

APPENDIX.

(Some recent information which has come to hand since the various chapters were sent to press is given hereunder in summarized form. For further or more detailed information, and for the latest available statistics, reference should be made to other publications issued by this Bureau (see p. 1118), notably the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*.)

CHAPTER II.—PHYSIOGRAPHY.

§ 2. Climate and Meteorology of Australia.

Rainfall: Australian Capital Cities, p. 48.—Rainfall recorded in Australian capital cities during 1958 was as follows:—Canberra, 30.23 ins.; Perth, 32.08 ins.; Adelaide, 17.57 ins.; Brisbane, 46.61 ins.; Sydney, 59.19 ins.; Melbourne, 26.98 ins.; Hobart, 36.55 ins.

CHAPTER III.—GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

§ 1. Scheme of Parliamentary Government.

5. Members' Salaries, p. 70.—(i) *Commonwealth.* Following on recommendations made by the Richardson Committee, the Ministers of State Act 1959 and the Parliamentary Allowances Act 1959 were passed, increasing the salaries and allowances of Ministers and Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives as from 1st March, 1959.

The new basic salary of Members is £2,750 with electoral allowances varying from £800 to £1,050. Additional salaries payable to Ministers of State range from £2,250 for Junior Ministers to £7,250 for the Prime Minister. The Acts also provide for more liberal retiring allowances to members.

(ii) *Victoria.*—The salary payable to members of the two Houses of Parliament in Victoria was increased to £2,000 per annum from 19th April, 1959. Electorate allowances varying from £550 per annum for Metropolitan electorates to £950 for outer country electorates are additional to basic salary. Ministerial salaries, additional to their salaries as Members, are £3,000 salary and £1,500 expense allowance for the Premier, £2,250 salary and £700 allowance for the Deputy Premier, and £1,500 salary and £600 allowance for other Ministers.

§ 2. Parliaments and Elections.

State Elections, p. 75.—Elections were held during 1959 in New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania. Particulars of the voting in each State are set out in the following table:—

State.	Electors Enrolled— Whole State.			Contested Electorates.					
				Electors who Voted.			Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
New South Wales ..	904,921	945,754	1,850,675	856,071	883,510	1,739,581	94.60	93.42	94.00
South Australia ..	(a)	(a)	497,456	(a)	(a)	400,531	(a)	(a)	93.95
Western Australia ..	181,298	180,331	361,629	134,130	135,192	269,322	91.81	92.91	92.36
Tasmania ..	89,034	91,310	180,344	85,120	85,439	170,559	95.60	93.57	94.57

(a) Not available.

§ 3. Administration and Legislation.

Governors and State Ministers, pp. 82-84.—(i) *New South Wales*—

Ministry (from 1st April, 1959).

<i>Premier and Colonial Treasurer—</i> THE HON. J. J. CAHILL, M.L.A.	<i>Minister for Transport—</i> THE HON. A. G. ENTICKNAP, M.L.A.
<i>Deputy Premier and Minister for Education—</i> THE HON. R. J. HEFFRON, M.L.A.	<i>Minister for Housing and Minister for Cooperative Societies—</i> THE HON. A. LANDA, M.L.A.
<i>Attorney-General, Minister of Justice and Vice-President of the Executive Council—</i> THE HON. R. R. DOWNING, M.L.C.	<i>Minister for Conservation—</i> THE HON. E. WETHERELL, M.L.A.
<i>Colonial Secretary and Minister for Tourist Activities—</i> THE HON. C. A. KELLY, M.L.A.	<i>Minister for Agriculture—</i> THE HON. R. B. NOTT, M.L.A.
<i>Minister assisting the Premier and Colonial Treasurer—</i> THE HON. P. D. HILLS, M.L.A.	<i>Minister for Labour and Industry—</i> THE HON. J. J. MALONEY, M.L.C.
<i>Minister for Health—</i> THE HON. W. F. SHEAHAN, Q.C., M.L.A.	<i>Secretary for Mines—</i> THE HON. J. B. SIMPSON, M.L.A.
<i>Minister for Child Welfare and Minister for Social Welfare—</i> THE HON. F. H. HAWKINS, M.L.A.	<i>Secretary for Lands—</i> THE HON. J. M. A. MCMAHON, M.L.A.
<i>Minister for Local Government and Minister for Highways—</i> THE HON. J. B. RENSHAW, M.L.A.	<i>Secretary for Public Works—</i> THE HON. P. N. RYAN, M.L.A.

(ii) *Western Australia*—

Ministry (from 2nd April, 1959).

<i>Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Tourists—</i> THE HON. D. BRAND, M.L.A.	<i>Minister for Mines and Housing—</i> THE HON. A. F. GRIFFITH, M.L.C.
<i>Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Electricity and Attorney-General—</i> THE HON. A. F. WATTS, C.M.G., M.L.A.	<i>Minister for Lands, Forests and Immigration—</i> THE HON. W. S. BOVELL, M.L.A.
<i>Minister for Industrial Development, Railways and the North-West</i> THE HON. C. W. M. COURT, O.B.E., M.L.A.	<i>Minister for Transport, Police, Labour and Native Welfare—</i> THE HON. C. C. PERKINS, M.L.A.
<i>Minister for Agriculture—</i> THE HON. C. D. NALDER, M.L.A.	<i>Chief Secretary and Minister for Health and Fisheries—</i> THE HON. R. HUTCHINSON, D.F.C., M.L.A.
<i>Minister for Works and Water Supplies—</i> THE HON. G. P. WILD, M.B.E., M.L.A.	<i>Minister for Local Government, Town Planning and Child Welfare—</i> THE HON. L. A. LOGAN, M.L.C.

(iii) *Tasmania*—

Ministry (from 26th August, 1958).

<i>Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Mines—</i> THE HON. E. E. REECE, M.H.A.	<i>Minister for Education—</i> THE HON. W. A. NEILSON, M.H.A.
<i>Attorney-General—</i> THE HON. R. F. FAGAN, M.H.A.	<i>Minister for Transport—</i> THE HON. J. B. CONNOLLY, M.L.C.
<i>Minister for Agriculture—</i> THE HON. J. J. DWYER, V.C., M.H.A.	<i>Minister for Housing—</i> THE HON. J. L. MADDEN, M.H.A.
<i>Chief Secretary and Minister Administering the Department of Health Services—</i> THE HON. J. F. GAHA, M.H.A.	<i>Minister for Lands and Works—</i> THE HON. D. A. CASHION, M.H.A.
	<i>Minister for Forests—</i> THE HON. A. C. ATKINS, M.H.A.

Leaders of the Opposition, Commonwealth and State Parliaments, p. 84.—*New South Wales*: Mr. L. W. Askin, M.L.A., replaced Mr. P. H. Morton as from 17th July, 1959.

Western Australia: With the change of Government after the elections of 21st March, 1959, the Hon. A. R. G. Hawke, M.L.A., became Leader of the Opposition.

§ 5. Cost of Parliamentary Government, p. 88.

The cost of Parliamentary Government, Commonwealth and individual States, for the year 1957-58 was as follows:—

Commonwealth, £2,661,604 (5s. 6d. per head); New South Wales, £783,001 (4s. 3d.); Victoria, £660,805 (4s. 11d.); Queensland, £538,365 (7s. 8d.); South Australia, £322,875 (7s. 3d.); Western Australia, £434,256 (12s. 5d.); Tasmania, £242,064 (14s. 6d.); and total, £5,642,970 (11s. 7d.).

The amounts expended under the major headings for all Governments during 1957-58 were:—Governor-General or Governor, £289,049; Official Establishments, £158,009; Ministry, £340,764; Parliament, £3,836,124; Electoral, £992,929.

CHAPTER VI.—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Summary, p. 153.—The following table gives a summary of operations in manufacturing industries during 1957-58.

FACTORIES: 1957-58, SUMMARY.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1. Factories No.	22,270	16,426	5,528	4,168	3,941	1,655	53,988
2. Persons employed(a)	445,802	357,143	101,844	92,472	48,462	28,084	1,073,807
3. Salaries and wages paid(b) £'000	396,692	310,540	78,958	79,844	37,935	25,321	929,290
4. Value of power, fuel, light, etc., used £'000	73,452	42,762	13,152	14,933	9,425	5,074	158,798
5. .. materials used £'000	1,016,928	768,459	248,647	183,880	111,525	56,922	2,386,361
6. .. production(c) £'000	757,862	566,476	143,958	133,285	75,312	51,830	1,728,723
7. .. output £'000	1,848,242	1,377,697	405,757	332,098	196,262	113,826	4,273,882
8. .. land and buildings £'000	350,169	280,207	63,927	61,084	36,846	59,453	851,686
9. .. plant and machinery £'000	415,838	310,879	104,598	79,336	63,840	46,860	1,021,351

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in line 7 less totals of figures in lines 4 and 5.

Value of Production in Classes of Industry, p. 176.—The following table shows, for the year 1957-58 the value of production in Australia for the various classes of industry.

FACTORIES: VALUE OF PRODUCTION, AUSTRALIA, 1957-58. (£'000.)

Class of Industry.	Value of Production, 1957-58.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	40,542
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, etc.	34,319
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, Grease	145,659
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Conveyances	694,496
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	7,929
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods (not Dress)	91,498
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	16,390
VIII. Clothing (except Knitted)	108,070
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco	224,936
X. Sawmills, Joinery, Boxes, etc., Wood Turning and Carving	83,053
XI. Furniture of Wood, Bedding, etc.	28,701
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Bookbinding, etc.	120,706
XIII. Rubber	30,209
XIV. Musical Instruments	2,105
XV. Miscellaneous Products	34,019
XVI. Heat, Light and Power	66,091
Total	1,728,723

CHAPTER IX.—POPULATION.

§ 3. Growth and Distribution of Population.

Principal Urban Areas, p. 286.—The following table shows estimates of the population of the principal urban areas in South Australia as at 30th June, 1958, and also the population recorded in Canberra at the population count conducted at the end of June, 1959:—

City or Town.	Population.
South Australia.	
Adelaide and Suburbs(a)	548,000
Port Pirie	15,100
Mount Gambier	13,200
Whyalla	9,200
Port Augusta	8,900
Port Lincoln	7,100
Australian Capital Territory.	
Canberra	43,973

(a) Metropolitan Area.

CHAPTER X.—VITAL STATISTICS.

§ 2. Marriages.

Age and Conjugal Condition at Marriage, p. 325.—A summary of the previous conjugal condition of bridegrooms and brides in 1958 in relation to age at marriage is as follows.

AGE AND CONJUGAL CONDITION OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES:
AUSTRALIA, 1958.

Age at Marriage (Years).	Bridegrooms.				Brides.			
	Bachelors.	Widowers.	Divorced.	Total.	Spinsters.	Widows.	Divorced.	Total.
Under 20 ..	3,356	1	..	3,357	18,546	3	5	18,554
20-24 ..	31,566	6	50	31,622	33,563	78	262	33,903
25-29 ..	19,274	64	435	19,773	8,093	211	912	9,216
30-34 ..	7,387	143	965	8,495	2,922	288	1,138	4,348
35-39 ..	2,625	183	858	3,666	1,308	376	1,009	2,693
40-44 ..	1,131	267	737	2,135	585	418	678	1,681
45-49 ..	633	340	535	1,508	420	469	474	1,363
50-54 ..	309	412	351	1,072	218	358	227	803
55-59 ..	178	393	219	790	143	305	89	537
60-64 ..	111	402	96	609	87	304	60	451
65 and over ..	87	824	63	974	71	356	25	452
Total ..	66,657	3,035	4,309	74,001	65,956	3,166	4,879	74,001

In 1958 the proportional distribution (per cent.) of bridegrooms and brides according to previous conjugal condition was:—

Bridegrooms: Bachelors, 90.08; Widowers, 4.10; Divorced, 5.82.
Brides: Spinsters, 89.13; Widows, 4.28; Divorced, 6.59.

In 1958 the average age of bridegrooms was 28.36 years and of brides 25.00 years.

Celebration of Marriages, p. 327.—The number of marriages in 1958 celebrated by ministers of religion in the various denominations or by civil officers was as follows:—

MARRIAGES IN EACH DENOMINATION, 1958.

Denomination.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.	
									No.	Proportion of Total.
Church of England	8,980	4,788	2,781	1,332	1,481	929	24	109	20,424	27.60
Roman Catholic ..	7,595	5,588	2,735	1,281	1,260	521	76	87	19,143	25.87
Methodist ..	2,683	2,522	1,633	1,485	623	366	7	16	9,335	12.61
Presbyterian ..	3,014	3,346	1,784	299	330	124	21	31	8,949	12.09
Greek Orthodox ..	785	1,041	119	348	71	7	6	..	2,377	3.21
Baptist ..	415	267	166	156	71	55	1	4	1,135	1.53
Lutheran ..	133	256	253	357	18	6	10	5	1,038	1.40
Congregational ..	275	257	96	224	101	38	..	..	991	1.34
Church of Christ ..	70	356	69	177	91	16	..	3	782	1.06
Salvation Army ..	122	100	112	49	35	23	8	..	449	0.61
Seventh-Day Adventist ..	75	40	38	13	26	5	..	..	197	0.27
Unitarian ..	..	27	..	3	..	..	..	..	30	0.04
Other Christian ..	150	134	143	41	128	24	27	..	647	0.88
Hebrew ..	118	151	7	2	14	..	..	..	292	0.39
Other Non-Christian ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
Total ..	24,415	18,873	9,936	5,768	4,249	2,114	180	255	65,790	88.90
Civil Officers ..	4,139	1,776	319	737	789	361	21	69	8,211	11.10
Grand Total ..	28,554	20,649	10,255	6,505	5,038	2,475	201	324	74,001	100.00

PROPORTION OF TOTAL.
(Per cent.)

Denominational ..	85.50	91.40	96.89	88.67	84.34	85.42	89.55	78.70	88.90
Civil ..	14.50	8.60	3.11	11.33	15.66	14.58	10.45	21.30	11.10

§ 4. Fertility and Reproduction.

Number of Live Births and Confinements, p. 328.—A summary of live births and confinements registered in 1958 is shown in the following table. The table also shows the confinements resulting in one or more live births. The figures exclude cases where the births were of still-born children only.

LIVE BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS, 1958.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
LIVE BIRTHS.									
Single Births ..	78,246	59,731	33,130	19,555	16,338	8,370	685	1,243	217,298
Twins ..	1,764	1,512	727	480	390	198	12	29	5,112
Triplets ..	35	26	15	12	3	..	..	3	94
Males ..	40,809	31,517	17,443	10,181	8,532	4,449	347	679	113,957
Females ..	39,236	29,752	16,429	9,866	8,199	4,119	350	596	108,547
Total ..	80,045	61,269	33,872	20,047	16,731	8,568	697	1,275	222,504

LIVE BIRTHS AND CONFINEMENTS, 1958—*continued.*

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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STILLBIRTHS ASSOCIATED WITH MULTIPLE BIRTHS INCLUDED ABOVE.

Twins	42	6	15	4	16	2	..	1	86
Triplets	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

CONFINEMENTS RESULTING IN ABOVE BIRTHS.

Nuptial	75,370	58,309	31,532	19,072	15,695	8,099	593	1,238	209,908
Ex-nuptial	3,791	2,190	1,974	729	847	371	98	21	10,021
Total	79,161	60,499	33,506	19,801	16,542	8,470	691	1,259	219,929

Ex-nuptial Live Births, p. 338.—The following table shows the number of ex-nuptial live births and the proportion of total live births in each State and Territory in 1958:—

EX-NUPTIAL LIVE BIRTHS: NUMBER AND PROPORTION, 1958.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Number	3,832	2,219	1,993	738	854	375	99	21	10,131
Proportion of Total Births Per cent.	4.79	3.62	5.88	3.68	5.10	4.38	14.20	1.65	4.55

§ 5. Mortality.

Age Distribution, p. 354.—A summary of the ages at death for Australia for the year 1958 is given in the following table:—

AGE AT DEATH: AUSTRALIA, 1958.

Age at Death.	Males.	Fe- males.	Per- sons.	Age at Death.	Males.	Fe- males.	Per- sons.
Under 1 week	1,586	1,223	2,809	5- 9 years	292	185	477
1 week and under 2 weeks	121	105	226	10-14	225	155	380
2 weeks	60	47	107	15-19	461	162	623
3	55	29	84	20-24	627	181	808
				25-29	547	214	761
Total under 28 days	1,822	1,404	3,226	30-34	666	347	1,013
				35-39	841	540	1,381
				40-44	1,114	782	1,896
				45-49	1,901	1,097	2,998
28 days and under 3 months	237	164	401	50-54	2,677	1,433	4,110
3 months and under 6	275	179	454	55-59	3,580	1,860	5,440
6	255	224	479	60-64	4,643	2,766	7,409
				65-69	6,231	3,905	10,136
Total under 1 year	2,589	1,971	4,560	70-74	6,597	5,066	11,663
				75-79	5,787	5,502	11,289
				80-84	4,149	4,910	9,059
				85-89	2,476	3,449	5,925
				90-94	881	1,391	2,272
1 year	234	174	408	95-99	176	306	482
2 years	165	127	292	100 and over	11	20	31
3	86	60	146	Age not stated	22	6	28
4	72	64	136				
Total under 5 years	3,146	2,396	5,542	Total, All Ages	47,050	36,673	83,723

Causes of Death, p. 357.—The following table shows deaths of males, females and persons registered in 1958, classified according to the Abbreviated List of 50 Causes provided in the Seventh Revision of the International List:—

CAUSES OF DEATH: AUSTRALIA, 1958.

ABBREVIATED LIST OF 50 CAUSES (BASED ON THE SEVENTH REVISION, 1955, OF THE INTERNATIONAL LIST).

Cause of Death.	Detailed List Numbers.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
B 1 Tuberculosis of respiratory system	001-008	382	119	501
B 2 Tuberculosis, other forms	010-019	23	14	37
B 3 Syphilis and its sequelae	020-029	101	27	128
B 4 Typhoid fever	040	3	2	5
B 5 Cholera	043	..	..	..
B 6 Dysentery, all forms	045-048	10	5	15
B 7 Scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat	050, 051	..	..	..
B 8 Diphtheria	055	..	1	1
B 9 Whooping cough	056	2	1	3
B10 Meningococcal infections	057	22	13	35
B11 Plague	058	..	..	..
B12 Acute poliomyelitis	080	2	2	4
B13 Smallpox	084	..	..	..
B14 Measles	085	10	4	14
B15 Typhus and other rickettsial diseases ..	100-108	..	..	..
B16 Malaria	110-117	..	..	..
B17 All other diseases classified as infective and parasitic	(a)	184	143	327
B18 Malignant neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissues ..	140-205	6,833	5,814	12,647
B19 Benign and unspecified neoplasms	210-239	115	132	247
B20 Diabetes mellitus	260	404	711	1,115
B21 Anaemias	290-293	96	171	267
B22 Vascular lesions affecting central nervous system	330-334	4,963	6,397	11,360
B23 Non-meningococcal meningitis	340	61	44	105
B24 Rheumatic fever	400-402	30	18	38
B25 Chronic rheumatic heart disease	410-416	330	347	677
B26 Arteriosclerotic and degenerative heart disease	420-422	14,206	9,194	23,400
B27 Other diseases of heart	430-434	1,441	1,252	2,693
B28 Hypertension with heart disease	440-443	820	1,114	1,934
B29 Hypertension without mention of heart ..	444-447	548	524	1,072
B30 Influenza	480-483	69	34	103
B31 Pneumonia	490-493	1,616	1,255	2,871
B32 Bronchitis	500-502	807	224	1,031
B33 Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	540, 541	498	177	675
B34 Appendicitis	550-553	74	53	127
B35 Intestinal obstruction and hernia	560, 561, 570	287	249	536
B36 Gastritis, duodenitis, enteritis and colitis, except diarrhoea of the newborn	543, 571, 572	246	237	483
B37 Cirrhosis of liver	581	328	168	496
B38 Nephritis and nephrosis	590-594	655	495	1,150
B39 Hyperplasia of prostate	610	513	..	513
B40 Complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	640-652, 660	..	111	111
B41 Congenital malformations	670-689	630	507	1,137
B42 Birth injuries, post-natal asphyxia and atelectasis	750-759	..	..	..
B43 Infections of the newborn	760-762	672	479	1,151
B44 Other diseases peculiar to early infancy, and immaturity unqualified	763-768	96	80	176
B45 Senility without mention of psychosis, ill-defined and unknown causes	769-776	708	575	1,283
B46 All other diseases	780-795	476	564	1,040
BE47 Motor vehicle accidents	Residual	4,152	3,624	7,776
BE48 All other accidents	E810-E835	1,824	507	2,331
BE49 Suicide and self-inflicted injury	E800-E802	1,819	925	2,744
BE50 Homicide and operations of war	E840-E962	..	..	..
	E963	..	..	..
	E970-E979	910	297	1,207
	E964, E965	..	..	..
	E980-E999	94	63	157
All Causes		47,050	36,673	83,723

(a) 030-039, 041, 042, 044, 049, 052-054, 059-074, 081-083, 086-096, 120-138.

CHAPTER XI.—HOUSING.

§ 3. Statistical Summary—New Building.

New Houses, p. 377.—The number of new houses commenced, completed and under construction in each State and Territory during 1958 was as follows:—

NEW HOUSES : NUMBER, 1958.
(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.(a)	A.C.T.	Aust.
Commenced ..	25,366	23,164	7,449	7,141	5,123	2,447	347	1,078	72,115
Completed ..	27,223	23,447	7,630	7,705	5,743	2,366	309	1,020	75,443
Under construction at 31st December, 1958 ..	16,505	17,255	2,947	4,931	3,472	2,072	165	879	48,226

(a) Includes flats.

Of the 75,443 new houses completed during 1958, 27,776 had outer walls of brick, brick veneer, concrete or stone, 28,389 of wood (weatherboard, etc.), 18,615 of fibro-cement and 663 of other materials.

New Flats, p. 379.—The following table shows the number of new flats commenced, completed and under construction in each State and the Australian Capital Territory during 1958:—

NEW FLATS : NUMBER, 1958.
(Individual Flats.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.(a)
Commenced ..	2,291	1,373	663	769	133	218	196	5,643
Completed ..	1,680	1,266	439	562	238	79	220	4,484
Under construction at 31st December, 1958 ..	1,519	876	359	432	71	163	452	3,872

(a) Excludes figures for the Northern Territory, which are not available for publication.

Value of New Buildings, p. 380.—The values of all new buildings commenced, completed and under construction in each State and Territory are shown in the following table for the year 1958:—

NEW BUILDINGS : VALUE, 1958.
(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Commenced ..	145,476	133,125	37,190	39,444	25,123	13,769	2,564	8,365	405,056
Completed ..	166,328	136,982	41,375	42,644	30,448	12,559	2,200	8,596	441,132
Under construction at 31st December, 1958 ..	112,353	118,135	26,910	32,823	20,754	12,651	1,830	13,304	338,760

The value of new buildings completed in Australia during 1958, according to kind of building, was as follows:—*Houses*—Brick, brick veneer, concrete and stone, £106,414,000; wood (weatherboard, etc.), £84,518,000; fibro-cement, £45,785,000; other, £1,963,000; Total, £238,680,000; *Other Buildings*—Flats, £11,978,000; hotels, guest-houses, etc., £7,700,000; shops, £14,743,000; factories, £49,250,000; business premises—office, £30,423,000; other, £19,131,000; educational, £19,973,000; religious, £5,090,000; health £25,789,000; entertainment and recreation, £8,691,000; miscellaneous, £9,684,000, Total, £202,452,000; Grand Total, New Buildings, £441,132,000.

Persons Engaged in New Building, p. 381.—The number of tradesmen engaged on jobs carried out by builders of new buildings in Australia at 17th December, 1958 was as follows:—Carpenters, 44,994, bricklayers, 11,061; painters, 10,684; electricians, 5,876; plumbers, 9,684; builders' labourers, 18,163; other, 15,439; total, 115,901. Contractors actually working on jobs numbered 9,719, sub-contractors actually working on jobs 16,200 and wage earners 89,982.

CHAPTER XII.—LABOUR, WAGES AND PRICES.

A. RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

§ 4. Tabular Statements of Retail Price Index Numbers.

The Interim Retail Price Index, pp. 400-1.—The following table shows the Interim Retail Price Index numbers for the March and June quarters, 1959, for each capital city and for the six capital cities combined, showing separate series for each of the four main groups of items:—

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Index: Year 1952-53=100.)

Period.	Sydney.	Mel- bourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals. (a)
GROUP I.—FOOD (EXCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS). (b)							
March Qtr., 1959 ..	114.2	116.7	119.6	118.4	115.6	116.3	116.1
June " " ..	114.9	118.7	120.2	120.7	117.9	116.7	117.4
GROUP I.—FOOD (INCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).							
March Qtr., 1959 ..	114.3	118.0	120.9	119.1	116.1	117.5	116.7
June " " ..	114.6	119.4	120.6	120.5	118.5	117.1	117.6
GROUP II.—CLOTHING AND DRAPERY.							
March Qtr., 1959 ..	109.8	111.4	110.7	107.6	110.3	112.2	110.3
June " " ..	110.3	111.8	111.5	107.8	110.6	112.1	110.7
GROUP III.—RENT (c) (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES).							
March Qtr., 1959 ..	125.5	134.8	142.2	145.7	184.5	173.8	137.4
June " " ..	126.4	136.3	144.8	146.2	185.4	175.7	138.6
GROUP IV.—OTHER ITEMS. (d).							
March Qtr., 1959 ..	125.7	127.8	125.8	113.3	117.1	125.3	124.7
June " " ..	126.3	128.3	126.2	113.5	117.3	125.8	125.2
ALL GROUPS (EXCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS). (b).							
March Qtr., 1959 ..	117.3	119.9	120.7	116.6	121.6	123.0	118.8
June " " ..	117.9	121.0	121.4	117.6	122.7	123.4	119.7
ALL GROUPS (INCLUDING POTATOES AND ONIONS).							
March Qtr., 1959 ..	117.3	120.3	121.1	116.8	121.7	123.4	119.0
June " " ..	117.8	121.3	121.5	117.5	122.9	123.5	119.7

(a) Weighted average. (b) See para. 5 on page 399. (c) The rent index numbers measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. See note (c) on page 401. (d) A group of items under the following headings—Electricity, Gas, and Firewood; Household Sundries; Services; Cinema Admission, Radio Licence, and Newspapers; Fares; and Tobacco and Cigarettes.

§ 5. The "C" Series Retail Price Index.

"C" Series Retail Price Index, Six Capital Cities, p. 407.—The following table shows "C" Series retail price index numbers for the March and June quarters, 1959, for the six capital cities combined:—

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS: SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	Food and Groceries. (a)		Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total "C" Series Index.(a)	
	A	B				A	B
March Qtr., 1959 ..	3,057	3,067	1,510	3,420	2,474	2,660	2,663
June " "	3,096	3,086	1,524	3,440	2,473	2,681	2,677

(a) Indexes in columns A exclude, and those in columns B include, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (b) See note (c) on p. 401.

B. WHOLESALE PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

§ 2. Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index.

Index Numbers, p. 410.—Index numbers for each group of commodities and for all groups combined for the index of wholesale prices of basic materials and foodstuffs are shown below for the months January to June, 1959.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of each Group: Average, 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Month.	Basic Materials.							Food- stuffs and To- bacco. (b)	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Tex- tiles.	Chem- icals.	Rubber and Hides.	Build- ing Ma- terials.	Total.		Goods princi- pally Im- ported. (a)	Goods princi- pally Home- pro- duced. (b)	Total All Groups. (b)
1959—											
Jan.	391	231	333	327	263	422	336	320	280	347	327
Feb.	392	231	346	327	284	422	338	328	281	354	332
Mar.	390	232	353	327	326	422	340	341	282	365	340
Apr.	390	232	398	327	410	422	346	340	282	368	343
May	387	232	402	327	371	422	344	336	284	363	340
June	388	232	392	327	361	422	343	338	284	364	340

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in price of all imports. (b) The indexes for "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", "Goods Principally Home-produced" and "Total All Groups" have been reconstructed as from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions.

D. WAGES.

§ 2. Rates of Wage and Hours of Labour.

Weekly Rates of Wage, pp. 415-6.—The following table shows for each State and Australia the weighted average nominal weekly rates of wage payable, and the index numbers based thereon, for adult males and for adult females, at 31st March and 30th June, 1959.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES OF ADULT MALES AND FEMALES.

(WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK
(EXCLUDING OVERTIME) AND INDEX NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
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ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
31st March, 1959 ..	339	0	322	3	321	7	315	6	328	10
30th June, 1959 ..	345	4	329	8	328	0	330	10	332	4
									343	7
									336	3

ADULT MALES—INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base: Weighted Average Wage for Australia (51s. 3d.), 1911 = 1,000.)

31st March, 1959 ..	6,615	6,288	6,275	6,156	6,416	6,482	6,419
30th June, 1959 ..	6,739	6,433	6,400	6,456	6,485	6,704	6,560

ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
31st March, 1959 ..	231	5	225	0	217	5	221	8	212	11
30th June, 1959 ..	238	0	232	9	224	4	233	0	219	2
									227	10
									233	0

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base: Weighted Average for Australia (27s. 2d.), 30th April, 1914 = 1,000.)

31st March, 1959 ..	8,519	8,282	8,003	8,160	7,837	8,033	8,299
30th June, 1959 ..	8,761	8,566	8,256	8,574	8,066	8,386	8,574

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

§ 4. Basic Wages in Australia.

Basic Wage Inquiry, 1959.—The inquiry was originated by summons on behalf of several organizations of employees for the undermentioned variations of the current Metal Trades Award of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission; namely, by increasing the amounts of basic wage prescribed therein for respective cities, towns and localities to the figure each would have reached had the quarterly adjustment system based on the "C" Series retail price index numbers been retained, plus an addition of 10s. to each basic wage, and by making provision for future adjustment of each of the new amounts at quarterly intervals by the application thereto of the same index numbers.

The inquiry opened on 24th February, 1959, before Kirby C.J., Foster and Gallagher J.J., and the judgment was delivered on 5th June, 1959.

The following is an extract from a statement made by Kirby C.J., on 5th June, 1959, on behalf of the three members of the bench.

"The questions for decision by the Commission may be described in these terms:—

1. Should the basic wage in the Pastoral Award 1956 be reduced by 25s. or at all?
2. Should the system of automatic quarterly adjustments be restored?
3. Should there be an increase in the basic wage?
4. If so, of what amount?

On the first question, namely, whether the basic wage in the Pastoral Award 1956, should be reduced, the Commission was unanimous that the claim for a reduction should be refused. On the second question, namely, whether the system of automatic quarterly adjustments should be restored, the members of the Commission were divided in opinion and therefore the question pursuant to section 68 has been decided according to the decision of the majority.

The majority decision on this question, namely, that of the President and Mr. Justice Gallagher is that the claim of the unions for restoration of the said system should be refused. Mr. Justice Foster dissents. The result is that the said system will not be restored.

On the third question, namely, whether there should be an increase in the basic wage, the members of the Commission were unanimous in the opinion that there should be an increase.

On the fourth question, namely, the amount of the increase, the members of the Commission were divided in opinion in this manner:—

The President Mr. Justice Kirby was of opinion that the increase should be one of 15s. added to each basic wage for adult males in the awards concerned and that the increased basic wage should become payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing on or after 11th June, 1959.

Mr. Justice Foster was of opinion that the increase should be 20s. payable as to 10s. as from the first pay period in July, 1959 and as to the balance by increases of 2s. 6d. for four quarters commencing 1st January, 1960.

Mr. Justice Gallagher was of opinion that the increase should be one of 10s. and that the increased wage should become payable as from the date chosen by the President.

Mr. Justice Foster while holding his opinion has decided to concur in the decision proposed by the President, namely, that the amount of the increase of the basic wage should be 15s. per week, which now therefore becomes the decision of the Commission.

Summarizing the foregoing the decisions of the Commission are:—

1. The claim for a reduction of the basic wage in the Pastoral Award is refused.
2. The claim for restoration of automatic quarterly adjustments is refused.
3. The basic wages of adult male employees covered by federal awards will be increased by a uniform amount of 15s. per week.
4. The new rates will come into effect from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing on or after 11th June instant subject to special cases.

The decision regarding basic wages is applicable to all the applications which from time to time have been ordered by the Commission to be joined for hearing and decision with the original application.

In the Metal Trades Award and in awards generally the basic wage for adult females is prescribed at 75 per cent. of the basic wage for adult males. The result of the increase of the basic wage for adult males by 15s. per week will be to increase the basic wage for adult females in these awards to 75 per cent. of the new basic wage for adult males.

In those awards which do not contain such a provision but which prescribe basic wages for adult females of a stated amount equal to 75 per cent. of that for adult males the rate will be re-calculated to give effect to this decision.

In the Metal Trades and in many other awards the rates for juniors and apprentices of both sexes are prescribed at a percentage of the basic wage for adults in which cases the existing provisions of the awards will cover proportionate increases for such juniors and apprentices. In awards which do not contain such provisions applications may be made to the Commission and will be dealt with by the appropriate member of the Commission."

The new basic wage rates of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission for adult males payable in the capital city of each State from the beginning of the first pay period commencing on or after 11th June, 1959, are as follows:—Sydney, £14 3s., Melbourne, £13 15s., Brisbane £12 18s., Adelaide £13 11s., Perth, £13 16s., Hobart, £14 2s., Six Capital Cities (weighted average) £13 16s.

State Basic Wage Rates, p. 439.—The table below shows the "basic" weekly wage rates of State industrial tribunals, operative in May and August, 1959.

STATE BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	May, 1959.			August, 1959.		
	Date of Operation (a)	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation (a)	Males.	Females.
		s. d.	s. d.		s. d.	s. d.
New South Wales—						
Metropolitan and Country, excluding Broken Hill ..	May, 1959	276 0	207 0	Aug., 1959	277 0	207 6
Broken Hill	May, 1959	276 0	207 0	Aug., 1959	275 0	206 0
Victoria(b)	Aug., 1956	263 0	197 0	(c)	275 0	206 0
Queensland—						
Southern Division (Eastern District), including Brisbane	27.4.59	263 0	179 0	27.4.59	263 0	179 0
Southern Division (Western District)	27.4.59	273 6	184 3	27.4.59	273 6	184 3
Mackay Division	27.4.59	272 0	183 6	27.4.59	272 0	183 6
Northern Division (Eastern District)	27.4.59	273 6	184 3	27.4.59	273 6	184 3
Northern Division (Western District)	27.4.59	295 6	195 3	27.4.59	295 6	195 3
South Australia(d)	26.5.58	256 0	192 0	15.6.59	271 0	203 0
Western Australia—						
Metropolitan Area	27.4.59	275 1	178 10	27.7.59	278 7	181 1
South-West Land Division ..	27.4.59	274 6	178 5	27.7.59	277 5	180 4
Goldfields and other areas ..	27.10.58	271 6	176 6	27.7.59	273 6	177 9
Tasmania(b)	Aug., 1956	272 0	204 0	eJuly, 1959	282 0	211 6

(a) Where dates are not quoted wage rates operate from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the month shown. (b) No basic wage declared. Rates shown are those adopted by most Wages Boards. (c) During June and July, 1959, Wages Boards varied determinations by adopting the Commonwealth basic wage rate. (d) The "living wage" declared for the metropolitan area is also adopted for country areas, except at Whyalla where a loading of 5s. a week is generally payable. (e) Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate from July, 1959.

E. EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

§ 1. Employment.

Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment, pp. 442-4.—The following are particulars of wage and salary earners in civilian employment, excluding rural wage earners, female private domestics, defence forces and national service trainees in camp, for the month of June, 1959.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT, JUNE, 1959.

(Excluding Rural Wage Earners, Female Private Domestics, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp.)
(‘000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.(a)
Males	820.0	601.6	286.5	191.1	139.5	67.0	2,121.9
Females	320.4	251.9	98.0	65.5	46.8	23.3	811.1
Persons	1,140.4	853.5	384.5	256.6	186.3	90.3	2,933.0

Particulars.	Governmental. (b)	Private Employers.	Mining and Quarrying.	Manufacturing, etc. (c)	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.
Males	633.9	1,488.0	49.1	868.5	312.6	133.3	221.5
Females	143.9	667.2	1.1	255.3	40.3	126.3	95.3
Persons	777.8	2,155.2	50.2	1,123.8	352.9	259.6	316.8

(a) Includes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. (b) Includes all employees of Government authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (c) Subject to revision. See note (a), p. 444.

Government Employees, p. 446.—The number of Government employees in Australia in June, 1959, was as follows:—Commonwealth Government—males, 172,724; females, 46,810; persons, 219,534; State Government and Semi-Government authorities—males, 391,274; females, 90,117; persons, 481,391; Local Government authorities—males, 69,848; females, 7,008; persons, 76,856; Total—males, 633,846; females, 143,935; persons, 777,781.

CHAPTER XIII.—TRADE.

NOTE.—Values are expressed in £A. f.o.b., port of shipment.

§ 6. Total Oversea Trade.

Summary of Movements, p. 470.—The following are preliminary figures of the total overseas trade of Australia during the year 1958–59:—Merchandise—Exports, £808,510,549; Imports, £794,469,717; Commodity balance, +£14,040,832; Bullion and Specie—Exports, £4,757,698; Imports, £2,210,821; Balance, +£2,546,877; Total balance, +£16,587,709.

§ 7. Direction of Oversea Trade.

According to Countries, p. 475.—The following table shows particulars of the values of total imports and total exports of Australia, including bullion and specie, according to countries of origin or consignment, for the year 1958–59.

**TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA: COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN OR
CONSIGNMENT, 1958-59.(a)**
(£'000.)

Country.	Imports.	Exports.	Country.	Imports.	Exports.
United Kingdom ..	307,477	255,481	Belgium-Luxemburg ..	6,751	23,602
Australian Territories—			China (Mainland) ..	3,574	13,690
New Guinea ..	6,695	10,572	Czechoslovakia ..	2,210	5,778
Papua ..	1,087	4,145	France ..	11,729	46,605
Borneo (British) ..	13,028	1,286	Germany, Federal Republic ..	42,957	27,341
Canada ..	23,109	16,463	Indonesia ..	31,452	2,138
Ceylon ..	10,458	5,899	Iran ..	20,556	753
Fiji ..	1,414	5,588	Italy ..	9,720	32,249
Hong Kong ..	3,963	11,982	Japan ..	29,917	102,306
India ..	20,995	10,081	Mexico ..	2,668	4,347
Malaya, Federation of ..	11,480	13,868	Netherlands ..	12,963	6,613
New Zealand ..	12,481	49,597	Norway ..	3,468	478
Pakistan ..	2,094	1,532	Poland ..	192	10,988
Singapore ..	1,332	10,166	Sweden ..	12,229	2,677
South Africa, Union of ..	5,290	5,766	Switzerland ..	17,382	1,405
Other Commonwealth Countries	18,610	22,848	United States of America ..	108,519	60,773
<i>Total, Commonwealth Countries</i>	<i>439,513</i>	<i>425,274</i>	Other Foreign Countries(b) ..	15,882	41,990
Arabian States ..	29,465	2,866	<i>Total, Foreign Countries</i>	<i>357,168</i>	<i>387,994</i>
Austria ..	2,534	1,395	<i>Total, All Countries</i>	<i>796,681</i>	<i>813,268</i>

(a) Preliminary.

(b) Includes shipments made "for orders" and imports of unknown origin.

According to Monetary Areas, p. 477.—The following table shows the trade of Australia during 1958–59 according to monetary areas.

**OVERSEA TRADE OF AUSTRALIA ACCORDING TO MONETARY AREAS(a),
1958-59.(b)**

Monetary Area.	£'000.	Monetary Area.	£'000.
STERLING.		OTHER NON-STERLING.	
Imports—		Imports—	
From—United Kingdom ..	307,477	From—Countries of the O.E.E.C., including dependencies ..	118,122
Other Sterling Area Countries ..	134,069	Other Countries ..	100,754
Total ..	441,546	Total ..	218,876
Exports—		Exports—	
To—United Kingdom ..	255,481	To—Countries of the O.E.E.C., in- cluding dependencies ..	153,582
Other Sterling Area Countries ..	156,783	Other Countries ..	159,479
Total ..	412,264	Total ..	313,061
Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (–) ..	– 29,282	Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (–) ..	+ 94,185
DOLLAR.		ALL MONETARY AREAS.	
Imports—		Total Imports ..	796,681
From—United States of America ..	108,519	Total Exports ..	813,268
Canada ..	23,109	Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (–) ..	+ 16,587
Other Dollar Area Countries ..	4,631		
Total ..	136,259		
Exports—			
To—United States of America ..	60,773		
Canada ..	16,463		
Other Dollar Area Countries ..	10,707		
Total ..	87,943		
Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (–) ..	– 48,316		

(a) For a list of the countries in each monetary area, see page 476. (b) Preliminary.

§ 11. Classified Summary of Australian Oversea Trade

Imports and Exports in Statistical Classes, p. 482.—The following table shows the values of total imports and total exports in statistical classes for the year 1958-59:—

TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA : CLASSES, 1958-59.(a) (£'000.)

Class.	Imports.	Exports.	Class.	Imports.	Exports.
I. Animal foodstuffs, etc.	7,702	147,939	XIII. Rubber and leather, etc.	17,676	4,599
II. Vegetable foodstuffs; non-alcoholic beverages, etc.	27,979	156,037	XIV. Wood and wicker, etc.	15,485	4,345
III. Alcoholic liquors, etc.	2,290	2,085	XV. Earthenware, etc.	14,352	973
IV. Tobacco, etc.	14,516	452	XVI. Paper and stationery	48,216	2,674
V. Live animals	551	1,243	XVII. Jewellery, etc.	8,728	905
VI. Animal substances, etc.	3,866	327,275	XVIII. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	12,303	1,773
VII. Vegetable substances, etc.	19,789	994	XIX. Chemicals, medicinal products, fertilizers, etc.	39,911	7,474
VIII. Apparel, textiles, etc.	97,005	2,448	XX. Miscellaneous	52,739	21,014
IX. Oils, fats and waxes	104,600	22,547	XXI. Gold and silver; bronze specie	2,211	4,758
X. Pigments, paints and varnishes	6,767	922			
XI. Rocks, minerals, etc.	7,105	21,148			
XII. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	292,890	81,663	Total	796,681	813,268

(a) Preliminary.

Exports of Principal Articles of Australian Produce, p. 484.—The following table shows the quantities and values of the principal articles of Australian produce exported during 1958-59:—

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE, 1958-59.(a)

Article.	Unit of Quantity.	Quantity.	Value.(£'000.)
Arms, ammunition, military, naval and air force stores . . . . .	..	..	3,487
Barley	ton	672,645	16,952
Butter	"	76,326	24,953
Cheese	"	14,438	4,466
Chemicals, drugs, fertilizers . . . . .	..	..	7,474
Flour (wheaten), plain white	ton (b)	449,547	13,340
Fruit—			
Dried	ton	75,808	12,752
Fresh, including frozen	'000 bus.	6,555	9,391
Preserved in airtight containers	ton	87,297	12,952
Gold	'000 fine oz.	203,076	3,279
Hides and skins . . . . .	..	..	23,582
Lead, pig	ton	143,529	12,543
Machines and machinery (except dynamo electrical) . . . . .	..	..	8,655
Meats preserved by cold process—			
Beef and veal	ton	228,030	55,532
Lamb	"	40,711	8,152
Mutton	"	33,341	5,865
Pork	"	841	276
Meats, tinned	"	56,778	15,453
Milk and cream	'000 lb.	148,895	10,422
Ores and concentrates	ton	621,322	16,933
Sugar (from cane)	"	803,550	32,160
Wheat	"	1,468,495	38,671
Wool (c)	'000 lb.	1,397,181	302,320
All other articles . . . . .	..	..	157,017
Total Exports (Australian Produce) . . . . .	..	..	796,627

(a) Preliminary.

(b) 2,000 lb.

(c) Quantity in terms of greasy wool

§ 15. Australian Index of Export Prices.

Monthly Index (Fixed Weights), p. 491.—The following are the export price index numbers for the months October, 1958 to June, 1959.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES: AUSTRALIA.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES, GROUPS OF COMMODITIES, AND ALL GROUPS COMBINED.

(Base of each Index: Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Month.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals (a)	Meats (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	In- clud- ing Gold.
1958—												
October ..	336	363	195	391	(e)	473	385	382	270	178	fg 337	fg 326
November ..	339	355	222	404	(e)	477	390	378	273	178	fg 341	fg 330
December ..	328	353	242	389	(e)	470	391	375	285	178	fg 337	fg 326
1959—												
January ..	321	347	250	390	(e)	490	h 391	372	287	178	g 335	g 324
February ..	339	336	250	384	(e)	474	h 391	360	341	178	g 340	g 329
March ..	347	336	249	385	(e)	477	h 391	357	428	178	g 344	g 333
April ..	415	337	249	382	(e)	473	g 387	348	521	178	g 379	g 365
May ..	415	339	262	396	(e)	477	g 388	347	456	178	g 383	g 369
June ..	g 400	g 336	287	401	(e)	458	g 387	341	452	178	g 380	g 366

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanas, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calfskins. (e) Actual price realized not yet fully known; provisional series are included in "All Groups" indexes which are subject to revision. (f) Revised. (g) Preliminary. (h) Nominal.

§ 20. The Australian Balance of Payments.

The tables in this section show revised balance of payments estimates for the years 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58 and preliminary estimates for 1958-59. In some cases the form of presentation is slightly different from that in Chapter XIII.—Trade. Further details of balance of payments estimates will be found in *The Australian Balance of Payments, 1928-29 to 1951-52* and in the mimeographed publication *The Australian Balance of Payments, 1954-55 to 1958-59*.

Current Account, p. 497.—Revised estimates of the balance of payments on current account for the years 1955-56 to 1957-58 and preliminary estimates for 1958-59 are shown in the following table.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ON CURRENT ACCOUNT: AUSTRALIA.

(£A. million.)

Particulars.	1955-56.	1956-57.	1957-58.	1958-59.(a)
CREDITS.				
1. Exports f.o.b.	772.3	977.7	811.5	809.3
2. Gold Production(b)	15.6	16.0	16.3	16.9
3. Transportation—				
Expenditure of Oversea ships ..	57.2	63.4	64.2	66.5
Other	6.6	8.1	7.3	7.6
	63.8	71.5	71.5	74.1
4. Travel	6.1	9.0	7.5	8.0
5. Income from Investment—				
Undistributed Income	2.9	3.3	4.3	4.0
Other	18.5	22.5	30.2	21.9
	21.4	25.8	34.5	25.9
6. Government	9.5	15.7	14.1	13.9
7. Miscellaneous	9.5	7.5	7.7	8.6
8. Donations, etc.—				
Immigrants' Funds, etc.	14.2	16.1	17.4	19.4
Other	5.2	6.3	7.3	6.3
	19.4	22.4	24.7	25.7
<i>Total Credits</i>	917.6	1,145.6	987.8	982.4
DEBITS.				
9. Imports f.o.b.	819.5	717.5	790.0	793.6
10. Transportation—				
Freight	102.0	108.0	119.0	113.0
Other (including Marine Insurance)(c)	18.0	14.6	15.0	15.3
	120.0	122.6	134.0	128.3
11. Travel	22.3	22.2	27.7	28.7
12. Income from Investment—				
Public Authority Interest	22.3	22.7	22.5	25.0
Portfolio Investment	6.0	8.0	6.7	8.0
Direct Investment	38.8	37.7	48.8	44.9
Undistributed Income	39.9	44.7	38.8	38.0
	107.0	113.1	116.8	115.9
13. Government—				
Defence	11.5	4.4	11.5	14.5
Papua and New Guinea	11.0	11.5	12.8	13.9
Other	13.3	12.4	13.7	14.6
	35.8	28.3	38.0	43.0
14. Miscellaneous	22.7	21.3	27.8	31.9
15. Donations, etc.—				
Personal	16.5	18.2	16.8	15.0
Colombo Plan, etc.	4.0	4.5	4.8	4.5
Other	7.8	8.5	8.9	8.8
	28.3	31.2	30.5	28.3
<i>Total Debits</i>	1,155.6	1,056.2	1,164.8	1,169.7
Balance on Current Account	-238.0	89.4	-177.0	-187.3

(a) Preliminary. (b) Includes gold sold on the premium market. (c) Total marine insurance premiums payable on Australian imports (whether payable in Australia or overseas) were £4.2 million in 1955-56, £3.7 million in 1956-57, £4.1 million in 1957-58, and £4.1 million in 1958-59.

Capital Account, p. 499.—The following table shows revised estimates of Australia's balance of payments on capital account for the years 1955–56 to 1957–58 and preliminary estimates for 1958–59.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT: AUSTRALIA.

(£A. million.)

Particulars.	1955–56.	1956–57.	1957–58.	1958–59.(a)
CHANGE IN ASSETS.				
1. Gold and Foreign Exchange	— 73.3	211.5	— 41.1	— 10.4
2. Subscriptions to I.M.F., and I.F.C. .. ..	.. ..	1.0	.. ..	44.6
3. Other Official Transactions	— 11.9	— 35.6	— 4.9	— 17.3
4. Marketing Authorities .. ..	.. ..	9.3	— 4.4	— 2.1
5. Portfolio Investment	— 1.7	— 0.9	— 2.2	— 2.7
6. Direct Investment—				
Branches—Unremitted Profits	0.4	0.7	0.6	1.0
—Other	4.0	6.8	2.0	(b)
Subsidiaries—Undistributed Profits	2.5	2.6	3.7	3.0
—Other	1.6	0.8	1.4	(b)
<i>Total—Change in Assets</i>	— 69.1	182.5	— 42.6	24.3
CHANGE IN LIABILITIES.				
7. Official Loans—				
I.B.R.D.	18.0	3.1	13.2	2.2
Other Commonwealth	6.8	3.2	0.7	11.3
States	1.4	— 33.4	2.1	22.2
Other	— 0.3	— 3.3	— 3.6	— 0.2
Discounts and Bonuses	— 0.1	0.1	0.2	— 0.7
8. Other I.M.F. and I.B.R.D. .. ..	.. ..	— 1.0	— 3.1	24.0
9. Australian Currency held by Foreign Banks	— 0.3	0.3	— 0.2	— 1.0
10. Portfolio Investment—				
Government Securities	— 4.0	— 1.4	— 2.1	(b)
Companies, etc.	7.2	11.1	14.2	(b)
11. Direct Investment—				
Branches—Unremitted Profits	6.6	7.5	2.1	2.0
—Other	12.5	8.3	5.3	(b)
Subsidiaries—Undistributed Profits	33.3	37.2	36.7	36.0
—Other	57.9	33.8	39.2	(b)
12. Life Assurance Offices	— 1.1	— 1.1	— 4.8	— 5.5
13. Balancing Item	31.0	28.7	34.5	121.3
<i>Total—Change in Liabilities</i>	168.9	93.1	134.4	211.6
Balance on Capital Account	238.0	— 89.4	177.0	187.3

(a) Preliminary. (b) Not available, included in balancing item.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes decrease.

Balance of Payments on Current Account—Monetary Areas, p. 500.—Revised estimates of Australia's regional balance of payments are shown in the following table for the years 1955-56 to 1957-58, together with preliminary estimates for 1958-59.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ON CURRENT ACCOUNT WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES
AND MONETARY AREAS (a): AUSTRALIA.

(£A.million.)

Particulars.	Gold Production.	Sterling Area.		Dollar Area.			Other Non-Sterling.		Total.
		United Kingdom.	Other.	U.S.A.	Canada.	Other.	O.E.E.C.	Other.(b)	
1955-56.									
Exports f.o.b. ..	..	257.1	131.4	55.0	10.9	9.0	187.5	121.4	772.3
Imports f.o.b. ..	..	-355.3	-128.1	-98.7	-23.3	-4.4	-125.8	-83.9	-819.5
Invisibles (net) ..	15.6	-78.6	-31.7	-45.8	-11.1	-1.1	-15.5	-22.6	-190.8
Balance on Current Account	15.6	-176.8	-28.4	-89.5	-23.5	3.5	46.2	14.9	-238.0
		-205.2		-109.5			61.1		
1956-57.									
Exports f.o.b. ..	..	277.4	175.8	66.1	10.7	9.3	250.8	187.6	977.7
Imports f.o.b. ..	..	-295.9	-123.5	-97.0	-22.2	-4.8	-100.6	-73.5	-717.5
Invisibles (net) ..	16.0	-56.0	-32.0	-51.0	-9.2	-0.8	-13.6	-24.2	-170.8
Balance on Current Account	16.0	-74.5	20.3	-81.9	-20.7	3.7	136.6	89.9	89.4
		-54.2		-98.9			226.5		
1957-58.									
Exports f.o.b. ..	..	221.2	158.8	45.1	14.1	10.8	201.4	160.1	811.5
Imports f.o.b. ..	..	-324.6	-124.7	-105.8	-23.0	-3.6	-115.1	-93.2	-790.0
Invisibles (net) ..	16.3	-59.9	-41.0	-59.8	-10.3	0.1	-17.1	-26.8	-198.5
Balance on Current Account	16.3	-163.3	-6.9	-120.5	-19.2	7.3	69.2	40.1	-177.0
		-170.2		-132.4			109.3		
1958-59.(c)									
Exports f.o.b. ..	..	255.5	152.7	60.7	16.5	10.7	153.6	159.6	809.3
Imports f.o.b. ..	..	-307.1	-131.9	-108.1	-23.1	-4.6	-118.0	-100.8	-793.6
Invisibles (net) ..	16.9	-59.7	-39.2	-69.7	-7.3	0.7	-17.5	-27.2	-203.0
Balance on Current Account	16.9	-111.3	-18.4	-117.1	-13.9	6.8	18.1	31.6	-187.3
		-129.7		-124.2			49.7		

(a) For a list of the countries included in each monetary area, see p. 476. (b) Includes international agencies. (c) Preliminary.

NOTE.—The amounts shown above for imports and exports exclude gold and represent the recorded figures adjusted for balance of payments purposes.

Minus sign (—) denotes debits; other items are credits.

Balance of Payments with the Dollar Area, p. 502.—The following table presents estimates, in revised form, of Australia's balance of payments with the dollar area for the years 1955-56 to 1957-58, and preliminary estimates for 1958-59.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WITH THE DOLLAR AREA: AUSTRALIA.
(£A. million.)

Particulars.	1955-56.	1956-57.	1957-58.	1958-59.(a)
CURRENT ACCOUNT.				
<i>Credits with Dollar Area—</i>				
1. Exports f.o.b.	74.9	86.1	70.0	87.9
2. Transportation	2.2	3.1	3.9	4.0
3. Other	5.3	6.0	7.4	7.4
Total credits	82.4	95.2	81.3	99.3
<i>Debits with Dollar Area—</i>				
4. Imports f.o.b.	126.4	124.0	132.4	135.8
5. Transportation—				
Freight	17.7	19.6	19.6	18.6
Other (incl. Marine Insurance)	1.2	1.2	1.6	2.1
6. Investment Income—				
Public Authorities	2.7	2.7	2.9	4.1
Undistributed Income	19.3	19.5	18.5	18.0
Dividends, Profits, etc.	11.3	12.9	16.1	14.5
7. Miscellaneous—				
Travel	1.6	2.3	4.1	4.1
Business Expenses	2.4	2.3	2.3	3.1
Film Rentals	2.6	2.6	3.6	2.9
Other	6.7	7.0	12.6	20.3
Total debits	191.9	194.1	213.7	223.5
8. Balance with Dollar Area	-109.5	- 98.9	-132.4	-124.2
9. Other current transactions	6.2	12.4	- 2.2	- 13.3
Balance on Current Account	-103.3	- 86.5	-134.6	-137.5
INVESTMENT AND FINANCING ACCOUNT.				
10. Gold sales to the United Kingdom . . . . .	..	25.0	..	..
11. Net purchases of dollars from the United Kingdom	40.2	23.2	70.3	76.7
12. Increase (-) in Aust. dollar balances	- 1.8	- 4.9	- 0.3	- 4.8
13. Official loans—				
I.B.R.D.	18.0	3.1	13.2	2.2
Other	8.6	0.1	9.2	16.4
14. I.M.F. and I.F.C. . . . .	..	- 1.0	..	..
15. Identified private capital—				
Undistributed income (net)	19.4	19.6	18.7	18.0
Other	13.3	7.0	5.2	(b)
16. Balancing Item	5.6	14.4	18.3	29.0
Balance on Investment and Financing Account	103.3	86.5	134.6	137.5

(a) Preliminary.

(b) Not available, included in balancing item.

NOTE.—In current account, - indicates debit items. In investment account, - indicates net decreases in liabilities or net increases in assets.

CHAPTER XIV.—TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION.

PART I.—TRANSPORT.

F. MOTOR VEHICLES.

Motor Vehicle Registrations, p. 537.—Motor vehicles registered at 30th June, 1959, and new motor vehicles registered during 1958–59 were as follows:—

MOTOR VEHICLES: REGISTRATIONS, 1958-59.

State or Territory.	Number of Motor Vehicles Registered at 30th June, 1959.(a)				Number of New Motor Vehicles Registered, 1958-59.(a)			
	Motor Cars.(b)	Com-mercial Vehicles.(c)	Motor Cycles.	Total.	Motor Cars.(b)	Com-mercial Vehicles.(c)	Motor Cycles.	Total.
New South Wales ..	589,692	290,695	32,575	912,962	58,302	34,357	2,690	95,349
Victoria(d) ..	599,292	166,577	23,489	789,358	56,337	14,620	2,234	73,191
Queensland ..	222,189	142,332	19,258	383,779	20,956	11,278	1,606	33,840
South Australia ..	182,813	67,538	17,700	268,051	16,760	6,110	1,095	23,965
Western Australia ..	118,112	67,830	13,411	199,353	10,389	5,140	2,071	17,600
Tasmania ..	60,109	24,939	3,606	88,654	5,416	2,059	176	7,651
Northern Territory ..	3,499	4,260	714	8,473	391	352	37	780
Aust. Capital Territory ..	10,332	3,319	421	14,072	1,630	474	83	2,187
Total ..	1,786,038	767,490	111,174	2,664,702	170,181	74,390	9,992	254,563

(a) Excludes Defence Service vehicles, trailers, road tractors, etc., and dealer's plates. (b) Includes taxis and hire cars. (c) Includes utilities, panel vans, lorries, omnibuses and station wagons. (d) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently, motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles registered for private use.

PART II.—COMMUNICATION.

A. POSTS; TELEGRAPHS; TELEPHONES; CABLE AND RADIO COMMUNICATION.

§ 5. Cable and Radio Communication.

Radio-communication Stations Authorized, p. 560.—The following radio-communication stations were authorized in Australia and the External Territories at 30th June, 1959:—Transmitting and receiving stations—Fixed—aeronautical, 108 (25); services with other countries, 88 (12); outpost, 1,507 (360); other, 742 (72); Land—aeronautical, 98 (16); land mobile services, 2,188 (8); harbour mobile services, 71 (-); coast, 93 (14); special experimental, 147 (8); Mobile—aeronautical, 444 (-); land mobile services, 19,913 (56); harbour mobile services, 361 (18); outpost, 859 (34); ship, 2,131 (137); Amateur, 3,845 (75). In addition, there were 379 fixed and 55 mobile stations for the purpose of receiving only. The figures in parentheses refer to the External Territories and are included in the totals preceding them.

B. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION.

§ 2. Broadcasting.

Broadcasting Stations, p. 563.—The following table shows the number of broadcasting stations in operation at 30th June, 1959:—

BROADCASTING STATIONS, 30th JUNE, 1959.

Type of Station.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Papua and New Guinea.	Total.
National—										
Medium Frequency ..	16	5	12	8	7	4	2	2	1	57
High Frequency ..	1	3	2	..	2	..	..	..	1	9
Commercial ..	37	20	20	8	14	8	..	1	..	108

§ 4. Licences, etc.

Broadcast Listeners' and Television Viewers' Licences, p. 568.—Broadcast listeners' licences in force at 30th June, 1959, were as follows:—New South Wales, 827,453; Victoria 605,340; Queensland, 337,760; South Australia, 247,468; Western Australia, 169,272; Tasmania, 76,419; Australia, 2,263,712. Figures for the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory have been included with those for South Australia and New South Wales respectively.

Television viewers' licences in force at 30th June, 1959, were as follows:—New South Wales, 300,871; Victoria, 270,073; Queensland, 360; South Australia, 6,124; Tasmania, 74; Australia, 577,502.

CHAPTER XVIII.—WELFARE SERVICES.

A. COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

§ 2. Commonwealth Expenditure on Social and Health Services.

States, p. 668.—The following table shows particulars of payments of social and health services in each State during 1958–59.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES,
1958-59.

(£'000.)

Service.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Over-seas.	Total.
Social Benefits—										
Age and Invalid Pensions	53,654	31,645	19,569	11,575	8,622	4,218	54	162	72	129,571
Child Endowment	24,293	18,369	10,339	6,308	5,198	2,502	201	318	12	67,540
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service	177	203	80	97	93	20	..	..	..	670
Funeral Benefits	140	92	48	31	23	11	..	1	..	346
Maternity Allowances	1,266	1,020	546	328	267	139	11	20	2	3,599
Sickness Benefits	920	509	346	183	159	70	2	7	..	2,196
Special Benefits(a)	142	187	89	37	23	18	..	1	..	497
Tuberculosis Allowances	364	224	206	132	78	59	..	..	..	1,063
Unemployment Benefits	2,422	1,224	1,154	362	655	134	1	7	..	5,959
Widows' Pensions	4,275	2,545	1,800	947	800	371	7	23	9	10,777
National Health Services—										
Hospital Benefits	6,350	3,426	1,972	1,225	1,285	477	39	28	..	14,802
Medical Benefits	3,384	1,872	824	796	700	204	..	..	..	7,780
Medical Benefits for Pensioners	1,710	932	482	323	259	92	..	8	..	3,806
Nutrition of Children	1,190	783	475	236	182	181	3	19	..	3,069
Pharmaceutical Benefits	7,421	5,265	2,372	1,556	1,222	503	..	(b) 116	..	18,455
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners	1,138	525	394	228	176	56	..	..	..	2,517
Tuberculosis Campaign maintenance payments	1,765	1,046	799	429	558	170	..	20	..	4,787
Miscellaneous	14	41	102	9	15	19	12	(c) 556	..	768
Total	110,625	69,908	41,597	24,802	20,315	9,244	330	1,286	95	278,202

(a) Includes special benefits to migrants in reception and training centres. (b) Includes private hospitals, Canberra Community Hospital, Bush Nursing Centres, etc. (c) Includes £403,911 for the production of poliomyelitis vaccine and £70,000 for running expenses of the Blood Fractionation Plant at the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories, Parkville, Victoria, £18,969 for Pooled Human Serum and Anti-Rh Serum, £6,055 for Public Health Measures (inoculation of government employees against influenza) and £34,538 for Home Nursing Service.

§ 3. Age and Invalid Pensions, § 4. Child Endowment, § 7. Maternity Allowances, § 8. Unemployment, Sickness and Special Benefits, § 9. Widows' Pensions.

General, pp. 669-682.—The following table gives a summary of age, invalid and widows' pensions, maternity allowances, child endowment, and unemployment, sickness and special benefits for the year 1958-59:—

SOCIAL SERVICES : SUMMARY, 1958-59.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Age Pensioners at end of year—									
Males	66,993	37,232	28,442	14,933	12,494	4,957	105	219	165,375
Females	144,667	90,920	46,643	33,037	22,135	10,477	99	436	348,414
Persons	211,660	128,152	75,085	47,970	34,629	15,434	204	655	513,789
Invalid Pensioners at end of year—									
Males	17,042	12,319	8,479	3,130	3,368	1,591	40	45	46,014
Females	15,285	8,813	6,918	2,684	2,573	1,479	24	63	37,839
Persons	32,327	21,132	15,397	5,814	5,941	3,070	64	108	83,853
Maternity Allowances—									
Claims paid during year	80,289	62,771	34,266	20,541	16,594	8,608	682	1,276	225,122
Child Endowment at end of year—									
Family claims in force	543,246	396,476	207,998	136,139	106,752	50,838	3,255	6,576	1,451,516
Endowed children ..	1,141,012	851,489	478,098	296,849	241,552	117,979	7,283	14,774	3,149,516
Widows' Pensions at end of year—									
Pensions in force ..	19,528	12,141	8,077	4,343	3,833	1,663	31	90	49,706
Class "A" pensions in force ^(b) ..	8,621	5,337	4,028	1,863	1,515	865	18	49	22,296
Unemployment, Sickness and Special Benefits—									
Persons on benefit at end of year—									
Unemployment Benefit—									
Males	8,554	4,041	3,447	636	2,500	502	2	9	19,691
Females	3,508	1,972	1,030	696	439	168	3	21	7,837
Persons	12,062	6,013	4,477	1,332	2,939	670	5	30	27,528
Sickness Benefit—									
Males	2,573	1,454	1,026	480	527	188	2	12	6,262
Females	992	518	353	157	122	64	1	4	2,211
Persons	3,565	1,972	1,379	637	649	252	3	16	8,473
Special Benefit—(c)									
Males	218	108	129	53	35	17	1	..	561
Females	514	608	281	112	93	92	..	3	1,703
Persons	732	716	410	165	128	109	1	3	2,264
Total—									
Males	11,345	5,603	4,602	1,169	3,062	707	5	21	26,514
Females	5,014	3,098	1,664	965	654	324	4	28	11,751
Persons	16,359	8,701	6,266	2,134	3,716	1,031	9	49	38,265
Admissions to Benefit—									
Unemployment Benefit—									
Males	43,417	17,865	31,529	6,211	13,298	2,866	52	188	115,426
Females	12,154	6,636	5,434	2,516	1,932	846	16	56	29,590
Persons	55,571	24,501	36,963	8,727	15,230	3,712	68	244	145,016
Sickness Benefit—									
Males	17,113	9,803	7,775	4,036	4,125	1,621	52	113	44,638
Females	6,105	3,485	2,055	1,023	925	409	13	27	14,042
Persons	23,218	13,288	9,830	5,059	5,050	2,030	65	140	58,680
Special Benefit—(c)									
Males	752	342	665	174	69	49	3	5	2,059
Females	607	959	177	110	81	50	..	16	2,000
Persons	1,359	1,301	842	284	150	99	3	21	4,059
Total—(c)									
Males	61,282	28,010	39,969	10,421	17,492	4,536	107	306	162,123
Females	18,866	11,080	7,666	3,649	2,938	1,305	29	99	45,632
Persons	80,148	39,090	47,635	14,070	20,430	5,841	136	405	207,755
Benefits paid—									
Unemployment	£ 2,422,069	1,224,299	1,153,218	362,402	654,387	134,870	1,058	7,172	5,959,475
Sickness	£ 920,460	508,980	346,383	182,787	159,230	69,873	1,740	7,073	2,196,526
Special (d)	£ 141,950	186,997	88,900	36,998	23,110	17,669	36	648	496,308
Total (d)	£ 3,484,479	1,920,276	1,588,501	582,187	836,727	222,412	2,834	14,893	8,652,309

(a) Includes claims paid overseas. (b) Pensions paid to widows who maintain at least one child under 16 years of age. (c) Excludes migrants. (d) Includes payments to migrants.

CHAPTER XX.—PRIVATE FINANCE.

A. CURRENCY.

§ 2. Coinage.

Issues of Australian Coins, p. 729.—The net issues of Australian coins to 30th June, 1959, were:—silver, £37,512,000; bronze, £3,080,000; total, £40,592,000.

§ 3. Notes.

The Australian Note Issue, p. 731.—The average value of notes in circulation for the year 1958–59 was £398,278,000. This amount was distributed in denominations as follows:—10s., £11,507,000; £1, £68,919,000; £5, £177,931,000; £10, £139,205,000; £20, £3,000; £50, £37,000; £100, £42,000; and £1,000, £634,000. The amount held by the banks was £46,777,000 and by the public, £351,501,000.

B. BANKING.

§ 1. Cheque-Paying Banks.

Commonwealth Bank, p. 738.—The average liabilities of the Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department) of the Commonwealth Bank for the year ended June, 1959, amounted to £939,376,000. Capital and Reserve Funds amounted to £26,437,000; Notes on Issue to £396,019,000; Special Accounts of Trading Banks to £259,865,000; Other Deposits of Trading Banks to £24,189,000; Other Liabilities to £232,866,000.

Particulars of the average assets were as follows:—Gold and Balances held abroad; £411,509,000; Australian Coin, £2,182,000; Cheques and Bills of other Banks, £4,094,000; Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills), £469,064,000; Bills Receivable and Remittances in Transit, £4,707,000; and Other Assets, £47,820,000.

Commonwealth Trading Bank, p. 742.—The average liabilities in Australia of the Commonwealth Trading Bank for the year ended June, 1959, were £248,858,000. Of this amount, Deposits not bearing interest amounted to £159,061,000; Deposits bearing interest to £67,739,000; Balances due to other Banks to £417,000; Other Liabilities to £21,641,000.

The average assets in Australia, £245,657,000, included Cash and Cash Balances £11,285,000; Special Deposit Account with Central Bank, £36,458,000; Balances with other Banks, £1,590,000; Treasury Bills, £4,148,000; Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities, £56,673,000; Other Securities, £3,714,000; Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted, £122,529,000; Other Assets, £9,260,000.

Private Trading Banks, p. 743.—Average liabilities in Australia of the Private Trading Banks for the year ended June, 1959, were £1,400,580,000. Interminable Deposits or Deposit Stock amounted to £6,000; Deposits not bearing interest to £1,007,370,000; Deposits bearing interest to £368,455,000; Notes in Circulation to £157,000; Balances due to other Banks to £4,119,000; Other Liabilities to £20,473,000.

Average assets in Australia amounted to £1,426,706,000. These comprised Cash and Cash Balances. £58,184,000; Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank, £222,801,000; Balances with other Banks, £18,738,000; Treasury Bills, £37,916,000; Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities, £193,343,000; Other Securities, £16,677,000; Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted, £807,139,000; All Other Assets, £71,908,000.

Classification of Advances within Australia—Commonwealth Trading Bank and Private Trading Banks, p. 747.—Advances within Australia at the end of December, 1958, dissected by industries were:—Resident Borrowers: Business Advances—Agriculture, Grazing and Dairying, £231,504,000; Manufacturing, £174,304,000; Transport, Storage and Communication, £15,618,000; Finance, £53,780,000; Commerce, £180,846,000; Building and Construction, £26,726,000; Other Business and Services, £58,981,000; Unclassified, £5,430,000; Total Business advances, £747,189,000; Advances to Public Authorities, £18,195,000; Personal advances, £142,895,000; Advances to Non-Profit Organizations, £15,843,000; Total Resident Borrowers, £924,122,000; Total Non-Resident Borrowers, £196,000; Total advances, £924,318,000.

Clearing House Returns, p. 750.—The average weekly bank clearings in each capital city for the year ended June, 1959, were as follows:—Sydney, £135,387,000; Melbourne, £128,870,000; Brisbane, £27,227,000; Adelaide, £25,299,000; Perth, £15,786,000; Hobart, £4,893,000; Total, £337,462,000.

Debits to Customers' Accounts—All Cheque-paying Banks, p. 750.—The average weekly debits to customers' accounts in each State for the year 1958–59 for all cheque-paying banks (excluding debits to accounts of Australian Governments in capital cities) were as follows:—New South Wales, £248,904,000; Victoria, £224,729,000; Queensland, £70,253,000; South Australia, £46,180,000; Western Australia, £30,731,000; Tasmania, £13,830,000; Australian Capital Territory, £1,979,000; Total, £636,606,000.

§ 2. Savings Banks.

All Savings Banks, pp. 753–4.—The numbers of operative accounts in the several States at 30th June, 1959, were:—New South Wales, 2,879,000; Victoria, 2,565,000; Queensland, 1,080,000; South Australia, 889,000; Western Australia, 527,000; Tasmania, 299,000; Northern Territory, 14,000 and Australian Capital Territory, 29,000; Total, 8,282,000. The amounts on deposit in the several States at 30th June, 1959, were:—New South Wales, £488,273,000; Victoria, £458,454,000; Queensland, £166,653,000; South Australia, £157,152,000; Western Australia, £71,499,000; Tasmania, £42,462,000; Northern Territory, £2,239,000 and Australian Capital Territory, £4,600,000; Total, £1,391,332,000. Total excess of deposits over withdrawals during 1958–1959 was £59,182,000 and interest added was £35,361,000.

D. INSURANCE.

§ 2. Life Assurance.

Life Assurance, p. 765.—The following is a summary of the life assurance business transacted in Australia during 1958 (figures for 1957 in parentheses) compiled from monthly returns collected from the 27 (24) companies registered under the Life Insurance Act 1945–1953, and excluding the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only within their respective States. Particulars shown are therefore not entirely comparable with those in Chapter XX., which are derived from annual returns and include business of the State Government Offices.

Ordinary Department and Industrial Department, respectively:—New Policies issued in Australia—Number, 297,674 (303,355), 198,611 (209,153); Sum Assured, £482,263,000 (£436,163,000), £32,710,000 (£33,383,000); Policies Matured or Otherwise Discontinued in Australia—Number, 182,088 (182,173), 287,039 (290,851); Sum Assured, £154,221,000 (£130,386,000), £27,304,000 (£26,272,000). Particulars of annuities are excluded.

Premium receipts of Ordinary and Industrial Departments in Australia in 1958 amounted, respectively, to £91,267,000 (£82,912,000) and £15,305,000 (£15,120,000); Claims, etc., paid amounted to £35,112,000 (£31,846,000) and £10,397,000 (£10,781,000) respectively. Particulars of annuities are included.

CHAPTER XXI.—PUBLIC FINANCE.

A. COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

Consolidated Revenue Fund, pp. 784 and 793.—The table below shows details of revenue and expenditure for the year 1958–59:—

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1958–59.

(£'000.)

Revenue.		Expenditure.	
Item.	Amount.	Item.	Amount.
<i>Taxation—</i>		Defence Services (a)	118,080
Customs	71,671	War and Repatriation Services	128,163
Excise	236,254	Subsidies and Bounties	17,294
Sales Tax	143,617	Departmental	130,404
Land Tax .. .. .	.. ..	National Welfare Fund—	
Income Taxes	608,660	Expenditure on Social Services	278,227
Pay-roll Tax	49,619		
Estate Duty	13,309	<i>Business Undertakings—</i>	
Other Taxes	10,168	Postmaster-General's Department	100,480
<i>Total</i>	1,133,298	Broadcasting and Television Services	8,370
		Railways	4,378
<i>Business Undertakings—</i>		<i>Total</i>	113,228
Postmaster-General's Department	103,467	Territories	20,616
Broadcasting and Television Services	8,618		
Railways	4,811	<i>Capital Works and Services—</i>	
<i>Total</i>	116,896	Defence Services	34,985
		Business Undertakings	39,042
Territories	3,189	Other	93,305
Other Revenue	42,667	<i>Total</i>	167,332
		Payments to or for States	286,591
		Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve	27,947
		Other Expenditure	8,168
Grand Total	1,296,050	Grand Total	1,296,050

(a) In addition, £37,308,000 was spent from Loan Fund on Defence Services—General Services, Works, Armaments, etc.

C. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

Revenue and Expenditure, p. 829.—Preliminary information relating to Commonwealth and State revenue and expenditure during 1958–59 is given below.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1958–59.
(£'000.)

Government of—	Consolidated Revenue Fund.			Loan Fund— Net Expenditure on Works and Services.
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).	
New South Wales	(a) 240,890	(a) 240,845	+ 45	54,496
Victoria	151,250	153,796	— 2,546	44,449
Queensland	99,007	100,198	— 1,191	21,024
South Australia	68,030	69,057	— 1,027	24,159
Western Australia	60,068	61,753	— 1,685	16,760
Tasmania	21,851	22,759	— 908	12,975
<i>Six States</i>	641,096	648,408	— 7,312	173,863
<i>Commonwealth</i>	1,249,050	1,249,050	..	(c) 48,813
Grand Total—Unadjusted	1,937,146	1,944,458	— 7,312	222,676
Adjusted(b)	1,686,920	1,694,232	— 7,312	222,676

(a) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis, capital expenditure and National Welfare payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated. (c) Excludes expenditure of £37,308,000 on Defence Services—General Services, Works, Armaments, etc.

D. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

§ 3. Commonwealth and State Public Debt Outstanding.

Public Debt and Annual Interest Payable, pp. 833–4.—The following table shows details of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States and the annual interest payable thereon at 30th June, 1959.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1959.

Particulars.	Maturing in—					Total. £'000.
	Australia.	London.	New York.	Switzerland.	Canada.	
	£A'000.	£Stg.'000.	£'000.(a)	£'000.(b)	£'000.(a)	
DEBT.						
<i>Commonwealth—</i>						
War (1914–18)	89,800	7,533	..	..	..	97,333
War (1939–45)	1,043,597	5,655	..	..	..	1,049,252
Works and other purposes	362,957	50,851	73,794	2,842	12,251	502,695
<i>Total</i>	1,496,354	64,039	73,794	2,842	12,251	1,649,280
<i>States</i>	2,093,752	267,866	30,003	..	..	2,391,621
Grand Total	3,590,106	331,905	103,797	2,842	12,251	4,040,901
ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.						
Commonwealth	45,700	2,327	3,321	114	475	51,937
States	84,746	9,859	1,259	..	..	95,864
Grand Total	130,446	12,186	4,580	114	475	147,801

(a) £ payable in dollars which have been arbitrarily converted to £ at the rate of \$4.8665 to £1. (b) Loan raised in Switzerland has been converted to £ at the rate of 1,000 Swiss francs to £102 1s. 10d. as provided in Loan Agreement.

§ 4. Commonwealth Loan Raisings.

Loans Raised, pp. 847.—Particulars of loans raised by the Commonwealth between 1st July, 1958, and 30th June, 1959, are given in the following table.

COMMONWEALTH LOANS RAISED, 1958-59.(a)

Month of Raising.	Where Raised.	Amount Invited.	Amount Subscribed.	Rate of Interest. (b)	Year of Maturity.	Purpose.
		£'000.	£'000.	%		
1958-59—						
October, 1958	Australia	30,000	{ 13,078 4,748 18,971	{ 4 4½ 5	{ 1960 1967 1974	State purposes, £36,796,000 Advances for housing £1,000
October, 1958	Australia	218,198	{ 54,895 24,543 75,647	{ 4 4½ 5	{ 1960 1967 1974	Conversion
October, 1958	London	15,000	{ 11,332 15,000	{ 4-5 5½	{ 1966 1978	State purposes, £12,440,000 Advances for housing, £2,560,000
October, 1958	New York	5,137	5,137	5	1978	State purposes, £4,261,000 Advances for housing, £876,000
February, 1959	Australia	25,000	{ 35,945 3,996 20,252	{ 4 4½ 5	{ 1961 1967 1974	State purposes, £60,192 Advances for housing, £1,000
March, 1959	London	20,000	{ 10,000 10,000	{ 5½ 5½	{ 1973 1979	Conversion
May, 1959	Australia	35,000	{ 14,139 3,309 33,103	{ 4 4½ 5	{ 1962 1968 1979	State purposes, £29,052,000 Advances for housing, £21,499,000
May, 1959	Australia	108,189	{ 50,951 21,563 16,396	{ 4 4½ 5	{ 1962 1968 1979	Conversion
June, 1959	Australia	10,000	{ 3,781 10,000	{ 4-5 5	{ 1966 1979	War Repatriation and Rehabilitation, £6,547,000 Advances for housing, £3,453,000

(a) In addition, during 1958-59, \$16,830,000 was drawn against loans made available by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and \$11,961,000 and \$1,560,000 respectively were raised in New York for Qantas Empire Airways. In the same year \$3,000,000 was raised in New York for the Australian National Airways Commission. (b) Australian loans bearing interest at 5 per cent. were issued at par and those at other rates were issued at prices ranging from par to £99 7s. 6d. London cash loans raised in 1958-59 were issued at £98 and conversion loans at £99. The New York loan in 1958-59 was issued at £97 10s.

In addition, between October, 1958 and April, 1959, the cash proceeds raised in respect of Special Bonds Series "A" totalled £22,037,000. During that period continuous subscriptions were open for these Bonds which are redeemable at any time after 1st July, 1959, at prices commencing at par and increasing to a premium of £3 per cent. if the bonds are held to maturity on 1st January, 1966. Interest is 4 per cent. for approximately the first two years, 4½ per cent. for the next two years and 5 per cent. for the next three years.

Continuous subscriptions were invited to Special Bonds Series "B" as from April, 1959, and subscriptions up to the end of 1958-59 totalled £5,105,000. The terms of issue of the two series of Special Bonds are similar except that interest for Series "B" bonds for the third year is 4 per cent. instead of 4½ per cent. Series "B" bonds are redeemable at any time after 1st April, 1960, and mature on 1st October, 1966.

The maximum combined holding for each person in Series "A" and "B" is £5,000.

CHAPTER XXIII.—PASTORAL PRODUCTION.

Livestock Numbers, p. 929.—The following table shows, for each State, the numbers of livestock at 31st March, 1959.

LIVESTOCK NUMBERS, 31st MARCH, 1959.(a)

('000.)

—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Horses ..	214	92	239	33	41	12	37	1	669
Cattle ..	3,684	2,651	6,884	576	1,000	375	1,100	9	16,279
Sheep ..	67,936	26,925	22,148	15,634	16,215	3,536	22	272	152,688
Pigs ..	358	253	400	98	116	69	3	..	1,297

(a) Preliminary, subject to revision.

Production of Meat, pp. 936, 942, 975.—The following table shows for each State the production of meat during 1958–59.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT, 1958–1959.(a)

('000 Tons Bone-in Weight.)

—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W.Aust.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Beef and Veal ..	269,856	187,108	330,041	41,751	44,397	20,666	5,291	2,165	901,275
Mutton and Lamb	150,676	184,747	27,733	54,118	39,340	16,785	90	1,254	474,743
Total Meat (incl. Pigmear)	453,527	396,094	381,318	104,382	93,792	41,404	5,462	3,658	1,479,637

(a) Subject to revision.

CHAPTER XXIV. FARMYARD, DAIRY AND BEE PRODUCTS.

Principal Farmyard and Dairy Products, pp. 960, 975.—Particulars at the total production of these products in each State during 1958–59 are shown below:—

PRINCIPAL FARMYARD AND DAIRY PRODUCTS, 1958–59.(a)

—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Total Whole Milk								
(^{'000} gals.)	330,003	579,913	258,232	82,177	52,605	65,766	968	1,369,664
Butter(b) ..	39,210	88,854	41,352	7,046	6,310	11,049	4	193,825
Cheese(b) ..	5,041	17,296	8,119	11,167	1,157	361	..	43,141
Pork ..	17,272	12,212	8,209	4,094	4,275	2,731	239	49,032
Bacon and Ham								
(tons cured wt.)	11,561	8,844	11,276	3,249	2,950	900	..	38,780

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Factory and farm production.

CHAPTER XXVII.—MINERAL INDUSTRY.

§ 1. The Mineral Wealth of Australia.

Quantity and Value of Production, pp. 1012–1014.—In the table hereunder particulars are given of the quantity and value of production in Australia of the principal minerals during the year 1958:—

MINERAL PRODUCTION: QUANTITIES AND VALUES, AUSTRALIA, 1958.(a)

METALLIC MINERALS.

Year.	Principal Contents of Metallic Minerals Produced.							Total Value of Output of Metal Mining.
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.	
	Tons.	Fine oz.	'000 tons.	Tons.	'000 fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	£'000.
1958	72,568	1,100,404	2,544	327,368	16,270	2,237	263,044	70,955

NON-METALLIC AND FUEL MINERALS.

Year.	Quantities Produced.						Total Value of Output of Non-metal. and Fuel Mining.
	Coal.		Gypsum.	Limestone. (b)	Mica.	Salt.	
	Black.	Brown.					
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	'000 tons.	lb.	Tons.	£'000.
1958	20,414	11,644	504,938	5,490	93,999	429,534	66,991

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Excludes limestone used as a construction material.

2. Gold, § 3. Silver, Lead, Zinc, § 4. Copper, § 5. Tin, pp. 1017–1030.

Smelter and refinery production of the principal metals in Australia during the year 1958 is shown below.

SMELTER AND REFINERY PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL METALS: AUSTRALIA 1958.

Year.	Refined Gold.	Refined Silver. (a)	Refined Lead. (a)	Lead Content of Lead Bullion Produced for Export. (a)	Refined Zinc. (a)	Refined Copper. (a)	Refined Tin. (a)
	'000 fine oz.	'000 fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1958	1,207	9,101	191,822	57,171	114,773	43,276	2,121

(a) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources.

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