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EXPLANATORY NOTES.

This Bulletin is the second in a series "Social Statistics" which will present statistics on education, health, welfare and justice, and contains statistics for hospitals throughout Australia for the year ended 30th June, 1960 with comparative figures for earlier years. The first bulletin in the series, No. 1 Schools, 1960, was issued on 12th December, 1961.

The particulars shown herein refer to public hospitals, mental hospitals, and also to those private hospitals approved for the payment of hospital benefits under the Commonwealth "National Health Act, 1953-1959". This is the first occasion on which statistics of the number of private hospitals and private hospital beds and patients have been included in Bureau publications. However, statistics of the number of medical and nursing staff at private hospitals are not as yet available.

The statistics shown under the heading of "Public Hospitals" refer to all institutions affording hospital relief, whether general or special, with the exception of mental hospitals, repatriation hospitals, leper hospitals, and private hospitals conducted commercially. They include hospitals wholly provided for by the State, hospitals partially subsidized by the State or by State endowments but receiving also private aid, and hospitals established and endowed by individuals for the benefit of the needy generally.

Statistics shown for mental hospitals (except those relating to staff) include particulars of the two licensed private mental hospitals in New South Wales. The mental hospital figures exclude particulars of reception houses, and observation wards in gaols.

Particulars of the six repatriation general hospitals (at Concord, N.S.W.; Heidelberg, Victoria; Greenslopes, Queensland; Springbank, S.A.; Hollywood, W.A.; and Hobart, Tasmania) are not included. The average daily number of patients resident in these hospitals during the year ended 30th June, 1960 was 2,677.

The four isolation hospitals for the care and treatment of persons suffering from Hansen's disease (leprosy), located at Little Bay, N.S.W.; Fantome Island, Queensland; Derby, W.A.; and East Arm Settlement, N.T., are also excluded. At the end of 1960 there were 358 patients at these hospitals.

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TABLE 1. - NUMBER OF HOSPITALS

State or Territory	At 30th June -				
	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
<b>PUBLIC HOSPITALS</b>					
New South Wales	264	268	270	269	267
Victoria	126	132	138	139	141
Queensland	140	139	139	138	139
South Australia	65	65	64	65	65
Western Australia	95	94	93	93	93
Tasmania	26	28	28	26	28
Northern Territory	4	4	4	4	4
Australian Capital Territory	1	1	1	1	1
<b>AUSTRALIA:</b>	721	731	737	735	738
<b>MENTAL HOSPITALS</b>					
New South Wales	14	14	14	15	15
Victoria (a)	9	10	11	11	11
Queensland	5	5	5	5	5
South Australia	2	2	2	2	2
Western Australia (a)	4	4	4	4	4
Tasmania	1	1	1	1	1
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Capital Territory	-	-	-	-	-
<b>AUSTRALIA:</b>	35	36	37	38	38
<b>PRIVATE HOSPITALS (b)</b>					
New South Wales	389	398	410	429	444
Victoria	228	226	240	239	256
Queensland	59	61	69	74	79
South Australia	120	125	125	140	144
Western Australia	39	52	60	63	74
Tasmania	20	20	21	28	33
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Capital Territory	-	-	-	-	-
<b>AUSTRALIA:</b>	855	882	925	973	1,030
<b>TOTAL</b>					
New South Wales	667	680	694	713	726
Victoria	363	368	389	389	408
Queensland	204	205	213	217	223
South Australia	187	192	191	207	211
Western Australia	138	150	157	160	171
Tasmania	47	49	50	55	62
Northern Territory	4	4	4	4	4
Australian Capital Territory	1	1	1	1	1
<b>AUSTRALIA:</b>	1,611	1,649	1,699	1,746	1,806

(a) At 31st December. (b) Approved for the payment of hospital benefits under the Commonwealth National Health Act 1953-1959.



TABLE 2. - NUMBER OF HOSPITAL BEDS

State or Territory	At 30th June -				
	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
<b>PUBLIC HOSPITALS</b>					
New South Wales	20,200	20,993	21,625	22,620	22,883
Victoria	11,819	12,274	12,391	12,522	12,817
Queensland	10,705	11,502	11,293	11,756	12,422
South Australia	3,617	3,825	3,870	3,994	4,409
Western Australia	4,291	4,232	4,432	4,589	4,505
Tasmania	2,300	2,357	2,381	2,386	2,468
Northern Territory	368	368	373	422	441
Australian Capital Territory	250	250	253	255	258
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>53,550</b>	<b>55,801</b>	<b>56,618</b>	<b>58,544</b>	<b>60,203</b>
<b>MENTAL HOSPITALS</b>					
New South Wales	12,652	12,627	12,700	13,060	13,245
Victoria (a)	7,517	8,175	8,897	8,872	8,950
Queensland	4,787	4,694	4,804	4,736	4,573
South Australia	2,668	2,656	2,708	2,776	2,727
Western Australia (a)	1,655	1,655	1,681	1,681	1,681
Tasmania	810	810	797	900	850
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Capital Territory	-	-	-	-	-
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>30,089</b>	<b>30,617</b>	<b>31,587</b>	<b>32,025</b>	<b>32,026</b>
<b>PRIVATE HOSPITALS (b)</b>					
New South Wales	6,755	7,001	7,438	8,172	8,864
Victoria	4,335	4,416	4,827	4,830	5,013
Queensland	1,662	1,765	1,877	1,949	2,162
South Australia	2,687	4,059	2,382	2,742	2,796
Western Australia	1,209	1,450	1,554	1,605	1,799
Tasmania	502	481	478	607	665
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Capital Territory	-	-	-	-	-
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>17,150</b>	<b>19,172</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>19,905</b>	<b>21,299</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>					
New South Wales	39,607	40,621	41,763	43,852	44,992
Victoria	23,671	24,865	26,115	26,224	26,780
Queensland	17,154	17,961	17,974	18,441	19,157
South Australia	8,972	10,540	8,960	9,512	9,932
Western Australia	7,155	7,337	7,667	7,875	7,985
Tasmania	3,612	3,648	3,656	3,893	3,983
Northern Territory	368	368	373	422	441
Australian Capital Territory	250	250	253	255	258
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>100,789</b>	<b>105,590</b>	<b>106,761</b>	<b>110,474</b>	<b>113,528</b>

(a) At 31st December. (b) Approved for the payment of hospital benefits under the Commonwealth National Health Act, 1953-1959.

TABLE 3. - NUMBER OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS

(Average Daily Number Resident)

State or Territory	During Year ended 30th June -				
	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
<b>PUBLIC HOSPITALS</b>					
New South Wales	15,791	16,154	16,629	17,422	17,644
Victoria	8,252	8,370	8,474	8,751	8,808
Queensland	7,104	7,237	7,490	7,767	7,961
South Australia	2,530	2,559	2,527	2,643	2,683
Western Australia	2,648	2,656	2,748	2,847	2,913
Tasmania	1,636	1,715	1,740	1,750	1,831
Northern Territory	226	236	266	282	309
Australian Capital Territory	154	165	182	197	196
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>38,341</b>	<b>39,092</b>	<b>40,056</b>	<b>41,659</b>	<b>42,345</b>
<b>MENTAL HOSPITALS</b>					
New South Wales	11,805	11,771	11,693	11,870	11,772
Victoria (a)	7,400	7,800	8,303	8,326	8,364
Queensland	4,488	4,517	4,327	4,308	4,098
South Australia	2,539	2,551	2,570	2,579	2,507
Western Australia (a)	1,651	1,641	1,681	1,706	1,685
Tasmania	756	752	749	764	850
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Capital Territory	-	-	-	-	-
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>28,639</b>	<b>29,032</b>	<b>29,323</b>	<b>29,553</b>	<b>29,276</b>
<b>PRIVATE HOSPITALS (b)</b>					
New South Wales	5,501	5,812	6,044	6,398	7,129
Victoria	3,377	3,319	3,354	3,494	3,620
Queensland	1,341	1,341	1,305	1,476	1,708
South Australia	1,600	1,649	1,725	1,956	2,049
Western Australia	978	1,019	1,186	1,362	1,524
Tasmania	346	351	345	400	510
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Capital Territory	-	-	-	-	-
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>13,143</b>	<b>13,491</b>	<b>13,959</b>	<b>15,086</b>	<b>16,540</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>					
New South Wales	33,097	33,737	34,366	35,690	36,545
Victoria	19,029	19,489	20,131	20,571	20,792
Queensland	12,933	13,095	13,122	13,551	13,767
South Australia	6,669	6,759	6,822	7,178	7,239
Western Australia	5,277	5,316	5,615	5,915	6,122
Tasmania	2,738	2,818	2,834	2,914	3,191
Northern Territory	226	236	266	282	309
Australian Capital Territory	154	165	182	197	196
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>80,123</b>	<b>81,615</b>	<b>83,338</b>	<b>86,298</b>	<b>88,161</b>

(a) During year ended 31st December. (b) Approved for the payment of hospital benefits under the Commonwealth National Health Act 1953-1959. The average daily numbers of patients resident have been calculated on the basis of the amount of Commonwealth ordinary benefit actually paid to these hospitals.

TABLE 4. - HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF

(Excluding Private Hospitals)

State or Territory	At 30th June -				
	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
<b>HONORARY MEDICAL STAFF AT PUBLIC HOSPITALS</b>					
New South Wales	3,446	3,807	4,029	4,217	4,496
Victoria	1,284	1,327	1,420	1,424	1,531
Queensland	26	26	26	30	29
South Australia	438	452	463	502	518
Western Australia	309	297	330	376	379
Tasmania	92	107	106	89	97
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Capital Territory	34	34	36	40	65
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>5,629</b>	<b>6,050</b>	<b>6,410</b>	<b>6,678</b>	<b>7,115</b>
<b>SALARIED MEDICAL STAFF AT PUBLIC HOSPITALS</b>					
New South Wales	748	684	815	720	809
Victoria	631	696	730	805	815
Queensland	735	772	762	778	796
South Australia	137	138	126	160	185
Western Australia	107	107	116	119	120
Tasmania	99	110	117	126	134
Northern Territory	13	13	15	16	15
Australian Capital Territory	4	3	3	4	4
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>2,474</b>	<b>2,523</b>	<b>2,684</b>	<b>2,728</b>	<b>2,878</b>
<b>MEDICAL STAFF AT MENTAL HOSPITALS</b>					
New South Wales (a)	(b) 105	(b) 116	(b) 117	(b) 110	(b) 116
Victoria (c)	77	92	103	110	116
Queensland	13	14	14	19	17
South Australia	13	13	13	13	14
Western Australia (c)	8	8	8	6	8
Tasmania	4	4	3	4	5
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Capital Territory	-	-	-	-	-
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>276</b>
<b>TOTAL MEDICAL STAFF AT PUBLIC AND MENTAL HOSPITALS</b>					
New South Wales	4,299	4,607	4,961	5,047	5,421
Victoria	1,992	2,115	2,253	2,339	2,462
Queensland	774	812	802	827	842
South Australia	588	603	602	675	717
Western Australia	424	412	454	501	507
Tasmania	195	221	226	219	236
Northern Territory	13	13	15	16	15
Australian Capital Territory	38	37	39	44	69
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>8,323</b>	<b>8,820</b>	<b>9,352</b>	<b>9,668</b>	<b>10,269</b>

(a) Excludes medical staff at the two licensed private mental hospitals.

(b) Includes visiting specialists who are paid for their time, as follows: 1956, 59; 1957, 59; 1958, 52; 1959, 43; and 1960, 44.

(c) At 31st December.

TABLE 5. - HOSPITAL NURSING STAFF  
(Excluding Private Hospitals)

State or Territory	At 30th June -				
	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
NURSING STAFF AT PUBLIC HOSPITALS					
New South Wales	11,035	11,734	12,218	13,261	13,568
Victoria	7,671	8,312	8,673	9,075	9,432
Queensland	4,563	4,776	4,915	5,011	5,529
South Australia	2,062	2,126	2,237	2,467	2,790
Western Australia	2,376	2,553	2,808	2,914	3,017
Tasmania	1,153	1,198	1,242	1,249	1,290
Northern Territory	97	102	130	156	162
Australian Capital Territory	113	205	213	239	235
AUSTRALIA	29,070	31,006	32,436	34,372	36,023
MALE NURSING STAFF AND ATTENDANTS AT MENTAL HOSPITALS					
New South Wales (a)	1,018	1,071	1,122	1,173	1,285
Victoria (b)	1,068	1,215	1,320	1,278	(c)
Queensland	455	502	509	518	512
South Australia	226	229	238	242	240
Western Australia (b)	131	143	139	134	125
Tasmania	93	95	95	90	89
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Capital Territory	-	-	-	-	-
AUSTRALIA	2,991	3,255	3,423	3,435	(c)
FEMALE NURSING STAFF AND ATTENDANTS AT MENTAL HOSPITALS					
New South Wales (a)	998	1,034	1,038	1,131	1,193
Victoria (b)	1,002	1,078	1,155	1,160	(c)
Queensland	548	616	640	664	652
South Australia	214	216	217	229	228
Western Australia (b)	180	185	190	188	202
Tasmania	97	86	98	88	99
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-
Australian Capital Territory	-	-	-	-	-
AUSTRALIA	3,039	3,215	3,338	3,460	(c)
TOTAL NURSING STAFF AT PUBLIC AND MENTAL HOSPITALS					
New South Wales	13,051	13,839	14,378	15,565	16,046
Victoria	9,741	10,605	11,148	11,513	11,834
Queensland	5,566	5,894	6,064	6,193	6,693
South Australia	2,502	2,571	2,692	2,938	3,258
Western Australia	2,687	2,881	3,137	3,236	3,344
Tasmania	1,343	1,379	1,435	1,427	1,478
Northern Territory	97	102	130	156	162
Australian Capital Territory	113	205	213	239	235
AUSTRALIA	35,100	37,476	30,197	41,267	43,050

(a) Excludes nursing staff and attendants at the two licensed private mental hospitals.

(b) At 31st December.

(c) Separate figures for males and females for Victoria are not yet available - total nursing staff at mental hospitals in Victoria was 2,402 and for Australia 7,027.