Some recent information which has come to hand since the various chapters were sent to press is given in summarised form in the following pages, but for later statistics on the subjects dealt with in chapters reference should in general be made to other publications issued by this Bureau, e.g. the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*, the *Digest of Current Economic Statistics*, and the various mimeographed statements issued on particular subjects.

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Sir Douglas Ralph Nicholls, O.B.E., was appointed Governor of South Australia on 1 December 1976.

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(The State in which each Minister's electorate is situated and party affiliation are shown in parentheses. Party affiliation is indicated by the use of the following abbreviations: L.P. Liberal Party of Australia; N.C.P. National Country Party of Australia).

- * Prime Minister---THE RT HON. J. M. FRASER, C.H., M.P. (Vic.) (L.P.)
- * Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for National Resources and Minister for Overseas Trade— THE RT HON. J. D. ANTHONY, M.P. (N.S.W.) (N.C.P.)
- * Treasurer— The RT Hon. P. R. Lynch, M.P. (Vic.) (L.P.)
- * Minister for Primary Industry and Leader of the House—
 - THE RT HON. I. MCC. SINCLAIR, M.P. (N.S.W.) (N.C.P.)

* Minister for Administrative Services, Vice-President of the Executive Council and Leader of the Government in the Senate—

- SENATOR THE HON. R. G. WITHERS (W.A.) (L.P.)
- * Minister for Industry and Commerce— SENATOR THE HON. R. C. COTTON (N.S.W.) (L.P.)

* Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Public Service Matters—

THE HON. A. A. STREET, M.P. (Vic.) (L.P.)

- * Minister for Transport— THE HON. P. J. NIXON, M.P. (Vic.) (N.C.P.)
- * Minister for Foreign Affairs— THE HON, A. S. PEACOCK, M.P. (Vic.) (L.P.)
- * Minister for Defence— THE HON. D. J. KILLEN, M.P. (Qld) (L.P.)
- * Minister for Social Security— Senator the Hon. Margaret G. C. Guilfoyle (Vic.) (L.P.)
- Attorney-General— THE HON. R. J. ELLICOTT, Q.C. M.P. (N.S.W.) (L.P.)
- Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs— THE HON. J. W. HOWARD, M.P. (N.S.W.) (L.P.)
- Minister for Health— THE HON. R. J. D. HUNT, M.P. (N.S.W.) (N.C.P.)
- * Minister in the Cabinet.

Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs-THE HON. M. J. R. MACKELLAR, M. P. (N.S.W.) (L.P.)

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Assisting the Treasurer THE HON, R. I. VINER, M.P. (W.A.) (L.P.)

Minister for the Northern Territory and Minister Assisting the Minister for National Resources— THE HON A. E. ADERMANN, M.P. (Qld) (N.C.P.)

Minister for Post and Telecommunications and Minister Assisting the Treasurer—

THE HON. E. L. ROBINSON, M.P. (Qld) (L.P.)

Minister for Construction and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence— Tur How L E McLew M B (S A) (L B)

The Hon. J. E. McLeay, M.P. (S.A.) (L.P.)

Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development— THE HON. K. E. NEWMAN, M.P. (Tas.) (L.P.)

- Minister for Science---
- Senator the Hon. J. J. Webster (Vic.) (N.C.P.)

Minister for the Capital Territory and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in the Arts— THE HON. A. A. STALEY, M.P. (Vic.) (L.P.)

Minister for Veterans' Affairs— Senator the Hon. P. D. DURACK (W.A.) (L.P.)

Minister for Productivity, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Women's Affairs and Minister Assisting the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations—

THE HON. I. M. MACPHEE (Vic.) (L.P.)

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Consequent on the death of Senator the Honourable I. J. Greenwood Q.C. (L.P.) Victoria, Mr H. W. R. Lewis was appointed to fill the casual vacancy.

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The Honourable D. L. Chipp, M.P., Victoria resigned from the Liberal Party on 24 March 1977.

CHAPTER 7. POPULATION

The census

The following Tables present final statistics of the population of the six States and two mainland Territories of Australia as recorded at the Census of Population and Housing on 30 June 1976 after adjustment for under-enumeration as measured by a post-enumeration survey. The adjusted population totals are a better estimate of the actual population of Australia as at 30 June 1976 than the previously released as recorded figure. Corresponding Census statistics for 1971, similarly adjusted, are also shown.

Post-enumeration surveys were conducted after both the 1976 and 1971 Censuses, by specially trained interviewers. Net under-enumeration was derived by comparing results from the Census and the post-enumeration survey for the same individuals, and indentifying omissions and duplications in the Census.

While every effort is made to minimise under-enumeration in all field collections, including the Census, some inevitably remains for various reasons (e.g. inadvertant omission of very young children, treatment by the collector of an occupied dwelling as unoccupied). Refusal by householders to complete the Census Schedule is not a significant cause of under-enumeration, as estimates by the collector are used in such cases. These and similar problems are common to all population censuses, and although under-enumeration has increased in Australia since the 1971 Census, it is of a similar order to that experienced by comparable countries. For example, the percentage adjustment for underenumeration at the 1970 Census of the United States, was measured at 2.5 per cent.

The 1976 post-enumeration survey was based on a sample size of 2/3 per cent of households, compared with 1/4 per cent for 1971. The sample size was increased to provide more reliable data on the characteristics (e.g. sex, age, marital status) of omitted persons.

Persons living in non-private dwellings (e.g. hotels, motels, hospitals) and sparsely settled areas were excluded from both the 1971 and 1976 post-enumeartion surveys because of operational difficulties in conducting follow-up interviews. However, these amount only to about 5 per cent of the population, and hence any under-enumeration of them is unlikely to have a significant effect on the overall level of under-enumeration.

Since the estimates of under-enumeration are based on a sample of households, they may differ from the figures which would have been obtained had the post-enumeration survey included all households. One measure of the likely difference between the adjusted estimates given in this bulletin and those which would have been obtained had the post-enumeration survey been conducted over all households is given by the standard error, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample was enumerated.

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The standard errors associated with the adjusted population statistics, expressed as a proportion of the total adjusted population, are given in Tables 1 and 2. There are about two chances in three that the adjusted population estimates will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained had the post-enumeration survey been conducted over all households, and nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

POPULATION	ADJUSTED	FOR	UNDER-ENUMERATION:	STATES,	TERRITORIES
	AND	AUST	RALIA, CENSUS 30 JUNE 1	971	

				Population									
State or Territory			-	Census (as recorded) '000	Percentage adjustment for under- enumeration	Adjusted estimate '000	Standard error as percent Standard of adjusted error population						
New South Wales				4,601.2	1.481	4,669.3	9,200	0.196					
Victoria.				3,502.4	1.069	3,539.8	3,600	0.101					
Oueensland .				1,827.1	1.696	1,858.1	2,000	0.105					
South Australia				1,173.7	1.015	1,185.6	2,100	0.175					
Western Australia				1,030.5	1.438	1,045.3	5,100	0.491					
Tasmania .				390.4	0.363	391.8	420	0.108					
Northern Territory				86.4	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)					
Australian Capital	Te	rritory		144.1	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)					
Australia	•		•	12,755.6	1.350	12,927.8	13,000	0.100					

POPULATION ADJUSTED FOR UNDER-ENUMERATION: STATES, TERRITORIES AND AUSTRALIA, CENSUS 30 JUNE 1976

				Population								
State or Territory	(4		census (as recorded) '000	Percentage adjustment for under- enumeration	Adjusted estimate '000	Standard error as percent standard of adjusted error population						
New South Wales				4,777.1	2.871	4,914.3	3,500	0.071				
Victoria.				3,647.0	2.715	3,746.0	3,500	0.092				
Queensland .				2,037.2	3.659	2,111.7	1,800	0.085				
South Australia				1,244.8	1.350	1,261.6	700	0.056				
Western Australia				1,144.9	2.183	1,169.8	1,000	0.085				
Tasmania .				402.9	1.116	407.4	320	0.077				
Northern Territory	,			97.1	4.424	101.4	450	0.444				
Australian Capital	Te	rritory		197.6	2.898	203.3	650	0.320				
Australia	•	•	•	13,548.5	2.709	13,915.5	5,100	0.037				

POPULATION: AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF INCREASE: 1971-1976

			Average annual rate of increase between 1971 and 1976 Censuses based on:				
State or Territory		-	Population (as recorded)	Population adjusted for under- enumeration			
New South Wales						0.75	1.03
Victoria						0.81	1.14
Oueensland .	-					2.20	2.59
South Australia .						1.18	1.25
Western Australia						2.13	2.28
Tasmania						0.63	0.78
Northern Territory						2.36	(a)
Australian Capital To	errito	ry				6.53	(a)
Australia .	•	•	•	•		1.21	1.48

(a) Adjustment percentages, adjusted population and rates of increase are not published, becuase they would be subject to sampling variability too high for practical purposes.

CHAPTER 13. SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE SERVICES

Family allowances

Family allowances are payable to people with children under 16 years of age, or over 16 but under 25 years of age and receiving full-time education at a school, college or university and not in employment. There is no means test. Allowances are usually paid to the mother and to be eligible she must reside, or intend to reside, permanently in Australia and have the care of one or more children. Special conditions apply if the person does not intend to reside permanently in Australia

From July 1976, the rates of family allowances (formerly child endowment) were substantially increased in conjuction with the abolition of taxation rebates for dependent children.

The new rates are compared with the old rates below.

					New rate \$ per week	Old rate \$ per week
First child					3.50	0.50
Second child					5.00	1.00
Third child					6.00	2.00
Fourth child					6.00	2.25
Fifth and later	chil	dren			7.00	2.50
						plus 25c
						for each
						subsequent
						child
Students .				•	(a)	1.50
Child in an in	stitut	ion	•	•	5.00	2.00

(a) The rate of family allowance for each student depends on the position of the student in the family.

At 30 June 1976, there were 4,357,000 children (including student children) covered by the allowances.

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