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APPENDIX.

(Some recent information which has come to hand since the various chapters were sent to press is given hereunder in summarized form. For further or more detailed information, and for the latest available statistics, reference should be made to other publications issued by this Bureau (*see pp. 1082-4*), notably the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*.)

CHAPTER II.—PHYSIOGRAPHY.

§ 2. Climate and Meteorology of Australia.

Rainfall: Australian Capital Cities, p. 48.—Rainfall recorded in Australian capital cities during 1956 was as follows:—Canberra, 40.46 ins.; Perth, 37.35 ins.; Adelaide, 27.24 ins.; Brisbane, 59.18 ins.; Sydney, 67.33 ins.; Melbourne, 30.96 ins.; Hobart, 36.63 ins.

CHAPTER III.—GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

§ 1. Scheme of Parliamentary Government.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Allowances, p. 65.—The annual salaries of senators and members of the House of Representatives were increased by £600 to £2,350 from 1st July, 1957. The Parliamentary Allowances Act also provided that senators would receive an annual expense allowance of £700, members in metropolitan electorates £600, and country members £800. Expense allowances which were previously non-taxable became subject to normal income-tax provisions, and stamp allowances and gold passes were abolished.

§ 2. Parliaments and Elections.

State Parliaments, pp. 69-72.—The thirty-fourth Queensland Parliament was dissolved on 13th June, 1957. The thirty-fifth Parliament was opened on 27th August, 1957.

§ 3. Administration and Legislation.

Governors and State Ministers, pp. 76-78.—(i) *New South Wales.* On 1st August, 1957, Lieut.-General Eric Winslow Woodward, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., was sworn in as Governor of New South Wales in succession to Lieut.-General Sir John Northcott, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.

(ii) *Queensland*. Subsequent to elections held on 3rd August, 1957, a new ministry took office on 12th August, 1957. It was constituted as follows:—

Premier and Chief Secretary and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

THE HON. G. F. R. NICKLIN.

Minister for Labour and Industry—

THE HON. K. J. MORRIS.

Minister for Education—

THE HON. J. C. A. PIZZEY.

Attorney-General—

THE HON. A. W. MUNRO.

Treasurer and Minister for Housing—

THE HON. T. A. HILEY.

Minister for Development, Mines and Main Roads—

THE HON. E. EVANS.

Minister for Public Lands and Irrigation—

THE HON. A. G. MÜLLER.

Minister for Health and Home Affairs—

THE HON. H. W. NOBLE.

Minister for Agriculture and Stock—

THE HON. O. O. MADSEN.

Minister for Public Works and Local Government—

THE HON. J. A. HEADING.

Minister for Transport—

THE HON. G. W. W. CHALK.

Leaders of the Opposition, Commonwealth and State Parliaments, p. 78.—Victoria: The Hon. A. E. Shepherd. Queensland: L. A. Wood. Western Australia: The Hon. D. Brand.

§ 5. Cost of Parliamentary Government, p. 81.

The cost of Parliamentary Government, Commonwealth and individual States, for the year 1955–56 was as follows:—

Commonwealth, £2,532,246 (5s. 5d. per head); New South Wales, £742,753 (4s. 3d.) Victoria, £586,940 (4s. 7d.); Queensland, £474,515 (7s. 0d.); South Australia, £372,493 (8s. 11d.); Western Australia, £444,527 (13s. 3d.); Tasmania, £224,940 (14s. 1d.); and total, £5,378,414 (11s. 7d.)

The amounts expended under the major headings for all Governments during 1955–56 were:—Governor-General or Governor, £348,730; Ministry, £278,973; Parliament, £3,343,183; Electoral, £1,327,429.

CHAPTER VI.—LABOUR, WAGES AND PRICES.

A. RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

§ 4. Tabular Statements of Retail Price Index Numbers.

The Interim Retail Price Index, p. 148.—Very large seasonal fluctuations in prices of potatoes and onions, first upward then downward, affected the movement of the Food Group and the All Groups index numbers in most cities from September quarter, 1956 to March quarter, 1957, and caused disparate movements in the indexes for respective cities.

In order to provide an indication of the trend of the indexes in respect of items not materially affected by seasonal factors, a Food Group Index and an All Groups Index which exclude potatoes and onions are shown in the following table in comparison with the indexes including potatoes and onions.

The table shows the interim retail price index numbers for the years ended June, 1956 and June, 1957 and for the quarters from September, 1955 to June, 1957, for each capital city and for the six capital cities combined.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Index: Year 1952-53 = 100.)

City.	Year ended June, 1956.	Year ended June, 1957.	1955.		1956.				1957.	
			Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.

GROUP I.—FOOD (EXCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).

Sydney ..	106.7	111.4	105.3	105.7	106.9	109.1	111.3	110.8	111.8	111.8
Melbourne ..	109.9	114.2	108.4	108.8	109.9	112.8	113.2	113.8	114.5	115.2
Brisbane ..	104.7	108.4	103.9	103.9	104.7	106.4	107.5	107.2	108.6	110.1
Adelaide ..	108.7	111.1	107.6	106.9	108.3	111.9	111.4	109.7	110.7	112.7
Perth ..	111.0	115.8	108.9	109.5	112.1	113.5	115.2	114.3	115.8	118.0
Hobart ..	111.3	115.3	109.2	111.0	111.7	113.1	114.1	115.7	115.5	115.9
Six Capitals(a) ..	108.1	112.4	106.7	107.0	108.2	110.7	111.9	111.6	112.6	113.3

GROUP I.—FOOD (INCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).

Sydney ..	109.0	114.4	106.5	107.2	109.1	113.1	118.9	114.2	112.1	112.4
Melbourne ..	112.9	118.6	110.1	111.5	112.6	117.2	122.4	120.2	115.4	116.5
Brisbane ..	108.1	112.1	106.8	105.6	108.7	111.1	115.9	111.6	109.9	111.1
Adelaide ..	111.1	114.9	109.2	109.7	110.1	115.2	119.5	115.7	110.9	113.4
Perth ..	111.3	116.8	109.6	109.8	112.0	113.9	116.3	115.4	116.7	118.8
Hobart ..	113.6	118.3	110.5	113.4	114.7	115.8	119.2	120.4	116.7	117.0
Six Capitals(a) ..	110.6	115.8	108.2	109.0	110.6	114.5	119.6	116.2	113.2	114.2

GROUP II.—CLOTHING AND DRAPERY.

Sydney ..	103.0	105.9	103.0	103.1	102.8	103.1	103.5	105.7	106.6	107.6
Melbourne ..	103.9	106.4	103.8	103.9	104.0	104.0	104.4	105.8	106.6	109.0
Brisbane ..	103.3	105.8	103.5	103.2	103.1	103.2	103.7	104.9	106.7	107.9
Adelaide ..	102.9	103.9	102.8	103.3	103.1	102.5	102.7	103.2	104.1	105.5
Perth ..	103.0	105.4	102.7	103.1	103.0	103.3	103.7	104.4	106.0	107.3
Hobart ..	104.6	107.8	103.9	104.4	104.5	105.4	106.0	106.8	108.6	109.6
Six Capitals(a) ..	103.3	105.8	103.3	103.4	103.3	103.4	103.8	105.3	106.3	107.9

GROUP III.—RENT(b)—(4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES).

Sydney ..	111.3	113.5	110.6	111.1	111.7	112.0	112.0	112.4	114.2	115.4
Melbourne ..	111.9	123.3	102.7	102.9	120.7	121.3	122.0	122.4	123.6	125.2
Brisbane ..	107.0	111.0	106.4	106.4	107.3	107.8	108.8	110.3	111.7	113.3
Adelaide ..	114.9	124.8	112.1	113.6	116.1	118.0	121.2	123.7	126.3	128.1
Perth ..	159.1	169.2	154.9	157.0	160.4	164.1	166.7	168.5	169.7	171.8
Hobart ..	126.1	151.9	109.5	110.3	139.4	145.2	147.8	150.9	153.9	155.0
Six Capitals(a) ..	115.5	122.5	111.4	112.0	118.8	119.7	120.6	121.5	123.1	124.6

GROUP IV.—OTHER ITEMS.(c)

Sydney ..	103.6	121.5	101.5	103.2	103.6	106.2	118.0	121.4	122.5	124.1
Melbourne ..	109.6	116.4	102.9	110.1	110.7	114.6	115.7	116.4	116.7	116.9
Brisbane ..	110.1	117.9	106.0	109.6	110.0	114.7	116.1	118.0	118.6	119.0
Adelaide ..	103.7	107.9	102.7	102.7	102.8	106.6	106.8	107.9	108.3	108.5
Perth ..	106.4	113.7	104.5	105.1	106.2	109.9	110.3	114.5	114.8	115.3
Hobart ..	110.3	120.1	108.9	109.0	109.9	113.5	119.3	119.7	120.3	121.1
Six Capitals(a) ..	106.4	117.8	102.8	106.2	116.7	110.1	115.6	117.8	118.5	119.3

NOTE.—For footnotes see next page.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—*continued.*

(Base of each Index : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

City.	Year ended June, 1956.	Year ended June, 1957.	1955.			1956.			1957.	
			Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.
ALL GROUPS (EXCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).										
Sydney ..	105.3	113.0	104.1	104.8	105.3	107.0	111.2	112.6	113.7	114.5
Melbourne ..	108.4	113.5	105.1	107.3	109.4	111.6	112.3	113.1	113.7	114.8
Brisbane ..	105.9	110.3	104.6	105.4	105.8	107.7	108.7	109.5	110.9	112.0
Adelaide ..	106.3	109.5	105.4	105.4	106.1	108.4	108.6	108.7	109.7	111.0
Perth ..	112.6	117.9	110.8	111.5	113.1	115.0	116.1	117.2	118.4	119.9
Hobart ..	110.6	118.0	107.7	108.6	111.9	114.1	116.4	117.7	118.5	119.2
Six Capitals(a) ..	107.0	113.0	105.1	106.3	107.4	109.4	111.5	112.5	113.5	114.5
ALL GROUPS (INCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).										
Sydney ..	106.1	114.1	104.6	105.4	106.2	108.5	114.0	113.8	113.7	114.7
Melbourne ..	109.5	115.1	105.8	108.3	110.4	113.3	115.7	115.5	114.1	115.3
Brisbane ..	107.1	111.7	105.6	106.0	107.3	109.5	111.9	111.2	111.4	112.4
Adelaide ..	107.2	110.9	106.0	106.4	106.8	109.7	111.6	110.9	109.7	111.3
Perth ..	112.7	118.3	111.1	111.6	113.1	115.2	116.6	117.6	118.7	120.2
Hobart ..	111.5	119.1	108.2	109.6	113.0	115.1	118.3	119.4	118.9	119.6
Six Capitals(a) ..	108.0	114.3	105.7	107.0	108.3	110.8	114.4	114.2	113.7	114.8

(a) Weighted average. (b) The rent index numbers measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. See footnote (b) on page 149. (c) A group of items under the following headings—Electricity, Gas, and Firewood; Household Sundries; Services; Cinema Admission, Radio Licence, and Newspapers; Fares; and Tobacco and Cigarettes.

§ 5. The "C" Series Retail Price Index.

"C" Series Retail Price Index, Six Capital Cities, p. 151.—For the reason mentioned in §4 (page 1128) (The Interim Retail Price Index), the following table also includes a Food Group Index and an All Groups Index which exclude the price movement of potatoes and onions. This table shows "C" Series index numbers for the year 1956 and for quarters from September, 1955 to June, 1957 for the six capital cities combined.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS: SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	Food and Groceries. (a)		Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses.(b))	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total "C" Series Index.(a)	
	A	B				A	B
Year—1956 ..	2,923	3,084	1,325	3,261	2,236	2,489	2,547
Quarter—							
1955—September ..	2,810	2,854	1,232	3,243	2,081	2,394	2,411
December ..	2,831	2,891	1,238	3,248	2,128	2,413	2,435
1956—March ..	2,851	2,926	1,310	3,243	2,137	2,437	2,465
June ..	2,922	3,054	1,320	3,248	2,212	2,480	2,528
September ..	2,966	3,244	1,330	3,260	2,273	2,511	2,612
December ..	2,954	3,111	1,339	3,292	2,320	2,526	2,583
1957—March ..	2,973	2,982	1,357	3,323	2,336	2,547	2,550
June ..	2,977	2,997	1,373	3,354	2,368	2,565	2,572

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude (as from and including September quarter, 1955), and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (b) See footnote (b) on page 149.

B. WHOLESALE PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

§ 2. Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index.

Index Numbers, p. 153.—During 1956, supplies and prices of potatoes and onions fluctuated violently upward and downward between abnormally wide limits. These fluctuations were so great as to dominate the movement of the sections of the index in which these items were included, namely, "Foodstuffs and Tobacco" and "Goods Principally Home Produced" as well as the "Total All Groups" index number. In the circumstances of the case, neither seasonal adjustment nor conversion of the index to a "changing weights" formula could be applied to eliminate these transient fluctuations. Accordingly, in order to provide a representative measure of general trend in wholesale prices, the index was reconstructed as from the base period (three years ended June, 1939 = 100), by omitting potatoes and onions.

The table below shows index numbers for each year from the base period and for the twelve months to June, 1957 including the reconstructed indexes mentioned above for "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", "Goods Principally Home Produced" and "Total All Groups".

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Group: Average, 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Foodstuffs and Tobacco. (b)	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home-produced. (b)	Total All Groups. (b)
1936-37	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1939-40	105	115	104	107	116	108	109	99	111	101	104
1940-41	107	137	111	124	126	128	122	107	133	106	114
1941-42	117	151	118	137	135	135	133	116	153	112	124
1942-43	129	167	147	142	138	163	149	126	176	120	136
1943-44	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	130	182	122	140
1944-45	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	132	182	124	141
1945-46	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	136	178	127	142
1946-47	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	139	177	130	144
1947-48	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	154	192	145	159
1948-49	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	174	201	172	180
1949-50	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	196	223	196	204
1950-51	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	229	256	240	244
1951-52	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	276	288	300	297
1952-53	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953-54	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954-55	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1956-57	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357	344
1956-57—											
July	410	232	461	344	314	444	358	330	301	360	343
Aug.	409	240	481	344	315	445	362	329	303	361	344
Sept.	411	241	513	344	312	467	368	329	309	363	347
Oct.	410	241	503	344	306	467	367	325	310	359	344
Nov.	413	241	522	344	306	467	369	319	314	354	342
Dec.	412	241	528	344	307	467	369	321	315	355	343
Jan.	412	240	533	344	307	467	369	321	316	354	343
Feb.	409	244	544	344	298	467	370	324	318	356	345
Mar.	407	244	532	344	296	467	368	324	315	356	344
Apr.	407	244	547	344	289	467	369	324	313	358	344
May	403	244	548	344	289	467	367	317	311	352	340
June	402	240	527	345	288	467	365	328	307	360	345

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in price of all imports. (b) The indexes for "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", "Goods Principally Home-produced" and "Total All Groups" have been reconstructed as from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions.

D. WAGES.

§ 2. Rates of Wage and Hours of Labour.

Weekly Rates of Wage, pp. 159-60.—The following table shows for each State and Australia the weighted average nominal weekly rates of wage payable, and the index numbers based thereon, for adult males and for adult females, at 31st March and 30th June, 1957.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES OF ADULT MALES AND FEMALES.
(WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK AND INDEX NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
	s.	s.	s.	s.	s.	s.	<i>s.</i>
31st March, 1957 ..	327.06	311.32	303.86	295.19	318.78	318.46	315.73
30th June, 1957 ..	329.52	316.64	304.57	306.41	321.16	326.85	319.73
ADULT MALES—INDEX NUMBERS.							
<i>(Base: Weighted Average Wage for Australia (51.25s.), 1911 = 1,000.)</i>							
31st March, 1957 ..	6,382	6,075	5,929	5,760	6,220	6,214	6,161
30th June, 1957 ..	6,430	6,178	5,943	5,979	6,267	6,378	6,239
ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
	s.	s.	s.	s.	s.	s.	<i>s.</i>
31st March, 1957 ..	215.42	216.17	201.21	207.45	203.53	207.82	212.77
30th June, 1957 ..	219.42	222.14	207.91	216.47	209.61	215.35	218.42
ADULT FEMALES—INDEX NUMBERS.							
<i>(Base: Weighted Average for Australia (27.17s.), 30th April, 1914 = 1,000.)</i>							
31st March, 1957 ..	7,929	7,956	7,406	7,635	7,491	7,649	7,831
30th June, 1957 ..	8,076	8,176	7,652	7,967	7,715	7,926	8,039

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

§ 3. Average Weekly Wage Earnings.

Average Weekly Total Wages Paid and Average Earnings, p. 165.—Particulars of average weekly total wages paid and average earnings per employed male unit for the year 1956-57 are shown in the following table:—

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS, 1956-57.

Particulars.	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Average Weekly Total Wages Paid . . . £'000.	20,167	14,111	6,218	4,387	2,979	1,596	49,458
Average Weekly Earnings per Employed Male Unit £	19.20	19.13	16.24	17.70	17.02	17.73	18.43

(a) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State, and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

§ 4. Basic Wages in Australia.

Basic Wage Inquiry, 1956-57.—Following a summons filed on 26th October, 1956, by the Amalgamated Engineering Union and others, the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission in Presidential Session (consisting of Kirby C.J., Wright and Ashburner J.J.) on 13th November, 1956, commenced to hear claims for alteration of the basic wage prescribed in the Metal Trades Award. The claims made were: 1. "For the increase of the basic wage in all its manifestations to the amount it would have reached if there had remained in the award provisions for automatic quarterly adjustments which had been deleted in September, 1953," 2. "For the re-insertion in the award

of the provisions for the automatic quarterly adjustment of the basic wage” In accordance with past practice this application in respect of the Metal Trades Award was treated by the Commission as a general application for variation of the basic wage in all Federal awards.

The claims of the unions were opposed by the respondent employers. The Attorney-General for the Commonwealth intervened in the public interest under section 36 (1.) of the Conciliation and Arbitration Act, but, of the States, only Victoria and South Australia were represented.

The State of South Australia suggested that if, contrary to that State's opposition, an increase in the basic wage were prescribed, the Commission should first decide upon the increase to be added to the six capitals basic wage and then apportion that increase amongst the six capital cities on a basis accurately reflecting the differences in cost of living in the different cities.

After hearing the claims of the parties, the Commission decided that before it could reach a decision it would have to examine in detail the following three main issues : (i) Whether the system of automatic adjustments should be restored, (ii) whether there should be an increase in the basic wage and, if so, of what amount, and (iii) whether the increase should be of a uniform amount.

In the judgment delivered on 29th April, 1957, the Commission granted a uniform increase of 10s. per week in the basic wage for adult males to come into effect from the first pay-period to commence on or after 15th May, 1957. As a result of this decision the basic wage for females was increased by 7s. 6d. with proportionate increases for juniors of both sexes and for apprentices. The Commission advised that it approved an annual review of the basic wage and would be available for this purpose in February, 1958.

The new basic wage rates of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission for adult males payable in the capital city of each State from the beginning of the first pay-period on or after 15th May, 1957 are as follows:—Sydney, £13 3s., Melbourne, £12 15s., Brisbane, £11 18s., Adelaide, £12 11s., Perth, £12 16s., Hobart, £13 2s., Six Capital Cities (weighted average), £12 16s.

State Basic Wage Rates, p. 182.—The table below shows the “basic” weekly wage rates of State industrial tribunals, operative in May and August, 1957.

STATE BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	May, 1957.			August, 1957.		
	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.
		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
New South Wales—(b)						
Metropolitan and Country excluding Broken Hill ..	May, 1957	268 0	201 0	Aug. 1957	270 0	202 6
Broken Hill	May, 1957	267 0	200 0	Aug. 1957	270 0	202 6
Victoria(c)	Aug., 1956	263 0	197 0	Aug., 1956	263 0	197 0
Queensland—						
Southern Division (Eastern District)—including Brisbane(d)	29.4.57	239 0	162 6	29.7.57	241 0	162 6
South Australia(e)	May, 1957	251 0	188 0	May, 1957	251 0	188 0
Western Australia—(f)						
Metropolitan Area	26.4.57	268 10	174 9	19.7.57	272 9	177 3
South-West Land Division ..	26.4.57	266 5	173 2	19.7.57	269 11	175 5
Goldfields and other areas ..	26.4.57	266 7	173 3	19.7.57	267 10	174 1
Tasmania(g)	Aug., 1956	272 0	204 0	Aug., 1956	272 0	204 0

(a) Where dates are not quoted wage rates operate from beginning of first pay-period commencing in month shown. (b) Automatic adjustment discontinued from 23rd October, 1953, following decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on 12th September, 1953 (see p. 169). Automatic adjustment re-introduced from first pay-period in November, 1955. (c) Basic wage rates shown (Melbourne) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. (d) The Queensland Industrial Court each quarter announces the variation, if any, in the basic wage after considering movements in the “C” Series retail price index numbers. (e) The “living wage” declared applies to the whole State except for a 5s. loading at Whyalla. On 9th May, 1957 the Governor proclaimed a 10s. increase in the “living wage” payable from 20th May, 1957 to conform with the increase of 10s. announced on 29th April, 1957 by the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission. (f) The Western Australian Arbitration Court each quarter announces any variations in the basic wage after considering a statement, prepared by the Government Statistician, which shows movements in the “C” Series retail price index numbers. (g) Basic wage rates shown (Hobart) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards.

E. EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

§ 1. Employment.

Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment, pp. 186-8.—The following are particulars of wage and salary earners in civilian employment, excluding rural wage earners, female private domestics, Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp, for the month of June, 1957.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT, JUNE, 1957.

(Excluding Rural Wage Earners, Female Private Domestics, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp.)
(*000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.(a)
Males	789.5	565.1	275.8	182.9	133.6	65.2	2,026.5
Females	302.2	233.5	92.8	62.8	44.2	22.6	762.5
Persons	1,091.7	798.6	368.6	245.7	177.8	87.8	2,789.0

Particulars.	Governmental. (b)	Private Employers.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.
Males	609.6	1,416.9	56.3	722.3	313.0	129.4	214.0
Females	132.9	629.6	1.2	225.6	40.1	121.3	90.3
Persons	742.5	2,046.5	57.5	947.9	353.1	250.7	304.3

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Includes all employees of Governmental Bodies (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (c) Subject to revision.

Government Employees, p. 189.—The number of Government employees in Australia in June, 1957 was as follows:—

Commonwealth Government—males, 165,600; females, 45,600; persons, 211,200;
State Government and Semi-Government Bodies—males, 378,200; females, 80,900; persons, 459,100; Local Government Bodies—males, 65,800; females, 6,400; persons, 72,200; Total—males, 609,600; females, 132,900; persons, 742,500.

§ 4. Industrial Disputes.

States and Territories, p. 192.—The following table shows particulars of industrial disputes in each State and Territory during 1956:—

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: SUMMARY, 1956.

State or Territory.	Number.	Workers Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Estimated Loss in Wages. (£)
		Directly.	Indirectly. (a)	Total.		
New South Wales(b)	878	219,458	6,796	226,254	611,279	2,199,764
Victoria(b)	54	35,594	2,283	37,877	111,665	386,139
Queensland	269	112,409	2,973	115,382	238,812	815,592
South Australia	21	18,527	..	18,527	74,666	259,636
Western Australia	14	9,780	1,341	11,121	31,944	111,504
Tasmania	45	15,969	..	15,969	46,907	172,206
Northern Territory	24	2,770	..	2,770	5,197	18,194
Australian Capital Territory ..	1	83	..	83	913	4,026
Australia(b)	1,306	414,590	13,393	427,983	1,121,383	3,967,061

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Includes two disputes in New South Wales and one in Victoria not settled at the end of 1955.

G. LABOUR ORGANIZATIONS.

§ 1. Labour Organizations in Australia.

Trade Unions, pp. 196-7.—The following tables show the number and membership of trade unions at 31st December, 1956 in each State and Territory and in each industrial group.

TRADE UNIONS: NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP, 1956.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Separate Unions(a) ..	238	162	133	141	157	101	23	34	377
Members ..	740,582	441,327	314,782	147,728	110,447	52,708	2,352	5,953	1,815,899
Percentage Increase in Membership(b) ..	1.2	-1.1	3.0	0.9	-1.4	2.5	-4.4	0.3	0.8

(a) Without interstate duplication. (b) On preceding year.

NOTE.—Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

TRADE UNIONS: INDUSTRIAL GROUPS, AUSTRALIA, 1956.

Industrial Group.	Unions. (a)	Members.	Industrial Group.	Unions. (a)	Members.
Manufacturing—			XI. Shipping, etc. ..	14	39,328
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	6	46,081	XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. ..	3	64,717
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc. ..	15	267,141	XIII. Domestic Hotels, etc. ..	12	38,209
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, etc. ..	35	105,230	XIV. Miscellaneous—		
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	7	105,064	(i) Banking, Insurance and Clerical ..	19	110,253
V. Books, Printing, etc. ..	6	42,464	(ii) Public Service ..	63	209,516
VI. Other Manufacturing	39	87,967	(iii) Retail and Wholesale ..	12	72,635
VII. Building ..	29	145,448	(iv) Municipal, Sewerage and Labouring ..	10	86,231
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, etc. ..	14	47,629	(v) Other Miscellaneous	58	141,902
IX. Railway and Tramway Services ..	25	145,791			
X. Other Transport ..	10	60,293	Total	377	1,815,899

(a) Without interstate duplication.

CHAPTER VII.—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Summary, p. 205.—The following table gives a summary of operations in manufacturing industries during 1955-56.

FACTORIES: 1955-56, SUMMARY.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.	
1. Factories ..	No.	21,602	16,053	5,378	3,908	3,871	1,594	52,406
2. Persons employed(a) ..	"	433,081	355,185	102,473	92,589	50,108	27,062	1,060,498
3. Salaries and wages paid(b) ..	£'000	359,023	286,944	72,460	76,237	37,207	21,598	853,469
4. Value of power, fuel, light, etc., used ..	£'000	66,569	34,598	11,980	12,830	9,053	4,097	139,127
5. " materials used ..	£'000	886,082	674,846	231,584	183,196	96,360	53,751	2,125,819
6. " production(c) ..	£'000	642,136	491,948	128,080	120,936	69,733	45,931	1,498,764
7. " output ..	£'000	1,594,787	1,201,392	371,644	316,962	175,146	103,779	3,763,710
8. " land and buildings ..	£'000	260,268	214,921	52,602	48,353	32,859	46,579	655,582
9. " plant and machinery ..	£'000	298,913	258,295	85,777	63,596	56,534	40,425	803,540

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in line 7 less totals of figures in lines 4 and 5.

Value of Production in Classes of Industry, p. 228.—The following table shows, for the year 1955-56 the value of production in Australia for the various classes of industry.

FACTORIES: VALUE OF PRODUCTION, AUSTRALIA, 1955-56.
(£'000.)

Class of Industry.	Value of Production, 1955-56.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	34,543
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, etc.	31,908
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	119,163
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances	595,362
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	7,479
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	81,450
VII. Skins and Leather ..	16,983
VIII. Clothing ..	102,468
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	197,798
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	78,493
XI. Furniture, Bedding, etc. ..	24,896
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Bookbinding, etc.	99,050
XIII. Rubber ..	25,894
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	2,616
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	28,170
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	52,491
Total ..	1,498,764

CHAPTER X.—TRADE.

NOTE.—Values are expressed in £A. f.o.b., port of shipment.

§ 6. Total Oversea Trade.

Summary of Movements, p. 336.—The following is a summary of the total oversea trade movements of Australia during the year 1956-57:—Merchandise—Exports, £973,396,700, Imports, £716,684,372, Commodity balance, +£256,712,328; Bullion and Specie—Exports, £19,908,250, Imports, £2,312,636, Balance, +£17,595,614; Total balance, +£274,307,942.

§ 7. Direction of Oversea Trade.

According to Countries, p. 337.—The following table shows particulars of the values of total imports and total exports of Australia, including bullion and specie, according to countries of origin or consignment, for the year 1956-57.

TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA: COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN OR CONSIGNMENT, 1956-57.(a)
(£'000.)

Country.	Imports.	Exports.	Country.	Imports.	Exports.
United Kingdom ..	296,251	277,339	China ..	2,115	6,438
Australian Territories—			Czechoslovakia ..	2,442	8,547
New Guinea ..	5,473	8,761	Finland ..	2,779	357
Papua ..	1,150	5,294	France ..	9,297	91,974
Borneo (British) ..	15,224	1,027	Germany, Federal Republic ..	31,079	46,826
Canada ..	22,157	10,681	Indonesia ..	26,356	6,820
Ceylon ..	9,863	10,581	Iran ..	17,803	1,187
Fiji ..	946	4,568	Italy ..	9,111	52,953
Hong Kong ..	2,806	23,432	Japan ..	12,884	138,991
India ..	24,509	28,520	Mexico ..	1,965	4,489
Malaya, Federation of ..	10,875	9,088	Netherlands ..	10,555	5,491
New Zealand ..	11,978	51,085	Norway ..	4,616	1,018
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ..	4,120	2,420	Poland ..	214	12,553
Singapore ..	874	14,129	Sweden ..	11,509	2,440
South Africa, Union of ..	3,635	2,784	Switzerland ..	8,220	2,801
Other Commonwealth Countries	13,194	22,989	United States of America	95,544	65,928
			Other Foreign Countries	15,205	31,708
Total Commonwealth Countries	423,055	472,698	Total Foreign Countries	295,942	520,607
Arabian States ..	23,449	3,174	Total All Countries ..	718,997	993,305
Austria ..	3,337	1,827			
Belgium—Luxemburg	7,462	35,085			

(a) Preliminary.

According to Monetary Areas, p. 338.—The following table shows the trade of Australia during 1956-57 according to monetary areas.

OVERSEA TRADE OF AUSTRALIA ACCORDING TO MONETARY AREAS(a),
1956-57.(b)

Monetary Area.	£'000.	Monetary Area.	£'000.
STERLING.		OTHER NON-STERLING.	
Imports—		Imports—	
From—United Kingdom ..	296,251	From—Countries of the O.E.E.C., including dependencies ..	100,614
Other Sterling Area Coun- tries	126,010	Other Countries ..	73,618
Total	422,261	Total	174,232
Exports—		Exports—	
To—United Kingdom ..	277,339	To—Countries of the O.E.E.C., in- cluding dependencies ..	251,667
Other Sterling Area Countries ..	189,481	Other Countries	188,676
Total	466,820	Total	440,343
Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)	+ 44,559		
DOLLAR.		ALL MONETARY AREAS.	
Imports—		Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)	+ 266,111
From—United States of America ..	95,544		
Canada	22,157		
Other Dollar Area Countries	4,803		
Total	122,504	Total Imports	718,997
Exports—		Total Exports	993,305
To—United States of America ..	65,928		
Canada	10,681		
Other Dollar Area Countri :s ..	9,533		
Total	86,142	Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)	+ 274,308
Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)	- 36,362		

(a) For a list of the countries in each monetary area, see page 338. (b) Preliminary.

§ 11. Classified Summary of Australian Oversea Trade.

Imports and Exports in Statistical Classes, p. 348.—The following table shows the values of total imports and total exports in statistical classes for the year 1956-57:—

TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA : CLASSES, 1956-57.(a)
(£'000.)

Class.	Imports.	Exports.
I. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin	5,689	101,859
II. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin; Non-alcoholic Beverages	25,815	163,160
III. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	1,684	1,954
IV. Tobacco, and preparations thereof	14,235	482
V. Live Animals	755	1,636
VI. Animal Substances (mainly unmanufactured), not Food- stuffs	3,841	510,431
VII. Vegetable Substances and Fibres; Cork and Manufactures; and Synthetic Fibres	19,278	2,863
VIII. Yarns and Manufactured Fibres, Textiles and Apparel—		
(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	25,083	1,535
(b) Textiles	58,598	643
(c) Apparel	7,632	553
IX. Oils, Fats and Waxes	95,546	17,331
X. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes	6,516	1,087
XI. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons	5,671	31,604
XII. Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery—		
(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures	129,868	85,131
(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appli- ances and Equipment	35,564	2,914
(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	99,782	9,455
XIII. Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof—		
(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	16,711	828
(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures	673	3,097

(a) Preliminary.

TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA : CLASSES, 1956-57 (a)—continued.
(£'000.)

Class.	Imports.	Exports.
XIV. Wood and Wicker	17,137	3,737
XV. Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware ..	12,188	1,109
XVI. Paper and Stationery—		
(a) Pulp, Paper and Board	30,865	517
(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery	11,213	2,325
XVII. Sporting Material, Toys, Fancy Goods, Jewellery and Timepieces	6,786	674
XVIII. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments and Appliances and Photographic Goods, n.e.i.	9,990	1,112
XIX. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, Essential Oils and Fertilizers	30,429	5,590
XX. Miscellaneous	45,135	21,770
XXI. Gold and Silver; Bronze Specie	2,313	19,908
Total	718,997	993,305

(a) Preliminary.

Exports of Principal Articles of Australian Produce, p. 350.—The following table shows the quantities and values of the principal articles of Australian produce exported during 1956-57:—

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE, 1956-57.(a)

Article.	Unit of Quantity.	Quantity.	Value.(£'000.)
Arms, ammunition, military, naval and air force stores .. .. .	..	..	1,484
Barley	ton	591,548	12,745
Butter .. .. .	..	76,265	25,824
Cheese .. .. .	..	17,025	3,775
Chemicals, drugs, fertilizers .. .. .	..	..	5,590
Flour (wheaten), plain white	ton (b)	669,385	21,669
Fruit—			
Dried	ton	46,305	6,586
Fresh, including frozen	'000 bus.	6,418	8,585
Preserved in airtight containers	ton	59,818	10,078
Gold	'000 fine oz.	908.	14,226
Hides and skins .. .. .	..	..	24,269
Lead, pig	ton	167,380	22,915
Machines and machinery (except dynamo electrical) .. .. .	..	..	93,123
Meats preserved by cold process—			
Beef and veal	ton	149,396	23,271
Lamb .. .. .	..	23,778	4,773
Mutton .. .. .	..	10,273	1,322
Pork .. .. .	..	642	271
Meats, tinned .. .. .	..	50,086	13,175
Milk and cream	'000 lb.	132,880	9,654
Ores and concentrates	ton	637,380	26,662
Sugar (cane) .. .. .	..	675,282	28,780
Wheat .. .. .	..	2,440,355	60,058
Wool (c)	'000 lb.	1,407,533	483,704
All other articles .. .. .	..	..	77,104
Total Exports (Australian Produce) .. .. .	..	..	979,643

(a) Preliminary.

(b) 2,000 lb.

(c) Quantity in terms of greasy wool.

§ 15. Australian Index of Export Prices.

Monthly Index (Fixed Weights), p. 356.—The following are the export price index numbers for the year 1956-57.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES: AUSTRALIA, 1956-57.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES, GROUPS OF COMMODITIES AND ALL GROUPS (COMBINED).

(Base of each section: Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals (a)	Meats (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups.	
											Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.
July ..	490	323	272	549	343	446	320	355	250	178	420	403
August ..	520	326	261	558	347	443	322	352	244	178	434	417
September ..	566	326	284	562	353	439	323	360	243	178	460	441
October ..	551	330	260	559	361	436	323	354	245	178	451	432
November ..	581	328	252	569	357	439	316	352	247	178	465	445
December ..	588	329	242	566	g 360	435	315	361	237	178	g 467	g 447
January ..	596	332	227	570	g 385	439	311	359	226	178	g 472	g 451
February ..	611	335	222	557	g 388	473	(f)309	360	234	178	g 479	g 458
March ..	596	327	218	555	g 372	568	309	359	248	178	g 471	g 451
April ..	618	321	224	548	g 382	620	(f)321	357	234	178	g 483	g 462
May ..	626	319	256	495	g 398	631	327	359	238	178	g 488	g 467
June ..	596	322	284	451	g 373	642	329	362	239	178	g 473	g 452
Year ..	578	327	250	545	g 368	501	319	357	240	178	g 464	g 444

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanas, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calfskins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the overseas premium markets such price has been used in the index. (f) Nominal. (g) Subject to revision.

§ 20. The Australian Balance of Payments.

NOTE.—Further details of balance of payments estimates will be found in *The Australian Balance of Payments, 1928-29 to 1951-52* and in the mimeographed publication *The Australian Balance of Payments 1952-53 to 1956-57* obtainable from the Commonwealth Statistician.

Australia's Balance of Payments on Current and Capital Account, pp. 362-5.—The following table shows in summary form revised estimates for 1954-55 and 1955-56 and preliminary estimates for 1956-57.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS: SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA.

(£A. million.)

Particulars.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.(a)
CURRENT ACCOUNT.			
(Credit items +, Debit items -)			
Exports f.o.b. (excluding gold)	+761.4	+772.3	+979.8
Imports f.o.b. (excluding gold)	-846.9	-819.5	-717.4
Trade Balance	-85.5	-47.2	+262.4
Invisible Balance	-173.3	-188.0	-182.8
Balance on Current Account	-258.8	-235.2	+79.6
CAPITAL ITEMS.			
(Net borrowing +, net lending -)			
Official loans and other capital transactions	+15.1	+37.3	+0.8
Undistributed income (net)	+27.0	+36.7	+41.0
Other private capital movements and balancing items	+74.3	+87.9	+90.1
Movement in international reserves (increase +)	-142.4	-73.3	+211.5

(a) Preliminary.

Australia's Balance of Payments on Current Account—Various Countries and Monetary Areas, p. 364.—Summarized estimates of Australia's regional balance of payments in 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57 (preliminary estimate) are given in the following table.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ON CURRENT ACCOUNT, VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND MONETARY AREAS(a): AUSTRALIA.

(£A. million.)

Particulars.	Gold production.	Sterling Area.		Dollar Area.			Other Non-Sterling.		Total.
		United Kingdom.	Other.	U.S.A.	Canada.	Other.	O.E.E.C.	Rest of World. (b)	
1954-55.									
Exports f.o.b. .. .. .	..	288.6	131.8	52.7	10.5	6.4	185.7	85.7	761.4
Imports f.o.b. .. .. .	..	-378.7	-141.6	-108.1	-23.8	-1.2	-122.3	-71.2	-846.9
Invisibles (net)	16.2	-85.2	-21.4	-45.7	-9.1	0.3	-12.6	-15.8	-173.4
Balance on Current Account	16.2	-175.3	-31.2	-101.1	-22.4	5.5	50.8	-1.3	-258.8
		-206.5		-118.0			49.5		
1955-56.									
Exports f.o.b. .. .. .	..	257.1	131.4	55.0	10.9	9.0	187.5	121.4	772.3
Imports f.o.b. .. .. .	..	-355.3	-128.1	-98.7	-23.3	-4.4	-125.8	-83.9	-819.5
Invisibles (net)	15.6	-76.1	-31.6	-45.8	-11.5	-1.1	-15.0	-22.5	-188.0
Balance on Current Account	15.6	-174.3	-28.3	-89.5	-23.9	3.5	46.7	15.0	-235.2
		-202.6		-109.9			61.7		
1956-57.(c)									
Exports f.o.b. .. .. .	..	278.1	175.6	65.2	10.7	8.8	251.1	190.3	979.8
Imports f.o.b. .. .. .	..	-296.0	-122.8	-96.8	-22.2	-4.7	-100.5	-74.4	-717.4
Invisibles (net)	15.9	-56.4	-36.4	-56.6	-7.0	-0.6	-12.3	-29.4	-182.8
Balance on Current Account	15.9	-74.3	16.4	-88.2	-18.5	3.5	138.3	86.5	79.6
		-57.9		-103.2			224.8		

(a) For a list of the countries included in each monetary area see page 338.

(b) Includes international bodies.

(c) Preliminary.

NOTE.—Minus sign (-) denotes debits; other items are credits.

Australia's Balance of Payments with the Dollar Area, p. 368.—The following table presents estimates of Australia's dollar balance of payments in revised form for 1954-55 and 1955-56 and preliminary estimates for 1956-57:—

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WITH THE DOLLAR AREA: AUSTRALIA.
(United States \$ million.)

Particulars.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57. (a)
CURRENT ACCOUNT.			
1. Exports, f.o.b., to United States of America and Canada	+ 142	+ 148	+ 170
2. Imports, f.o.b., from United States of America and Canada	- 295	- 273	- 266
3. Trade balance with United States of America and Canada	- 153	- 125	- 96
4. Trade balance with other Dollar Area	+ 11	+ 10	+ 9
5. <i>Trade Balance with the Dollar Area</i>	<u>- 142</u>	<u>- 115</u>	<u>- 87</u>
6. Freight	- 33	- 41	- 45
7. Other transportation	- 3	- 3	- 3
8. Travel expenditure	- 3	- 4	- 5
9. Business expenses of Australian firms	- 5	- 5	- 5
10. Film remittances	- 6	- 6	- 6
11. Profits and dividends remitted	- 29	- 26	- 29
12. Undistributed income (net)	- 37	- 43	- 48
13. Public authority interest	- 7	- 6	- 6
14. Other debits	- 16	- 15	- 17
15. Other credits	+ 16	+ 18	+ 20
16. <i>Balance on Invisibles</i>	<u>- 123</u>	<u>- 131</u>	<u>- 144</u>
17. <i>Balance on Current Account (5+16)</i>	<u>- 265</u>	<u>- 246</u>	<u>- 231</u>
18. Other Current Transactions	+ 18	+ 14	+ 24
19. <i>Dollar Deficit on Current Account (17+18)</i>	<u>- 247</u>	<u>- 232</u>	<u>- 207</u>
CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING DOLLARS.			
20. Public authority borrowing	+ 42	+ 60	+ 7
21. Undistributed income (see item 12)	+ 37	+ 43	+ 48
22. Other identified transactions	+ 55	+ 29	} + 54
23. Balancing item	+ 29	+ 14	
24. <i>Balance on Capital Transactions</i>	<u>+ 163</u>	<u>+ 146</u>	<u>+ 109</u>
25. <i>Total Dollar Deficit (-) (19+24)</i>	<u>- 84</u>	<u>- 86</u>	<u>- 98</u>
DOLLAR FINANCING.			
26. Gold sales to United Kingdom .. .. .	..	..	+ 56
27. Dollars repaid to I.M.F. (net) (-)	- 26	..	..
28. Estimated dollar drawings on Sterling Area Central Reserves (+)	+ 121	+ 90	+ 52
29. Movement in Australian dollar balances (increase -)	- 11	- 4	- 10
30. Total	+ 84	+ 86	+ 98

(a) Preliminary.

NOTE.—In current and capital account, + signifies a net receipt (exports, etc., or net borrowing); - signifies a net payment (imports, etc., or net lending).

CHAPTER XI.—TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION.

PART I.—TRANSPORT.

F. MOTOR VEHICLES.

Motor Vehicle Registrations, p. 404.—Motor vehicles registered at 30th June, 1957 and new motor vehicles registered during 1956–57 were as follows:—

MOTOR VEHICLES: REGISTRATIONS, 1956-57.

State or Territory.	Number of Motor Vehicles Registered at 30th June, 1957.(a)				Number of New Motor Vehicles Registered, 1956-57.(a)			
	Motor Cars.(b)	Com-mercial Vehicles.(c)	Motor Cycles.	Total.	Motor Cars.(b)	Com-mercial Vehicles.(c)	Motor Cycles.	Total.
New South Wales ..	515,941	255,580	35,567	807,088	51,513	22,463	2,919	76,895
Victoria(d) ..	527,859	155,100	25,623	708,582	47,603	13,821	1,999	63,423
Queensland ..	194,726	130,493	20,287	345,506	19,024	9,937	1,659	30,620
South Australia ..	164,210	66,198	19,799	250,207	15,689	5,702	1,441	22,832
Western Australia ..	103,788	66,030	13,146	182,964	9,321	4,418	1,192	14,931
Tasmania ..	52,716	22,893	4,391	80,000	5,307	1,981	341	7,629
Northern Territory ..	2,419	3,574	664	6,657	287	389	60	736
Aust. Capital Territory ..	7,674	2,708	461	10,843	951	256	44	1,251
Total ..	1,569,333	702,576	119,938	2,391,847	149,695	58,967	9,655	218,317

(a) Excludes Defence Service vehicles, trailers, road tractors, etc., and dealer's plates. (b) Includes taxis and hire cars. (c) Includes lorries, vans, buses and utilities. (d) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently, motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles registered for private use.

G. ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

Total Accidents Recorded, p. 406.—The following table is a summary of the total number of accidents (known to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares during 1955-56, the number involving casualties and the number of persons killed or injured in each State and the Commonwealth excluding the Northern Territory.

ACCIDENTS (KNOWN TO THE POLICE) WHICH OCCURRED IN PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES: ACCIDENTS RECORDED AND CASUALTIES, 1955-56.

State or Territory.	Total Accidents Recorded.(a)	Accidents Involving Casualties.	Casualties.	
			Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.(b)
New South Wales	38,823	12,917	808	17,047
Victoria	14,781	10,606	582	13,483
Queensland	25,557	7,116	298	9,170
South Australia	12,530	2,886	167	3,709
Western Australia	11,312	3,211	185	4,098
Tasmania	2,259	874	72	1,046
Australian Capital Territory	376	156	7	220
Total	105,638	37,766	2,119	48,773

(a) Total accidents causing death or injury to persons or, except in Tasmania, damage exceeding £10 to property. (b) Persons injured to an extent requiring surgical or medical treatment.

PART II.—COMMUNICATION.

A. POSTS; TELEGRAPHS; TELEPHONES; CABLE AND RADIO COMMUNICATION.

§ 5. Cable and Radio Communication.

Radio-communication Stations Authorized, p. 428.—The following radio-communication stations were authorized in Australia and the External Territories at 30th June, 1957:—Transmitting and receiving stations—amateur, 3,423 (64); aeronautical, 97 (10); coast, 74 (13); land, 3,539 (346); mobile (general), 16,189 (209) (including ship, 1,580; aircraft, 323; other unclassifiable, 583); and miscellaneous, 113. In addition, there were 373 fixed and 61 mobile (general) stations for the purpose of receiving only. The figures in parentheses refer to the External Territories and are included in the totals preceding them.

B. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION.

§ 2. Broadcasting.

Broadcasting Stations, p. 430.—The following table shows the number of broadcasting stations in operation at 30th June, 1957:—

BROADCASTING STATIONS, 30th JUNE, 1957.

Type of Station.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Papua and New Guinea.	Total.
National—										
Medium Frequency	15	5	12	7	7	4	2	2	1	55
Short-wave ..	1	3	2	..	2	..	..	..	1	9
Commercial ..	37	20	20	8	14	8	..	1	..	108

Broadcast Listeners' Licences, p. 434.—Licences in force at 30th June, 1957 were as follows:—New South Wales, 777,072; Victoria, 554,909; Queensland, 312,527; South Australia, 234,120; Western Australia, 155,166; Tasmania, 73,459; Australia, 2,107,253. Figures for the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory have been included with those for South Australia and New South Wales respectively.

§ 3. Television, p. 434.

Television Viewers' Licences.—Licences in force at 30th September, 1957 were as follows:—New South Wales, 50,563; Victoria, 69,070; Tasmania, 18; Australia, 119,651.

CHAPTER XII.—EDUCATION.

§ 2. Government Schools.

Number of Schools, Teachers and Pupils, p. 442.—The following table gives a summary of particulars relating to government schools in 1955.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS(a), 1955.

State or Territory.	Schools open at end of year.	Teachers Employed (Excluding Teachers in Training).	Teachers in Training.	Net Enrolment.
New South Wales(b)	2,595	16,214	3,159	525,298
Victoria	2,016	11,810	2,669	(c) 332,600
Queensland	1,557	6,847	1,746	196,848
South Australia	665	4,670	548	129,407
Western Australia	487	3,243	831	(d) 94,718
Tasmania	291	2,183	390	(e)
Northern Territory	8	86	..	1,987
Australia	7,619	45,053	9,343	(e)

(a) Excludes Senior Technical Colleges. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Estimated. (d) Average weekly enrolment. (e) Not yet available.

Average Enrolment and Attendance of Pupils, p. 443.—The following tables gives a summary of average enrolment and attendance of pupils in government schools in 1955.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS(a): AVERAGE ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE, 1955.

State or Territory.	Average Weekly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance to Enrolment.
New South Wales(b)	490,595	439,187	89.52
Victoria	317,836	289,331	91.03
Queensland	(c) 192,163	171,118	89.05
South Australia	(d) 124,634	115,661	92.80
Western Australia	94,718	87,699	92.59
Tasmania	53,129	49,053	92.33
Northern Territory	1,760	1,579	89.72
Australia	1,274,835	1,153,628	90.49

(a) Excludes Senior Technical Colleges. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Census enrolment 1st August. (d) Average daily enrolment.

Expenditure on Government Schools, pp. 444.—The following table gives a summary of particulars of net expenditure on maintenance of government schools, and on government school buildings in 1955.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS(a): NET EXPENDITURE, 1955.
(£.)

State or Territory.	Net Expenditure on Maintenance.	Net Expenditure on Buildings.	Total Net Expenditure on Government Schools.
New South Wales(b)(c)	24,901,349	7,366,160	32,267,509
Victoria(d)(e)	14,453,861	4,660,276	19,114,137
Queensland(e)	6,978,485	1,286,620	8,265,105
South Australia(c)	5,480,363	1,366,399	6,846,762
Western Australia(e)	5,143,030	1,458,278	6,601,308
Tasmania(c)	(f)	(f)	(f)
Northern Territory(e)	125,062	15,608	140,670
Australia	(f)	(f)	(f)

(a) Excludes Senior Technical Colleges. (b) Gross figures, receipts not being available.
Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Year ended 31st December. (d) Excludes Junior Technical Schools. (e) Year ended 30th June. (f) Not yet available.

CHAPTER XIII.—PUBLIC JUSTICE.

§ 2. Lower (Magistrates') Courts. § 3. Higher (Judges') Courts,

§ 4. Civil Courts. § 5. Police and Prisons.

Convictions, Bankruptcies, Police, Prisons, pp. 475, 476, 479, 485, 487.—The following table gives a summary of the more important statistics of this chapter for the latest year for which information is available.

PUBLIC JUSTICE: SUMMARY, 1955.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld. (a)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Aust.
Convictions for serious crime, magistrates' courts .. No.	19,803	7,318	3,546	(a)1,867	4,368	1,127	177	134	38,340
Convictions for drunkenness .. No.	80,457	19,437	23,947	(a)4,765	5,720	757	474	231	135,788
Convictions at higher courts—									
Offences against the person .. No.	(a) 490	290	149	143	64	43	24	4	1,207
Offences against property .. No.	(a) 1,095	670	227	159	190	94	16	16	2,467
Other offences .. No.	(a) 46	83	6	38	6	17	15	..	211
Total	(a) 1,631	1,043	382	340	260	154	55	20	3,885
Bankruptcies(a) No.	360	200	155	111	100	49	2	(b)	977
Liabilities .. £	1,162,001	764,083	461,874	338,481	315,157	121,198	3,638	(b)	3,166,432
Assets .. £	789,226	365,151	338,257	241,597	237,222	78,851	7,413	(b)	2,057,717
Police .. No.	(c) 4,817	(c)3,109	(c) 2,355	(d)1,086	(d) 964	(d) 471	(c) 62	(c) 60	12,924
Prisons .. No.	(d) 16	(c) 12	(c) 7	(d) 16	(d) 19	(d) 2	(c) 2	..	74
Prisoners in Gaol No.	(d) 2,238	(c)1,295	(c) 580	(c) 413	(d) 386	(d) 163	(c) 50	..	5,125

(a) Year 1954–55.
30th June.

(b) Included in New South Wales.

(c) At 31st December.

(d) At

CHAPTER XIV.—PUBLIC HEALTH AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS.

C. INSTITUTIONS.

§ 2. Public Hospitals (other than Mental Hospitals).

Number, Staff, etc., pp. 515–6.—The following table gives a summary of information relating to public hospitals in each State for the year 1955–56:—

PUBLIC HOSPITALS: SUMMARY, 1955–56.

Item.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Hospitals	264	126	140	65	95	26	4	1	721
Medical Staff ..	4,194	1,915	761	575	416	191	13	38	8,103
Nursing Staff ..	11,035	7,671	4,563	2,062	2,376	1,153	97	113	29,070
Beds and cots ..	20,200	11,819	10,705	3,617	4,291	2,300	368	250	53,550
In-patients (cases) treated year during ..	414,132	222,986	200,369	69,295	81,271	32,903	6,224	5,488	1,032,668
In-patients at end of year	14,267	8,172	7,139	2,612	2,570	1,640	217	156	36,773
Average daily number resident ..	14,252	8,252	(a)	2,530	2,648	1,636	226	154	(a)
Out-patients treated ..	1,077,618	514,423	583,061	109,196	121,060	111,008	63,530	7,661	2,587,557

PUBLIC HOSPITALS: SUMMARY, 1955-56—*continued.*

Item.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
£'000.									
<i>Revenue</i> —									
Government aid ..	14,580	11,825	6,714	4,107	3,749	1,600	381	209	49,162
Commonwealth Hospital benefits, etc. ..		2,333	2,427	658	517		37	25	
Municipal Aid ..	..	22	129	114	..	..	..	..	265
Public subscriptions, legacies, etc. ..	133	1,190	3	125	211	1	..	..	1,663
Fees ..	6,793	3,183	471	617	902	352	51	41	12,410
Other ..	299	244	85	230	92	5	..	..	955
<i>Total</i> ..	(b)21,805	18,797	9,829	5,851	5,471	(b)1,958	469	275	64,455
<i>Expenditure</i> —									
Salaries and Wages ..	14,638	8,550	5,376	2,501	2,728	1,436	289	147	35,665
Upkeep and repair of buildings and grounds ..	779	463	278	309	239	42	112	12	2,234
All other ordinary ..	7,190	6,371	4,189	1,391	1,827	777	57	88	21,890
Capital ..	5,213	4,440	2,387	1,717	627	(c)	11	29	(c)
<i>Total</i> ..	27,820	19,824	12,230	5,918	5,421	(c)	469	276	(c)

(a) Not available.

(b) Does not include income for capital expenditure.

(c) Not yet available.

CHAPTER XV.—WELFARE SERVICES.

A. COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

§ 2. Commonwealth Expenditure on Social and Health Services.

States, p. 522.—The following table shows particulars of payments of social and health services in each State during 1956-57.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, 1956-57. (£'000.)

Service.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Over-seas.	Total.
<i>Social Benefits</i> —										
Age and Invalid Pensions ..	45,296	26,773	16,332	9,622	7,254	3,698	38	122	75	109,210
Child Endowment ..	20,759	15,168	8,836	5,250	4,461	2,173	164	217	9	57,037
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service ..	145	175	64	91	71	22	..	..	..	568
Funeral Benefits ..	136	94	48	30	23	10	..	..	..	341
Maternity Allowances ..	1,252	948	533	319	271	131	9	17	2	3,482
Sickness Benefits ..	640	340	234	136	97	47	1	4	..	1,499
Special Benefits(a) ..	116	155	80	26	14	13	..	1	..	405
Tuberculosis Allowances ..	527	361	244	159	92	78	..	..	..	1,461
Unemployment Benefits ..	670	531	419	114	337	23	..	2	..	2,096
Widows' Pensions ..	3,642	2,035	1,504	735	612	303	6	15	10	8,862
<i>National Health Services</i> —										
Hospital Benefits ..	4,046	2,359	1,443	815	772	320	34	24	..	9,813
Medical Benefits ..	2,716	1,434	665	590	601	140	..	..	..	6,146
Medical Benefits for Pensioners ..	1,380	734	366	261	194	58	..	6	..	2,999
Nutrition of Children ..	1,093	599	386	199	158	155	1	16	..	2,607
Pharmaceutical Benefits ..	3,994	2,757	1,321	843	698	244	..	67	..	9,924
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners ..	825	378	279	162	114	35	..	..	..	1,793
Tuberculosis Campaign maintenance payments ..	1,607	1,092	1,080	319	470	171	..	16	..	4,755
Miscellaneous ..	42	36	75	7	13	19	10	(b) 723	..	925
<i>Total</i> ..	88,886	55,969	33,909	19,678	16,252	7,640	263	1,230	96	223,923

(a) Includes payments to migrants.

(b) Includes an amount of £650,642 for the production of poliomyelitis vaccine.

§ 3. Age and Invalid Pensions, § 6. Maternity Allowances, § 7. Child Endowment, § 8. Widows' Pensions, § 9. Unemployment, Sickness and Special Benefits.

General, pp. 523-35.—The following table gives a summary of age, invalid and widows' pensions, maternity allowances, child endowment, and unemployment, sickness and special benefits for the year 1956-57:—

SOCIAL SERVICES: SUMMARY, 1956-57.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Age Pensioners at end of year—									
Males	67,003	35,351	26,863	14,017	11,938	4,844	70	222	160,308
Females	118,603	83,437	43,075	29,628	20,254	10,003	68	405	305,473
Persons	185,606	118,788	69,938	43,648	32,192	14,847	138	627	465,781
Invalid Pensioners at end of year—									
Males	25,353	10,807	7,176	2,736	2,850	1,422	31	48	50,423
Females	17,209	8,400	5,937	2,637	2,189	1,390	12	39	37,813
Persons	42,562	19,207	13,133	5,373	5,039	2,812	43	87	88,236
Maternity Allowances—									
Claims paid during year	77,387	59,648	32,882	19,929	16,853	8,166	579	1,067	216,617
Child Endowment at end of year—									
Family claims in force	518,942	373,121	199,689	127,356	102,157	48,743	2,705	5,297	1,378,169
Endowed children	1,081,141	791,026	453,717	274,291	227,575	111,367	5,881	11,717	2,957,046
Widows' Pensions at end of year—									
Pensions in force	18,389	10,879	7,544	3,783	3,243	1,476	24	78	45,416
Class "A" pensions in force(b)	8,616	4,619	3,659	1,689	1,237	772	12	44	20,648
Unemployment, Sickness and Special Benefits—									
Persons on benefit at end of year—									
Unemployment Benefit—									
Males	4,713	4,012	2,306	730	2,206	351	..	6	14,324
Females	1,517	1,061	545	324	235	59	..	6	3,747
Persons	6,230	5,073	2,851	1,054	2,441	410	..	12	18,071
Sickness Benefit—									
Males	2,130	1,147	855	459	366	188	1	14	5,160
Females	755	398	234	149	88	51	1	9	1,685
Persons	2,885	1,545	1,089	608	454	239	2	23	6,845
Special Benefit—(c)									
Males	220	86	98	57	27	15	..	1	504
Females	447	445	326	100	67	78	..	4	1,467
Persons	667	531	424	157	94	93	..	5	1,971
Total—									
Males	7,063	5,245	3,259	1,246	2,599	554	1	21	19,988
Females	2,719	1,904	1,105	573	390	188	1	19	6,899
Persons	9,782	7,149	4,364	1,819	2,989	742	2	40	26,887
Admissions to Benefit—									
Unemployment Benefit—									
Males	23,086	20,316	18,698	5,448	12,918	1,113	12	131	81,722
Females	5,640	3,622	2,853	1,062	916	171	1	43	14,308
Persons	28,726	23,938	21,551	6,510	13,834	1,284	13	174	96,030
Sickness Benefit—									
Males	15,642	8,827	7,734	4,023	3,226	1,441	46	78	41,017
Females	5,163	2,923	1,809	875	664	307	7	26	11,774
Persons	20,805	11,750	9,543	4,898	3,890	1,748	53	104	52,791
Special Benefit—(c)									
Males	926	369	684	234	77	62	..	4	2,356
Females	445	681	227	68	44	44	1	11	1,521
Persons	1,371	1,050	911	302	121	106	1	15	3,877
Total—(c)									
Males	39,654	29,512	27,116	9,705	16,221	2,616	58	213	125,095
Females	11,248	7,226	4,889	2,005	1,624	522	9	80	27,603
Persons	50,902	36,738	32,005	11,710	17,845	3,138	67	293	152,698
Benefits paid—									
Unemployment	£ 669,798	£ 530,959	£ 418,997	£ 113,653	£ 336,846	£ 23,045	£ 105	£ 2,633	£ 2,096,036
Sickness	£ 639,342	£ 339,414	£ 234,000	£ 136,332	£ 96,907	£ 47,243	£ 1,361	£ 3,927	£ 1,498,526
Special (d)	£ 116,087	£ 155,126	£ 80,237	£ 25,459	£ 14,055	£ 13,030	£ 33	£ 838	£ 404,865
Total(d)	£ 1,425,227	£ 1,025,499	£ 733,234	£ 275,444	£ 447,808	£ 83,318	£ 1,499	£ 7,398	£ 3,999,427

(a) Includes claims paid overseas.

(b) Pensions paid to widows who maintain at least one child

under 16 year of age.

(c) Excludes migrants.

(d) Includes payments to migrants.

CHAPTER XVI.—POPULATION.

§ 3. Growth and Distribution of Population.

Growth of Population, pp. 543-4.—The following table shows the estimated population of each State and Territory at 30th June, 1957:—

ESTIMATED POPULATION, 30th JUNE, 1957.

(EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T. (a)	Aust.
Males ..	1,819,566	1,348,904	716,507	443,656	355,720	168,983	11,065	20,102	4,884,503
Females ..	1,803,340	1,324,594	680,233	429,467	336,162	158,912	8,105	17,763	4,758,576
Persons ..	3,622,906	2,673,498	1,396,740	873,123	691,882	327,895	19,170	37,865	9,643,079

(a) Estimates based on the June, 1957 Population Count of Canberra.

§ 4. Mean Population, p. 550.

The estimated mean population (excluding full-blood aboriginals) of each State and Territory for the financial year ended 30th June, 1957 is as follows:—New South Wales, 3,588,033; Victoria, 2,640,105; Queensland, 1,380,466; South Australia, 861,373; Western Australia, 684,518; Tasmania, 326,137; Northern Territory, 18,340; Australian Capital Territory, 36,013; Australia, 9,534,985.

§ 7. General Characteristics.

Age Distribution, p. 560.—The following table shows the estimated population of Australia at 30th June, 1956, in five-year age groups.

POPULATION: ESTIMATED AGE DISTRIBUTION, AUSTRALIA, 30th JUNE, 1956.

(EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

Age Group (Years).	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Age Group (Years).	Males.	Females.	Persons.
0-4 ..	512,477	489,451	1,001,928	40-44 ..	337,119	322,780	659,899
5-9 ..	500,222	477,717	977,939	45-49 ..	301,301	277,299	578,600
10-14 ..	400,447	383,129	783,576	50-54 ..	253,122	233,797	486,919
15-19 ..	326,757	309,966	636,723	55-59 ..	211,710	216,250	427,960
20-24 ..	312,852	284,778	597,630	60-64 ..	175,863	200,022	375,885
25-29 ..	370,176	330,665	700,841	65 and over	353,039	441,244	794,283
30-34 ..	383,544	356,163	739,707				
35-39 ..	338,938	326,730	665,668				
				Total ..	4,777,567	4,649,991	9,427,558

§ 12. Citizenship and Naturalization.

Certificates Granted, p. 582.—The number of certificates granted under the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948-1955 during the year 1956 was 25,585. Former nationalities of the recipients were: Polish, 4,509; Italian, 2,902; Hungarian, 2,421; Yugoslav, 2,371; Latvian, 2,263; Dutch, 2,019; Czechoslovak, 1,687; Ukrainian, 1,520; Other nationalities, 5,893.

CHAPTER XVII.—VITAL STATISTICS.

§ 2. Marriages.

Age and Conjugal Condition at Marriage, p. 587.—A summary of the previous conjugal condition of bridegrooms and brides in 1956 in relation to age at marriage is as follows.

AGE AND CONJUGAL CONDITION OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES:
AUSTRALIA, 1956.

Age at Marriage (Years).	Bridegrooms.				Brides.			
	Bachelors.	Widowers.	Divorced.	Total.	Spinsters.	Widows.	Divorced.	Total.
Under 20 ..	2,782	..	1	2,783	17,343	2	5	17,350
20-24 ..	29,464	12	42	29,518	31,477	79	251	31,807
25-29 ..	19,974	66	486	20,526	8,665	183	1,007	9,855
30-34 ..	6,831	135	941	7,907	3,033	307	1,206	4,546
35-39 ..	2,448	213	840	3,501	1,277	373	957	2,607
40-44 ..	1,268	256	746	2,270	712	486	669	1,867
45-49 ..	713	345	578	1,636	450	507	446	1,403
50-54 ..	415	388	339	1,142	255	387	227	869
55-59 ..	198	459	216	873	146	361	94	601
60-64 ..	101	492	93	686	69	342	48	459
65 and over ..	114	740	84	938	61	332	23	416
Total ..	64,308	3,106	4,366	71,780	63,488	3,359	4,933	71,780

In 1956 the proportional distribution (per cent.) of bridegrooms and brides according to previous conjugal condition was:—

Bridegrooms: Bachelors, 89.59; Widowers, 4.33; Divorced, 6.08.

Brides: Spinsters, 88.45; Widows, 4.68; Divorced, 6.87.

The average age in 1956 of bridegrooms was 28.66 years and of brides 25.34 years.

Celebration of Marriages, p. 589.—The number of marriages in 1956 celebrated by ministers of religion in the various denominations or by civil officers was as follows:—

MARRIAGES IN EACH DENOMINATION, 1956.

Denomination.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.	
									No.	Pro- portion of Total.
Church of England	9,217	5,061	2,680	1,336	1,516	970	26	102	20,908	29.13
Roman Catholic ..	6,923	5,167	2,466	1,042	1,199	481	41	94	17,413	24.26
Methodist ..	2,687	2,534	1,590	1,543	603	408	17	11	9,393	13.08
Presbyterian ..	2,995	3,462	1,848	261	351	136	14	24	9,091	12.66
Greek Orthodox ..	426	581	93	205	68	4	..	1	1,378	1.92
Baptist ..	327	302	172	142	49	56	..	5	1,053	1.47
Lutheran ..	100	237	275	406	18	2	1	4	1,043	1.45
Congregational ..	251	255	91	225	123	48	..	1	994	1.38
Church of Christ..	86	346	86	195	65	14	..	4	796	1.11
Salvation Army ..	99	102	103	51	20	15	7	2	399	0.56
Seventh-Day Ad- ventist ..	85	28	34	17	16	8	..	1	189	0.26
Other Christian ..	159	204	167	31	142	30	23	..	756	1.06
Hebrew ..	113	137	1	3	16	..	..	..	270	0.38
Total ..	23,468	18,416	9,606	5,457	4,186	2,172	129	249	63,683	88.72
Civil Officers ..	3,845	1,721	328	820	894	429	31	29	8,097	11.28
Grand Total ..	27,313	20,137	9,934	6,277	5,080	2,601	160	278	71,780	100.00

PROPORTION OF TOTAL.

(Per cent.)

Denominational ..	85.92	91.45	96.70	86.94	82.40	83.51	80.63	89.57	88.72
Civil ..	14.08	8.55	3.30	13.06	17.60	16.49	19.37	10.43	11.28

§ 4. Fertility and Reproduction.

Number of Live Births and Confinements, p. 590.—A summary of live births and confinements registered in 1956 is shown in the following table. The table also shows the confinements resulting in one or more live births. The figures exclude cases where the births were of still-born children only.

LIVE BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS, 1956.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
LIVE BIRTHS.									
Single Births	73,966	57,011	31,706	18,564	16,525	7,910	544	1,056	207,282
Twins	1,726	1,370	688	394	385	194	12	21	4,790
Triplets	18	12	15	6	6	..	..	..	57
Quadruplets	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Males	39,209	30,115	16,702	9,708	8,870	4,128	284	573	109,589
Females	36,505	28,278	15,707	9,256	8,046	3,976	272	504	102,544
Total	75,714	58,393	32,409	18,964	16,916	8,104	556	1,077	212,133

STILLBIRTHS ASSOCIATED WITH MULTIPLE BIRTHS INCLUDED ABOVE.

Twins	46	12	16	..	13	6	..	1	94
Triplets	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

CONFINEMENTS RESULTING IN ABOVE BIRTHS.

Nuptial	71,587	55,751	30,251	18,130	15,932	7,693	472	1,048	200,864
Ex-nuptial	3,273	1,955	1,812	633	794	317	78	19	8,881
Total	74,860	57,706	32,063	18,763	16,726	8,010	550	1,067	209,745

Maculinity of Live Births, p. 595.—The masculinity of live births registered in 1956 was as follows:—Total births, 106.87; ex-nuptial births, 107.16.

Ex-nuptial Live Births, p. 595.—The following table shows the number of ex-nuptial live births and the proportion of total live births in each State and Territory in 1956:—

EX-NUPTIAL LIVE BIRTHS: NUMBER AND PROPORTION, 1956.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Number	3,305	1,979	1,833	639	796	320	78	19	8,969
Proportion of Total Births	4.37	3.39	5.66	3.37	4.71	3.95	14.03	1.76	4.23

§ 5. Mortality.

Infant Deaths and Mortality Rates, p. 610.—The following table shows the number of deaths under one year of age and infant mortality rates for 1956:—

INFANT DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES(a), 1956.

Age at Death.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBERS.									
Under 4 weeks ..	1,285	825	530	257	269	118	17	8	3,309
4 weeks and under 1 year ..	492	303	207	120	115	52	7	3	1,299
Total under 1 year ..	1,777	1,128	737	377	384	170	24	11	4,608
ANNUAL RATES.									
Under 4 weeks ..	16.97	14.13	16.35	13.55	15.90	14.56	30.58	7.43	15.60
4 weeks and under 1 year ..	6.50	5.19	6.39	6.33	6.80	6.42	12.59	2.78	6.12
Total under 1-year ..	23.47	19.32	22.74	19.88	22.70	20.98	43.17	10.21	21.72

(a) Number of deaths per 1,000 live births registered.

Age Distribution, p. 615.—A summary of the ages at death for Australia for the year 1956 is given in the following table:—

AGE AT DEATH: AUSTRALIA, 1956.

Age at Death.	Males.	Fe- males.	Per- sons.	Age at Death.	Males.	Fe- males.	Per- sons.
Under 1 week ..	1,647	1,232	2,879	Total 5-9 years..	277	169	446
1 week and under 2 weeks ..	127	93	220	" 10-14 " ..	226	139	365
2 weeks " " 3 " ..	63	62	125	" 15-19 " ..	414	168	582
3 " " " 28 days ..	42	43	85	" 20-24 " ..	579	194	773
Total under 28 days ..	1,879	1,430	3,309	" 25-29 " ..	588	263	851
28 days and under 3 months	223	175	398	" 30-34 " ..	700	374	1,074
3 months and under 6 " ..	236	200	436	" 35-39 " ..	787	520	1,307
6 " " " 12 " ..	245	220	465	" 40-44 " ..	1,234	758	1,992
Total under 1 year ..	2,583	2,025	4,608	" 45-49 " ..	1,790	1,084	2,874
1 year ..	249	195	444	" 50-54 " ..	2,533	1,369	3,902
2 years ..	141	132	273	" 55-59 " ..	3,577	1,956	5,533
3 " ..	105	85	190	" 60-64 " ..	4,898	2,857	7,755
4 " ..	91	72	163	" 65-69 " ..	6,280	4,135	10,415
Total under 5 years ..	3,169	2,509	5,678	" 70-74 " ..	6,668	5,077	11,745
				" 75-79 " ..	5,988	5,672	11,660
				" 80-84 " ..	4,566	5,217	9,783
				" 85-89 " ..	2,764	3,638	6,402
				" 90-94 " ..	922	1,404	2,326
				" 95-99 " ..	191	363	554
				" 100 and over..	24	27	51
				Age not stated ..	17	3	20
Total under 5 years ..	3,169	2,509	5,678	Total All Ages..	48,192	37,896	86,088

Causes of Death, p. 617.—The following table shows deaths of males, females and persons registered in 1956, classified according to the Abbreviated List of 50 Causes provided in the Sixth Revision of the International List:—

CAUSES OF DEATH: AUSTRALIA, 1956.

ABBREVIATED LIST OF 50 CAUSES (BASED ON THE SIXTH REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LIST).

Cause of Death.	Detailed List Numbers.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
B 1 Tuberculosis of respiratory system	001-008	507	156	663
B 2 Tuberculosis, other forms	010-019	33	28	61
B 3 Syphilis and its sequelae	020-029	130	44	174
B 4 Typhoid fever	040	..	2	2
B 5 Cholera	043	..	..	..
B 6 Dysentery, all forms	045-048	10	5	15
B 7 Scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat	050, 051	5	4	9
B 8 Diphtheria	055	5	7	12
B 9 Whooping cough	056	2	8	10
B10 Meningococcal infections	057	31	35	66
B11 Plague	058	..	..	..
B12 Acute poliomyelitis	080	37	20	57
B13 Smallpox	084	..	..	..
B14 Measles	085	23	21	44
B15 Typhus and other rickettsial diseases	100-108	1	..	1
B16 Malaria	110-117	2	..	2
B17 All other diseases classified as infective and parasitic	(a)	175	154	329
B18 Malignant neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissues	140-205	6,431	5,850	12,281
B19 Benign and unspecified neoplasms	210-239	121	143	264
B20 Diabetes mellitus	260	419	793	1,212
B21 Anaemias	290-293	137	199	336
B22 Vascular lesions affecting central nervous system	330-334	4,965	6,597	11,562
B23 Non-meningococcal meningitis	340	71	62	133
B24 Rheumatic fever	400-402	22	31	53
B25 Chronic rheumatic heart disease	410-416	371	411	782
B26 Arteriosclerotic and degenerative heart disease	420-422	14,569	9,344	23,913
B27 Other diseases of heart	430-434	1,486	1,148	2,634
B28 Hypertension with heart disease	440-443	1,041	1,149	2,190
B29 Hypertension without mention of heart	444-447	568	633	1,201
B30 Influenza	480-483	95	87	182
B31 Pneumonia	490-493	1,729	1,379	3,108
B32 Bronchitis	500-502	808	247	1,055
B33 Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	540, 541	508	179	687
B34 Appendicitis	550-553	99	56	155
B35 Intestinal obstruction and hernia	560, 561, 570	288	228	516
B36 Gastritis, duodenitis, enteritis and colitis, except diarrhoea of the newborn	543, 571, 572	216	198	414
B37 Cirrhosis of liver	581	312	158	470
B38 Nephritis and nephrosis	590-594	712	579	1,291
B39 Hyperplasia of prostate	610	543	..	543
B40 Complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	{ 640-652, 670-689, 750-759 }	..	119	119
B41 Congenital malformations .. ..	..	637	535	1,172
B42 Birth injuries, postal-natal asphyxia and atelectasis	760-762	635	449	1,084
B43 Infections of the newborn	763-768	97	70	167
B44 Other diseases peculiar to early infancy, and immaturity unqualified	769-776	832	658	1,490
B45 Senility without mention of psychosis, ill-defined and unknown causes	780-795	626	659	1,285
B46 All other diseases	Residual	4,413	3,608	8,021
BE47 Motor vehicle accidents	E810-E835	1,722	497	2,219
BE48 All other accidents	{ E800-E802, E840-E962 }	1,912	1,036	2,948
BE49 Suicide and self-inflicted injury	{ E963, E970-E979 }	751	270	1,021
BE50 Homicide and operations of war	{ E964, E965, E980-E999 }	95	40	135
All Causes .. ..	..	48,192	37,896	86,088

(a) 030-039, 041, 042, 044, 049, 052-054, 059-074, 081-083, 086-096, 120-138.

CHAPTER XVIII.—HOUSING.

§ 3. Statistical Summary—New Building.

New Houses, p. 637.—The number of new houses commenced, completed and under construction in each State and Territory during 1956–57 was as follows:—

NEW HOUSES : NUMBER, 1956–57.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.(a)	A.C.T.	Aust.
Commenced ..	24,356	19,649	7,572	6,832	5,565	2,591	251	509	67,325
Completed ..	22,267	20,185	7,217	7,193	5,030	2,759	328	561	65,540
Under construction at 30th June, 1957 ..	27,605	17,863	3,461	5,854	4,819	2,137	163	533	62,435

(a) Includes flats.

Of the 65,540 new houses completed during 1956–57, 21,956 had outer walls of brick, brick veneer, concrete or stone, 25,670 of wood (weatherboard, etc.), 17,408 of fibro-cement and 506 of other materials.

New Flats, p. 639.—The following table shows the number of new flats commenced, completed and under construction in each State and the Australian Capital Territory during 1956–57:—

NEW FLATS : NUMBER, 1956–57.

(Individual Flats.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.(a)
Commenced	844	1,106	280	295	153	69	260	3,007
Completed	861	899	174	230	365	105	264	2,898
Under construction at 30th June, 1957	765	786	213	184	100	34	468	2,550

(a) Excludes figures for the Northern Territory, which are not available for publication.

Value of New Buildings, p. 640.—The values of all new buildings commenced, completed and under construction in each State and Territory are shown in the following table for the year 1956–57:—

NEW BUILDINGS : VALUE, 1956–57.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Commenced ..	138,243	111,423	37,841	31,888	22,241	14,138	1,765	5,959	363,498
Completed ..	133,094	113,963	35,383	33,997	23,424	12,609	2,285	5,940	360,693
Under construction at 30th June, 1957 ..	162,097	126,381	31,332	36,792	26,217	12,085	1,555	11,520	407,979

The value of new buildings completed in Australia during 1956–57, according to kind of building, was as follows:—*Houses*—Brick, brick veneer, concrete and stone, £84,505,000; wood (weatherboard, etc.), £74,361,000; fibro-cement, £42,286,000; other, £1,339,000; Total, £202,491,000; *Other Buildings*—Flats, £7,260,000; hotels, guest-houses, etc., £8,544,000; shops, £12,735,000; factories, £42,435,000; business premises—office, £17,561,000; other, £18,846,000; educational, £14,867,000; religious, £3,518,000; health, £13,479,000; entertainment and recreation, £7,935,000; miscellaneous, £11,024,000; Total, £158,204,000; Grand Total, New Buildings, £360,695,000.

Persons Engaged in New Building, p. 642.—The number of tradesmen engaged on jobs carried out by builders of new buildings in Australia at 28th June, 1957 was as follows:—Carpenters, 45,700; bricklayers, 10,398; painters, 9,974; electricians, 5,723; plumbers, 9,341; builders' labourers, 20,514; other, 15,310; total, 116,960. Contractors actually working on jobs numbered 9,926, sub-contractors actually working on jobs 14,736 and wage earners 92,298.

CHAPTER XX.—PRIVATE FINANCE.

A. CURRENCY.

§ 2. Coinage.

Issues of Australian Coins, p. 701.—The net issues of Australian coins to 30th June, 1957, were:—silver, £35,416,000; bronze, £2,934,000; total, £38,350,000.

§ 3. Notes.

The Australian Note Issue, p. 704.—The average value of notes in circulation for the year 1956–57 was £386,885,000. This amount was distributed in denominations as follows:—10s., £10,867,000; £1, £72,384,000; £5, £171,067,000; £10, £131,569,000; £20, £4,000; £50, £44,000; £100, £49,000; and £1,000, £901,000. The amount held by the banks was £44,433,000 and by the public, £342,452,000.

B. BANKING.

§ 1. Cheque-Paying Banks.

Commonwealth Bank, p. 710.—The average liabilities of the Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department) of the Commonwealth Bank for the year ended June, 1957, amounted to £927,479,000. Capital and Reserve Funds amounted to £17,559,000; Notes on Issue to £383,214,000; Special Accounts of Trading Banks to £289,444,000; Other Deposits of Trading Banks to £31,345,000; Other Liabilities to £205,917,000.

Particulars of the average assets were as follows:—Gold and Balances held abroad; £349,663,000; Australian Coin, £1,892,000; Cheques and Bills of other Banks, £5,360,000; Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills), £508,841,000; Bills Receivable and Remittances in Transit, £3,805,000; and Other Assets, £57,918,000.

Commonwealth Trading Bank, p. 712.—The average liabilities in Australia of the Commonwealth Trading Bank for the year ended June, 1957, were £203,097,000. Of this amount Deposits not bearing interest amounted to £140,125,000; Deposits bearing interest to £44,423,000; Balances due to other Banks to £389,000; Other Liabilities to £18,160,000.

The average assets in Australia, £202,272,000, included Cash and Cash Balances £9,988,000; Special Deposit Account with Central Bank, £34,603,000; Balances with other Banks, £1,469,000; Treasury Bills, £4,059,000; Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities, £35,714,000; Other Securities, £2,654,000; Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted, £106,480,000; Other Assets, £7,305,000.

Private Trading Banks, p. 713.—Average liabilities in Australia of the Private Trading Banks for the year ended June, 1957, were £1,354,200,000. Interminable Deposits or Deposit Stock amounted to £6,000; Deposits not bearing interest to £1,028,509,000; Deposits bearing interest to £299,499,000; Notes in Circulation to £158,000; Balances due to other Banks to £7,343,000; Other Liabilities to £18,685,000.

Average assets in Australia amounted to £1,369,359,000. These comprised Cash and Cash Balances, £63,661,000; Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank, £254,052,000; Balances with other Banks, £20,239,000; Treasury Bills, £51,162,000; Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities, £151,298,000; Other Securities, £7,946,000; Loans Advances and Bills Discounted, £762,638,000; All Other Assets, £58,363,000.

Classification of Advances within Australia—Commonwealth Trading Bank and Private Trading Banks, p. 716.—Advances within Australia at the end of December, 1956 dissected by industries were:—Business advances—Agriculture, Dairying and Grazing, £199,003,000; Manufacturing, £184,105,000; Transport, Storage and Communication, £15,176,000; Finance and Property, £85,531,000; Commerce, £156,246,000; Miscellaneous, £57,203,000; Not elsewhere specified, £10,923,000; Total Business advances, £708,187,000; Advances to Public Authorities, £24,846,000; Personal advances £132,545,000; Total, £865,578,000.

Clearing House Returns, p. 718.—The average weekly bank clearings in each capital city for the year ended June, 1957 were as follows:—Sydney, £119,381,000; Melbourne, £107,563,000; Brisbane, £25,571,000; Adelaide, £23,042,000; Perth £14,927,000; Hobart, £4,237,000; Total, £294,721,000.

Debits to Customers' Accounts—All Cheque-paying Banks, p. 718.—The average weekly debits to customers' accounts in each State for the year 1956–57 for all cheque-paying banks (excluding debits to accounts of Australian Governments in capital cities) were as follows:—New South Wales, £219,368,000; Victoria, £195,455,000; Queensland, £62,743,000; South Australia, £42,685,000; Western Australia, £28,571,000; Tasmania, £12,609,000; Australian Capital Territory, £1,229,000; Total, £562,660,000.

§ 2. Savings Banks.

All Savings Banks, pp.720-1.—The number of operative accounts in the several States at 30th June, 1957 was:—New South Wales, 2,609,000; Victoria, 2,320,000; Queensland, 960,000; South Australia, 839,000; Western Australia, 474,000; Tasmania, 291,000; Northern Territory, 12,000 and Australian Capital Territory, 23,000; Total, 7,528,000. The amounts on deposit in the several States at 30th June, 1957 were:—New South Wales, £422,184,000; Victoria, £411,569,000; Queensland, £144,608,000; South Australia, £142,401,000; Western Australia, £62,693,000; Tasmania, £38,759,000; Northern Territory, £1,894,000 and Australian Capital Territory, £3,302,000, Total, £1,227,410,000. Total excess of deposits over withdrawals during 1956–57 was £57,276,000 and interest added was £29,137,000.

D. INSURANCE.

§ 2. Life Assurance.

Life Assurance, p. 730.—The following is a summary of the life assurance business transacted in Australia during 1956 (figures for 1955 in parentheses) compiled from monthly returns collected from the 22 companies registered under the Life Insurance Act 1945–1953, and excluding the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only within their respective States. Particulars shown are therefore not entirely comparable with those in Chapter XX., which are derived from annual returns and include business of the State Government Offices.

Ordinary Department and Industrial Department, respectively:—New Policies issued in Australia—Number, 289,359 (289,560), 211,146 (213,124); Sum Assured, £359,238,000 (£324,017,000), £32,975,000 (£32,775,000); Policies Matured or Otherwise Discontinued in Australia—Number, 172,696 (155,820), 270,407 (273,298); Sum Assured, £115,152,000 (£102,206,000), £24,699,000 (£22,756,000). Particulars of annuities are excluded.

Premium receipts of Ordinary and Industrial Departments in Australia in 1956 amounted, respectively, to £72,868,000 (£66,072,000) and £14,898,000 (£14,634,000) Claims, etc., paid amounted to £28,325,000 (£25,348,000) and £9,813,000 (£9,199,000) respectively. Particulars of annuities are included.

CHAPTER XXI.—PUBLIC FINANCE.

A. COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

Consolidated Revenue Fund, pp. 754 and 762.—The table below shows details of revenue and expenditure for the year 1956–57:—

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1956–57.

(£'000.)

Revenue.		Expenditure.	
Item.	Amount.	Item.	Amount.
<i>Taxation—</i>		Defence Services	151,274
Customs	68,597	War and Repatriation Services ..	112,296
Excise	217,440	Subsidies and Bounties	15,014
Sales Tax	125,752	Departmental	97,978
Land Tax	1	National Welfare Fund—	
Income Taxes (a)	620,298	Expenditure on Social Services	223,923
Pay-roll Tax	48,675		
Estate Duty	12,712	<i>Business Undertakings—</i>	
Entertainments Tax .. ..	..	Postmaster-General's Depart-	
Other Taxes	5,261	ment	91,197
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,098,736</i>	Broadcasting Services	6,701
		Railways	4,244
		<i>Total</i>	<i>102,142</i>
<i>Business Undertakings—</i>		Territories	16,510
Postmaster-General's Depart-			
ment	90,074	<i>Capital Works and Services—</i>	
Broadcasting Services	5,301	Defence Services	38,416
Railways	4,428	Business Undertakings	36,840
<i>Total</i>	<i>99,803</i>	Other	70,962
		<i>Total</i>	<i>146,218</i>
Territories	2,513	Payments to or for States	244,077
Other Revenue	110,783	Loan Consolidation and Invest-	
		ment Reserve	194,793
		Other Expenditure	7,610
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>1,311,835</i>	<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>1,311,835</i>

(a) Includes Wool Deduction.

C. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

Revenue and Expenditure, p. 793.—The following table shows particulars of Commonwealth and State revenue and expenditure during the year 1955-56 and preliminary figures of revenue and expenditure for the year 1956-57.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Government of—	Consolidated Revenue Fund.			Loan Fund— Net Expenditure on Works and Services.
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—)	
1955-56.				
New South Wales	(a)204,399	(a)211,232	— 6,833	49,750
Victoria	123,152	126,398	— 3,246	36,343
Queensland	75,669	77,392	— 1,723	19,015
South Australia	55,352	56,782	— 1,430	24,161
Western Australia	49,612	51,443	— 1,831	13,528
Tasmania	17,827	17,712	+ 115	13,524
<i>Six States</i>	526,011	540,959	— 14,948	156,321
<i>Commonwealth</i>	1,138,358	1,138,538	..	43,995
Grand Total—Unadjusted	1,664,370	1,679,316	— 14,948	200,316
Adjusted(b)	1,466,672	1,481,618	— 14,948	200,316

1956-57.(e)

New South Wales	(a)224,955	(a)224,872	+ 83	48,974
Victoria	133,252	137,567	— 4,315	38,449
Queensland	85,158	85,143	+ 15	20,114
South Australia	61,561	61,610	— 49	24,018
Western Australia	54,331	56,243	— 1,912	16,787
Tasmania	18,802	19,615	— 813	10,885
<i>Six States</i>	578,059	585,050	— 6,991	159,227
<i>Commonwealth</i>	1,311,835	1,311,835	..	43,999
Grand Total—Unadjusted	1,889,894	1,896,885	— 6,991	203,226
Adjusted(b)	1,674,318	1,681,309	— 6,991	203,226

(a) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications.

(b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis, capital expenditure and National Welfare payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.

(c) Preliminary.

D. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

§ 3. Commonwealth and State Public Debt Outstanding.

Public Debt and Annual Interest Payable, pp. 797-8.—The following table shows details of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States and the annual interest payable thereon at 30th June, 1956 and 1957.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1956.

Particulars.	Maturing in—					Total. £'000.
	Australia. £A'000.	London. £Stg.'000.	New York. £'000.(a)	Switzer- land. £'000.(b)	Canada. £'000.(a)	
DEBT.						
<i>Commonwealth—</i>						
War (1914-18)	122,346	7,534	..	..	..	129,880
War (1939-45)	1,399,347	5,725	..	..	..	1,405,072
Works and other purposes	268,287	48,796	59,199	12,251	3,082	391,615
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,789,980</i>	<i>62,055</i>	<i>59,199</i>	<i>12,251</i>	<i>3,082</i>	<i>1,926,567</i>
<i>States</i>	<i>1,651,243</i>	<i>288,449</i>	<i>22,336</i>	..	..	<i>1,962,028</i>
Grand Total	3,441,223	350,504	81,535	12,251	3,082	3,888,595
ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.						
Commonwealth	51,361	2,084	2,592	475	116	56,628
States	60,479	9,303	828	..	..	70,610
Grand Total	111,840	11,387	3,420	475	116	127,238

(a) £ payable in dollars which have been arbitrarily converted to £ at the rate of \$4.8665 to £1.
 (b) Loan raised in Switzerland has been converted to £ at the rate of 1,000 Swiss francs to £102 ls. 10d. as provided in Loan Agreement.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1957.

Particulars.	Maturing in—					Total. £'000.
	Australia. £A'000.	London. £Stg.'000.	New York. £'000.(a)	Switzer- land. £'000.(b)	Canada. £'000.(a)	
DEBT.						
<i>Commonwealth—</i>						
War (1914-18)	112,606	7,534	..	..	..	120,140
War (1939-45)	1,334,093	5,725	..	..	..	1,339,818
Works and other purposes	299,297	48,711	62,145	12,251	3,069	425,473
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,745,996</i>	<i>61,970</i>	<i>62,145</i>	<i>12,251</i>	<i>3,069</i>	<i>1,885,431</i>
<i>States</i>	<i>1,822,442</i>	<i>261,621</i>	<i>22,414</i>	..	..	<i>2,106,477</i>
Grand Total	3,568,438	323,591	84,559	12,251	3,069	3,991,908
ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.						
Commonwealth	51,333	2,203	2,754	475	123	56,888
States	70,370	8,490	879	..	..	79,739
Grand Total	121,703	10,693	3,633	475	123	136,627

(a) £ payable in dollars which have been arbitrarily converted to £ at the rate of \$4.8665 to £1.
 (b) Loan raised in Switzerland has been converted to £ at the rate of 1,000 Swiss francs to £102 ls. 10d. as provided in Loan Agreement.

§ 4. Commonwealth Loan Raisings.

Loans Raised, pp. 805.—Particulars of loans raised by the Commonwealth between 1st July, 1955 and 30th June, 1957 are given in the following table.

COMMONWEALTH LOANS RAISED, 1955-57.(a)

Month of Raising.	Where Raised.	Amount Invited.	Amount Subscribed.	Rate of Interest. (b)	Year of Maturity.	Purpose.
		£'000.	£'000.	%		
1955-56—						
August, 1955	Australia	35,000	{ 16,050 16,408 7,173	{ 3 4½ 4½	1956 1965 1970	State purposes, £39,627,000
November, 1955	Canada	3,082	{ 3,082 8,519	{ 4 3	1970 1956	
November, 1955	Australia	30,000	{ 14,639 4,891	{ 4½ 4½	1965 1970		State purposes, £28,032,000
November, 1955	Australia	129,488	{ 32,297 41,815 39,589	{ 3 4½ 4½	1956 1965 1970	Conversion
May, 1956	Australia	30,000	{ 12,907 20,127	{ 3½ 5	1957 1963	State purposes, £33,000,000
June, 1956	New York	5,137	5,137	4½	1971	Conversion, £3,761,000; State purposes, £1,115,000
June, 1956	Australia	100,000	{ 80,500 19,500	{ 3½ 5	1957 1963	Conversion, £6,795,000 War (1939-45) and Repatriation Services, £8,354,000; Advances for Housing, £32,805,000; State purposes, £48,848,000
1956-57—						
August, 1956	Australia	30,000	{ 14,085 9,734 7,636	{ 3½ 5 5	1957 1963 1976	State purposes, £31,432,000
August, 1956	Australia	70,181	{ 20,738 22,157 12,943	{ 3½ 5 5	1957 1963 1976	Conversion
October, 1956	Australia	70,000	{ 30,797 20,660 15,120	{ 4 5 5	1958 1965 1976	State purposes, £30,092,000 Conversion, £36,479,000
October, 1956	London	6,951	6,951	5½	1972	Conversion
December, 1957	Australia	5,575	5,575	5	1972	Conversion
March, 1957	New York	4,110	4,110	5	1972	State purposes, £493,000; Conversion, £3,517,000
March, 1957	Australia	35,000	{ 12,202 14,008 10,092	{ 4 5 5	1958 1965 1976	State purposes
March, 1957	Australia	141,931	{ 102,570 10,066 17,481	{ 4 5 5	1958 1965 1976	Conversion
June, 1957	Australia	99,000	{ 40,000 30,000 29,000	{ 4 5 5	1958 1965 1976	War (1939-45) and Repatriation Services, £7,115,000; Advances for Housing, £31,931,000 State purposes, £59,954,000

(a) During 1955-56 and 1956-57, \$43,383,000 and \$2,457,000 respectively were drawn against loans made available by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. In 1956-57, a loan of \$8,691,000 was raised in New York for Qantas Empire Airways. (b) Australian loans bearing interest at 4½ per cent. were issued at par and those at other rates were issued at prices ranging from par to £99 10s. London loans raised in 1956-57 were issued at £97 10s. The New York loan in 1955-56 was issued at £98 10s. and in 1956-57 at par. The Canadian loan was issued at £98 10s.

CHAPTER XXII.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

§ 3. Distribution, Production and Value of Crops.

Principal Crops, pp. 823-7.—The following table shows the area, production and yield per acre of wheat in each State for 1956-57.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION AND YIELD PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
AREA ('000 ACRES).								
1956-57(a)	1,742	1,565	390	1,455	2,764	4	..	7,920
PRODUCTION ('000 BUSHEL).								
1956-57(a)	28,490	35,282	8,000	31,500	32,100	89	..	135,461
YIELD PER ACRE (BUSHEL).								
1956-57(a)	16.4	22.5	20.5	21.6	11.6	22.7	..	17.1

(a) Preliminary, subject to revision.

CHAPTER XXIII.—PASTORAL PRODUCTION.

Livestock and Meat Produced.—The following table shows, for each State, the numbers of livestock at 31st March, 1957, and the amounts of meat produced during 1956-57:—

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT PRODUCED.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
HORSES ('000.), p. 889.									
1957 (a) ..	236	108	(b)	41	(b)	14	38	1	(b)
CATTLE ('000.), p. 890.									
1957 (a) ..	3,911	2,765	7,495	622	956	354	1,176	11	17,290
BEEF, INCLUDING VEAL ('000 TONS BONE-IN WEIGHT), p. 892.									
1956-57 (a) ..	232	155	314	40	38	18	5	2	804
SHEEP ('000.), p. 894.									
1957 (a) ..	67,400	25,831	23,240	14,984	14,900	2,943	30	272	149,600
MUTTON AND LAMB ('000 TONS BONE-IN WEIGHT), p. 896.									
1956-57 (a) ..	119	125	23	43	33	12	..	1	356
TOTAL MEAT (INCLUDING PIG-MEATS) IN TERMS OF FRESH ('000 TONS BONE-IN WEIGHT).									
1956-57 (a) ..	380	302	356	90	78	34	6	3	1,249

(a) Preliminary, subject to revision.

(b) Not yet available.

CHAPTER XXIV.—FARMYARD, DAIRY AND BEE PRODUCTS.

Principal Farmyard, Dairy and Bee Products.—Particulars of the total production of these products in each State during 1956-57 are shown below:—

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL FARMYARD, DAIRY AND BEE PRODUCTS.

Season.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
TOTAL WHOLE MILK PRODUCED ('000 GALS.), p. 928.								
1956-57(a)	305,623	586,592	254,168	87,907	57,044	63,888	976	1,356,198
BUTTER(b) (TONS), p. 929.								
1956-57(a)	35,059	89,306	41,341	8,460	7,572	10,637	5	192,380
CHEESE(b) (TONS), p. 930.								
1956-57(a)	4,019	20,216	7,152	11,943	1,155	334	..	44,819
PIGS ('000.), p. 934.								
1957 (a)	387	258	390	92	40	52	1	1,320
PORK (TONS, BONE-IN WEIGHT), p. 935.								
1956-57 (a)	14,921	10,742	7,018	2,603	3,273	2,163	204	(d)40,983
BACON AND HAM (TONS, CURED WEIGHT), p. 936.								
1956-57 (a)	10,244	7,538	9,965	3,426	3,070	922	..	35,165

(a) Preliminary, subject to revision. (b) Includes an estimate of farm production. (c) Includes Northern Territory, 68 tons. (d) Includes Northern Territory, 59 tons.

CHAPTER XXVI.—MINERAL INDUSTRY.**§ 1. The Mineral Wealth of Australia.**

Quantity and Value of Production, pp. 971-2.—In the table hereunder particulars are given of the quantity and value of production in Australia of the principal minerals during the year 1956:—

MINERAL PRODUCTION: QUANTITIES AND VALUES, AUSTRALIA 1956.**METALLIC MINERALS.**

Year.	Principal Contents of Metallic Minerals Produced.								Total Value of Output of Metal Mining.
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.	Sulphur. (a)	
	Tons.	Fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	
1956	53,041	1,029,821	2,542,826	299,485	14,586	2,078	278,082	344,890	92,301

NON-METALLIC AND FUEL MINERALS.

Year.	Quantities Produced.						Total Value of Output of Non-metal and Fuel Mining.
	Coal.		Gypsum.	Limestone. (b)	Mica.	Salt.	
	Black.	Brown.					
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	lb.	Tons.	£'000.
1956	19,274	10,560	467,484	4,264,158	28,837	409,000	65,194

(a) Includes sulphur content of spent oxide roasted.

(b) Excludes limestone used as a construction material.

§ 2. Gold, § 3. Silver, Lead, Zinc, § 4. Copper, § 5. Tin, pp. 979-990.

The smelter and refinery production of the principal metals in Australia during the year 1956 is shown below.

SMELTER AND REFINERY PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL METALS: AUSTRALIA, 1956.

Year.	Refined Gold.	Refined Silver. (a)	Refined Lead. (a)	Lead Content of Lead Bullion Produced for Export. (a)	Refined Zinc. (a)	Refined Copper. (a)	Refined Tin. (a)
	'000 fine oz.	'000 fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1956	1,044	8,232	195,090	41,658	104,993	29,307	1,850

(a) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources.

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