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## PREFACE

This Labour Report, which is the fifty-first of the series issued by this Bureau, contains detailed statistics for the year 1964, in addition to providing comparisons for previous years.

The Report follows in the main the lines of its immediate predecessors in scope and arrangement. The subject-matter has been divided into five chapters, namely, Retail Prices and Price Indexes; Wholesale Prices and Price Indexes; Wages and Hours; Employment and Unemployment (including Industrial Disputes); and Labour Organizations.

New material in this issue includes the results of a Survey on the Incidence of Awards, Determinations, etc., May, 1963 and results of Surveys of Weekly Earnings and Hours in October, 1962, 1963 and 1964. There are more comprehensive summaries of the judgements in the Basic Wage Inquiry, 1964 and the Employers' Total Wage Case, 1964. In Chapter I. the description of the Consumer Price Index has been revised to include details of the December, 1963 "link" and of the series for Canberra.

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