. 906-12).

Chapter XXII. Rural Industry. Revised material incorporating the former separate chapters relating to Agricultural Production, Pastoral Production, and Farm-yard Dairy and Bee Products; new matter relating to the technical aspects of rural industry, e.g. pasture improvement, soil conservation (pp. 1001-4).

Chapters XXIII. Forestry and XXIV. Fisheries. Revised and expanded material.

Chapter XXVIII. International Relations. New chapter incorporating material previously included in the Miscellaneous chapter, together with additional sections covering Australia's participation in international affairs (pp. 1221-34).

Appendix. Preliminary results of 30th June, 1962, Census of Retail Establishments and other Services (pp. 1291-5).

The material in the Year Book has been carefully checked throughout, but I shall be grateful to those who will be kind enough to point out defects or make suggestions.

The statistics contained in the majority of the chapters of this volume relate to the years ended June or December, 1962, and the Appendix contains a selection of the more significant data which have become available since the chapters were prepared. As with previous Year Books, the contents of this issue have already been published in separate Parts as the successive chapters or groups of chapters were printed.

More detailed statistics on subjects dealt with in the Year Book are available in the various annual printed reports published by this Bureau. The more recent statistics published by the Bureau are contained in the *Digest of Current Economic Statistics* (monthly), the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*, the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, and in other publications issued monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, or yearly. These publications are listed in § 6, Statistical Publications of Australia, Chapter XXIX. Miscellaneous, and the last pages of this volume contain a list of current and recent printed publications, showing issue numbers, dates and prices.

The Deputy Commonwealth Statisticians in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia publish Official Year Books concerning their respective States, and the Deputy Commonwealth Statisticians of all States issue a number of printed and mimeographed publications. These are listed on pages 1163–5 of the previous issue of this Year Book, and, together with publications of the Central Bureau, in *Publications of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics*.

My thanks are tendered to the Deputy Commonwealth Statistician in each State, who has collected and compiled the data on which a great part of the information given in the Official Year Book is based. Thanks are also tendered to the responsible officers of the various Commonwealth and State Departments, and to others who have kindly, and often at considerable trouble, supplied information.

I also desire to express my keen appreciation of the valuable work performed by Mr. J. M. Jones, B.A., Editor of Publications, Mr. E. H. Harry, B.A., B.Com., and Mr. J. L. Melhuish, B.A., Assistant Editors, and the other officers of the Publications Division, and of the services rendered by the officers in charge of the several Branches of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics upon whom has devolved the duty of revising the chapters relative to their respective Branches, and by the Government Printer and his staff in printing this Year Book and in assisting and advising throughout its preparation.

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