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1. GENERAL.

This bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, (Mr. S. R. Carver) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of November, 1948, and the five months ended November, 1948. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The Act provides for the payment of benefits to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides another class of benefit - designated Special Benefit which gives assistance to persons on account of some special circumstances, and to those persons who cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven day's duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Invalid Section of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this bulletin relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are not included.

The details given in Sections 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

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

2. BENEFITS PAID.

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during November, 1948, and the five months ended November, 1948, are shown in the following table.

I. : AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING NOVEMBER, 1948 AND THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1948.

State	Benefits paid during November, 1948.				Benefits paid during five Months ended November, 1948.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
N.S.W. (a)	2,200	25,347	1,686	29,233	10,574	138,847	12,402	161,823
Victoria	198	17,991	1,878	20,067	1,479	86,684	11,977	100,140
Queensland	2,101	3,477	330	5,908	19,802	42,367	3,234	65,403
S. Aust. (b)	68	7,747	325	8,140	429	35,831	1,704	37,964
W. Australia	622	6,148	1,196	7,966	5,977	28,889	3,263	38,129
Tasmania	292	3,857	370	4,526	1,740	18,721	1,524	22,055
TOTAL:	5,483	64,567	5,785	75,840	40,001	351,339	34,174	425,514

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1947-48, and for the months November, 1947 to November, 1948, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

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

	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED</u>									
Year 1945-46 ..	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,775	19,213	118,088
1946-47 ..	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,671	16,536	136,210
1947-48 ..	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	3,998	1,328	85,220	18,254	103,474
1947 -									
November ..	1,615	64	5,019	1,480	121	64	6,755	1,608	8,363
December ..	1,794	53	3,116	974	830	157	5,740	1,181	6,924
1948 -									
January ..	3,600	99	4,417	1,197	166	49	8,183	1,345	9,528
February ..	5,953	294	4,049	1,271	528	224	10,530	1,789	12,319
March ..	3,426	297	3,843	1,144	147	214	7,436	1,655	9,091
April ..	1,386	112	3,906	1,171	115	43	5,407	1,326	6,733
May ..	1,003	69	3,300	1,543	1,434	263	7,739	1,875	9,614
June ..	743	37	4,044	1,097	97	36	4,884	1,170	6,054
July ..	799	69	6,595	1,774	848	265	8,242	2,108	10,350
August ..	571	55	4,737	1,335	147	61	5,455	1,451	6,906
September (a) ..	538	50	4,447	1,198	710	149	5,703	1,397	7,100
October (a) ..	911	50	4,975	1,420	1,265	77	7,151	1,547	8,698
November (a) ..	873	53	3,131	895	1,015	155	5,019	1,103	6,122
<u>DISCONTINUANCES</u>									
Year 1945-46 ..	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,488	104,099
1946-47 ..	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947-48 ..	31,536	1,494	53,785	15,244	3,731	1,102	89,056	17,840	106,894
1947 -									
November ..	2,003	78	5,467	1,606	142	46	7,612	1,730	9,342
December ..	890	50	3,233	1,006	132	117	4,255	1,173	5,428
1948 -									
January ..	2,885	73	4,508	1,340	798	81	8,191	1,494	9,685
February ..	4,176	194	3,821	1,081	447	39	8,444	1,314	9,758
March ..	3,075	177	3,937	1,124	189	232	7,201	1,533	8,734
April ..	4,585	308	3,856	1,126	155	206	8,596	1,640	10,236
May ..	2,081	97	5,083	1,530	690	125	7,854	1,760	9,614
June ..	971	57	4,034	1,151	649	99	5,654	1,307	6,961
July ..	1,321	74	6,099	1,732	646	176	8,066	1,982	10,048
August ..	625	52	4,548	1,315	448	143	5,621	1,510	7,131
September (a) ..	658	55	4,577	1,240	244	79	5,479	1,374	6,853
October (a) ..	669	69	5,237	1,510	1,391	152	7,297	1,731	9,028
November (a) ..	617	37	3,504	958	522	56	4,643	1,051	5,694
<u>PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.</u>									
1946 - June ..	8,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947 - June ..	5,901	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
November ..	2,454	115	7,223	2,483	201	404	9,878	3,002	12,880
December ..	3,350	118	7,106	2,451	899	444	11,363	3,013	14,376
1948 -									
January ..	4,073	144	7,015	2,308	267	412	11,355	2,864	14,219
February ..	5,850	244	7,243	2,498	348	597	13,441	3,339	16,780
March ..	6,221	364	7,149	2,518	306	579	13,676	3,461	17,137
April ..	3,022	168	7,199	2,563	266	416	10,487	3,147	13,634
May ..	1,966	140	7,416	2,568	1,010	556	10,372	3,264	13,636
June ..	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	458	491	9,602	3,125	12,727
July ..	1,196	115	7,922	2,556	660	580	9,778	3,251	13,029
August ..	1,142	118	6,105	2,619	359	498	9,606	3,235	12,841
September (a) ..	1,022	122	7,975	2,577	833	568	9,830	3,267	13,097
October (a) ..	1,264	103	7,713	2,487	706	493	9,683	3,083	12,766
November (a) ..	1,520	119	7,340	2,424	1,200	592	10,060	3,135	13,195

(a) Subject to revision.

4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED

(i) Durations: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during November, 1948, and the five months ended November, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

III. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING NOVEMBER, 1948 AND THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1948 - AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	Persons							
	November, 1948				Five Months ended November, 1948			
	Unem-employment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem-employment	Sickness	Special	Total
Less than 1 ..	166	474	17	657	603	3,015	313	3,931
1 and under 2 ..	165	710	20	895	838	4,492	588	5,918
2 " " 3 ..	128	624	329	1,121	529	4,044	915	5,488
3 " " 4 ..	70	586	40	696	371	3,443	403	4,217
4 " " 5 ..	27	438	18	483	243	2,590	319	3,152
5 " " 9 ..	70	1,059	87	1,216	599	6,085	908	7,592
9 " " 13 ..	35	462	23	520	255	2,813	161	3,229
13 " " 27 ..	39	524	49	612	453	2,920	168	3,541
27 and over ..	25	217	20	262	286	1,281	82	1,649
TOTAL	725	5,114	623	6,462	4,177	30,603	3,057	38,717

The following table shows, for discontinuances notified during November, 1948 and the five months ended November, 1948, the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

IV. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING NOVEMBER, 1948 AND THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1948 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION - AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefits	November, 1948				Five Months ended November, 1948			
	Unem-employment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem-employment	Sickness	Special	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Less than 1 ..	3.45	4.24	3.21	4.05	6.85	4.17	2.13	4.26
1 " " 2 ..	8.82	11.49	11.08	13.52	17.70	13.69	6.68	13.40
2 " " 3 ..	13.65	23.52	14.77	21.57	23.80	22.86	10.65	21.74
3 " " 4 ..	23.31	44.23	28.73	40.39	30.14	42.69	34.19	41.35
4 " " 5 ..	27.03	52.79	31.62	47.86	43.95	51.13	42.47	49.49
5 " " 9 ..	36.69	64.25	30.04	58.53	52.83	62.35	52.92	60.38
9 " " 13 ..	54.34	76.84	94.06	75.90	65.50	75.53	76.64	74.56
13 " " 27 ..	77.10	90.73	97.27	89.83	85.53	90.17	91.80	89.85
27 and over ..	22.90	9.27	2.73	10.17	12.24	9.03	8.12	10.15

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reason for terminating benefit whose discontinuance was notified during November, 1948, and the five months ended November, 1948, are shown below:-

V. REASONS FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING NOVEMBER, 1948 AND THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1948 - AUSTRALIA

Reason for Cessation	November, 1948.				Five Months ended November, 1948.			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed ..	423	58.34	3,222	63.00	2,425	58.06	19,409	63.26
Incapacity terminated ..	-	-	1,135	22.19	-	-	7,447	24.27
Failure to report (a) ..	223	30.75	320	6.26	1,208	30.84	1,150	3.75
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act ..	31	4.28	25	.49	178	4.26	168	.60
Statutory age limit (b) ..	1	.14	11	.22	22	.53	57	.19
Permanent incapacity (c) ..	16	2.21	196	3.83	69	1.65	1,122	3.66
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance ..	-	-	3	.06	-	-	18	.06
Death ..	3	.42	70	1.37	5	.12	450	1.47
Transfer to another district ..	8	1.10	45	.88	61	1.46	382	1.24
Other ..	20	2.76	87	1.70	129	3.08	460	1.50
TOTAL:	725	100.00	5,114	100.00	4,177	100.00	30,683	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.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF NOVEMBER, 1948.

Total Persons (i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 27th November, 1948, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 49 per 10,000 comprising 6 unemployment, 36 sickness and 7 special cases per 10,000.

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

VI. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH NOVEMBER, 1948 PER 10,000 AGED AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	No. on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 males ..	6	37	6	51
Females	Per 10,000 females..	2	32	8	43
Persons	Per 10,000 persons..	6	36	7	49

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 27th November, 1948:-

VII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH NOVEMBER, 1948 - STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
N.S.W. (a) ..	573	47	2,775	850	565	240	3,913	1,137
Victoria ..	21	2	1,864	738	543	171	2,428	911
Queensland ..	793	67	1,264	362	46	70	2,123	499
South Aust. (b) ..	7	1	611	186	9	26	627	213
W. Australia ..	95	1	495	176	25	42	615	219
Tasmania ..	31	1	311	112	12	43	354	156
Total 27th November, 1948:	1,520	119	7,340	2,424	1,200	592	10,060	3,135
Total 29th November, 1947:	2,454	115	7,223	2,183	201	704	9,878	3,002

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Age: Distribution of persons on benefit at 27th November, 1948, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

VIII. GROUPED AGED - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH NOVEMBER, 1948 - AUSTRALIA.

Grouped Age (as at 31st December 1948)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
16 - 19 years	60	26	438	493	55	40	553	559
20 - 24 years	108	33	857	589	183	61	1,188	683
25 - 29 years	164	21	610	286	282	68	1,056	375
30 - 34 years	134	7	560	187	166	56	860	250
35 - 39 years	155	7	653	197	155	68	963	272
40 - 44 years	148	10	669	176	109	74	924	260
45 - 49 years	145	5	795	233	45	94	985	332
50 - 54 years	145	5	806	154	10	61	961	220
55 - 59 years	173	5	953	105	9	50	1,135	160
60 year and over	250	-	999	4	186	20	1,435	24
TOTAL:	1,520	119	7,340	2,424	1,200	592	10,060	3,135

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6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING NOVEMBER, 1948 AND THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH NOVEMBER, 1948.

(1) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during November, 1948, and the five months ended November, 1948, and by those who were on benefit at 27th November, 1948.

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 the initiative of the employee.

IX. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED ETC. DURING NOVEMBER, 1948, AND THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1948 - AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during -				On benefit	
	November, 1948		Five Months ended Nov., 1948		27th November, 1948	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Discharged or Laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons ..	4	-	20	-	8	-
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness ..	29	1	218	12	63	1
Power rationing ..	-	-	2	-	5	2
Shortage of materials ..	376	12	762	28	405	16
Strikes and lockouts ..	16	-	89	3	67	2
Seasonal work ..	108	-	419	1	212	6
Casual work ..	113	1	561	10	172	4
Other including inadequately defined	108	15	730	86	282	32
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy ..	87	20	553	102	208	39
Other, including inadequately defined	47	6	251	32	59	11
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account ..	13	-	64	2	29	1
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	1	-	10	-	4	-
Other ..	1	-	13	10	6	5
TOTAL:	903	55	3,692	286	1,520	119

(ii) Industrial Groups: The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during November, 1948, and the five months ended November, 1948, and of those on benefit at 27th November, 1948.

X. UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING NOVEMBER, 1948, AND THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1948 - AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Admission during -				On benefit	
	November, 1948		Five Months ended Nov., 1948		27th November, 1948	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying ..	67	-	295	1	132	3
Other Primary Production ..	8	-	44	-	12	-
Coal Mining ..	9	-	58	-	52	-
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	8	-	53	-	24	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metal working including shipbuilding ..	379	10	872	13	408	10
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	10	-	68	1	21	-
Textiles and articles of dress ..	10	3	40	32	16	8
Food, drink and tobacco ..	108	5	487	17	242	14
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	14	-	87	-	35	-
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	38	2	154	9	70	4
Building and Construction ..	92	-	489	-	144	-
Transport and Communication ..	32	-	197	9	99	3
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and retail trade ..	61	10	374	51	101	21
Finance and Property ..	6	-	25	-	11	-
Public Administration and Professional ..	27	7	210	32	77	12
Personal and Domestic Service ..	32	17	215	109	64	38
Other ..	2	1	24	12	12	6
TOTAL:	903	55	3,692	286	1,520	119

(iii) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 27th November, 1948, in the main industrial groups, is shown in the following table:-

XI. UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 27TH NOVEMBER, 1948.

S T A T E S.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	S.A.	T.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying ..	26	3	93	-	4	132
Other Primary Production ..	1	-	9	-	2	12
Coal Mining ..	23	-	27	-	2	52
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	1	-	18	-	5	24
Factories and Industrial - Founding, Engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding ..	371	1	26	2	8	408
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	5	1	12	-	2	1
Textiles, and Articles of Dress ..	5	-	6	-	2	21
Food, drink and tobacco ..	7	1	230	-	3	242
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	11	-	19	-	3	35
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	29	2	24	2	12	70
Building and Construction ..	32	3	93	1	12	144
Transport and Communication ..	16	5	69	-	6	99
Commerce and Finance - Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	20	1	67	1	9	101
Finance and Property ..	1	-	7	-	3	11
Public Administration and Professional ..	10	1	53	-	11	77
Personal and Domestic Services ..	14	3	33	-	11	64
Other ..	1	-	7	1	2	12
TOTAL - 27th November, 1948	573	21	793	7	95	1,520
TOTAL - 29th November, 1947	514	117	1,394	40	358	2,454

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

(iv) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the five months ended November, 1948, and the persons on benefit at 27th November, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XII. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a), STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the five months ended November, 1948				On Benefit at 27th November, 1948			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b) ..	123	9	1,108	72	51	4	522	43
Victoria ..	30	16	100	3	7	2	14	-
Queensland ..	578	64	1,243	98	223	27	570	40
South Australia (c) ..	31	2	23	-	7	1	-	-
Western Australia ..	329	9	72	11	85	1	10	-
Tasmania ..	33	1	22	1	19	-	12	1
TOTAL	1,124	101	2,568	185	392	35	1,128	84

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in T.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING NOVEMBER, 1948 AND THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH NOVEMBER, 1948.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the five months ended November, 1948 and those current at 27th November, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

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

State	Claims admitted during the five months ended November, 1948				On Benefit at 27th November, 1948.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b) ..	5,285	1,917	3,593	639	1,572	588	1,203	262
Victoria ..	3,787	1,398	1,697	433	1,321	579	543	159
Queensland ..	1,901	571	1,959	329	690	235	594	127
South Australia (c) ..	2,062	498	372	48	532	169	79	17
Western Australia ..	1,432	436	805	121	346	137	149	39
Tasmania ..	484	111	508	121	151	51	150	61
TOTAL:	14,951	4,931	8,934	1,691	4,622	1,759	2,718	665

(a) See Footnote (a) to Table XII.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 27th November, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

XIV. SICKNESS INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH NOVEMBER, 1948.
AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying ..	606	13	619
Other Primary Production ..	176	-	176
Coal Mining ..	194	-	194
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	139	3	142
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding ..	1,047	95	1,142
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	365	12	377
Textiles and articles of dress ..	264	444	678
Food, drink and tobacco ..	470	108	578
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	291	12	303
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	691	146	837
Building and Construction ..	1,096	6	1,102
Transport and Communication ..	685	58	743
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and retail trade ..	670	441	1,111
Finance and Property ..	44	44	88
Public Administration and Professional ..	241	427	668
Personal and Domestic Service ..	334	640	974
Other ..	27	5	32
TOTAL:	7,340	2,424	9,764

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during November, 1948, and the five months ended November, 1948, and of those on benefit at 27th November, 1948.

IV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING NOVEMBER, 1948 AND THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Nature of Sickness	Admissions during -				On Benefit	
	November, 1948		Five months ended Nov., 1948		27th November, 1948	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases ..	252	61	2,345	653	381	164
Cancer ..	23	2	113	26	60	17
Other Tumours ..	39	25	206	131	71	64
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases ..	256	73	1,369	402	577	214
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs ..	17	20	111	102	47	40
Nervous System and Sense Organs ..	308	157	2,035	833	739	368
Circulatory System ..	317	58	1,963	309	914	162
Respiratory System ..	404	87	2,835	650	686	191
Digestive System ..	972	271	5,107	1,366	1,366	356
Genito-Urinary System ..	166	85	874	471	307	197
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. ..	-	95	-	523	-	221
Skin and Cellular Tissues ..	172	31	1,187	260	262	62
Bones and Organs of Movement ..	99	26	607	170	215	83
Other Diseases (including ill-defined conditions) ..	66	45	365	224	112	94
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures ..	337	38	2,386	237	1,073	117
Other Injuries, etc. ..	317	48	2,224	241	457	62
Operations (original disability not stated) ..	23	-	82	2	46	5
Other (including not stated) ..	22	2	75	22	27	7
TOTAL:	3,790	1,124	23,885	6,622	7,340	2,424

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the five months ended November, 1948, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVI. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1948.

STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Rejects to total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W. (a)	3,866	2,554	13,325	1,891	1,863	169	19,054	4,614	24.21
Vic.	236	87	8,666	1,351	2,374	170	11,276	1,608	14.26
Qld.	3,754	1,771	5,579	819	249	86	2,582	2,676	27.93
S.A. (a)	2,873	2,317	3,590	610	98	27	6,561	3,454	52.64
W.A.	635	214	3,288	494	544	33	4,467	741	16.59
Tas.	67	10	1,403	179	77	20	1,547	209	13.51
TOTAL:	11,431	7,453	35,851	5,344	5,205	505	52,487	13,302	25.34

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

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