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SECTION XXV.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

§. Scheme of Parliamentary Government.

1. **General.**—The legislative power of the Commonwealth is vested in the Federal Parliament, which consists of the Sovereign, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. The Sovereign is represented throughout the Commonwealth by the Governor-General, who, subject to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, has such powers and functions as the Sovereign is pleased to assign to him. In each State there is a State Governor, who is the representative of the Sovereign for the State, and who exercises such powers within the State as are conferred upon him by the Letters Patent which constitute his office, and by the instructions, which inform him in detail of the manner in which his duties are to be fulfilled. The Legislature in each State is also bi-cameral, and consists of (a) a Legislative Council and (b) a Legislative Assembly, or House of Assembly, the legislative powers of these chambers being delimited by the Commonwealth and the State Constitutions. The latter chamber, which is the larger, is always elective; the qualification for the franchise varies in character. The former chamber is, in the case of New South Wales and Queensland, nominated by the Governor-in-Council, but in the other States it is also elective, the constituencies being differently arranged and some property qualification for the electorate being required. In the Federal Parliament, however, the qualifications for the franchise are identical for both Houses. A brief account of the constitutional history of each of the States has been given in Section II., § 5, hereof. (See pp. 27 to 32).

2. **Number of Members of the Legislatures.**—The following table shews the number of members in each of the legislative chambers in the Commonwealth and in each State in March, 1910:—

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENTS OF AUSTRALIA, 1910.

Members in—	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Upper House	36	56	34	44	18	30	19	237
Lower House	75	90	65	72	41	50	30	423
Total ...	111	146	99	116	59	80	49	660

The use of the expressions "Upper House" and "Lower House" in the above statement, though not justified constitutionally, is convenient, inasmuch as the legislative chambers are known by different names in the Commonwealth and in some of the States.

In the Commonwealth Parliament the Upper House is known as the Senate, and in the State Parliaments as the Legislative Council. The Lower House is known as follows:—In the Commonwealth Parliament as the House of Representatives, in the

State Parliaments of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, and Western Australia as the Legislative Assembly, and in the State Parliaments of South Australia and Tasmania as the House of Assembly.

3. **The Cabinet and Executive Government.**—A précis of the sections of the Commonwealth Constitution Act dealing with the Executive Government is given on page 41 hereinafore. In both the Commonwealth and the State Legislatures the forms of Government have been founded on their prototype, the Imperial Government, and the relations established between the Ministry and the representatives of the people are in accordance with those prevailing in Great Britain. The executive powers in the Commonwealth and in the State Governments are vested in the Governor-in-Council. The Executive Council in the Commonwealth and in the majority of the States is co-extensive with a group of departmental chiefs who are usually spoken of as the Cabinet, and who change with the rise and fall of party majorities. In Victoria and Tasmania, however, the Cabinet on leaving office remain members of the Executive Council, though they no longer attend its meetings, and it is in fact an essential feature of the Cabinet system of Government that they should not do so, except to assist the Governor in transacting purely formal business, or to advise on non-political questions.

(i.) *The Executive Council.* This body is composed of the Governor and Ministers appointed by the Governor as shewn hereinafter. They are sworn both as Executive Councillors and as Ministers controlling the administrative departments. The meetings are official in character; they are presided over by the Governor-General (or Governor) and are attended by the clerk, who keeps a formal record of its proceedings. At these meetings the decisions of the Cabinet are put into official form and made effective, appointments are confirmed, resignations accepted, proceedings ordered, and notices and regulations published.

In March, 1910, the Executive Council was composed of the following members:—

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE COMMONWEALTH, 1910.

<i>Prime Minister (without Portfolio)</i>	...	The Hon. ALFRED DEAKIN.
<i>Treasurer</i>	... ..	The Rt. Hon. SIR JOHN FORREST, P.C., G.C.M.G.
<i>Attorney-General</i>	... ..	The Hon. P. M. GLYNN.
<i>Minister of State for External Affairs</i>	...	The Hon. L. E. GROOM.
<i>Minister of State for Home Affairs</i>	...	The Hon. G. W. FULLER.
<i>Postmaster-General</i>	... ..	The Hon. Sir JOHN QUICK.
<i>Minister of State for Defence</i>	...	The Hon. J. COOK.
<i>Minister of State for Trade and Customs</i>	...	The Hon. Sir R. W. BEST, K.C.M.G.
<i>Vice-President of Executive Council</i>	...	The Hon. E. D. MILLEN.
<i>Honorary Minister</i>	... ..	Col. The Hon. J. F. G. FOXTON, C.M.G.

Particulars of previous Commonwealth Ministries are given on pages 46-8 hereinbefore, and on page 932 following.

(ii.) *The Cabinet.* The meetings of this body are private and deliberative. No one is admitted but the actual Ministry of the day, no records of the meetings transpire, and no official notice is taken of the proceedings. The members of the Cabinet being the leaders of the party in power in Parliament, control the bent of legislation and must retain the confidence of the people and also of the Governor-General (or Governor), to whom they act as an advising body. They also in effect wield, by virtue of their seats on the Executive Council, the whole executive force of the community. In summoning, proroguing, or dissolving Parliament the Governor-General (or Governor) is usually guided by the advice tendered him by the Cabinet, though legally he is in no way bound to do so. The following statement gives the names of the Ministries of State for the Commonwealth, who have held office since the inauguration of the Commonwealth Government:—

**MINISTERS OF STATE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA FROM
1st JANUARY, 1901, to MARCH, 1910.**

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.			TRADE AND CUSTOMS.		
Name.	From	To	Name.	From	To
§ Rt. Hon. E. BARTON, P.C., K.C.*	1/1/01	23/9/03	Rt. Hon. C. C. KINGSTON, P.C., K.C.	1/1/01	24/7/03
Hon. A. DEAKIN* ...	24/9/03	26/4/04	Hon. Sir W. J. LYNE, K.C.M.G.	7/8/03	26/4/04
Hon. W. M. HUGHES ...	27/4/01	17/8/04	Hon. A. FISHER ...	27/4/01	17/8/04
Rt. Hon. G. H. REID, P.C., K.C.**	18/8/04	4/7/05	Hon. A. McLEAN ...	18/8/04	4/7/05
Hon. A. DEAKIN* ...	5/7/05	12/11/08	Hon. Sir W. J. LYNE, K.C.M.G.	5/7/05	29/7/07
Hon. E. L. BATCHELOR ...	13/11/08	2/6/09	Hon. A. CHAPMAN ...	30/7/07	12/11/08
Hon. L. E. GROOM ...	3/6/09	||	Hon. F. G. TUDOR ...	13/11/08	2/6/09
			Hon. Sir R. W. BEST, K.C.M.G.	3/6/09	||
ATTORNEY-GENERAL.			TREASURER.		
Name.	From	To	Name.	From	To
Hon. A. DEAKIN ...	1/1/01	23/9/03	Rt. Hon. Sir G. TURNER, P.C., K.C.M.G.	1/1/01	26/4/04
Hon. J. G. DRAKE ...	24/9/03	26/4/04	Hon. J. C. WATSON* ...	27/4/04	17/8/04
Hon. H. B. HIGGINS, K.C.	27/4/04	17/8/04	Rt. Hon. Sir G. TURNER, P.C., K.C.M.G.	18/8/04	4/7/05
Hon. Sir J. H. SYMON, K.C.M.G., K.C.	18/8/04	4/7/05	Rt. Hon. Sir J. FORREST, P.C., G.C.M.G.	5/7/05	29/7/07
Hon. I. A. ISAACS ...	5/7/05	11/10/06	Hon. Sir W. J. LYNE, K.C.M.G.	30/7/07	12/11/08
Hon. L. E. GROOM ...	12/10/06	12/11/08	Hon. A. FISHER* ...	13/11/08	2/6/09
Hon. W. M. HUGHES ...	13/11/08	2/6/09	Rt. Hon. Sir J. FORREST, P.C., G.C.M.G.	3/6/09	||
Hon. P. M. GLYNN ...	3/6/09	||			
HOME AFFAIRS.			DEFENCE.		
Name.	From	To	Name.	From	To
Hon. Sir W. J. LYNE, K.C.M.G.	1/1/01	7/8/03	Hon. Sir J. R. DICKSON, K.C.M.G.	1/1/01	¶
Rt. Hon. Sir J. FORREST, P.C., G.C.M.G.	7/8/03	26/4/04	Rt. Hon. Sir J. FORREST, P.C., G.C.M.G.	17/1/01	7/8/03
Hon. E. L. BATCHELOR ...	27/4/04	17/8/04	Hon. J. G. DRAKE ...	7/8/03	23/9/03
Hon. D. THOMPSON ...	18/8/04	4/7/05	Hon. A. CHAPMAN ...	24/9/03	26/4/04
Hon. L. E. GROOM ...	5/7/05	11/10/06	Hon. A. DAWSON ...	27/4/04	17/8/04
† Hon. T. T. EWING ...	12/10/06	23/1/07	Hon. J. W. McCAY ...	18/8/04	4/7/05
Hon. J. H. KEATING ...	24/1/07	12/11/08	Hon. T. PLAYFORD ...	5/7/05	23/1/07
Hon. H. MAHON ...	13/11/08	2/6/09	Hon. Sir T. T. EWING, K.C.M.G.	24/1/07	12/11/08
Hon. G. W. FULLER ...	3/6/09	||	Hon. G. F. PEARCE ...	13/11/08	2/6/09
			Hon. J. COOK ...	3/6/09	||
POSTMASTER-GENERAL.			VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EX. COUNCIL.		
Name.	From	To	Name.	From	To
Rt. Hon. Sir JOHN FORREST, P.C., G.C.M.G.	1/1/01	17/1/01	Hon. R. E. O'CONNOR, K.C.	1/1/01	23/9/03
Hon. J. G. DRAKE ...	5/2/01	7/8/03	Hon. T. PLAYFORD ...	24/9/03	26/4/04
Hon. Sir P. O. Fysh, K.C.M.G.	7/8/03	26/4/04	Hon. G. MCGREGOR ...	27/4/04	17/8/04
Hon. H. MAHON ...	27/4/04	17/8/04	Hon. J. G. DRAKE ...	18/8/04	4/7/05
Hon. S. SMITH ...	18/8/04	4/7/05	† Hon. T. T. EWING ...	5/7/05	11/10/06
Hon. A. CHAPMAN ...	5/7/05	29/7/07	Hon. J. H. KEATING ...	12/10/06	19/2/07
Hon. S. MAUGER ...	30/7/07	12/11/08	Hon. Sir R. W. BEST, K.C.M.G.	20/2/07	12/11/08
Hon. J. THOMAS ...	13/11/08	2/6/09	Hon. G. MCGREGOR ...	13/11/08	2/6/09
Hon. Sir J. QUICK ...	3/6/09	||	Hon. E. D. MILLEN ...	3/6/09	||
WITHOUT PORTFOLIO.					
Name.	From	To	Name.	From	To
Hon. N. E. LEWIS†	1/1/01	23/4/01	Hon. J. H. COOK ...	28/1/08	12/11/08
Hon. Sir P. O. Fysh, K.C.M.G.	24/4/01	7/8/03	Hon. J. HUTCHISON ...	13/11/08	2/6/09
Hon. J. H. KEATING ...	5/7/05	11/10/06	Hon. A. DEAKIN* ...	3/6/09	||
Hon. S. MAUGER ...	12/10/06	29/7/07	Col. Hon. J. F. G. FOXTON ...	3/6/09	||

* Prime Minister. § Afterwards the Right Hon. Sir E. Barton, P.C., G.C.M.G., etc. † Afterwards the Hon. Sir T. T. Ewing, K.C.M.G. ‡ Afterwards the Hon. Sir N. E. Lewis, K.C.M.G. || Still in office. ¶ Died 10th January, 1901. ** Prime Minister, afterwards the Right Hon. Sir G. H. Reid, P.C., K.C.M.G., etc.

(iii.) *Constitution of Ministries.* The subjoined table shews the constitution of the Ministries in the Commonwealth and the State Governments in March, 1910:—

CONSTITUTION OF MINISTRIES, 1910.

Ministers with Seats in—	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
The Upper House ...	2	2	4	2	2	1	2	15
The Lower House ...	8	8	8	6	4	6	4	44
Total ...	10	10	12	8	6	7	6	59

The names of the members of the Ministries in each State in March, 1910, are shewn in the following statement:—

MEMBERS OF STATE GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, 1910.

NEW SOUTH WALES—MINISTRY.

Premier and Attorney-General—
HON. C. G. WADE, K.C.

Colonial Treasurer—
HON. T. WADDELL.

Colonial Secretary and Secretary for Mines
HON. W. H. WOOD.

Secretary for Lands—
HON. S. W. MOORE.

Secretary for Public Works—
HON. C. A. LEE.

Minister for Agriculture—
HON. J. PERRY.

*Minister of Public Instruction and Minister
for Labour and Industry—*
HON. J. A. HOGUE.

Minister of Justice and Solicitor-General—
HON. J. GARLAND, K.C., M.L.C.

Vice-President of the Executive Council—
HON. J. HUGHES, M.L.C.

Member of Ex. Council (without portfolio)
HON. C. W. OAKES.

VICTORIA—MINISTRY.

Premier, Chief Sec., and Min. of Labour—
HON. J. MURRAY.

Min. of Water Supply and Min. of Agricul.
HON. G. GRAHAM.

Treasurer—
HON. W. A. WATT.

Attorney-General and Solicitor-General—
HON. J. D. BROWN, M.L.C.

*Minister of Public Health and Commis-
sioner of Public Works—*
HON. W. L. BAILLIEU, M.L.C.

*Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey,
and Pres. of Board of Land and Works—*
HON. H. MACKENZIE.

Min. of Pub. Instruction and Min. of Rlys.—
HON. A. A. BILLSON.

Minister of Mines and Forests—
HON. P. MCBRIDE.

Ministers without Office—
HON. J. CAMERON.
HON. J. THOMSON.
HON. W. H. EDGAR, M.L.C.
HON. F. HAGELTHORN, M.L.C.

QUEENSLAND—MINISTRY.

<i>Vice-Pres. of Ex. Council and Chief Sec.—</i> HON. W. KIDSTON.	<i>Sec. for Railways and Sec. for Agriculture—</i> HON. W. T. PAGET.
<i>Home Secretary and Secretary for Mines—</i> HON. J. G. APPEL.	<i>Secretary for Public Instruction and Sec- retary for Public Works—</i> HON. W. H. BARNES.
<i>Secretary for Public Lands—</i> HON. D. F. DENHAM.	<i>Attorney-General—</i> HON. T. O'SULLIVAN, M.L.C.
<i>Treasurer—</i> HON. A. G. C. HAWTHORN.	<i>Minister without Portfolio—</i> HON. A. H. BARLOW, M.L.C.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—MINISTRY.

<i>Premier, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Minister of Education—</i> HON. A. H. PEAKE.	<i>Treasurer and Minister Controlling North- ern Territory—</i> HON. R. BUTLER.
<i>Chief Secretary and Minister of Industry—</i> HON. J. G. BICE.	<i>Attorney-General—</i> HON. H. HOMBURG.
<i>Minister of Agriculture—</i> HON. T. PASCOE.	<i>Commissioner of Public Works and Minister of Water Supply—</i> HON. L. O'LOUGHLIN.

TERN AUSTRALIA—MINISTRY.

<i>Premier and Colonial Treasurer—</i> HON. N. J. MOORE, C.M.G.	
<i>Minister for Lands and Agriculture—</i> HON. J. MITCHELL.	<i>Minister for Works—</i> HON. F. WILSON.
<i>Minister for Mines and Railways—</i> HON. H. GREGORY.	<i>Colonial secretary—</i> HON. J. D. CONNOLLY, M.L.C.
<i>Attorney-General and Min. for Education—</i> HON. J. L. NANSON.	<i>Minister without Portfolio—</i> HON. J. PRICE.

TASMANIA—MINISTRY.

<i>Premier and Treasurer—</i> HON. SIR N. E. LEWIS, K.C.M.G.	<i>Chief Secretary—</i> HON. G. H. BUTLER, M.L.C.
<i>Attorney-General and Min. of Education—</i> HON. A. E. SOLOMON.	<i>Ministers without Portfolio—</i> HON. C. RUSSEN, M.L.C.
<i>Min. of Lands, Public Works and Mines—</i> HON. A. HEAN.	HON. J. HOPE.

4. **The Appointment of Ministers and of Executive Councillors.**¹—Although it is technically possible for the Governor to make and unmake cabinets at his pleasure, under all ordinary circumstances his apparent liberty in choosing his Executive Council is virtually restricted by the operation of constitutional machinery. When a Ministry is defeated in Parliament or at the polls the procedure both in the Commonwealth and the State Parliaments generally, though not invariably, follows that prevailing in the

1. See Jenks' "Government of Victoria," pp. 269 *et seq.*

Imperial Parliament. The members of the Ministry tender their resignations to the Governor-General or Governor, whose duty it is to announce his intention of accepting them. The resignations are not actually accepted at once, for in that case the offices would become vacant and business would be at a standstill. The outgoing Premier usually suggests to the Governor the name of the most prominent member of the Opposition, and the Governor thereupon "sends for" the person suggested; and if the latter accepts the responsibility, he endeavours to form a Ministry; if he fails, he informs the Governor, who applies to some other person. The distribution of portfolios is first arranged by the proposed Ministers themselves and is then submitted to the Governor for approval, which is given as a matter of course unless the list contains the name of any person against whom serious objections exist. Before appointing the persons named to the various offices the Governor accepts the resignations of the outgoing Ministers, and also appoints to seats in the Executive Council such members of the new Ministry as do not already hold them. Their seats in Parliament being ordinarily vacated by acceptance of office the new Ministers must go before their constituencies, and the result of these by-elections usually decides the attitude of the Opposition. In the Commonwealth Parliament, however, seats are not vacated by the acceptance of office. It may be seen from what has been stated above that only certain persons can in practice be chosen as members of a Ministry. The Cabinet must be chosen so that the following conditions are fulfilled:—(a) The members must belong to one or other of the Legislative Chambers and also to the same political party; (b) that party must possess a majority in the House of Representatives or in the Legislative Assembly or House of Assembly as the case may be; (c) the Ministers must carry out a concerted policy; (d) they must acknowledge the leadership of one chief Minister; and (e) must be under a joint responsibility, signified by resignation *en bloc* in the event of Parliamentary censure.

5. The Resignation of Ministers.—A Ministry is bound to resign either when it fails to command a majority in the House of Representatives, the Legislative Assembly, or the House of Assembly, as the case may be, or when a want of confidence has been clearly shewn, either (a) by a vote of censure, (b) by a declaration of want of confidence, or (c) by a vote disapproving of some act of the Government. In such cases the Ministry must either resign or must appeal to the country.

6. Enactments of the Parliament.—In the Commonwealth, all laws are enacted in the name of the Sovereign, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. The subjects with respect to which the Commonwealth Parliament is empowered to make laws are enumerated in the Constitution Act (see pp. 39-40 hereinbefore). In the States, laws are enacted in the name of the Sovereign by and with the consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly or House of Assembly. The Governor-General or the State Governor acts as Viceroy as regards giving the Royal Assent to or vetoing Bills passed by the Legislatures, or reserving them for the special consideration of the Sovereign. In the States, the Councils and Assemblies are empowered generally, subject to the Commonwealth Constitution, to make laws in and for their respective States in all cases whatsoever. Subject to certain limitations, they may alter, repeal, or vary their Constitution. Where a law of a State is inconsistent with a law of the Commonwealth the latter prevails, and the former is, to the extent of the inconsistency, invalid.

7. Powers and Functions of the Governor-General and of the Governors.—The Governor-General and the State Governors act under the authority of the commissions by which they are appointed and of Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, and according to instructions issued by the Colonial Office and passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet.

(i.) *The Governor-General.* The office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth was constituted by Letters Patent issued on the 29th October, 1900, in pursuance of the provisions of the Commonwealth Constitution Act. The powers

and duties of the Governor-General were further defined by Royal instructions passed on the same date. The principal and most important of his functions, legislative, as well as executive, are expressly conferred upon him by the terms of the Constitution itself. He is the custodian of the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, and has the appointment of political officers to administer Departments of State of the Commonwealth.

- (a) His legislative functions are exercised with respect to proposed laws as finally passed by the Federal Houses of Parliament. Such Bills are presented to the Governor-General for his assent in the King's name, on receiving which they become law throughout the Commonwealth. The Governor-General may, however, withhold his assent, or may reserve any Bill for the King's pleasure. He may return to the House in which it originated any proposed law with suggested amendments. The King may disallow any law within one year from the date on which it was assented to by the Governor-General.
- (b) The Governor-General's executive functions are, under ordinary circumstances, exercised on the advice of his responsible Ministers. Various specific powers are vested in him by the Constitution; he may summon or prorogue Parliament and may dissolve the House of Representatives; He is the Commander-in-Chief of the military and naval forces of the Commonwealth, and is invested by the Crown with the prerogative of mercy in case of offences committed against the laws of the Commonwealth.
- (c) The Governor-General is also invested with authority in certain matters of Imperial interest, such as the control of the naval and military forces of the Commonwealth; the observance of the relations of foreign States to Great Britain, so far as they may be affected by the indirect relations of such States to the Commonwealth; and the treatment of neutral and belligerent ships in Commonwealth waters in time of war.

The Governor-General may not leave the Commonwealth without having first obtained leave from the Imperial Government, to whom he is alone responsible for his official acts. The present Governor-General is the Right Honourable William Humble, Earl of Dudley, P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., etc. He assumed office on the 9th September, 1908. (Particulars of previous Governors-General are given on p. 46 hereinbefore.)

(ii.) *The State Governors.* The powers and functions of the State Governors are, within their respective States, very similar to those exercised by the Governor-General for the Commonwealth, and are defined by the terms of their Commissions and by the Royal instructions accompanying the same. A State Governor is the official head of the State Legislature, and assents in the name of the Crown to all Bills passed by the Parliament, reserving for the Royal Assent certain classes of Bills, which are regulated by the Constitution Acts and by the instructions issued by the Imperial Government. The Governors are, under ordinary circumstances, guided by their Executive Councils, the chief matters in which the exercise of discretion is required being the granting or withholding of a dissolution of Parliament when requested by a Premier; the appointment of a new Ministry; or the assenting to, vetoing, or receiving of Bills passed by the legislative chambers. The Governors are authorised, under certain restrictions, to administer the prerogative of mercy by the reprieve or pardon of criminal offenders within their jurisdiction, and to remit fines and penalties due to the Crown. All moneys to be expended for the public service are issued from the Treasury under the Governor's warrant.

8. Cost of Parliamentary Government.—The following statement shews the cost of parliamentary government in the Commonwealth and in each State, as well as in the whole of Australia, for the year ended the 30th June, 1909 :—

COST OF PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT, 1908-9.

Particulars.	C'th.	N. S. W.	Vict.	Q'ld.	S. A.	W. A.	Tas.	Total†
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
1. Governor-General or Governor—								
Governor's salary ...	10,000		5,000	2,863	4,000	3,859	2,595	28,317
Private secretary's salary ...	...		...	300	...	345	...	645
Governor's establishments ...	...		...	...	...	1,321	210	...
Repairs and maintenance of Governor's residences ...	8,941		4,788	1,353	445	524	844	24,002
Miscellaneous ...	3,513		...	1,573	256	...	134	...
Total ...	22,554		9,788	6,089	4,701	6,049	3,783	52,964
2. Executive Council—								
Salaries of officers ...	785		306	170	...	350	...	1,611
Other expenses ...	185		10	61	...	25	1	282
Total ...	970		316	231	...	375	1	1,893
3. Ministry—								
Salary of Ministers ...	12,000		8,368	8,300	4,500	6,200	3,200	42,568
Other expenses ...	...		...	...	...	848	170	1,018
Total ...	12,000		8,368	8,300	4,500	7,048	3,370	43,586
4. Parliament—								
A. The Upper House:								
Allowances to members ...	20,406		...	...	3,173	1,830	1,479	26,888
Railway passes ...	8,841		1,020	...	450	...	715	11,026
Other expenses of members ...	273		...	...	...	...	1	274
B. The Lower House:								
Allowances to members ...	43,418		16,112	19,542	7,249	2,975	2,623	91,919
Railway passes ...	1		1,950	...	1,050	...	1,285	4,285
Other expenses of members ...	675		...	1,563	40	...	7	2,285
C. Miscellaneous:								
Salaries of officers and staff ...	14,041		13,043	5,334	4,863	2,950	2,535	42,766
Printing ...	9,869		1,734	1,925	4,505	512	1,333	19,878
Hansard ...	10,005		5,812	3,709	2,631	2,909	...	25,066
Library ...	3,707		1,427	989	558	150	120	6,951
Refreshment rooms ...	1,338		1,288	794	956	...	72	...
Water, power, light and heat ...	1,320		981	464	748	...	124	...
Postage and stationery ...	...		...	9	...	3,716	135	18,791
Miscellaneous ...	4,934		964	340	470	...	138	...
Total ...	118,827		44,331	34,669	26,693	15,042	10,567	250,129
5. Electoral Office—								
Salaries of officers and staff ...	6,002		738	1,090	1,098	1,637	...	10,565
Other expenses ...	25,908		20,148	3,425	1,539	5,871	508	57,399
Total ...	31,910		20,886	4,515	2,637	7,508	508	67,964
6. Cost of Elections ...	280		5,075	428	641	2,589	2,688	11,701
7. Royal Commissions and Select Committees—								
Fees of members ...	...		1,200	...	525	741	1,103	6,138
Other expenses of members ...	1,180		648	...	722	19	...	...
Miscellaneous ...	2,532		672	...	1,145	403	1,142	5,894
Total ...	3,712		2,520	...	2,392	1,163	2,245	12,032
GRAND TOTAL ...	190,253	*	91,284	54,232	41,564	39,774	23,162	†440,269

* Information not supplied, 8/4/1910. † Exclusive of New South Wales. ‡ Included in Upper House.

§ 2. Parliaments and Elections.

1. Qualifications for Membership and for Franchise.—The summary on pages 938-9 gives particulars as to the legislative chambers in the Commonwealth and State Parliaments, and shews concisely the qualifications necessary for membership and for the franchise in each House. Persons who are otherwise eligible, either as members or voters, are generally disqualified on the usual grounds of being of unsound mind or attainted of treason, being convicted of certain offences, and, as regards membership, on the grounds of holding a place of profit under the Crown, being pecuniarily interested in Government contracts, or being an undischarged bankrupt.

PARLIAMENTS AND ELECTORATES.

Particulars.	Commonwealth.	New South Wales.	Victoria.
1. Senate and Legislative Councils.			
<i>Number of Members</i> ...	36	56. May not be less than 21	34
<i>Qualification for Membership</i> ...	Adult British subjects natural-born or naturalised for 5 years, if (a) eligible to vote at the elections for the Senate, and (b) resident for at least 3 years within the Commonwealth	Male adult natural-born or naturalised British subjects	Male natural-born or naturalised British subjects of the age of 30 years or upwards, (a) if possessed of a freehold property of the annual value of at least £50 for one year previous to the election, and (b) in the case of naturalised subjects if a resident of the State for 10 years
<i>Period for which elected or nominated</i> ...	6 years	For life	6 years
<i>Allowance to Members</i> ...	£500 each per annum	None	None
<i>Qualification for Franchise</i>	Adult British subjects of either sex who have lived in Australia for 6 months continuously. Aboriginal natives of Australia, Asia, Africa, or the islands of the Pacific, except New Zealand, cannot vote at federal elections unless they have acquired a right to vote at elections for the Lower House of a State Parliament	(Nominated)	Adult British subjects of either sex, if either (a) the owner of a freehold of the annual value of £10 or of a leasehold of property rated at £15, or (b) a graduate of a British university, matriculated students of Melbourne University, qualified legal and medical practitioners, ministers of religion, certificated schoolmasters, and naval and military officers. Naturalised subjects must be of 3 years' standing, and must have resided in the State for 12 months
2 House of Representatives, Legislative Assemblies, etc.			
<i>Number of Members</i> ...	75	90	65
<i>Qualification for Membership</i> ...	The same as for the Upper House	Male adult British subjects if qualified to vote at an election of members of the Legislative Assembly, unless disqualified under the Constitution Acts or the Federal Elections Act 1900	Male adult natural-born British subjects or aliens naturalised for the period of 5 years, if resident in the State for not less than 2 years
<i>Period for which elected</i> ...	Duration of Parliament, which is limited to 3 years	Duration of Parliament, which is limited to 3 years	Duration of Parliament, which is limited to 3 years
<i>Allowance to Members</i> ...	£500 each per annum	£300 each per annum	£300 each per annum
<i>Qualification for Franchise</i>	The same as for the Upper House	Adult naturalised subjects of either sex, who have resided in the State continuously for one year after naturalisation, and adult natural-born subjects who have resided in the State for a continuous period of 1 year	Adult natural-born subjects of either sex, or naturalised for 1 year prior to the 1st January or the 1st July in any year, if (a) enrolled as ratepayer, or (b) if holding an elector's right and enrolled on the general or supplementary roll

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Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
44	18	30	19
Male adult natural-born or naturalised British subjects	Male natural-born or naturalised British subjects if (a) of the age of 30 years or upwards, and (b) if resident in the State for 3 years	Male natural-born or naturalised British subjects of the age of 30 years or upwards, if (a) in the case of natural-born subjects, resident in the State for 2 years, and (b) in the case of naturalised subjects, if naturalised for 5 years previous to the election and resident in the State during that period	Male natural-born or naturalised British subjects of the age of 30 years or upwards, if qualified to vote at the election for the Legislative Council
For life	6 years	6 years	6 years
None	£200 each per annum	£200 each per annum	£100 each per annum
(Nominated)	Adult British subjects of either sex who are either (a) owners of a freehold of the clear value of £50, (b) owners of a leasehold of the clear annual value of £17, with at least 3 years to run or containing a right of purchase, (c) occupiers of a dwelling-house of the clear annual value of £25, (d) registered proprietors of a Crown lease on which there are improvements to the value of at least £50. Voters must have been enrolled for 6 months prior to the election	Adult British subjects of either sex who have resided in the State for 6 months, and who either (a) own a freehold estate to the value of £100, (b) occupy a house or own leasehold property rated at £25, (c) hold Crown leases or licenses to the value of not less than £10 per annum, or (d) are on the electoral list of a municipality or road-board district in respect of property of the annual value of £25. Aboriginal natives may only acquire the franchise in respect of a freehold qualification	Adult British subjects of either sex who have resided in the State for 12 months, if either (a) possessing freehold to the annual value of £10 or leasehold to the value of £80, or (b) graduates of a British university, qualified legal or medical practitioners, or naval or military officers
72	41	50	30
All persons qualified and registered to vote at the election of members of the Legislative Assembly are eligible as members	Any person qualified for the franchise of the House of Assembly is eligible for membership	Male adult British subjects, if resident in the State for 12 months. Naturalised subjects must have been naturalised for 5 years and have resided in the State for 2 years previous to the election	Adult British subjects of either sex if (a) they have resided in the State for 6 months continuously and (b) they are enrolled on the electoral lists
Duration of Parliament, which is limited to 3 years	Duration of Parliament, which is limited to 3 years	Duration of Parliament, which is limited to 3 years	Duration of Parliament, which is limited to 3 years
£300 each per annum	£200 each per annum	£200 each per annum	£100 each per annum
Adult British subjects of either sex who either (a) have resided in Queensland for 12 months continuously and whose names are on the electoral roll, (b) own freehold estate of the value of £100, (c) have occupied a house of the annual value of £10 for at least 6 months, or (d) have a leasehold estate in possession of the annual value of £20 with not less than 18 months to run. Aboriginal natives may vote only under the freehold qualification	Adult British subjects of either sex who have been registered on the electoral roll for 6 months. In the Northern Territory only natural-born British subjects and naturalised Europeans or Americans may vote	Adult British subjects of either sex who have resided in the State for 6 months, and who either (a) own freehold to the value of £50, (b) hold a household or leasehold property to the value of £10 per annum, (c) hold a pastoral, agricultural, occupation, or mining lease or license from the Crown to the value of £5 per annum, or (d) are registered on the roll of a municipality or roads board. Aboriginals may only be registered in respect of freehold property	Adult British subjects of either sex who have resided in the State for 12 months

2. **The Federal Parliament.**—The Senate consists of thirty-six members, six being returned by each of the original federating States. Members of this chamber are elected for a term of six years, but by a provision in the Constitution a certain number retire at the end of every third year, although they are eligible for re-election. In accordance with the Constitution the total number of members of the House of Representatives must be as nearly as possible double that of the Senate. In the House of Representatives the States are represented on a population basis, and the numbers stand at present as follows:—New South Wales, 27; Victoria, 22; Queensland, 9; South Australia, 7; Western Australia, 5; Tasmania, 5—total, 75. The Constitution provides for a minimum of five members in each original State. Members of the House of Representatives are elected for the duration of the Parliament, which is limited to three years. In elections for Senators each State is counted as a single electorate, but an elaborate scheme of subdivision had to be undertaken in order to provide workable electorates in each State for members of the House of Representatives. Members of both Houses are paid at the rate of £600 per annum.

(i.) *Particulars of Elections.* Since the establishment of the Commonwealth there have been three elections for the Senate and for the House of Representatives. Further information as to the Commonwealth Parliaments since their inception is given on page 932 hereinbefore. The fourth Federal elections will take place on 13th April, 1910, when, in addition to the ordinary voting, electors will be called upon to decide the questions on the Financial Agreement and the taking over of the State Debts by the Commonwealth. These matters are referred to in detail on pages 784 to 786. Particulars regarding the number of electors enrolled and the number of electors to whom ballot-papers were issued at the last two elections may be found in the tables given hereunder:—

FEDERAL ELECTIONS OF 16th DECEMBER, 1903, AND 12th DECEMBER, 1906.

State.	Electors Enrolled.*			Electors to whom Ballot Papers were Issued			Percentage of Voters to Electors Enrolled.		
	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Males.	Fem.	Total.
THE SENATE.									
New South Wales	{ 1903 360,285	326,764	687,049	189,877	134,487	324,364	52.70	41.16	47.21
	{ 1906 392,077	345,522	737,599	229,654	151,682	381,336	58.57	43.90	51.70
Victoria ...	{ 1903 302,069	310,403	612,472	171,839	141,648	313,487	56.89	45.63	51.18
	{ 1906 335,886	336,168	672,054	209,252	171,933	381,185	62.30	51.14	56.72
Queensland ...	{ 1903 127,914	99,166	227,080	79,938	44,569	124,507	62.49	44.94	54.83
	{ 1906 150,037	121,072	271,109	79,567	44,972	124,539	53.03	37.14	45.94
South Australia ...	{ 1903 85,947	81,828	167,775	35,736	19,049	54,785	41.58	23.28	32.65
	{ 1906 97,454	95,664	193,118	43,318	27,199	70,517	44.45	28.43	36.51
Western Australia	{ 1903 74,754	42,188	116,942	26,873	6,270	33,148	35.96	14.86	28.35
	{ 1906 91,427	54,046	145,473	37,180	15,532	52,712	40.67	28.74	36.23
Tasmania ...	{ 1903 43,515	38,753	82,268	23,729	13,292	37,021	54.53	34.30	45.00
	{ 1906 47,306	42,903	90,209	29,164	19,715	48,879	61.65	45.95	54.18
Commonwealth	{ 1903 994,484	899,102	1,893,586	527,997	359,315	887,312	53.09	39.96	46.86
	{ 1906 1,114,187	995,375	2,109,562	628,135	431,033	1,059,168	56.38	43.30	50.21
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.*									
New South Wales	{ 1903 303,254	274,763	578,017	164,133	118,381	282,514	54.12	43.08	48.88
	{ 1906 363,723	314,777	678,500	216,150	141,227	357,377	59.43	44.87	52.67
Victoria ...	{ 1903 241,134	247,069	488,223	142,460	120,329	262,789	59.08	48.70	53.83
	{ 1906 335,886	336,168	672,054	209,266	171,999	381,265	62.30	51.16	56.73
Queensland ...	{ 1903 114,550	88,375	202,925	74,042	41,689	115,731	64.64	47.17	57.03
	{ 1906 150,037	121,072	271,109	79,540	44,942	124,482	53.01	37.12	45.92
South Australia ...	{ 1903 23,856	25,789	49,645	12,394	7,728	20,122	51.95	29.97	40.53
	{ 1906 42,065	38,578	80,643	19,850	12,669	32,519	47.19	32.84	40.32
Western Australia	{ 1903 41,500	28,324	69,824	16,824	4,409	21,233	40.54	15.57	30.41
	{ 1906 91,427	54,046	145,473	36,976	15,740	52,716	40.44	29.12	36.24
Tasmania ...	{ 1903 43,515	38,753	82,268	23,729	13,284	37,013	54.53	34.28	44.90
	{ 1906 37,779	34,839	72,618	23,753	16,441	40,194	62.87	47.19	55.35
Commonwealth	{ 1903 767,809	703,093	1,470,902	433,582	305,820	739,402	56.47	43.50	50.27
	{ 1906 1,020,917	899,480	1,920,397	535,535	403,018	938,553	57.35	44.81	51.48

* For the House of Representatives the number of electors enrolled in contested divisions only is given.

In the Senate the figures for the year 1906 shew that ballot-papers were issued to a little more than half the electorate, and are a slight improvement on those for the year 1903, when only about 47 per cent. of the electors visited the polls. Allowing for the various causes which may have prevented those qualified from recording their votes, it cannot be said that the electors of the Commonwealth have, so far, set a high value on the privilege of the franchise. In the elections for the House of Representatives the figures for both years shew an improvement in percentage of voters as compared with the returns for the Senate; nevertheless they cannot be looked upon as satisfactory. In every instance the percentage of female voters is very far below that of the males.

3. The Parliament of New South Wales.—The Legislative Council is in this State a nominee chamber, the Legislative Assembly being an elective body. Theoretically the Legislative Council may contain an unlimited number of members, but in practice the number is restricted to about sixty, the members at the latest available date being fifty-six. Members are appointed by the Governor, acting on the advice of the Executive Council. The tenure of the seat is for life; four-fifths of the members must be persons not holding any paid office under the Crown, but this is not held to include officers of His Majesty's sea or land forces on full or half pay, or retired officers on pensions. The Legislative Assembly consists of ninety members, who hold their seats during the existence of the Parliament to which they are elected. The duration of any single Parliament is limited to three years.

(i.) *Particulars of Elections.* Since the introduction of responsible government in New South Wales there have been twenty complete Parliaments, the first of which opened on the 22nd May, 1856, and was dissolved on the 19th December, 1857, while the twentieth opened on the 23rd August, 1904, and closed on the 12th July, 1907. The average duration of the Parliaments was two years and five months. The first session of the twenty-first Parliament was opened on the 30th September, 1907.

Particulars of voting at the last six elections are given below:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, NEW SOUTH WALES.

Date of Opening of Parliament.	Electors upon the Roll.	Members Returned.	Members Unopposed.	Contested Electorates.			
				Electors upon the Roll.	Votes Recorded.	Percentage of Votes Recorded.	Percentage of Informal Votes.
7th August, 1894	298,817	125	1	254,105	204,246	80.38	1.62
13th „ 1895	267,458	125	8	238,233	153,034	64.24	0.88
16th „ 1898	324,339	125	3	294,481	178,717	60.69	0.92
23rd July, 1901	346,184	125	13	270,861	195,359	72.13	0.79
23rd August, 1904	{ Males 363,062	} 90	2 {	304,396	226,057	74.26	} 0.59
	{ Females 326,428			262,433	174,538	66.51	
10th September, 1907	{ Males 392,845	} 90	5 {	370,715	267,301	72.10	•
	{ Females 353,055			336,680	204,650	60.78	

* Not available.

The franchise was extended to women in 1902, and was exercised for the first time at a State election in 1904.

4. The Parliament of Victoria.—Both of the Victorian legislative chambers are elective bodies, but there is a considerable difference in the number of members of each House, as well as in the qualifications necessary for members and electors. The number of members in the Upper House in March, 1910, was 34, and in the Lower House, 65. In the Legislative Council the tenure of the seat is for six years, but one member for each province retires every third year, except in the case of a dissolution, when one half of the newly elected members hold their seats for three years only. Members of the Legislative

Assembly are elected for the duration of Parliament, which is limited to three years. An elector for the Legislative Assembly may only vote once, plurality of voting having been abolished in 1899; an elector, however, qualified in more than one district, may select that for which he desires to record his vote.

(i.) *Particulars of Elections.* Since the introduction of responsible government in Victoria there have been twenty-one complete Parliaments, the first of which was opened on the 21st November, 1856, and closed on the 9th August, 1859, while the twenty-first opened on the 9th July, 1907, and closed on the 3rd December, 1908. The first session of the twenty-second Parliament opened on the 9th February, 1909.

Statistics regarding the last four elections will be found below:—

PARTICULARS OF VICTORIAN ELECTIONS, 1902 to 1908.

Year.	Legislative Council.				Legislative Assembly.			
	Electors on Roll.	Electors in Contested Districts.	Voters in Contested Districts	Per-centage.	Electors on Roll.	Electors in Contested Districts.	Voters in Contested Districts.	Per-centage.
1902 ...	134,087	*	*	*	290,241	216,063	141,471	65.47
1904 ...	172,495	104,843	61,382	58.54	264,709	223,600	140,127	62.66
1907 ...	180,738	78,512	27,152	34.58	260,787	191,131	117,098	61.26
1908 ...	185,234	*	*	*	263,876	164,919	88,461	53.64

* Not contested.

As the table shews, the proportion of voters for the Legislative Council is considerably less than that for the Legislative Assembly. The number of persons who voted by post at the elections for the Legislative Assembly in 1908 was 3790.

5. **The Parliament of Queensland.**—No limit is set by the Constitution Act to the number of members of the Legislative Council of Queensland, the total at the latest available date being forty-four. Members are appointed by the State Governor, and it is provided that not less than four-fifths of the members must consist of persons not holding any office under the Crown, except officers of His Majesty's sea or land forces on full or half-pay, or retired officers on pensions. The members are nominated for life. The Legislative Assembly is composed of seventy-two members, returned from sixty-one electorates, eleven electorates returning two members each, the others being single electorates.

(i.) *Particulars of Elections.* Since the establishment of responsible government in Queensland there have been seventeen complete Parliaments, the first of which opened on the 29th May, 1860, and dissolved on the 20th May, 1863, while the seventeenth Parliament opened on the 3rd March, 1908, and closed on the 31st August, 1909. The eighteenth Parliament, which opened on 2nd November, 1909, is now in session. Statistics regarding the elections of 1902, 1904, 1907, and 1909 are given below:—

ELECTIONS FOR QUEENSLAND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Year.	Number of Seats.	Number of Candidates Nominated.	Candidates sent to the Poll.	Electors Enrolled.			Electors who Voted.			Percentage of Electors Voting in Contested Electorates.		
				Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total
1902	72	159	154	108,548	—	108,548	80,076	—	80,076	76.88	—	76.88
1904	72	140	117	103,943	—	103,943	60,265	—	60,265	74.16	—	74.16
1907	72	185	179	125,140	95,049	220,189	—	—	152,049	73.42	68.64	71.61
1909	72	145	133	135,841	106,913	242,754	89,609	66,809	156,418	75.34	69.36	72.67

The election of 1907 was the first State election in Queensland at which women voted, the privilege being conferred under Act 5 Edw. VII., No. 1. Some of the returns did not separate the sexes in the figures respecting the number of electors who voted, and

the percentage of males and females was therefore calculated on the total returns where the subdivision was made.

6. Parliament of South Australia.—In this State there is a Legislative Council composed of eighteen members and a House of Assembly with forty-one members, both chambers being elective. Under the Constitution Amendment Act, 1908, the State of South Australia (including the Northern Territory) is divided into four Council Districts, of which one returns six members, and the other three return four members each, to the Legislative Council. For the purpose of electing members of the House of Assembly the State (exclusive of the Northern Territory) is divided into twelve electoral districts, and the Northern Territory remains, as before, an electoral district returning two members. One of the electoral districts (Torrens) returns five members; two (Adelaide and Alexandra) four members each; and the others return three members each.

(i.) *Particulars of Elections.* Since the inauguration of responsible government in South Australia there have been eighteen complete Parliaments, the first of which was opened on the 22nd April, 1857, and dissolved on the 1st September, 1859, while the eighteenth was opened on the 20th July, 1905, and terminated on the 10th October, 1906. The first session of the nineteenth Parliament opened on the 30th November, 1906, and was prorogued on 11th December, 1909. The elections for the twentieth Parliament will be held on the 2nd April, 1910. Particulars of voting at the elections of 1900, 1902, and 1905 are given below:—

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Electors on Rolls.			Electors Who Voted.			Percentage of Electors Voting.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.								
1900 ...	38,688	9,854	48,542	21,403	3,907	25,310	55.32	39.65
1902 ...	38,413	13,496	51,909	29,978	7,940	37,918	78.04	58.83
1905 ...	39,011	13,873	52,884	28,820	8,328	37,148	73.88	60.03
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.								
1902 ...	77,147	72,030	149,177	53,471	36,545	90,016	62.14	49.22
1905 ...	95,396	92,249	187,645	64,330	50,246	114,576	67.43	54.47
1906 ...	96,724	93,438	190,162	60,109	45,997	106,106	69.31	50.73

The proportions of votes recorded to total persons entitled to vote in each of the three years given above were as follows:—Legislative Council, 52.14, 73.05, and 70.24 per cent.; and Legislative Assembly, 55.80, 61.06, and 60.34 per cent.

It is interesting to note that South Australia was the first of the States to grant women's suffrage (under Act No. 16 of 1894), the franchise being exercised for the first time at the Legislative Assembly election on the 25th April, 1896.

7. Parliament of Western Australia.—In this State both chambers are elective. For the Legislative Council there are thirty members, each of the ten electorates returning three members, while the Legislative Assembly is composed of fifty members, one member being returned by each of the fifty electoral divisions. At the expiration of two years from the date of election to a seat in the Legislative Council, and every two years thereafter, the senior member for the time being for each province retires. Seniority is determined (a) by date of election, (b) if two or more members are elected in the same day, then the senior is the one who polled the least number of votes, (c) if the election be uncontested, or in case of an equality of votes, then the seniority is determined by the alphabetical precedence of surnames and, if necessary, Christian names. Members of the Legislative Assembly are elected for three years.

(i.) *Particulars of Elections.* Since the establishment of responsible government in Western Australia there have been five complete Parliaments, the first of which was

opened on the 30th December, 1890, and was dissolved on the 22nd March, 1893, while the sixth Parliament was opened on the 23rd November, 1905, and closed on the 12th August, 1908. The first session of the seventh Parliament commenced on the 10th November, 1908. Particulars relating to the last four parliamentary elections are given in the table below. The figures refer to electors for the Assembly only, no returns being published with regard to voting at Council elections :—

ELECTIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Electors on the Roll.			In Contested Districts.			Votes Recorded.			Percentage of Electors Voting.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1901	74,874	16,648	91,522	67,967	14,775	82,742	29,832	8,255	38,087	44	56	46
1904	108,861	54,965	163,826	88,524	49,791	138,315	43,285	23,500	66,785	49	47	48
1905	79,025	42,697	121,722	65,296	36,706	102,002	33,482	19,435	52,917	51	53	52
1908	83,060	52,919	135,979	69,277	44,804	114,081	46,411	29,412	75,823	67	66	66

8. **Parliament of Tasmania.**—In Tasmania there are two legislative chambers—the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly, both bodies being elective. The Council consists of nineteen members, returned from fifteen districts, Hobart returning three, Launceston two, and the remaining thirteen districts sending one member each. For the Parliament which expired in March, 1909, there were thirty-five House of Assembly districts, each district returning one member, but, in accordance with the Constitution Amendment Act of 1906, upon the expiration of the last Assembly, either by dissolution or by effluxion of time, there are to be five House of Assembly districts, viz., the Commonwealth electoral districts, each district returning six members. The existing electoral system will remain in force until the elections of 1909, when the provisions of the Electoral Act 1907 come into force.

(i.) *Particulars of Elections.* The first Tasmanian Parliament opened on 2nd December, 1856, and closed on 8th May, 1861. There have been fifteen complete Parliaments since the inauguration of responsible Government, the last one opening on 29th May, 1906, and dissolving on 26th March, 1909. The sixteenth Parliament opened on 29th June, 1909. Particulars of the voting at the last three elections are given hereunder.

ELECTIONS, HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, TASMANIA.

Year.	Electors on Roll.		Electors in Contested Districts.		Votes Recorded.		Percentage of Electors Voting.	
	Males	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
1900 ...	39,002	...	29,022	...	18,872	...	65.02	...
*1903 ...	43,999	...	40,267	...	23,766	...	59.87	...
†1906 ...	47,400	41,629	37,120	33,415	23,128	17,194	62.30	51.46
†1909 ...	50,221	45,563	50,221	45,563	30,509	19,893	60.74	43.67

* Manhood suffrage, Act 64 Vic., No. 5. † Universal adult suffrage, Act 3 Edward VII., No. 13.

It is proposed to give, in a future issue of this book, particulars of the systems of preferential voting in force in certain of the States of the Commonwealth.

§ 3. Administrative Government.

In each State, as well as in the Commonwealth, the Government is administered by a number of chief departments, on lines similar to those on which administrative government is carried on in the United Kingdom. Reference has already been made to the creation of the Commonwealth Departments (see pages 781 and 782). In the States the number and functions of the administrative departments vary considerably. This

matter has also been referred to hereinbefore (see page 809). In many cases more than one department is under the control of a single Minister. The tabular statement given on this page and on the following pages shews the sub-departments, branches, etc., of each Ministerial Department in each State and in the Commonwealth, together with the Acts administered and other more important matters dealt with.

COMMONWEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNMENT, 1909.

Departments, Sub-departments, Branches, etc.	Acts Administered.	Matters dealt with or under Control.
1. External Affairs—	Contract Immigrants, Extradition, Immigration Restriction, Naturalisation, Pacific Island Labourers, Papua, Royal Commissions, High Commissioner.	Commonwealth Gazette, Communications with the States, Consular appointments, Federal Executive Council, external affairs, extra territorial fisheries, High Commissioner, immigration and emigration, aliens and naturalisation, officers of Parliament, passports, relations with Pacific Islands, Royal Commissions, and territories of the Commonwealth.
2. Attorney-General's— (a) Crown-Solicitor (b) High Court	Conciliation and Arbitration, High Court Procedure, Judiciary, Rules Publication, Service and Execution of Process, State Laws and Records Recognition.	Bankruptcy and insolvency, bills of exchange and promissory notes, conciliation and arbitration, Crown Law offices, divorce and matrimonial cases, foreign corporations, judiciary & courts, marriage, Parliamentary drafting, recognition throughout Commonwealth of State laws, records, and judicial proceedings, service and execution throughout Commonwealth of State process and judgments.
3. Home Affairs— (a) Bureau of Census and Statistics. (b) Electoral Office. (c) Meteorological Office. (d) Public Works. (e) Public Service Commissioner.	Census & Statistics, Electoral, Electoral Divisions, Franchise, Governor-General's Residences, Lands Acquisition, Property for Public Purposes Acquisition, Public Service, Referendum (Constitution alteration), Representation, Seat of Government, Senate Elections, Seat of Government Acceptance.	Acquisition of lands, census & statistics, elections, franchise, Inter-state Commission, Public Service, public works, railways, representation of the people, rivers, seat of Government.
4. Treasury— (a) Audit Office	Audit, Invalid and Old-Age Pensions, Life Assurance (Companies), Surplus Revenue, Coinage.	Appropriation & supply, audit, banking, currency and coinage, Government printer, insurance, invalid & old-age pensions, public loans and moneys, State debts, taxation (other than Customs and Excise duties).
5. Trade and Customs— (a) Patents, Copyright, Designs, and Trade Marks.	Australian Industries Preservation, Beer Excise, Bounties, Commerce (trade descriptions), Copyright, Customs, Customs Tariff, Designs, Distillation, Excise, Excise Tariff, Excise Procedure, Manufacturers' Encouragement, Patents, Quarantine, Sea-carriage of Goods, Secret Commissions, Spirits, Sugar Bounty, Trade Marks, Marine Insurance, Bills of Exchange, Seamen's Compensation.	Bounties, copyright, customs & excise, designs, lighthouses & lightships, buoys and beacons, patents, quarantine, trade and commerce (including navigation & shipping), trade-marks, weights and measures.
6. Defence— (a) Naval Board (b) Military Board	Defence, Naval Agreement.	Control of railways with respect to transport for naval and military purposes, naval and military defence.
7. Postmaster General's—	Meteorology, Post and Telegraph, Post and Telegraph Rates, Tasmanian Cable Rates, Wireless Telegraphy.	Astronomical & meteorological observations, postal, telegraphic, and other like services.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNMENT, 1909.

Departments, Sub-Departments, Branches, etc.	Acts Administered.	Matters dealt with or under Control.
<p>1. Premier's Office*— <i>(a)</i> Governor's Establishment. <i>(b)</i> Executive Council Office. <i>(c)</i> Agent-General. <i>(d)</i> Immigration & Tourists Bureau.</p>	...	Is charged with—Departmental business connected with the Houses of Parliament, including official publication of debates, foreign correspondence, Executive Council, correspondence with Colonial, Commonwealth, and States Governments, Agent-General, Intelligence Department, Immigration
<p>2. Chief Secretary— <i>(a)</i> Audit Dept. <i>(b)</i> Police Dept. <i>(c)</i> Inspector-General of Insane. <i>(d)</i> Public Health Dept. <i>(e)</i> Master-in-Lunacy. <i>(f)</i> Medical Board. <i>(g)</i> Inspector of Charities. <i>(h)</i> Fisheries Board. <i>(i)</i> Aborigines Protection Board. <i>(j)</i> Board of Fire Commissioners. <i>(k)</i> Electoral Office. <i>(l)</i> International Exchanges Board. <i>(m)</i> Registry of Friendly Societies & Trade Unions. <i>(n)</i> Bureau of Microbiology. <i>(o)</i> Bureau of Statistics. <i>(p)</i> Dental Board.</p>	<p>Parliamentary Electorates and Elections, Electorates Redistribution, Women's Franchise, Lunacy, Audit, Agreements Validating, Apprentices, Banks and Bank Holidays, Birds Protection, Bread, Building & Co-operative Societies, Sunday Closing, Careless Use of Fire, Constitution, Dentists, Destitute Children's Society, Dog and Goat, Fire Brigades, Fisheries, Friendly Societies, Gaming and Betting, Inebriates, Medical Practitioners, Metropolitan Traffic, Native Animals Protection, Native Dogs Destruction, Noxious Trades, Obscene Publications, Police Offences, Police Regulation, Printing, Public Entertainments, Public Hospitals, Public Health, Quarantine, Sydney Corporation, Vagrancy, Weights and Measures, Pure Food, Theatres, etc., Cattle Slaughtering, etc., Dairies Supervision, Juvenile Smoking Suppression, Motor Traffic, Aborigines Protection</p>	<p>Is charged with—the public seal, execution of capital sentences, appointment of magistrates, the police, public health, issue of theatrical & racecourse licenses, care and treatment of insane and inebriates, hospitals & charitable institutions, business relating to ecclesiastical establishments, supervision of dairies, general elections, franchise, statistics, and all matters of business not expressly assigned to any other department.</p>
<p>3. Treasury— <i>(a)</i> Stamp Duties Office. <i>(b)</i> Taxation Dept. <i>(c)</i> Government Printing Office. <i>(d)</i> Explosives Dept. <i>(e)</i> Shipping Offices, Sydney and Newcastle. <i>(f)</i> Navigation Dept. <i>(g)</i> Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Office. <i>(h)</i> Resumed Properties Office. <i>(i)</i> Stores Supply & Tender Board.</p> <p>The following departments are connected with the Treasury though administered by Commissioners:— <i>(a)</i> Government Railways and Tramways. <i>(b)</i> Sydney Harbour Trust. <i>(c)</i> Government Savings Bank.</p>	<p>Stamp Duties, Probate Duties, Companies, Death Duties, Land and Income Tax Assessment, Land and Income Tax, Taxation, Amending Income Tax Deduction, Seamen's, Merchant Shipping, Navigation, Wharfrage and Tonnage Rates, Invalidity and Accidents, Pensions, Government Railways, Railways Commissioners Appointments, Sydney Harbour Trust, Government Savings Bank.</p>	<p>Finance, management of Consolidated Revenue, public works, closer settlement, Treasury guarantee, and general loan funds, also of public debt, resumed properties, payment of Imperial and State pensions, purchase and issue of stores, Govt. printing office, Govt. railways and tramways, Sydney Harbour Trust, navigation and shipping, storage and issue of explosives, engagement and discharge of seamen in British and colonial vessels, tenders and contracts for public supplies, etc., State clothing factory.</p>
<p>4. Dept. of Attorney-General and of Justice—† <i>(a)</i> Prothonotary & Registrar in Divorce. <i>(b)</i> Master in Equity. <i>(c)</i> Sheriff. <i>(d)</i> Registrar in Bankruptcy. <i>(e)</i> Registrar of Probates, etc. <i>(f)</i> Registrar Industrial Disputes. <i>(g)</i> Crown Solicitor. <i>(h)</i> Parliamentary Draftsman. <i>(i)</i> Clerk of the Peace. <i>(j)</i> Registrar of Sydney District Court. <i>(k)</i> Registrar General. <i>(l)</i> City Coroner. <i>(m)</i> Children's Court. <i>(n)</i> Petty Sessions. <i>(o)</i> Police Magistrates, Clerks of Petty Sessions and Registrars of District Courts. <i>(p)</i> Prisons Department. <i>(q)</i> Public Service Board.</p>	<p>Auctioneers, Bankruptcy, Billiards, Companies, Contractors' Debts, Coroners, Crimes, District Courts, Fines and Penalties, Habitual Criminals, Hawkers and Pedlars, Industrial Disputes, Interstate Debts, Jury, Justices, Legal Process, Liens on Crops, Liquor, Lotteries, Marriage, Money-lenders, Crown Suits, Defamation, Newspapers, Pawnbrokers, Petty Sessions, Prisons, Public Service, Real Property, Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, of Deeds of Firms, Sheriff, Small Debts Recovery, Stage Carriages, Wills, Probate and Administration.</p>	<p>Is charged with—business relating to the offices of the Chief Justice, and Puisne Judges, Supreme Courts, Industrial disputes and District Courts, Circuit Courts and Quarter Sessions, deals with all matters relating to remission of sentences, or of fines or estreats with control of Court-house, etc., and advises the Govt. on all legal questions.</p>

* This is not a separate department, but is attached to the Ministerial department held by the Premier for the time being. † Arrangements have recently been made for the redistribution of the functions of this Department between the Attorney-General's Department and that of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.

NEW SOUTH WALES (continued).

Departments, Sub-Departments, Branches, etc.	Acts Administered.	Matters dealt with or under Control.
5. Department of Lands.— (a) Survey of Lands. (b) Local Land Boards. (c) Trigonometrical Survey. (d) Land Appeal Court. (e) Western Land Board. (f) Closer Settlement Advisory Boards	Crown Lands, Newcastle Pasturage Reserve, Conditional Purchaser's Relief, Public Roads, Public Parks, Public Gates, Public Trusts, Labour Settlements, Appraisement, Prickly Pear Destruction, Western Lands, Closer Settlement, Block-holders, Church and School Lands.	All business arising from tenures created by Crown Lands Acts, dedications and reservations, exchanges of land, proclamation of towns and villages, business connected with Land Appeal Court, local boards, district surveyors, and Crown land agents, survey of Crown lands, and triangulation survey of State, and making lands available for settlement.
6. Dept. of Public Works.— (a) Architects Branch. (b) Irrigation and Drainage. (c) Railway and Tramway Construction, Harbours and Water Supply. (d) Roads and Bridges. (e) Engineering Drafting. (f) Survey Drafting. (g) Survey. (h) Valuation. (i) Local Government. (j) Accounts. (k) Bonds and Contracts. (l) Labour Bureau. (m) Dock Establishment. (n) Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and (o) Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board.	Drainage Promotion, Public Watering Places, Water Rights, Water and Drainage, Artesian Wells, Public Works, Country Towns Water and Sewerage, Metropolitan and Hunter District Water and Sewerage, Scaffolding and Lifts, Local Government, Impounding, and all Acts connected with Public Works.	Erection, maintenance, and repair of public buildings and works; construction of harbour works, docks, water supply and sewerage works, artesian bores, tanks and wells, railways and tramways; "National" roads and bridges; surveys and valuations; administration of new Local Government Acts; construction of dredges and punts, machinery, etc.; registration of unemployed.
7. Department of Mines— (a) Registrar and Enquiry. (b) Account. (c) Lease. (d) Charting and Mining Survey. (e) Geological Survey. (f) Metallurgical and Assay. (g) Inspectors of Coal Mines and of Mines. (h) Miner's Accident Relief Board. (i) Prospecting Board. (j) Mining Museum. (k) Sludge Abatement Board.	Mining, Miner's Accident Relief, Mines Inspection, Coal Mine Regulations.	All matters relating to mining generally; geological and mining surveys; assays, inspection of mines, miner's accident relief, advances to prospectors.
8. Dept. of Agriculture—	Vine and Vegetation Diseases, Wine Adulteration, Fertilisers, Pastures Protection, Commons, Stock, Stock Diseases, Irrigation, Agricultural Society, Forestry.	Matters relating to agriculture, forestry and stock, including agricultural and experimental farms, stud farms and stations; Botanic Gardens, Centennial Park and Domain, Sydney; irrigation farms, and supervision of dairies for instructional purposes; destruction and prevention of fruit pests; diseases of stock; publication of Agricultural Gazette and Bulletins.
9. Dept. of Public Instruction— (a) Public Library. (b) Observatory. (c) National Art Gallery and Australian Museum. (d) State Children's Relief Dept. (e) Dept. of Labour and Industry. (f) Technical Education Brch. (g) Training College for Teachers. (h) Industrial Schools and Reformatories. (i) Hurlstone Continuation Agricultural School.	Public Instruction, State Children's Relief, Children's Protection, Infant Protection, Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders, Anatomy, Public Library and Art Gallery, Australian Museum, School of Arts, University and University Colleges, Sydney Grammar School, Early Closing, Factories and Shops, Shearer's Accommodation, Apprentices, Truck.	All matters dealing with education; high schools, district schools, continuation schools, subsidised teaching, technical education, scholarships and bursaries, medical inspection of school children, anthropometrical survey of school children, rural camp schools for city children, school agriculture, regulations as to early closing, factories and shops.

VICTORIA.—ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNMENT, 1909.

Departments, Sub-Departments, Branches, etc.	Acts Administered.	Matters dealt with or under Control.
1. Chief Secretary— (a) Board for the Protection of Aborigines (b) Public Service Commissioner. (c) Registry of Friendly Societies. (d) Observatory (e) Government Statist. (f) Marine Board.	Aborigines, Animals Protection, Constitution, Crimes, Explosives, Fire Brigades, Friendly Societies, Gaols, Inebriates, Libraries, Licensing (part), Lunacy, Marine, Marine Stores and Old Metals, Medical, Neglected Children, Poisons, Police Offences, Police Regulations, Public Service, Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Theatres, Weights and Measures, Lotteries and Gaming, Dentists, Indeterminate Sentences, Infant Life Protection, Statistics, & Opium (part), Motor-car.	Departmental business connected with the Houses of Parliament, execution of capital sentences, local option, prisons, the Gov. Gazette, Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery. "Hansard."
2. Attorney-General and Minister of Justice— (a) Supreme Court. (b) County Court. (c) Crown Law Offices. (d) Crown Solicitor. (e) Master in Equity and Lunacy. (f) Prothonotary. (g) Registrar of Titles. (h) Sheriffs.	Supreme Court, County Court, Coroners, Justices, Licensing (part), Probate, Crimes, Juries, Declarations & Affidavits, Children's Courts, Companies, Conveyancing, Crown Remedies, Registration of Firms, Hawkers, Insolvency, Instruments, Mines (part), Money-lenders, Pawnbrokers, Real Property, Transfer of Land, Stamps, Trusts, Book Debts, and Imprisonment of Fraudulent Debtors.	Bankruptcy and insolvency, administration and probate, control of courthouses, etc., preparation of legal instruments, administration of justice generally, and advice to Government in all legal questions.
3. Treasury— (a) Audit Office. (b) Land and Income Tax Office. (c) Printing Office.	Auction Sales, Audit, Hospitals and Charities, Public Moneys, Savings Bank, Old Age Pensions, Income Tax, Licensing (part), and Acts relating to loans.	Conduct of finances, Government banking, the public debt, preparation of Estimates and Budget, financial aid to charities, endowment to municipal institutions.
4. Public Instruction—	Education, Teachers, Registration of Teachers and Schools.	Education generally, supervision of the Training College, registration of teachers & schools.
5. Railways—	Railways and other Acts relating to specific railways and railway loans.	Management and maintenance of Government railways.
6. Mines—	Mines, Gold Buyers, Boilers Inspection, Mines Development, Coal Mines Regulation.	Deals with applications for mining leases and licenses, water-rights, prospecting.
7. Water Supply—	Water, Waterworks Construction, Water Supply, Loans Application.	Administration of various water works trusts, construction of water works and irrigation systems, boring for water.
8. Agricultural—	Agricultural Colleges, Vegetation Diseases, Stock Diseases, Milk and Dairy Supervision, Artificial Manures, Thistle, and Vine Diseases, Sheep Dipping.	Agricultural colleges & experimental farms, orchards, vineyards, and horticultural gardens, dissemination of information regarding agricultural etc. pursuits, lectures and demonstrations in practical and theoretical agriculture, etc., "Agricultural Journal" and "Agricultural Year Book."
9. Crown Lands— (a) Survey. (b) Botanic Gardens and Domain. (c) Closer Settlement Board. (d) Small Improved Holdings Board.	Lands, Closer Settlement, Small Holdings, Rabbit Suppression, Vermin Destruction, Local Government (part), Seed Wheat Advances, Bush Fires Loan, State Aid Abolition, Village Settlement, Mines (part).	Survey, sale, and administration of Crown lands, including occupation for industrial, agricultural, and pastoral purposes.

VICTORIA (continued).

Departments, Sub-Departments, Branches, etc.	Acts Administered.	Other Matters dealt with or under Control.
10. Public Works— (a) Roads and Bridges and Local Govt. Brch. (b) State Schools. (c) Dredges and Snagging. (d) Ports and Harbours.	Local Government, Fisheries, Game, Electric Lighting and Power, Pounds, Dog, Unused Roads and Water Frontages, Tramways, Drainage Areas, Municipal Grounds, Upper Yarra Traffic.	Construction of public works, erection and repairs of all Government buildings, railway construction, lighthouses, buoys, and signal stations, snagging operations in rivers, Alfred Graving Dock, Government steamer, immigration.
11. Labour—	Factories and Shops, Servants Registry Office.	Inspection of factories, workshops and shops.
12. Forests—	Forests.	
13. Public Health—	Health, Cemeteries, Pure Food.	Public health generally, inspection of food.

QUEENSLAND.—ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNMENT, 1909.

1. Chief Secretary— (a) Auditor-General. (b) Agent-General. (c) Board of Exchange of Publications. (d) Govt. Residence, Thursday Island. (e) Immigration Dept. (f) Intelligence and Tourist Bureau. (g) S.S. <i>Lucinda</i> . (h) Pub. Library, Art Gallery, and Museum.	Constitution, Extradition, Immigration, Officials in Parliament, Pacific Island Labourers, Public Service, Standard Time, Influx of Criminals Prevention.	Commissions, etc., under Great Seal of State, foreign correspondence, immigration, justices of the peace, legislation, public service, communications with Governor and with States, Commonwealth, British, colonial, and foreign Governments.
2. Public Instruction—	Grammar Schools, Orphanages, State Education, Brisbane Technical College, University.	Primary education, schools of art and technical colleges, grammar schools and orphanages.
3. Railways—	Railways, Railway Construction, (Land Subsidy), Railways (Employees' Appeal).	Railways and tramways management and construction.
4. Home Secretary— (a) Government Advertising Board. (b) Electoral Department. (c) Board of Health. (d) Registrar-General. (e) Dental Board. (f) Local Auditors Board. (g) Medical and Pharmacy Board.	Aboriginals, Bank Holidays, Brisbane Traffic, Careless Use of Fire, Carriers, Cemetery, Census, Charitable Institutions, Children's Protection, Contagious Diseases, Conciliation, Dental, Elections, Fencing, Fire Brigades, Hawkers, Health, Hospital, Indust. Schools, Inebriates, Insanity, Legitimations, Leprosy, Licensing, Local Govt., Medical, Native Labourers, Old-Age Pensions, Party Processions, Pharmacy, Police, Prisons, Quarantine, Religious etc. Instns., Registration Births, etc., Poisons, Statistical Returns, Water Police.	Is charged with business connected with—aboriginals, cemeteries, conciliation courts, elections, fire brigades, hospitals and charitable institutions, industrial & reformatory schools, insanity, lazarets, police, prisons, public health, quarantine, remission and execution of sentences and penalties, theatres, miscellaneous services, and all other matters of internal arrangement not confided to any other Minister.
5. Treasury— (a) Government Analyst. (b) Govt. Printing Office. (c) Government Savings Bank. (d) Government Stores. (e) Harbours and Rivers Department. (f) Income Tax Department. (g) Labour Bureau. (h) Marine Department. (i) Marine Board. (j) Water Supply Department. (k) Comptroller of Central Sugar Mills.	Audit, Coast Survey, Explosive, Fisheries, Savings Banks, Annuities, Harbour Bds., Harbour Dues, Income Tax, Irrigation, Loans, Local Wks. Loans, Merch'nt Shipping and Seamen's, Navigation, Oyster, Pearlshell and Bêche-de-mer, Port Dues Revision, Firms Registration, Stock Inscription, Sugar Works, Treasury Notes and Bills, Tobacco, Water Authorities, Weights and Measures.	Central sugar mills, dredges, fisheries, finance generally, harbour boards and improvements, navigation, ports and harbours, powder magazines, public debt, savings banks, taxation generally, trade and commerce, wharves and jetties.
6. Attorney-General— (a) Crown Solicitor. (b) Supreme & District Courts. (c) Curator in Intestacy and Insanity. (d) Trustees in Insolvency. (e) Registry of Friendly Societies. (f) Registry of Titles. (g) Com. of Stamps. (h) Police Magistrates. (i) Petty Sessions.	Building Societies, Companies, District Courts, Friendly Societies, Inquests of Death, Inquest on Fires, Insolvency, Intestacy, Jury, Printing, Real Property, Small Debts, Stamp, Succession and Probate, Supreme Court, Totalisator Restriction, Totalisator Tax, Trade Unions.	Administration of justice generally, advising Government on all legal questions, judicial establishments, courts of petty sessions, preparation of all legal instruments and contracts.
7. Mines— (a) Geological Survey. (b) Mining Registries. (c) Mines Inspectrs. (d) Gold Wardens.	Gold Mining, Mineral Lands, School of Mines.	Geological survey, mineral fields, regulation of mines, Charters Towers School of Mines.

QUEENSLAND (continued).

Departments, Sub-Departments, Branches, etc.	Acts Administered.	Matters dealt with or under Control.
8. Public Lands— (a) District Land Offices. (b) District Survey Offices. (c) Survey Office.	Agric. Lands Purchase, Crown Lands, Pastl. Leases, Pub. Parks, Pub. Works, Land Resumption, Rabbit, Marsupial-proof Fencing, Trustees of Public Lands.	Destruction, etc., of rabbits, opening and closing roads, reserves, survey, sale, settlement, and occupation of Crown lands, town commonages.
9. Agriculture— (a) Agricultural College. (b) Inspectors of Stock and Sheep & Registry of Brands. (c) Botanic Gardens. (d) State Farms and Nurseries. (e) Sugar Experiment Stations.	Agric. Bank, Brands, Dairy, Diseases in Plants, Sheep and Stock, Game & Fish Acclimatisation, Grape-vine Diseases, Live Stock and Meat Export, Marsupial Boards, Meat and Dairy Produce Encouragement, Native Birds Protection, Slaughtering, Shearer's and Sugar-worker's, Sugar Experiment Stations.	Agric. College, Botanic Gardens, brands (horses, sheep, and cattle) diseases in animals and plants, loans in aid of co-operative agric. production, marsupial destruction, meat and dairy produce encouragement, museum, slaughter of cattle for consumption, State farms and nurseries, sugar experiment stations.
10. Public Works— (a) Government Architect. (b) Engineer for Bridges. (c) Director of Labour. (d) Factories etc. Inspectors.	Brisb. Water Supply, Electric Light and Power, Factories and Shops, Wages Bds., Inspection of Machinery and Scaffolding.	Construction of public buildings, State-school buildings, bridges, hospitals, electric light and power stations.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNMENT, 1909.

1. Chief Secretary— (a) Statistical Dept. (b) Audit. (c) Public Actuary. (d) Sheriff. (e) Registry-General. (f) Government Printer. (g) Police. (h) Central Board of Health.	Civil Service, Audit, Friendly Societies, Jury, Criminal Jurors' Payment, Prison, Police Prisons, Sheriffs, Marriage, Registration, Legitimation, Public Hospitals, Lunatics, Destitute Persons, Affiliation Law, Married Women's Property, State Children's Health, Quarantine, Sale of Food and Drugs, and other Acts dealing with law and order.	Chamber of Manufactures, Civil Service exams., fire brigades, kerosene inspectors, public charities, Royal commissions, prisons, State printing, inspectors of public houses, administration of hospitals, asylums, etc., pub. health, law and order, police, prisons, and correspondence with judges of Supreme Ct., Leg. Council, House of Assembly, other Governments, and consuls.
2. Department of Industry—	Conciliation, Factories, Early Closing, Sale of Furniture, Scaffolding, Lifts.	Factories, shops, early closing, industrial disputes, etc.
3. Treasury— (a) Land and Income Tax Department. (b) Stamp Duty Department.	Motor Vehicles, Seed Wheat, Unclaimed Moneys, Oyster Fishery, Pawnbrokers, Appraisers, Auctioneers, Taxation, Phylloxera, Stamp Duty.	Finance and taxation generally, Imperial and other Government pensions, Public Service Superannuation Fund.
4. Attorney-General— (a) Law Officers. (b) Pub. Trustees. (c) Curator of Convicts' Estates. (d) Supreme Ct. (e) Registrars of Industrial Soc., etc., in Admiralty, of Probates, of Companies, and of Blding-Soc. (f) Insolvency Court. (g) Police and Local Courts. (h) Licensing Benches. (i) Coroners. (j) Electoral Dept.	Administration and Probate, Public Trustee, Supreme Court, Legal Practitioners, Succession Duties, Companies, Insolvency, Police, Criminal Law, Local Courts, Real Property, Bills of Sale, Preferable Liens, Workmen's Liens, Deposit of Deeds, Coroners' Electoral Code, Acts in which magistrates have jurisdiction.	Responsible for Government Parliamentary bills and administration of Local Option and Electoral Acts. Deals with issue of summonses and warrants and with preparing informations & complaints, licenses, franchise, appeals from courts.
5. Crown Lands and Immigration, Mines & Agriculture— (a) Crown Lands Office. (b) Mines Department. (c) Roads Department. (d) Govt. Veterinary Surgeon. (e) Woods and Forests Department. (f) Tourist Bureau. (g) Intelligence Department. (h) Survey Department. (i) Stock and Brands Department. (j) Fisheries Department.	Corporations, District Councils, Dog, Fisheries, Manufacturing Districts, Ornamental Grounds, Blocker's Loan, Fences, Bird Protection, Game, National Park, Noxious Weeds, Wild Dog and Foxes, Reclaimed Swamps and Irrigation, Mining, Gold Dredging, Roads, Main Roads, Woods and Forests, Pastoral, Vermin, Licensed Surveyors, Weights and Measures, Brands, Stock Diseases, Scab, Commerce, Botanic Garden, Advances to Settlers.	Matters affecting municipal corporations respecting the Acts under which they are constituted. Payment of main road grants, subsidies, and license fees. All matters affecting Crown lands or arising under mining Acts, warden's courts, record of assays, roads and bridges, veterinary science, immigration, forest reserves, surveys, botanic gardens, fisheries, issue of monthly bulletins.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (continued).

Departments, Sub-Departments, Branches, etc.	Acts Administered.	Matters dealt with or under Control.
6. Public Works— (a) Railways Department. (b) Engineer-in-Chief's Department. (c) Works and Buildings Department. (d) Marine Board. (e) Supply and Tender Board. (f) Observatory Department. (g) Aborigines Department.	Railway Commissioners, Railways Service Appeal Board, Refreshment Rooms, South-eastern Drainage, Water Conservation, Marine Board, Merchant Shipping and Seamen's.	Construction and maintenance of railways, water conservation, construction of harbours, jetties, and lighthouses, roads outside district councils, River Murray improvements, dredging works, Govt. buildings, astronomical work, protection of aborigines.
7. Education— (a) Adelaide University. (b) School of Mines. (c) Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery.	Education, Adelaide University, Degrees in Surgery, University Site, Anatomy Act, Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery, Free Libraries, Institutes, School of Mines.	Education generally, Adelaide University, School of Mines.
8. Water Supply— (a) Hydraulic Engineer's Department.	Waterworks, Sewers, Water Conservation, Mount Gambier, Onkaparinga, Bundaleer, and Barossa Waterworks.	Water supply and sewerage.
9. Northern Territory—	Judicial, Bills of Sale, Jurors, Electoral, Crown Lands, Mining, Pearl Sale and Export Regulation, Tropical Products.	General administration of N. Territory affairs under Acts relating to whole of the State where N. Territory is not excepted.
10. Agriculture— (a) Department of Agriculture. (b) Advisory Board of Agriculture. (c) Agricultural College. (d) Dairy Department. (e) Poultry Department. (f) Horticultural Department. (g) Bacteriology Department. (h) Produce Department.	Wine and Brandy, Fertilisers, Vine, Fruit and Vegetable Protection, Commerce.	Scientific dairying, agricultural colleges and experimental farms, agriculture, handling and shipping of produce.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNMENT, 1909.

1. Colonial Secretary— (a) Accountant. (b) Fisheries and Aborigines. (c) Friendly Societies. (d) Gaols. (e) Gardens. (f) Harbour and Lights. (g) Immigration. (h) Liquors. (i) Lunacy. (j) Medical and Public Health. (k) Observatory. (l) Police. (m) Public Charities. (n) Registrar-General. (o) State Children's Department. (p) Rottnest Island.	Aborigines, Bread, Bank Holidays, Building Societies, Bunbury Harbour Board, Bills of Lading, Boulder Turf Club, Boat Licensing, Conspiracy and Protection of Property, Co-operative and Friendly Societies, Coasting Vessels, Commissioners (Powers of Railway), Dentists, Dog, Early Closing, Employment, Brokers, Fremantle Harbour, Friendly Societies, Fisheries, Factories, Fire Brigades, Game, Harbours and Rivers, Hospitals, Health, Industrial Conciliation, Jetties, Bridges, etc., Kalgoorlie Turf Club, Lunacy, Licensing of Boats, Municipal Corporations, Merchant Shipping, Marriage, Marine Stores, Medical, Newspaper Libel, Navigation, Oyster Fisheries, Public Institutions, etc., Lands Improvement, Poor House Discipline, Prisons, Pearl Shell Fisheries, Pearl Dealers' Licensing, Police, Police Benefit Fund, Pharmacy and Poisons, Perth High School, Quarantine, Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Statistical, State Children, Shark Bay Pearl Shell Fishery, Seamen, Shipping, Trespass, Trades Unions, Truck, Toll from Wharves, etc., University, Endowment, Vaccination, Workers' Compensation, Workmen's Wages, W.A. Turf Club.	Consuls, municipalities, passports, inspection of fisheries, protection of aborigines, actuarial industrial arbitration, friendly societies, trades unions, prisons, government gardens, light houses and signal stations, harbours and rivers; coastal surveys, immigration bureau (Fremantle), 'Immigrants' Home (Perth), inspection of liquors, early closing, sanitation, factories, astronomical, police, poor relief, labour bureau, births, marriages and deaths, statistics, children's courts, old men's home, old women's home, penal settlement, Government cottages.
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA (continued).

Departments, Sub-Departments, Branches, etc.	Acts Administered.	Matters dealt with or under Control.
2. Treasury— (a) London Agency. (b) Printing Dept. (c) Savings Bank. (d) Lithography. (e) Stores. (f) Audit. (g) Taxation.	Loan, Inscribed Stock, Treasury Bills, Auctioneers, Stamp, Wines, Beer and Spirits Sale, Employment Brokers, Gun Licensing, Gov. Savings Bank, Audit, Land and Income Tax, Dividend and Totalisator Duties.	Finance generally, general stores, taxation generally, audits as provided by special Acts, also under Ministerial authority.
3. Attorney-General— (a) Crown Law Offices. (b) Supreme Court. (c) Stipendiary Magistrates. (d) Land Titles Office. (e) Electoral Office. (f) Official Receiver. (g) Curator of Intestates' Estates. (h) Sheriff.	Administration of Justice, Association Incorporation, Bankruptcy, Criminal Code, Compensation for Accidents, Crown Suits, Electoral, Firms' Registration, Foreign Companies, Fugitive Offenders, Justice, Libel, Licensing Laws, Magisterial Districts, Workmen's Wages, Penalties Remission, Quarter Sessions, Supreme Court Acts, Truck Act, Transfer of Land, Workers' Compensation, Interstate Estates.	Criminal and civil law, conveying, parliamentary drafting, sheriffs, bankruptcy, intestacy, licensing, petty debts, petty sessions and police courts, land titles and registration of deeds and leases.
4. Public Works— (a) Engineering Division. (b) Architectural Division.	Roads Board, Water Boards, Public Works, Tramways, Electric Light, Drainage.	Public buildings and works generally, goldfields water supply, metropolitan waterworks, Fremantle and Claremont water supply, railway and tramway construction.
5. Agricultural— (a) Stock and Brands. (b) Rabbit Branch. (c) Orchard and Insect Pests. (d) Markets & Refrigerating Works. (e) Entomological. (f) Public Abattoirs. (g) Irrigation in Agricultural Areas.	Rabbit, Stock Diseases, Scab, Brands, Insect Pests, Noxious Weeds, Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs, Contagious Diseases in Bees, Droving, Abattoirs, Vermin.	Agricultural, horticultural, and pastoral pursuits generally, irrigation, abattoirs and refrigerating works.
6. Education— (a) Director of Technical Education.	Education.	Primary and technical education, inspection of schools, training of teachers, technical education.
7. Railway—	Government Railways.	Management, maintenance and control of Gov. Railways.
8. Mines— (a) Explosives and Analytical. (b) Inspection of Machinery. (c) Mining Engineers. (d) Mines Water Supply. (e) Geological Survey. (f) State Batteries.	Mining, Sluicing and Dredging for Gold, Explosives, Inspection of Machinery, Mines Regulation, Coal Mines, Mining Development.	Mining generally, water supply and stock routes on the goldfields, State batteries and reduction plants.
3. Lands— (a) Lands and Surveys. (b) Woods and Forests.	Land, Roads, Cemeteries, Licensed Surveyors, Bush Fires, Timber Regulations.	All business in connection with holdings under the Lands Acts, forest reserves, roads, land selection, land agencies.

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Departments, Sub-Departments, Branches, etc.	Acts Administered.	Matters dealt with or under Control.
1. Premier— (a) Governor's Establishment. (b) Premier's Dept. (c) Executive Council. (d) Agent-General.	...	Correspondence with State, Federal, Colonial, British, and and Foreign Govts., with Agent-General & Governor, despatches from Secretary of State referred by the Governor, matters submitted by other Ministers.
2. Chief Secretary— (a) Houses of Parliament. (b) Electoral. (c) Audit. (d) Statistical & Registration. (e) Inspection of Machinery. (f) Fisheries. (g) Public Buildings. (h) Charitable Institutions. (i) Boys' Training School. (j) Invalid Depôt. (k) Neglected Children's Department. (l) Medical Institutions. (m) Hospitals. (n) Public Health. (o) Explosives. (p) Public Service Board.	Audit, Bank Holidays, Cemeteries, Coroners, Registration of Births and Deaths, Botanical Gardens, Charitable Institutions, Electoral, Fire Brigades, Fisheries, Hospitals, Inebriates, Museum and Art Gallery, Newspapers, Pensions, Pharmacy, Public Health, Public Service, Vaccination.	Charitable institutions, cemeteries, public health, electoral, franchise, fisheries, immigration, machinery, statistics, training & industrial schools, public service, explosives.
3. Treasury— (a) Taxes. (b) Printing. (c) State Savings Bank. (d) Agricultural Bank. (e) Merchant Ship's Officers Exam. Board.	Suppression of Public Betting, Licensing, Billiard Tables Licensing, Stamp Duties, Auction, Pawnbrokers, Public Debts, Loans to Local Bodies, Land Tax, Taxation, Income Tax, Assessment, Savings Bank, State Advances, Merchant Ship's Officers' Examination.	Finance generally, collection of internal revenue and of stamp duties, Government printing.
4. Mines—	Mining, Mining Companies, Mining Companies (Foreign).	All matters arising under Acts dealing with mining, registration of mining companies.
5. Lands— (a) Lands Branch Office, Launceston. (b) Agricultural and Stock Dept. (c) Council of Agriculture.	Crown Lands, Closer Settlement, Game Protection, Stock, Diseased Animals, Contagious Diseases (cattle), Rabbits Destruction, Californian Thistle, Vegetation Diseases, Codlin Moth.	Crown lands and surveys, agriculture and stock.
6. Public Works—	Railway Management, Public Works, Local Government.	Construction and control of public works, including railways.
7. Attorney-General— (a) Supreme Court. (b) Lands Titles. (c) Sheriff. (d) Magistracy. (e) Police.	Probate, Stamp Duties, Foreign Companies, Legal Practitioners, Real Property, Prisons, Bankruptcy, Local Courts, Infant Life Protection, Motor Traffic, Police, Police Regulation.	Courts of law, gaols, justices of the peace and coroners, lands titles, police, registration of deeds, Supreme Court & Judges.
8. Education—	Education.	Primary & technical education, University of Tasmania.