

## PART IX.

### FINANCE.

Under the Constitution Act the revenues of the State are payable into Consolidated Revenue, but certain of these revenues have been hypothecated by various Acts of Parliament for specified purposes, and are payable into special accounts or funds kept at the State Treasury. Apart from these special funds, the financial transactions are concerned with (a) Consolidated Revenue Fund, (b) Trust Funds, and (c) Loan Funds. In the succeeding tables, the revenue and expenditure relating to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the public revenue of certain special funds or accounts, which appear in the Treasurer's Finance Statement, are included. Payments from Consolidated Revenue are made either under the authority of an Annual Appropriation Act passed by the Legislature, or by a permanent appropriation under a Special Act. Permanent appropriations are made in respect of services such as Interest on the Funded Debt, Exchange on Overseas Interest, contributions to the National Debt Sinking Fund, the salaries of the Governor, the Judges, and certain other officials, expenditure on State pensions, payments to the Unemployment Relief Fund, payment of interest, &c., under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement, contributions to the Hospitals and Charities Fund (including Totalizator Revenue), and the Railway Renewals and Replacement Fund.

A concise statement of the chief special funds kept at the Treasury is shown in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 76 to 80. Amongst the principal funds since established are the Unemployment Relief Fund, the Milk Board Fund, the Federal Aid Roads and Works Accounts 1937, the Railways Repayment Account, the Railway

Renewals and Replacement Fund, the Public Trustee Fund, the Decentralization Fund, the Transport Regulation Fund, the Rural Rehabilitation Fund (to take the place of the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Fund), the Municipalities Assistance Fund, the Hospitals and Charities Fund, the Hospital Benefits Fund, the Commonwealth-State Housing Trust Account, and the State Motor Car Insurance Fund.

Under Act No. 4597 of 1938 the Closer Settlement, the Discharged Soldiers Settlement and the Discharged Soldiers Concession Funds were abolished. From 28th February, 1939, the finances of these Funds were brought into the Consolidated Revenue system.

The original Financial Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States was made on 12th December, 1927. It was subsequently affected by the Debt Conversion Agreement of 21st July, 1931, the Debt Conversion Agreement (No. 2) of 22nd October, 1931, the Agreement relating to Soldier Settlement Loans of 3rd July, 1934, and the Financial Agreement of 15th November, 1944. A brief outline of the principal provisions of the original agreement is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 75.

A summary of the transactions for the years ended 30th June, 1953 and 1954 in the Consolidated Revenue Fund and in certain special funds gives the following results :—

	1952-53	1953-54
	£	£
Public Revenue .. .. .	101,250,228	111,275,734
Public Expenditure .. .. .	101,615,452	110,564,605
Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) ..	(-) 365,224	(+) 711,129

The differences between the amounts of revenue and expenditure shown above and those given in the Treasurer's Finance Statement arise from the use for statistical purposes, of a different method of

classification. The Public Revenue of certain special funds is added to the Consolidated Revenue—an equivalent amount being entered as expenditure. The particulars for 1952-53 and 1953-54 are as follows:—

Items.	1952-53.		1953-54.	
	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.
	£	£	£	£
Total—Treasurer's Finance Statement .. .. .	98,792,904	99,158,128	108,683,048	107,971,919
Add Public Revenue of the following funds:—				
Country Roads Board Fund * ..	3,503,316	3,503,316	3,684,213	3,684,213
Licensing Fund † .. .. .	135,796	135,796	137,744	137,744
Police Superannuation Fund ..	42,052	42,052	39,943	39,943
Assurance Fund .. .. .	4,592	4,592	3,464	3,464
Cattle Compensation Fund ..	100,110	100,110	115,940	115,940
Swine Compensation Fund ..	22,393	22,393	39,470	39,470
Mallee Land Account .. .. .	48,234	48,234	47,436	47,436
Transport Regulation Fund ..	373,413	373,413	410,752	410,752
Municipalities Assistance Fund	159,402	159,402	178,885	178,885
Rivers and Streams Fund ..	12,294	12,294	12,742	12,742
	103,194,506	103,559,730	113,353,637	112,642,508
<i>Debit—</i>				
Recoups by Treasury to Railways Department for loss of revenue on account of—				
(a) Reduction in certain outer suburban periodical fares .. .. .	3,000	3,000	..	..
(b) Concessions in certain country freight charges ..	143,000	143,000	143,000	143,000
Subsidy to Railway Department to reduce amount chargeable in respect of interest, &c., charges .. .. .	1,798,278	1,798,278	1,934,903	1,934,903
	1,944,278	1,944,278	2,077,903	2,077,903
Total .. .. .	101,250,228	101,615,452	111,275,734	110,564,605

\* Excluding £639,997 in 1952-53 and £671,648 in 1953-54 recouped to Revenue under Acts Nos. 3944 and 4140.

† In addition to this amount £1,650,747 in 1952-53 and £1,851,586 in 1953-54 was transferred to Revenue under Section 312 of Act No. 3717 as amended by Act No. 5089.

The revenue and expenditure of the State for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54, after taking into account the circumstances mentioned on the preceding page, are shown in the next statement.

VICTORIA—STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE,  
1950 TO 1954.

Year ended 30th June—	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.	Surplus ( + ) or Deficit ( - )	Accumulated Deficiency to end of each Year (i.e., 30th June).
	£	£	£	£
1950 .. .. .	58,287,237	58,546,047	( - ) 258,810	10,130,331
1951 .. .. .	66,883,618	67,226,845	( - ) 343,227	10,473,558
1952 .. .. .	85,821,891	88,228,633	( - ) 2,406,742	12,880,300
1953 .. .. .	101,250,228	101,615,452	( - ) 365,224	13,245,524
1954 .. .. .	111,275,734	110,564,605	( + ) 711,129	13,245,524*

\* Of this amount, £11,579,484 was provided from the proceeds of Treasury Bonds and £1,666,040 from the Public Account.

Heads of  
State  
Revenue.

Details of the sources of revenue for each of the financial years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are given in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF STATE REVENUE,  
1950 TO 1954.

Heads of Revenue.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Taxation—</b>					
Income Tax .. .. .	51,463	40,425	18,351	40,036	20,075
States Grants—Tax Reimbursement Commonwealth .. .. .	14,237,002	17,445,851	20,347,070	26,027,849	29,351,601
Land Tax .. .. .	292,580	415,180	875,746	1,370,151	2,015,898
Probate Duty .. .. .	2,611,019	3,442,487	3,873,732	4,833,393	5,387,080
Unemployment Relief .. .. .	15,019	12,098	11,022	17,071	6,521
Entertainment Tax .. .. .	1,482,111	1,608,598	2,113,396	2,254,107	3,106,982
Other Stamp Duties .. .. .	2,376,726	2,987,246	3,320,725	3,205,521	3,685,522
Motor Taxation .. .. .	3,178,859	3,808,886	5,214,827	5,455,188	5,883,348
Licences—					
Liquor .. .. .	680,233	780,166	1,323,079	1,761,239	1,962,927
Other .. .. .	121,810	131,640	192,213	220,784	232,023
Other Taxation .. .. .	4,447	..	..	..	..
<b>Total Taxation .. .. .</b>	<b>25,051,269</b>	<b>30,672,577</b>	<b>37,290,161</b>	<b>45,185,339</b>	<b>51,651,977</b>

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF STATE REVENUE, 1950 TO 1954—  
continued.

Heads of Revenue.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth Payment to State—					
Financial Agreement ..	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159
State's Grants (Special Assistance) Act 1951 ..	..	4,750,000	9,123,557	7,131,351	5,621,802
Other ..	1,999,212	186,558	220,000	261,154	..
Public Works and Services—					
Railways ..	20,195,657	18,645,703	24,225,986	31,519,705	35,697,636
Water Supply ..	1,575,346	1,774,009	2,080,413	2,208,011	2,083,339
State Coal Mine ..	366,073	389,654	551,443	751,132	753,230
State Electricity Commission					
Interest, &c. ..	811,689	812,721	1,125,095	1,368,796	1,683,372
Country Roads Board* ..	Dr. 123,955	Dr. 116,984	Dr. 106,940	Dr. 95,652	Dr. 86,790
Maffra Beet Sugar Factory ..	2,936	1,462	519	199	..
Victoria Dock Cool Stores ..	128,051	96,350	109,167	133,853	129,219
Wharfage Rates, &c. ..	108,135	117,783	102,402	89,516	89,691
State Saw Mill ..	23,692	27,036	39,056	38,661	24,114
Other ..	117,710	157,821	176,240	234,703	217,127
Land—					
Land Sales, Rents, Penalties, &c. ..	857,233	1,029,988	1,590,784	2,084,456	2,153,834
Interest on Loans—					
Land Settlement ..	276,648	225,029	179,071	159,967	146,376
Soldier Settlement ..	164,423	240,037	329,441	360,871	351,952
Fees, Fines, &c. ..	608,466	695,209	748,341	786,622	886,900
Tramways Act No. 3732 (Sec. 77) ..	200,781	199,194	303,113	147,190	70,777
Government Printer ..	385,731	436,722	569,904	714,015	662,046
Harbor Trust Contributions ..	246,814	274,860	319,000	209,062	344,047
Health Department (including Commonwealth recoup for Tuberculosis) ..	298,841	646,124	820,679	1,046,899	1,203,269
Royal Mint ..	151,375	165,613	165,369	205,526	161,049
Housing Commission—					
Interest ..	624,211	830,528	1,115,196	1,421,730	1,730,048
Recoups ..	2,417	2,520	2,417	2,393	2,400
Interest and Recoups, N.E.I. ..	391,768	134,541	162,778	188,167	250,734
Department of Agriculture † ..	131,451	172,583	185,178	214,049	246,509
Miscellaneous ..	564,104	2,188,821	2,266,362	2,755,354	3,073,917
Total Revenue ..	58,287,237	66,883,618	85,821,891	101,250,228	111,275,734
Per Head of Population ..	£ s. d. 26 17 2	£ s. d. 29 18 1	£ s. d. 37 5 9	£ s. d. 42 13 7	£ s. d. 45 18 7

\* Represents the difference between the interest received by Consolidated Revenue on account of Country Roads and the recoups to Consolidated Revenue as shown in the Country Roads Board Fund. See remarks in page 506 with reference to the statistical method of arriving at total public revenue.

† Excluding "Maffra Beet Sugar Factory" and "Victoria Dock Cool Stores".

**Heads of State Expenditure.** A summary of expenditure from State Revenue classified according to functions for each of the years 1949–50 to 1953–54 is shown in the next table:—

Interest on the public debt, pensions and gratuities, and the contributions to the National Debt Sinking Fund have not been allotted to the respective heads of expenditure. They are shown separately under the sub-heading "Financial Administration".

**VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE  
REVENUE, 1950 TO 1954.**

Heads of Expenditure.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Legislature and General Administration.</i>					
Legislature—					
Governor .. .. .	72,495	61,463	74,422	50,260	57,151
Parliament .. .. .	229,534	266,829	318,815	334,972	323,638
Electoral .. .. .	61,713	26,418	35,540	98,333	27,122
Financial Administration—					
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest—					
Funded Debt .. .. .	6,792,293	7,186,245	8,156,531	9,066,811	10,760,039
Temporary Loan .. .. .	31,443	13,349	23,881	25,718	25,271
Exchange on Interest .. .. .	567,181	577,794	578,419	574,896	558,507
Expenses of Paying Interest, Redemption, Conversion, &c.	49,968	68,493	50,530	43,740	55,490
National Debt Sinking Fund	1,854,162	2,058,650	2,264,867	2,586,800	2,927,980
Pensions and Superannuation Contributions * .. .. .	1,464,855	1,944,174	1,957,566	2,243,048	2,650,164
Departmental—					
Treasury (including Taxation, Stamps, &c.) .. .. .	196,974	253,817	326,919	380,215	403,328
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	668,023	764,774	999,067	1,112,256	1,188,915
Superannuation Board and Pensions Office—Administra- tion .. .. .	13,236	18,250	24,063	36,236	26,487
Auditor-General .. .. .	50,902	62,675	79,527	93,362	96,302
Royal Commissions, Boards of Inquiry, &c. .. .. .	26,681	333	..	9	243
Administration, N.E.I.—					
Government Printer .. .. .	412,885	470,976	691,541	714,542	869,812
Mint Subsidy .. .. .	112,000	120,000	170,000	195,000	161,000
Other .. .. .	1,064,125	1,318,595	1,635,920	1,768,000	2,469,721
	13,668,470	15,212,835	17,387,608	19,324,198	22,601,370
<i>Law, Order, and Public Safety.</i>					
Salaries of Judiciary .. .. .	31,700	32,000	34,638	35,273	37,522
Attorney-General, Solicitor-General, &c. .. .. .	604,534	713,711	884,741	1,017,264	1,052,293
Police .. .. .	2,122,624	2,599,665	3,299,682	3,791,752	4,073,497
Prisons .. .. .	270,476	329,104	455,272	466,693	540,602
Prevention of Fire and Flood .. .. .	216,317	209,984	335,922	194,196	89,125
Prices, &c., Control .. .. .	160,708	218,385	221,038	227,132	206,012
Other .. .. .	8,104	8,702	7,121	8,690	9,459
	3,414,463	4,111,551	5,238,414	5,741,000	6,008,510
<i>Regulation of Trade and Industry.</i>					
Factories and Shops Legislation } .. .. .	96,886	121,834	153,183	176,610	188,808
Labour Legislation .. .. .					
Transport Regulation Board .. .. .	113,621	158,491	246,002	373,413	410,752
Liquor Licence Control (Adminis- tration, including Compensation)	38,972	38,976	45,022	53,896	55,844
Other .. .. .	28,001	34,801	51,551	63,633	68,645
	277,480	354,102	495,758	667,552	724,049

\* For details, see page 528.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE,  
1950 TO 1954—continued.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Education.*</i>					
Primary, Intermediate, Secondary, Technical — Administration, Salaries of Teaching Staffs, &c. Technical N.E.I., including Maintenance Grant .. .. .	7,220,317	8,898,736	11,080,584	13,544,772	14,806,616
University † .. .. .	570,495	747,808	925,997	1,103,597	1,173,109
Adult Education Grant .. .. .	411,140	403,360	449,185	513,358	544,330
Agricultural Education—Colleges, Experimental Farms, University Grants, &c. .. .. .	25,000	30,560	40,540	44,243	46,500
Other .. .. .	202,248	269,268	332,308	365,285	373,082
	18,028	15,273	27,487	22,433	18,253
	8,447,228	10,365,005	12,856,101	15,593,688	16,961,890
<i>Encouragement of Science, Art, and Research.</i>					
Public Libraries, Museums, and Art Galleries .. .. .	178,839	215,696	289,864	322,883	353,541
Cultural Development (including Symphony Orchestra) .. .. .	44,054	61,253	82,995	69,174	74,089
Other .. .. .	400	400	850	1,000	1,000
	223,293	277,349	373,709	393,057	428,630
<i>Promotion of Public Health and Recreation.</i>					
Care of Sick and Mentally Afflicted—Hospital and Charities Fund (including Totalizator Contribution) .. .. .	2,391,176	3,817,126	6,069,019	6,031,739	6,544,763
Various Hospitals, &c. .. .. .	366,789	475,609	682,548	892,118	951,414
Mental Hospitals .. .. .	1,291,495	1,748,493	2,423,826	3,019,133	3,441,809
Mental Defectives .. .. .	79,507				
Health of Mothers and Children—Infant Welfare and Clinics .. .. .	248,662	284,219	360,454	456,891	550,813
Medical and Dental Examination of School Children .. .. .	5,968	10,277	26,533	57,142	61,293
Preservation of Public Health—Health Department—Administration .. .. .	115,434	149,504	184,973	203,985	210,493
Other .. .. .	520,723	702,769	864,254	978,425	1,074,083
Parks, Gardens, and Recreation Reserves .. .. .	56,032	56,608	66,563	77,894	79,067
	5,075,786	7,244,605	10,678,170	11,717,327	12,913,735
<i>Social Amelioration.</i>					
Relief of Destitute, Aged, &c. .. .. .	8,810	8,090	10,595	14,313	17,085
Children's Welfare Department .. .. .	235,533	258,033	300,981	388,571	442,161
Miners' Phthisis Allowances .. .. .	31,980	30,680	28,970	31,187	34,022
Care of Aborigines .. .. .	10,814	10,300	11,122	11,013	12,792
Unemployment Relief Fund .. .. .	15,019	12,098	11,022	17,071	6,521
Housing Commission—Advance .. .. .		5,186	70,741	156,225	172,108
Commonwealth—State Housing Agreement—Interest on Advances .. .. .	593,774	799,445	1,084,879	1,391,595	1,700,063
Repayment of Advances .. .. .	142,315	196,209	269,422	356,720	456,447
State Relief Committee .. .. .	7,500	10,000	10,950	11,500	11,500
Other .. .. .	14,206	23,404	38,609	39,160	14,034
	1,059,951	1,353,445	1,887,291	2,417,355	2,866,733

\* Detailed information regarding expenditure on education will be found in Part "Social Condition" of this Year-Book.

† Additional items of expenditure on University are included under functions to which they relate.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE,  
1950 TO 1954—*continued.*

Heads of Expenditure.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>War Obligations.</i>					
Passes to Soldiers, Superannuation, &c. . . . .	34,680	35,074	63,908	65,438	69,612
<i>Local Government.</i>					
Licensing Fund Payment to Muni- cipalities . . . . .	58,964	58,964	58,924	58,900	58,900
Municipalities Assistance Fund . . . . .	136,944	68,547	159,707	305,581	578,885
Other . . . . .		32,927	26,906	73,091	234,080
	195,908	160,438	245,537	437,572	871,865
<i>Development and Maintenance of State Resources other than Business Undertakings.</i>					
Land Settlement and Survey . . . . .	551,111	661,259	779,561	899,415	926,265
Immigration . . . . .	28,186	27,623	30,619	32,280	22,364
Mining (excluding State Coal Mine)	109,654	114,239	165,099	152,003	158,806
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying *	805,903	1,127,592	1,521,753	1,797,179	1,786,306
Forestry †	914,008	994,656	1,338,455	1,823,976	1,848,039
Fisheries and Game . . . . .	46,306	60,455	80,656	84,536	90,109
Roads and Bridges—					
Country Roads Board ‡	2,300,136	2,863,732	3,541,264	3,503,316	3,684,213
Metropolitan Roads Fund	50,200	51,449			
Other . . . . .			1,973	1,647	48
Tourist Activities . . . . .	1,992	1,003	9,152	8,992	7,883
	4,807,496	5,902,008	7,468,532	8,303,344	8,524,033
<i>Business Undertakings.</i>					
Railways . . . . .	19,143,507	19,692,249	28,275,168	32,976,084	34,464,521
Harbours, Rivers, and Lights . . . . .	142,371	153,351	241,286	304,062	421,814
Water Supply, Irrigation, &c. . . . .	1,454,992	1,731,829	2,202,884	2,531,685	2,602,519
State Coal Mines . . . . .	416,448	476,771	645,963	838,671	844,366
Victoria Dock Cool Stores . . . . .	82,518	66,999	84,658	105,056	110,438
Seasoning Works (Newport) . . . . .	56,859	54,995	73,480	116,000	103,611
Forest Tramways . . . . .	3,150	2,156	1,000	96	..
Wire Netting Manufacture . . . . .	20,190	11,123	23,190	41,545	..
State Saw Mill . . . . .	19,961	20,960	35,996	41,722	46,909
Other . . . . .	1,296				
	21,341,292	22,210,433	31,583,605	36,954,921	38,594,178
Total Expenditure . . . . .	58,546,047	67,226,845	88,228,633	101,615,452	110,564,605
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per Head of Population . . . . .	26 19 6	30 1 1	38 6 8	42 16 8	45 12 3

\* Excluding Victoria Dock Cool Stores (see Business Undertakings).

† Excluding Newport Seasoning Works, Forest Tramway, and State Saw Mill (see Business Undertakings).

‡ Represents difference between Public Revenue of Country Roads Board and recoups to revenue made by the Board. Details of Country Roads Board Fund expenditure are shown in part "Local Government" of this Year-Book.



**Surplus  
Revenue  
Expenditure.**

Up to 30th June, 1954, the total amount of Surplus Revenue authorized for expenditure on Public Works, &c., was £5,593,308, of which £54,659 was unexpended at that date.

The following table shows the expenditure during each of the years 1952 to 1954 and total to 30th June, 1954 exclusive of the amounts applied towards the reduction of the Consolidated Revenue deficit:—

**VICTORIA—SURPLUS REVENUE EXPENDITURE, 1952 TO 1954, AND TOTAL TO 30TH JUNE, 1954:—**

Service.	Year ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1954.
	1952.	1953.	1954.	
	£	£	£	£
Capital Services—				
Railways .. .. .				250,696
Other .. .. .				64,170
Revenue Services—				
Social Services—				
Education—				
State Schools and Technical Schools ..	1,686			727,925
University .. .. .				27,066
Other .. .. .	7,393	36,210	18,527	92,580
Health—				
Hospitals—				
Mental Hygiene .. .. .	14,896	24,903		340,999
Other (including Sanatoria) .. .. .	17,023	2,732	39	1,620,682
Other Health .. .. .	2,916	13,254	2,912	81,241
Law, Order, and Public Safety—				
Penal Establishments and Gaols .. .. .	15,659	27,635	299	74,448
Other .. .. .			295	44,741
Public Works—				
Crown Lands (including reclamation, drainage, &c.) .. .. .				149,480
Harbours, Rivers, and Lights .. .. .				117,293
Mining Development .. .. .				85,000
Railways .. .. .				631,740
Roads and Bridges .. .. .				114,812
Water Supply, &c. .. .. .				113,180
Other .. .. .				62,827
Other Purposes—				
Developmental Railways Account .. .. .				129,148
Drought Relief Fund .. .. .				123,803
Redemption of Treasury Bonds and Unfunded Debt .. .. .				503,802
Victorian Inland Meat Authority .. .. .				100,000
Other .. .. .				83,016
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>59,573</b>	<b>104,734</b>	<b>22,072</b>	<b>5,538,649</b>

**TAXATION.**

A brief summary of the history of income tax in Victoria was published in the 1941-42 *Year-Book*, page 292. Details of the rates of tax, assessments, &c., on income earned during 1940-41 (the last year in which the State imposed income tax) are also shown.

**State  
Income Tax.**

**Commonwealth  
Income Tax  
and  
Social  
Services  
Contribution.**

Uniformity in the taxation of incomes and entertainments throughout Australia was adopted in 1942, and the Commonwealth became the sole authority levying these taxes. Formerly the Commonwealth and each of the States levied separate taxes on incomes, and each of the States (except Queensland) taxed entertainments. Initially, the plans were devised as temporary war-time measures but, in 1946, the Commonwealth Government passed legislation continuing the uniform income tax indefinitely, and the uniform entertainments tax was continued until 1st October, 1953 when it was abolished. The Social Services Contribution was introduced as from 1st January, 1946.

Under the provisions of the *Entertainments Tax Act* 1953 No 5693, the Victorian Government reimposed a tax upon payments for admission to entertainments.

The States are reimbursed for vacating these fields of taxation by annual grants from the Commonwealth. Payment of these grants is conditional upon a State refraining from levying tax on incomes. A similar restraint upon State taxation of entertainments was suspended as from 1st July, 1946. Reimbursements to the States under this agreement for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown in the following table:—

#### TAX REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

State.	Year ended 30th June.				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales .. ..	25,331,151	30,363,369	34,744,841	43,424,114	47,732,911
Victoria .. ..	14,237,002	17,445,851	20,347,070	26,027,848	29,351,601
Queensland .. ..	10,215,082	12,272,511	13,961,960	17,487,045	19,257,017
South Australia .. ..	5,367,382	6,468,266	7,408,780	9,342,310	10,384,255
Western Australia .. ..	5,150,535	6,168,945	6,999,753	8,741,392	9,623,017
Tasmania .. ..	1,969,617	2,387,722	2,805,298	3,600,414	4,066,344
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>62,270,719</b>	<b>75,106,664</b>	<b>86,267,702</b>	<b>108,623,123</b>	<b>120,415,145</b>

With the introduction of Social Services Contribution, the levy of taxation on the incomes of individuals was divided into two separate taxes—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution. Both taxes were based upon the same definitions of assessable income and both were assessed and collected concurrently. Company income was not subject to Social Services Contribution except with regard to the

undistributed income of private companies. The two taxes have since been merged into a single levy known as "Income Tax and Social Services Contribution" which title now relates to the tax imposed on the incomes of both individuals and companies. It first applied to the tax imposed on incomes derived by individuals during the year ended 30th June, 1951, and by companies during the year ended 30th June, 1950.

Certain types of income are exempt from tax in Australia. These include income from gold-mining, war, invalid, old-age, and widows' pensions, child endowment, and unemployment and sickness benefits. The service pay of members of the Defence Forces engaged in war service in Korea and Malaya is also exempt.

Expenses incurred in earning income and losses incurred in previous years are allowable deductions.

For the income year 1952-53 Income Tax and Social Services Contribution is payable on the incomes of individuals commencing at a taxable income of £105. However certain limitations apply to the tax payable by aged persons, over 65 years of age in the case of a male and 60 years in the case of a female. Concessional deductions are allowed to taxpayers on account of dependants, certain medical and dental expenses, life insurance premiums, superannuation, Friendly Society payments, education expenses, &c., and are deductible from income to calculate taxable income. Dependants include spouse, parents, children under sixteen years of age, student children under twenty-one years of age, invalid child, brother, or sister over sixteen years of age, or daughter-housekeeper for widow or widower. A concessional deduction is also allowed in respect of a housekeeper having the care of children under sixteen years of age where the taxpayer is a widow or widower. The amount of concessional deduction allowable in respect of each type of dependant and housekeeper is:—

	£
Spouse .. .. .	104
Parent .. .. .	104
Children under sixteen years of age—	
One child .. .. .	78
Other children .. .. .	52 each dependant.
Student child under twenty-one years of age .. .. .	78 each dependant.
Invalid relatives not less than sixteen years of age .. .. .	78 each dependant.
Housekeeper or daughter-housekeeper ..	104

The following table shows the rates of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution for individuals in respect of the income year 1952-53:—

### INDIVIDUALS—RATES OF INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.

The rates of tax and contribution payable, as set out in the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Act 1952* are as follows:—

#### BASIC RATE OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION.

The rate of income tax and social services contribution for every £1 of each part of the taxable income specified in the first column of the following table is the rate set out in the second column of that table opposite to the reference to that part of the taxable income:—

First Column.		Second Column.
Parts of Taxable Income.		Rates.
The part of the taxable income which—		Pence in £
Does not exceed £100 .. .. .		1
Exceeds	£ .. .. . £	
100 but does not exceed	150 .. .. .	6
150 .. .. .	200 .. .. .	11
200 .. .. .	250 .. .. .	16
250 .. .. .	300 .. .. .	21
300 .. .. .	400 .. .. .	26
400 .. .. .	500 .. .. .	32
500 .. .. .	600 .. .. .	38
600 .. .. .	700 .. .. .	44
700 .. .. .	800 .. .. .	48
800 .. .. .	900 .. .. .	52
900 .. .. .	1,000 .. .. .	56
1,000 .. .. .	1,200 .. .. .	64
1,200 .. .. .	1,400 .. .. .	72
1,400 .. .. .	1,600 .. .. .	80
1,600 .. .. .	1,800 .. .. .	88
1,800 .. .. .	2,000 .. .. .	96
2,000 .. .. .	2,400 .. .. .	104
2,400 .. .. .	2,800 .. .. .	112
2,800 .. .. .	3,200 .. .. .	120
3,200 .. .. .	3,600 .. .. .	128
3,600 .. .. .	4,000 .. .. .	136
4,000 .. .. .	4,400 .. .. .	144
4,400 .. .. .	5,000 .. .. .	152
5,000 .. .. .	6,000 .. .. .	160
6,000 .. .. .	8,000 .. .. .	168
8,000 .. .. .	10,000 .. .. .	176
10,000 .. .. .	.. .. .	180

Basic Tax and Contribution is payable on the whole of a person's taxable income if that taxable income exceeds £104.

**FURTHER RATES OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION IN  
RESPECT OF TAXABLE INCOME DERIVED FROM  
PROPERTY.**

The further rate of income tax and social services contribution for every £1 of each part of the taxable income derived from property specified in the first column of the following table, is the rate set out in the second column of that table opposite to the reference to that part of that taxable income :—

First Column.					Second Column.	
Parts of Taxable Income Derived from Property.					Rates.	
The part of the taxable income derived from property which—					Pence in £.	
	£		£			
Exceeds	100	but does not exceed	1,000	..	..	8
..	1,000	.. .. ..	4,000	..	..	16
..	4,000	.. .. ..	6,000	..	..	8
..	6,000	.. .. ..	10,000	..	..	4

Further tax and contribution is not payable—

- (a) where the taxable income from property is £100 or less, irrespective of the amount of the total taxable income ; and
- (b) where the total taxable income is £400 or less even though the taxable income from property exceeds £100.

Where the taxable income from all sources does not exceed £1,000, the further tax and contribution payable is limited to 1s. in the £1 on the excess of the taxable income over £400.

A deduction is available to individuals who reside in certain remote areas of the Commonwealth or its Territories. The areas are divided into two Zones—A and B. A resident of Zone A is allowed a deduction of £120 while a resident of Zone B is allowed £20. "Resident" for this purpose means a person who resides, whether continuously or not, in the relevant area for more than one half of the year of income.

**Deduction for Residents of Isolated Areas.**

A deduction of £120 is allowable to members of the Defence Forces who serve in certain specified overseas localities for a period of more than half of the year of income. A proportionate deduction is allowed if the service is of less duration than one half of the year.

A system is in operation to assist the majority of taxpayers in the payment of their taxes by means of regular deductions from salaries or wages. The amounts deducted are regulated so that the employee will have paid the approximate amount of his taxation by the end of the income year.

The following tables show the number of taxpayers, taxable and contributable income received, and Income Tax and Social Services Contribution assessed during each of the years 1951-52 (based on incomes received during 1950-51) and 1952-53 (based on incomes received during 1951-52). The particulars are classified according to grades of taxable and contributable income and relate only to individuals who are resident in Victoria:—

VICTORIA—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION, 1951-52.

Grade of Income.		Tax-payers.	Taxable and Contributable Income.			Net Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessed.
			Personal Exertion.	Property.	Total.	
£	£	No.	£	£		£
105-	150	31,070	3,529,194	401,846	3,931,040	35,576
151-	200	42,622	6,540,489	669,009	7,209,498	110,669
201-	250	49,223	9,706,471	793,467	10,499,938	243,531
251-	300	50,830	12,217,490	799,221	13,016,711	410,477
301-	350	57,313	16,390,496	837,784	17,228,280	695,203
351-	400	61,295	20,047,168	798,905	20,846,073	1,000,408
401-	500	123,258	45,810,933	1,557,382	47,368,315	2,685,278
501-	600	154,098	65,932,996	1,544,917	67,477,913	4,456,371
601-	800	210,531	108,441,437	2,730,086	111,171,523	8,822,531
801-	1,000	69,796	45,536,396	2,120,607	47,657,003	4,709,019
1,001-	1,250	30,657	25,391,892	2,011,102	27,402,994	3,406,699
1,251-	1,500	14,461	15,058,606	1,558,158	16,616,764	2,361,145
1,501-	2,000	15,554	21,071,318	2,374,305	23,445,623	3,941,678
2,001-	3,000	15,025	30,040,664	3,119,192	33,159,856	6,951,482
3,001-	4,000	7,424	21,753,012	2,084,657	23,837,669	5,989,385
4,001-	5,000	4,083	15,657,988	1,391,187	17,049,175	5,175,753
5,001-	10,000	6,031	34,762,187	3,419,333	38,181,520	17,042,991
10,001-	15,000	980	10,071,623	1,064,169	11,135,797	6,521,157
15,001 and over		548	10,312,056	1,553,758	11,865,814	7,817,655
Total		944,799	518,272,421	30,829,085	549,101,506	82,377,008

VICTORIA—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
CONTRIBUTION, 1952-53.

Grade of Income.	Tax-payers.	Taxable and Contributable Income.			Net Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessed.
		Personal Exertion.	Property.	Total.	
£	No.	£	£	£	£
105- 200 ..	56,827	7,847,954	722,505	8,570,459	124,028
201- 300 ..	78,299	17,239,740	1,389,544	18,629,284	580,062
301- 400 ..	88,537	27,087,266	1,517,990	28,605,256	1,408,534
401- 500 ..	105,916	41,606,364	1,502,415	43,108,779	2,816,974
501- 600 ..	103,751	47,992,420	1,503,666	49,496,086	3,865,848
601- 700 ..	135,440	71,018,429	1,427,216	72,445,645	6,380,160
701- 800 ..	129,645	76,611,567	1,403,372	78,014,939	7,662,237
801- 900 ..	91,837	60,761,791	1,261,170	62,022,961	6,733,772
901- 1,000 ..	58,989	42,982,521	1,202,208	44,184,729	5,230,971
1,001- 1,250 ..	64,243	54,158,846	2,359,291	56,518,137	7,594,414
1,251- 1,500 ..	24,198	25,349,748	1,845,900	27,195,648	4,384,876
1,501- 2,000 ..	21,662	29,057,268	2,926,108	31,983,376	6,295,525
2,001- 3,000 ..	17,341	33,691,962	3,652,566	37,344,528	9,673,078
3,001- 4,000 ..	6,878	19,218,080	2,387,762	21,605,842	7,115,184
4,001- 5,000 ..	3,367	12,271,511	1,579,615	13,851,126	5,430,910
5,001-10,000 ..	3,734	18,922,709	3,848,404	22,771,113	11,878,602
10,001-15,000 ..	507	4,307,923	1,310,794	5,618,717	3,616,606
15,001 and over	215	3,190,244	1,439,281	4,629,525	3,380,909
Total ..	991,386	593,316,343	33,279,807	626,596,150	93,972,690

Rates of tax and contribution payable by a company other than a company in the capacity of Trustee, on incomes derived during the year ended 30th June, 1953 are as follows:—

1. In the case of a company (not being a private company, a co-operative company, a non-profit company or a life assurance company) which is a resident, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are:—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Six shillings; and
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Seven shillings.

2. In the case of a company (not being a private company, a co-operative company, a non-profit company or a life assurance company) which is a non-resident, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income consisting of dividends as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Five shillings ;
- (b) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income not consisting of dividends as does not exceed the amount (if any) by which the taxable income consisting of dividends is less than Five thousand pounds—Six shillings ; and
- (c) for every £1 of the part of the taxable income to which neither of the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph applies—Seven shillings.

3. In the case of a company which is a private company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings ;
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Six shillings ; and
- (c) for every £1 of the undistributed amount in respect of which the company is liable under section one hundred and four of the Assessment Act to pay additional tax—Ten shillings.

4. In the case of a company (not being a private company or a life assurance company) which is a co-operative company or a non-profit company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Five shillings ; and
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Seven shillings.



5. In the case of a company (not being a private company) which is a mutual life assurance company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings ; and
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—six shillings.

6. In the case of a company (not being a private company) which is a life assurance company other than a mutual life assurance company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the mutual income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings ;
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the mutual income—Six shillings ;
- (c) if the company is a non-resident, for every £1 of so much of the taxable income, other than the mutual income, consisting of dividends as does not exceed the amount (if any) by which the mutual income is less than Five thousand pounds—Five shillings ;
- (d) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income, other than the amounts of income to which the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph apply, as does not exceed the amount (if any) by which the total of those amounts is less than Five thousand pounds—Six shillings ; and
- (e) for every £1 of the part of the taxable income to which none of the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph applies—Seven shillings.

7. For every £1 of interest in respect of which a company is liable, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section one hundred and twenty-five of the Assessment Act, to pay income tax and social services contribution, the rate of income tax and social services contribution is Seven shillings.

The following table shows the rates of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution for individuals in respect of the income year 1953-54 :—

#### INDIVIDUALS—RATES OF INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.

The rates of tax and contribution payable, as set out in the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Act 1953* are as follows :—

## BASIC RATE OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION.

The rate of income tax and social services contribution for every £1 of each part of the taxable income specified in the first column of the following table is the rate set out in the second column of that table opposite to the reference to that part of the taxable income:—

First Column.				Second Column.	
Parts of Taxable Income.				Rates.	
The part of the taxable income which—				Pence in £	
Does not exceed £100 .. .. .				1	
	£	but does not exceed	£		
Exceeds	100	150	150	..	4
"	150	"	200	..	9
"	200	"	250	..	13
"	250	"	300	..	17
"	300	"	400	..	22
"	400	"	500	..	28
"	500	"	600	..	33
"	600	"	700	..	38
"	700	"	800	..	42
"	800	"	900	..	46
"	900	"	1,000	..	50
"	1,000	"	1,200	..	56
"	1,200	"	1,400	..	64
"	1,400	"	1,600	..	71
"	1,600	"	1,800	..	78
"	1,800	"	2,000	..	85
"	2,000	"	2,400	..	93
"	2,400	"	2,800	..	100
"	2,800	"	3,200	..	107
"	3,200	"	3,600	..	114
"	3,600	"	4,000	..	121
"	4,000	"	4,400	..	128
"	4,400	"	5,000	..	136
"	5,000	"	6,000	..	144
"	6,000	"	8,000	..	151
"	8,000	"	10,000	..	158
"	10,000	"	16,000	..	165
"	16,000	..	..	..	168

Basic Tax and Contribution is payable on the whole of a person's taxable income if that taxable income exceeds £104.

For the income year 1953-54, the further tax and contribution previously levied on income from property, was eliminated.

Income from  
Property.

## LAND TAX.

The *State Land Tax Act* of 1928 provides for a tax on the unimproved value of land and for the assessment of land and for other purposes. For the purposes of this Act, unimproved value means the sum which might be expected to be realized at the time of valuation, if the land were offered for sale on such terms as a seller might in ordinary circumstances be expected

State  
Land Tax.

to require, and assuming that the improvements (if any) had been not made. The nature of the taxation is a duty upon land for every £1 of the unimproved value thereof, as assessed under the Act, at a rate declared for each year by Act of Parliament. The *Land Tax Act 1951 No. 5567* provided for the rate of tax for the year ended 31st December, 1952, to be one penny for every pound (formerly the rate was one halfpenny for every pound) of the unimproved value exceeding £250 of land (other than land used for primary production) and £3,000 in respect of land used for primary production. Where the assessed unimproved value exceeded the amount of exemption, the exemption diminished at the rate of £1 for every £1 of such excess, so as to leave no exemption when the unimproved value amounted to, or exceeded £6,000 in the case of land used for primary production and £500 in the case of other land.

An analysis, in specified groups of unimproved values of holdings of the 1953 Land Tax assessments is given in the following table.

**VICTORIA—ANALYSIS OF STATE LAND TAX  
ASSESSMENTS, 1953.**

(Based on unimproved values as at 31st December, 1952.)

Unimproved Values of Holdings Ranging Between—		Number of Taxpayers.	Total Amount of Unimproved Values.	Tax Payable.
£	£		£'000	£
251 and	500	93,907	34,248	93,702
501 "	600	21,163	11,767	48,452
601 "	750	19,278	13,093	54,006
751 "	1,000	19,765	17,376	69,521
1,001 "	1,500	20,280	25,226	100,388
1,501 "	2,000	10,307	18,136	71,117
2,001 "	3,000	9,851	24,361	90,663
3,001 "	4,000	10,354	36,816	86,941
4,001 "	5,000	6,091	27,643	87,616
5,001 "	6,000	3,861	21,555	80,949
6,001 "	7,000	2,580	16,925	67,700
7,001 "	8,000	1,675	12,651	51,728
8,001 "	9,000	1,151	9,725	39,422
9,001 "	10,000	1,025	9,695	39,195
10,001 "	15,000	2,119	25,491	106,987
15,001 "	20,000	981	17,005	70,381
20,001 "	25,000	500	11,372	46,241
25,001 "	30,000	243	6,672	27,149
30,001 "	35,000	192	6,240	25,598
35,001 "	40,000	105	3,956	16,092
40,001 "	50,000	169	7,595	31,921
50,001 "	75,000	160	10,242	42,627
75,001 "	100,000	85	7,512	31,032
100,001 "	150,000	72	8,809	35,823
150,001 "	200,000	32	5,587	23,214
200,000 and over		42	19,843	82,359
Total		225,988	409,541	1,520,824

The *Land Tax (Exemptions and Rates) Act* 1953, No. 5764 came into operation on 31st December, 1953. This Act provided for the extension of the exemption from £250 to £650 on land not used for primary production. The exemption of £650 is reduced by £2 for every £1 of the excess over £650 so as to leave no exemption where the unimproved value amounts to or exceeds £975. On land used primarily for primary production the exemption remains at £3,000 which sum is reduced by £1 for every £1 of the excess over £3,000 so as to leave no exemption where the unimproved value amounts to or exceeds £6,000. The Act also provides for a rate of tax of one penny in the pound on unimproved values not exceeding £8,750 and for a graduated increase in the rate on unimproved values in excess of £8,750.

The following table shows particulars, in specified groups of unimproved values of holdings, of Land Tax assessments for 1954 :—

VICTORIA—ANALYSIS OF STATE LAND TAX  
ASSESSMENTS, 1954.

(Based on unimproved values as at 31st December, 1953.)

Unimproved Values of Holdings Ranging Between—		Number of Taxpayers.	Total Amount of Unimproved Values.	Tax Payable.
£	£			
			£'000	£
651	750	16,561	11,663	11,895
751	850	10,205	8,944	27,856
851	975	12,760	11,180	34,820
976	1,500	24,781	29,784	114,628
1,501	2,000	10,313	17,960	67,596
2,001	3,000	10,128	31,031	86,687
3,001	4,000	8,372	28,039	72,572
4,001	5,000	5,666	25,374	79,805
5,001	6,000	4,191	23,001	85,788
6,001	7,000	3,003	18,337	77,801
7,001	8,000	2,105	15,755	63,796
8,001	9,000	1,463	12,401	49,639
9,001	10,000	1,178	11,342	47,733
10,001	15,000	2,859	33,717	165,783
15,001	20,000	1,020	16,449	105,389
20,001	25,000	511	11,833	77,952
25,001	30,000	259	7,043	53,864
30,001	35,000	175	5,974	52,062
35,001	40,000	110	4,112	39,202
40,001	50,000	182	8,105	84,746
50,001	75,000	203	14,111	159,210
75,001	100,000	101	8,647	147,811
100,001	150,000	77	9,203	183,486
150,001	200,000	34	5,705	130,067
200,000	and over	50	22,863	612,361
Total		116,307	392,573	2,632,549

In the succeeding statement details are shown relating to the assessments made during each of the years 1950 to 1954.

VICTORIA—STATE LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS, 1950 TO 1954.

Year.	Number of Taxpayers.	Total Tax Payable.	Average Tax Payable per Taxpayer.	Unimproved Value.
		£	£ s. d.	£'000
1950 .. .. .	157,645	400,410	2 10 10	235,400
1951 .. .. .	175,543	458,191	2 12 2	267,526
1952 .. .. .	203,850	1,234,652	6 1 2	346,077
1953 .. .. .	225,988	1,520,824	6 14 7	409,541
1954 .. .. .	116,307	2,632,549	22 12 8	392,593

The Commonwealth Government also levies land tax on the lands of the States. Up to and including the year 1941-42 particulars of assessments, &c., for Victoria, were extracted from the report of the Federal Commissioner of Taxation and published in the *Year-Book*. During the period of operation of the National Security (Values of Land Tax) Regulations, however, the compilation of statistics was discontinued and details subsequent to the year 1941-42 are, therefore, not available.

PROBATE DUTIES.

The *Administration and Probate (Estates) Acts* No. 5590 of 1951 and No. 5895 of 1955 fixed the rates of duty payable on the estates of deceased persons who were domiciled in Victoria.

Following is a brief summary of the rates payable as from 30th November, 1955 :—

On that part of the Final Balance which—	The Rate of Duty for every Pound shall be—
Does not exceed £1,500 .. .. .	d. 12
Exceeds £1,500 but does not exceed £5,000 .. .. .	24
.. .. . 5,000 .. .. . 15,000 .. .. .	30
.. .. . 15,000 .. .. . 25,000 .. .. .	36
.. .. . 25,000 .. .. . 35,000 .. .. .	42
.. .. . 35,000 .. .. . 45,000 .. .. .	48
.. .. . 45,000 .. .. . 55,000 .. .. .	54
.. .. . 55,000 .. .. . 65,000 .. .. .	60
.. .. . 65,000 .. .. . 75,000 .. .. .	66
.. .. . 75,000 .. .. . 99,500 .. .. .	78

Where the final balance exceeds £99,500 the duty shall be twenty-two pounds ten shillings per centum of the final balance.

No duty is chargeable on estates where the final balance does not exceed six hundred pounds.

On estates passing to the widow or widower or children or wholly dependent widowed mother of a deceased person a rebate of twelve pence is deducted for every pound of the final balance not exceeding £30,000 provided that where the final balance exceeds £60,000 the rebate shall be the rate so calculated or the amount of £1,500 reduced by 24 pence in every pound by which the final balance exceeds £60,000, whichever is the less.

A further rebate of twelve pence shall be deducted for each and every pound of that part, exceeding £1,500 but not exceeding £5,000, of the final balance which passes to the widow or widower or children or wholly dependant widowed mother of a deceased person.

Provided that, where the final balance exceeds £6,500, the further rebate shall be the amount so calculated or the amount of £175 reduced by 12d. for each and every pound by which the final balance exceeds £6,500, whichever is the less.

Certain exemptions are allowed on the estates of members of the Defence Forces who die on active service or as a result of injuries received or disease contracted on active service provided that the estate is left to widow or widower, brother or sister, lineal descendant or lineal ancestor.

The total amounts of probate duty assessed (including amounts collected by the Public Trustee) for the years 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54 were £2,607,758, £3,437,509, £4,076,671, £4,936,764 and £5,332,164 respectively. Actual collections of probate duty for the years mentioned are shown in the table on page 508.

**Commonwealth Estate Duty.** The Commonwealth Government also levies probate and succession duties. The amount of duty collected throughout Australia in each of the years 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54 was £6,054,250, £6,400,756, £7,777,682, £8,392,727 and £9,824,605 respectively.

## COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXATION.

Taxation in Victoria per head of population levied by the Commonwealth, the State, and the Municipalities for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 was as follows:—

COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXATION  
IN VICTORIA PER HEAD OF POPULATION, 1949-50  
TO 1953-54.

Authority.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Commonwealth * ..	64 9 5	93 12 0	109 10 4	102 10 6	101 3 5
State † .. .. .	5 4 10	6 5 8	7 8 10	8 3 9	9 17 11
Total (Commonwealth and State) .. ..	69 14 3	99 17 8	116 19 2	110 14 3	111 1 4
Municipal .. .. .	2 19 8	3 9 3	4 4 1	4 15 6	5 3 4
Grand Total .. ..	72 13 11	103 6 11	121 3 3	115 9 9	116 4 8

\* Average taxation per head collected throughout Australia by the Commonwealth Government on account of taxation derived from the following sources:—Customs, Excise, Estate and Gift Duties; Income, Land, Sales, Entertainment, War-time Company, Gold, Pay-roll and Flour Taxes, Social Services Contributions, Wool, Wheat, and Stevedoring Industry charges.

† Excluding payments by the Commonwealth under the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act* of 1946-48.

## TAXATION COLLECTIONS—AUSTRALIAN STATES.

The following statement gives particulars of the total taxation collections (irrespective of whether such moneys had been paid into Consolidated Revenue or not) by each of the Australian States during the years 1949-50 to 1953-54. The information has been dissected with a view to showing separately the actual collections by each State and the amounts received by each State from the Commonwealth under the provisions of the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act* 1946-1948:—

STATE TAXATION COLLECTIONS—TOTAL AND PER HEAD  
OF POPULATION, 1950 TO 1954.

Year ended 30th June—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total All States.
TOTAL COLLECTIONS.							
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1950	(a) 16,584	10,814	6,141	3,475	2,518	2,246	41,778
	(b) 25,331	14,237	10,215	5,367	5,151	1,970	62,271
1951	(a) 20,849	13,226	7,718	4,347	2,977	2,559	51,676
	(b) 30,363	17,446	12,273	6,468	6,169	2,388	75,107
1952	(a) 24,840	16,943	9,672	5,151	3,455	2,949	63,010
	(b) 34,745	20,347	13,962	7,409	7,000	2,805	86,268
1953	(a) 27,678	19,157	11,603	5,341	3,912	3,296	70,987
	(b) 43,424	26,028	17,487	9,342	8,742	3,600	108,623
1954	(a) 29,749	22,300	12,817	6,911	4,682	3,758	80,217
	(b) 47,733	29,352	19,257	10,384	9,623	4,066	120,415

STATE TAXATION COLLECTIONS—TOTAL AND PER HEAD  
OF POPULATION, 1950 TO 1954—continued.

Year ended 30th June—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total All States.
PER HEAD OF POPULATION.							
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1950	{ (a) 5 4 7 (b) 7 19 9	{ (a) 4 19 8 (b) 6 11 2	{ (a) 5 5 7 (b) 8 15 8	{ (a) 5 1 2 (b) 7 16 4	{ (a) 4 12 3 (b) 9 8 9	{ (a) 8 2 0 (b) 7 2 0	{ (a) 5 4 2 (b) 7 15 4
1951	{ (a) 6 7 4 (b) 9 5 6	{ (a) 5 18 3 (b) 7 16 0	{ (a) 6 9 5 (b) 10 5 9	{ (a) 6 2 3 (b) 9 2 0	{ (a) 5 4 2 (b) 10 16 0	{ (a) 8 18 0 (b) 8 6 0	{ (a) 6 4 11 (b) 9 1 7
1952	{ (a) 7 8 0 (b) 10 7 1	{ (a) 7 7 3 (b) 8 16 10	{ (a) 7 18 5 (b) 11 8 8	{ (a) 7 1 3 (b) 10 3 2	{ (a) 5 16 10 (b) 11 16 10	{ (a) 9 17 6 (b) 9 7 11	{ (a) 7 8 3 (b) 10 3 1
1953	{ (a) 8 1 10 (b) 12 13 11	{ (a) 8 2 2 (b) 11 0 4	{ (a) 9 5 10 (b) 14 0 0	{ (a) 7 2 6 (b) 12 9 4	{ (a) 6 7 8 (b) 14 5 4	{ (a) 10 13 5 (b) 11 13 1	{ (a) 8 3 1 (b) 12 9 8
1954	{ (a) 8 14 8 (b) 14 0 4	{ (a) 9 4 4 (b) 12 2 0	{ (a) 9 17 2 (b) 14 16 1	{ (a) 8 15 8 (b) 13 4 4	{ (a) 7 8 6 (b) 15 5 2	{ (a) 12 2 10 (b) 13 2 10	{ (a) 9 1 2 (b) 13 12 0

(a) State Taxation collections.

(b) Payments by the Commonwealth to the States under the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act of 1946-1948*.

The total taxation collected by the Commonwealth and all States for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 is shown hereunder:—

COMMONWEALTH AND ALL STATES—TAXATION  
COLLECTIONS, 1950 TO 1954.

Year ended 30th June—	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.	Taxation by all State Governments.*	Total Taxation.	
			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£ s. d.
1950 .. ..	518,959	41,886	560,845	69 13 6
1951 .. ..	777,187	51,799	828,986	99 14 10
1952 .. ..	934,011	63,010	997,021	116 15 1
1953 .. ..	895,464	71,158	966,622	110 13 5
1954 .. ..	900,450	80,400	980,850	110 4 1

\* Excluding payments by the Commonwealth to the States under the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act of 1946-1948*.

**PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.**

**Pension and  
Superannua-  
tion Schemes  
in Force.**

A statement of Pension and Superannuation schemes in force at 30th June, 1928, in the Public Services of Victoria, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 98.

**Cost of  
Pensions and  
Gratuities.**

During the year 1953-54, the State Government expended a sum of £2,650,164 on pensions, gratuities, &c. Of this amount £32,445 was spent on pensions of a non-contributory nature. The remainder represents payments from



State revenue to the Police Superannuation Fund, the Police Pensions Fund, the Superannuation Fund, the Coal Mine Workers' Pensions Fund, and the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund. Act No. 5464, which came into force on 30th June, 1950, provided for an increase of 20 per cent. in non-contributory pensions of less than £468 per annum and in widow's pensions of less than £234 per annum with a proviso that such pensions shall not exceed £468 per annum or (in the case of a widow's pension) £234 per annum. The following table gives details of the State Government expenditure on pensions for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 :—

VICTORIA—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PENSIONS,  
GRATUITIES, ETC., 1950 TO 1954.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Non-Contributory Pensions, &c.—	£	£	£	£	£
Railways .. .. .	30,318	28,052	22,455	17,676	15,955
Judges .. .. .	2,688	4,000	4,000	3,812	3,250
Civil Service .. .. .	272	326	327	339	380
Public Service .. .. .	21,877	20,494	18,235	14,685	11,638
Education Department Officers transferred to Common- wealth Service .. .. .	1,540	1,166	1,100	730	540
Various Allowances, &c. .. .. .	864	818	672	706	682
Total Non-contributory Pen- sions, Gratuities, &c. .. .. .	57,559	54,856	46,789	37,948	32,445
Contributory Pensions—					
Police Superannuation Fund—					
Government Subsidy .. .. .	23,698	15,192	2,000	3,973	10,256
Transferred from Licensing Fund (Act No. 3717) .. .. .	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
Fines .. .. .	29,075	33,955	39,125	42,042	39,943
Total .. .. .	75,773	72,147	64,125	69,015	73,199
Police Pensions Fund .. .. .	261,800	341,700	376,750	488,716	552,230
The Superannuation Fund—					
Railways .. .. .	625,698	898,179	858,140	942,591	1,135,563
Other .. .. .	409,941	539,925	563,130	629,024	767,209
Total .. .. .	1,035,639	1,438,104	1,421,270	1,571,615	1,902,772
Coal Mine Workers' Pensions Fund	34,084	35,970	47,973	64,693	82,780
Parliamentary Contributory Re- tirement Fund .. .. .	..	1,397	659	11,050	6,738
Total Contributory Pensions	1,407,296	1,889,318	1,910,777	2,205,089	2,617,719
GRAND TOTAL .. .. .	1,464,855	1,944,174	1,957,566	2,243,037	2,650,164

**Police  
Superannua-  
tion Fund.**

This Fund is maintained by an annual subsidy of £2,000 from the Consolidated Revenue; by a moiety of the fines inflicted by the Court of Petty Sessions; by transfers from the Licensing Fund under the provisions of Act No. 3717; and, should be foregoing sources prove insufficient, by a further grant in aid from the Consolidated Revenue.

During the year 1953-54 the total receipts of the fund from Government Revenue amounted to £73,199, while pension payments totalled £58,068. There was a balance of £28,371 in the fund at 30th June, 1954.

Pensions are payable out of this fund only to those who joined the Police Force prior to the 25th November, 1902. There are now no members of the Police Force contributing to the Fund.

**Police  
Pensions  
Fund.**

Under Act No. 3750, which came into operation on 1st January, 1924, pensions are provided for those members of the Police Force who have joined since 25th November, 1902, as well as to persons who may enter the Force in the future. The main provisions of the principal Act were published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 100. The principal Act was amended by the *Police Regulation Act* No. 4592 of 1938 and the *Police Regulation (Amendment) Act* No. 5359 of 1948. Brief reference to the principal provisions of these Acts is made in previous issues of the *Year-Book*. Further amending legislation is contained in the *Police Regulation (Amendment) Act* No. 5448 of 1949, the *Police Regulation (Pensions) Act* No. 5460 of 1950, the *Police Regulation (Amendment) Act* No. 5467 of 1950 and the *Superannuation Police and State Pensions Act* No. 5673 of 1953. The main effect of these Acts was to further increase the pension payable to a pensioner. The pension payable to the widow of a deceased contributor or pensioner was also increased.

The receipts of the Police Pensions Fund (established under Act No. 3750) during 1953-54 amounted to £858,639, comprising:—Deductions from pay, £117,471; special appropriation, £552,230; interest on investments, £187,138. During the year £286,731 was paid in pensions, £1,038 in gratuities, and £8,073 represented deductions from pay returned. There was a balance of £5,674,253 in the Fund at 30th June, 1954, of which £5,623,795 was invested.

**The Super-  
annuation  
Fund.**

On 24th November, 1925, legislation was enacted by the State Parliament making provision on a contributory basis for superannuation benefits for public servants and railway employees. Contributions of officers amounts received from the Government, and income from investments are paid into the Superannuation Fund and benefits provided by the Act are paid therefrom. Act No. 3782 of 1928 consolidated existing legislation

regarding the Fund. Brief references to the more important amendments to that Act have been made in the *Year-Books* of 1928-29 and subsequent issues. Amending legislation relating to the Fund is contained in the *Superannuation Act* 1947 (No. 5255) the principle provisions of which appeared in the *Year-Book* for 1948-49. Act No. 5453 which came into force on 30th June, 1950, provided *inter alia* for an increase in the unit value from £32 10s. to £39. Pension payments for the child of a deceased contributor or pensioner were also increased from £13 to £19 10s. per unit. Act No. 5673 of 1953 provided for further increases in the amount of the pensions payable. The Consolidated Revenue or the Railway Revenue (as the case may be) bear the additional charge.

The number of contributors to the Fund at 30th June, 1954 was 34,321—males 29,902 and females 4,419.

During the year 1953-54, the receipts of the Superannuation Fund amounted to £4,303,550 consisting of contributions from officers, £1,805,219; from Consolidated Revenue, £1,895,898\*; interest on investments, £582,566; and other receipts, £19,867. The total payments from the fund during the year were £2,495,283, and comprised pensions, £2,398,021\*; refund of contributions, £88,745; and other expenditure, £8,517. The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1954, was £17,019,707 of which £17,019,304 was invested.

**Port Phillip  
Pilot Sick and  
Superannua-  
tion Fund.** This fund does not receive contributions from the Government but is maintained by deduction from pilots' earnings and annual income derived from investment of moneys belonging to the Fund which, in 1953-54 amounted to £15,999 and £7,384 respectively. During the same period, £8,285 was expended on pensions and £58 on sick allowances.

**Coal Mine  
Workers  
Pensions Fund.** This fund was established under Act No. 4932 of 1942 which provides for the payment of retiring pensions to mine workers (who before retirement have qualified for such pensions by reason of the length of service in the coal mining industry) in one of the several ways specified in the Act and for the payment of disablement pensions to such qualified mine workers who are totally or partially incapacitated by injury. Provision is also made for the payment of additional amounts in respect of dependants.

Amendments to the principal Act are contained in Acts No. 5223 of 1947, No. 5313 of 1948, and No. 5436 of 1949. Each of these Acts provided *inter alia*, for progressive increases in the original rates of pension payable to a miner or his dependants.

During 1953-54 the Treasurer contributed £43,143 to the fund and the State Coal Mines (as owners) £38,637.

\* This figure does not agree with that shown on page 520, which includes Consolidated Revenue's share of pensions accrued to 30th June.

**Parliamentary  
Contributory  
Retirement  
Fund.**

This fund was established under authority of the *Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act*, No. 5185, of 24th December, 1946, to provide pensions for ex-members of the Victorian Parliament. Originally members were obliged to contribute to the Fund at the rate of one pound per fortnight but amending legislation, which became operative on 1st July, 1948, increased members' subscriptions to two pounds per fortnight and also fixed the amounts of lump sum payments to be made. Under the provisions of Act No. 5587, which came into operation on 7th November, 1951, members now contribute to the Fund at the rate of £3 10s. per fortnight. Should there be insufficient funds available to pay pensions, &c., under the Act, then the additional amounts required shall be paid from the Consolidated Revenue.

Every person who has ceased to be a member and has served as a member for at least fifteen years, or for at least three Parliaments, is entitled to be paid out of the fund, a pension fortnightly at the rate of the basic wage payable in Melbourne.

Provision is also made for payments of certain sums to ex-members who do not fulfil the conditions necessary for a pension and the payment of a pension to the widow of a deceased member or ex-member at a rate equivalent to the amount that would have been paid or was being paid to the deceased.

All payments out of the fund are subject to the approval of trustees appointed to administer the fund.

During the year ended 30th June, 1954, receipts of the fund amounted to £17,022 made up of contributions from members £10,284 and Special Appropriations £6,738. Pension and lump sum payments from the fund amounted to £17,022.

**STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SEMI-  
GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.**

In the following statements ordinary revenue and expenditure of the State Government, Local Government, and certain semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria have been combined for each of the five years 1949 to 1953. Where a grant has been made by one authority to another, such grant has been excluded from both the revenue and expenditure of the recipient.

VICTORIA—STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT,  
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1949 TO 1953.

Heading.	Financial Year ended in—				
	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.
<i>Revenue.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
State Government .. ..	48,613,095	57,839,642	66,341,017	85,199,578	100,894,076
Local Government .. ..	12,141,432	13,595,358	15,801,058	19,625,938	23,040,167
Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies—					
Water Supply and Sewerage	3,493,601	3,616,152	4,038,082	4,494,170	4,935,638
Irrigation .. ..	103,717	92,769	120,323	167,808	170,528
Harbors .. ..	1,477,273	1,666,718	1,993,682	2,433,170	2,231,455
Tramways .. ..	4,126,278	3,679,785	5,031,466	5,979,640	6,728,204
Electricity Supply .. ..	8,805,818	10,338,657	12,454,498	16,333,663	20,736,565
Fire Brigades .. ..	236,059	317,752	345,863	476,961	797,708
Housing Commission .. ..	668,122	1,159,180	1,554,936	2,039,090	2,716,675
Grain Elevators Board .. ..	235,665	282,748	322,154	434,218	493,870
Western Metropolitan Mar- ket Trust .. ..	3,659	3,600	3,265	4,151	4,199
Gas and Fuel Corporation	..	..	..	..	7,964,651
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>79,904,719</b>	<b>92,592,361</b>	<b>108,006,344</b>	<b>137,188,387</b>	<b>170,713,733</b>
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
State Government .. ..	49,995,876	58,098,452	66,684,244	87,606,320	101,259,300
Local Government .. ..	12,385,142	13,851,229	16,480,237	19,975,232	22,745,040
Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies—					
Water Supply and Sewerage	3,539,657	3,693,944	4,044,368	4,513,962	5,046,458
Irrigation .. ..	114,662	136,568	115,941	164,605	180,902
Harbors .. ..	1,230,022	1,240,584	1,312,304	1,991,224	2,148,172
Tramways .. ..	4,375,344	4,327,786	5,268,952	6,392,668	6,879,618
Electricity Supply .. ..	8,776,517	10,588,025	12,452,638	16,124,453	18,828,770
Fire Brigades .. ..	222,001	266,874	441,092	517,522	735,136
Housing Commission .. ..	751,486	1,202,787	1,630,286	2,209,070	2,825,633
Grain Elevators Board .. ..	231,560	273,800	307,700	366,398	421,370
Western Metropolitan Mar- ket Trust .. ..	3,648	3,578	3,719	4,111	4,450
Gas and Fuel Corporation	..	..	..	..	7,793,626
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>81,625,915</b>	<b>93,683,627</b>	<b>108,741,481</b>	<b>139,365,565</b>	<b>168,868,475</b>

**PUBLIC DEBT.**

The following statement shows the result of loan transactions, including Treasury Bonds in aid of revenue, to 30th June, 1954 :—

Loans Raised  
and  
Redeemed.

LOANS RAISED AND REDEEMED TO 30TH JUNE, 1954.

	£
Cash received .. .. .	1,530,872,044
Discount and expenses after deducting premiums .. .. .	10,204,271
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Securities issued .. .. .	1,541,076,315
Loans redeemed by—	£
Renewal Loans and other State Funds, &c. .. .. .	1,125,158,283
National Debt Sinking Fund .. .. .	38,793,146
Liability transferred to Commonwealth Government Act No. 4246 .. .. .	2,160,960
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	1,166,112,389
Loans outstanding at 30th June, 1954 .. .. .	376,963,926
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Repayable in—	
Australia .. .. .	328,455,953
London .. .. .	44,907,850
New York .. .. .	3,600,123
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	376,963,926
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It will be seen that, upon the transactions to 30th June, 1954, securities representing £1,541,076,315 were issued, and that the amount of cash received was £1,530,872,044. The State thus received £99 5s. 10d. in cash for every £100 bond given.

Particulars concerning the due dates of loans outstanding at 30th June, 1953 and 1954, are given in the following tables. Where the Government had the option of redemption during a specified period, the loans have been classified according to the latest date of maturity :—

## DUE DATES OF VICTORIAN LOANS AT 30TH JUNE, 1953.

Due Date (Financial Year).	Repayable in London.	Repayable in Australia.	Total.
	£	£	£
1953-54 .. .. .	5,805,525	9,085,711	14,891,236
1954-55 .. .. .	..	52,328,261	52,328,261
1955-56 .. .. .	1,863,483*	18,136,098	19,999,581
1956-57 .. .. .	925,512*	2,449,060	3,374,572
1957-58 .. .. .	..	9,674,705	9,674,705
1958-59 .. .. .	13,388,800	7,486,330	20,875,130
1959-60 .. .. .	..	19,224,129	19,224,129
1960-61 .. .. .	647,575	15,432,334	16,079,909
1961-62 .. .. .	711,394*	13,762,779	14,474,173
1962-63 .. .. .	..	40,008,981	40,008,981
1963-64 .. .. .	..	24,282,699	24,282,699
1964-65 .. .. .	..	45,323,530	45,323,530
1965-66 .. .. .	1,989,400	27,052,884	29,042,284
1966-67 .. .. .	6,799,656†	105,214	6,904,870
1967-68 .. .. .	8,392,800	109,949	8,502,749
1968-69 .. .. .	..	114,897	114,897
1969-70 .. .. .	8,923,150	120,067	9,043,217
1970-71 .. .. .	..	125,470	125,470
1971-72 .. .. .	..	131,116	131,116
1972-73 .. .. .	..	137,017	137,017
1973-74 .. .. .	..	143,182	143,182
1974-75 .. .. .	..	149,625	149,625
1975-76 .. .. .	..	156,359	156,359
1976-77 .. .. .	..	163,395	163,395
1977-78 .. .. .	..	170,748	170,748
1978-79 .. .. .	..	178,431	178,431
1979-80 .. .. .	..	186,461	186,461
1980-81 .. .. .	..	194,851	194,851
1981-82 .. .. .	..	203,620	203,620
1982-83 .. .. .	..	154,279	154,279
Not yet fixed .. .. .	..	3,279,944	3,279,944
Total .. .. .	49,447,295	290,072,126	339,519,421

\* Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government, but repayable by State Treasurer to Agent-General in London.

† Including £923,456 raised in New York.

## DUE DATES OF VICTORIAN LOANS AT 30TH JUNE, 1954.

Due Date (Financial Year).	Repayable in London.	Repayable in Australia.	Total.
	£	£	£
1954-55	5,805,525	52,268,261	58,073,786
1955-56	1,060,516*	22,860,098	23,920,614
1956-57	919,347*	8,375,060	9,294,407
1957-58		9,674,705	9,674,705
1958-59	13,388,800	7,396,500	20,785,300
1959-60		18,668,819	18,668,819
1960-61	647,575	15,350,694	15,998,269
1961-62	703,380*	13,697,969	14,401,349
1962-63		40,238,981	40,238,981
1963-64		23,982,699	23,982,699
1964-65		45,123,530	45,123,530
1965-66	1,989,400	26,961,834	28,951,234
1966-67	6,776,081†	15,922,714	22,698,795
1967-68	8,392,800	22,324,949	30,717,749
1968-69		114,897	114,897
1969-70	8,824,550	120,067	8,944,617
1970-71		125,470	125,470
1971-72		131,116	131,116
1972-73		137,017	137,017
1973-74		143,182	143,182
1974-75		149,625	149,625
1975-76		156,359	156,359
1976-77		163,395	163,395
1977-78		170,748	170,748
1978-79		178,431	178,431
1979-80		186,461	186,461
1980-81		194,851	194,851
1981-82		203,620	203,620
1982-83		154,279	154,279
Not yet fixed		3,279,621	3,279,621
Total	48,507,974	328,455,952	376,963,926

\* Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government, but repayable by the State Treasurer to Agent-General in London.

† Including £916,881 raised in New York.

In the succeeding statement of the Public Debt of Victoria at various dates, loans repayable outside Australia and the annual interest payable thereon are shown separately. Particulars relating to New York loans are included as indicated in the note to the statement.

In the subsequent statements "interest payable" does not include the cost of paying interest overseas. Particulars of exchange paid in each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown on page 544.

Loans and  
Interest  
payable in  
London and  
Australia.



All tables in the *Year-Book* relating to the Public Debt show the Oversea Debt of Victoria in Australian currency, but at the time of repayment it will entail the use of sterling or dollars as the case may be.

During 1931-32, the conversion of Victoria's portion of the internal debt of the Commonwealth and States of Australia was effected as provided for by the *Debt Conversion Agreement Acts* (No. 1 and 2) of 1931. The conversion was based on a reduction of 22½ per cent. of the interest rates payable on the then existing securities.

VICTORIA—PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE  
THEREON IN LONDON AND AUSTRALIA, 1900 TO 1954.

At 30th June—	Amount of Loans Repayable in—		Annual Interest Payable in—	
	London.*	Australia.	London.	Australia.
	£	£	£	£
1900 .. ..	44,655,579	4,670,306	1,735,307	152,096
1910 .. ..	39,012,436	16,564,289	1,419,579	560,520
1915 .. ..	41,333,738	31,750,189	1,520,762	1,131,811
1920 .. ..	42,406,040	45,241,699	1,637,615	1,902,108
1925 .. ..	51,869,204	79,300,361	2,319,486	3,999,635
1930 .. ..	68,750,235	93,538,759	3,225,754	4,831,371
1935 .. ..	67,638,378	106,522,285	2,651,050	3,930,414
1940 .. ..	66,963,733	113,586,235	2,623,176	4,274,672
1945 .. ..	65,834,565	113,570,626	2,515,982	3,840,676
1950 .. ..	50,057,125	167,355,700	1,627,183	5,463,834
1951 .. ..	49,781,957	201,150,756	1,618,349	6,210,549
1952 .. ..	49,680,551	252,818,479	1,644,121	7,456,440
1953 .. ..	49,447,297	290,072,126	1,636,026	9,059,412
1954 .. ..	48,507,974	328,455,952	1,591,377	10,874,119

\* Loans raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government are included as follows:— (At 30th June) 1930 and 1931, £4,658,461; 1932, £4,648,084; 1933, £4,615,021; 1934, £4,592,459; 1935, £4,569,473; 1936, £4,547,877; 1937, £4,530,842; 1938, £4,517,207; 1939 to 1946, £4,498,878; 1947, £4,500,603; 1948, £4,570,562; 1949, £4,548,370; 1950, £4,516,725; 1951, £4,486,107; 1952, £4,455,901; 1953, £4,423,845; 1954, £3,600,124.

The appended tables show the rates of interest which were payable on the public debt at 30th June, 1953, and 1954 and the portions of the debt at each rate in London and Australia respectively.

VICTORIA—RATES OF INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT AT 30TH JUNE, 1953.

Rate of Interest.	Amount Repayable in—		
	London.	Australia.	Total.
Per cent.	£	£	£
5 .. .. .	1,863,483*	..	1,863,483
4½ .. .. .	..	30,294,540	30,294,540
4 .. .. .	..	117,000	117,000
3¾ .. .. .	..	13,780,460	13,780,460
3¾ .. .. .	..	17,066,640	17,066,640
3½ .. .. .	..	107,000	107,000
3½ .. .. .	20,188,456†	254,650	20,443,106
£3 9s. 9d. .. .. .	..	500	500
3⅜ .. .. .	711,394*	..	711,394
3¼ .. .. .	10,496,237‡	43,150,241	53,646,478
3⅛ .. .. .	..	113,977,874	113,977,874
£3 2s. .. .. .	..	314,890	314,890
3 .. .. .	10,382,200	14,293,144	24,675,344
2¾ .. .. .	5,805,525	..	5,805,525
£2 14s. 3d. .. .. .	..	132,456	132,456
2½ .. .. .	..	1,525	1,525
£2 6s. 6d. .. .. .	..	710,579	710,579
2 .. .. .	..	52,307,171	52,307,171
1 .. .. .	..	3,563,456	3,563,456
Total .. .. .	49,447,295	290,072,126	339,519,421
Average rate of interest .. .. .	% 3·31	% 3·12	% 3·15

\* Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government.

† Including £923,456 raised in New York.

‡ Including £925,512 raised in New York.

VICTORIA—RATES OF INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT AT  
30TH JUNE, 1954.

Rate of Interest.	Amount Repayable in—		
	London.	Australia.	Total.
Per cent.	£	£	£
5 .. .. .	1,060,516*	..	1,060,516
4½ .. .. .	..	68,557,040	68,557,040
4 .. .. .	..	117,000	117,000
3¾ .. .. .	..	13,780,247	13,780,247
3½ .. .. .	..	17,066,640	17,066,640
3⅜ .. .. .	..	107,000	107,000
3½ .. .. .	20,164,881†	254,650	20,419,531
£3 9s. 9d. .. .. .	..	500	500
3¼ .. .. .	703,380*	..	703,380
3¼ .. .. .	10,391,472‡	42,789,041	53,180,513
3⅜ .. .. .	..	112,956,434	112,956,434
£3 2s. .. .. .	..	314,890	314,890
3 .. .. .	10,382,200	24,881,353	35,263,553
2½ .. .. .	5,805,525	..	5,805,525
£2 14s. 3d. .. .. .	..	132,456	132,456
2½ .. .. .	..	1,525	1,525
£2 6s. 6d. .. .. .	..	710,579	710,579
2 .. .. .	..	43,282,510	43,282,510
1 .. .. .	..	3,504,087	3,504,087
Total .. .. .	48,507,974	328,455,952	376,963,926
Average rate of interest .. .. .	% 3·28	% 3·31	% 3·31

\* Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government.

† Including £916,881 raised in New York.

‡ Including £919,347 raised in New York.

The growth of the public debt of Victoria since the establishment of responsible government in 1855 is illustrated in the next statement.

During 1928-29, the amount at credit of the State Redemption and Sinking Funds—£5,540,369—was applied to the liquidation of the public debt, and in 1934-35, the debt was decreased by the transfer of a liability amounting to £2,160,960 from the State to the Commonwealth Government under Act No. 4246. From £174,160,663 at 30th June, 1935—the first occasion on which the debt was less than that of the immediately preceding year—the public debt increased steadily until it reached the amount of £181,219,188 at 30th June, 1941. Although the Public Debt decreased during each of the years 1941-42 to 1943-44, it increased during each of the years 1944-45 to 1953-54, and at 30th June, 1954 amounted to £376,963,926.

Growth of  
Public Debt.

The tables in this *Year-Book* relating to the Public Debt do not include an amount of £65,531,000 advanced to Victoria by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement. Under the conditions of the agreement the Commonwealth agreed to make loan advances to the State to facilitate the financing and construction of dwelling units through the agency of the State Housing Commission. The amounts so advanced are funded at the end of each financial year and the Housing Commission is required to meet from its revenues all interest and redemption charges incidental to the repayment of each year's loan advances by equal instalments over a period of 53 years. Up to 30th June, 1954, repayments of the principal amounted to £1,777,278.

VICTORIA—GROWTH OF PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST,  
1855 TO 1954.

Financial Year ending in—	Loans Outstanding.			Amount per Head of Population.	
	Amount.	Annual Interest Payable.		Debt.	Annual Interest Payable.
		Total.	Average Rate per cent.		
	£	£	%	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1855* ..	1,180,000	70,800	6.00	3 4 9	0 3 11
1860 ..	5,643,100	337,905	5.99	10 9 10	0 12 7
1870* ..	12,099,800	699,240	5.78	16 13 1	0 19 3
1880 ..	20,567,700	1,029,991	5.01	24 9 4	1 4 6
1890 ..	41,377,693	1,649,465	3.99	36 19 11	1 9 6
1900 ..	49,325,885	1,887,403	3.83	41 6 8	1 11 8
1910 ..	55,576,725	1,980,099	3.56	43 6 8	1 10 10
1920 ..	87,647,739	3,539,723	4.04	57 19 1	2 6 10
1925 ..	131,169,565	6,319,121	4.82	78 9 11	3 16 3
1930 ..	162,288,994	8,057,125	4.96	90 18 7	4 10 7
1935 ..	174,160,663	6,581,464	3.78	94 15 2	3 11 8
1940 ..	180,549,968	6,897,848	3.82	94 17 2	3 12 5
1945 ..	179,405,191	6,356,658	3.54	89 2 0	3 3 2
1950 ..	217,412,825	7,091,017	3.26	98 13 11	3 4 5
1951 ..	250,932,713	7,828,898	3.12	110 11 7	3 9 0
1952 ..	302,499,030	9,100,561	3.01	129 10 6	3 17 3
1953 ..	339,519,421	10,695,438	3.15	142 7 11	4 9 4
1954 ..	376,963,926	12,465,496	3.31	153 14 4	5 1 8

\* Including outstanding liabilities of the Melbourne and Geelong Corporations Guarantee Loans.

The following table shows the capital liability of the State at 30th June, 1954, in respect of its public works and services. The apportionment of the State's equity in the National Debt Sinking Fund is also shown :—

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF CAPITAL LIABILITY UNDER THE VARIOUS WORKS AND SERVICES, TOGETHER WITH THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE STATE'S EQUITY IN THE NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND AT 30TH JUNE, 1954.

Works or Services.	Liability.	Deduction on Account of National Debt Sinking Fund.	Net Liability.
Railways *—	£	£	£
As reduced .. ..	88,606,298	9,255,420	79,350,878
Transferred .. ..	30,685,905	5,373,373	25,312,532
Country Waterworks .. ..	72,466,963	5,765,777	66,701,186
Electricity Supply .. ..	43,620,642	3,576,601	40,044,041
Land Settlement .. ..	23,877,620	5,905,605	17,972,015
Soldier Settlement .. ..	31,963,106	667,555	31,295,551
Grain Elevators Board .. ..	1,066,336	78,894	987,442
Housing Commission .. ..	952,238	107,740	844,498
Country Roads .. ..	14,523,755	2,163,932	12,359,823
Public Works, Buildings, &c.	64,917,420	2,221,731	62,695,689
Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria .. ..	3,007,960	7,469	3,000,491
Forests .. ..	10,232,311	410,749	9,821,562
Unemployment Relief .. ..	12,005,587	1,614,130	10,391,457
Rural Finance Corporation .. ..	4,029,107	40,254	3,988,853
In Aid of Revenue .. ..	11,591,900	2,196,559	9,395,341
Unapportioned .. ..	2,209,925	..	2,209,925
Total .. ..	415,757,073	39,385,789	376,371,284

\* The *Railways (Finance Adjustment) Act* No. 4429 provided for the reduction of railway loan liability by the sum of £30,000,000 on 1st July, 1937, and for the transfer of that amount to the "Reduction of Railway Loan Liability Account".

**Expenditure  
from  
Loan Funds.**

In addition to the ordinary expenditure from revenue, certain sums are disbursed annually for various purposes from Loans and on account of Loan Funds. The figures in the following table include all such expenditure, whether the loans have been repaid or are still in existence. The table shows the details for each of the years 1950-51 to 1953-54 and the total to 30th June, 1954 :—

**VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON  
ACCOUNT OF LOANS, 1950-51 TO 1953-54.**

Expenditure on—	During the Year Ended 30th June—				Total to 30th June, 1954.
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Public Works—					
Railways *—					
As reduced	7,044,316	10,497,824	7,099,949	8,839,563	89,462,429
Transferred	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	29,134,658
Country Roads .. ..	816,477	1,093,825	1,218,970	1,537,333	17,703,900
Bridges .. ..	2	98	..	200	477,095
Harbors and Rivers .. ..	60,304	188,701	319,709	247,051	2,626,884
Water Supply—					
Country .. ..	7,124,902	10,619,672	6,919,911	8,475,565	72,304,639
Metropolitan .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	3,142,577
Sewerage .. ..	28,651	80,095	80,000	95,982	531,590
Electricity Supply .. ..	1,250,000	9,000,000	7,000,000	6,000,000	41,089,227
Gas and Fuel Corporation	2,551,497	2,392,950	2,455,000	1,995,000	9,394,447
Public Buildings—					
Schools .. ..	2,686,124	3,521,171	3,381,840	4,845,078	25,210,632
Hospitals .. ..	2,592,533	2,952,002	3,640,376	5,389,918	18,300,704
Other .. ..	589,605	798,918	841,182	759,350	5,515,365
Other Public Works .. ..	309,265	386,470	297,428	311,218	2,529,297
Decentralization Fund .. ..	199,552	..	..	..	499,552
Immigration .. ..	28,034	36,433	34,589	951	221,703
Municipal Endowment .. ..	..	..	..	..	698,250
Municipalities, Loans, Grants, &c. .. ..	137,624	217,168	389,307	131,357	2,130,923
Housing .. ..	903,710	4,185,079	1,221,792	40,942	9,818,163
Unemployment Relief .. ..	..	..	..	..	13,147,158
Rural Finance Corporation .. ..	814,250	1,600,000	900,000	700,000	4,019,250
Primary Production—					
Land Settlement † .. ..	..	..	..	..	41,570,934
Soldier Settlement .. ..	6,095,841	5,753,681	4,649,883	4,923,123	38,152,835
Wire Netting Advances .. ..	56,318	22,696	31,894	2,199	1,041,865
Agriculture .. ..	..	..	21	..	211,168

\* Reduced under the authority of Act No. 4429 of 1936.

† Land Settlement—Closer Settlement and Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Fund abolished during 1938-39 and Soldier Settlement re-established in 1945-46.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS—*continued.*

Expenditure on—	During the Year Ended 30th June—				Total to 30th June, 1954.
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
Primary Production—(con- tinued)	£	£	£	£	£
Settlers Advances— Cultivation .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2,620,806
Other.. .. .	1,250	169	439	..	119,568
Bulk Handling of Wheat	..	..	..	250,000	1,403,740
Forestry .. .. .	1,589,726	1,390,000	787,499	899,825	13,082,315
Mining, N.E.I. .. .. .	137,631	36,072	15,982	4,524	492,071
Mining—State Coal Mine	2,652	2,176	..	..	352,757
Primary Products— Advances to Companies ..	..	..	..	..	331,101
Cool Stores—Advances to Companies .. .. .	1,602	2,957	7,266	4,854	657,799
Drought Relief .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,024,411
Destruction of Vermin and Noxious Weeds	157,711	121,755	80,596	69,961	459,208
Other Primary Production	..	..	..	..	167,862
Other Purposes .. .. .	129,193	184,417	201,608	146,655	3,352,218
Total Works Expenditure ..	35,308,860	55,084,329	41,575,241	45,664,649	453,000,101
In Aid of Revenue .. .. .	..	2,000,000	2,400,000	..	15,455,167
GRAND TOTAL .. .. .	35,308,860	57,084,329	43,975,241	45,664,649	468,455,268

The figures in the foregoing table are "net" in as much as they exclude discounts and flotation expenses, particulars of which are as follow:—1950-51, £46,977; 1951-52, £183,233; 1952-53, £110,234 and 1953-54, £138,964. The aggregate to 30th June, 1954, was £10,204,271.

The amounts of interest and expenses paid on the Public Debt of Victoria during each of the financial years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown in the next table:—

Interest paid  
on Loans.

VICTORIA—INTEREST AND EXPENSES OF PUBLIC DEBT,  
1950 TO 1954.

Year Ended 30th June.	Interest Paid on Loans in—		Interest Paid on Temporary Loans.	Commission on Payment of Interest in London Expenses of Conversion Loans, &c.	Exchange on Payment of Interest in London.†	Total.‡
	London.*	Melbourne.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1950 ..	1,738,109	5,054,184	31,443	49,968	567,181	7,440,885
1951 ..	1,627,867	5,558,378	13,349	68,493	577,794	7,845,881
1952 ..	1,632,741	6,523,790	23,881	50,530	578,419	8,809,361
1953 ..	1,640,172	7,426,639	25,718	43,740	574,896	9,711,165
1954 ..	1,623,099	9,136,940	25,271	55,490	558,507	11,399,307

\* Including interest paid on loans raised in New York—£184,018 for 1949-50; £182,943 for 1950-51; £181,863 for 1951-52; £180,884 for 1952-53 and £160,335 for 1953-54.

† Includes Exchange paid in respect of Loans raised in New York:—£177,132 for 1949-50; £215,496 for 1950-51; £214,977 for 1951-52; £213,070 for 1952-53 and £193,863 for 1953-54.

‡ Includes £2,127,159 contributed each year by the Commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of the "Financial Agreement".

### NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND.

The National Debt Sinking Fund was established under the provisions of the *Commonwealth and States Financial Agreement Act 1927* (No. 3554). Under the Federal Aid Roads Agreement, the Commonwealth Government agreed to pay Sinking Fund contributions on loan moneys provided by the States for certain roads. The agreement was terminated on 30th June, 1947, and from 1st December, 1947, these payments became a State liability. The following table gives particulars of the receipts and disbursements during 1953-54:—



	£	
Balance at credit of Victoria at 30th June, 1953 .. .. .	1,037,383	
Contributions during 1953-54—	£	
By Commonwealth under Financial Agreement	759,323	
,, State under Financial Agreement .. .. .	2,927,980	
	<hr/>	3,687,303
Interest received .. .. .		9,884
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		4,734,570
Cancellation of securities to the value of £3,274,991 at a cost of ..		4,141,928
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Balance at credit of the State at 30th June, 1954 .. ..		592,642
Face value of securities cancelled to 30th June, 1954 .. ..		38,793,146
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Net credit to Victoria at 30th June, 1954 .. .. .		39,385,788
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### TRUST FUNDS.

At 30th June, 1954 the liability of the Treasurer on account of moneys lodged for investment and for securities and other lodgments amounted to £29,477,611. Investments in Australian Consolidated Inscribed Stock and other securities amounted to £14,643,650, and cash advances totalled £3,222,857. The balance—£11,611,104—was at the credit of the Public Account.

### PUBLIC DEBT OF AUSTRALIA.

The public debts of the six Australian States aggregated £1,688,948,070 at 30th June, 1954. Details of the indebtness in respect of each State are shown in the following table. Sinking funds have not been deducted. Treasury Bills covering Revenue Deficits are included. Revenue Deficits which are not covered by Treasury Bills, overdrafts on Loan Account, and advances from Trust Funds are excluded:—

#### PUBLIC DEBTS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AT 30TH JUNE, 1954.

Heading.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania
	£	£	£	£	£	
Public Debt	376,963,926	614,494,836	220,396,425	213,619,488	165,782,545	97,690,850
Debt per head of population at 30th June, 1954.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	154 8 3	176 5 10	170 19 11	276 2 9	257 17 4	307 6 0

**Commonwealth  
Public Debt.** The public debt of the Commonwealth exclusive of loans raised on behalf of the States but including debts on account of the Port Augusta-Oodnadatta Railway and the Northern Territory amounted to £1,917,854,641 at 30th June, 1954. This total excludes War (1914-18) Debt £79,724,220 due to the British Government. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest thereon was suspended in 1931. In issues of the *Year-Book* prior to 1951-52 this amount was included in the total Commonwealth Public Debt.

**Commonwealth  
and States  
Public Debt.** The total public debt of Australia—Commonwealth and States—at 30th June, 1954, was £3,606,802,711, of which £3,186,028,130 was payable in Australia, £351,179,030 in London, and £69,595,551 elsewhere overseas. The loan liability of the Australian public at 30th June, 1954, averaged £400 15s. 2d. per head of population