

The present members of the Legislative Council have been elected at various dates and the following particulars relate to the contested elections in three divisions in 1947 and 1948 respectively:—Number of electors on the roll, 12,545 and 21,762; number of votes recorded, 10,102 and 17,800; percentage of enrolled electors who voted, 80.53 and 81.79.

The suffrage was granted to women under the Constitution Amendment Act 1903 and compulsory voting came into force on the passing of the Electoral Act in 1928. The system of voting is proportional representation by single transferable vote.

§ 3. Conspectus of Superannuation Funds of the Parliaments of the Commonwealth and of the Australian States as at 30th June, 1949.

The following pages contain a summary of the main features of the Parliamentary Superannuation Funds established by the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Parliament of each of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia as at 30th June, 1949. No such fund operates in respect of the Tasmanian Parliament. In Western Australia a system previously existed which provided for the payment of a lump sum on loss of membership, but the authorizing Act (Members of Parliament Fund Act 1941-1944) was repealed on the commencement of the new Act. The amounts at credit of the former fund were transferred to the new fund, and the period during which deductions were made under the repealed Act is taken into account when determining a member's period of contributions under the new Act.

In addition to the main features of the funds summarized hereafter, there are a number of matters for which the several authorizing Acts prescribed fairly uniform treatment, and which, in order to obviate extending the table unduly, may here be dealt with briefly.

Application of Benefits. Benefits apply only to persons who are Members of Parliament at the commencement of the Act, or become members thereafter.

Service. Periods during which a member or former member was entitled to Parliamentary allowance, etc.; includes broken periods and service before and after commencement of Act.

Resignation before, or retirement on, expiration of term of service as a member. In such cases, in order to be eligible for a pension, etc. (in the Commonwealth scheme to avoid classification under "voluntary" retirement), a former member must produce adequate and satisfactory reasons for his failure to continue as a member. Such reasons include ill health, defeat at an ensuing election or by-election, failure to secure the support of the recognized political party of which he is a member, etc.

Suspension or reduction of pension on again becoming a Member of Parliament, or on holding office of profit, etc., under Crown. Provision exists generally for the suspension or reduction of benefit received during period of remuneration from new office (the Victorian scheme provides for disqualification for life on acceptance of office of profit, etc., under Crown).

Repayment of refund of contributions. On re-election to his former Parliament a member who has received a refund of contributions must repay it within a prescribed time in order to have the service covered by the contributions once again credited to him.

Assignment of pensions. Pensions are absolutely inalienable.

CONSPECTUS OF SUPERANNUATION FUNDS OF THE PARLIAMENTS OF THE

Particulars.	Commonwealth.	New South Wales.
(i) <i>Authorizing Act—</i> (a) Title	Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1948	Legislative Assembly Members' Pensions Act 1946
(b) Date of Assent	21st December, 1948	1st May, 1946
(c) Date of Commencement	1st December, 1948	7th May, 1946
(d) Purpose	"To make provision for Contributory Retiring Allowances for Persons who have served as Members of the Parliament"	"To provide for the establishment of a provident fund for Members of the Legislative Assembly; to confer on certain persons who have ceased to be Members of the Legislative Assembly and on certain other persons rights to receive payments by way of pension and for purposes connected therewith"
(ii) <i>Number of Members of Parliament or Legislative Chamber to which Act at present relates</i>	112†	90†
(iii) <i>Operating Body—</i> (a) Title	Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Trust	(No specific title for the operating body—the Trustees of the Fund—is enacted, but the Under Secretary of the Treasury is declared to be a corporation sole under the name of "The Under Secretary of the Treasury")
(b) Constitution	Five trustees—the Treasurer, two senators and two members of the House of Representatives	Not more than seven trustees—of whom the Under Secretary of the Treasury is custodian trustee and the others managing trustees, the latter to be members of the Legislative Assembly
(c) Appointment and removal of trustees	Other than Treasurer—by House of which they are members	By order of the Legislative Assembly
(iv) <i>Fund—</i> (a) Title	Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Fund	Legislative Assembly Members' Provident Fund
(b) Composition	(i) Contributions paid and repayments made by members and former members under the Act (ii) Moneys paid into the fund by the Commonwealth under the Act (iii) Income derived from the investment of moneys forming part of the fund	(i) Contributions paid and repayments made by members and former members under the Act (ii) All other moneys payable to the fund under the Act (iii) All income of the fund including interest from investment

* Payments into fund commenced after passing of original Act on 24th December, 1946.

† After next general elections following 30th June, 1949 to be increased as follows: Commonwealth,

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Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.
<p>Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act 1946-1948</p> <p>Original Act—24th December, 1946. Amending Act—31st August, 1948</p> <p>1st July, 1948*</p> <p>"To provide for a Contributory Retirement Fund for Members of Parliament and for other purposes"</p>	<p>The Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Fund Act of 1948</p> <p>17th December, 1948 ..</p> <p>1st January, 1949 ..</p> <p>"To provide for a Contributory Superannuation Fund for Members of the Legislative Assembly, and for other purposes"</p>	<p>Parliamentary Superannuation Act 1948</p> <p>26th August, 1948 ..</p> <p>26th August, 1948 ..</p> <p>"To provide for the payment of superannuation pensions to persons who have served as Members of Parliament and for other matters incidental thereto"</p>	<p>Parliamentary Superannuation Act 1946</p> <p>21st January, 1949 ..</p> <p>1st January, 1949</p> <p>"To provide for the payment of superannuation pensions or other benefits to persons who have served as Members of Parliament and to their dependants"</p>
99	62†	59	80
<p>(No specific title for the operating body—the Trustees of the Fund—is enacted)</p> <p>Six trustees—the Treasurer of Victoria (chairman), the President of the Legislative Council, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, a member of the Legislative Council and two members of the Legislative Assembly</p> <p>Appointed trustees—by Governor-in-Council</p>	<p>The Trustees of the Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Fund</p> <p>Three trustees—<i>ex officio</i> the three persons for the time being holding respectively the offices of Premier and Chief Secretary of Queensland (chairman), Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the member of the Legislative Assembly recognized as Leader of the Opposition</p>	<p>The Trustees of the Parliamentary Superannuation Fund</p> <p>Three trustees—the persons for the time being holding the offices of President of the Legislative Council, Speaker of the House of Assembly and Under Treasurer</p>	<p>The Trustees of the Parliamentary Superannuation Fund</p> <p>Five trustees—the Treasurer <i>ex-officio</i> or his deputy (chairman) and two members each from the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly</p> <p>Other than Treasurer—by order of respective Houses</p>
<p>Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund</p> <p>(i) All deductions made under the Act from the salaries of members</p> <p>(ii) Such amounts as are from time to time necessary from Consolidated Revenue</p> <p>(iii) Interest from investment</p>	<p>The Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Fund</p> <p>(i) Contributions paid by members under the Act</p> <p>(ii) Moneys paid into the fund by the Treasurer under the Act</p> <p>(iii) All interest and other income earned by investment of the fund</p>	<p>The Parliamentary Superannuation Fund</p> <p>(i) Contributions paid by members under the Act</p> <p>(ii) Moneys paid into the fund by the Treasurer under the Act</p> <p>(iii) All interest and other income earned by the investment of the fund</p>	<p>Parliamentary Superannuation Fund</p> <p>(i) Contributions paid by members under the Act</p> <p>(ii) All interest and other income earned by the investment of the fund</p> <p>(iii) Moneys borrowed by the trustees under the Act</p> <p>(iv) All moneys to the credit of the Members of Parliament Fund at the commencement of the Act</p>

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Particulars.	Commonwealth.	New South Wales.
<p>(iv) <i>Fund</i>—continued (c) Investment of Assets ..</p> <p>(d) Cost of Administration</p> <p>(e) Taxation of Income ..</p> <p>(f) Audit</p> <p>(g) Actuarial Investigation</p>	<p>As far as practicable, in securities of the Commonwealth or in any other manner for the time being allowed by any Act or State Act for the investment of trust funds in Australia. Uninvested moneys may be lodged at call or on fixed deposit with the Treasurer or Commonwealth Bank</p> <p>..</p> <p>Not subject to any rates, taxes or charges under any law of the Commonwealth or State</p> <p>Accounts subject to inspection and audit at least once yearly by Auditor-General. Report to be transmitted to both Houses of Parliament</p> <p>At intervals of not more than seven years by Commonwealth Actuary</p>	<p>As far as practicable, in securities of the Government of the Commonwealth, loans to the councils of shires or municipalities or the Municipal Council of Sydney, on mortgage of land in the State of an estate in fee-simple or on mortgage of leasehold interests in such land, or in any other manner for the time being allowed by Act of Parliament or by rules of court for the investment of trust funds. Uninvested moneys may be lodged either at call or on fixed deposit with the Colonial Treasurer or with any Bank</p> <p>To be paid out of fund</p> <p>Not subject to taxation under any Act of the State</p> <p>Accounts to be audited by Auditor-General</p> <p>..</p>
<p>(v) <i>Contributions to Fund by</i>— (a) Member (i.e., a person in receipt of parliamentary allowance, salary, etc.) Rate Method of deduction</p> <p>(b) Government ..</p>	<p>£156 per year In instalments from every payment of parliamentary allowance made to the member or other person, each instalment to be in respect of the period for which payment is made</p> <p>(i) An amount equal to 50 per cent. of each amount paid out of the fund as pension; and</p> <p>(ii) An amount equal to the Commonwealth supplement payable to any person (i.e., one and a half times the contributions paid or deemed paid during period of service, or, if that exceeds 8 years, the last 8 years thereof)</p>	<p>£78 per year Upon each payment of the salary of a member of the Legislative Assembly</p> <p>The amount of the debit balance of a sectional account (an account for each Parliament credited with payments to the fund and debited with amounts paid out of the fund) at 30th June in each year</p>

† A member holding office at commencement of the Act may, before the due date of first periodical become a contributor, whereon the Act does not apply to him.

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Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.
To the extent and in the manner determined by the trustees	In debentures, stock, Treasury Bills, or other securities of the Government of Queensland or of the Commonwealth	In such investments as the trustees think proper	In any investments in which trustees are authorized to invest trust funds under the Trustee Act 1900, or any other Act
<p>..</p> <p>..</p> <p>(Not provided for in Act, but fund is subject to audit, and details of receipts and payments are published annually in the Auditor-General's Report)</p>	<p>To be paid out of fund</p> <p>Not subject to any tax imposed by law of the State</p> <p>Accounts to be audited each financial year by Auditor-General and copies to be laid before Legislative Assembly</p> <p>Once at least in every 5 years by an actuary approved by the trustees</p>	<p>To be paid out of fund</p> <p>Not subject to any tax imposed by any law of the State</p> <p>In each year accounts to be audited by Auditor-General and copies laid before both Houses of Parliament</p> <p>(Certificate by Public Actuary required for such additional sum as is necessary each year for payment of benefits)</p>	<p>To be paid out of Consolidated Revenue</p> <p>Not subject to any tax imposed by law of the State</p> <p>In each year accounts to be audited by Auditor-General and copies laid before both Houses of Parliament</p> <p>Every 5 years</p>
<p>£2 per fortnight ..</p> <p>Upon each periodical payment of the salary of a member</p> <p>Such amounts, as are from time to time necessary to enable payments to be made under the Act</p>	<p>£1 per fortnight ..</p> <p>Upon each periodical payment of the salary of a member or person who, having ceased to be a member, is in receipt of salary:</p> <p>(i) Not later than fourteen days after the end of each month, a sum equal to the contributions paid or payable during that month</p> <p>(ii) In respect of each financial year such additional sum as an actuary . . . certifies from time to time to be necessary in order to make proper provision for payment out of the fund of benefits payable under the Act</p>	<p>£58 ros. per year ..</p> <p>In equal instalments from every amount of parliamentary salary payable to the member or other person</p> <p>(i) Not later than fourteen days after the end of each month, a sum equal to the contributions paid or payable during that month</p> <p>(ii) Not later than three months after the end of each financial year, such additional sum as the Public Actuary certifies to be necessary in order to make proper provision for payment out of the fund of benefits payable under the Act</p>	<p>£48 per year</p> <p>In equal instalments from every amount of parliamentary allowance payable to the member</p> <p>Nil</p>

payment of salary after 1st January, 1949, notify the chairman of trustees that he does not desire to

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Particulars.	Commonwealth.	New South Wales.
<p>(vi) <i>Principal Benefits from Fund—</i> To— (a) Former member (i.e., a person who has ceased to be a member and has ceased to be entitled to payment of parliamentary allowance, salary, etc.)</p>	<p>(i) £8 per week during lifetime—(a) Where not retiring voluntarily§ where service not less than 8 years and aged 45 years or over (or, if less than 45 years, on attaining age of 45 years) (b) Where retiring voluntarily§ where service not less than 12 years and aged 45 years or over (ii) Refund of contributions without interest, plus payment of Commonwealth supplement (i.e., one and a half times the contributions paid or deemed paid during period of service, or, if that exceeds 8 years, the last 8 years thereof)—Where not retiring voluntarily, where service less than 8 years (iii) Refund of contributions without interest—in any other case where retiring voluntarily NOTE.—A person who becomes entitled to a pension may, unless a male who at time of entitlement is 50 years of age, elect to accept in lieu of pension refund of contributions and payment of the Commonwealth supplement</p>	<p>(i) £6 per week during lifetime—Where service not less than 15 years (ii) £5 per week during lifetime—Where service less than 15 years but having been a member in any three Parliaments—and in addition, in the case of a person who resigns before, or ceases to be a member on, the expiration of his term—with adequate reasons for his failure to continue (iii) Refund of contributions without interest—Where not entitled to a pension as above</p>
<p>(b) Widow of member, or of former member in receipt of a pension provided marriage occurred before becoming a pensioner</p>	<p>£5 per week until death or re-marriage, or—Sum of husband's contributions (without interest) and Commonwealth supplement (i.e. one and a half times the contributions paid or deemed paid during period of service, or, if that exceeds 8 years, the last 8 years thereof) less any amount of pension received by, or accrued to, husband¶</p>	<p>(i) £3 per week until death or re-marriage—Where husband entitled to, or in receipt of, a pension (ii) Refund of husband's contributions without interest—Where not entitled to a pension as above</p>

§ Retiring voluntarily—Where a person resigns before, or ceases to be a member on, expiration of certain sections of the Constitution.

¶ The basic wage from time to time for Melbourne, as derived from the quarterly statement of

¶ Provision also exists for the reduction of pension in certain cases.

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Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.
<p>(i) Pension fortnightly at rate of Melbourne basic wage¹ during lifetime—(a) Where service not less than 15 years. (b) Where service less than 15 years, but having been a member in at least three consecutive Parliaments—and, in addition, in the case of a person who resigns before, or ceases to be a member on, the expiration of his term—with adequate reasons for his failure to continue</p> <p>(ii) Retiring allowance of £650—Where not possessed of service qualifications as above, but otherwise eligible, and having been a member in at least two consecutive Parliaments</p> <p>(iii) Retiring allowance of £325—Where not possessed of service qualifications as above, but not having been a member in at least two consecutive Parliaments</p> <p>(i) Two-thirds of pension husband was receiving or eligible to receive, until death or remarriage</p> <p>(ii) An amount of £650 or—Aggregate of deductions under the Act, whichever is the greater—Where not eligible for a pension as above</p>	<p>(i) £7 per week during lifetime—Where service not less than 15 years</p> <p>(ii) £6 per week during lifetime—Where service not less than 12 years but less than 15 years</p> <p>(iii) £5 per week during lifetime—Where service not less than 9 years but less than 12 years</p> <p>In each case having fulfilled the following additional requirements— (a) Payment of contributions amounting to not less than £200 (where otherwise qualified the amount deficient may be made up within a specified time) (b) Attainment of age of 60 years (or attainment of age of 50 years in the case of a person who, on resigning before, or ceasing to be a member on, the expiration of his term, fails for adequate reasons to continue)</p> <p>(iv) Refund of contributions without interest—Where not entitled to an annuity as above</p> <p>(i) Two-thirds of annuity husband was receiving, or eligible to receive, until death or remarriage</p> <p>(ii) Refund of husband's contributions without interest—Where husband was, on death, still a member, but with service less than 9 years</p>	<p>(i) £250 per year during lifetime—Where service not less than 12 years—plus £20 per year increase for each complete year of service in excess of 12 up to £370 per year maximum</p> <p>In each case having fulfilled the following additional requirements— (a) Payment of contributions amounting to not less than £351 (where otherwise qualified, the amount deficient may be made up) (b) Attainment of age of 50 years (c) In the case of a person who resigns before, or ceases to be a member on, the expiration of his term—adequate reasons for his failure to continue</p> <p>(ii) Refund of contributions without interest—Where not entitled to a pension as above</p> <p>(i) Three-fifths of pension husband was receiving, or eligible to receive, until death or remarriage</p> <p>(ii) Refund of husband's contributions without interest—Where husband was, on death, still a member, but with service less than 12 years</p>	<p>(i) £6 per week for 10 years; £3 per week for a further 10 years—Where service not less than 14 years and having paid contributions for not less than 14 years</p> <p>(ii) £5 per week for 10 years; £2 10s. per week for a further 10 years—Where service not less than 14 years but having paid contributions for less than 14 years</p> <p>(iii) £3 per week for 10 years—Where service not less than 7 years and having paid contributions for not less than 7 years</p> <p>(iv) £2 10s. per week for 10 years—Where service not less than 7 years but having paid contributions for less than 7 years</p> <p>(v) Refund of contributions with interest at rate determined by trustees—Where service less than 7 years</p> <p>NOTE.—In the case of a person who resigns before, or ceases to be a member on, the expiration of his term, adequate reasons for his failure to continue must be produced in addition to the other qualifications necessary for benefits, etc.</p> <p>(i) Two-thirds of pension husband was entitled to receive for first 5 years of pension period; one half for remainder—Where husband was, on death, still a member</p> <p>(ii) One-half of pension husband would have been, but for death, from time to time entitled to—Where husband was, on death, a former member within the period of entitlement to pension payments</p>

his term without adequate reasons (see above), or if his place becomes vacant through an infringement

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Particulars.	Commonwealth.	New South Wales.
<p>(vi) <i>Principal Benefits from Fund—</i> continued To— (c) Other dependants or personal representatives of a member, or of a former member in receipt of a pension</p>	<p>(i) To personal representatives, where deceased was a male not survived by a widow, or was a female other than as follows in (ii) —Refund of contributions of deceased without interest, less any amount of pension received by, or accrued due to, deceased (ii) To widower, where deceased was a female survived by a totally dependent widower and provided marriage had occurred before deceased became entitled to a pension— Pension not in excess of £5 per week, rate and period at discretion of trust</p>	

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Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.
<p>To legal personal representative, where deceased was a male not survived by a widow—An amount of £650 or—Aggregate of deductions under the Act, whichever is the greater</p>	<p>To personal representatives, where deceased was a male and on death was still a member, but with service less than 9 years, and was not survived by a widow—Refund of contributions of deceased without interest</p>	<p>..</p>	<p>To widower, where marriage had taken place prior to loss of membership or, if no surviving widow or widower, then to a dependent child or children under the age of 16 years, being the issue of such a marriage—Pension at the rate appropriate to the entitlements as above</p>