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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-second Official Year Book issued under the authority of the Commonwealth Government.

The synopsis included in former issues showing the general arrangement of the work has in this issue been incorporated in the table of contents (pages vii to xii). 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.

This volume has been revised throughout; new matter has been added and several chapters have been considerably amended and rearranged. The following items may be especially mentioned.

Chapter 3. General Government. Rearrangement of text, new sections showing members of the Commonwealth Parliament and conspectus of referendums for alteration of the Constitution.

Chapter 12. Labour, Wages and Prices. New section dealing with Wholesale Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials.

Chapter 13. Oversea Transactions. Revised material covering trade legislation and trade agreements. Section relating to oversea investment by private investors transferred from former chapter Private Finance.

Chapter 16. Public Justice. New section giving particulars of serious crime reported or becoming known to police.

Chapter 17. Public Health. Revised and enlarged section relating to public health legislation and administration.

Chapter 18. Education, Cultural Activities and Research. New section on outline of research in Australia.

Chapter 20. Private Finance. Revised sections relating to the adoption by Australia of a decimal currency, and the Australian note issue. New sections dealing with volume of money and finance companies.

Chapter 21. Public Finance. Revised material relating to Commonwealth finance including new tables dealing with the Commonwealth Public Account.

Chapter 23. Rural Industry. Special article, The Soils of Australia, prepared by officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.

Chapter 26. Mineral Industry. Re-arrangement of chapter and amplification of descriptive sections; new section reviewing recent developments in the mineral industry.

Chapter 29. The Territories of Australia. Increased tabular matter, particularly as regards production statistics.

Special article on Travel and Tourism in Australia, prepared by Mr. R. D. Piesse of the Australian National Travel Association.

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 1965. 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* the chapter Miscellaneous), and the last pages of this volume contain a list of current and recent printed publications, showing issue numbers, dates and prices.

The Appendix to this issue of the Year Book has been restricted, in order to conserve time and space, to only a few items instead of the former general advancing of series in the body of the book. The issue of chapters or groups of chapters as separate parts has also been discontinued.

With the issue this year of the first Official Year Book of South Australia, State Year Books are now published by the Deputy Commonwealth Statisticians of all States except Tasmania, and in that State the preparation of the first Official Year Book is nearing completion. Apart from Year Books, the Deputy Commonwealth Statisticians of all States issue a number of printed and mimeographed publications. These 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 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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SYMBOLS AND OTHER FORMS OF USAGE IN THIS YEAR BOOK

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.

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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).

Yearly periods shown as e.g. 1965 refer to the year ended 31 December 1965; those shown as e.g. 1964-65 refer to the year ended 30 June 1965. Other yearly periods are specifically indicated. The range of years shown in table headings, e.g. 1901 to 1964-65, 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.



AUSTRALIAN DECIMAL CURRENCY DOLLAR (\$) / CENT (c) SYSTEM

On 14 February 1966, under the *Currency Act 1965*, a dollar/cent decimal currency system, with one dollar equal to 100 cents, was introduced in Australia.

The relationship between pounds, shillings and pence and dollars and cents as prescribed in the Act, is as follows:

1 pound = 2 dollars

1 shilling = 10 cents

1 penny = $\frac{1}{8}$ ths of a cent

In this issue of the Year Book monetary amounts have been converted to the equivalent amounts in the new system.

For further information see pages 671-4 of the chapter Private Finance.

DECIMAL CURRENCY CONVERSION TABLES

Conversion tables issued by the Decimal Currency Board are reproduced hereunder and on pages xv-xvii.

The conversions shown in these tables should not be taken as an official direction on the manner in which prices should be fixed or charges made. The Decimal Currency Board has no authority to fix prices or other charges.

EXACT EQUIVALENTS TABLE CONVERSION OF AMOUNTS OF £ s. d. TO \$ c

Pence	Cents*	Shillings	Cents	£ s. d.	\$
1	$\frac{1}{8}$ or .83333	1	10	10 0	1.00
2	$1\frac{1}{4}$ 1.66667	2	20	11 0	1.10
3	$2\frac{1}{2}$ 2.5	3	30	12 0	1.20
4	$3\frac{1}{2}$ 3.33333	4	40	13 0	1.30
5	$4\frac{1}{2}$ 4.16667	5	50	14 0	1.40
6	5 5	6	60	15 0	1.50
7	$5\frac{3}{4}$ 5.83333	7	70	16 0	1.60
8	$6\frac{1}{2}$ 6.66667	8	80	17 0	1.70
9	$7\frac{1}{2}$ 7.5	9	90	18 0	1.80
10	$8\frac{1}{2}$ 8.33333	10	100	19 0	1.90
11	$9\frac{1}{2}$ 9.16667	..	..	1 0 0	2.00
12	10 10	..	..	..	..

* Taken to nearest 5th decimal place.

The Exact Equivalents Table shows the relationships between pounds, shillings and pence, and dollars and cents as prescribed in the *Currency Act 1965*, namely:

1 pound = 2 dollars 1 shilling = 10 cents 1 penny = $\frac{1}{8}$ ths of a cent

This table should be used where it is necessary to obtain EXACT equivalents in decimal currency of amounts expressed in £ s. d. For example, where rates or unit prices are expressed in £ s. d. in agreements between contracting parties, this table may be used to convert them to their exact equivalents in \$ c.

BANKING AND ACCOUNTING TABLE
CONVERSION OF AMOUNTS OF £ s. d. TO DOLLARS AND WHOLE CENTS

Pence	Cents	Shillings	Cents	£ s. d.	\$
1	1	1	10	10 0	1.00
2	2	2	20	11 0	1.10
3	2	3	30	12 0	1.20
4	3	4	40	13 0	1.30
5	4	5	50	14 0	1.40
6	5	6	60	15 0	1.50
7	6	7	70	16 0	1.60
8	7	8	80	17 0	1.70
9	8	9	90	18 0	1.80
10	8	10	100	19 0	1.90
11	9	..	..	1 0 0	2.00
12	10	..	..	..	..

The Banking and Accounting Table converts £ s. d. amounts expressed in whole pence to \$ c amounts expressed in whole cents. To convert an amount of £ s. d. to dollars and cents—multiply the pounds by two—to give dollars. Add the equivalent of the shillings and pence,

e.g. £23 17s. 10d.
 £23 (× 2) = \$46.00
 17s. 10d. = \$1.78 (from table)
 £23 17s. 10d. = \$47.78

'NEAREST PENNY' CONVERSION FOR USE WITH PRICE COMPUTING INSTRUMENTS

Cents	Pence	Cents	Shillings
1	1	10	1
2	2	20	2
3	4	30	3
4	5	40	4
5	6	50	5
6	7	60	6
7	8	70	7
8	10	80	8
9	11	90	9
10	12	100 (= \$1)	10

NOTE. The exact value of 1c is 1½ pence. Pence amounts have been rounded to the nearest penny; e.g. 2c = 2½d. or 2d. (to nearest penny).

To convert an amount of \$ c to £ s. d.
 Divide the dollars by two—to give pounds.
 Add the equivalent of the cents, e.g.
 \$47.78
 \$47 (÷2) = £23 10s. 0d.
 78c = 7s. 10d. (from table)
\$47.78 = £23 17s. 10d.

QUICK METHOD OF CONVERSION
 \$2.83 = 283 cents
 Place a stroke before the units of cents—
 28/3
 Convert the units of cents—
 28/4 (nearest penny)
 or £1 8s. 4d.

AUSTRALIAN DECIMAL CURRENCY

'NEAREST HALFPENNY' CONVERSION FOR USE
WITH PRICE COMPUTING INSTRUMENTS

Cents	Pence	Cents	Shillings
1	1	10	1
2	2½	20	2
3	3½	30	3
4	5	40	4
5	6	50	5
6	7	60	6
7	8½	70	7
8	9½	80	8
9	11	90	9
10	12	100 = (\$1)	10

NOTE. The exact value of 1c is 1½ pence. Pence amounts have been rounded to the nearest half penny; e.g. 2c = 2½d. or 2½d. (to nearest halfpenny).

To convert an amount of \$ c to £ s. d.

Divide the dollars by two—to give pounds.

Add the equivalent of the cents, e.g.

\$47.78

\$47 (÷ 2) = £23 10s. 0d.

78c = 7s. 9½d.

\$47.78 = £23 17s. 9½d.

QUICK METHOD OF CONVERSION

\$2.83 = 283 cents

Place a stroke before the units of cents—
28/3

Convert the units of cents—

28/3½ (nearest halfpenny)

or £1 8s. 3½d.

The two preceding tables have been produced as a guide for owners of decimal price computing instruments who may need to convert \$ c amounts to £ s. d.

COMPREHENSIVE CONVERSION TABLE

CONVERSION OF AMOUNTS OF £ s. d. INTO DECIMAL CURRENCY TO
NEAREST WHOLE CENT

The Comprehensive Conversion Table is in no sense designed to give official direction as to how prices expressed in £ s. d. should be converted into dollars and cents after the changeover to decimal currency. The Decimal Currency Board has no authority to fix prices or other charges and the Comprehensive Conversion Table merely shows the nearest whole cent equivalent of various £ s. d. amounts expressed to the nearest halfpenny. The only exceptions are threepence and ninepence where the cent equivalent is shown as half a cent below the exact value in the case of the threepence and half a cent higher in the case of the ninepence. Because the Comprehensive Conversion Table in most cases gives approximations only, it is not suitable for converting unit rates or prices. It should be used only for converting the final balance of an account or the amount due for payment by a debtor.

COMPREHENSIVE CONVERSION TABLE—continued

s.	d.	Cents	s.	d.	Cents	s.	d.	Cents	s.	d.	Cents	s.	d.	Cents	s.	d.	Cents	s.	d.	Cents
..	..	1	0½	10	2	0½	20	3	0½	30	4	0½	40	5	0½	50				
1	1	1	1	11	2	1	21	3	1	31	4	1	41	5	1	51				
1½	1	1	1½	11	2	1½	21	3	1½	31	4	1½	41	5	1½	51				
2	2	1	2	12	2	2	22	3	2	32	4	2	42	5	2	52				
2½	2	1	2½	12	2	2½	22	3	2½	32	4	2½	42	5	2½	52				
3	2	1	3	12	2	3	22	3	3	32	4	3	42	5	3	52				
3½	3	1	3½	13	2	3½	23	3	3½	33	4	3½	43	5	3½	53				
4	3	1	4	13	2	4	23	3	4	33	4	4	43	5	4	53				
4½	4	1	4½	14	2	4½	24	3	4½	34	4	4½	44	5	4½	54				
5	4	1	5	14	2	5	24	3	5	34	4	5	44	5	5	54				
5½	5	1	5½	15	2	5½	25	3	5½	35	4	5½	45	5	5½	55				
6	5	1	6	15	2	6	25	3	6	35	4	6	45	5	6	55				
6½	5	1	6½	15	2	6½	25	3	6½	35	4	6½	45	5	6½	55				
7	6	1	7	16	2	7	26	3	7	36	4	7	46	5	7	56				
7½	6	1	7½	16	2	7½	26	3	7½	36	4	7½	46	5	7½	56				
8	7	1	8	17	2	8	27	3	8	37	4	8	47	5	8	57				
8½	7	1	8½	17	2	8½	27	3	8½	37	4	8½	47	5	8½	57				
9	8	1	9	18	2	9	28	3	9	38	4	9	48	5	9	58				
9½	8	1	9½	18	2	9½	28	3	9½	38	4	9½	48	5	9½	58				
10	8	1	10	18	2	10	28	3	10	38	4	10	48	5	10	58				
10½	9	1	10½	19	2	10½	29	3	10½	39	4	10½	49	5	10½	59				
11	9	1	11	19	2	11	29	3	11	39	4	11	49	5	11	59				
11½	10	1	11½	20	2	11½	30	3	11½	40	4	11½	50	5	11½	60				
1 0	10	2	0	20	3	0	30	4	0	40	5	0	50	6	0	60				
											s.	d.	\$	£	\$					
6 0½	60	7	0½	70	8	0½	80	9	0½	90	10	0	1.00	1	2.00					
6 1	61	7	1	71	8	1	81	9	1	91	11	0	1.10	2	4.00					
6 1½	61	7	1½	71	8	1½	81	9	1½	91	12	0	1.20	3	6.00					
6 2	62	7	2	72	8	2	82	9	2	92	13	0	1.30	4	8.00					
6 2½	62	7	2½	72	8	2½	82	9	2½	92	14	0	1.40	5	10.00					
6 3	62	7	3	72	8	3	82	9	3	92	15	0	1.50	6	12.00					
6 3½	63	7	3½	73	8	3½	83	9	3½	93	16	0	1.60	7	14.00					
6 4	63	7	4	73	8	4	83	9	4	93	17	0	1.70	8	16.00					
6 4½	64	7	4½	74	8	4½	84	9	4½	94	18	0	1.80	9	18.00					
6 5	64	7	5	74	8	5	84	9	5	94	19	0	1.90	10	20.00					
6 5½	65	7	5½	75	8	5½	85	9	5½	95	..	..	..	..	..
6 6	65	7	6	75	8	6	85	9	6	95	..	..	..	..	..
6 6½	65	7	6½	75	8	6½	85	9	6½	95	..	..	..	..	..
6 7	66	7	7	76	8	7	86	9	7	96	..	..	..	..	..
6 7½	66	7	7½	76	8	7½	86	9	7½	96	..	..	..	..	..
6 8	67	7	8	77	8	8	87	9	8	97	..	..	..	..	..
6 8½	67	7	8½	77	8	8½	87	9	8½	97	..	..	..	..	..
6 9	68	7	9	78	8	9	88	9	9	98	..	..	..	..	..
6 9½	68	7	9½	78	8	9½	88	9	9½	98	..	..	..	..	..
6 10	68	7	10	78	8	10	88	9	10	98	..	..	..	..	..
6 10½	69	7	10½	79	8	10½	89	9	10½	99	..	..	..	..	..
6 11	69	7	11	79	8	11	89	9	11	99					
6 11½	70	7	11½	80	8	11½	90	9	11½	100					
7 0	70	8	0	80	9	0	90	10	0	100					

CORRIGENDA

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- 7—Section 8, third line—*for* selector *read* elector.
- 58—SOUTH AUSTRALIA—*for* Ministry (*from* 27 May 1965) *read* Ministry (*from* 10 March 1965).
- 74—*For* Science Laboratories Act 1965 *read* States Grants (Science Laboratories) Act 1965.
- 120—Bacon and ham, 1964–65—*for* 95,561 *read* 79,710.
Caustic soda, 1964–65—*for* 69,198 *read* 69,879.
Cheese, 1961–62—*for* 55,380 *read* 55,684.
- 121—Copper, refined, 1963–64 | 1964–65—*for* 90,890 | 56,112 *read* 89,222 | 55,773.
Infants' and invalids' milk, 1964–65—*for* 45,505 *read* 45,179.
- 122—Milk condensed, etc.—
Full cream, unsweetened, 1961–62 | 1962–63 | 1964–65—*for* 83,860 | 97,848 | 97,848
read 73,922 | 73,021 | 98,403.
Milk powder—
Full cream, 1963–64 | 1964–65—*for* 42,169 | 42,495 *read* 42,179 | 42,541.
Skim, 1964–65—*for* 105,930 *read* 106,139.
Buttermilk, etc., 1961–62 | 1962–63 | 1963–64—*for* 18,918 | 21,831 | 22,139 *read*
18,063 | 20,801 | 21,210.
Paperboard, 1964–65—*for* 285,278 *read* 296,387.
- 123—Timber—
From native logs, 1964–65—*for* 1,511,483 *read* 1,540,312.
- 136—table CONFECTIONERY, Value of materials used, 1960–61—*for* 36,767 *read* 35,767.
- 191—first sentence—*for* 1964 *read* 1965.
- 197—footnote (a)—*for* New York–Northeastern New Jersey urbanized area, which includes Elizabeth, Jersey City, Newark, Paterson and Yonkers *read* “Standard metropolitan statistical area” as defined in 1964. The population of New York–Northeastern New Jersey urbanized area, which includes Elizabeth, Jersey City, Newark, Paterson and Yonkers was 14,114,927 on 1 April 1960.
- 450—first table—South Australia—Port Lincoln, 1964–65, Net tons—*for* 5,451 *read* 545.
- 460—first table—Passenger-miles, Commonwealth *for* 120,947 *read* 120,977.
- 482—table—Embarkations, 1964–65—*for* 3,768,244 *read* 3,763,936.
- 542—second table—Civilian—Full time—Victoria | Australia—*for* 1,135 | 2,124 *read* 589 | 1,578.

