

The table below shows the number of metropolitan and district or local labour councils, together with the number of unions and branches of unions affiliated therewith, in each State at the end of the year 1922 :—

CENTRAL LABOUR ORGANIZATIONS.—NUMBER, AND UNIONS AFFILIATED, 1922.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Ter.	Total.
Number of Councils	3	5	4	3	9	2	1	27
Number of Unions and Branch Unions affiliated	97	182	74	79	179	33	3	647

The figures given in the preceding table as to number of unions do not necessarily represent separate unions, since the branches of a large union may be affiliated to the local trades councils in the several towns in which they are represented.

Between the trade union and the central organization of unions may be classed certain State or district councils, organized on trade lines and composed of delegates from separate unions, the interests of the members of which are closely connected by reason of the occupations of their members, such, for example, as delegate councils of bakers, bread carters, and mill employees, or of unions connected directly or indirectly with the iron, steel, or brass trades, or with the building trades.

§ 2. Laws Relating to Conditions of Labour.

1. **General Legislation.**—The statutes in force at the end of 1922 in the several States which more or less directly affect the general conditions of labour are given in the table hereunder :—

LABOUR LAWS.—TABLE OF STATUTES IN FORCE IN AUSTRALIAN STATES, 1922.

New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
1. General— Factories and Shops 1912 Early Closing 1899, 1900, 1906, 1910, 1915, 1919 Saturday Half-Holiday 1910 Eight Hours 1916, 1920, 1922 Sunday Trading (Refreshment Rooms) 1916	Factories and Shops 1915, 1919, 1920 (2), 1922 (2)	Factories and Shops 1900, 1908, 1914, 1916 (2), 1920, 1922	Industrial Code 1920, 1921 Early Closing 1911, 1912	Factories and Shops 1920, 1921	Factories, 1910 1911, 1917 Shops Closing 1911, 1913
2. Prevention of Strikes and Regulation of Rates of Wages— Industrial Arbitration 1912, 1916, 1918 (2), 1919, 1920, 1922	Factories and Shops 1915, 1919, 1920 (2)	Industrial Arbitration 1916	Industrial Code 1920, 1921	Industrial Arbitration 1912, 1920	Wages Boards 1920
3. Mining Industry— Mines Inspection 1901, 1904 Coal Mines Regulation 1912, 1913, 1917, 1922	Mines 1915, 1921 Coal Mines Regulation 1915, 1922	Mining 1898, 1901, 1902, 1912, 1914, 1915, 1920 (2) Mines Regulation 1910, 1912, 1916	Mining 1893, 1895, 1900, 1911, 1918 Mines and Works Inspection 1920	Mining 1904, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 Mines Regulation 1906, 1915 Mines and Machinery Inspection 1911 Coal Mines Regulation 1902, 1915 Miner's Phthisis 1922	Mining 1917, 1918, 1920, 1921 Mines and Works Regulation 1915

LABOUR LAWS—TABLE OF STATUTES—*continued.*

New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
4. <i>Security of Wages to Wage Earners—</i> Contractors' Debts 1897	Employers and Employees 1915	Contractors' and Workmen's Liens 1906, 1921 Wages 1918 Wages 1918 ..	Workmen's Liens 1893, 1896	Workmen's Wages 1898	..
Attachment of Wages Limitation 1900 Truck 1900, 1901, 1918	..	Factories and Shops (as above) Insolvency 1874, 1876	Wages Attachment 1898 Industrial Code 1920, 1921	.. Truck 1899, 1900, 1904	Wages Attachment 1900 ..
Bankruptcy 1898 (preference to wages)	Insolvency 1915	Insolvency 1874, 1876	Insolvent 1886, 1887, 1896, 1914, 1915, 1918	Bankruptcy 1892, 1898	Bankruptcy 1870, 1899
5. <i>Accommodation, Homes, etc.—</i> Shearers' Accommodation 1901	Shearers' Hut Accommodation 1915	Workers' Accommodation 1915, 1921	Shearers' Accommodation 1905, 1916, 1922	Shearers' Accommodation 1912	..
..	Closer Settlement (Workers' Homes) 1915	Miners' Homestead Perpetual Leases 1913 (2), 1921
Housing 1912 ..	Housing and Reclamation 1920	Workers' Homes 1919, 1922	..	Workers' Homes 1911, 1912, 1914, 1921	Homes 1919, 1920, 1922 Municipal Homes, 1919
6. <i>Inspection of Machinery, etc.—</i> Scaffolding and Lifts 1912	Lifts Regulation 1915	Inspection of Scaffolding 1915	Scaffolding Inspection 1907, 1908 Lifts Regulation 1908
..	Scaffolding Inspection 1922
Boiler Inspection Regulations (under Factories and Shops 1912)	Boilers' Inspection 1915 (2), 1921	Inspection of Machinery 1915	Steam Boilers and Engine Drivers 1911, 1913	Inspection of Machinery 1922	Inspection of Machinery 1902, 1909, 1913
7. <i>Trade Unions—</i> Trade Unions 1881 Trade Unions Re-registration 1920	Trade Unions 1915	Trade Unions 1915, 1922	Trade Unions 1876	Trade Unions 1902	Trade Unions 1889
8. <i>Relations of Masters and Servants—</i> Masters and Servants 1902	Employers and Employees 1915	Apprentices 1828, 1844	Masters and Servants 1878	Masters and Servants 1892	Master and Servant 1856, 1882, 1884, 1887
Apprentices 1901, 1915 ..	Master and Apprentice 1915 Servants' Registry Offices 1915	Wages 1918 .. Labour Exchanges 1915	.. Employees' Registry Offices 1915	Masters and Apprentices 1873 Employment Brokers 1909, 1912, 1918	..
9. <i>Liability in case of Accidents—</i> ..	Employers and Employees 1915	..	Employers' Liability 1884, 1889	Employers' Liability 1894	Employers' Liability 1895, 1898, 1903
Workmen's Compensation 1916, 1920 (3), 1922	Workers' Compensation 1915, 1922	Workers' Compensation 1916 (2), 1918, 1921	Workmen's Compensation 1911, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1922	Workers' Compensation 1912, 1920, 1923	Workers' Compensation 1918, 1920, 1921