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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Bulletin contains statistics of hospitals throughout Australia for the year ended 30th June, 1961 with comparative figures for earlier years.

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 1953-1961. Statistics of the number of medical and nursing staff at private hospitals are not 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, 1961 was 2,941.

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 1961 there were 375 patients at these hospitals.

TABLE 1. - NUMBER OF HOSPITALS

State or Territory	At 30th June -				
	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
PUBLIC HOSPITALS					
New South Wales	268	270	269	267	268
Victoria	132	138	139	141	140
Queensland	139	139	138	139	139
South Australia	65	64	65	65	66
Western Australia	94	93	93	93	91
Tasmania	28	28	26	28	28
Northern Territory	4	4	4	4	4
Australian Capital Territory	1	1	1	1	1
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	731	737	735	738	737
MENTAL HOSPITALS					
New South Wales	14	14	15	15	15
Victoria (a)	10	11	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	..	..	..	..	..
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	36	37	38	38	38
PRIVATE HOSPITALS (b)					
New South Wales	398	410	429	444	461
Victoria	226	240	239	256	254
Queensland	61	69	74	79	92
South Australia	125	125	140	144	143
Western Australia	52	60	63	74	79
Tasmania	20	21	28	33	32
Northern Territory	..	..	..	..	..
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	882	925	973	1,030	1,061
TOTAL					
New South Wales	680	694	713	726	744
Victoria	368	389	389	408	405
Queensland	205	213	217	223	236
South Australia	192	191	207	211	211
Western Australia	150	157	160	171	174
Tasmania	49	50	55	62	61
Northern Territory	4	4	4	4	4
Australian Capital Territory	1	1	1	1	1
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	1,649	1,699	1,746	1,806	1,836

(a) At 31st December.

(b) Approved for the payment of hospital benefits under the Commonwealth National Health Act 1953-1961.

TABLE 2. - NUMBER OF HOSPITAL BEDS

State or Territory	At 30th June -				
	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
PUBLIC HOSPITALS					
New South Wales	20,993	21,625	22,620	22,883	23,135
Victoria	12,274	12,391	12,522	12,817	13,108
Queensland	11,502	11,293	11,756	12,422	12,376
South Australia	3,825	3,870	3,994	4,409	4,475
Western Australia	4,232	4,432	4,589	4,505	4,590
Tasmania	2,357	2,381	2,386	2,468	2,569
Northern Territory	368	373	422	441	471
Australian Capital Territory	250	253	255	258	258
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	55,801	56,618	58,544	60,203	60,982
MENTAL HOSPITALS					
New South Wales	12,627	12,700	13,060	13,245	13,324
Victoria (a)	8,175	8,897	8,872	8,950	8,950
Queensland	4,694	4,804	4,736	4,573	4,269
South Australia	2,656	2,708	2,776	2,727	2,824
Western Australia (a)	1,655	1,681	1,681	1,681	1,737
Tasmania	810	797	900	892	892
Northern Territory	..	..	..	..	..
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	30,617	31,587	32,025	32,068	31,996
PRIVATE HOSPITALS (b)					
New South Wales	7,001	7,438	8,172	8,864	9,678
Victoria	4,416	4,827	4,830	5,013	4,998
Queensland	1,765	1,877	1,949	2,162	2,445
South Australia	2,242	2,382	2,742	2,796	2,866
Western Australia	1,450	1,554	1,605	1,799	1,945
Tasmania	481	478	607	665	687
Northern Territory	..	..	..	..	..
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	17,355	18,556	19,905	21,299	22,619
TOTAL					
New South Wales	40,621	41,763	43,852	44,992	46,137
Victoria	24,865	26,115	26,224	26,780	27,056
Queensland	17,961	17,974	18,441	19,157	19,090
South Australia	8,723	8,960	9,512	9,932	10,165
Western Australia	7,337	7,667	7,875	7,985	8,272
Tasmania	3,648	3,656	3,893	4,025	4,148
Northern Territory	368	373	422	441	471
Australian Capital Territory	250	253	255	258	258
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	103,773	106,761	110,474	113,570	115,597

(a) At 31st December.

(b) Approved for the payment of hospital benefits under the Commonwealth National Health Act 1953-1961.

TABLE 3. - NUMBER OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS
(Average Daily Number Resident)

State or Territory	During Year ended 30th June -				
	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
PUBLIC HOSPITALS					
New South Wales	16,154	16,629	17,422	17,644	17,888
Victoria	8,370	8,474	8,751	8,808	8,606
Queensland	7,237	7,490	7,767	7,961	8,130
South Australia	2,559	2,527	2,643	2,683	2,758
Western Australia	2,656	2,748	2,847	2,913	2,948
Tasmania	1,708	1,745	1,728	1,809	1,833
Northern Territory	236	266	282	309	310
Australian Capital Territory	165	182	197	196	206
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	39,085	40,061	41,637	42,323	42,679
MENTAL HOSPITALS					
New South Wales	11,771	11,693	11,870	11,772	12,315
Victoria (a)	7,800	8,303	8,326	8,364	8,326
Queensland	4,517	4,327	4,308	4,098	3,937
South Australia	2,551	2,570	2,579	2,507	2,454
Western Australia (a)	1,641	1,681	1,706	1,685	1,672
Tasmania	752	749	764	783	746
Northern Territory	..	..	..	..	..
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	29,032	29,323	29,553	29,209	29,450
PRIVATE HOSPITALS (b)					
New South Wales	5,812	6,044	6,398	7,129	7,955
Victoria	3,319	3,354	3,494	3,620	4,014
Queensland	1,341	1,305	1,476	1,708	1,905
South Australia	1,649	1,725	1,956	2,049	2,255
Western Australia	1,019	1,186	1,362	1,524	1,707
Tasmania	351	345	400	510	573
Northern Territory	..	..	..	..	..
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	13,491	13,959	15,086	16,540	18,409
TOTAL					
New South Wales	33,737	34,366	35,690	36,545	38,158
Victoria	19,489	20,131	20,571	20,792	20,946
Queensland	13,095	13,122	13,551	13,767	13,972
South Australia	6,759	6,822	7,178	7,239	7,467
Western Australia	5,316	5,615	5,915	6,122	6,327
Tasmania	2,811	2,839	2,892	3,102	3,152
Northern Territory	236	266	282	309	310
Australian Capital Territory	165	182	197	196	206
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	81,608	83,343	86,276	88,072	90,538

(a) During year ended 31st December.

(b) Approved for the payment of hospital benefits under the Commonwealth National Health Act 1953-1961. The average daily numbers of patients resident have been calculated on the basis of the amount of Commonwealth ordinary benefit paid to these hospitals.

TABLE 4. - HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF

(Excluding Private Hospitals)

State or Territory	At 30th June -				
	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
HONORARY MEDICAL STAFF AT PUBLIC HOSPITALS					
New South Wales	3,807	4,029	4,217	4,496	4,681
Victoria	1,327	1,420	1,424	1,531	1,551
Queensland	26	26	30	29	44
South Australia	452	463	502	518	549
Western Australia	306	322	331	336	356
Tasmania	107	106	89	97	112
Northern Territory	..	..	..	..	..
Australian Capital Territory	34	36	40	65	78
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	6,059	6,402	6,633	7,072	7,371
SALARIED MEDICAL STAFF AT PUBLIC HOSPITALS					
New South Wales	684	815	720	809	863
Victoria	696	730	805	815	886
Queensland	772	762	778	796	809
South Australia	138	126	160	185	182
Western Australia	95	108	112	124	137
Tasmania	110	117	126	134	117
Northern Territory	13	15	16	15	16
Australian Capital Territory	3	3	4	4	5
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	2,511	2,676	2,721	2,882	3,015
MEDICAL STAFF AT MENTAL HOSPITALS					
New South Wales (a)	116	117	110	116	118
Victoria (b)	92	103	110	116	126
Queensland	14	14	19	17	21
South Australia	13	13	13	14	15
Western Australia (b)	8	8	6	8	10
Tasmania	4	3	4	5	3
Northern Territory	..	..	..	..	..
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	247	258	262	276	293
TOTAL MEDICAL STAFF AT PUBLIC AND MENTAL HOSPITALS					
New South Wales	4,607	4,961	5,047	5,421	5,662
Victoria	2,115	2,253	2,339	2,462	2,563
Queensland	812	802	827	842	874
South Australia	603	602	675	717	746
Western Australia	409	438	449	468	503
Tasmania	221	226	219	236	232
Northern Territory	13	15	16	15	16
Australian Capital Territory	37	39	44	69	83
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	8,817	9,336	9,616	10,230	10,679

(a) Excludes medical staff at the two licensed private mental hospitals. Includes visiting specialists who are paid for their time, as follows: 1957, 59; 1958, 52; 1959, 43; 1960, 44; and 1961, 43.

(b) At 31st December.

TABLE 5. - HOSPITAL NURSING STAFF

(Excluding Private Hospitals)

State or Territory	At 30th June -				
	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
NURSING STAFF AT PUBLIC HOSPITALS					
New South Wales	11,734	12,218	13,261	13,568	14,141
Victoria	8,312	8,673	9,075	9,432	9,811
Queensland	4,776	4,915	5,011	5,529	5,741
South Australia	2,126	2,237	2,467	2,790	2,889
Western Australia	2,553	2,808	2,914	3,017	3,215
Tasmania	1,198	1,242	1,249	1,290	1,385
Northern Territory	102	130	156	162	167
Australian Capital Territory	205	213	239	235	258
AUSTRALIA	31,006	32,436	34,372	36,023	37,607
MALE NURSING STAFF AND ATTENDANTS AT MENTAL HOSPITALS					
New South Wales (a)	1,034	1,038	1,131	1,193	1,209
Victoria (b)	1,078	1,155	1,160	1,155	1,249
Queensland	616	640	664	652	602
South Australia	216	217	229	228	238
Western Australia (b)	185	190	188	202	204
Tasmania	86	98	88	99	107
Northern Territory	..	..	..	..	..
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..
AUSTRALIA	3,215	3,338	3,460	3,529	3,609
FEMALE NURSING STAFF AND ATTENDANTS AT MENTAL HOSPITALS					
New South Wales (a)	1,071	1,122	1,173	1,285	1,372
Victoria (b)	1,215	1,320	1,278	1,247	1,358
Queensland	502	509	518	512	489
South Australia	229	238	242	240	270
Western Australia (b)	143	139	134	125	142
Tasmania	95	95	90	89	95
Northern Territory	..	..	..	..	..
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	..	..	..
AUSTRALIA	3,255	3,423	3,435	3,498	3,726
TOTAL NURSING STAFF AT PUBLIC AND MENTAL HOSPITALS					
New South Wales	13,839	14,378	15,565	16,046	16,722
Victoria	10,605	11,148	11,513	11,834	12,418
Queensland	5,894	6,064	6,193	6,693	6,832
South Australia	2,571	2,692	2,938	3,258	3,397
Western Australia	2,881	3,137	3,236	3,344	3,561
Tasmania	1,379	1,435	1,427	1,478	1,587
Northern Territory	102	130	156	162	167
Australian Capital Territory	205	213	239	235	258
AUSTRALIA	37,476	39,197	41,267	43,050	44,942

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

(b) At 31st December.

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