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## CHAPTER 13

### WELFARE SERVICES

This chapter relates to welfare services other than those concerned specifically with education, health and repatriation. The latter are dealt with, in the main, in the relevant chapters of this Year Book. Apart from a summary of government expenditure on welfare services, the chapter is devoted to a description in some detail of the services provided by the Commonwealth. For information on the many important welfare services provided by State and local governments, especially in the fields of child and Aboriginal welfare, reference should be made to the Year Books or Statistical Registers of the States and the annual reports of the State departments concerned. Information on pension and superannuation schemes provided for government and semi-government employees, mine workers, parliamentarians, and employees of private business is included in the chapter *Private Finance*. See also Year Book No. 55, 1969, page 456, for short descriptions of the National Safety Council of Australia, lifesaving organisations, the Royal Humane Society and the Order of St John.

There are numerous welfare services provided by charitable and other non-government institutions and organisations. There are institutions providing shelter and care for needy, aged, infirm or handicapped persons, neglected children, destitute persons, wayward boys and girls, and the like. Many organisations, too, provide aid in kind (food, clothing, etc.), auxiliary medical and nursing services, and other assistance to relieve suffering and hardship. Considerable work is also done by such organisations in the rehabilitation or establishment in the community of various types of people, such as prisoners and migrants, and in the prevention and alleviation of cruelty and maltreatment of any sort. Comprehensive information regarding the activities of such organisations is not available.

Further information on subjects dealt with in this chapter is included in the annual bulletins *Australian National Accounts; Commonwealth Finance; and State, Territory and Local Government Authorities' Finance and Government Securities*. Current and summarised information on Commonwealth social services is contained in the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics* and the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

#### Commonwealth expenditure on welfare services

This section deals with various government payments for the relief of the aged, indigent, infirm, widowed and unemployed, assistance to families, Aboriginal welfare, etc. For summary statements of cash payments to persons made by public authorities under various functional heads, see *Australian National Accounts* and the other annual bulletins mentioned above. Expenditure by State governments on certain welfare services and on Aboriginal welfare is shown on page 403. Commonwealth expenditure on welfare services is, in the main, financed through the National Welfare Fund. A brief description of the operation of this trust fund and details of the itemised welfare expenditure are provided in the following sections. The cost of other welfare services is met from general or special departmental appropriations, other trust funds, or specific purpose grants to the States. Information on the major items which are not paid from the National Welfare Fund is included on pages 399-402. Chapter 18—Public Finance and, in more detail, the bulletin *Commonwealth Finance* provide analyses of Commonwealth expenditure by function and economic type. The cost of administering each Commonwealth benefit is not separately compiled.

#### The National Welfare Fund

The National Welfare Fund was established by the *National Welfare Fund Act 1943* to finance a scheme of national welfare and has operated from 1 July 1943. At the Fund's commencement it was used to finance funeral benefits and maternity allowances, but other social and health benefits were made a charge on the fund from time to time, and at present expenditure on all benefits except repatriation, telephone rental concessions and a few minor social and health benefits is met from the fund. The fund is used only to finance the benefits themselves; it is not used to finance the cost of

administering the benefits, or of capital works associated with the benefits. Since the contributions to the fund from Consolidated Revenue equal expenditure from the fund the balances in the fund grow each year by the interest on investment of these balances.

**NATIONAL WELFARE FUND: EXPENDITURE, INTEREST  
AND BALANCES 1965-66 TO 1969-70**  
(\$'000)

Year	Expenditure (a)	Interest on investments	Balance in fund at end of year
1965-66 . . . . .	941,574	4,241	426,822
1966-67 . . . . .	1,031,117	4,284	431,106
1967-68 . . . . .	1,075,049	4,327	435,433
1968-69 . . . . .	1,162,350	4,370	439,803
1969-70 . . . . .	1,341,800	4,415	444,218

(a) Met by equal contributions to the fund from consolidated revenue.

**COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM NATIONAL WELFARE FUND  
STATES, TERRITORIES, ETC., 1969-70**  
(\$'000)

Service, etc.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Abroad	Total
<b>Social services—</b>										
Age and invalid pensions	248,904	163,349	102,939	58,720	44,637	19,517	1,627	1,722	566	641,982
Widows' pensions . . . . .	30,151	21,671	12,479	8,053	5,600	2,927	372	410	90	81,753
Funeral benefits . . . . .	600	382	239	143	102	41	..	4	..	1,512
Maternity allowances . . . . .	2,741	2,297	1,177	698	645	259	79	102	2	8,000
Child endowment(a) . . . . .	75,504	62,419	32,471	20,287	17,894	7,416	1,502	2,588	63	220,143
Unemployment benefits . . . . .	2,451	1,795	2,814	1,008	407	360	21	11	..	8,868
Sickness benefits . . . . .	2,773	1,956	1,064	576	508	199	34	37	..	7,146
Special benefits(b) . . . . .	818	1,074	303	174	123	68	10	7	..	2,578
Sheltered employment allowances . . . . .	155	..	..	207	74	..	..	..	..	436
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service(c) . . . . .	924	725	392	342	284	91	..	..	..	2,758
States Grants (Deserted Wives) . . . . .	726	101	426	210	342	77	..	..	..	1,882
Personal Care Subsidy(d) . . . . .	282	333	210	174	89	44	..	..	..	1,133
Delivered Meals Subsidy(e) . . . . .	63	49	18	39	20	6	..	..	..	196
<b>Total social services . . . . .</b>	<b>366,094</b>	<b>256,150</b>	<b>154,531</b>	<b>90,631</b>	<b>70,725</b>	<b>31,008</b>	<b>3,646</b>	<b>4,881</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>978,385</b>
Total health services(f) . . . . .	140,157	87,343	48,926	33,560	27,262	10,227	443	958	159	(g)351,004
Rental losses(h) . . . . .	..	..	74	..	..	..	..	..	..	74
Home savings grants . . . . .	3,969	4,228	1,909	1,223	590	300	2	116	..	12,336
<b>Grand total . . . . .</b>	<b>510,220</b>	<b>347,721</b>	<b>205,440</b>	<b>125,414</b>	<b>98,577</b>	<b>41,534</b>	<b>4,091</b>	<b>5,955</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>(g)1,341,800</b>

(a) Includes payments for student children aged 16 to 20 years. (b) Includes special benefits paid to migrants in Commonwealth centres or hostels awaiting their first placement in employment in Australia. (c) Includes expenditure on training scheme for widow pensioners—commenced September 1968. (d) Commenced on 14 October 1969. (e) Commenced on 15 April 1970. (f) Details of expenditure from the National Welfare Fund on health services are included in Chapter 14—Public Health, page 409. (g) Includes \$1,968,000 for some health services not allocable by State and Territory. (h) Contributions to States under the Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement Act 1945 for losses on rental housing.

**COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM NATIONAL WELFARE FUND  
TOTAL, 1965-66 TO 1969-70**

Service, etc.	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	
					Amount	Per head
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$
<b>Social services—</b>						
Age and invalid pensions . . . . .	442,355	481,840	513,984	558,587	641,982	51.59
Widows' pensions . . . . .	50,017	56,438	61,061	69,080	81,753	6.57
Funeral benefits . . . . .	1,050	1,334	1,338	1,571	1,512	0.12
Maternity allowances . . . . .	7,159	7,294	7,349	7,960	8,000	0.64
Child endowment(a) . . . . .	176,432	199,282	187,920	193,263	220,143	17.69
Unemployment, sickness and special benefits(b) . . . . .	15,557	19,044	18,832	16,830	18,592	1.49
Sheltered employment allowances . . . . .	..	..	104	288	436	0.04
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service(c)	1,660	1,844	1,944	2,260	2,758	0.22
States Grants (Deserted Wives) . . . . .	..	..	201	1,149	1,882	0.15
Other(d)(e) . . . . .	..	..	..	368	1,328	0.11
<i>Total social services</i> . . . . .	<i>694,229</i>	<i>767,076</i>	<i>792,734</i>	<i>851,356</i>	<i>978,385</i>	<i>78.63</i>
<b>Health services(f)—</b>						
<i>Total</i> . . . . .	<i>233,785</i>	<i>252,014</i>	<i>268,972</i>	<i>297,918</i>	<i>351,004</i>	<i>28.21</i>
Rental losses(h) . . . . .	213	142	44	60	74	..
Homes savings grants . . . . .	13,346	11,885	13,299	13,015	12,336	0.99
<b>Grand total</b> . . . . .	<b>941,574</b>	<b>1,031,117</b>	<b>1,075,049</b>	<b>1,162,350</b>	<b>1,341,800</b>	<b>107.84</b>

For footnotes (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (h) see second table on page 384.

### Commonwealth social services

Under the provisions of Section 51 of the Constitution, the Commonwealth Government is empowered to legislate on:

'(xxiii) Invalid and old age pensions:

'(xxiiiA) The provision of maternity allowances, widows' pensions, child endowment, unemployment, pharmaceutical, sickness and hospital benefits, medical and dental services (but not so as to authorize any form of civil conscription), benefits to students and family allowances:'.

The latter paragraph was inserted in the Constitution after being accepted by the electors at a referendum in 1946.

Before 1947, Commonwealth social service benefits were paid under various Acts. On 1 July 1947, with the passage of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947*, all Acts providing social service benefits were amalgamated. The Act is at present styled the *Social Services Act 1947-1970*.

#### Reciprocal social services agreements with other countries

*New Zealand.* An agreement between the Governments of Australia and New Zealand for reciprocity in social services came into operation on 3 September 1943 and was amended from 1 July 1949. The reciprocal arrangements cover age and invalid pensions, widows' pensions, child endowment, and unemployment and sickness benefits, and apply to both permanent and temporary changes of residence. Residence in one country may be treated as residence in the other country in relation to entitlement to benefits in which a residential qualification applies. Persons from one country taking up a permanent residence in the other country become eligible for any of the specified benefits of the new country under the same conditions (with one or two exceptions) as apply to citizens of that country. Persons in receipt of any of the specified benefits in one country may continue to receive those benefits while temporarily absent in the other country.

*United Kingdom.* A reciprocal agreement on social services between United Kingdom and Australia came into operation on 7 January 1954. Amendments became effective from 1 April 1958 and 1 October 1962. Under the current agreement residence in one country may be treated as residence in the other country as the basis for entitlement to benefits in which a residential qualification applies. Australians going to the United Kingdom for permanent residence are treated in the United Kingdom as if they had been insured under the National Insurance Scheme while in Australia, so that they can qualify for various National Insurance benefits. There is also provision for the safeguard of social service rights for persons going from one country to the other for temporary residence.

### Social service benefits provided

The social service benefits provided by the Commonwealth Government under the *Social Services Act 1947-1970*, and the date on which each came into operation, are:

Age pension . . . . .	1 July 1909
Wives' and children's allowances for age pensioners . . . . .	14 October 1965
Invalid pension . . . . .	15 December 1910
Guardians' allowances for widowed and other unmarried age and invalid pensioners with children in their care . . . . .	14 October 1965
Wives' and children's allowances for pensioners who are invalids . . . . .	8 July 1943
Special payments to a surviving pensioner . . . . .	10 October 1968
Widows' pensions . . . . .	30 June 1942
Supplementary assistance (age, invalid and widows' pensions) . . . . .	15 October 1958
Supplementary allowance (long term sickness benefit) . . . . .	28 September 1970
Widows' pensions—children's allowances . . . . .	2 October 1956
Funeral benefit . . . . .	1 July 1943
Maternity allowance . . . . .	10 October 1912
Child endowment . . . . .	1 July 1941
Child endowment—student children . . . . .	14 January 1964
Unemployment benefit . . . . .	1 July 1945
Sickness benefit . . . . .	1 July 1945
Sickness benefit (long term) . . . . .	28 September 1970
Special benefit . . . . .	1 July 1945
Sheltered employment allowance . . . . .	30 June 1967
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service . . . . .	10 December 1948
Training scheme for widow pensioners . . . . .	27 September 1968

### Age and invalid pensions

Age pensions are payable to men, sixty-five years of age and over, and women, sixty years of age and over, who have lived in Australia continuously for at least ten years, which need not be immediately prior to the date of claim for a pension. If a person has completed five years, but not ten years, continuous residence, and has lived in Australia for periods which exceed a total of ten years, the period of continuous residence otherwise required is reduced by the total of his periods of residence in Australia in excess of ten years. Any periods of absence during which a person's home remains in Australia, and absences in certain other circumstances, are counted as residence, and any absence in an external Territory of the Commonwealth, while not counting as residence, does not interrupt continuity of residence in Australia. Residence in New Zealand or the United Kingdom may be treated as residence in Australia.

Invalid pensions are payable to persons, sixteen years of age and over, who have lived in Australia for a continuous period of five years (including certain absences) at any time, and who are permanently incapacitated for work to the extent of at least eighty-five per cent, or permanently blind. If the incapacity or blindness first occurred outside Australia, except during a temporary absence, the residence qualification is the same as for an age pension.

*Current rates of pension.* The maximum standard rate was increased to \$806 per annum (\$15.50 a week) from 8 October 1970. This is payable to a single, widowed, or divorced pensioner, a married man whose wife receives a wife's allowance, or a married pensioner whose spouse is not receiving an age or invalid pension, a tuberculosis allowance, or a service pension. The standard rate may also be paid to each of a married pensioner couple who, because of failing health, have lost the economies of living together. The maximum married rate was also increased from 8 October 1970, and is \$1,430 per annum (\$27.50 a week) for a married couple, both pensioners, i.e. \$715 per annum (\$13.75 a week) each. For a married person whose spouse receives a tuberculosis allowance, or a service pension, the maximum rate is also \$715 per annum (\$13.75 a week).

From 8 April 1971 the pension payable to persons in receipt of the maximum rate was increased by \$26 per annum (50 cents a week) to \$832 per annum (\$16 a week) in the case of the standard rate pension and to \$1,482 per annum (\$28.50 a week) in the case of the married pensioner couple.

A wife's allowance may be granted, subject to the means test, to the wife of an invalid pensioner or of an age pensioner permanently incapacitated, blind, or who has the care of a child, if she is not receiving an age or invalid pension, or a service pension under the *Repatriation Act 1920-1970* (see Chapter 5, Repatriation). The maximum annual rate of a wife's allowance is \$364 per annum (\$7 a week).

Additional pension for dependent children under 16 years is payable, subject to a means test, at the rate of \$130 per annum (\$2.50 a week) for the first child and \$182 per annum (\$3.50 a week) for each other child. Widowed or other unmarried age or invalid pensioners with a dependent child may receive a guardian's allowance of up to \$4 a week, or up to \$6 a week if the child is under 6 years of age or is an invalid child requiring full-time care. Eligibility for the additional pension for children is extended to include a child over sixteen years until he reaches twenty-one years, provided he is wholly or substantially dependent on the pensioner and is receiving full-time education at a school, college or university. Supplementary assistance of up to \$2 a week, subject to a means test, is available to pensioners receiving the maximum standard rate pension if they pay rent or pay for board and lodging or for lodging.

At 30 June 1970, 388,234 age and 97,859 invalid pensioners in the standard rate category were receiving a pension of \$15 a week or more and 155,651 age and invalid pensioners were in receipt of supplementary assistance. In the married rate category 230,330 age and 23,140 invalid pensioners were receiving a pension of \$13.25 a week or more.

Special payments to a surviving pensioner became operative from 10 October 1968. On the death of one member of a married pensioner couple the surviving pensioner spouse becomes entitled to receive, for up to six fortnightly instalments, the equivalent of the two pensions that would have been paid if the spouse had not died. For the purpose of this provision the term 'pensioner' includes a person in receipt of an age, invalid or service pension; a wife's allowance; a rehabilitation allowance; or a sheltered employment allowance.

A table showing the maximum rates of pension operating since 1 July 1909 at dates prior to 14 October 1965 is included on page 608 of Year Book No. 51. Details of the respective rates and allowances payable since 14 October 1965 are included in subsequent Year Books.

*Means test.* Age and invalid pensions (other than pensions paid to blind persons) and allowances paid to wives are subject to a means test which applies to income and property. The rate of pension payable depends on the claimant's *means as assessed*. These consist of his annual rate of income plus a property component equal to \$2 for each complete \$20 of his net property above \$400. A person's *means as assessed* may consist entirely of income, entirely of the property component, or of various combinations of income and property component. The rate of pension payable in any case is reduced by half of the amount by which *means as assessed* exceed \$442 where the pensioner is married or \$520 where the pensioner is single, widowed, or divorced. Where the standard rate applies, no pension is payable where the value of property is \$21,720 or more (\$25,880 or more if qualified for a guardian's allowance at the lower rate and \$27,960 at the higher rate) if the pensioner is single, widowed or divorced; or \$38,240 in the case of a married couple. The wife's allowance is affected by income and property on the same basis as the pension, i.e. it is reduced by half the amount of *means as assessed* over \$442. Supplementary assistance is reduced by the amount by which *means as assessed* exceed \$52.

Certain types of income are excepted. The main exceptions are: income from property; gifts or allowances from children, parents, brothers, or sisters; benefits (other than annuities) from friendly societies; child endowment or other payments for children; Commonwealth health benefits and amounts received from registered benefit organisations. A pensioner's income may also be reduced by up to \$208 per annum (\$4 a week) for each dependent child under sixteen years (twenty-one years if a full-time student).

Certain types of property are disregarded. They include the permanent home of the pensioner, his furniture and personal effects, the surrender value (up to \$1,500) of life insurance policies, the capital value of annuities or contingent interests, and the value of any reversionary interests.

For the purposes of the means test the income and property of a married person are considered to be half the total income and property of the husband and wife unless they are legally separated or in other special circumstances.

## AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS: STATES AND TERRITORIES, 30 JUNE 1970

<i>Pensions in force</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>
<i>Age—</i>									
Males	85,403	60,018	39,405	21,806	17,329	7,312	648	630	232,551
Females	207,486	146,590	83,142	51,571	38,688	16,603	781	1,595	546,456
<i>Persons</i>	<i>292,889</i>	<i>206,608</i>	<i>122,547</i>	<i>73,377</i>	<i>56,017</i>	<i>23,915</i>	<i>1,429</i>	<i>2,225</i>	<i>779,007</i>
<i>Invalid—</i>									
Males	30,875	16,917	13,022	6,473	4,453	2,376	338	186	74,640
Females	24,575	12,836	10,962	5,226	3,480	1,675	208	164	59,126
<i>Persons</i>	<i>55,450</i>	<i>29,753</i>	<i>23,984</i>	<i>11,699</i>	<i>7,933</i>	<i>4,051</i>	<i>546</i>	<i>350</i>	<i>133,766</i>

## NEW PENSIONERS, BY SEX AND MARITAL STATUS: AUSTRALIA, 1969-70

<i>Marital status</i>	<i>Age pensioners</i>			<i>Invalid pensioners</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	
Single(a)	4,520	9,180	13,700	6,980	4,784	11,764	25,464
Married	30,832	37,394	68,226	10,203	5,467	15,670	83,896
Widowed	5,362	23,494	28,856	850	1,449	2,299	31,155
Divorced	680	1,309	1,989	639	630	1,269	3,258
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,394</b>	<b>71,377</b>	<b>112,771</b>	<b>18,672</b>	<b>12,330</b>	<b>31,002</b>	<b>143,773</b>

(a) Includes married but permanently separated.

The average age of new age pensioners was 69.7 years for men and 67.8 years for women.

## NEW INVALID PENSIONERS, BY AGE GROUP: AUSTRALIA, 1969-70

	<i>16-19 years</i>	<i>20-44 years</i>	<i>45-59 years</i>	<i>60-64 years</i>	<i>65 years and over</i>	<i>Total</i>
Males . . . number	1,294	3,613	7,546	5,796	423	18,672
Females . . . number	1,154	2,807	7,925	219	225	12,330
Persons . . . number	2,448	6,420	15,471	6,015	648	31,002
<i>Per cent</i>	8	21	50	19	2	100

Persons at or above the qualifying age for age pensions, when granted invalid pensions, are generally those with insufficient residence to qualify for age pension.

## AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS: SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA, 1965-66 TO 1969-70

Year	Pensioners at end of year				Average weekly pension as at end of year			
	Age		Invalid	Total	Total payments during year(b)	Age(c)	Invalid (c)	Age and invalid combined (c)
	Number	Rate(a)						
			No.	No.	\$'000	\$	\$	\$
1965-66	636,984	530	106,645	743,629	442,355	11.33	12.24	11.46
1966-67	651,363	(d)532	112,314	763,677	481,840	12.38	13.30	12.52
1967-68	(e)682,265	546	(e)114,745	(e)797,010	513,984	(f)12.22	13.37	(f)12.39
1968-69	(g)705,311	555	(g)121,744	(g)827,055	558,587	13.00	14.70	13.26
1969-70	779,007	602	133,766	912,773	641,982	13.61	15.70	13.91

(a) Number of pensioners per 1,000 persons of pensionable age (males aged 65 years and over and females aged 60 years and over). (b) Includes allowances and supplementary assistance. (c) Includes supplementary assistance, additional pensions for children, and guardian's allowance, where applicable. (d) For earlier years persons of pensionable age—see footnote (a)—excludes Aborigines, while the number of pensioners includes Aborigines throughout. (e) The 1967-68 figures are adjusted by reducing the number of invalid pensioners by 3,178 and increasing the number of age pensioners by 1,485 following the introduction of computer processing in New South Wales. (f) Decrease in average rates for age pensions at 30 June 1968 was due to the increased number of new pensioners who became eligible for part pensions as a result of amending legislation approved in April 1967. (g) The 1968-69 figures are adjusted by reducing the number of invalid pensioners by 1,583 and increasing the number of age pensioners by 1,223 following the introduction of computer processing in Victoria.

## Widows' pensions

*Rates and conditions.* Widows' pensions are payable according to the following classes. The rates shown are those payable from 29 September 1970 when widows' pensions were increased.

*Class 'A'.* A widow who has the custody, care and control of one or more children under the age of sixteen years—The amount payable is the standard rate pension of \$806 per annum (\$15.50 a week) and a mother's allowance of \$208 per annum (\$4 a week) which is increased to \$312 per annum (\$6 a week) if caring for a child under six years of age or an invalid child requiring full-time care. In addition, extra pension of \$130 per annum (\$2.50 a week) for the first or only child under sixteen years and \$182 per annum (\$3.50 a week) for each other child under sixteen years is payable, subject to the means test. Payment may be made for a child over sixteen years until he reaches twenty-one years, if he is wholly or substantially dependent on the widow and is receiving full-time education at a school, college or university.

*Class 'B'.* A widow who has no children under sixteen years of age or eligible full-time student children in her custody, care and control, and who is not less than fifty years of age or who, after having attained the age of forty-five years, ceased to receive a Class 'A' widow's pension because she no longer had the custody, care and control of a child—\$715 per annum (\$13.75 a week).

*Class 'C'.* A widow who is under fifty years of age and has no children under the age of sixteen years, or eligible full-time student children, in her custody, care and control, but is in necessitous circumstances within the twenty-six weeks after the death of her husband—\$13.75 a week for not more than twenty-six weeks after the death of her husband. If the widow is pregnant this period may be extended until the child's birth. She may then become eligible for a Class 'A' widow's pension.

As from 13 April 1971, persons in receipt of a Class 'A' widow's pension or a Class 'B' widow's pension at the maximum rate, received an increase of \$26 per annum (50 cents a week) so that the maximum standard rate in the case of a Class 'A' widow rose to \$832 per annum (\$16 a week) and the maximum Class 'B' widow rate to \$741 per annum (\$14.25 a week). All persons in receipt of Class 'C' widows' pensions received the increase, so that their pensions were also increased to \$14.25 a week.

Widow pensioners may receive supplementary assistance of up to \$104 per annum (\$2 a week), subject to a means test, if they pay rent or pay for board and lodging or for lodging.

For classes 'A' and 'B' the term 'widow' includes a wife who has been deserted by her husband without just cause for a period of at least six months; a divorcee; a woman whose husband has been imprisoned for at least six months; and a woman whose husband is in a mental hospital. Certain dependent females also may qualify for 'A', 'B' or 'C' Class pensions.

A period of residence in Australia before claiming pension is not required if a woman and her husband were residing permanently in Australia when she became a widow. In other circumstances, five years continuous residence immediately preceding lodgment of the claim is required, but this is waived in the case of a woman whose husband has died overseas if she has resided continuously in Australia for ten years at any time and returns to Australia to live.



A widow's pension is not payable to a woman receiving an age or invalid pension, a sheltered employment allowance, a tuberculosis allowance, or a war widow's pension, or to a deserted wife or divorcee who has not taken reasonable action to obtain maintenance from her husband or former husband.

*Means test.* Widows' pensions are subject to a means test on income and property. The pension payable depends on the claimant's *means as assessed*. These consist of her annual rate of income together with a property component equal to \$2 for every complete \$20 by which the value of her property is in excess of a stipulated sum. A Class 'A' widow has a basic exemption of \$2,000 when the value of her property exceeds \$4,500, but no property component is calculated where she has property of no more than \$4,500 in value. A Class 'A' pension is not payable where a widow has property valued at \$27,480 or more, or, if caring for a child under six years of age or an invalid child requiring full-time care, has property valued at \$29,560 or more. In the case of a Class 'B' widow, \$400 of property is exempt and no Class 'B' pension is payable where property is \$19,900 or more. In each case the maximum rate of pension is reduced by half the amount by which the widow's *means as assessed* exceed \$520. There is no specific means test for the Class 'C' pension, which is paid only where it is evident that a widow has insufficient means of support. The types of income and property disregarded for means test purposes are the same as for age and invalid pensions. Supplementary assistance is reduced by the amount by which *means as assessed* exceed \$52.

The average age of new widow pensioners admitted during 1969-70 was: Class 'A', 37.5 years; Class 'B', 57.1 years; Class 'C', 42.9 years; and for all classes, 45.6 years.

### Pensions

#### WIDOWS' PENSIONS: STATES, TERRITORIES, ETC., 1969-70

State, Territory, etc.	Number admitted —all classes (a)	Pensions current at end of year				Average weekly pension at end of year (b)	Amount paid in pensions during year (b) (c)
		Class 'A'	Class 'B'	Class 'C'	All classes		
New South Wales . . . . .	8,169	16,217	15,781	36	32,034	18.96	\$'000 30,151
Victoria . . . . .	6,346	11,797	11,504	17	23,318	18.85	21,671
Queensland . . . . .	3,079	6,678	6,389	18	13,085	19.21	12,479
South Australia . . . . .	2,178	4,317	4,291	8	8,616	18.80	8,053
Western Australia . . . . .	1,651	2,903	3,178	5	6,086	18.40	5,600
Tasmania . . . . .	778	1,680	1,276	2	2,958	19.91	2,927
Northern Territory . . . . .	104	209	146	..	355	21.80	372
Australian Capital Terri- tory . . . . .	161	263	206	..	469	18.74	410
Abroad . . . . .	..	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	..	90
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>22,466</b>	<b>44,064</b>	<b>42,771</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>86,921</b>	<b>18.96</b>	<b>81,753</b>

(a) Excludes transfers from one class to another. (b) Includes supplementary assistance and allowances. (c) Includes payments to benevolent homes for maintenance of pensioners. (d) Included in the figures for the State or Territory in which the pensioner is normally domiciled.

#### WIDOWS' PENSIONS: SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA, 1965-66 TO 1969-70

Year	Number admitted —all classes (a)	Pensions current at end of year				Average weekly pension at end of year (b)	Amount paid in pensions during year (b) (c)
		Class 'A'	Class 'B'	Class 'C'	All classes		
1965-66 . . . . .	13,972	31,796	36,703	107	68,606	14.53	\$'000 50,017
1966-67 . . . . .	15,727	34,526	38,259	105	72,890	15.81	56,438
1967-68 . . . . .	16,104	(d)35,899	(d)39,065	105	(d)75,069	(e)15.79	61,061
1968-69 . . . . .	15,993	38,038	39,768	91	77,897	17.63	69,080
1969-70 . . . . .	22,466	44,064	42,771	86	86,921	18.96	81,753

(a) Excludes transfers from one class to another. (b) Includes supplementary assistance and allowances. (c) Includes payments to benevolent homes for maintenance of pensioners. (d) During 1967-68, a reduction of 769 Class 'A' and 233 Class 'B' pensioners was made following the introduction of computer processing in New South Wales. (e) Decrease in average rate due mainly to the increased number of new pensioners who became eligible for part pension as a result of amending legislation approved in April 1967.

For details of training scheme for widow pensioners, see page 399.

**Funeral benefits**

A funeral benefit of up to \$20 is payable to the person who has paid, or is liable to pay, the cost of the funeral of a pensioner. The maximum amount payable is increased to \$40 where a pensioner is liable for the funeral expenses of a spouse, dependent child under 16 years or student child 16 to 21 years, or of another pensioner.

For the purpose of funeral benefits, a pensioner means a person in receipt of an age, invalid or widow's pension or of a tuberculosis, rehabilitation or sheltered employment allowance. It also includes a person who, immediately prior to his or her death was an eligible claimant for such pension or allowance if qualified under the means test in operation before 27 September 1969.

**FUNERAL BENEFITS GRANTED: STATES, TERRITORIES, ETC.,  
1965-66 TO 1969-70**

(Number)

<i>State, Territory, etc.</i>	<i>1965-66</i>	<i>1966-67</i>	<i>1967-68</i>	<i>1968-69</i>	<i>1969-70</i>
New South Wales . . . . .	17,015	18,567	17,092	21,830	20,215
Victoria . . . . .	11,354	12,386	12,292	13,897	12,844
Queensland . . . . .	6,596	7,188	7,129	7,930	7,754
South Australia . . . . .	3,751	4,031	4,531	4,855	4,643
Western Australia . . . . .	2,709	3,129	3,151	3,397	3,442
Tasmania . . . . .	1,340	1,347	1,345	1,438	1,437
Northern Territory . . . . .	8	2	7	5	15
Australian Capital Territory . . . . .	92	108	122	136	148
Abroad . . . . .	2	6	3	3	4
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>42,867</b>	<b>46,764</b>	<b>45,672</b>	<b>53,491</b>	<b>50,502</b>

Total cost of funeral benefits granted during 1969-70 was \$1,511,878.

**Maternity allowances**

Maternity allowances are paid to provide financial assistance towards the expenses associated with the birth of children and are additional to the benefits provided under the Commonwealth health scheme. They are not subject to a means test.

A maternity allowance is payable to a woman who gives birth to a child if she resides, or intends to reside permanently in Australia and gives birth to the child in Australia, and to a woman who gives birth to a child on board a ship travelling to Australia if she intends to reside permanently in Australia, provided she receives no benefit similar to a maternity allowance from the country from which she came. A woman who gives birth to a child during a temporary absence from Australia may also be eligible. An alien mother may receive the allowance if she or her husband resided in Australia for at least twelve months immediately prior to the birth of the child, or if she is likely to remain in Australia permanently.

*Rates of allowance.* The allowance is \$30 if the mother has no other children, \$32 if she has one or two children under sixteen, and \$35 if she has three or more other children under sixteen. The amount is increased by \$10 for each additional child born at a birth. An advance payment of \$20 may be made four weeks before the expected date of birth. The balance is payable immediately after the birth. Payment may be made in respect of the birth of a still-born child, or a child which lives for less than twelve hours, if the child had developed for at least five and a half months.

## Claims paid

MATERNITY ALLOWANCES: CLAIMS PAID AT EACH RATE  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, ETC., 1969-70

(Number)

State, Territory, etc.	Multiple births											Total claims paid
	Single births			Twins			Triplets			Quad- ruplets		
	\$30	\$32	\$35	\$40	\$42	\$45	\$50	\$52	\$55	\$60	\$62	
New South Wales . . . . .	33,834	39,682	11,990	332	492	187	4	4	..	1	..	86,526
Victoria . . . . .	26,892	33,564	11,000	229	397	165	2	7	3	..	..	72,259
Queensland . . . . .	13,673	16,204	6,644	102	166	91	1	1	..	..	..	36,882
South Australia . . . . .	8,424	10,368	3,000	76	117	44	..	..	2	..	..	22,031
Western Australia . . . . .	7,682	9,432	2,990	63	90	37	..	..	..	..	..	20,294
Tasmania . . . . .	2,921	3,731	1,406	28	32	12	..	..	..	..	..	8,130
Northern Territory Australian Capital Territory . . . . .	886	989	562	18	7	6	..	..	..	..	..	2,468
Abroad . . . . .	1,241	1,559	407	13	19	5	1	..	..	..	..	3,245
	46	20	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	69
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>95,599</b>	<b>115,549</b>	<b>38,001</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>251,904</b>

## MATERNITY ALLOWANCES: CLAIMS PAID, AUSTRALIA 1965-66 TO 1969-70

Year	Number single births	Multiple births	Total claims paid	Amount paid
				\$'000
1965-66 . . . . .	221,889	2,422	224,311	7,159
1966-67 . . . . .	226,339	2,446	228,785	7,294
1967-68 . . . . .	228,324	2,452	230,776	7,349
1968-69 . . . . .	248,599	2,688	251,287	7,960
1969-70 . . . . .	249,149	2,755	251,904	8,000

## Child endowment

A person who is resident in Australia and has the custody, care and control of one or more children under the age of sixteen years or of a full-time student child over sixteen but under twenty-one years, or an approved institution of which children are inmates, is qualified to receive an endowment in respect of each such child. Full-time student children are those receiving full-time education at a school, college or university and who are not in employment or engaged in work on their own account. There are provisions to meet cases of families divided because of divorce, separation, unemployment or death of a parent. There is no means test.

Twelve months residence in Australia is required if the claimant and the child were not born here, but this requirement is waived if the Department of Social Services is satisfied that they are likely to remain in Australia permanently. Where the child's father is not a British subject, endowment is payable if the child was born in Australia, if the mother is a British subject, or if the Department is satisfied that the child is likely to remain permanently in Australia. Under certain conditions, endowment may be paid to Australians who are temporarily absent overseas.

*Rates of endowment.* Since 19 September 1967 the weekly rates have been: children under sixteen years—50 cents for the first or only child in a family; \$1.00 for the second; \$1.50 for the third; and then increases of 25 cents for each subsequent child, making \$1.75 for the fourth, \$2.00 for the fifth and so on. For each eligible student child in a family the rate is \$1.50, which is also the rate payable for each child under sixteen years, or full-time student child in an approved institution.

*Number of claims and endowed children—children under sixteen years.* The number of families receiving child endowment at 30 June 1970 in respect of children under sixteen years was 1,749,734 an increase of 47,820 or 2.81 per cent during the year.

**CHILD ENDOWMENT: CLAIMS AND ENDOWED CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS  
STATES, TERRITORIES, ETC., 30 JUNE 1970**

<i>State, Territory, etc.</i>	<i>Family groups</i>			<i>Approved institutions</i>		<i>Total endowed children under 16 years</i>
	<i>Claims in force</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Average number per claim</i>	<i>Number (a)</i>	<i>Endowed child inmates under 16 years</i>	
New South Wales . . . . .	621,621	1,333,330	2.14	130	5,819	1,339,149
Victoria . . . . .	487,592	1,069,440	2.19	120	5,526	1,074,966
Queensland . . . . .	245,418	561,604	2.29	43	2,580	564,184
South Australia . . . . .	165,245	358,421	2.17	59	1,297	359,718
Western Australia . . . . .	140,719	317,904	2.26	70	4,154	322,058
Tasmania . . . . .	56,675	129,853	2.29	23	423	130,276
Northern Territory . . . . .	11,932	28,517	2.39	10	235	28,752
Australian Capital Territory . . . . .	20,257	44,937	2.22	1	35	44,972
Abroad . . . . .	275	584	2.12	..	..	584
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>1,749,734</b>	<b>3,844,590</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>20,069</b>	<b>3,864,659</b>

(a) All institutions approved for receipt of endowment.

The following table shows, as at 30 June 1970, the number of claims in force and the number of endowed children under sixteen years in family groups, classified according to the number of endowed children in the family group. The families included in the table are not necessarily made up entirely of the children of one marriage, but may include step-children, foster children, adopted children, and any other children in the custody, care and control of the claimant.

**CHILD ENDOWMENT: ENDOWED CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS IN FAMILY GROUPS  
TOTAL, 30 JUNE 1970**

<i>Number of endowed children under 16 years in family group</i>	<i>Claims in force</i>	<i>Endowed children under 16 years</i>	<i>Number of endowed children under 16 years in family group</i>	<i>Claims in force</i>	<i>Endowed children under 16 years</i>
1 . . . . .	598,260	598,260	9 . . . . .	1,091	9,819
2 . . . . .	583,453	1,166,906	10 . . . . .	395	3,950
3 . . . . .	333,246	999,738	11 . . . . .	113	1,243
4 . . . . .	147,397	589,588	12 . . . . .	50	600
5 . . . . .	53,857	269,285	13 . . . . .	13	169
6 . . . . .	21,033	126,198	14 . . . . .	5	70
7 . . . . .	7,819	54,733	15 or more . . . . .	2	31
8 . . . . .	3,000	24,000	<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>1,749,734</b>	<b>3,844,590</b>

## Number of claims and endowed children—student children sixteen to twenty-one years

CHILD ENDOWMENT: CLAIMS AND ENDOWED STUDENT CHILDREN  
STATES, TERRITORIES, ETC., 30 JUNE 1970

State, Territory, etc.	Family groups			Approved institutions		Total endowed student children
	Claims in force	Endowed student children		Number(a)	Endowed student child inmates	
		Number	Average number per claim			
New South Wales . . . . .	74,395	81,585	1.10	22	88	81,673
Victoria . . . . .	65,576	72,856	1.11	28	131	72,987
Queensland . . . . .	16,678	18,352	1.10	14	38	18,390
South Australia . . . . .	19,151	20,794	1.10	15	135	20,929
Western Australia . . . . .	10,495	11,367	1.10	22	172	11,539
Tasmania . . . . .	4,792	5,254	1.10	5	9	5,263
Northern Territory(b) . . . . .	460	503	1.10	..	..	503
Australian Capital Territory . . . . .	3,004	3,403	1.13	..	..	3,403
Abroad . . . . .	25	32	1.30	..	..	32
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>194,576</b>	<b>214,146</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>214,719</b>

(a) Included with approved institutions in first table on page 393. (b) Endowment payments are now being made direct to Aboriginal families instead of through institutions.

CHILD ENDOWMENT: ENDOWED STUDENT CHILDREN IN FAMILY GROUPS  
TOTAL, 30 JUNE 1970

Number of endowed student children in family group	Claims in force	Endowed student children	Number of endowed student children in family group	Claims in force	Endowed student children
1 . . . . .	176,023	176,023	4 . . . . .	39	156
2 . . . . .	17,579	35,158	5 . . . . .	2	10
3 . . . . .	933	2,799	<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>194,576</b>	<b>214,146</b>

## Liability and expenditure—children under sixteen years

CHILD ENDOWMENT: CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS  
LIABILITY AND EXPENDITURE, STATES, TERRITORIES, ETC., 1969-70  
(\$'000)

State, Territory, etc.	Annual liability at 30 June 1970			Total payments to endowees and institutions during year(a)
	Family groups	Approved institutions	Total	
New South Wales . . . . .	63,687	454	64,141	69,218
Victoria . . . . .	51,940	431	52,371	56,933
Queensland . . . . .	28,208	201	28,409	30,855
South Australia . . . . .	17,135	101	17,236	18,687
Western Australia . . . . .	15,599	324	15,923	17,004
Tasmania . . . . .	6,486	33	6,519	7,006
Northern Territory(b) . . . . .	1,500	18	1,518	1,466
Australian Capital Territory . . . . .	2,169	3	2,172	2,329
Abroad . . . . .	28	..	28	(c)63
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>186,752</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>188,317</b>	<b>203,561</b>

(a) See footnote (b) in second table on page 395. (b) Endowment payments are now being made direct to Aboriginal families instead of through institutions. (c) Includes expenditure for endowed student children; separate figures are not available.

*Liability and expenditure—student children sixteen to twenty-one years*

**CHILD ENDOWMENT: STUDENT CHILDREN, LIABILITY, AND  
EXPENDITURE, STATES, TERRITORIES, ETC., 1969-70**  
(\$'000)

<i>State, Territory, etc.</i>	<i>Annual liability at 30 June 1970</i>			<i>Total payments to endowees and institutions during year</i>
	<i>Family groups</i>	<i>Approved institutions</i>	<i>Total</i>	
New South Wales . . . . .	6,364	7	6,371	6,286
Victoria . . . . .	5,683	10	5,693	5,486
Queensland . . . . .	1,431	3	1,434	1,616
South Australia . . . . .	1,622	11	1,633	1,600
Western Australia . . . . .	887	13	900	890
Tasmania . . . . .	410	1	411	410
Northern Territory . . . . .	39	..	39	36
Australian Capital Territory . . . . .	265	..	265	259
Abroad . . . . .	2	..	2	(a)
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>16,703</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>16,748</b>	<b>16,582</b>

(a) Included in preceding table showing expenditure for endowed children under sixteen years; separate figures are not available.

*Child endowment summary, 1965-66 to 1969-70***CHILD ENDOWMENT: SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA, 1965-66 TO 1969-70**

<i>Year</i>	<i>At end of year</i>				<i>Annual liability for endowment (b)</i>	<i>Total payments during year (b)</i>
	<i>Family group claims in force</i>		<i>Approved institutions</i>	<i>Total endowed children</i>		
	<i>For children under 16 years(a)</i>	<i>For student children(a)</i>				
1965-66 . . . . .	1,610,490	132,900	488	3,762,646	\$'000 182,288	\$'000 176,432
1966-67 . . . . .	1,640,390	151,623	487	3,834,917	185,940	(c)199,282
1967-68 . . . . .	1,669,629	158,488	491	3,890,853	196,397	187,920
1968-69 . . . . .	1,701,914	187,500	493	3,996,042	202,034	193,263
1969-70 . . . . .	1,749,734	194,576	456	4,079,378	205,065	(c)220,143

(a) Claims by families with children under sixteen and student children are shown in both columns. Information on the number of families having such dual claims is not available. (b) A number of endowments are paid every twelve weeks. During two years out of every three there are four such payments but every third year there are five. Figures for annual liability therefore, reflect trends in expenditure on child endowment more accurately than do figures for payments. (c) Expenditure for this year includes five twelve-weekly payments for endowed children under 16 years.

**Unemployment, sickness, and special benefits**

Unemployment and sickness benefits are paid to males over sixteen and under sixty-five years of age, and females over sixteen and under sixty years of age, who are unemployed or who are temporarily incapacitated for work and thereby suffer loss of income. They must have been living in Australia during the preceding twelve months or be likely to remain permanently in Australia. A person receiving an age, invalid or widow's pension, or a service pension (as distinct from a war pension) under the *Repatriation Act 1920-1970* or a tuberculosis allowance, is ineligible to receive a benefit.

To qualify for an unemployment benefit a person must establish that he is unemployed and that his unemployment is not due to his being a direct participant in a strike, that he is capable and willing to undertake suitable work, and that he has taken reasonable steps to obtain such work. Registration with the local Commonwealth District Employment Office is necessary. To qualify for a sickness benefit, a person must establish that he is temporarily incapacitated for work because of sickness or accident and that he has thereby suffered a loss of salary, wages or other income. A married woman is not eligible to receive a sickness benefit if it is reasonably possible for her husband

to maintain her. Where her husband is able to maintain her only partially, a benefit may be paid at such rate as is considered reasonable in the circumstances. In exceptional cases a married woman may qualify for unemployment benefit in her own right.

A special benefit may be granted to a person not qualified for unemployment or sickness benefit who is not receiving an age, invalid or widow's pension or a service pension, and who, because of age, physical or mental disability or domestic circumstances, or for any other reason, is unable to earn a sufficient livelihood for himself and his dependants. Recipients of special benefits include, among others, persons caring for invalid parents, and persons ineligible for age, invalid or widow's pensions because of lack of residence qualifications.

Special benefits are also paid to migrants who are in Commonwealth centres or hostels awaiting their first placement in employment in Australia. During this time they receive a short instruction in English and in Australian conditions to facilitate their assimilation into the community and employment.

*Rates of benefit.* The maximum weekly rates of unemployment, sickness and special benefit payable and permissible income in respect of benefit periods which commenced on or after 28 September 1970 are as follows.

	<i>Maximum weekly rate</i>	<i>Permissible weekly income</i>
	\$	\$
Adult (21 and over) or married minor . . . . .	10.00	6.00
Unmarried person, aged 18-20 years . . . . .	6.00	3.00
Unmarried person, aged 16-17 years . . . . .	4.50	3.00

The adult rate of benefit is payable to unmarried minors having no parent living in Australia.

An additional benefit of \$7 a week may be paid for a dependent spouse and \$2.50 a week for the first dependent child and \$3.50 for each other dependent child under sixteen years of age resident in Australia. Additional benefit, at the same rate as that for a dependent spouse, may be paid where a woman is keeping house for a claimant who has one or more children under sixteen years of age in his care. It may be granted only if no such benefit is payable for his wife, and the housekeeper is substantially dependent on him but not employed by him.

After six consecutive weekly payments, sickness benefit may be increased to the appropriate long-term rate shown in the table below if the person receiving benefit is not in hospital, or is in hospital but has one or more dependants. The 1970 Budget provided for benefits of \$15.50 per week for adults and married minors and \$10.00 per week for minors. These have since been varied and the rates shown below are those current as from the first payment falling due in April 1971.

	<i>Maximum weekly rate</i>	<i>Permissible weekly income</i>
	\$	\$
Adult (21 and over) or married minor or unmarried minor with no parent in Australia . . . . .	16.00	6.00
Unmarried person, aged 16-20 years . . . . .	10.50	3.00

Additional benefit for dependants continues at the same rate as ordinary sickness benefit and a supplementary allowance of up to \$2.00 a week may be paid to beneficiaries if they pay rent or pay for board and lodging or for lodging.

The weekly rate of benefit is reduced by the amount by which a beneficiary's other income exceeds the amount of permissible income. For unemployment benefit purposes the income of the spouse is also taken into account unless the claimant and his spouse are permanently separated. For sickness benefit purposes the income from an approved friendly society or other similar approved body in respect of the incapacity for which sickness benefit is payable is disregarded. 'Income' does not include child endowment or other payments for children, Commonwealth hospital and pharmaceutical benefits, a tuberculosis allowance, or an amount paid in reimbursement of medical, dental or similar expenses. There is no means test on property. The supplementary allowance is reduced by the amount by which a beneficiary's other income exceeds \$1.00 a week.

The amount of compensation, damages or similar payment, or war pension, if paid in respect of the same incapacity as that for which sickness benefit is claimed, is deducted from the sickness benefit. If not paid in respect of the same incapacity, compensation is regarded as income and war pension is ignored.

There is a waiting period of seven days during which unemployment or sickness benefit is not payable, but this waiting period is not required more than once in any period of thirteen weeks.

## Benefits

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS, AND SPECIAL BENEFITS  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1969-70(a)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.	
Number admitted to benefit during year—										
Unemployment—										
Males . . . . .	19,655	14,597	24,161	10,055	4,345	2,371	270	214	75,668	
Females . . . . .	10,707	5,441	9,012	4,933	2,017	1,454	85	66	33,715	
Persons . . . . .	30,362	20,038	33,173	14,988	6,362	3,825	355	280	109,383	
Sickness—										
Males . . . . .	20,606	12,213	9,139	4,701	4,409	1,796	309	252	53,425	
Females . . . . .	5,374	3,469	1,890	1,142	949	398	53	66	13,341	
Persons . . . . .	25,980	15,682	11,029	5,843	5,358	2,194	362	318	66,766	
Special—										
Ordinary—										
Males . . . . .	619	427	294	86	89	46	4	7	1,572	
Females(b) . . . . .	3,256	3,899	1,545	862	728	383	73	64	10,810	
Persons . . . . .	3,875	4,326	1,839	948	817	429	77	71	12,382	
Migrants—										
Persons . . . . .	5,837	3,854	6	1,050	..	..	..	..	10,747	
Total—										
Males(c) . . . . .	40,880	27,237	33,594	14,842	8,843	4,213	583	473	130,665	
Females(c) . . . . .	19,337	12,809	12,447	6,937	3,694	2,235	211	196	57,866	
Persons(d) . . . . .	66,054	43,900	46,047	22,829	12,537	6,448	794	669	199,278	
Persons on benefit at end of year—										
Unemployment—										
Males . . . . .	2,263	2,279	2,140	1,177	598	290	3	9	8,759	
Females . . . . .	1,541	814	953	618	205	147	2	4	4,284	
Persons . . . . .	3,804	3,093	3,093	1,795	803	437	5	13	13,043	
Sickness—										
Males . . . . .	2,793	1,892	1,000	576	400	217	33	37	6,948	
Females . . . . .	747	566	205	174	119	46	2	6	1,865	
Persons . . . . .	3,540	2,458	1,205	750	519	263	35	43	8,813	
Special—										
Ordinary—										
Males . . . . .	177	109	70	21	23	15	1	1	417	
Females(b) . . . . .	1,134	1,022	563	270	228	142	12	16	3,387	
Persons . . . . .	1,311	1,131	633	291	251	157	13	17	3,804	
Migrants—										
Persons . . . . .	183	85	..	65	..	..	..	..	333	
Total—										
Males(c) . . . . .	5,233	4,280	3,210	1,774	1,021	522	37	47	16,124	
Females(c) . . . . .	3,422	2,402	1,721	1,062	552	335	16	26	9,536	
Persons(d) . . . . .	8,838	6,767	4,931	2,901	1,573	857	53	73	25,993	
Benefits paid during year—										
Unemployment . . . . .	\$'000	2,451	1,795	2,814	1,008	407	360	21	11	8,868
Sickness . . . . .	\$'000	2,773	1,956	1,064	576	508	199	34	37	7,146
Special(d) . . . . .	\$'000	818	1,074	303	174	123	68	10	7	2,578
Total benefits paid . . . . .	\$'000	6,042	4,825	4,181	1,758	1,038	627	65	55	18,592

(a) Excludes a small number of persons receiving unemployment benefits in outlying areas. (b) Since June 1968, special benefits, instead of sickness or unemployment benefits, became payable for confinement cases. (c) Excludes migrants in Commonwealth centres or hostels awaiting their first placement in employment in Australia. (d) Includes migrants in the category described in footnote (c).

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS, AND SPECIAL BENEFITS: SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA  
1965-66 TO 1969-70

Year	Number admitted to benefit during year			Average number of persons on benefit at end of each week			Amount paid in benefits		
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special (a)	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special (a)	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special (a)
1965-66 . . . . .	114,497	69,585	7,838	14,927	10,044	2,507	\$'000 7,813	\$'000 6,483	\$'000 1,261
1966-67 . . . . .	151,024	72,276	9,340	20,650	10,108	2,413	11,186	6,611	1,247
1967-68 . . . . .	158,133	72,924	11,615	21,543	9,935	2,532	11,242	6,290	1,300
1968-69 . . . . .	132,914	63,024	(b)21,928	17,818	8,407	(b)4,307	9,268	5,531	(b)2,031
1969-70 . . . . .	109,383	66,766	23,129	13,212	8,572	4,445	8,868	7,146	2,578

(a) Includes migrants in Commonwealth centres or hostels awaiting their first placement in employment in Australia. (b) Since June 1968, special benefits instead of sickness or unemployment benefits, became payable for confinement cases.

## Sheltered employment allowance

This allowance was introduced on 30 June 1967 as an alternative to an invalid pension. It is available to disabled employees engaged in approved sheltered employment and who are either invalid pensioners or are likely to become permanently incapacitated to a pensionable degree and are otherwise qualified to receive an invalid pension.



The maximum rate of the allowance is the same as the maximum rate of invalid pension. Additional benefits such as wife's allowance and additional pension for children that would be paid if the person were an invalid pensioner are added to the sheltered employment allowance to form one composite payment. The means test is the same as for invalid pensions.

In the year ended 30 June 1970, eight workshops were approved under the *Social Services Act 1947-1970* to pay sheltered employment allowances on behalf of the Department of Social Services. At 30 June 1970 eleven workshops were paying the allowances to 718 disabled employees. Employees in other sheltered workshops continued to receive invalid pensions. Expenditure during the year 1969-70 was \$435,603.

#### Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service

The Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service was set up to help persons who are unable to work because of physical handicap, or who have had to give up their employment because of sickness or injury. It helps disabled persons to reach their maximum physical fitness and to prepare for suitable employment. They are given suitable treatment and training, the cases selected being those in which the person's disability is remediable and there are reasonable prospects of his engaging in a suitable vocation within three years after the commencement of treatment or training.

The service is available to invalid and widow pensioners, persons receiving unemployment, sickness or special benefits, persons receiving tuberculosis allowances, and persons aged fourteen or fifteen who, without treatment and training, would be likely to qualify for an invalid pension on reaching the age of sixteen years. During treatment, payment of pension or benefit continues. When vocational training begins the pension or benefit is suspended and a rehabilitation allowance, together with a training allowance of \$4.00 a week, is paid instead. With an invalid pensioner, or a sickness, unemployment, or special beneficiary, the rehabilitation allowance is equivalent to and calculated in the same manner as an invalid pension. For a widow pensioner the rate is the same as that of the widow's pension.

Living-away-from-home allowances are paid where necessary. Fares and living expenses (including those of an attendant where required) incurred in connection with treatment, training or attendance for an interview or for medical examination may also be paid. Necessary artificial replacements, surgical aids and appliances may be provided, free of charge, to a person receiving treatment and training or who needs them to assist him to engage in a suitable vocation after the discontinuance of his treatment and training or who needs them otherwise to assist in his rehabilitation. He may also be provided with books, equipment and tools of trade costing up to \$80 in any period of twelve months. Where books, equipment and tools of trade provided to assist a person to engage in a suitable vocation are retained by him, he is liable to repay the cost but is not required to make repayment until after he has commenced employment. The repayment may be made by instalments. If the treatment or vocational training does not result in the trainee being able to engage in employment, he receives the pension or benefit to which he is entitled. Disabled persons who cannot qualify for the free service may pay for rehabilitation themselves, or they may be sponsored by government or private organisations.

#### *Numbers dealt with by the service*

#### COMMONWEALTH REHABILITATION SERVICE: AUSTRALIA, 1969-70

Class of beneficiary	Referred	Accepted	Completed training	Placed in employment		Expenditure during year \$'000	
				After training (a)	Without training		
Invalid pensioners . . . . .	11,703	378	121	112	215	} n.a.	
Widow pensioners(b) . . . . .	8	3	..	..	2		
Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries . . . . .	11,439	965	171	157	662		
Special beneficiaries . . . . .	10	1	..	..	..		
Recipients of tuberculosis allowance . . . . .	34	8	2	2	3		
Persons aged 14-15 years . . . . .	129	60	15	14	41		
Persons provided with rehabilitation on payment of the cost by themselves or by another authority . . . . .	123	105	7	7	93		
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>23,446</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>1,016</b>		<b>(b)2,402</b>

(a) Includes persons who had received training prior to 1 July 1969.

(b) Excludes widows accepted under the *Training Scheme for Widow Pensioners* (see page 399).

Of the 1,520 persons accepted during 1969-70, 75 per cent were under forty years of age. The average number undergoing rehabilitation at the end of each month during the year was 991.

#### Training scheme for widow pensioners

In September 1968 a scheme was introduced to help widow pensioners acquire vocational skills which will enable them to undertake gainful employment. Training may take the form of refresher courses or it may involve training for new skills. During training the widow continues to receive her pension for as long as she remains eligible. In addition to pension, she may qualify for a training allowance of \$4 a week and a living-away-from-home allowance of \$5 a week. The cost of tuition fees and fares may also be met. Of the 1,954 applications received during 1969-70, 1,202 were accepted for training and of this number, 1,136 commenced training. During the year 762 completed training and 439 were placed in employment. Expenditure during the year was \$355,393.

#### Commonwealth assistance to welfare organisations

*The Aged Persons Homes Act 1954-1969* is designed to encourage the provision of homes in which aged persons may reside in conditions approaching normal domestic life.

To be eligible for assistance under the Act an organisation must be:

- (a) carried on otherwise than for the purposes of profit or gain to the individual members; and
- (b) a religious organisation, an organisation of which the principal objects or purposes are charitable or benevolent, an organisation of former members of the defence forces established in every State or a State branch of such an organisation, an organisation approved by the Governor-General for the purposes of the Act, or a local governing body.

An organisation conducted or controlled by, or by persons appointed by, the Government of the Commonwealth or of a State is not eligible for assistance under the Act.

The Director-General of Social Services may make a grant of money to an organisation as assistance towards meeting the cost of the construction or purchase of a home, including land, to be used permanently for the accommodation of aged persons. The grant is made on a basis of \$2 for each \$1 raised by the organisation (\$1 for each \$1 from 1954 to 1957), not counting money which the organisation received from a governmental body (other than a local governing body) or borrowed. Before a grant is made the Director-General must be satisfied that the sum of the money expended and the money at present available for expenditure by the organisation towards the capital cost of the home, together with the amount of the grant, will be not less than the capital cost of the home.

The following table gives information regarding grants approved during 1969-70. The amounts granted include new grants approved in 1969-70 together with adjustments made during the year in respect of grants originally approved in earlier years.

AGED PERSONS HOMES: GRANTS AND AMOUNTS APPROVED, AND BEDS PROVIDED, STATES AND TERRITORIES, 1969-70

		N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total
Grants approved . . .	No.	46	44	31	30	18	14	1	..	184
Amounts . . . . .	\$'000	3,930	3,616	1,481	1,807	2,019	705	17	..	13,576
Beds provided . . . .	No.	930	838	416	445	508	164	4	..	3,305

The following table gives information regarding grants approved for each of the years 1965-66 to 1969-70. The amounts granted in each year include new grants approved in that year together with adjustments made during the year in respect of grants originally approved in earlier years.

**AGED PERSONS HOMES: GRANTS AND  
AMOUNTS APPROVED, AND BEDS PROVIDED  
AUSTRALIA 1965-66 TO 1969-70**

Year	Grants approved		Beds provided
	Number	Amount (\$'000)	Number
1965-66	149	9,576	2,807
1966-67	158	11,095	3,227
1967-68	170	10,220	2,831
1968-69	193	12,704	3,342
1969-70	184	13,576	3,305

Since the commencement of the Act in December 1954, 2,035 grants amounting to \$105,998,324 have been approved, and accommodation has been provided for 35,922 aged persons.

On 12 September 1969 the Aged Persons Homes Act was amended to provide a *Personal care subsidy* of \$5 a week for persons of eighty years of age or over who receive approved personal care while living in hostel type accommodation provided by organisations eligible under the Aged Persons Homes Act. The following table gives details of the premises approved, payments made, and number of residents aged eighty years or over residing in the approved premises, at 30 June 1970.

**AGED PERSONS HOMES GRANTS, PERSONAL CARE SUBSIDY: STATES, 30 JUNE 1970**

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Number of approved premises	79	95	50	44	29	18	1	1	317
Number of qualified residents	1,393	1,759	1,051	945	492	263	2	1	5,906
Subsidy paid	\$ 282,480	333,180	209,580	173,780	89,020	44,260	200	180	1,132,680

*The Sheltered Employment (Assistance) Act 1967-1970* superseded the *Disabled Persons Accommodation Act 1963*. Under the latter Act, which was in operation from 25 November 1963 to 30 June 1967, total grants of \$372,118 had been approved. The new Act, which came into operation on 30 June 1967 and was amended on 26 October 1970, provides for subsidies of \$2 for \$1 to eligible organisations towards the capital cost of sheltered workshops, the equipment for them, and accommodation for disabled people employed or likely to be employed in sheltered workshops. The Act covers the erection of buildings and the purchase of existing buildings. In both cases the cost of land is included in the capital cost as is the cost of any necessary conversion of an existing building. The subsidy may also be paid towards the rental, for up to three years, where rented premises are used to provide sheltered employment. Organisations eligible for grants under the Act are the same as those specified under the Aged Persons Homes Act.

A substantial number of the people employed in the sheltered workshop must be medically qualified for an invalid pension, or be likely to become so qualified if not provided with sheltered employment, and must receive payment for their work before the organisation can qualify for a subsidy. Since 26 October 1970 a training fee of \$500 has been payable to sheltered workshop organisations in respect of each handicapped person who enters and remains in normal employment for twelve months following a period of at least six months training provided by the organisation. In addition, a subsidy of up to \$1 for \$1 is payable towards the salaries of certain sheltered workshop staff (such as supervisory staff, doctors, social workers and counsellors).

The total subsidy for the 359 grants approved during 1969-70 amounted to \$1,483,217. Of these grants, 36 were for workshop buildings and extensions involving a subsidy of \$901,924. The increased number of grants during the year was due mainly to the greater demand for equipment and, to a lesser extent, to the construction and rental of more workshops. The remaining grants and subsidies approved were divided as follows: 295 grants totalling \$361,662 for workshop equipment; 24 in respect of rental of premises used as sheltered workshops, \$57,543; and 4 grants involving \$162,088 for projects providing accommodation for 44 disabled workshop employees.

*The Handicapped Children (Assistance) Act 1970* came into operation on 17 June 1970. The Act provides for subsidies of \$2 for \$1 to be paid to eligible organisations towards the capital cost of premises to be used for the training of handicapped children; the cost of equipment for such training; and the capital cost of residential accommodation for handicapped children receiving training. Organisations eligible for grants under the Act are the same as those specified under the Aged Persons Homes Act. Although a number of enquiries were received for subsidy under the Act, insufficient time was available for any grants to be made in the period to 30 June 1970.

*The Delivered Meals Subsidy Act 1970* came into operation on 15 April 1970. Its purpose is to help organisations to establish, maintain, expand and improve 'meals-on-wheels' services. The subsidy is at the rate of \$1 for every ten meals provided by approved organisations. At 30 June 1970, 191 organisations had received a total subsidy of \$195,555 under the Act. Organisations eligible for grants under the Act are the same as those specified under the Aged Persons Homes Act.

#### Commonwealth assistance to States

*The States Grants (Deserted) Wives Act 1968* came into operation on 21 June 1968 with retrospective effect from 1 January 1968. The Act provides for assistance to be given by the Commonwealth to the States in respect of aid for mothers with children where there is no bread-winner and the mothers are not eligible for benefits under the Social Services Act. Broadly, these include deserted wives during the first six months of desertion, wives during the first six months of the husband's imprisonment, deserted de facto wives and de facto wives of prisoners, and other unmarried mothers who are ineligible for Commonwealth widows' pension.

The type of assistance attracting a Commonwealth grant may be provided in the form of cash, food or clothing. The grant is made by the Commonwealth to the States on the basis of half the cost of the approved assistance paid to the mother or half the amount of Class A widow's pension whichever is the lesser.

All States, including Victoria which joined in April 1970, are now receiving assistance under the scheme. In 1969-70 payments by the Commonwealth amounted to \$1,882,133 compared with \$1,149,282 during 1968-69.

*The States Grants (Home Care) Act 1969* provides that the Commonwealth will share on a \$1 for \$1 basis with participating States the cost of approved housekeeping or other domestic assistance provided wholly or mainly for aged persons in their homes. The Commonwealth will also share on a \$1 for \$1 basis with participating States up to a maximum of one-third of the capital cost of approved senior citizens' centres as well as meeting on a \$1 for \$1 basis with the States the cost of a salary of a welfare officer employed by such a centre.

Queensland was the only State to receive payment during the year, a grant of \$31,413 being made.

*The State Grants (Dwellings for Aged Pensioners) Act 1969* enables the Commonwealth to make grants, amounting to \$25,000,000 over a 5 year period commencing from 1 July 1969, to the States for the purpose of carrying out approved building schemes in connection with the provision of self-contained accommodation for single aged pensioners and those who qualify for service pensions by reason of age.

#### DWELLINGS FOR AGED PERSONS: ASSISTANCE TO STATES 1969-70

<i>Locality</i>	<i>Expenditure 1969-70</i>	<i>Maximum amount payable under the Act</i>
	\$	\$
New South Wales . . . . .	464,847	10,750,000
Victoria . . . . .	200,000	6,500,000
Queensland . . . . .	..	3,350,000
South Australia . . . . .	160,000	2,000,000
Western Australia . . . . .	..	1,750,000
Tasmania . . . . .	100,000	650,000
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>924,847</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>

**Telephone rental concessions**

Effective from 1 October 1964 an amendment to the Telephone Regulations of the Post and Telegraph Act provided that a telephone service for qualified age, invalid and widow pensioners and blind people is available at an annual rental equal to two-thirds of the amount otherwise payable. The Department of Social Services re-imburses the Postmaster-General's Department for the cost of the scheme including administrative costs. Expenditure during 1969-70 was \$2,224,436, plus administrative costs amounting to \$75,018.

**Compassionate allowances**

These allowances are paid by the Commonwealth on a discretionary basis to certain people who are unable to qualify for pensions or other benefits under the provisions of the Social Services Act. Expenditure on compassionate allowances and payments of a similar nature during 1969-70 was \$60,529.

**Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory Welfare Services**

Provision of general Welfare services in these two Territories is the responsibility of the Commonwealth. In so far as Welfare items (excluding payments from the National Welfare Fund (see pages 384-5)) can be identified for accounting purposes, the following table shows the cost of providing these services for each of the years 1965-66 to 1969-70.

**COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON GENERAL WELFARE SERVICES(a):  
NORTHERN TERRITORY AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
1965-66 TO 1969-70  
(\$'000)**

	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70
<b>Northern Territory—</b>					
<b>Current outlay—</b>					
Net current expenditure on goods and services . . . . .	2,567	3,196	4,237	7,701	10,485
Cash benefits to persons . . . . .	191	214	249	294	324
<i>Total current outlay.</i> . . . .	<i>2,758</i>	<i>3,411</i>	<i>4,486</i>	<i>7,995</i>	<i>10,809</i>
<b>Capital outlay—</b>					
Gross capital formation(b) . . . . .	..	32	48	1,972	4,183
<b>Total outlay</b> . . . . .	<b>2,758</b>	<b>3,442</b>	<b>4,533</b>	<b>9,967</b>	<b>14,992</b>
<b>Australian Capital Territory—</b>					
<b>Current outlay—</b>					
Net current expenditure on goods and services . . . . .	29	32	33	36	37
Cash benefits to persons . . . . .	207	225	292	329	186
<i>Total current outlay.</i> . . . .	<i>236</i>	<i>257</i>	<i>325</i>	<i>365</i>	<i>223</i>
<b>Capital outlay—</b>					
Gross capital formation(b) . . . . .	84	36	..	..	..
<b>Total outlay</b> . . . . .	<b>320</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>223</b>

(a) Includes expenditure on aboriginal affairs. (b) Expenditure on fixed assets and increase in stocks.

**Aboriginal welfare**

☒ The Aboriginal population as defined at the 1966 Census of Population and Housing includes persons who, at the Census, stated themselves to be 'Aboriginal', or who stated themselves to be more than half Aboriginal, or who were half Aboriginal and half European. The number enumerated in this group at the 1966 Census was 80,207 persons. This figure excludes Torres Strait Islanders, persons who stated that they were less than half Aboriginal and persons who are half Aboriginal and half non-European. An independent estimate, which includes each of these categories, made by the Commonwealth Office of Aboriginal Affairs set the total Aboriginal population in 1969 at about 140,000 persons. The Aboriginal population is increasing at a rate faster than the Australian average. Few Aborigines still live a nomadic life; most live a settled, but in many other ways traditional, life. There are others at all stages between this and full participation in the life of the Australian community.

A referendum in May 1967 led to the repeal of Section 127 of the Constitution which provided that in reckoning the numbers for census purposes, Aborigines should not be counted; and to the deletion of the words 'other than the Aboriginal race in any State' from Section 51 (xxvi) which relates to the power of the Commonwealth Parliament to make laws with respect to people of any race. The Federal Government, whose aim is to help the Aborigines to become an integral part of Australian community life, now shares with the States power and responsibilities for the advancement of Aborigines. The Commonwealth Government has created an office of Aboriginal Affairs, in Canberra, as the agency co-ordinating policy affecting Aborigines, as well as continuing its financial and administrative responsibilities for Aborigines in the Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory through the Department of the Interior. The Office serves a Council, comprising a Chairman and two members, which has two functions: to advise in the framing of national policies for the Aboriginal citizens of Australia; and to consult with Commonwealth Departments and authorities whose activities have a bearing on Aboriginal welfare.

In recent years the Commonwealth, State and Northern Territory legislatures have been active in progressively removing all discriminatory legislation from the relevant Acts of the Commonwealth and State Parliaments and from the relevant Ordinances of the Northern Territory, and therefore a number of benefits received by Aborigines are no longer readily identifiable. In the legal and formal sense none of the opportunities open to Australians generally is closed to Aborigines. However the States continue to maintain a number of programmes specifically for the welfare and advancement of Aborigines, and since 1968 the Commonwealth Government has increased its involvement following the establishment of the Office of Aboriginal Affairs. Outlays by Commonwealth and State Authorities specifically relating to Aboriginal affairs are shown for 1969-70 in the following table.

OUTLAY ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS BY ALL PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, 1969-70  
(\$'000)

	Common- wealth authorities	State authorities					All public Tas. authorities	
		N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.		
Net current expenditure on goods and services (including grants to private non-profit organisations)—								
Education . . . . .	371	260	..	90	30	..	7	758
Health . . . . .	..	39	..	30	29	..	..	98
Welfare . . . . .	10,347	147	342	6,013	1,239	1,799	..	19,887
Other . . . . .	360	..	..	..	..	..	..	360
<i>Total</i> . . . . .	<i>11,078</i>	<i>446</i>	<i>342</i>	<i>6,133</i>	<i>1,298</i>	<i>1,799</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>21,103</i>
Gross capital formation—								
Education . . . . .	46	..	..	369	71	263	..	749
Health . . . . .	..	..	..	288	48	75	1	412
Welfare . . . . .	4,395	471	..	675	317	..	..	5,858
Housing . . . . .	251	795	290	1,152	420	1,950	31	4,889
<i>Total</i> . . . . .	<i>4,692</i>	<i>1,266</i>	<i>290</i>	<i>2,484</i>	<i>856</i>	<i>2,288</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>11,908</i>
Cash benefits to persons . . . . .	735	..	357	..	15	477	..	1,584
Grants for private capital purposes . . . . .	300	88	26	..	121	..	..	535
Advances to the private sector . . . . .	363	191	12	..	..	..	..	566
Commonwealth grants—								
Current—								
Education . . . . .	289	-227	-69	-246	-17	-30	-7	..
Health . . . . .	161							
Welfare . . . . .	146							
Capital—								
Education . . . . .	655	-952	-278	-1,809	-518	-1,225	-32	..
Health . . . . .	474							
Welfare . . . . .	140							
Housing . . . . .	3,545							
Commonwealth advances . . . . .	350	..	..	-350	..	..	..	..
<b>Total outlay financed from own resources</b>	<b>22,928</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>6,212</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>3,309</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>35,696</b>

## STATE EXPENDITURE ON CERTAIN WELFARE SERVICES

The following table shows net expenditure from State government funds on certain welfare services. The figures exclude expenditure on unemployment, bush fire, flood, etc. relief, Aboriginal welfare, and some other items which are excluded because information cannot be obtained for all States. Loan fund expenditure is excluded also. Because of differences in organisation and accounting methods, the information shown for some classes is not on exactly the same basis for all States; it may also be incomplete because particulars of some activities are not separately recorded and are therefore excluded. The expenditure shown is 'net' in the sense that receipts for services rendered have been deducted from gross expenditure.

**NET EXPENDITURE BY STATE GOVERNMENTS ON CERTAIN WELFARE  
SERVICES, 1965-66 TO 1969-70**  
(\$'000)

<i>Service and year</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Total</i>
1969-70—							
Relief of aged, indigent and infirm, child welfare, etc. . . . .	19,833	14,062	11,704	5,265	8,099	2,010	60,973
Miners' phthisis . . . . .	58	47	..	..	68	..	173
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>19,891</b>	<b>14,109</b>	<b>11,704</b>	<b>5,265</b>	<b>8,167</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>61,146</b>
Total—							
1968-69. . . . .	18,308	12,981	9,849	4,691	6,744	1,947	54,520
1967-68. . . . .	16,615	11,277	8,849	4,393	5,860	1,968	48,962
1966-67. . . . .	15,329	10,326	7,679	4,229	5,663	1,664	44,890
1965-66. . . . .	14,037	9,132	6,421	3,662	5,243	1,455	39,950