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SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS 1936-37 - NO. 4.

The Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) has made available particulars of Savings Bank Deposits at 31st October, 1936. The statement also includes some comparative particulars for earlier years.

Savings Bank Deposits.

31st October, 1935 and 1936.

State or Territory	31st October, 1935			31st October, 1936		
	Cwealth Savings Bank	State Savings Banks	TOTAL	Cwealth Savings Bank	State Savings Banks	TOTAL
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
New South Wales ..	78,801	-	78,801	79,955	-	79,955
Victoria ..	9,116	63,348	72,464	9,529	64,148	73,677
Queensland ..	27,036	-	27,036	27,476	-	27,476
South Australia ..	2,600	21,995	24,595	2,768	22,688	25,456
Western Australia	11,232	-	11,232	11,682	-	11,682
Tasmania ..	1,890	(a)4,747	6,637	1,997	(a)4,910	6,907
Federal Capital Territory ..	232	-	232	246	-	246
Northern Territory	62	-	62	58	-	58
TOTAL:	130,969	90,090	221,059	133,711	91,746	225,457

(a) Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston.

During the month of October, 1936, deposits increased by £12,000 (0.18 per cent) as compared with an increase of £1,039,000 (0.47 per cent) during October, 1935. The total deposits at 31st October, 1936, £225,457,000, were £4,398,000 (1.99 per cent) higher than those at 31st October, 1935 and are the highest since September, 1929 when deposits reached the record total of £225,963,000.

Details of the increases in each State - actual amounts and expressed as percentages - are given in the following table for each twelve months ended 31st October, 1934 to 1936.

Increase in Deposits - Actual and on Percentage Basis -
during the years ended 31st October, 1934 to 1936.

State or Territory	Increase during 12 months ended 31st October					
	1934		1935		1936	
	Amount	Per- centage	Amount	Per- centage	Amount	Per- centage
	£'000	%	£'000	%	£'000	%
New South Wales ..	4,003	5.52	2,344	3.07	1,154	1.47
Victoria ..	2,696	3.97	1,877	2.66	1,213	1.67
Queensland ..	1,921	8.05	1,249	4.84	440	1.63
South Australia ..	913	4.02	964	4.08	861	3.50
Western Australia	592	5.92	632	5.96	450	4.01
Tasmania ..	305	5.16	421	6.77	270	4.07
Federal Capital Territory ..	14	6.09	- 5	- 2.35	14	6.20
Northern Territory	8	20.27	13	27.18	- 4	- 6.28
TOTAL:	10,452	5.15	7,495	3.51	4,398	1.99

Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

The collection of statistics showing Savings Bank deposits at the end of each month has been in operation since July, 1931, and the following table shows the deposits monthly since that date. Previously, figures at quarterly intervals only were available.

Deposits each Month - 1931 to 1936.

End of	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
January ..	-	194,534	198,067	204,868	213,175	221,088
February ..	-	198,988	198,355	205,449	213,374	221,885
March ..	192,872	193,526	198,225	205,534	213,509	221,641
April ..	-	192,574	197,842	206,157	213,946	221,901
May ..	-	192,399	197,496	207,000	214,698	222,161
June ..	193,375	197,966	202,282	210,676	217,949	224,962
July ..	192,436	197,405	202,337	210,895	218,424	224,426
August ..	192,547	197,589	202,657	211,994	219,416	224,849
September ..	193,581	197,802	202,641	212,556	220,020	225,045
October ..	194,611	198,108	203,112	213,564	221,059	225,457
November ..	195,494	198,043	203,425	213,395	221,670	
December ..	194,515	197,117	203,331	212,922	220,525	

The volume of deposits in recent years reached the lowest point in May, 1932 (£192 million), since when there has been a steady and substantial increase to £198 million in October, 1932, £203 million in October, 1933, £214 million in October, 1934, £221 million in October, 1935, and £225 million in October, 1936.

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