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PREFACE

By the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Parliament of the Commonwealth is empowered, subject to the Constitution, 'to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Commonwealth, with respect to . . . Census and statistics.' In the exercise of the power so conferred, a Census and Statistics Act was passed in 1905, and in the year following the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics was created. The first *Official Year Book* was published early in 1908. The publication here presented is the fifty-third *Official Year Book* issued under the authority of the Commonwealth Government.

The special index (preceding the general index) provided at the end of the volume, together with certain references given in the various chapters, will assist in tracing in previous issues special articles and other more or less important miscellaneous matter which, in order to conserve space, have been omitted or abbreviated in the present volume. Where, in the general index, more than one reference to a subject is given, the chief reference (or references) has been specially indicated wherever possible.

Among new material added the following items may be especially mentioned.

Chapter 7. The Territories of Australia: Description of the first census (1966) of Papua and New Guinea covering both indigenous and non-indigenous populations (pages 141-2).

Chapter 8. Population. Summarised historical account of Australian population census activity from 'musters' of 1788-1825 to 1966 census, together with tables showing information required at Commonwealth censuses from 1911 and a description of current census organisation (pages 163-70).

Chapter 13. Transport, Communication and Travel. Special article 'Standardisation of railway gauges' prepared by the Commonwealth Department of Shipping and Transport, dealing with the history of the subject and the development to date (pages 440-5). New sections, dealing with Australian transport co-ordinating authorities (pages 421-4) and road research (pages 464-5).

Australian Books. The re-inclusion of the reprint of this publication of the National Library of Australia (pages 1231-77) which last appeared in the *Year Book* in issue No. 48.

Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1967. A brief description of this recent addition to the Bureau's publications, its purpose, and the method of publication of subsequent figures and further seasonally adjusted series is provided in Chapter 30, Miscellaneous (page 1220).

Appendix. Particulars of the characteristics of the population as obtained at the 1966 census. Further detail is being issued in a series of mimeographed statements.

A re-arrangement in chapter order has made it possible to advance the statistics in the chapter Manufacturing Industry by one year to 1965-66.

The material in the *Year Book* has been carefully checked throughout, but I shall be grateful to those who will be kind enough to point out defects or make suggestions.

The statistics contained in the majority of the chapters of this volume relate to the years ended June or December 1966. More detailed statistics on subjects dealt with in the *Year Book* are available in the various annual printed reports published by this Bureau, and more recent statistics are contained in the *Digest of Current Economic Statistics* (monthly), the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*, the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, and in other publications issued monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, or yearly. These publications are listed in Statistical Publications of Australia (see Chapter 30, Miscellaneous), and the last pages of this volume contain a list of current and recent printed publications, showing issue numbers, dates and prices.

In June 1967 the Deputy Commonwealth Statistician and Government Statistician of Tasmania published *Tasmania Year Book No. 1-1967*, thereby renewing a series initiated for the year 1890 by R. M. Johnston, Government Statistician, under the title of *Tasmanian Official Record*, but which lapsed through lack of adequate resources after two subsequent issues. A State *Year Book* is now published by the Deputy Commonwealth Statistician of each State. These publications contain greater statistical detail and additional supplementary material concerning the individual States which cannot be accommodated in the Commonwealth *Year Book*.

Apart from *Year Books*, the Deputy Commonwealth Statisticians of all States issue *Pocket Year Books* and a number of printed and mimeographed publications dealing with their respective States. These publications are listed on pages 1163-5 of the 1962 issue of the *Year Book*, and, together with publications of the Central Bureau, in *Publications of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics* issued annually by this Bureau.

My thanks are tendered to the Deputy Commonwealth Statisticians of the several States, who have collected and compiled the data on which a great part of the information given in the Year Book is based. Thanks are also tendered to the responsible officers of the various Commonwealth and State Departments and to others who have kindly, and often at considerable trouble, supplied information, and to the Government Printer and his staff for their services in printing this Year Book and in assisting and advising throughout its preparation.

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The following symbols, where shown in columns of figures, mean:

- n.a. —not available.
- .. —nil or less than half the final digit shown, or not applicable.
- p —preliminary—figure or series subject to revision.
- r —figure or series revised since previous issue.
- n.e.i.—not elsewhere included.
- n.e.c.—not elsewhere classified.
- n.s. —not stated.

A blank space in a column of figures means that the figure concerned is not yet available.

The following abbreviations are used for the titles of the Australian States and Territories and the Commonwealth of Australia: N.S.W. (New South Wales), Vic. (Victoria), Qld (Queensland), S.A. (South Australia), W.A. (Western Australia), Tas. (Tasmania), N.T. (Northern Territory), A.C.T. (Australian Capital Territory), T.P.N.G. (Territory of Papua and New Guinea), Aust. (Australia), Cwth (Commonwealth).

In general, the statistics in this volume relate to the States and Territories of the Commonwealth of Australia, i.e. they exclude particulars of the External Territories of Australia, which, however, are specifically dealt with in Chapter 7. The Territories of Australia. A few series elsewhere include particulars of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea because of the nature of the subject-matter—these series are indicated.

Yearly periods shown as e.g. 1966 refer to the year ended 31 December 1966; those shown as e.g. 1965–66 refer to the year ended 30 June 1966. Other yearly periods are specifically indicated. The range of years shown in table headings, e.g. 1901 to 1965–66, indicates the period covered, but does not necessarily imply that each intervening year is included.

Unless otherwise indicated, the British system of weights and measures is used. One short ton equals 2,000 lb.

Values are expressed in dollars (\$) or cents (c) Australian, with or without the letter A, unless another currency is specifically stated.

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

CORRIGENDA

36-7—last line page 36, first two lines page 37—*for* Regions subject to frost . . . south-western Western Australia. *read* Regions in which frosts may occur at any time of the year comprise most of Tasmania, large areas of the tablelands of New South Wales, much of inland Victoria, particularly the north-east, and a small part in the extreme south-west of Western Australia.

765—*Total, welfare* Queensland, for 10,900 *read* 110,900

