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## CHAPTER 15

### LAW, ORDER, AND PUBLIC SAFETY

This chapter provides summary information about criminal and civil court proceedings (including divorce and bankruptcy); selected crime reported or becoming known to the police; police strengths; prisons; expenditure on law and order; and patents, trademarks and copyright. The main sources for further information for individual States are the State Year Books and Statistical Registers, and the annual reports of the relevant justice authorities.

The statistics in this chapter are influenced by a number of factors which affect comparability from State to State and from year to year, such as differences in the jurisdiction of courts; changes in the law in particular States and differences in the laws between States; differences in the methods of compiling the figures (e.g. in respect of persons convicted for more than one offence); the prevailing attitude to laws such as those connected with liquor, vagrancy, gaming, and traffic offences; and the strength and distribution of the police forces.

Details of the development and structure of the State, Territory, and Commonwealth legal systems are given in Year Book No. 55, pages 565 to 567. The only notable change has occurred in Western Australia. *The District Court of Western Australia Act, 1969* came into operation on 1 April 1970, establishing the District Court of Western Australia. Provision has been made for the appointment of District Court Judges and the appointment of one of the District Court Judges to be the Chairman of Judges. Under the Act, the District Court has all the jurisdiction and powers that the Supreme Court has in respect of any indictable offence, except for those offences where the maximum term of imprisonment exceeds fourteen years, or for which the penalty is death. In civil actions, the Court has the same jurisdiction to hear and determine, and may exercise all the powers and authority, that the Supreme Court has, except that jurisdiction is limited in most cases to claims not exceeding \$6,000. In all respects, except as expressly provided by or under the Act, the practice and procedure of the Court is the same as the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court in like matters. Any party may appeal to the Full Court of the Supreme Court.

#### Lower (magistrates') courts

Particulars of the powers of magistrates, and of special provisions for dealing with juvenile offenders in special courts in the various States and Territories are given in Year Book No. 55, pages 567 to 571. The statistics in the following tables are influenced by the factors listed at the beginning of this chapter and, in particular by differences in the jurisdiction of lower courts in the various States.

##### Criminal proceedings

The number of charges heard at magistrates' courts in each State and Territory in the years 1964 to 1968 are given in the following table. The statistics relate to individual offences for which persons were charged, except for Queensland where proceedings against a person for a number of offences at the one hearing are counted as one charge.

**MAGISTRATES' COURTS(a): CHARGES HEARD, STATES AND TERRITORIES  
1964 TO 1968(b)**

| State or Territory                     | 1964           | 1965           | 1966           | 1967           | 1968             |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| New South Wales . . . . .              | 341,351        | 341,171        | 338,808        | 336,746        | 337,540          |
| Victoria . . . . .                     | 303,096        | 323,644        | 307,465        | 318,172        | 326,445          |
| Queensland(c)(d) . . . . .             | 97,878         | 113,568        | 111,743        | 95,155         | 100,046          |
| South Australia(c) . . . . .           | 64,401         | 71,468         | 83,080         | 98,588         | 117,081          |
| Western Australia . . . . .            | 60,510         | 67,244         | 66,863         | 76,458         | 86,836           |
| Tasmania . . . . .                     | 31,702         | 36,535         | 37,624         | 36,550         | 38,674           |
| Northern Territory . . . . .           | (e)6,581       | (e)7,519       | (e)7,961       | 10,336         | 10,459           |
| Australian Capital Territory . . . . . | 7,797          | 7,845          | 9,025          | 7,318          | 7,647            |
| <b>Australia . . . . .</b>             | <b>913,316</b> | <b>968,994</b> | <b>962,569</b> | <b>979,323</b> | <b>1,024,728</b> |

(a) Includes Children's Courts, except for Northern Territory. (b) Excludes minor traffic offences settled without court proceedings. (c) Year ended 30 June. (d) A person charged on several counts at the one hearing is included only once. (e) Excludes courts at Tennant Creek and Katherine.

Differences between States in the preceding table, and within States over a period of time, are influenced by the large number of traffic offences and the arrangements which have been introduced at various times for dealing with them. Provision exists in the States and the Australian Capital Territory for settlement of parking and minor traffic offences by payment of fines without court proceedings. The numbers involved are shown in the next table.

**MINOR TRAFFIC OFFENCES SETTLED BY PAYMENT OF FINES  
WITHOUT COURT PROCEEDINGS, STATES AND A.C.T., 1964 TO 1968**

| <i>State and Territory</i>             | <i>1964</i>    | <i>1965</i>    | <i>1966</i>      | <i>1967</i>      | <i>1968</i>      |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| New South Wales . . . . .              | 381,058        | 400,459        | 464,122          | 411,447          | 431,066          |
| Victoria . . . . .                     | 181,479        | 229,478        | 313,529          | 343,432          | 410,857          |
| Queensland(a) . . . . .                | 101,276        | 115,446        | 209,417          | 264,617          | 253,429          |
| South Australia(a) . . . . .           | 198,943        | 121,535        | 240,359          | 240,014          | 239,619          |
| Western Australia . . . . .            | 49,488         | 51,167         | 64,842           | 62,827           | 83,146           |
| Tasmania . . . . .                     | 38,555         | 40,917         | 50,914           | 45,081           | 55,677           |
| Australian Capital Territory . . . . . | (b)1,419       | 5,145          | 3,949            | 10,132           | 6,867            |
| <b>Total . . . . .</b>                 | <b>952,218</b> | <b>964,147</b> | <b>1,347,132</b> | <b>1,377,550</b> | <b>1,480,661</b> |

(a) Year ended 30 June. (b) From 14 September 1964.

The following tables show the number of cases dealt with in magistrates' courts, in which convictions were made.

**CASES AT MAGISTRATES' COURTS(a) IN WHICH CONVICTIONS WERE MADE, BY  
CLASS OF OFFENCE: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1968(b)**

| <i>Class of offence</i>                                | <i>N.S.W.</i>  | <i>Vic.</i>    | <i>Qld<br/>(c)(d)</i> | <i>S.A.<br/>(c)</i> | <i>W.A.</i>   | <i>Tas.</i>   | <i>N.T.</i>  | <i>A.C.T.</i> | <i>Aust.</i>   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Against the person . . . . .                           | 4,246          | 3,783          | 862                   | 644                 | 1,057         | 502           | 277          | 184           | 11,555         |
| Against property . . . . .                             | 32,136         | 22,271         | 5,727                 | 5,159               | 10,938        | 3,019         | 593          | 850           | 80,693         |
| Forgery and offences<br>against the currency . . . . . | 985            | 284            | 15                    | 14                  | 70            | 129           | 71           | 99            | 1,667          |
| Against good order . . . . .                           | 79,835         | 31,757         | 31,577                | 10,327              | 15,890        | 1,473         | 5,560        | 502           | 176,921        |
| Other . . . . .                                        | 173,414        | 233,726        | 47,182                | 88,883              | 53,937        | 24,977        | 2,915        | 5,312         | 630,346        |
| <b>Total . . . . .</b>                                 | <b>290,616</b> | <b>291,821</b> | <b>85,363</b>         | <b>105,027</b>      | <b>81,892</b> | <b>30,100</b> | <b>9,416</b> | <b>6,947</b>  | <b>901,182</b> |

(a) Includes Children's Courts except for Northern Territory. (b) Excludes minor traffic offences settled without court proceedings. (c) Year ended 30 June. (d) A person convicted on several counts at the one hearing is included only once.

**CASES AT MAGISTRATES' COURTS(a) IN WHICH CONVICTIONS WERE MADE  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1964 TO 1968(b)**

| <i>State or Territory</i>              | <i>1964</i>    | <i>1965</i>    | <i>1966</i>    | <i>1967</i>    | <i>1968</i>    |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| New South Wales . . . . .              | 301,922        | 304,053        | 299,780        | 297,697        | 290,616        |
| Victoria . . . . .                     | 277,877        | 296,542        | 279,631        | 286,316        | 291,821        |
| Queensland(c)(d) . . . . .             | 88,442         | 101,955        | 98,214         | 82,271         | 85,363         |
| South Australia(c) . . . . .           | 55,408         | 62,238         | 71,694         | 87,110         | 105,027        |
| Western Australia . . . . .            | 57,498         | 64,014         | 63,489         | 72,798         | 81,892         |
| Tasmania . . . . .                     | 26,686         | 31,256         | 32,414         | 31,525         | 30,100         |
| Northern Territory . . . . .           | (e)6,166       | (e)7,026       | (e)7,402       | 9,437          | 9,416          |
| Australian Capital Territory . . . . . | 5,815          | 6,688          | 7,793          | 6,021          | 6,947          |
| <b>Australia . . . . .</b>             | <b>819,814</b> | <b>873,772</b> | <b>860,417</b> | <b>873,175</b> | <b>901,182</b> |

(a) Includes Children's Courts except for Northern Territory. (b) Excludes minor traffic offences settled without court proceedings. (c) Year ended 30 June. (d) A person convicted on several counts at the one hearing is included only once. (e) Excludes courts at Tennant Creek and Katherine.

The number of cases in which convictions for drunkenness were recorded during each of the years 1964 to 1968 are given in the following table.

**DRUNKENNESS CASES<sup>(a)</sup> IN WHICH CONVICTIONS WERE MADE  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1964 TO 1968**

| <i>State or Territory</i>                | <i>1964</i>    | <i>1965</i>    | <i>1966</i>    | <i>1967</i>    | <i>1968</i>    |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| New South Wales . . . . .                | 61,537         | 63,143         | 56,159         | 55,134         | 57,710         |
| Victoria . . . . .                       | 24,048         | 23,790         | 24,279         | 23,855         | 24,338         |
| Queensland <sup>(b)</sup> . . . . .      | 30,924         | 29,224         | 28,791         | 29,530         | 28,409         |
| South Australia <sup>(b)</sup> . . . . . | 6,952          | 7,110          | 7,334          | 6,109          | 6,889          |
| Western Australia . . . . .              | 7,910          | 8,288          | 9,033          | 10,722         | 10,794         |
| Tasmania . . . . .                       | 420            | 491            | 461            | 481            | 501            |
| Northern Territory . . . . .             | (c)3,021       | (c)3,938       | (c)3,231       | 4,598          | 5,216          |
| Australian Capital Territory . . . . .   | 331            | 401            | 377            | 313            | 316            |
| <b>Australia . . . . .</b>               | <b>135,143</b> | <b>136,385</b> | <b>129,665</b> | <b>130,742</b> | <b>134,173</b> |

(a) Includes Children's Courts except for Northern Territory. (b) Year ended 30 June.  
(c) Excludes courts at Tennant Creek and Katherine.

**Convictions for certain serious offences at lower (magistrates') courts**

The figures given in the preceding tables refer to all convictions, and include offences of a technical nature, drunkenness, and minor breaches of good order, which come under the heading of crime in a very different sense from the more serious offences. The following table has therefore been prepared to show convictions at magistrates' courts for the years 1964 to 1968 for offences against the person, offences against property, forgery, and offences against the currency.

**CONVICTIONS FOR CERTAIN SERIOUS OFFENCES<sup>(a)</sup> AT MAGISTRATES'  
COURTS<sup>(b)</sup>: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1964 TO 1968**

| <i>State or Territory</i>                | <i>1964</i>   | <i>1965</i>   | <i>1966</i>   | <i>1967</i>   | <i>1968</i>   |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| New South Wales . . . . .                | 31,826        | 34,585        | 34,911        | 35,809        | 37,367        |
| Victoria . . . . .                       | 23,131        | 23,785        | 25,804        | 27,355        | 26,338        |
| Queensland <sup>(c)(d)</sup> . . . . .   | 5,707         | 6,160         | 6,900         | 6,789         | 6,604         |
| South Australia <sup>(c)</sup> . . . . . | 4,145         | 4,813         | 5,085         | 5,180         | 5,817         |
| Western Australia . . . . .              | 8,017         | 7,991         | 9,357         | 10,207        | 12,065        |
| Tasmania . . . . .                       | 2,122         | 3,670         | 3,285         | 3,278         | 3,650         |
| Northern Territory . . . . .             | (e)469        | (e)627        | (e)647        | 818           | 941           |
| Australian Capital Territory . . . . .   | 480           | 627           | 761           | 895           | 1,133         |
| <b>Australia . . . . .</b>               | <b>75,897</b> | <b>82,258</b> | <b>86,750</b> | <b>90,331</b> | <b>93,910</b> |

(a) Offences against the person, offences against property, forgery, and offences against the currency. (b) Includes Children's Courts except for Northern Territory. (c) Year ended 30 June. (d) A person convicted on several counts at the one hearing is included only once. (e) Excludes courts at Tennant Creek and Katherine.

**Committals to higher (judges') courts**

In the case of other than minor offences a preliminary hearing is held before a stipendiary magistrate or justice of the peace for the purpose of determining whether a prima facie case has been made out. If the magistrate or justice of the peace finds that there is a case to answer, the person charged is committed for trial at a higher court. The numbers of such committals are shown in the following tables.

**COMMITTALS TO HIGHER COURTS(a), BY CLASS OF OFFENCE: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1968**

| <i>Class of offence</i>                            | <i>N.S.W.</i> | <i>Vic.</i>  | <i>Qld<br/>(b)(c)</i> | <i>S.A.<br/>(b)</i> | <i>W.A.</i>  | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>N.T.</i> | <i>A.C.T.</i> | <i>Aust.</i>  |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Against the person . . .                           | 1,830         | 1,268        | 374                   | 280                 | 139          | 83          | 22          | 67            | 4,063         |
| Against property . . .                             | 5,924         | 3,468        | 1,023                 | 406                 | 810          | 545         | 118         | 150           | 12,444        |
| Forgery and offences<br>against the currency . . . | 246           | 731          | 15                    | 19                  | 43           | 77          | 37          | 8             | 1,176         |
| Against good order . . .                           | 175           | 63           | 5                     | 9                   | 1            | 2           | 5           | ..            | 260           |
| Other . . . . .                                    | 54            | 662          | 11                    | 12                  | 44           | 9           | 14          | 15            | 821           |
| <b>Total . . . . .</b>                             | <b>8,229</b>  | <b>6,192</b> | <b>1,428</b>          | <b>726</b>          | <b>1,037</b> | <b>716</b>  | <b>196</b>  | <b>240</b>    | <b>18,764</b> |

(a) Includes committals from Children's Court except for Northern Territory. (b) Year ended 30 June. (c) A person committed on several counts at the one hearing is included only once.

**COMMITTALS TO HIGHER COURTS(a): STATES AND TERRITORIES  
1964 TO 1968**

| <i>State or Territory</i>              | <i>1964</i>   | <i>1965</i>   | <i>1966</i>   | <i>1967</i>   | <i>1968</i>   |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| New South Wales . . . . .              | 7,575         | 7,908         | 8,758         | 7,954         | 8,229         |
| Victoria . . . . .                     | 5,343         | 4,745         | 5,308         | 5,655         | 6,192         |
| Queensland(b)(c) . . . . .             | 1,270         | 1,477         | 1,614         | 1,611         | 1,428         |
| South Australia(b) . . . . .           | 602           | 753           | 737           | 713           | 726           |
| Western Australia . . . . .            | 474           | 515           | 523           | 609           | 1,037         |
| Tasmania . . . . .                     | 610           | 414           | 486           | 549           | 716           |
| Northern Territory . . . . .           | (d)65         | (d)169        | (d)127        | 176           | 196           |
| Australian Capital Territory . . . . . | 177           | 224           | 137           | 170           | 240           |
| <b>Australia . . . . .</b>             | <b>16,116</b> | <b>16,205</b> | <b>17,690</b> | <b>17,437</b> | <b>18,764</b> |

(a) Includes committals from the Children's Court except for Northern Territory. (b) Year ended 30 June. (c) A person committed on several counts at the one hearing is included only once. (d) Excludes courts at Tennant Creek and Katherine.

### Civil proceedings

Civil proceedings in the lower courts refer to those in the Small Debts Courts in New South Wales, Courts of Petty Sessions in Victoria, Magistrates' Courts in Queensland, Local Courts in South Australia and Western Australia, Courts of Requests in Tasmania, Local Courts in the Northern Territory, and the Court of Petty Sessions in the Australian Capital Territory. Statistics of civil proceedings in the lower courts are given on page 446.

### Higher (judges') courts

Higher courts are presided over by a judge, sometimes with a jury. The general jurisdiction of the higher courts in the States and Territories, which for this purpose include District, County and Supreme Courts, includes appeals from the lower courts, cases of serious crime committed from lower courts, and civil cases involving common law, commercial causes, equity, etc. Under the Commonwealth *Matrimonial Causes Act 1959-1966*, the Supreme Courts of the various States and Territories have exclusive jurisdiction in matrimonial causes, and under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966-1969*, the Federal Court of Bankruptcy, the Supreme Courts of New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory, and the Courts of Insolvency in Victoria and South Australia, can deal with bankruptcy cases. However, the Federal Court handles bankruptcy cases in New South Wales and Victoria.

Proceedings at higher courts include therefore criminal, civil, divorce, and bankruptcy proceedings. Separate details of each are given in the following paragraphs.

### Criminal proceedings

The statistics in the following tables are influenced by the factors listed at the beginning of this chapter.

**PERSONS CONVICTED(a) AT HIGHER COURTS, BY NATURE OF OFFENCE: STATES  
AND TERRITORIES, 1968**

| <i>Offence</i>                                         | <i>N.S.W.</i> | <i>Vic.</i>  | <i>Qld<br/>(b)</i> | <i>S.A.</i> | <i>W.A.</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>N.T.</i> | <i>A.C.T.</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Against the person—</b>                             |               |              |                    |             |             |             |             |               |              |
| Murder . . . . .                                       | 14            | 5            | 9                  | 3           | 1           | 4           | 1           | ..            | 37           |
| Attempted murder . . . . .                             | 3             | 3            | 5                  | ..          | 1           | ..          | 1           | ..            | 13           |
| Manslaughter(c) . . . . .                              | 20            | 9            | 20                 | 10          | 5           | 4           | 2           | 1             | 71           |
| Culpable driving . . . . .                             | 54            | ..           | 29                 | ..          | 4           | 7           | ..          | 1             | 95           |
| Rape . . . . .                                         | 72            | 34           | 21                 | 11          | 6           | 4           | ..          | 1             | 149          |
| Other offences against females                         | 331           | 270          | 107                | 161         | 8           | 35          | ..          | 8             | 920          |
| Abduction . . . . .                                    | 1             | 12           | ..                 | ..          | ..          | 4           | ..          | ..            | 17           |
| Unnatural offences . . . . .                           | 85            | 99           | 20                 | 26          | 7           | 4           | 1           | 2             | 244          |
| Abortion and attempt to procure                        | 2             | ..           | ..                 | 1           | ..          | ..          | ..          | ..            | 3            |
| Bigamy . . . . .                                       | 10            | 3            | ..                 | 2           | 2           | ..          | ..          | 1             | 18           |
| Malicious wounding and aggravated<br>assault . . . . . | 160           | 61           | 59                 | ..          | 35          | 7           | 10          | 6             | 338          |
| Common assault . . . . .                               | 64            | 23           | 2                  | 6           | ..          | 2           | ..          | 3             | 100          |
| Other offences against the person                      | 32            | 2            | 5                  | 17          | 2           | 1           | ..          | ..            | 59           |
| <i>Total, against the person</i>                       | <i>848</i>    | <i>521</i>   | <i>277</i>         | <i>237</i>  | <i>71</i>   | <i>72</i>   | <i>15</i>   | <i>23</i>     | <i>2,064</i> |
| <b>Against property—</b>                               |               |              |                    |             |             |             |             |               |              |
| Burglary, breaking and entering .                      | 1,233         | 381          | 567                | 307         | 309         | 102         | 42          | 30            | 2,971        |
| Robbery and stealing from the person                   | 93            | 97           | 41                 | 11          | 18          | 24          | 2           | 3             | 289          |
| Embezzlement and larceny by servants                   | 102           | 48           | 14                 | 12          | ..          | 5           | 1           | 2             | 184          |
| Other larceny(d) . . . . .                             | 594           | 194          | 151                | 32          | ..          | ..          | 8           | 13            | 1,352        |
| Receiving . . . . .                                    | 159           | 56           | 55                 | 3           | 76          | 5           | ..          | 6             | ..           |
| Fraud and false pretences . . . . .                    | 95            | 51           | 11                 | 20          | ..          | 9           | 5           | 6             | 197          |
| Arson . . . . .                                        | 16            | 10           | 12                 | ..          | 1           | 8           | ..          | 1             | 48           |
| Malicious damage . . . . .                             | 13            | 15           | 5                  | ..          | ..          | 1           | ..          | 1             | 35           |
| Other offences against property . .                    | 23            | ..           | 16                 | 3           | 1           | ..          | 4           | ..            | 47           |
| <i>Total, against property</i>                         | <i>2,328</i>  | <i>852</i>   | <i>872</i>         | <i>388</i>  | <i>405</i>  | <i>154</i>  | <i>62</i>   | <i>62</i>     | <i>5,123</i> |
| Forgery and offences against the currency              | 32            | 84           | 8                  | 18          | 11          | 11          | 6           | 1             | 171          |
| Against good order . . . . .                           | 45            | 47           | 2                  | ..          | 1           | 1           | 5           | ..            | 101          |
| Other . . . . .                                        | 1             | 286          | 1                  | 49          | 19          | 5           | ..          | ..            | 361          |
| <b>Grand total</b>                                     | <b>3,254</b>  | <b>1,790</b> | <b>1,160</b>       | <b>692</b>  | <b>507</b>  | <b>243</b>  | <b>88</b>   | <b>86</b>     | <b>7,820</b> |

(a) A person convicted on several counts at the one hearing is classified according to the most serious offence and is included only once. (b) Year ended 30 June. (c) Includes causing death by dangerous driving. (d) Includes unlawfully using vehicles.

**PERSONS CONVICTED(a) AT HIGHER COURTS: STATES AND  
TERRITORIES, 1964 TO 1968**

| <i>State or Territory</i>        | <i>1964</i>  | <i>1965</i>  | <i>1966</i>  | <i>1967</i>  | <i>1968</i>  |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| New South Wales . . . . .        | 2,689        | 2,900        | 3,201        | 3,126        | 3,254        |
| Victoria . . . . .               | 1,793        | 1,618        | 1,725        | 1,786        | 1,790        |
| Queensland(b) . . . . .          | 1,134        | 1,201        | 1,330        | 1,279        | 1,160        |
| South Australia . . . . .        | 629          | 713          | 738          | 707          | 692          |
| Western Australia . . . . .      | 259          | 315          | 302          | 357          | 507          |
| Tasmania . . . . .               | 172          | 170          | 204          | 254          | 243          |
| Northern Territory . . . . .     | 41           | 76           | 58           | 65           | 88           |
| Australian Capital Territory . . | 66           | 85           | 67           | 69           | 86           |
| <b>Australia</b>                 | <b>6,783</b> | <b>7,078</b> | <b>7,625</b> | <b>7,643</b> | <b>7,820</b> |

(a) See note (a) above. (b) Year ended 30 June.

**Capital punishment**

There were no executions in Australia in 1969. For a brief account of the law relating to capital punishment in Australia, see Year Book No. 55, page 573.

**Civil proceedings**

The following table shows civil judgments (excluding those for divorce and bankruptcy) in the higher courts during 1968. The particulars given below include the number and amount of judgments entered by default or confession or agreement.

## CIVIL CASES AT HIGHER COURTS: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1968

|                     |        | N.S.W.<br>(a) | Vic.  | Qld<br>(b) | S.A.  | W.A.<br>(c) | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. |
|---------------------|--------|---------------|-------|------------|-------|-------------|------|------|--------|
| Judgments . . . . . | number | 52,840        | 9,171 | 885        | 311   | 780         | n.a. | n.a. | 635    |
| Amounts awarded     | \$'000 | n.a.          | 8,112 | 5,595      | 2,051 | 3,845       | n.a. | n.a. | 1,414  |

(a) Excludes Common Law Jurisdiction. (b) Year ended 30 June. (c) Judgments signed and entered.

Because of differences in the jurisdictions of higher and lower courts in respect of civil proceedings in each State and Territory, the figures above should be read in conjunction with the following table, showing the numbers of plaints entered and amounts awarded to plaintiffs in the lower courts in 1968.

## CIVIL CASES AT LOWER COURTS: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1968

|                               |        | N.S.W.  | Vic.    | Qld<br>(a) | S.A.   | W.A.   | Tas.   | N.T.     | A.C.T. | Aust.   |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|---------|
| Plaints entered . . . . .     | number | 160,549 | 208,682 | 57,376     | 92,724 | 57,689 | 40,919 | (b)2,998 | 6,443  | 627,380 |
| Amounts awarded to plaintiffs | \$'000 | 5,548   | 16,927  | 3,363      | 4,776  | 2,812  | 1,528  | n.a.     | n.a.   | n.a.    |

(a) Year ended 30 June. (b) Excludes Tennant Creek.

## Divorce and other matrimonial causes

A description of Commonwealth legislation governing divorce and other matrimonial causes in Australia is contained in Year Book No. 55, page 580. Under this legislation a court may grant decrees of dissolution of marriage (divorce), nullity of marriage, judicial separation, restitution of conjugal rights, and jactitation of marriage (i.e., that a person should refrain from making a false claim that a marriage has taken place between him and another person). Orders may be made for maintenance, the custody and welfare of children, and settlement of property, and damages for adultery. The following statistics refer only to petitions for, and decrees of, dissolution, nullity, and judicial separation. Detailed statistics are published in the annual and quarterly *Divorce* bulletins, and the annual *Demography* bulletin.

## Petitions filed

Statistics of petitions exclude cross-petitions contained in answers by respondents. The following table shows the number of petitions for dissolution of marriage, nullity of marriage, and judicial separation filed in each State and Territory during 1969.

PETITIONS FILED FOR DISSOLUTION, NULLITY, AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1969

| Petition for—           |          | N.S.W. | Vic.  | Qld   | S.A.  | W.A.  | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Aust.  |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|--------|--------|
| Dissolution—            |          |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |        |
| By husband . . . . .    |          | 2,056  | 1,185 | 664   | 480   | 496   | 202  | 44   | 78     | 5,205  |
| By wife . . . . .       |          | 3,749  | 1,864 | 970   | 874   | 563   | 225  | 16   | 116    | 8,377  |
| Total . . . . .         |          | 5,805  | 3,049 | 1,634 | 1,354 | 1,059 | 427  | 60   | 194    | 13,582 |
| Nullity—                |          |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |        |
| By husband . . . . .    |          | 9      | 3     | 2     | 3     | 2     | ..   | ..   | 1      | 20     |
| By wife . . . . .       |          | 17     | 6     | 3     | 4     | 3     | 1    | 1    | ..     | 35     |
| Total . . . . .         |          | 26     | 9     | 5     | 7     | 5     | 1    | 1    | 1      | 55     |
| Dissolution or nullity— |          |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |        |
| By husband . . . . .    |          | 2      | 4     | ..    | 1     | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..     | 7      |
| By wife . . . . .       |          | 6      | 5     | 1     | 1     | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..     | 13     |
| Total . . . . .         |          | 8      | 9     | 1     | 2     | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..     | 20     |
| Judicial separation—    |          |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |        |
| By husband . . . . .    |          | ..     | ..    | 1     | 1     | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..     | 2      |
| By wife . . . . .       |          | 10     | 1     | 4     | 5     | 1     | 1    | ..   | 5      | 27     |
| Total . . . . .         |          | 10     | 1     | 5     | 6     | 1     | 1    | ..   | 5      | 29     |
| All petitions—          |          |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |        |
| By husband . . . . .    | No.      | 2,067  | 1,192 | 667   | 485   | 498   | 202  | 44   | 79     | 5,234  |
|                         | per cent | 35     | 39    | 41    | 35    | 47    | 47   | (a)  | 39     | 38     |
| By wife . . . . .       | No.      | 3,782  | 1,876 | 978   | 884   | 567   | 227  | 17   | 121    | 8,452  |
|                         | per cent | 65     | 61    | 59    | 65    | 53    | 53   | (a)  | 61     | 62     |
| Grand total . . . . .   |          | 5,849  | 3,068 | 1,645 | 1,369 | 1,065 | 429  | 61   | 200    | 13,686 |

(a) Percentages not shown because of small number of cases involved.

**Decrees granted**

Statistics of decrees granted refer to decrees *nisi* made absolute except for the following cases, where no decree *nisi* is granted.

- (i) Decrees of judicial separation, which do not dissolve the marriage and may be discharged on resumption of cohabitation.
- (ii) Decrees of nullity of void marriage, as distinct from nullity of voidable marriage. A void marriage is invalid because of failure to meet a legal requirement, and the original decree of nullity is final. A valid marriage is voidable on proof of one or more of the grounds set out in Section 21 of the *Matrimonial Causes Act 1959-1966*, e.g. that either party is incapable of consummating the marriage.

The following tables show the number of dissolutions of marriage, nullities of marriage, and judicial separations granted in each State and Territory during 1969 classified according to petitioner, and the grounds on which decrees were granted during the years 1965 to 1969.

**DECREES FOR DISSOLUTION, NULLITY, AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1969**

| Decree of—                  |          | <i>N.S.W.</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>S.A.</i> | <i>W.A.</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>N.T.</i> | <i>A.C.T.</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Dissolution—</b>         |          |               |             |            |             |             |             |             |               |              |
| To husband . . . .          |          | 1,924         | 911         | 498        | 362         | 421         | 159         | 22          | 48            | 4,345        |
| To wife . . . . .           |          | 3,198         | 1,303       | 738        | 601         | 451         | 172         | 22          | 92            | 6,577        |
| To both . . . . .           |          | 1             | 6           | ..         | ..          | ..          | ..          | ..          | 1             | 8            |
| <i>Total</i> . . . . .      |          | 5,123         | 2,220       | 1,236      | 963         | 872         | 331         | 44          | 141           | 10,930       |
| <b>Nullity—</b>             |          |               |             |            |             |             |             |             |               |              |
| To husband . . . .          |          | 2             | 6           | 1          | 1           | 1           | ..          | ..          | 1             | 12           |
| To wife . . . . .           |          | 14            | 9           | 4          | 5           | ..          | ..          | ..          | ..            | 32           |
| <i>Total</i> . . . . .      |          | 16            | 15          | 5          | 6           | 1           | ..          | ..          | 1             | 44           |
| <b>Judicial separation—</b> |          |               |             |            |             |             |             |             |               |              |
| To husband . . . .          |          | ..            | ..          | ..         | ..          | ..          | ..          | ..          | 1             | 1            |
| To wife . . . . .           |          | ..            | ..          | 2          | 1           | ..          | ..          | ..          | 1             | 4            |
| <i>Total</i> . . . . .      |          | ..            | ..          | 2          | 1           | ..          | ..          | ..          | 2             | 5            |
| <b>All decrees—</b>         |          |               |             |            |             |             |             |             |               |              |
| To husband . . . .          | No.      | 1,926         | 917         | 499        | 363         | 422         | 159         | 22          | 50            | 4,358        |
|                             | per cent | 37            | 41          | 40         | 37          | 48          | 48          | (a)         | 35            | 40           |
| To wife . . . . .           | No.      | 3,212         | 1,312       | 744        | 607         | 451         | 172         | 22          | 93            | 6,613        |
|                             | per cent | 63            | 59          | 60         | 63          | 52          | 52          | (a)         | 65            | 60           |
| To both . . . . .           | No.      | 1             | 6           | ..         | ..          | ..          | ..          | ..          | 1             | 8            |
| <b>Grand total</b> . . . .  |          | 5,139         | 2,235       | 1,243      | 970         | 873         | 331         | 44          | 144           | 10,979       |

(a) Percentages not shown because of small number of cases involved.



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DECREES FOR DISSOLUTION, NULLITY, AND JUDICIAL SEPARATION  
GROUNDS, AUSTRALIA, 1965 TO 1969

| <i>Ground</i>                                         | <i>1965</i>  | <i>1966</i>  | <i>1967</i>  | <i>1968</i>   | <i>1969</i>   |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>DISSOLUTION</b>                                    |              |              |              |               |               |
| <b>Single grounds—</b>                                |              |              |              |               |               |
| Desertion . . . . .                                   | 3,777        | 4,532        | 4,398        | 4,863         | 4,730         |
| Adultery . . . . .                                    | 2,035        | 2,288        | 2,270        | 2,611         | 2,916         |
| Separation . . . . .                                  | 1,706        | 1,968        | 1,868        | 1,959         | 1,758         |
| Cruelty . . . . .                                     | 380          | 488          | 550          | 670           | 750           |
| Drunkenness . . . . .                                 | 103          | 142          | 128          | 150           | 136           |
| Failure to pay maintenance                            | 10           | 6            | 3            | 10            | 8             |
| Non-compliance with res-<br>titution decree . . . . . | 15           | 7            | 5            | 5             | 5             |
| Refusal to consummate . . . . .                       | 24           | 23           | 30           | 39            | 32            |
| Insanity . . . . .                                    | 13           | 10           | 7            | 7             | 7             |
| Frequent convictions . . . . .                        | 23           | 15           | 12           | 18            | 18            |
| Imprisonment . . . . .                                | 7            | 6            | 7            | 4             | 3             |
| Other single grounds . . . . .                        | 14           | 8            | 10           | 17            | 11            |
| <b>Dual grounds—</b>                                  |              |              |              |               |               |
| Desertion and adultery . . . . .                      | 93           | 93           | 76           | 68            | 102           |
| Desertion and separation . . . . .                    | 108          | 67           | 68           | 88            | 145           |
| Desertion and cruelty . . . . .                       | 36           | 34           | 50           | 44            | 77            |
| Desertion and drunkenness . . . . .                   | 26           | 20           | 24           | 16            | 8             |
| Desertion and failure to pay<br>maintenance . . . . . | 4            | 5            | 4            | 6             | 5             |
| Desertion and other . . . . .                         | 5            | 6            | 5            | 5             | 4             |
| Adultery and separation . . . . .                     | 2            | 7            | 9            | 1             | 3             |
| Adultery and cruelty . . . . .                        | 6            | 8            | 12           | 12            | 16            |
| Adultery and other . . . . .                          | 2            | 2            | 3            | 2             | 2             |
| Separation and other . . . . .                        | 6            | 5            | 5            | 1             | 2             |
| Cruelty and drunkenness . . . . .                     | 76           | 98           | 126          | 118           | 143           |
| Cruelty and other . . . . .                           | 6            | 3            | ..           | 2             | 7             |
| Other dual grounds . . . . .                          | 1            | 2            | 2            | 2             | 3             |
| Three grounds or more . . . . .                       | 13           | 16           | 16           | 13            | 39            |
| <i>Total . . . . .</i>                                | <i>8,491</i> | <i>9,859</i> | <i>9,688</i> | <i>10,731</i> | <i>10,930</i> |
| <b>NULLITY</b>                                        |              |              |              |               |               |
| Bigamy . . . . .                                      | 13           | 21           | 15           | 18            | 12            |
| Invalid marriage . . . . .                            | 2            | 2            | 5            | 2             | 1             |
| Incapacity to consummate . . . . .                    | 20           | 22           | 27           | 23            | 28            |
| Other grounds . . . . .                               | ..           | 5            | 3            | 1             | 3             |
| <i>Total . . . . .</i>                                | <i>35</i>    | <i>50</i>    | <i>50</i>    | <i>44</i>     | <i>44</i>     |
| <b>JUDICIAL SEPARATION</b>                            |              |              |              |               |               |
| Desertion . . . . .                                   | ..           | 3            | 1            | 1             | ..            |
| Adultery . . . . .                                    | 5            | 4            | 5            | 8             | ..            |
| Cruelty . . . . .                                     | 1            | 2            | 2            | 2             | 5             |
| Other grounds . . . . .                               | 2            | 3            | ..           | 3             | ..            |
| <i>Total . . . . .</i>                                | <i>8</i>     | <i>12</i>    | <i>8</i>     | <i>14</i>     | <i>5</i>      |
| <b>ALL DECREES</b>                                    |              |              |              |               |               |
| <b>Grand total . . . . .</b>                          | <b>8,534</b> | <b>9,921</b> | <b>9,746</b> | <b>10,789</b> | <b>10,979</b> |

## Divorced persons at each census, 1911 to 1966

The following table shows the number and proportion of divorced persons in Australia as recorded from returns supplied at each census from 1911 to 1966. A classification of divorced persons by ages for the censuses from 1891 to 1947 appeared in earlier issues of the Year Book (*see* No. 39, page 269). Before 1911 no record was made of divorced persons in South Australia, so comparisons cannot be made beyond that date.

## DIVORCED PERSONS AT CENSUS DATES: AUSTRALIA, 1911 TO 1966

| Sex       | Number |       |        |        |        |        |        | Number per 10,000 of males or females 15 years of age and over |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|           | 1911   | 1921  | 1933   | 1947   | 1954   | 1961   | 1966   | 1911                                                           | 1921 | 1933 | 1947 | 1954 | 1961 | 1966 |
| Males .   | 2,368  | 4,233 | 10,298 | 25,052 | 32,389 | 38,640 | 42,885 | 15                                                             | 23   | 42   | 89   | 100  | 105  | 105  |
| Females . | 2,140  | 4,304 | 10,888 | 27,516 | 36,650 | 43,339 | 51,143 | 15                                                             | 24   | 46   | 96   | 115  | 119  | 125  |

## Bankruptcy

For a description of the provisions of the *Bankruptcy Act* 1966-1969, *see* Year Book No. 55, pages 586-7.

## Bankruptcy proceedings

The following table shows the number of bankruptcies of the various types in each State, together with the disclosed assets and liabilities of the debtors, during 1968-69.

## BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1968-69

| State or Territory | Sequestration orders and orders for administration of deceased debtors' estates | Compositions | Deeds of assignment | Deeds of arrangement | Total     |            |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| N.S.W.(a)          | Number .                                                                        | 499          | 14                  | 36                   | 12        | 561        |
|                    | Liabilities \$                                                                  | 4,517,933    | 498,544             | 1,678,967            | 516,806   | 7,212,250  |
|                    | Assets \$                                                                       | 1,693,689    | 218,417             | 880,180              | 158,428   | 2,950,714  |
| Vic.               | Number .                                                                        | 520          | 22                  | 39                   | 21        | 602        |
|                    | Liabilities \$                                                                  | 3,644,300    | 167,995             | 923,700              | 694,430   | 5,430,425  |
|                    | Assets \$                                                                       | 1,702,738    | 61,712              | 537,086              | 424,347   | 2,725,883  |
| Qld                | Number .                                                                        | 266          | 2                   | 10                   | 7         | 285        |
|                    | Liabilities \$                                                                  | 2,964,625    | ..                  | 255,067              | 199,844   | 3,419,536  |
|                    | Assets \$                                                                       | 1,893,982    | ..                  | 425,520              | 154,679   | 2,474,181  |
| S. Aust.           | Number .                                                                        | 690          | 4                   | 7                    | 6         | 707        |
|                    | Liabilities \$                                                                  | 3,033,961    | 93,319              | 540,873              | 180,964   | 3,849,117  |
|                    | Assets \$                                                                       | 1,500,717    | 54,707              | 568,278              | 154,060   | 2,277,762  |
| W. Aust.           | Number .                                                                        | 224          | 10                  | 8                    | 42        | 284        |
|                    | Liabilities \$                                                                  | 1,080,984    | 133,613             | 357,393              | 609,253   | 2,181,243  |
|                    | Assets \$                                                                       | 494,956      | 112,126             | 226,776              | 556,971   | 1,390,829  |
| Tas.               | Number .                                                                        | 100          | ..                  | 3                    | 5         | 108        |
|                    | Liabilities \$                                                                  | 601,767      | ..                  | 113,607              | 439,827   | 1,155,201  |
|                    | Assets \$                                                                       | 247,276      | ..                  | 60,973               | 225,969   | 534,218    |
| N.T.               | Number .                                                                        | 3            | ..                  | ..                   | ..        | 3          |
|                    | Liabilities \$                                                                  | 21,328       | ..                  | ..                   | ..        | 21,328     |
|                    | Assets \$                                                                       | 54,822       | ..                  | ..                   | ..        | 54,822     |
| Australia          | Number .                                                                        | 2,302        | 52                  | 103                  | 93        | 2,550      |
|                    | Liabilities \$                                                                  | 15,864,898   | 893,471             | 3,869,607            | 2,641,124 | 23,269,100 |
|                    | Assets \$                                                                       | 7,588,180    | 446,962             | 2,698,813            | 1,674,454 | 12,408,409 |

(a) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

The next table shows Australian figures in respect of each of the various types of bankruptcy, for the years 1964-65 to 1968-69.

## BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS: AUSTRALIA, 1964-65 TO 1968-69

| Year    |   |                    | <i>Sequestration orders and orders for administration of deceased debtors' estates</i> |       | <i>Compositions</i> | <i>Deeds of assignment</i> | <i>Deeds of arrangement</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------|---|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
|         |   |                    |                                                                                        |       |                     |                            |                             |              |
| 1964-65 | . | Number . . .       | 2,453                                                                                  | 128   | 13                  | 110                        | 2,704                       |              |
|         |   | Liabilities \$'000 | 15,740                                                                                 | 1,993 | 312                 | 1,804                      | 19,850                      |              |
|         |   | Assets \$'000      | 6,127                                                                                  | 1,129 | 129                 | 1,365                      | 8,749                       |              |
| 1965-66 | . | Number . . .       | 2,384                                                                                  | 133   | 23                  | 113                        | 2,653                       |              |
|         |   | Liabilities \$'000 | 15,106                                                                                 | 4,082 | 634                 | 3,176                      | 22,998                      |              |
|         |   | Assets \$'000      | 6,488                                                                                  | 3,585 | 725                 | 2,623                      | 13,421                      |              |
| 1966-67 | . | Number . . .       | 2,284                                                                                  | 127   | 18                  | 108                        | 2,537                       |              |
|         |   | Liabilities \$'000 | 19,108                                                                                 | 2,176 | 535                 | 2,310                      | 24,129                      |              |
|         |   | Assets \$'000      | 7,685                                                                                  | 1,293 | 308                 | 1,542                      | 10,829                      |              |
| 1967-68 | . | Number . . .       | 2,350                                                                                  | 78    | 35                  | 88                         | 2,551                       |              |
|         |   | Liabilities \$'000 | 15,222                                                                                 | 1,828 | 1,229               | 3,330                      | 21,609                      |              |
|         |   | Assets \$'000      | 6,292                                                                                  | 1,189 | 918                 | 2,010                      | 10,409                      |              |
| 1968-69 | . | Number . . .       | 2,302                                                                                  | 52    | 103                 | 93                         | 2,550                       |              |
|         |   | Liabilities \$'000 | 15,865                                                                                 | 893   | 3,870               | 2,641                      | 23,269                      |              |
|         |   | Assets \$'000      | 7,588                                                                                  | 447   | 2,699               | 1,674                      | 12,408                      |              |

## The High Court of Australia

The High Court of Australia consists of a Chief Justice and six other Justices. Its principal seat is in Melbourne, but sittings are held in every State capital as occasion requires. The High Court has both original and appellate jurisdiction. Its original jurisdiction is usually exercised by a single Justice, appellate jurisdiction by at least three Justices. The following table sets out transactions in its original and appellate jurisdiction for 1968 and 1969.

## TRANSACTIONS OF THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA, 1968 AND 1969

| <i>Original jurisdiction(a)</i>          | 1968      | 1969      | <i>Appellate jurisdiction</i> |      |    |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|------|----|
|                                          |           |           | 1968                          | 1969 |    |
| Number of writs issued . . .             | 98        | 103       | Number of appeals—            |      |    |
| Number of causes entered for trial . . . | 43        | 25        | Set down for hearing . . .    | 89   | 61 |
| Judgment for plaintiffs . . .            | 7         | 8         | Allowed . . . . .             | 49   | 32 |
| Judgments for defendants . . .           | 3         | 1         | Dismissed . . . . .           | 70   | 62 |
| Otherwise disposed of . . .              | 21        | 20        | Otherwise disposed of . . .   | 20   | 14 |
| Amounts of judgments . . .               | \$441,760 | \$126,612 |                               |      |    |

(a) Some matters dealt with by the High Court neither originate as writs nor are entered as causes.

During 1968 and 1969, respectively, the High Court dealt also with the following: appeals from assessments under the Taxation Assessment Acts, 19, 55; special cases stated for the opinion of the Full Court, 6, 9; applications for prohibition, etc., 5, 9. The fees collected amounted to \$12,764 in 1968 and \$13,094 in 1969.

## Selected crime reported to police

The following tables show some details of certain categories of offences reported or becoming known to police. This series, which commenced in 1964, is derived from police records and is based, as far as possible, on definitions and procedural arrangements uniformly determined for all States. The following explanations are necessary in order to interpret the figures in this series.

*Offences reported or becoming known.* All incidents reported or becoming known to the police which are found to constitute offences within the scope of the crimes covered are included. Offences are shown as 'reported or becoming known' in the period during which it has been established that the incident constitutes a crime, not necessarily in the period when the incident occurred. However, the incident is included when the police are satisfied that a crime has been committed, even though it may be established in subsequent proceedings that no crime or a crime of a different nature was committed. As far as possible, the offences are recorded in respect of the State in which the incident occurred, regardless of which police force undertakes investigations or prosecutions, or where an arrest is made. In the case of homicide, assault, robbery, and rape, one offence is counted in respect of each victim, regardless of the number of offenders involved. In the case of breaking and entering, and fraud, etc., one offence is counted for each act or series of directly related acts occurring at the same time and place, and under the same circumstances. Each motor vehicle stolen is counted as constituting a separate offence.

*Offences cleared.* An offence of the type included in this series is counted as 'cleared' when an information (charge, arrest or summons to appear) has been laid against at least one person involved. However, an offence may also be counted as 'cleared' without an information being laid. This may occur when the offender has received an official caution or has died, has committed suicide, has been committed to a mental institution, or is in another jurisdiction from which extradition is not desired or available, or is serving a sentence; or if there are other obstacles to prosecution, such as diplomatic immunity or that the complainant refuses to prosecute. A clearance is always shown against the classification under which the offence was 'reported', regardless of the nature of the charge laid or changes in the description of an offence due to later information. The entries are made in respect of the year when the offence was 'cleared', whether or not the offence was 'reported' in that or an earlier year.

*Persons involved in crimes cleared.* This is the sum of the number of persons dealt with in each of the offences shown as 'cleared'. If more than one person is involved in the one offence, each person is counted. If the same person is involved in more than one offence cleared, he is counted separately for each offence. Persons involved are shown against the categories of offences to which an incident was originally allocated, regardless of the actual offences they are charged with. This basis of counting 'persons involved in offences cleared' was adopted to reveal trends in crime participation by persons in various age-groups. The figures in this series are not directly comparable with statistics of persons charged or convicted in court, or of cases brought before the courts; nor do these figures reveal the number of offenders in the community.

#### Offences included in the statistics

*Homicide.* Separate details are provided for murder, attempted murder (i.e. acts done with intent to murder) and manslaughter (unlawful killing other than murder), excluding manslaughter arising from motor traffic accidents.

*Serious assault.* These are assaults normally dealt with on indictment. Includes woundings, offences causing bodily harm, assaults with a weapon, etc., and attempts of this nature. Excludes sexual assault and robbery. *Uniform interpretation of this definition between States is especially difficult to effect.*

*Robbery.* Stealing anything, if at or immediately before or after the time of stealing, the offender uses or threatens to use violence to any person or property in order to obtain the thing stolen, or to prevent or overcome resistance to its being stolen. Includes attempts of this nature.

*Rape.* Includes attempted rape and assault with intent to rape. Excludes unlawful carnal knowledge (i.e. where consent is given, but the girl is below the legal age of consent) and indecent assault.

*Breaking and entering.* Breaking and entering a building (or entering a building and breaking out) and committing or intending to commit a crime. Includes burglaries. Separate details are shown according to the type of building involved, namely, *dwellings* (including unoccupied dwellings, tents, caravans, etc., used as dwellings, and the residential parts of hotels, schools, etc.); *shops* (including kiosks, service stations, restaurants, bars, non-residential clubs, etc.); and *offices, factories and warehouses* (including parts of buildings, but excluding dwellings and shops used for such purposes). Includes attempts. From 1967 the figures exclude breakings involving property valued at \$100 or less.

*Motor vehicle thefts, illegal use, etc.* Includes all offences of illegal, unlawful or unauthorised use, use without consent, unlawfully assuming control, etc., no matter under which legislation these offences are prescribed. Excludes cases of 'interference', but includes attempts at illegal use. The number of stolen motor vehicles which are recovered is also shown.

*Fraud, forgery, false pretences.* Includes embezzlement, 'omit to account', misappropriation, fraudulent appropriation, conversion, larceny as bailee, falsification of accounts, company fraud, forgery, uttering, false pretences, passing of valueless cheques and offences by trustees. Includes attempts, but excludes imposition. As a general rule, offences are included only if there is an element of deception or trickery. Separate details are shown for *valueless cheque* offences (i.e. passing of valueless cheques, whether there is no account, insufficient funds or a false signature of the purported drawer of the cheque. However, this sub-group excludes cases where a genuine cheque is altered or the endorsement of the payee is forged. These cases are regarded as forgery and or uttering and included in 'other').

#### Offences reported or becoming known to police

The following table shows, for each State and Territory, the number of offences in each of the seven categories covered by this series which were reported or became known to police during the years 1965 to 1969. The table excludes offences reported to and investigated by the Commonwealth Police, which are shown on page 454.

SELECTED CRIME REPORTED OR BECOMING KNOWN TO POLICE  
NUMBER OF OFFENCES, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1965 TO 1969

| Category of crime                                               | N.S.W. | Vic.  | Qld   | S.A.  | W.A.  | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Aust.     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|--------|-----------|
| <b>Homicide—</b>                                                |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |           |
| 1965 . . . . .                                                  | 111    | 81    | 34    | 14    | 13    | 7    | 6    | 5      | 271       |
| 1966 . . . . .                                                  | 113    | 106   | 62    | 13    | 14    | 3    | 8    | 2      | 321       |
| 1967 . . . . .                                                  | 139    | 57    | 47    | 25    | 7     | 7    | 17   | 1      | 300       |
| 1968 . . . . .                                                  | 140    | 52    | 51    | 18    | 14    | 10   | 12   | 3      | 300       |
| 1969 . . . . .                                                  | 120    | 66    | 38    | 21    | 12    | 15   | 7    | 1      | 280       |
| <b>Serious assault(a)—</b>                                      |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |           |
| 1965 . . . . .                                                  | 484    | 1,243 | 49    | 53    | 13    | 19   | 13   | 21     | 1,895     |
| 1966 . . . . .                                                  | 522    | 1,529 | 82    | 53    | 14    | 3    | 11   | 13     | 2,227     |
| 1967 . . . . .                                                  | 547    | 1,338 | 119   | 71    | 20    | 11   | 39   | 13     | 2,158     |
| 1968 . . . . .                                                  | 611    | 1,600 | 128   | 52    | 60    | 19   | 15   | 23     | 2,508     |
| 1969 . . . . .                                                  | 626    | 1,460 | 134   | 92    | 77    | 47   | 30   | 17     | 2,483     |
| <b>Robbery—</b>                                                 |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |           |
| 1965 . . . . .                                                  | 283    | 302   | 72    | 32    | 17    | 18   | 1    | 5      | 730       |
| 1966 . . . . .                                                  | 346    | 457   | 92    | 50    | 20    | 17   | 4    | 6      | 992       |
| 1967 . . . . .                                                  | 386    | 395   | 79    | 51    | 21    | 18   | 5    | 5      | 960       |
| 1968 . . . . .                                                  | 544    | 480   | 88    | 79    | 48    | 23   | 6    | 12     | 1,280     |
| 1969 . . . . .                                                  | 777    | 503   | 106   | 127   | 41    | 23   | 13   | 9      | 1,599     |
| <b>Rape—</b>                                                    |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |           |
| 1965 . . . . .                                                  | 67     | 93    | 46    | 23    | 13    | 8    | 2    | 5      | 257       |
| 1966 . . . . .                                                  | 72     | 107   | 38    | 16    | 7     | 2    | 8    | 1      | 251       |
| 1967 . . . . .                                                  | 72     | 138   | 32    | 43    | 5     | 17   | 2    | 2      | 311       |
| 1968 . . . . .                                                  | 95     | 168   | 34    | 43    | 5     | 7    | 7    | 4      | 363       |
| 1969 . . . . .                                                  | 126    | 144   | 35    | 32    | 6     | 7    | 7    | 7      | 364       |
| <b>Breaking and entering (dwellings, shops, offices, etc.)—</b> |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |           |
| 1965 . . . . .                                                  | n.a.   | n.a.  | n.a.  | n.a.  | n.a.  | n.a. | n.a. | n.a.   | (b)46,626 |
| 1966 . . . . .                                                  |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        | (b)56,841 |
| 1967(c) . . . . .                                               | 7,806  | 7,656 | 1,417 | 1,165 | 552   | 340  | 40   | 96     | 19,072    |
| 1968(c) . . . . .                                               | 11,026 | 8,069 | 1,841 | 1,181 | 883   | 422  | 54   | 86     | 23,562    |
| 1969(c) . . . . .                                               | 11,923 | 8,215 | 2,035 | 1,299 | 1,368 | 586  | 66   | 105    | 25,597    |
| <b>Motor vehicle theft, etc.—</b>                               |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |           |
| 1965 . . . . .                                                  | 12,214 | 6,967 | 1,792 | 1,472 | 1,141 | 424  | 83   | 192    | 24,285    |
| 1966 . . . . .                                                  | 12,678 | 8,969 | 1,703 | 1,304 | 1,572 | 410  | 89   | 212    | 26,937    |
| 1967 . . . . .                                                  | 12,558 | 8,348 | 1,544 | 1,701 | 1,707 | 603  | 119  | 211    | 26,791    |
| 1968 . . . . .                                                  | 13,008 | 9,352 | 1,740 | 1,967 | 2,084 | 759  | 192  | 196    | 29,298    |
| 1969 . . . . .                                                  | 16,082 | 9,343 | 2,295 | 1,741 | 1,895 | 658  | 228  | 250    | 32,492    |
| <b>Fraud, forgery, etc.—</b>                                    |        |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |           |
| 1965 . . . . .                                                  | 6,311  | 4,132 | 3,331 | 1,617 | 1,075 | 371  | 104  | 258    | 17,199    |
| 1966 . . . . .                                                  | 5,558  | 3,779 | 2,778 | 1,740 | 1,052 | 182  | 144  | 276    | 15,509    |
| 1967 . . . . .                                                  | 5,438  | 3,367 | 2,872 | 2,185 | 1,256 | 292  | 143  | 270    | 15,823    |
| 1968 . . . . .                                                  | 6,283  | 4,402 | 4,154 | 1,596 | 1,476 | 607  | 271  | 166    | 18,955    |
| 1969 . . . . .                                                  | 5,897  | 4,554 | 4,056 | 2,927 | 1,924 | 660  | 187  | 210    | 20,415    |

(a) See definition on pages 451-2. (b) All reported breakings, etc. (c) Excludes offences involving property valued at \$100 or less.

#### Crimes cleared and persons involved

The tables which follow show, for the various categories of offences, the numbers of offences reported, the numbers cleared, and the numbers of persons involved according to age and sex. Sub-divisions of the categories homicide, breaking and entering, and fraud, etc., are provided. See pages 450-2 for definitions used and the bases on which these statistics are prepared.

**HOMICIDE: CRIMES REPORTED OR BECOMING KNOWN, CRIMES CLEARED AND PERSONS INVOLVED, AUSTRALIA, 1967 TO 1969**

|                                      | <i>Murder</i> |      |      | <i>Attempted murder</i> |      |      | <i>Manslaughter</i> |      |      | <i>All homicide</i> |        |        |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|------|------|-------------------------|------|------|---------------------|------|------|---------------------|--------|--------|
|                                      | 1967          | 1968 | 1969 | 1967                    | 1968 | 1969 | 1967                | 1968 | 1969 | 1967                | 1968   | 1969   |
| Numbers reported or becoming known . | 137           | 143  | 157  | 127                     | 114  | 90   | 36                  | 43   | 33   | 300                 | 300    | 280    |
| Numbers cleared .                    | 127           | 140  | 152  | 116                     | 105  | 82   | 36                  | 42   | 33   | 279                 | 287    | 267    |
| Persons involved in crimes cleared—  |               |      |      |                         |      |      |                     |      |      |                     |        |        |
| Aged(a)—                             |               |      |      |                         |      |      |                     |      |      |                     |        |        |
| 16 years and under                   | 4             | 7    | 4    | 3                       | 8    | 6    | 2                   | ..   | 2    | 9                   | 15     | 12     |
| 17 and 18 years .                    | 7             | 10   | 8    | 4                       | 6    | 6    | 2                   | 2    | 7    | 13                  | 18     | 21     |
| 19 and 20 years .                    | 7             | 12   | 8    | 7                       | 8    | 6    | 2                   | 5    | 5    | 16                  | 26     | 19     |
| 21 years and over                    | 121           | 136  | 147  | 104                     | 98   | 65   | 31                  | 38   | 22   | 256                 | 272    | 234    |
| Total persons involved .             | 139           | 165  | 167  | 118                     | 120  | 83   | 37                  | 46   | 36   | (b)294              | (b)331 | (b)286 |

(a) Age last birthday at time of clearance. (b) Includes 46 females in 1967, 44 in 1968, and 54 in 1969.

**SERIOUS ASSAULT, ROBBERY, RAPE: CRIMES REPORTED OR BECOMING KNOWN, CRIMES CLEARED, AND PERSONS INVOLVED, AUSTRALIA, 1967 TO 1969**

|                                     | <i>Serious assault</i> |          |          | <i>Robbery</i> |        |          | <i>Rape</i> |      |      |     |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|----------------|--------|----------|-------------|------|------|-----|
|                                     | 1967                   | 1968     | 1969     | 1967           | 1968   | 1969     | 1967        | 1968 | 1969 |     |
| Numbers reported or becoming known  | 2,158                  | 2,508    | 2,483    | 960            | 1,280  | 1,599    | 311         | 363  | 364  |     |
| Numbers cleared .                   | 1,748                  | 1,987    | 1,892    | 425            | 459    | 648      | 228         | 281  | 286  |     |
| Persons involved in crimes cleared— |                        |          |          |                |        |          |             |      |      |     |
| Aged(a)—                            |                        |          |          |                |        |          |             |      |      |     |
| 16 years and under . . . .          |                        | 111      | 156      | 176            | 108    | 105      | 182         | 22   | 48   | 30  |
| 17 and 18 years . . . . .           |                        | 238      | 267      | 333            | 161    | 160      | 227         | 111  | 99   | 74  |
| 19 and 20 years . . . . .           |                        | 271      | 271      | 326            | 121    | 164      | 210         | 90   | 99   | 83  |
| 21 years and over . . . . .         |                        | 1,365    | 1,501    | 1,590          | 306    | 411      | 476         | 205  | 187  | 207 |
| Total persons involved . . . .      | (b)1,985               | (b)2,195 | (b)2,425 | (c)696         | (c)840 | (c)1,095 | 428         | 433  | 394  |     |

(a) Age last birthday at time of clearance. (b) Includes 85 females in 1967, 106 in 1968, and 110 in 1969. (c) Includes 26 females in 1967, 38 in 1968, and 58 in 1969.

**BREAKING AND ENTERING(a): CRIMES REPORTED OR BECOMING KNOWN, CRIMES CLEARED, AND PERSONS INVOLVED, AUSTRALIA, 1967 TO 1969**

|                                      | <i>Dwellings</i> |        |        | <i>Shops</i> |       |       | <i>Offices and warehouses</i> |       |       | <i>Total</i> |          |          |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------|--------|--------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------|----------|----------|
|                                      | 1967             | 1968   | 1969   | 1967         | 1968  | 1969  | 1967                          | 1968  | 1969  | 1967         | 1968     | 1969     |
| Numbers reported or becoming known . | 8,205            | 11,434 | 12,258 | 6,030        | 6,585 | 7,215 | 4,837                         | 5,543 | 6,124 | 19,072       | 23,562   | 25,597   |
| Numbers cleared .                    | 1,738            | 2,221  | 1,983  | 1,367        | 1,354 | 1,862 | 983                           | 1,057 | 1,142 | 4,088        | 4,632    | 4,987    |
| Persons involved in crimes cleared—  |                  |        |        |              |       |       |                               |       |       |              |          |          |
| Aged(b)—                             |                  |        |        |              |       |       |                               |       |       |              |          |          |
| 16 years and under                   | 602              | 893    | 845    | 506          | 452   | 553   | 276                           | 410   | 422   | 1,384        | 1,755    | 1,820    |
| 17 and 18 years .                    | 416              | 394    | 492    | 387          | 400   | 594   | 189                           | 239   | 306   | 992          | 1,033    | 1,392    |
| 19 and 20 years .                    | 417              | 326    | 384    | 438          | 343   | 391   | 210                           | 224   | 210   | 1,065        | 893      | 985      |
| 21 years and over                    | 1,086            | 1,427  | 1,013  | 874          | 928   | 1,357 | 831                           | 731   | 764   | 2,791        | 3,086    | 3,134    |
| Total persons involved .             | 2,521            | 3,040  | 2,734  | 2,205        | 2,123 | 2,895 | 1,506                         | 1,604 | 1,702 | (c)6,232     | (c)6,767 | (c)7,331 |

(a) Excludes offences involving property valued at \$100 or less. (b) Age last birthday at time of clearance. (c) Includes 195 females in 1967, 174 in 1968, and 210 in 1969.

**MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT, ETC., FRAUD, ETC.: CRIMES REPORTED OR BECOMING KNOWN, CRIMES CLEARED, AND PERSONS INVOLVED, AUSTRALIA, 1967 TO 1969**

|                                          | <i>Motor vehicles theft, etc.</i> |        |        | <i>Fraud, forgery, false pretences</i> |       |       |              |        |        |                         |        |        |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|----------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|
|                                          | 1967                              | 1968   | 1969   | <i>Valueless cheques</i>               |       |       | <i>Other</i> |        |        | <i>All frauds, etc.</i> |        |        |
|                                          |                                   |        |        | 1967                                   | 1968  | 1969  | 1967         | 1968   | 1969   | 1967                    | 1968   | 1969   |
| Numbers reported or becoming known . . . | 26,791                            | 29,298 | 32,492 | 7,127                                  | 7,787 | 8,694 | 8,696        | 11,168 | 11,721 | 15,823                  | 18,955 | 20,415 |
| Numbers cleared . . .                    | 6,039                             | 6,218  | 6,772  | 5,063                                  | 5,784 | 6,643 | 7,681        | 9,935  | 10,601 | 12,744                  | 15,719 | 17,244 |
| Persons involved in crimes cleared—      |                                   |        |        |                                        |       |       |              |        |        |                         |        |        |
| Males aged(a)—                           |                                   |        |        |                                        |       |       |              |        |        |                         |        |        |
| 16 years and under . . .                 | 3,774                             | 3,747  | 4,571  | 69                                     | 105   | 177   | 219          | 186    | 404    | 288                     | 291    | 581    |
| 17 and 18 years . . .                    | 2,413                             | 2,298  | 2,753  | 146                                    | 186   | 209   | 258          | 235    | 298    | 404                     | 421    | 507    |
| 19 and 20 years . . .                    | 1,168                             | 1,165  | 1,295  | 387                                    | 242   | 409   | 260          | 496    | 369    | 647                     | 738    | 778    |
| 21 years and over . . .                  | 1,799                             | 1,944  | 1,840  | 4,034                                  | 4,810 | 5,352 | 4,777        | 7,565  | 7,512  | 8,811                   | 12,375 | 12,864 |
| Total males . . .                        | 9,154                             | 9,154  | 10,459 | 4,636                                  | 5,343 | 6,147 | 5,514        | 8,482  | 8,583  | 10,150                  | 13,825 | 14,730 |
| Females aged(a)—                         |                                   |        |        |                                        |       |       |              |        |        |                         |        |        |
| 16 years and under . . .                 | 68                                | 57     | 86     | 1                                      | 22    | 43    | 127          | 83     | 132    | 128                     | 105    | 175    |
| 17 and 18 years . . .                    | 21                                | 39     | 69     | 60                                     | 26    | 17    | 143          | 140    | 178    | 203                     | 166    | 195    |
| 19 and 20 years . . .                    | 20                                | 58     | 25     | 46                                     | 23    | 85    | 343          | 475    | 315    | 389                     | 498    | 400    |
| 21 years and over . . .                  | 18                                | 95     | 33     | 621                                    | 590   | 748   | 1,902        | 1,065  | 1,729  | 2,523                   | 1,65   | 2,477  |
| Total females . . .                      | 127                               | 249    | 213    | 728                                    | 661   | 893   | 2,515        | 1,763  | 2,354  | 3,243                   | 2,42   | 3,247  |
| Total persons involved . . .             | 9,281                             | 9,403  | 10,672 | 5,364                                  | 6,004 | 7,040 | 8,029        | 10,245 | 10,937 | 13,393                  | 16,249 | 17,977 |

(a) Age last birthday at time of clearance.

The number of stolen motor vehicles recovered was: 1967, 24,701; 1968, 27,191; 1969, 29,371.

**Offences reported or becoming known to Commonwealth Police.**

In addition to the offences shown in the preceding tables, the following statistics relate to those offences in the selected crime series which were reported to and investigated by the Commonwealth Police in 1969.

|                                          | <i>Breaking and Entering</i> | <i>Valueless cheques</i> | <i>Other Fraud</i> |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Numbers reported or becoming known . . . | 4                            | 646                      | 5,484              |
| Numbers cleared . . .                    | 2                            | 229                      | 1,088              |
| Persons(a) involved in crimes cleared—   |                              |                          |                    |
| Aged(b)—                                 |                              |                          |                    |
| 16 years and under . . .                 | ..                           | ..                       | 1                  |
| 17 and 18 years . . .                    | 1                            | 3 (1)                    | 19 (4)             |
| 19 and 20 years . . .                    | 1                            | 9 (2)                    | 34 (15)            |
| 21 years and over . . .                  | ..                           | 217 (35)                 | 1,096 (313)        |
| Total persons involved . . .             | 2                            | 229 (38)                 | 1,150 (332)        |

(a) Numbers of females are shown in brackets.

(b) Age last birthday at time of clearance.

**Police**

The primary duties of the police are to prevent crime, to detect and detain offenders, to protect life and property, to enforce the law, and to maintain peace and good order. In addition, they perform many duties in the service of the State, e.g. they act as clerks of petty sessions in small centres, as crown land bailiffs, foresters, mining wardens, and inspectors under the fisheries and various other Acts. In metropolitan and large country areas they also regulate the street traffic. With the exception of the Commonwealth Police Force and the police in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory, the police forces of Australia are under the control of the State Governments, but their members perform certain functions for the Commonwealth Governments, such as acting as aliens registration officers and policing various Commonwealth Acts and Regulations.

Women police perform special duties at places where young women and girls are subject to moral danger, control traffic at school crossings and lecture school children on road safety. They also assist male police as required in the performance of normal police duties.

The strength of the police force and the duties and ranks of the personnel involved in each State and Territory for 1969 are shown in the following table. Comparability between States is affected by differences in the classification of ranks and duties, and known differences between States are mentioned in footnotes.

Also included in the table are statistics of ancillary and civilian staff employed by police departments. Differences between States in the use of such staff are considerable. These differences arise, on the one hand, from differences in the extent to which police make use of such staff for police functions and, on the other hand, in the extent to which such staff are required to undertake additional functions (such as parking control) which are allocated to the police in varying degree between States. There is also some overlap between duties of ancillary and civilian staff as defined in footnotes (i), (j), (k) and (m) of the following table.

**POLICE FORCES AND ASSISTANT STAFF: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 30 JUNE 1969**

| Duty and rank(a)                                                          | N.S.W. | Vic.  | Qld      | S.A.     | W.A.   | Tas.   | N.T.   | A.C.T. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|----------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>POLICE FORCES</b>                                                      |        |       |          |          |        |        |        |        |
| <b>Criminal investigations, plain clothes police, scientific duties—</b>  |        |       |          |          |        |        |        |        |
| Executive officers . . . . .                                              | 3      | 2     | ..       | 1        | 2      | 1      | ..     | ..     |
| Inspectors . . . . .                                                      | 15     | 14    | 13       | 3        | 4      | 5      | 1      | 1      |
| Sergeants . . . . .                                                       | 359    | 56    | 156      | 37       | 52     | 16     | 10     | 7      |
| Constables(b) . . . . .                                                   | 774    | 594   | (c)312   | 222      | 124    | 72     | 29     | 18     |
| Total, criminal investigations, etc. . . . .                              | 1,151  | 666   | 481      | 263      | 182    | 94     | 40     | 26     |
| <b>Traffic duties—</b>                                                    |        |       |          |          |        |        |        |        |
| Executive officers . . . . .                                              | 1      | 1     | ..       | 1        | 1      | 1      | ..     | ..     |
| Inspectors . . . . .                                                      | 10     | 9     | 5        | 4        | 2      | 2      | ..     | 1      |
| Sergeants . . . . .                                                       | 160    | 17    | 38       | 17       | 15     | 7      | 1      | 9      |
| Constables(b) . . . . .                                                   | 892    | 450   | (c)251   | 185      | 111    | 65     | 10     | 55     |
| Total, traffic duties . . . . .                                           | 1,063  | 477   | 294      | 207      | 129    | 75     | 11     | 65     |
| <b>Other special and general duties—</b>                                  |        |       |          |          |        |        |        |        |
| Executive officers . . . . .                                              | 26     | 22    | ..       | 6        | 10     | 4      | ..     | 2      |
| Inspectors . . . . .                                                      | 117    | 91    | (d)66    | 35       | 20     | 29     | 3      | 5      |
| Sergeants . . . . .                                                       | 1,292  | 191   | 668      | 165      | 185    | 40     | 25     | 34     |
| Constables(b) . . . . .                                                   | 3,327  | 3,129 | (e)1,487 | 1,129    | 879    | 373    | 108    | 150    |
| Total, other special, etc. (e)4,762                                       | 3,433  | 2,221 | 1,335    | (f)1,094 | 446    | (e)136 | (e)191 |        |
| <b>Not allocated—</b>                                                     |        |       |          |          |        |        |        |        |
| <b>Executive officers whose duties extend beyond one branch . . . . .</b> |        |       |          |          |        |        |        |        |
| Inspectors . . . . .                                                      | 5      | (g)3  | (h)4     | 2        | (g)4   | 2      | (g)3   | ..     |
| Police women . . . . .                                                    | ..     | 1     | ..       | ..       | ..     | ..     | ..     | ..     |
| Trainees and cadets . . . . .                                             | 85     | 68    | 22       | 38       | 23     | 15     | 5      | 6      |
| Total, not allocated . . . . .                                            | 193    | 95    | 157      | 410      | 58     | 38     | ..     | ..     |
| <b>Total police force—</b>                                                |        |       |          |          |        |        |        |        |
| Executive officers . . . . .                                              | 35     | (g)28 | (h)4     | 10       | (g)17  | 8      | (g)3   | 2      |
| Inspectors . . . . .                                                      | 142    | 115   | 84       | 42       | 26     | 36     | 4      | 7      |
| Sergeants . . . . .                                                       | 1,811  | 264   | 862      | 219      | 252    | 63     | 36     | 50     |
| Constables(b) . . . . .                                                   | 4,993  | 4,173 | (c)2,050 | 1,536    | 1,114  | 510    | 147    | 223    |
| Police women . . . . .                                                    | 85     | 68    | 22       | 38       | 23     | 15     | 5      | 6      |
| Trainees and cadets . . . . .                                             | 193    | 95    | 157      | 410      | 58     | 38     | ..     | ..     |
| Total police force . . . . .                                              | 7,259  | 4,743 | 3,179    | 2,255    | 1,490  | 670    | 195    | 288    |
| <b>ANCILLARY AND CIVILIAN STAFF</b>                                       |        |       |          |          |        |        |        |        |
| <b>Employed by Police Department—</b>                                     |        |       |          |          |        |        |        |        |
| <b>Ancillary staff(i)</b>                                                 |        |       |          |          |        |        |        |        |
| Full-time . . . . .                                                       | 180    | 110   | 25       | (j)174   | ..     | 53     | 31     | ..     |
| Part-time . . . . .                                                       | ..     | 4     | ..       | 2        | 68     | ..     | ..     | ..     |
| <b>Civilian staff(k)</b>                                                  |        |       |          |          |        |        |        |        |
| Full-time . . . . .                                                       | (l)689 | 741   | 329      | 77       | (m)377 | 86     | 17     | 51     |
| Part-time . . . . .                                                       | ..     | 77    | 26       | 9        | 59     | ..     | ..     | ..     |

For footnotes see next page.



POLICE FORCES AND ASSISTANT STAFF: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 30 JUNE 1969—  
*continued*

| <i>Duty and rank(a)</i> | <i>N.S.W.</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>S.A.</i> | <i>W.A.</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>N.T.</i> | <i>A.C.T.</i> |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| <b>TOTAL STAFF</b>      |               |             |            |             |             |             |             |               |
| <b>Grand total—</b>     |               |             |            |             |             |             |             |               |
| Full-time . . . . .     | 8,128         | 5,594       | 3,533      | 2,506       | 1,867       | 809         | 243         | 339           |
| Part-time . . . . .     | ..            | 81          | 26         | 11          | 127         | ..          | ..          | ..            |

(a) Where more than one duty is involved, officers have been allocated to the category of duties in which the greater part of their time is spent. The allocation of executive officers and inspectors to categories of duties is necessarily somewhat arbitrary and varies from State to State. (b) Includes probationary constables. (c) Excludes probationary constables; included with trainees and cadets. (d) Includes sub-inspectors. (e) Does not include transport and maintenance; each section undertakes its own transport, and maintenance is done on contract and/or by the government transport pool. (f) Includes officers engaged on motor vehicle examination and testing and licensing drivers. (g) Includes 1 chief inspector. (h) Includes 1 commissioner's inspector and 1 chief inspector. (i) Parking police, native trackers, wardresses, etc.; special constables in New South Wales and Tasmania; police reservists in Victoria. (j) Includes clerical workers in the Women Police Auxiliaries. (k) Clerks, typists, artisans, cleaners. (l) Does not include cleaning which is done by the Cleaning Services Branch of the Government Stores Department. (m) Includes 52 cadets whose appointment is not subject to the Police Act.

Ancillary and civilian staff are excluded from the following table:

**POLICE FORCES: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1965 TO 1969**

| <i>30 June—</i> | <i>N.S.W.</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>S.A.</i> | <i>W.A.</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>N.T.</i> | <i>A.C.T.</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1965 . . . . .  | 6,121         | 4,527       | 2,810      | 1,926       | 1,306       | 633         | 155         | 165           | 17,643       |
| 1966 . . . . .  | 6,486         | 4,656       | 2,975      | 1,994       | 1,349       | 619         | 157         | 186           | 18,422       |
| 1967 . . . . .  | 6,765         | 4,711       | 3,056      | 2,059       | 1,375       | 645         | 151         | 215           | 18,977       |
| 1968 . . . . .  | 7,111         | 4,825       | 3,083      | 2,214       | 1,421       | 632         | 172         | 228           | 19,686       |
| 1969 . . . . .  | 7,259         | 4,743       | 3,179      | 2,255       | 1,490       | 670         | 195         | 288           | 20,079       |

**Commonwealth Police Force**

The Commonwealth Police Force commenced operations on 21 April 1960, and is the principal agency for the enforcement of the laws passed by the Commonwealth Parliament. It is also responsible for the protection of Commonwealth property and interests at various buildings and establishments under the control of the Commonwealth. This force co-ordinates the work of other Commonwealth investigation and law enforcement agencies and acts on behalf of the United Nations Organization for the suppressing of traffic in women and the suppression of obscene literature.

Under the control of the force is the Australian Police College at Manly, New South Wales, which provides training for officers of various police forces and other agencies in Australia and New Zealand. The force has its Head Office in Canberra and District Offices in each capital city. The strength of the force at 30 June 1969 was 855 policemen and 3 policewomen. At that date there were, in addition, 96 civilian employees.

**Prisons**

**Prisons and prison accommodation**

**PRISONS AND PRISON ACCOMMODATION: STATES AND NORTHERN TERRITORY, 30 JUNE 1968**

|                         | <i>N.S.W.</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>S.A.</i> | <i>W.A.</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>N.T.</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Prisons . . . . .       | 20            | 13          | 8          | 15          | 20          | 1           | 2           | 79           |
| Accommodation . . . . . | 3,381         | 2,582       | 1,158      | 1,276       | 1,276       | 417         | 113         | 10,203       |

There is no gaol in the Australian Capital Territory, but there is a lock-up attached to the police station at Canberra and another lock-up at Jervis Bay where offenders are held for short periods. Prisoners remanded or sentenced by a court in the Australian Capital Territory for more than five days are usually held in New South Wales prisons.

## Convicted prisoners

## CONVICTED PRISONERS: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1964 TO 1968

| 30 June—   | N.S.W.<br>(a) | Vic.  | Qld   | S.A. | W.A.  | Tas. | N.T. | Australia |                                     |
|------------|---------------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
|            |               |       |       |      |       |      |      | Number    | Per<br>10,000<br>of popu-<br>lation |
| 1964 . . . | 3,090         | 1,981 | 801   | 726  | 825   | 232  | 74   | 7,729     | 6.9                                 |
| 1965 . . . | 2,957         | 1,879 | 949   | 796  | 803   | 210  | 129  | 7,723     | 6.8                                 |
| 1966 . . . | 3,140         | 1,872 | 995   | 818  | 863   | 259  | 107  | 8,054     | 6.9                                 |
| 1967 . . . | 3,334         | 1,994 | 1,021 | 866  | 1,137 | 275  | 112  | 8,739     | 7.4                                 |
| 1968 . . . | 3,292         | 2,103 | 958   | 926  | 1,150 | 281  | 120  | 8,830     | 7.3                                 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory prisoners held in New South Wales prisons.

## Cost of administration of law and order

## Expenditure by the States

The tables following show identifiable net expenditure (i.e. gross expenditure less receipts from fees, recoups for services rendered, etc.) from Consolidated Revenue in connection with the administration of justice, police and prisons. The figures exclude Loan Fund expenditure and expenditure on debt charges, pay-roll tax and superannuation payments. Because of differing legislative and administrative arrangements in the various States, the activities covered by the figures shown are not exactly the same in each State. Small differences also result from differing accounting practices. However, the figures shown for individual States are comparable from year to year.

## STATE NET EXPENDITURE ON LAW AND ORDER, 1968-69

| State                   | Net expenditure |        |            | Per head of population |        |            |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------|------------|------------------------|--------|------------|
|                         | Justice         | Police | Prisons(a) | Justice                | Police | Prisons(a) |
|                         | \$'000          | \$'000 | \$'000     | \$                     | \$     | \$         |
| New South Wales . . .   | 7,408           | 30,551 | 6,479      | 1.67                   | 6.90   | 1.46       |
| Victoria . . .          | 3,650           | 23,575 | 3,342      | 1.09                   | 7.03   | 1.00       |
| Queensland . . .        | 2,658           | 15,470 | 2,095      | 1.52                   | 8.83   | 1.20       |
| South Australia . . .   | 211             | 9,266  | 1,688      | 0.19                   | 8.16   | 1.49       |
| Western Australia . . . | (b)-432         | 7,178  | 2,219      | (b)-0.46               | 7.73   | 2.39       |
| Tasmania . . .          | 619             | 3,043  | 801        | 1.60                   | 7.89   | 2.08       |
| Total . . .             | 14,114          | 89,083 | 16,624     | 1.18                   | 7.43   | 1.39       |

(a) Excludes expenditure on reformatories as follows: N.S.W., \$2,608,796; Qld, \$169,388; S.A. \$560,817; W.A., \$767,416; Tas., \$182,241. Expenditure on reformatories in Victoria is not separately identifiable. (b) Receipts for legal fees and registrations exceed expenditure.

STATE NET EXPENDITURE ON LAW AND ORDER  
AUSTRALIA, 1964-65 TO 1968-69

(\$'000)

| Year          | Justice | Police | Prisons<br>(a) |
|---------------|---------|--------|----------------|
| 1964-65 . . . | 11,639  | 64,338 | 10,633         |
| 1965-66 . . . | 13,183  | 68,132 | 10,261         |
| 1966-67 . . . | 13,396  | 77,197 | 11,824         |
| 1967-68 . . . | 13,744  | 82,286 | 14,072         |
| 1968-69 . . . | 14,114  | 89,083 | 16,624         |

(a) Excludes expenditure on reformatories, as follows: 1964-65, \$1,970,083; 1965-66, \$3,239,536; 1966-67, \$3,672,797; 1967-68, \$3,926,779; 1968-69, \$4,288,658. Expenditure on reformatories in Victoria is not separately identifiable.

**Commonwealth expenditure**

Since the functions of the Commonwealth Government in the administration of law and order differ considerably from those of the States, precise comparison between Commonwealth and State expenditure in this field is not possible. The following tables show expenditure by the Commonwealth Government on the services it performs in relation to law and order.

**COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON LAW AND ORDER, 1968-69**  
(\$'000)

|                                                                | <i>Gross<br/>expenditure</i> | <i>Receipts</i> | <i>Net<br/>expenditure</i> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Justice—</b>                                                |                              |                 |                            |
| Administration . . . . .                                       | 1,946                        | 765             | 1,181                      |
| Bankruptcy . . . . .                                           | 989                          | 772             | 217                        |
| Crown Solicitor's Office . . . . .                             | 1,761                        | ..              | 1,761                      |
| High Court . . . . .                                           | 325                          | ..              | 325                        |
| Judges' salaries and pensions . . . . .                        | 264                          | ..              | 264                        |
| Rent . . . . .                                                 | 890                          | ..              | 890                        |
| Court reporting . . . . .                                      | 689                          | 291             | 398                        |
| Territory courts . . . . .                                     | 737                          | 320             | 417                        |
| Repairs and maintenance . . . . .                              | 136                          | ..              | 136                        |
| <i>Total, justice.</i> . . . .                                 | <i>7,736</i>                 | <i>2,149</i>    | <i>5,588</i>               |
| <b>Police—</b>                                                 |                              |                 |                            |
| Commonwealth Police Force . . . . .                            | 4,292                        | ..              | 4,292                      |
| Australian Police College . . . . .                            | 103                          | ..              | 103                        |
| Australian Security and Intelligence<br>Organization . . . . . | 2,807                        | ..              | 2,807                      |
| Northern Territory Police . . . . .                            | 1,204                        | ..              | 1,204                      |
| Australian Capital Territory Police . . . . .                  | 1,641                        | ..              | 1,641                      |
| <i>Total, police.</i> . . . .                                  | <i>10,047</i>                | <i>..</i>       | <i>10,047</i>              |
| <b>Prisons—</b>                                                |                              |                 |                            |
| Northern Territory prisons . . . . .                           | 326                          | ..              | 326                        |
| <i>Total, prisons.</i> . . . .                                 | <i>326</i>                   | <i>..</i>       | <i>326</i>                 |
| <b>Total, law and order . . . . .</b>                          | <b>18,110</b>                | <b>2,149</b>    | <b>15,961</b>              |

**COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON LAW AND ORDER**  
1964-65 TO 1968-69  
(\$'000)

| <i>Year</i>       | <i>Gross<br/>expenditure</i> | <i>Receipts</i> | <i>Net<br/>expenditure</i> |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 1964-65 . . . . . | 9,342                        | 1,236           | 8,106                      |
| 1965-66 . . . . . | 10,363                       | 1,529           | 8,834                      |
| 1966-67 . . . . . | 14,123                       | 1,624           | 12,499                     |
| 1967-68 . . . . . | 16,215                       | 1,321           | 14,893                     |
| 1968-69 . . . . . | 18,110                       | 2,149           | 15,961                     |

**Patents, trade marks and designs****Patents**

Patents for inventions are granted under the *Patents Act* 1952-1966, which applies to the Commonwealth of Australia and the Territories of Norfolk Island, Papua and New Guinea. The act is administered by a Commissioner of Patents. The principal fees payable up to and including the grant of a patent amount to \$39. Renewal fees are payable as follows: \$10 before the expiration of the fourth year, and an amount progressively increasing by \$2 before the expiration of each succeeding year up to the final fee of \$32, payable before the expiration of the fifteenth year. An extension of time for six months for payment of a renewal fee may be obtained.

## PATENTS: AUSTRALIA, 1965 TO 1969

|                                                                     | 1965   | 1966   | 1967   | 1968   | 1969   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Applications . . . . .                                              | 15,150 | 16,007 | 15,733 | 16,712 | 17,446 |
| Applications accompanied by<br>provisional specifications . . . . . | 3,783  | 3,853  | 3,708  | 3,899  | 3,637  |
| Letters patent sealed . . . . .                                     | 7,277  | 6,140  | 6,356  | 5,537  | 7,127  |

## Trade marks and designs

Under the *Trade Marks Act* 1955-1966 the Commissioner of Patents is also Registrar of Trade Marks. Provision is made for the registration of users of trade marks and for their assignment with or without the goodwill of the business concerned. A new classification of goods was adopted in 1958, and trade marks registered under repealed Acts are reclassified on renewal. Under the *Designs Act* 1906-1968 the Commissioner of Patents is also Registrar of Designs.

## TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS: AUSTRALIA, 1965 TO 1969

|                      | 1965  | 1966  | 1967  | 1968  | 1969  |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Trade marks—         |       |       |       |       |       |
| Received . . . . .   | 6,583 | 6,714 | 7,537 | 8,301 | 9,246 |
| Registered . . . . . | 3,256 | 3,272 | 5,333 | 4,612 | 4,809 |
| Designs—             |       |       |       |       |       |
| Received . . . . .   | 1,567 | 1,523 | 1,627 | 1,769 | 1,975 |
| Registered . . . . . | 1,260 | 642   | 1,833 | 1,614 | 1,440 |

## Copyright

Copyright is regulated by the Commonwealth *Copyright Act* 1968, which came into force on 1 May 1969. On that date Australia ratified its adherence to the Brussels revision of the Berne Copyright Convention and to the Universal Copyright Convention, whereby citizens of member countries are accorded protection by complying with the convention formality requiring proprietors to place on their works the symbol © together with their name and the year of first publication, in such a manner and location as to give reasonable notice of their claim of copyright in the works so identified. The new legislation contains no provision for the registration of copyright, and the Copyright Office ceased to exist on 1 May 1969. Copyright is now administered by the Attorney-General's Department.

