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 Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics, the Digest of Current Economic Statistics, and the various mimeographed statements issued on particular subjects.

## CHAPTER 3. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

# Parliamentary government

#### SECOND WHITLAM MINISTRY—10 FEBRUARY 1975

(The State in which each Minister's electorate is situated is shown in parentheses. All Ministers are members of the Australian Labor Party and all are in the Cabinet.)

Prime Minister-

THE HON. E. G. WHITLAM, Q.C., M.P. (N.S.W.)

Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer— THE HON. J. F. CAIRNS, M.P. (Vic.)

Minister for Minerals and Energy—
THE HON. R. F. X. CONNOR, M.P. (N.S.W.)

Minister for Social Security—
THE HON, W. G. HAYDEN, M.P. (Old)

Leader of the Government in the Senate and Minister for Agriculture—

SENATOR THE HON. K. S. WRIEDT (Tas.)

Minister for Foreign Affairs—
SENATOR THE HON. D. R. WILLESEE (W.A.)

Minister for Overseas Trade—
THE HON. F. CREAN, M.P. (Vic.)

Minister for Services and Property and Leader of the House—

THE HON. F. M. DALY, M.P. (N.S.W.)

Minister for the Media and Manager of Government Business in the Senate—
SENATOR THE HON. D. McCLELLAND (N.S.W.)

Minister for Defence—
THE HON. L. H. BARNARD, M.P. (Tas.)

Minister for Northern Development and Minister for the Northern Territory—

THE HON. R. A. PATTERSON, M.P. (Qld)

Minister for Labor and Immigration-

THE HON. C. R. CAMERON, M.P. (S.A.)

Minister for Education—
THE HON. K. E. BEAZLEY, M.P. (W.A.)

Special Minister of State and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Matters Relating to the Public Service

THE HON. L. F. BOWEN, M.P. (N.S.W.)

Minister for Repatriation and Compensation— SENATOR THE HON, J. M. WHEELDON

Minister for Urban and Regional Development— THE HON. T. UREN, M.P. (N.S.W.)

Postmaster-General— Senator the Hon. R. Bishop (S.A.)

Minister for Housing and Construction— THE HON. L. R. JOHNSON, M.P. (N.S.W.)

Minister for Transport—
THE HON. C. K. JONES, M.P. (N.S.W.)

Minister for Health—
THE HON. D. N. EVERINGHAM, M.P. (Qld)

Attorney-General and Minister for Customs and Excise—

THE HON. K. E. ENDERBY, Q.C., M.P. (A.C.T.)

Minister for Manufacturing Industry— SENATOR THE HON. J. R. McCLELLAND (N.S.W.)

Minister for the Capital Territory—
THE HON. G. M. BRYANT, E.D., M.P. (Vic.)

Minister for the Environment and Conservation— THE HON. M. H. CASS, M.P. (Vic.)

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
SENATOR THE HON. J. L. CAVANAGH (S.A.)

Minister for Science and Minister Assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs in matters relating to Papua New Guinea and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence—

THE HON. W. L. MORRISON, M.P. (N.S.W.)

Minister for Tourism and Recreation, Vice-President of the Executive Council and Minister Assisting the Treasurer—

THE HON. F. E. STEWART, M.P. (N.S.W.)

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New South Wales—The Hon. T. L. Lewis, M.L.A. (L.P.) Tasmania—The Hon. W. A. Neilson, M.H.A. (A.L.P.)

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Federal-The Hon. J. M. Fraser, M.P. (L.P.)

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Speaker: The Hon. G. G. D. Scholes, M.P. (A.L.P.) Chairman of Committees: J. M. Berinson, M.P. (A.L.P.) Leader of the Opposition: The Hon. J. M. Fraser, M.P. (L.P.)

# CHAPTER 10. LABOUR, WAGES AND PRICES

#### Determination of wage rates in Australia

The Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission as a result of the 1975 National Wage Case decided to adjust all ordinary award rates of pay by 3.6 per cent to compensate for the increase in the Consumer Price Index for the March 1975 quarter. It was also decided to increase the minimum wage for adult males by \$4 a week following an \$8 a week increase in January 1975. The latest increases would operate from the beginning of the first pay period commencing on or after 15 May 1975. The Commission stated it would meet each quarter following the publication of the latest Consumer Price Index figures and adjust award wages in accordance with the movement in the six-capitals Consumer Price Index numbers unless it can be persuaded to the contrary by those opposing such adjustment.

#### CHAPTER 18. PUBLIC FINANCE

# Federal Budget 1974-75

(see page 1144 for particulars of the 1973-74 Budget)

The 1974-75 Budget of the Australian Government was presented in national accounts form, with outlays classified on a functional basis. A functional classification is intended to bring together outlays with similar objectives or purposes to reveal more fully the broad purposes of public sector spending, to indicate the share of total resources available to public authorities being devoted to particular avenues of expenditure, and to provide a framework for developing assessments of the effectiveness of outlays in meeting government policy objectives. Taken together with the presentation on a national accounts basis the functional classification also facilitates assessment of the economic impact of the identified programs of expenditure.

The 1974-75 Budget was framed in an unusually difficult economic environment. Unemployment and prices were rising and the balance of payments deteriorating. The policy options chosen in framing the Budget reflected Government objectives, both as regards social and economic policies, and the Government's judgment as to how the overall economic situation would develop. Budget outlays were estimated to increase by 32.4 per cent in 1974-75, considerably faster than the increase of 20.2 per cent in 1973-74. After taking account of the net effect of the revenue measures proposed, budget receipts were estimated to increase by 30.8 per cent in 1974-75. The estimated overall deficit of \$570 million was about \$278 million greater than in the previous year—the estimated domestic surplus of \$23 million was smaller, by about \$189 million, than in 1973-74. The estimated net outcome was heavily influenced by the effect of inflation on revenue and comparisons with past deficits have limited significance for purposes of economic analysis. Details of estimated Budget outlay and receipts are shown in the accompanying table.

#### Outlay

On the outlay side, notable aspects were:

The continued very large rise in outlay in the function *Urban and Regional Development n.e.c.* and the *Environment*—this reflects, in the main, very sizeable increases in the allocations for the growth centres, Land Commissions and sewerage programs.

A very large increase of \$675 million, or 78 per cent, in outlays on *Education* reflecting, among other things, the full-year effects of the undertaking by the Australian Government, as from 1 January 1974, of full financial responsibility for universities and colleges of advanced education, increased allocations for technical and further education, and the provision of greatly increased funds to the Schools Commission and for the child care program.

The increase of \$952 million, or 38 per cent, in outlays on *Social Security and Welfare* following the very large increase in 1973-74.

The increase of \$284 million, or 30 per cent, on *Health*, the major new initiative being the provision of funds to the States for hospital development.

The increase of \$392 million, or 25 per cent, in the *Economic Services* function, which covers a wide range of programs including transport and communications, industry assistance and development, and labour and employment—this increase reflects provisions of \$50 million for the Petroleum and Minerals Authority, \$75 million for the continuation of the activities of the Pipeline Authority, \$67 million for urban public transport initiatives, and increased provisions for roads, shipping and airlines.

#### Receipts

On the basis of existing rates of taxes and other charges, it was estimated that total receipts in 1974-75 would amount to \$15,896 million, an increase of 32.4 per cent on actual receipts in 1973-74.

The general revenue measures announced in the Budget Speech are estimated to reduce receipts in 1974–75 by about \$237 million below the revenue which would have been derived at pre-existing rates of taxation and charges. An increase in the levy on wool will bring in an estimated \$45 million in 1974–75. Overall, total receipts were estimated to amount to \$15,704 million, an increase of 30.8 per cent on actual receipts in 1973–74. The estimate of total taxation revenue in 1974–75 is \$14,518 million, 32.7 per cent more than the 1973–74 figure.

# BUDGET RECEIPTS AND OUTLAY (\$ million)

						• •			_		
									1973–74		Estimate 1974-75
Outlay											
Defence							_		1,334		1,499
Education .									860		1,535
Health									948		1,232
Social security and v	welfare								2,489		3,442
Housing and community amenities, n.e.c									338		401
Urban regional deve	lopment	, n.e.c.	and th	ne envir	onme	ent .			145		394
Culture and recreati									158		228
Economic services—	•										
Transport and cor								869		1,120	
Water supply and								46		51	
Industry assistanc		velopn	nent					484		573	
Labour and emplo								115		150	
Other economic se	ervices .	•				•		48		59	
Total economic		•	•			•	•		1,562		1,954
General public servi		•	•	•	•	•	•		987		1,183
Not allocated to fun	iction(a)	•		•	•	•	•		3,475		4,407
Total outlay					•				12,295		16,274
of which—											
•				44	:				2.7/7		2 400
Net current expenditure on goods and services Gross capital formation							•		2,767 283		3,480 412
Transfer pa			. odu		•	•	•		283 9.245		12,382
Transier pa	aymems	and ne	i auva	111005	•	•	•		9,243		12,362
Receipts-											
Taxation—											
Indirect taxes								3,249		3,867	
Income taxes on c			•	•	•	•	•	2,033		2,566	
Income taxes on p	ompame.	DAV	, E .	•	•	•	•	4,238		6,189	
income taxes on p	)¢130113—	Other		•	:	•	•	1,252		1,777	
Estate and gift du	ties	Other.		•	•	•	•	76		1,77	
Other direct taxes				•	•	•	•	68		23	
Unfunded employ				uitions	•	•	•	27		26	
Less remissions	co retire		Ontrio	utions	•	•	•	6		7	
2000 1011110310113	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Total taxation						•			10,938		14,518
Other receipts											
Interest, rent and	dividend	ls. etc.			_			1,031		1,144	
Gross income of p			es .	•	•	•	•	11		4	
2.020000 01 }				·	•	•	• •	22		37	
Sales of land and			•	•	•	•	•				
Sales of land and	ounding										
Sales of land and  Total other received.	_								1,065	<del></del>	1,185
	_	•		•					1,065	•	1,185

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes payments to States n.e.c.

# CHAPTER 30. THE TERRITORIES OF AUSTRALIA THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

The City of Darwin was devastated by Cyclone Tracy on 24/25 December 1974 and mass evacuation of the population took place.

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