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1. GENERAL.

This bulletin, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947-50, for the month of October, 1950. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. There is a "waiting period" of seven days in respect of which unemployment or sickness benefit is not payable. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit.

Special Benefit is paid in cases of hardship where the claimant is not qualified for either of the other benefits. The number of new Australians receiving special benefit has now been excluded from the tables in this bulletin; the amount of such benefits paid, however, is included in Table I.

The number of "persons on benefit" relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependents of such beneficiaries are excluded.

Admittances and exits in Sections 3, 5 (paras. ii, iii, and iv) and 6 refer to those notified during the period shown and not to those which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

2. ALL BENEFITS - SUMMARY.

(i) Benefits Paid : Benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State in October, 1950 and the four months ended October, 1950, are shown in the following table.

I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING OCTOBER, 1950 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1950 - STATES.
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State	October, 1950				Four Months ended October, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special (a)	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special (a)	Total
N.S.W. (b)	1,493	22,995	4,008	28,496	8,289	102,291	20,004	130,584
Victoria	171	17,472	7,170	24,813	1,749	73,008	39,801	114,558
Queensland	650	10,043	1,002	11,695	4,837	34,468	3,350	42,655
S. Aust. (c)	39	7,396	559	7,994	234	25,637	1,818	27,689
W. Aust.	391	4,275	7,363	12,029	2,232	18,319	30,905	51,456
Tasmania	177	2,808	422	3,407	647	10,790	1,392	12,829
TOTAL :	2,921	64,989	20,524	88,434	17,988	264,513	97,270	379,771

(a) Includes amounts paid to new Australians. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Claims Admitted and Benefits Discontinued : The following table shows, for each State, the number of persons admitted to each class of benefit and the number whose benefits were discontinued during the four months ended October, 1950.

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1950 - STATES.

State	Claims Admitted - Four Months ended October, 1950				Benefits Discontinued - Four Months ended October, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W. (a)	2,015	8,923	448	11,386	2,012	8,668	379	11,059
Victoria	164	5,226	332	5,722	184	4,086	233	4,503
Queensland	835	3,391	143	4,369	1,069	3,315	145	4,529
S. Aust. (b)	12	2,123	100	2,235	37	2,126	88	2,251
W. Aust.	280	1,922	52	2,254	266	1,822	74	2,162
Tasmania	46	912	42	1,000	58	977	42	1,077
TOTAL :	3,352	22,497	1,117	26,966	3,626	20,994	961	25,581

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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(iii) Claims Admitted, Discontinuances and Persons on Benefit : The following table shows, for the years 1946-47 to 1949-50 and for the months October, 1949 to October, 1950 the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

III. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED</u>									
Year 1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947-48	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	1,527	650	82,749	17,576	100,325
1948-49	11,459	667	53,662	15,202	1,631	785	66,752	16,654	83,406
1949-50	130,248	30,853	49,006	14,836	3,529	1,131	182,783	46,820	229,603
1949 Oct.	525	105	5,189	1,726	198	85	5,912	1,916	7,828
Nov.	420	64	3,832	1,214	121	82	4,373	1,360	5,733
Dec.	611	75	3,328	974	114	47	4,053	1,096	5,149
1950 Jan.	1,556	67	4,369	1,278	189	83	6,114	1,428	7,542
Feb.	1,006	67	3,808	1,156	142	79	4,956	1,302	6,258
March	877	81	3,850	1,204	140	80	4,867	1,365	6,232
April	776	103	4,361	1,287	145	78	5,282	1,468	6,750
May	467	93	3,609	1,079	134	54	4,210	1,226	5,436
June	407	96	3,078	898	130	29	3,615	1,023	4,638
July	1,457	260	6,392	1,958	296	170	8,145	2,388	10,533
Aug. (a)	661	87	3,927	1,150	191	81	4,779	1,318	6,097
Sept. (a)	468	100	4,499	1,327	195	61	5,162	1,488	6,650
Oct. (a)	272	47	2,533	711	90	33	2,895	791	3,686

DISCONTINUANCES

Year 1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947-48	31,538	1,494	53,785	15,244	1,503	497	86,826	17,235	104,061
1948-49	12,143	670	51,933	14,871	1,531	614	65,607	16,155	81,762
1949-50	130,284	30,742	48,419	14,482	3,422	1,013	182,125	46,237	228,362
1949 Oct.	835	160	4,885	1,473	192	52	5,912	1,685	7,597
Nov.	448	75	3,754	1,220	134	51	4,336	1,346	5,682
Dec.	352	72	3,287	990	127	56	3,766	1,118	4,884
1950 Jan.	1,221	100	4,410	1,335	149	95	5,780	1,530	7,310
Feb.	809	55	3,708	1,050	138	62	4,655	1,167	5,822
March	799	61	4,060	1,284	153	84	5,012	1,429	6,441
April	992	96	4,381	1,294	153	75	5,526	1,465	6,991
May	1,076	97	3,125	1,035	127	57	4,628	1,189	5,817
June	494	72	3,117	966	129	49	3,740	1,087	4,827
July	1,468	228	5,519	1,735	231	101	7,218	2,064	9,282
Aug. (a)	773	140	3,633	1,105	152	67	4,558	1,312	5,870
Sept. (a)	555	111	4,334	1,256	189	73	5,078	1,440	6,518
Oct. (a)	293	58	2,673	739	111	37	3,077	834	3,911

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH

1947 - June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
1948 - June	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	215	418	9,359	3,052	12,411
1949 - June	1,034	117	9,155	2,845	315	589	10,504	3,551	14,055
1949 - Oct.	1,069	210	9,649	3,283	417	704	11,135	4,197	15,332
Nov.	1,041	199	9,727	3,277	404	735	11,172	4,211	15,383
Dec.	1,300	202	9,768	3,261	391	726	11,459	4,189	15,648
1950 - Jan.	1,635	169	9,727	3,204	431	714	11,793	4,087	15,880
Feb.	1,832	181	9,827	3,310	435	731	12,094	4,222	16,316
March	1,910	201	9,617	3,230	422	727	11,949	4,158	16,107
April	1,694	208	9,597	3,223	414	730	11,705	4,161	15,866
May	1,085	204	9,781	3,267	421	727	11,287	4,198	15,485
June	998	228	9,742	3,199	422	707	11,162	4,134	15,296
July	987	260	10,615	3,422	487	776	12,089	4,458	16,547
Aug. (a)	875	207	10,909	3,467	526	790	12,310	4,464	16,774
Sept. (a)	788	196	11,074	3,538	532	778	12,394	4,512	16,906
Oct. (a)	767	185	10,934	3,510	511	774	12,212	4,469	16,681

(a) Subject to revision.

(i) Duration:- The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during October, 1950, and the four months ended October, 1950, is shown in the following table:-

IV. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING OCTOBER, 1950 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	Persons							
	October, 1950				Four Months ended October, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	223	279	7	509	975	1,200	38	2,213
1 and under 2	102	678	23	803	895	2,722	95	3,712
2 " " 3	64	616	21	701	476	2,633	85	3,194
3 " " 4	36	591	21	648	254	2,408	86	2,748
4 " " 5	37	423	23	483	204	1,794	85	2,083
5 " " 9	48	1,137	47	1,232	405	4,546	220	5,171
9 " " 13	29	508	26	563	143	2,283	103	2,529
13 " " 27	29	604	41	674	206	2,355	152	2,713
27 and over	12	244	15	271	68	1,053	97	1,218
<u>TOTAL :</u>	580	5,080	224	5,884	3,626	20,994	961	25,581

The following table shows for discontinuance notified during October, 1950 and the four months ended October, 1950 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

V. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING OCTOBER, 1950 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1950, PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA.
(Per Cent.)

Duration of Benefits	October, 1950				Four Months ended October, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	2.07	4.80	6.70	4.61	1.88	5.02	10.09	4.76
13 " "	7.07	16.69	25.00	16.06	7.56	16.23	25.91	15.37
9 " "	12.07	26.70	36.61	25.63	11.50	27.11	36.63	25.25
5 " "	20.34	49.07	57.59	46.57	22.67	48.76	59.52	45.47
4 " "	26.72	57.40	67.86	54.78	28.30	57.31	68.37	53.61
3 " "	32.93	69.04	77.23	65.79	35.30	68.78	77.32	64.35
2 " "	43.97	81.16	86.61	77.70	48.43	81.32	86.16	76.84
1 " "	61.55	94.51	96.87	91.35	73.11	94.28	96.05	91.35
Less than 1	38.45	5.49	3.13	8.65	26.89	5.72	3.95	8.65

(ii) Reasons for Cessation : The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during October, 1950, and the four months ended October, 1950 are shown below:-

VI. REASONS FOR CESSATION - BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING OCTOBER, 1950 AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1950 : AUSTRALIA.

Reason for Cessation	October, 1950				Four Months ended October, 1950			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	424	73.10	3,134	61.69	2,534	69.88	13,066	62.24
Incapacity terminated	16	2.76	1,536	30.24	74	2.04	6,191	29.45
Failure to report (a)	83	14.31	65	1.28	774	21.35	170	0.81
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	25	4.31	15	0.30	104	2.87	99	0.47
Statutory Age Limit (b)	-	-	16	0.32	3	0.08	47	0.22
Permanent incapacity (c)	11	1.90	126	2.48	28	0.77	597	2.84
Death	-	-	82	1.61	1	0.03	324	1.55
Transfer to another district	7	1.21	51	1.00	37	1.02	196	0.93
Other	14	2.41	55	1.08	71	1.96	304	1.45
<u>TOTAL :</u>	580	100.00	5,080	100.00	3,626	100.00	20,994	100.00

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension.
(c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

4. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH OCTOBER, 1950.

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment : The proportion of persons on benefit at 28th October, 1950 to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 61 per 10,000 comprising 3 unemployment, 53 sickness and 5 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females:-

VII. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH OCTOBER, 1950, PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 males	4	55	2	61
Females	Per 10,000 females	3	47	10	60
Persons	Per 10,000 persons	3	53	5	61

(ii) State Totals : The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 28th October, 1950.

VIII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH OCTOBER, 1950 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W. (a)	268	70	3,985	1,299	186	256	4,439	1,627	6,066
Victoria	103	28	3,576	1,309	181	260	3,860	1,597	5,457
Queensland	279	55	1,406	385	65	114	1,750	554	2,304
S. Aust. (b)	3	4	857	258	42	36	902	298	1,200
W. Australia	98	24	785	194	22	44	905	262	1,167
Tasmania	16	4	325	65	15	62	356	131	487
Total 28th October, 1950	767	185	10,934	3,510	511	774	12,212	4,469	16,681

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages : Distribution of persons on benefit at 28th October, 1950, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

IX. AGE OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH OCTOBER, 1950 : AUSTRALIA.

Age Group (as at 31st Dec., 1950)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 Years	38	40	705	760	7	38	750	838	1,588
20 - 24 "	82	36	1,163	717	2	34	1,247	787	2,034
25 - 29 "	89	19	1,105	439	8	61	1,202	519	1,721
30 - 34 "	96	11	945	264	7	55	1,048	330	1,378
35 - 39 "	73	21	963	249	13	86	1,049	356	1,405
40 - 44 "	74	16	994	247	5	98	1,073	361	1,434
45 - 49 "	68	17	1,115	303	7	153	1,190	473	1,663
50 - 54 "	67	15	1,178	306	9	102	1,254	423	1,677
55 - 59 "	75	9	1,299	193	11	87	1,385	289	1,674
60 years and over	105	1	1,467	32	442	60	2,014	93	2,107
TOTAL :	767	185	10,934	3,510	511	774	12,212	4,469	16,681

5. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

(i) Claims Admitted, Discontinuances and Persons on Benefit : The following table shows, for the years 1946-47 to 1949-50 and for the months October, 1949 to October, 1950, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit in each State.

X. UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - STATES.

Period	Persons						Australia	
	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Malta	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED</u>								
Year 1946-47	12,704	16,187	35,922	1,380	11,981	404	73,379	5,199
1947-48	3,516	1,029	21,227	234	2,471	185	27,215	1,387
1948-49	2,257	288	8,455	124	884	118	11,453	667
1949-50	127,500	1,037	19,841	6,512	6,060	151	130,243	30,853
1949 Oct.	167	55	298	19	79	12	525	105
Nov.	121	31	274	8	42	8	420	64
Dec.	172	36	420	12	42	4	611	75
1950 Jan.	200	121	1,156	59	76	11	1,556	67
Feb.	111	23	870	8	50	11	1,065	57
March	102	24	782	4	42	4	877	81
April	146	90	573	6	60	4	776	103
May	119	40	280	1	111	9	487	93
June	130	113	172	8	65	15	407	26
July	1,124	99	351	2	125	16	1,451	260
Aug. (c)	319	29	309	3	77	11	667	87
Sept. (c)	365	26	104	6	51	16	465	100
Oct. (c)	207	10	71	1	27	3	272	47

DISCONTINUANCES

Year 1946-47	12,602	16,099	35,002	1,601	12,496	443	73,974	5,269
1947-48	4,577	1,630	23,285	319	3,020	201	31,538	1,494
1948-49	2,313	303	8,980	114	989	114	12,143	670
1949-50	127,448	937	19,921	6,510	6,059	151	130,284	30,742
1949 Oct.	453	82	330	18	97	15	235	160
Nov.	157	44	247	8	53	14	418	75
Dec.	147	30	186	9	44	6	352	72
1950 Jan.	224	111	755	65	152	14	1,221	100
Feb.	137	12	614	9	46	6	809	55
March	168	31	574	11	68	8	799	61
April	156	51	820	7	49	5	992	96
May	137	59	867	3	101	6	1,076	97
June	82	87	337	3	48	9	494	72
July	946	86	482	28	132	22	1,466	223
Aug. (c)	434	55	347	4	61	12	773	140
Sept. (c)	393	33	178	3	47	12	555	111
Oct. (c)	239	10	62	2	26	12	293	58

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH

1947 - June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227
1948 - June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,748	120
1949 - June	283	51	648	30	107	32	1,034	117
1949 - Oct.	442	98	483	41	181	34	1,069	210
Nov.	406	85	510	41	170	25	1,041	196
Dec.	431	91	742	44	168	26	1,300	202
1950 - Jan.	407	101	1,143	38	92	23	1,635	159
Feb.	381	112	1,359	37	96	28	1,832	131
March	315	105	1,567	30	70	24	1,910	201
April	305	144	1,320	29	81	23	1,694	206
May	287	125	733	27	91	26	1,056	234
June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	225
July	513	164	437	6	101	26	987	230
Aug. (c)	398	136	399	5	117	25	875	207
Sept. (c)	370	131	325	8	121	29	788	196
Oct. (c)	338	131	334	7	122	20	767	165

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
 (b) Includes Northern Territory.
 (c) Subject to revision.

(ii) Cause of Unemployment : The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during October, 1950, and the four months ended October, 1950, and by those who were on benefit at 28th October, 1950.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by initiative of the employee.

XI. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING OCTOBER, 1950, AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during				On Benefit at	
	October, 1950		Four Months ended October, 1950		28th Oct., 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Discharged or laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons ..	3	-	11	5	7	1
Inefficiency, incl. medical unfitness	7	6	53	31	24	11
Retrenchment, reorganisation of staff	33	12	280	114	104	33
Power rationing ..	-	-	8	3	35	10
Shortage of materials ..	2	-	71	32	34	1
Strikes and lockouts ..	-	-	1	-	5	-
Weather conditions, floods, etc. ..	3	2	1,125	81	53	2
Seasonal Work ..	15	1	58	2	79	-
Casual Work ..	14	2	231	38	112	13
Other, including inadequately defined	23	10	124	51	63	25
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy ..	42	12	232	78	130	53
Other, including inadequately defined (a)	225	15	601	52	101	29
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account ..	5	-	60	1	9	-
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other ..	1	-	3	6	10	6
TOTAL :	373	60	2,858	494	767	185

(iii) Industrial Classification of -

(a) Claims Admitted and Persons on Benefit : The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during October, 1950, and the four months ended October, 1950, and of those on benefit at 28th October, 1950.

XII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING OCTOBER, 1950, AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Admissions during				On Benefit at	
	October, 1950		Four Months ended October, 1950		28th Oct., 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying ..	13	2	357	3	91	1
Other Primary Production ..	2	-	45	-	8	-
Coal Mining ..	-	-	363	1	17	-
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	3	-	17	-	10	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (including Shipbuilding) ..	6	-	112	2	65	-
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	4	-	18	-	11	-
Textiles and Articles of Dress ..	4	5	35	116	23	21
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	23	3	158	42	67	11
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	9	-	216	15	26	1
Other Factories, including Heat, Light and Power ..	11	5	84	13	36	7
Building and Construction ..	34	1	403	5	154	5
Transport and Communication ..	12	1	135	2	45	4
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	11	5	161	54	51	21
Finance and Property ..	1	1	12	5	6	2
Public Administration and Professional ..	11	5	68	36	33	21
Personal and Domestic Service ..	16	22	108	183	68	81
Other (a) ..	213	8	566	17	56	10
TOTAL :	373	60	2,858	494	767	185

(a) Persons previously employed in Australia.

(b) Males on Benefit : Distribution by States of Males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 28th October, 1950 in the main industrial groups is shown in the following table:-

XIII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 28TH OCTOBER, 1950.
STATES

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	29	5	53	-	3	1	91
Other Primary Production ..	2	2	3	-	-	1	8
Coal Mining ..	16	-	1	-	-	-	17
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	2	1	4	-	3	-	10
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, Engineering and Metal-							
working (Including Shipbuilding)	40	5	17	-	2	1	65
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	3	4	2	-	1	1	11
Textiles and Articles of Dress ..	6	3	12	-	1	1	23
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	7	4	47	-	6	3	67
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	14	1	5	-	5	1	26
Other Factories, including Heat,							
Light and Power ..	12	5	10	-	7	2	36
Building and Construction ..	40	41	46	-	26	1	154
Transport and Communication ..	13	11	16	-	3	2	45
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	15	2	21	1	10	2	51
Finance and Property ..	-	-	5	-	1	-	6
Public Administration and							
Professional ..	10	1	17	1	4	-	33
Personal and Domestic Service ..	14	11	17	1	25	-	68
Other ..	45	7	3	-	1	-	56
TOTAL :	268	103	279	3	98	16	767

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other : Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the four months ended October, 1950 and the persons on benefit at 28th October, 1950 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XIV. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the four months ended October, 1950				On Benefit at 28th October, 1950			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
New South Wales (b)	85	21	1,679	230	65	15	203	55
Victoria	11	6	111	36	18	7	85	21
Queensland	168	71	526	70	65	29	214	26
South Australia (c)	7	2	2	1	1	3	2	1
Western Australia	125	22	105	28	51	11	47	13
Tasmania	20	4	19	3	7	2	9	2
TOTAL :	416	126	2,442	368	207	67	560	118

- (a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital Cities. In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan".
- (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
- (c) Includes Northern Territory.

6. SICKNESS BENEFIT.

(i) Nature of Sickness : The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during October, 1950, and the four months ended October, 1950, and of those on benefit at 28th October, 1950.

XV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING OCTOBER, 1950
AND THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admissions during				On Benefit at	
	October, 1950		Four Months ended		28th October, 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	344	100	1,604	480	689	260
Cancer ..	26	4	98	25	85	24
Other Tumours ..	21	13	122	88	77	62
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases ..	216	70	870	274	660	255
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	22	14	74	64	53	43
Nervous System and Sense Organs	397	144	1,503	629	1,121	485
Circulatory System ..	336	65	1,532	279	1,267	219
Respiratory System ..	425	103	2,229	505	1,094	293
Digestive System ..	841	224	3,621	932	1,941	483
Genito-Urinary System ..	155	107	686	509	462	319
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. ..	-	109	-	528	-	448
Skin and Cellular Tissues ..	133	36	630	165	381	109
Bones and Organs of Movement ..	102	27	437	145	297	109
Other Diseases (Including Ill-defined conditions) ..	99	29	341	96	214	76
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures ..	417	56	1,936	196	1,623	177
Other Injuries, etc. ..	348	42	1,512	184	882	138
Surgical Amputations ..	16	2	63	7	58	2
Other (including not stated) ..	30	16	93	40	30	8
TOTAL :	3,928	1,161	17,351	5,146	10,934	3,510

(ii) Industrial Classification of Persons on Benefit : The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 28th October, 1950, is shown in the following table:-

XVI. SICKNESS : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH OCTOBER, 1950
AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying ..	707	21	728
Other Primary Production ..	168	-	168
Coal Mining ..	224	-	224
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	149	5	154
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding) ..	1,673	173	1,846
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	571	15	586
Textiles and Articles of Dress ..	422	660	1,082
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	673	187	860
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	468	31	499
Other Factories, including Heat, Light and Power ..	1,099	253	1,352
Building and Construction ..	1,910	10	1,920
Transport and Communication ..	981	87	1,068
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	964	540	1,504
Finance and Property ..	65	57	122
Public Administration and Professional ..	343	612	955
Personal and Domestic Service ..	495	847	1,342
Other ..	22	12	34
TOTAL :	10,934	3,510	14,444

(iii) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other : Sickness Benefit claims whose admission was notified during the four months ended October, 1950, and those current at 28th October, 1950, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XVII. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the four months ended October, 1950				On Benefit 28th October, 1950			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	4,357	1,720	2,372	474	2,519	992	1,466	307
Victoria ..	2,708	1,095	1,125	298	2,759	1,117	817	192
Queensland ..	1,357	400	1,390	244	730	239	676	146
South Australia (c)	1,433	371	279	40	662	229	195	29
Western Australia	1,083	309	467	63	509	146	276	48
Tasmania ..	444	73	336	59	92	37	233	28
TOTAL :	11,382	3,968	5,969	1,178	7,271	2,760	3,663	750

(a) See footnote (a) to Table XIV.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the four months ended October, 1950 and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVIII. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER, 1950 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Rejected to Total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
S.W. (a)	3,455	1,440	10,037	1,114	583	135	14,075	2,689	19.10
Nic.	690	526	6,001	775	430	98	7,121	1,399	19.65
Q'ld.	1,727	892	3,818	427	213	70	5,758	1,389	24.12
S.A. (b)	28	16	2,377	254	121	21	2,526	291	11.52
W.A.	366	86	2,275	353	66	14	2,707	453	16.73
Tas.	56	10	1,019	107	47	5	1,122	122	10.87
TOTAL :	6,322	2,970	25,527	3,030	1,460	343	33,309	6,343	19.04

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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