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The first Official Year Book was published early in 1908. This is the seventieth Year Book issued under the authority of the Commonwealth Government and follows a similar pattern to previous editions. However chapters have been revised and new material has been added. Readers are referred to *Features of this Issue* listed on the facing page for new material included in this edition. In the various chapters of the Year Book, and in the list on page 744 preceding the general index, there are references to special articles, background material and items of historic interest which have appeared in previous issues.

Most of the statistics contained in this volume relate to the years ended June or December 1984 or 1985. More detailed, and in most cases more recent, statistics are available in other ABS publications. The more significant of these publications are listed at the end of the relevant chapters of the Year book; the ABS Catalogue of Publications (1101.0) lists all current publications of the ABS.

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ACT Schools Authority

Department of Arts, Heritage and  
Environment

Department of Sport, Recreation and  
Tourism

Department of Territories

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Symbols

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- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- nil or rounded to zero
- .. not applicable
- n.p. not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable)
- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- r figures or series revised since previous issue
- n.e.i. not elsewhere included
- n.e.c. not elsewhere classified
- n.e.s. not elsewhere specified
- break in continuity of series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)
- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes.
- m.—males; f.—females; p.—persons.

### Other forms of usage

The following *abbreviations* are used for the titles of the Australian States and Territories and Australia: N.S.W. (New South Wales), Vic. (Victoria), Qld (Queensland), W.A. (Western Australia), S.A. (South Australia), Tas. (Tasmania), N.T. (Northern Territory), A.C.T. (Australian Capital Territory), Aust. (Australia).

In general, the *statistics in this volume relate to the States and Territories of Australia*, i.e. they exclude particulars of the External Territories of Australia, which, however, are specifically dealt with in Chapter 27, The Territories of Australia.

*Yearly periods* shown as e.g. 1985 refer to the year ended 31 December 1985; those shown as e.g. 1984-85 refer to the year ended 30 June 1985. Other yearly periods are specifically indicated. The range of years shown in table headings, e.g. 1901 to 1984-85 indicates the period covered, but does not necessarily imply that each intervening year is included.

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GEZIGT VAN DE RIVIER ENDEAVOUR OP DE KUST  
VAN NIEUW-HOLLAND

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