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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area—Square Miles.	Population (Excluding Full-blood Australian Aborigines).						
		Census—30th June, 1933.			Estimated 20th June, 1944.			Population Capital Cities, 31st Dec. 1941.
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	1,437,380	1,433,576	2,870,956	1,337,000
Victoria	87,884	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	987,347	1,010,457	1,997,804	1,107,000
Q'land.	470,500	497,217	450,317	947,534	549,682	515,732	1,065,414	344,200
S. Aust.	380,070	290,962	289,987	580,949	308,209	313,789	621,998	350,000
Tasmania	975,920	233,937	204,915	438,852	252,508	232,899	485,407	230,000
N. Terr.	26,215	115,097	112,502	227,599	123,892	121,542	245,434	67,900
A.C.T.	623,620	3,378	1,472	4,850	4,050	1,129	5,170	2,400
	939	4,805	4,142	8,947	7,145	7,300	14,445	12,200
Australia	2,071,581	3,367,111	3,262,728	6,629,839	3,670,213	3,036,424	7,306,637	3,450,700

(a) Subject to revision for interstate migration.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES. (a)

31st Dec.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
								(b)	
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857		3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301		4,425,063
1920	2,091,722	1,627,909	750,524	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,372	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,005	916,736	574,467	431,610	225,297	4,964	8,719	6,569,751
1939	2,762,789	1,886,256	1,019,133	598,910	408,833	242,524	6,212	12,669	6,997,326
1940	2,782,991	1,918,367	1,031,525	599,398	472,656	245,263	6,299	14,089	7,068,689
1941	2,802,014	1,951,415	1,039,987	607,847	471,317	241,681	5,570	14,391	7,137,222
1942	2,833,133	1,968,226	1,040,536	613,069	470,582	242,151	4,952	14,673	7,196,622
1943c	2,845,930	1,995,769	1,058,094	620,098	482,454	244,056	5,155	14,285	7,266,441

(a) Subject to revision for interstate migration.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES. (a)

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
								(b)	
1901	1,363,373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,135	172,525	4,765		3,790,710
1910	1,632,990	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,003	3,409		4,370,185
1920	2,067,716	1,612,093	745,957	486,619	330,023	210,350	4,211	2,174	5,359,142
1930	2,532,289	1,780,217	910,319	573,242	429,079	220,323	4,979	8,061	6,466,019
1939	2,748,192	1,881,851	1,013,710	595,371	405,531	238,007	5,999	12,692	6,961,846
1940	2,772,185	1,963,753	1,026,124	599,119	470,923	240,447	6,255	13,556	7,032,361
1941	2,791,169	1,936,725	1,037,416	602,110	473,819	239,824	6,276	14,705	7,102,053
1942	2,818,269	1,964,838	1,037,572	610,813	478,722	240,732	4,890	14,627	7,170,863
1943c	2,841,227	1,980,289	1,051,636	615,484	479,624	242,345	5,144	14,115	7,229,864

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results. (b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.
(c) Subject to revision for interstate migration.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

Quarter ended 30th June, 1944.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.(a)			Marriages.
	Males	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
New South Wales	7,555	7,077	14,632	3,788	3,176	6,964	7,001
Victoria ..	4,836	4,679	9,515	2,747	2,465	5,212	4,794
Queensland ..	3,135	3,039	6,174	1,384	1,014	2,398	3,016
South Australia ..	1,665	1,550	3,215	836	711	1,547	1,699
Western Australia	1,364	1,254	2,618	652	420	1,072	1,202
Tasmania ..	660	558	1,218	345	282	627	559
Northern Territory	12	9	21	8	..	8	10
Australian Capital Territory	48	47	95	11	6	17	27
Australia ..	19,275	18,213	37,488	9,771	8,074	17,845	18,308

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

State or Territory.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	First Six Months of—	
					1943.	1944.

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales	49,382	51,729	52,647	57,265	26,835	29,779
Victoria ..	31,962	34,406	35,927	39,117	18,030	19,583
Queensland ..	20,412	21,519	21,166	23,234	10,845	12,330
South Australia ..	10,017	10,965	11,278	13,145	6,327	6,475
Western Australia	9,121	10,118	9,901	10,481	4,859	5,379
Tasmania ..	4,994	5,206	5,305	5,597	2,487	2,605
Northern Territory	173	216	92	80	37	44
Australian Capital Territory	286	366	392	376	167	191
Australia ..	126,347	134,525	136,708	149,295	69,587	76,386

BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

			(a)		(b)	
	17.81	18.53	18.68	20.16	18.89	20.75
New South Wales	17.81	18.53	18.68	20.16	18.89	20.75
Victoria ..	16.79	17.77	18.28	19.75	18.21	19.60
Queensland ..	19.89	20.74	20.39	22.09	20.63	23.15
South Australia ..	16.72	18.21	18.46	21.36	20.56	20.82
Western Australia	19.37	21.35	20.68	21.85	20.26	22.16
Tasmania ..	20.77	21.71	22.04	23.10	20.52	21.23
Northern Territory	27.66	34.42	18.81	15.55	14.39	16.99
Australian Capital Territory	21.10	24.89	26.80	26.64	23.66	26.45
Australia ..	17.97	18.94	19.06	20.65	19.25	20.91

(a) Preliminary rates. (b) Equivalent annual rates.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—continued.

State or Territory.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	First Six Months of—	
					1943.	1944.

DEATHS(a)—NUMBER.							
New South Wales	20,143	27,300	29,219	28,870	13,318	12,948	
Victoria ..	20,293	20,522	21,973	21,327	9,824	9,570	
Queensland ..	9,203	9,539	9,622	10,576	4,871	4,663	
South Australia ..	5,708	6,288	6,712	6,482	3,077	2,780	
Western Australia	4,486	4,769	5,076	4,587	2,158	2,126	
Tasmania ..	2,387	2,575	2,430	2,527	1,182	1,161	
Northern Territory	86	122	83	49	23	19	
Australian Capital Territory	78	70	76	68	20	31	
Australia ..	68,384	71,176	75,191	74,486	34,482	33,298	

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

			(a)		(b)	
	9.43	9.78	10.37	10.16	9.37	9.02
New South Wales	9.43	9.78	10.37	10.16	9.37	9.02
Victoria ..	10.66	10.60	11.18	10.77	9.92	9.58
Queensland ..	8.97	9.19	9.27	10.06	9.26	8.75
South Australia ..	9.53	10.44	10.99	10.53	10.00	8.94
Western Australia	9.53	10.07	10.60	9.56	9.00	8.76
Tasmania ..	9.93	10.74	10.09	10.43	9.75	9.46
Northern Territory	13.75	17.44	16.97	9.53	8.94	7.34
Australian Capital Territory	5.75	4.76	5.20	4.82	4.11	4.29
Australia ..	9.72	10.02	10.49	10.30	9.54	9.11

(a) Preliminary rates. (b) Equivalent annual rates.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales	30,364	29,983	34,533	26,302	13,984	13,684
Victoria ..	22,299	20,898	23,636	18,356	9,639	8,895
Queensland ..	10,287	9,885	11,722	9,979	5,103	5,529
South Australia ..	6,950	6,855	8,129	6,263	3,472	3,165
Western Australia	5,234	5,077	5,441	4,528	2,471	2,387
Tasmania ..	2,476	2,150	2,431	2,102	1,214	965
Northern Territory	151	179	53	46	22	15
Australian Capital Territory	125	121	115	97	60	45
Australia ..	77,889	75,148	86,060	67,673	35,955	34,685

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—continued.

State or Territory.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	First Six Months of—		
					1943.	1944.	
MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.							
				(a)	(b)	(b)	
New South Wales	10.95	10.74	12.25	9.26	9.84	9.53	
Victoria	11.71	10.79	12.03	9.27	9.73	8.90	
Queensland	10.03	9.53	11.29	9.49	9.70	10.38	
South Australia	11.60	11.38	13.31	10.18	11.28	10.18	
Western Australia	11.11	10.72	11.37	9.44	10.30	9.84	
Tasmania	10.30	8.96	10.10	8.67	10.02	7.86	
Northern Territory	24.62	28.52	10.84	8.94	8.65	5.79	
Australian Capital Territory	9.22	8.23	7.86	6.87	7.08	6.23	
Australia	11.08	10.58	12.00	9.36	9.95	9.49	

(a) Preliminary rates. (b) Equivalent annual rates.

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales	1,927	2,204	2,116	2,061	988	833
Victoria	1,261	1,246	1,497	1,399	650	612
Queensland	721	842	736	879	428	418
South Australia	356	356	448	482	248	174
Western Australia	403	357	365	342	171	171
Tasmania	176	255	225	227	98	93
Northern Territory	8	18	4	6	4	1
Australian Capital Territory	3	6	9	7	3	6
Australia	4,855	5,344	5,400	5,403	2,590	2,308

INFANTILE MORTALITY—PER 1,000 BIRTHS.

New South Wales	39.02	43.77	40.17	35.99	36.82	27.97
Victoria	39.45	36.21	41.67	35.76	36.05	31.25
Queensland	35.32	39.13	34.73	37.83	39.47	33.90
South Australia	35.54	32.47	39.72	36.67	39.20	26.87
Western Australia	44.18	35.28	36.86	32.63	35.19	31.79
Tasmania	35.24	48.98	42.41	40.56	39.40	35.70
Northern Territory	46.24	83.33	43.48	75.00	108.11	22.73
Australian Capital Territory	10.49	16.39	22.96	18.62	17.96	31.41
Australia	38.43	39.72	39.50	36.19	37.22	30.21

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males	Females	Persons.	Males	Females	Persons.	
1921-25	289,695	188,357	478,052	171,074	122,535	294,509	183,543
1926-30	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,013	147,409	340,422	130,058
1931-35	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	113,326	250,209	(a) 10,886
1936-40	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1938	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1939	37,719	37,366	75,085	31,491	29,703	61,194	13,891
1940	19,296	19,307	38,603	13,998	11,265	25,263	13,400
1941	11,861	10,800	22,661	10,063	7,414	17,477	5,184
1942	6,295	5,971	12,266	3,059	3,041	6,100	6,196
1943	3,893	2,232	6,125	2,822	2,032	4,854	1,271

(a) Excess of Departures over Arrivals.

Section II.—Production.
PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

AREA OF CROPS.

Season.	Grain			Hay	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Mais.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1937-38	13,734,951	1,408,422	320,207	2,982,465	369,896	21,951,731
1938-39	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,092	23,497,780
1939-40	13,286,005	1,681,962	311,812	2,998,642	374,967	22,246,512
1940-41	12,644,646	1,722,902	362,871	2,353,506	371,823	21,117,830
1941-42	12,003,483	1,450,472	301,300	2,758,128	352,178	20,450,345
1942-43	9,280,345	1,496,913	284,592	2,359,155	329,051	17,419,717
1943-44(a)	7,860,470	1,413,682	282,685	2,046,869	330,440	15,883,46

(a) Subject to revision.

TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Mais.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38	187,255,673	17,165,061	6,816,612	3,423,753	5,494,610	810,319
1938-39	155,368,621	15,654,735	7,056,642	3,321,181	5,678,094	820,056
1939-40	210,487,306	25,301,980	6,560,065	4,158,064	6,313,369	922,621
1940-41	222,333,324	10,199,218	9,192,744	2,177,470	5,623,416	806,467
1941-42	166,712,865	22,302,478	7,436,174	3,574,888	5,153,670	745,980
1942-43	155,727,983	21,311,525	6,884,953	3,116,055	4,691,501	619,899
1943-44(a)	109,558,721	17,694,047	7,432,169	2,716,936	3,687,981	(b)

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Not yet available.

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Mais.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38	13.63	12.19	21.29	1.15	21.48	3.17
1938-39	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.13
1939-40	15.84	15.04	21.04	1.39	23.15	3.41
1940-41	6.50	5.92	25.33	0.93	20.20	2.56
1941-42	13.89	15.27	24.68	1.30	20.25	2.93
1942-43	16.78	14.38	24.19	1.28	19.47	2.70
1943-44(b)	13.94	12.52	26.30	1.33	16.09	(c)

(a) Per acre of productive crop. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Not yet available.

AREA OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1938-39	4,650,872	2,748,362	442,017	3,080,401	3,412,818	9,849	2,061	14,346,380
1939-40	4,380,595	2,827,417	562,044	2,794,595	2,970,411	7,495	2,448	13,286,005
1940-41	4,453,963	2,672,728	322,081	2,560,390	2,625,401	8,038	2,045	12,644,646
1941-42	3,968,758	2,757,080	290,801	2,325,717	2,653,419	6,414	1,294	12,003,483
1942-43	3,032,946	2,145,159	334,785	2,069,027	1,753,178	4,128	1,125	9,280,345
1943-44	2,683,021	1,793,428	81,308	1,533,816	1,532,358	4,800	1,418	7,860,470

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39	59,898,000	18,104,309	8,583,736	31,874,418	36,943,600	205,233	59,235	155,968,621
1939-40	76,532,069	43,054,532	6,794,506	41,671,596	40,891,050	167,710	45,393	210,487,306
1940-41	28,933,100	13,521,422	5,487,350	17,856,118	21,066,000	140,375	84,959	82,239,324
1941-42	46,500,000	46,983,840	3,079,898	30,111,112	37,500,000	145,191	22,824	166,712,865
1942-43	51,695,045	41,803,107	5,005,065	30,825,459	20,600,000	73,329	87,987	155,727,983
1943-44	47,600,000	10,733,322	5,088,492	20,690,471	10,384,941	122,141	39,351	109,558,721

Principal Crops—Australia—continues.
AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39	12.58	15.59	10.42	10.28	10.79	20.34	28.74	10.83
1939-40	17.48	15.93	18.77	15.02	18.70	11.37	18.54	15.84
1940-41	5.37	5.06	17.65	6.07	8.02	17.46	17.09	6.80
1941-42	12.22	17.03	10.59	13.12	14.13	22.64	17.64	13.89
1942-43	17.04	16.49	14.95	18.18	11.75	17.76	24.88	16.78
1943-44	17.64	11.00	18.09	13.40	10.55	25.24	27.45	13.94

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N.Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
	SHEEP.								
1938	51,563,181	18,863,467	22,407,070	8,004,402	8,732,076	2,520,050	26,856	263,016	113,372,518
1939	48,876,665	17,007,852	23,154,569	9,336,580	9,177,331	2,625,690	29,901	245,540	111,057,892
1940	54,372,479	18,251,870	24,190,931	9,940,570	9,574,433	2,777,120	38,687	259,409	119,305,391
1941	55,598,000	20,412,862	23,336,090	10,539,428	9,516,272	2,682,375	33,703	281,701	122,694,025
1942	56,737,000	20,608,201	25,196,345	10,245,894	9,722,780	2,639,201	29,245	262,053	125,180,129
1943	50,043,598	16,014,040	25,850,231	10,370,045	10,424,885	2,229,006	34,803	250,344	124,614,672
1944	56,837,300	19,220,457	23,255,584	10,359,669	11,012,936	2,187,790	25,576	274,642	123,173,902

CATTLE.

1938	8,019,551	1,880,420	6,950,165	324,163	740,241	254,812	891,640	8,825	15,078,356
1939	2,811,884	1,097,292	6,097,089	318,897	707,890	202,407	899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1940	2,702,638	1,787,638	6,184,798	371,131	709,176	252,434	922,531	5,779	13,560,754
1941	2,709,061	1,922,330	6,210,810	370,554	788,928	259,106	922,308	6,686	13,255,843
1942	2,878,450	1,908,541	6,303,407	399,143	839,731	(b) 253,106	892,881	7,432	13,560,754
1943	3,030,540	2,022,892	6,400,310	424,253	831,231	244,051	978,434	6,987	14,006,320
1944	3,102,235	2,013,933	6,524,530	414,907	870,930	230,127	978,569	7,800	14,142,400

HORSES.

1938	528,025	359,106	445,910	197,334	151,067	31,578	31,602	1,225	1,746,518
1939 <td>531,355</td> <td>343,228</td> <td>444,521</td> <td>195,834</td> <td>143,674</td> <td>30,465</td> <td>33,191</td> <td>1,105</td> <td>1,734,056</td>	531,355	343,228	444,521	195,834	143,674	30,465	33,191	1,105	1,734,056
1940 <td>554,837</td> <td>325,217</td> <td>444,956</td> <td>190,613</td> <td>139,207</td> <td>23,605</td> <td>32,721</td> <td>1,241</td> <td>1,678,797</td>	554,837	325,217	444,956	190,613	139,207	23,605	32,721	1,241	1,678,797
1941 <td>551,776</td> <td>318,441</td> <td>441,770</td> <td>182,206</td> <td>130,057</td> <td>22,408</td> <td>30,716</td> <td>1,244</td> <td>1,668,016</td>	551,776	318,441	441,770	182,206	130,057	22,408	30,716	1,244	1,668,016
1942 <td>625,097 <td>302,401 <td>431,363 <td>171,042 <td>124,402 <td>(b) 28,012 <td>26,208 <td>1,283 <td>1,611,059</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td>	625,097 <td>302,401 <td>431,363 <td>171,042 <td>124,402 <td>(b) 28,012 <td>26,208 <td>1,283 <td>1,611,059</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td>	302,401 <td>431,363 <td>171,042 <td>124,402 <td>(b) 28,012 <td>26,208 <td>1,283 <td>1,611,059</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td>	431,363 <td>171,042 <td>124,402 <td>(b) 28,012 <td>26,208 <td>1,283 <td>1,611,059</td> </td></td></td></td></td>	171,042 <td>124,402 <td>(b) 28,012 <td>26,208 <td>1,283 <td>1,611,059</td> </td></td></td></td>	124,402 <td>(b) 28,012 <td>26,208 <td>1,283 <td>1,611,059</td> </td></td></td>	(b) 28,012 <td>26,208 <td>1,283 <td>1,611,059</td> </td></td>	26,208 <td>1,283 <td>1,611,059</td> </td>	1,283 <td>1,611,059</td>	1,611,059
1943 <td>483,277 <td>292,534 <td>392,039 <td>164,855 <td>112,782 <td>27,077 <td>43,863 <td>1,143 <td>1,517,970</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td>	483,277 <td>292,534 <td>392,039 <td>164,855 <td>112,782 <td>27,077 <td>43,863 <td>1,143 <td>1,517,970</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td>	292,534 <td>392,039 <td>164,855 <td>112,782 <td>27,077 <td>43,863 <td>1,143 <td>1,517,970</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td>	392,039 <td>164,855 <td>112,782 <td>27,077 <td>43,863 <td>1,143 <td>1,517,970</td> </td></td></td></td></td>	164,855 <td>112,782 <td>27,077 <td>43,863 <td>1,143 <td>1,517,970</td> </td></td></td></td>	112,782 <td>27,077 <td>43,863 <td>1,143 <td>1,517,970</td> </td></td></td>	27,077 <td>43,863 <td>1,143 <td>1,517,970</td> </td></td>	43,863 <td>1,143 <td>1,517,970</td> </td>	1,143 <td>1,517,970</td>	1,517,970
1944 <td>465,672 <td>277,662 <td>387,018 <td>154,102 <td>106,743 <td>26,317 <td>30,534</td> <td>1,151 <td>1,449,109</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td>	465,672 <td>277,662 <td>387,018 <td>154,102 <td>106,743 <td>26,317 <td>30,534</td> <td>1,151 <td>1,449,109</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td>	277,662 <td>387,018 <td>154,102 <td>106,743 <td>26,317 <td>30,534</td> <td>1,151 <td>1,449,109</td> </td></td></td></td></td>	387,018 <td>154,102 <td>106,743 <td>26,317 <td>30,534</td> <td>1,151 <td>1,449,109</td> </td></td></td></td>	154,102 <td>106,743 <td>26,317 <td>30,534</td> <td>1,151 <td>1,449,109</td> </td></td></td>	106,743 <td>26,317 <td>30,534</td> <td>1,151 <td>1,449,109</td> </td></td>	26,317 <td>30,534</td> <td>1,151 <td>1,449,109</td> </td>	30,534	1,151 <td>1,449,109</td>	1,449,109

PIGS.

1938	350,702	285,250	285,941	65,647	64,658	43,067	388	417	1,100,081
1939 <td>377,344</td> <td>232,492</td> <td>325,326</td> <td>71,292</td> <td>82,922</td> <td>45,317</td> <td>355</td> <td>578</td> <td>1,155,591</td>	377,344	232,492	325,326	71,292	82,922	45,317	355	578	1,155,591
1940 <td>451,064</td> <td>297,635</td> <td>391,333</td> <td>119,650</td> <td>149,604</td> <td>44,941</td> <td>483</td> <td>601</td> <td>1,465,341</td>	451,064	297,635	391,333	119,650	149,604	44,941	483	601	1,465,341
1941 <td>507,738</td> <td>397,045</td> <td>435,960</td> <td>190,068</td> <td>217,910</td> <td>(b) 46,713</td> <td>407</td> <td>593</td> <td>1,797,340</td>	507,738	397,045	435,960	190,068	217,910	(b) 46,713	407	593	1,797,340
1942 <td>454,102</td> <td>285,227</td> <td>424,458</td> <td>110,765</td> <td>147,900</td> <td>(b) 44,319</td> <td>418</td> <td>854</td> <td>1,477,308</td>	454,102	285,227	424,458	110,765	147,900	(b) 44,319	418	854	1,477,308
1943 <td>596,900</td> <td>307,929</td> <td>409,348</td> <td>156,243</td> <td>151,658</td> <td>49,251</td> <td>532</td> <td>779</td> <td>1,663,000</td>	596,900	307,929	409,348	156,243	151,658	49,251	532	779	1,663,000
1944 <td>561,294</td> <td>337,878</td> <td>450,391</td> <td>180,007</td> <td>163,870</td> <td>46,427</td> <td>191</td> <td>657</td> <td>1,746,721</td>	561,294	337,878	450,391	180,007	163,870	46,427	191	657	1,746,721

(a) December, previous year. (b) As at March. (c) As at 31st March.

WOOL (AS IN SHEAR) PRODUCED.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	Australia.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1936-37	505,375,965	163,048,510	615,766,368	76,604,296	69,885,210	14,097,000	35,000	982,831,440
1937-38	496,824,150	178,280,811	617,751,280	80,600,898	70,654,850	15,028,590	35,000	983,890,974
1938-39	439,049,939	165,829,182	617,458,630	102,888,121	78,802,143	17,519,000	35,000	983,811,074
1939-40	518,505,998	170,125,626	619,577,207	105,265,890	80,657,367	18,334,000	35,000	1,127,604,037
1940-41	539,035,404	187,331,361	624,704,450	106,810,892	70,170,000	17,078,167	308,128	1,141,774,405
1941-42	549,203,170	212,910,041	594,119,026	108,124,019	79,500,000	16,985,404	308,000	1,167,538,554
1942-43	499,443,158	212,325,163	512,006,162	118,637,004	90,231,000	17,259,000	309,000	1,131,169,507

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) For year ended previous 31st December. (c) Subject to revision.

PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	BUTTER.							
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38	53,066	63,090	32,786	10,013	6,803	5,350	6	192,082
1938-39	53,145	63,291	30,369	9,349	7,354	5,284	8	203,500
1939-40	52,149	73,683	33,771	10,240	6,942	5,295	7	211,987
1940-41	48,496	69,797	53,544	9,545	6,802	4,720	10	192,898
1941-42	39,831	62,763	43,682	9,133	7,012	4,602	7	167,830
1942-43	43,873	55,929	50,673	9,180	6,993	4,505	6	171,058

CHEESE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38	3,574	7,351	5,341	6,927	395	1,083	..	25,271
1938-39	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	430	1,518	..	29,304
1939-40	3,038	10,935	6,182	9,174	378	1,447	..	31,154
1940-41	2,888	8,204	5,239	8,673	428	1,357	..	28,789
1941-42	2,348	10,084	7,304	8,439	580	1,412	..	30,153
1942-43	2,350	11,280	12,741	8,000	731	1,032	..	36,134

BACON AND HAM.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38	9,542	7,454 (a)	8,753	2,799 (a)	1,790	1,096	..	31,402
1938-39	11,794	7,570	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	35,238
1939-40	11,627	7,985	8,947	3,140	2,080	1,292	..	35,093
1940-41	14,091	8,946	10,299	3,345	2,304	913	..	39,899
1941-42	15,293	8,022	10,923	3,942	2,760	937	..	42,464
1942-43	15,082	8,555	13,057	4,423	4,142	1,293	..	46,602

(a) Excludes Bacon and Ham made from green bacon.

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Copper.	Pig-iron.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	Flne oz.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Gr.	Ton.	Ton.
1937	1,391,135	12,074,274	19,789	913,406	240,036	13,778,080	3,099	146,740
1938	1,592,034	11,680,150	20,326	929,676	239,590	13,895,541	3,331	163,381
1939	1,745,997	13,535,142	(b)	1,104,605	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1940	1,643,999	11,725,983	(b)	1,215,006	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1941	1,406,038	14,312,451	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1942	1,153,787	14,903,489	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1943	751,279	14,163,996	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Year ended June. (b) Not available.

VALUE (a) OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
	GOLD.							
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938	780,958	1,273,351	1,334,788	46,922	10,286,349	195,079	109,168	14,026,616
1939	848,085	1,525,899	1,425,598	38,892	11,790,085	192,596	128,414	16,002,473
1940	1,008,992	1,924,306	1,351,654	34,892	12,607,219	204,248	238,849	17,519,960
1941	941,244	1,600,016	1,164,621	17,908	11,852,452	212,710	201,599	16,990,550
1942	807,436	1,080,910	994,214	13,930	8,865,808	191,835	126,035	12,000,560
1943	666,401	500,541	650,637	5,423	5,710,993	180,209	40,880	7,820,864

SILVER AND LEAD.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938	8,520,465	647	926,614	70	29,477	267,773	..	4,745,068
1939	3,546,440	726	1,010,856	81	32,890	291,980	..	4,882,953
1940	4,454,085	969	1,342,550	301	35,107	500,218	..	6,333,324
1941	4,456,973	2,410	1,324,949	837	37,648	433,643	..	6,255,890
1942	4,168,421	2,227	1,034,550	3,585	23,916	338,966	..	

PRODUCTION.

Value of Principal Minerals Produced—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Aust.
COPPER.								
1938 ..	87,905	..	203,967	15,333	1,275	580,238	4,302	803,080
1939 ..	105,407	..	289,927	6,612	1,373	668,561	2,248	1,074,128
1940 ..	103,701	..	428,263	21,083	873	717,404	1,072	1,272,456
1941 ..	117,490	..	620,096	41,300	154	721,985	3,185	1,505,200
1942 ..	277,376	..	625,375	31,715	738	730,075	..	1,665,879
TIN.								
1938 ..	280,768	28,650	141,547	..	7,421	244,037	3,205	711,629
1939 ..	366,138	47,223	200,652	..	5,871	282,798	4,487	905,712
1940 ..	378,456	92,263	223,626	..	5,174	367,127	4,533	1,006,148
1941 ..	443,123	19,589	204,232	..	1,874	328,340	4,041	1,001,179
1942 ..	417,210	19,173	150,454	..	4,634	297,019	6,027	896,017
COAL (Black and Brown).								
1938 ..	5,003,842	539,822	958,884	..	375,083	61,991	..	7,339,622
1939 ..	6,768,659	645,708	1,107,844	..	302,811	74,400	..	9,019,546
1940 ..	6,125,585	622,001	1,151,507	..	364,500	63,058	..	8,327,341
1941 ..	8,265,891	720,754	1,404,046	..	389,278	85,311	..	10,871,870
1942 ..	9,472,363	850,846	1,698,231	1,650	461,436	108,241	..	12,622,786
ALL MINERALS.								
1938 ..	10,731,391	1,884,015	3,966,119	2,682,473	10,844,469	1,880,804	214,724	32,462,996
1939 ..	12,123,751	2,248,169	4,556,062	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	244,478	36,838,314
1940 ..	12,791,408	2,580,117	5,105,029	3,218,237	13,239,552	2,749,817	311,024	40,692,784
1941 ..	15,073,833	2,371,669	5,800,900	3,187,093	12,399,351	2,630,271	274,172	41,256,883
1942 ..	16,258,894	1,980,972	5,023,405	3,012,973	9,487,562	2,494,119	204,366	38,462,181

ESTIMATED GROSS VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Dairy, Poultry and Bee-farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing. (a)	Total
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1936-37 ..	91,403	105,499	49,886	11,765	27,381	170,811	456,745
1937-38 ..	93,229	100,794	57,641	14,755	32,434	188,061	486,914
1938-39 ..	76,851	84,895	69,404	14,634	32,463	195,746	461,993
1939-40 ..	95,784	104,972	62,070	15,347	36,839	212,458	527,500
1940-41 ..	70,406	110,959	52,628	17,179	40,003	248,751	549,946
1941-42 (b) ..	94,451	120,000	64,856	18,671	41,257	306,426	645,661

(a) Net value. These amounts differ from those given in the tables following, owing to the inclusion in those tables of certain products which in this table are included with Dairy Farming and Forestry.
(b) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Employed (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output.
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
1933-37 ..	25,668	523,948	90,123,132	246,203,292	260,578,903	177,684,645	451,829,278
1937-38 ..	29,395	553,160	102,078,550	257,995,600	287,243,412	196,488,024	499,779,141
1938-39 ..	26,641	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,203,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1939-40 ..	27,411	587,663	114,517,633	285,209,557	315,076,697	221,295,153	553,253,317
1940-41 ..	27,300	630,073	137,919,088	305,449,890	367,157,852	257,914,349	644,794,908
1941-42 ..	26,671	725,342	180,052,212	325,512,892	433,160,480	316,439,028	773,058,971
1942-43 ..	26,414	759,016	203,866,843	344,559,773	498,316,600	352,012,068	830,318,656

(a) Average over whole year: includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

PRODUCTION.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—STATE DETAILS.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1940-41.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,919	9,121	2,072	2,230	2,056	1,002	27,800
2. Hands employed (a) ..	265,751	237,636	57,269	50,844	22,734	15,839	650,073
3. Wages paid (b) ..	57,769,632	49,706,667	12,163,763	10,418,901	4,720,593	3,076,702	137,919,068
4. Value of fuel used ..	9,620,123	5,738,767	1,655,377	1,400,883	1,399,743	597,429	19,722,707
5. .. materials used ..	161,262,539	115,399,347	46,936,189	25,283,544	11,498,304	6,975,129	367,187,852
6. .. production ..	116,044,388	89,000,711	21,644,338	16,911,102	9,016,929	6,291,888	257,914,349
7. .. output of fact's ..	285,918,850	209,348,845	70,239,494	43,600,329	21,824,974	13,867,446	644,794,908
8. .. land & buildings ..	61,886,693	47,062,751	12,594,215	11,480,505	6,802,488	4,237,169	144,093,656
9. .. plant & machinery ..	68,533,346	44,985,758	18,501,758	14,391,553	7,394,680	7,549,041	161,356,234
1941-42.							
1. Factories .. No.	10,166	8,918	2,788	2,167	1,938	994	26,971
2. Hands employed (a) ..	298,245	268,400	61,909	65,252	23,980	17,556	725,342
3. Wages paid (b) ..	75,757,056	64,363,277	14,476,768	16,234,164	5,499,568	3,720,779	180,052,212
4. Value of fuel used ..	11,228,813	6,144,579	1,915,087	2,066,010	1,399,224	706,746	23,459,463
5. .. materials used ..	189,469,148	140,198,887	49,384,924	33,204,028	12,462,276	8,780,918	493,160,480
6. .. production ..	138,790,351	110,937,014	24,830,330	24,565,855	10,100,531	7,214,338	316,439,028
7. .. output of fact's ..	339,488,312	257,281,080	79,130,050	69,806,493	23,952,034	12,311,002	773,058,971
8. .. land & buildings ..	65,015,508	50,091,548	13,082,394	16,065,829	7,993,250	4,394,553	166,339,100
9. .. plant & machinery ..	70,611,618	48,065,805	18,771,893	16,808,122	7,309,560	7,012,799	169,179,792
1942-43 (c)							
1. Factories .. No.	10,110	8,738	2,641	2,184	1,799	992	26,414
2. Hands employed (a) ..	315,524	282,358	64,292	72,748	25,813	18,310	759,046
3. Wages paid (b) ..	86,900,826	73,035,253	16,737,545	19,543,290	6,477,113	4,472,616	208,869,848
4. Value of fuel used ..	12,207,663	6,014,447	2,105,774	2,009,301	1,437,624	791,713	25,862,522
5. .. materials used ..	207,599,130	149,800,126	65,063,141	36,745,047	13,845,868	9,838,766	472,720,708
6. .. production ..	153,682,265	121,391,267	29,044,500	28,354,359	11,454,057	8,075,451	352,002,056
7. .. output of fact's ..	373,489,055	277,835,940	86,215,475	67,568,707	26,737,549	18,708,930	850,348,656
8. .. land & buildings ..	72,622,902	52,642,052	13,150,140	17,473,537	6,770,121	4,026,195	167,593,947
9. .. plant & machinery ..	73,121,771	51,963,258	18,793,878	17,848,070	7,195,010	1,133,330	176,965,326

(a) Average over whole year: includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Subject to slight revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43 (a)
	£	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	5,167,331	5,733,723	5,846,912	5,043,168
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,644,215	6,154,014	6,191,079	4,841,995
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	14,154,787	18,305,727	24,328,074	29,111,775
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances ..	67,121,371	85,949,318	119,872,922	148,220,089
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	1,034,742	1,274,021	1,315,010	931,516
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	14,070,938	17,936,289	20,953,759	21,812,445
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,807,146	4,465,300	5,156,273	5,473,293
VIII. Clothing ..	17,458,783	19,638,286	23,634,440	23,181,403
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	45,436,266	48,516,665	53,154,567	56,822,302
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	10,080,889	11,371,496	12,977,441	13,427,479
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c. ..	4,183,018	4,648,226	4,867,463	4,061,650
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. ..	15,358,198	16,237,985	17,080,273	17,248,875
XIII. Rubber ..	3,089,764	3,055,014	3,861,463	3,647,766
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	141,524	169,337	190,238	158,834
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	2,432,047	2,788,046	4,009,287	4,065,307
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	12,214,334	11,580,392	12,509,781	13,344,630
Total ..	221,295,153	257,914,349	316,439,028	352,002,056

(a) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1942-43.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Wages(a)	23.80	26.31	19.41	28.48	24.92	23.91	24.56
Fuel and Light	3.27	2.38	2.44	3.65	5.38	4.23	3.83
Materials used	55.58	53.89	63.87	54.38	51.78	52.59	55.59
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses and charges	17.35	17.42	14.28	13.40	18.62	19.27	16.02
Total output	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production	57.85	60.17	57.63	67.87	56.55	55.39	59.34

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939-40—Males	247.12	233.40	244.01	223.78	240.48	215.82	239.08
Females	107.20	113.55	98.71	90.85	99.45	87.41	108.09
1940-41—Males	265.35	290.54	249.92	242.30	251.14	229.34	258.77
Females	115.79	125.37	102.43	101.13	102.11	107.18	117.85
1941-42—Males	309.85	308.76	274.06	292.68	276.88	253.09	301.86
Females	134.96	148.57	116.88	134.47	111.89	116.55	138.44
1942-43—Males	344.72	344.06	308.40	313.74	304.34	290.30	335.17
Females	157.29	173.10	129.55	157.27	131.70	137.19	160.59

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1942-43.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	Males	223,669	175,341	50,324	52,793	19,501	13,841	535,569
Females	91,855	87,017	13,967	19,955	6,312	4,369	223,475
Masculinity(a)	244	202	360	265	309	319	240

(a) Number of males per 100 females

Section III—Shipping and Commerce.
SHIPPING.—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
	1936-37	5,440,911	833,379	6,274,190	5,611,826	725,755	6,337,581
1937-38	5,911,146	1,217,258	7,128,404	6,078,499	1,014,559	7,093,058
1938-39	5,964,039	746,960	6,710,999	5,989,521	845,192	6,834,713
1939-40	5,600,482	856,183	6,456,665	5,533,670	1,076,291	6,609,961
1940-41	4,282,622	1,096,299	5,378,921	5,148,291	741,135	5,889,426
1941-42(a)	4,657,455	533,031	5,190,486	4,496,127	1,103,876	5,600,003

(a) Incomplete, excludes vessels carrying war material only.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped, States.
(,000 omitted.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons—Weight.	Tons—Measurement.	Tons—Weight.	Tons—Measurement.	Tons—Weight.	Tons—Measurement.	Tons—Weight.	Tons—Measurement.
1941-42.								
New South Wales	2,926	699	1,857	749	3,094	654	1,090	559
Victoria	2,576	394	1,939	813	728	380	430	516
Queensland	323	301	371	63	461	227	389	65
South Australia	1,108	263	373	85	2,614	163	544	56
Western Australia	232	180	536	33	53	91	376	94
Tasmania	316	299	51	7	551	387	29	10
Northern Territory	1	45	30	2	..	2	..	..
Total (a)	7,582	2,151	3,750	1,757	8,099	1,904	2,858	1,300
Total 1940-41	7,556	2,330	2,958	1,772	7,999	1,966	4,087	1,250
.. 1939-40	7,031	2,339	3,721	2,495	7,141	2,076	4,761	963
.. 1938-39	7,074	2,903	4,308	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093
.. 1937-38	6,909	2,114	4,366	2,280	7,032	1,877	5,731	1,088

(a) Incomplete. Excludes cargo on vessels carrying war materials only, details of which are not available.

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

These rates (except those marked with an asterisk) are subject to a "war-time risk" surcharge of 15 per cent.

(Expressed in sterling and subject to adjustment on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia—18 per cent. on refrigerated cargo rates and 25 per cent. on other cargo rates.)

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—		
Butter (Refrigerator)	.. .. .	5s. 9d. p. r. box (56 lb.).
Cheese (Refrigerator)	.. .. .	14s. per lb.
Eggs (in shell)	.. .. .	168s. per ton measurement.
Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—		
Beef	.. .. .	14d. per lb.
Lamb	.. .. .	14d. .. .
Mutton	.. .. .	122s. per ton measurement.
Rabbit and Hares	.. .. .	107s. .. .
Preserved In tins	.. .. .	107s. .. .
Sausage Casings (dried, in casks or cases)	.. .. .	107s. .. .
Milk and Cream (condensed)	.. .. .	107s. .. .
FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—		
Sugar (Raw)	.. .. .	159s. per ton weight.
Jams	.. .. .	85s. per ton measurement.
Jellies	.. .. .	107s. .. .
Dried Fruits	.. .. .	85s. .. .
Fruits, Fresh—Apples (Refrigerator)	.. .. .	6s. per bushel case.
Oranges (bushel cases)	.. .. .	6s. .. .
*Wheat, Unprepared, Parcels	.. .. .	135s. 6d. per ton weight.
*Barley, Unprepared	.. .. .	150s. 9d. .. .
*Oats, Unprepared	.. .. .	149s. .. .
*Maize, Unprepared	.. .. .	145s. 6d. .. .
*Flour, Wheaten	.. .. .	144s. .. .
*Rice	.. .. .	155s. .. .
*Pollard	.. .. .	155s. .. .
*Rice (clean, husked)	.. .. .	107s. per ton measurement.
WINE		
ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—		
Hides and Skins—Calf	.. .. .	1d. per lb.
Sheep	.. .. .	11d. per lb.
Rabbit	.. .. .	2 1/2d. .. .
Other	.. .. .	2 1/2d. .. .
Pearl-shell	.. .. .	107s. per ton measurement.
Wool—Greasy	.. .. .	1 1/2d. per lb.
Tops	.. .. .	2 1/2d. .. .
VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—		
Compressed Fodder	.. .. .	107s. per ton measurement.
*Bark, Tanning	.. .. .	104s. 3d. per ton measurement.
Conra	.. .. .	107s. .. .
Sandalwood	.. .. .	107s. .. .
Raw Cotton (in bales)	.. .. .	14d. per lb.

Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 30th September, 1944—continued.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

APPAREL, TEXTILES, AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—			
Apparel and Shirts	.. .. .	107s.	per ton measurement.
Blind Twine	.. .. .	187s.	per ton weight.
OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—			
Oils, Eucalyptus	.. .. .	107s.	per ton measurement.
Other	.. .. .	120s.	3d. per ton weight.
Tallow, Unrefined	.. .. .	120s.	3d.
PAINTS AND VARNISHES			
ORNS AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—			
One (in casks)	.. .. .	120s.	per ton weight.
*Zinc, Ex Bardon	.. .. .	59s.	.. .. .
*Other than above	.. .. .	81s.	.. .. .
Dust (in casks)	.. .. .	252s.	.. .. .
Sheet (in casks)	.. .. .	110s.	.. .. .
*Copper	.. .. .	90s.	.. .. .
*Lead	.. .. .	81s.	.. .. .
*Steel, Billets (up to 20 ft.)	.. .. .	111s.	.. .. .
.. .. . (over 20 and up to 30 ft.)	.. .. .	127s.	.. .. .
.. .. . Tyres	.. .. .	94s.	6d.
.. .. . Tin Clippings Ingot form	.. .. .	39s.	6d.
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—			
Rubber	.. .. .	96s.	6d. per ton measurement.
Leather	.. .. .	234s.	3d. per ton weight.
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—			
Timber, Logs up to 40 ft. lengths	.. .. .	40s.	per 100 super. feet.
.. .. . over 40 and up to 50 ft. lengths	.. .. .	43s.	.. .. .
.. .. . over 50 and up to 60 ft. lengths	.. .. .	49s.	3d.
.. .. . Sawn, Unressed, up to 30 ft. lengths	.. .. .	53s.	6d.
EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS			
.. .. .	.. .. .	107s.	per ton measurement.
STATIONERY			
.. .. .	.. .. .	107s.	.. .. .
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—			
Fertilizers	.. .. .	107s.	.. .. .
MISCELLANEOUS			
Soap	.. .. .	107s.	.. .. .
Caslin	.. .. .	108s.	3d.
Specie	.. .. .	25s.	per cent.

INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES, GENERAL CARGO, 30th September, 1944.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To.	From—					
	Brisbane.		Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Trans-shipped.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Sydney.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane	31 0 6	.. .. .	40 6 0	.. .. .
Sydney	40 6 0	.. .. .	29 8 4	.. .. .
Melbourne	29 8 4	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Adelaide	40 6 0	.. .. .	29 8 4	.. .. .
Fremantle	72 4 8	55 10 8	.. .. .	40 4 8	.. .. .
Hobart	50 8 4	65 6 0	28 7 2	28 7 2	.. .. .
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	51 2 4	28 7 2	.. .. .	26 0 0	.. .. .
Auckland	40 6 0	.. .. .	40 6 0	88 8 0
Wellington	47 6 0	.. .. .	47 6 0	84 8 0
Lyttelton	40 6 0	83 0 0	46 6 0	88 8 0
Dunedin	46 6 0	83 0 0	40 6 0	83 8 0
New Hebrides	81 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	116 0 0
Norfolk Island	67 6 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	108 3 0
Papua	81 0 0	.. .. .	101 3 0	.. .. .	.. .. .

NOTE.—The table above includes the following "war-time risk" surcharges—30 per cent. in respect of Fremantle, Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie; 35 per cent. in respect of the remaining ports, excepting New Zealand; 12 per cent. on 88s. 6d. plus 7½ per cent. in respect of New Zealand ports, plus 35 per cent. on 22s. where trans-shipped at Sydney.

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE.—MERCHANDISE.

IMPORTS.

(BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

State or Territory.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.
New South Wales	51,448,678	46,032,064	54,150,437	84,980,739	98,868,230
Victoria	41,908,342	45,529,833	50,054,017	109,471,254	89,214,923
Queensland	8,755,048	6,938,886	7,058,910	7,548,542	12,755,003
South Australia	6,717,406	5,401,204	7,450,831	5,858,877	4,745,847
Western Australia	5,511,107	4,258,054	4,556,620	3,238,019	3,408,087
Tasmania	1,272,133	943,521	842,472	1,069,273	1,040,211
Northern Territory	61,091	84,604	159,889	.. .. .	.. .. .
Estimated unrecorded	.. .. .	.. .. .	16,093,815	12,277,680	.. .. .
Total	115,675,505	108,650,056	140,355,797	224,384,754	210,028,921

EXPORTS.(a)

(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

State or Territory.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£A	£A	£A	£A	£A
New South Wales	53,003,739	49,622,072	55,556,813	54,258,522	54,079,117
Victoria	36,431,975	36,652,733	42,622,218	34,549,851	36,346,893
Queensland	32,195,195	25,245,247	21,236,360	18,025,507	17,889,204
South Australia	15,087,279	13,196,561	14,383,741	14,429,975	15,685,236
Western Australia	9,592,321	8,436,435	10,938,963	5,312,301	11,422,675
Tasmania	2,426,235	1,559,684	1,872,469	881,879	1,148,759
Northern Territory	12,814	21,865	13,314	.. .. .	.. .. .
Estimated unrecorded	.. .. .	.. .. .	12,844,640	2,500,000	10,000,000
Total (b)	148,749,558	134,737,577	159,328,498	125,562,435	146,671,884

(a) Goods destined for overseas countries are largely transferred from one State to another for transshipment to the overseas country. In this table such goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched. (b) Estimated British currency values are shown in the next table.

EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.						
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.		Exports.			
							£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1939-40	234,457,627	115,675,505	117,280,801	1,481,231	118,762,122	33 10	21 10	10 8 10	15 5 0	4 4	8 10 10	6 6
1940-41	216,224,068	108,650,056	108,015,655	1,559,855	107,874,912	30 11	10 15	7 5 15	0 0	4 5 15	4 5	5
1941-42	276,564,178	149,355,737	125,711,559	1,479,814	127,956,381	38 15	0 20	16 17 12	3 0	4 3 17	16 6	6
1942-43	324,625,046	224,384,754	96,091,169	2,160,276	160,241,465	45 1 10 31	3 4 13	12 6 0	6 0	6 13 18	6 6	6
1943-44	327,132,221	210,028,921	113,787,298	3,216,092	117,163,390	44 15 9 29	15 1 15 11 7	0 9	1 16 0	8 6	6	6
1944-45 (Three months)	78,824,976	47,682,558	29,867,271	975,147	30,842,118	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .

(a) Excludes the value of Stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The value of Ships' Stores in Australian currency were:—1939-40, £2,539,848; 1940-41, £3,528,555; 1941-42, £5,791,983; 1942-43, £6,016,934; 1943-44, £8,474,514.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the September quarters of 1943 and 1944, the calendar years 1942 and 1943, and the financial years 1942-43 and 1943-44.

Division.	September Quarter.		Calendar Year.		Financial Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942.	1943.	1942-43.	1943-44
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CUSTOMS.						
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages ..	182,278	135,487	726,023	608,302	751,082	469,314
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof ..	1,484,957	1,567,207	6,846,014	5,719,184	6,754,187	5,644,023
3. Sugar ..	33	..	17,254	223	195	73
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries ..	191,039	198,702	784,711	704,036	778,099	614,086
5. Textiles, etc., and Attire ..	290,144	273,552	1,085,719	1,077,971	1,354,856	1,008,432
6. Metals and Machinery ..	345,877	232,816	1,643,939	1,155,872	1,257,602	1,265,365
7. Oils, Fats and Varnishes ..	1,701,379	2,114,532	6,752,059	6,531,632	6,201,418	7,004,181
8. Earthenware, etc. ..	38,422	38,087	302,003	129,739	130,583	134,451
9. Drugs and Chemicals ..	40,122	52,504	244,499	177,104	235,108	152,891
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane ..	54,367	54,141	109,089	158,354	100,540	174,738
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods ..	75,285	104,294	347,678	318,946	330,002	320,755
12. Leather and Rubber ..	59,695	70,850	230,336	280,870	228,710	275,860
13. Paper and Stationery ..	34,080	10,872	82,285	87,096	57,204	90,788
14. Vehicles ..	15,973	8,613	257,762	62,017	192,239	35,732
15. Musical Instruments ..	7	145	2,657	2,226	1,332	376
16. Miscellaneous ..	150,200	155,337	765,085	638,563	607,109	535,524
Primaire ..	659,757	692,325	2,833,074	2,380,571	2,409,068	2,476,838
Ship's stores ..	12,134	8,225	32,626	38,182	35,231	39,826
Other Miscellaneous Receipts ..	24,705	31,908	120,171	121,285	117,577	116,420
Special War Duty ..	240,019	214,863	1,141,154	850,998	975,489	821,588
Total Customs ..	5,804,543	5,973,878	25,126,018	21,038,327	22,548,301	21,790,194
EXCISE.						
Beer ..	4,714,971	4,013,644	16,401,048	21,096,982	19,632,696	21,615,974
Carbonic Acid Gas ..	67,226	87,295	373,042	314,562	339,330	313,300
Cigarette Papers ..	215,329	219,651	843,337	848,113	869,381	876,630
Matches ..	344,452	318,067	841,870	1,273,578	1,141,634	1,199,208
Petrol ..	118,942	70,321	629,941	429,632	403,214	370,956
Playing Cards ..	11,395	13,732	21,594	45,966	39,549	41,381
Spirits ..	1,504,491	1,415,131	3,510,636	5,292,790	4,029,199	5,424,300
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff ..	4,497,741	4,069,908	14,697,729	10,660,040	17,030,758	17,180,269
Other Excise, including Licences, etc. ..	40,338	55,481	235,677	252,265	274,343	246,615
Total Excise ..	11,515,385	11,144,129	37,554,874	40,507,871	44,341,110	47,281,053
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections ..	17,119,928	17,118,007	62,680,892	67,546,198	66,889,411	69,072,147
Refunds and Draw-back paid ..	396,079	417,761	2,106,075	1,684,249	2,028,320	1,781,755
TOTAL NET REVENUE ..	16,724,849	16,700,246	60,574,817	65,861,949	64,861,091	67,290,392

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF MERCHANDISE, IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs. (Subject to revision).

IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE) (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins ..	142	306	526	486
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c. ..	20	19	98	97
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins ..	..	6	16	3
Potted and Concentrated ..	14	1	50	45
Sausage Casings ..	7	14	115	42
Other ..	..	..	1	..
Milk and Cream ..	1	1	7	8
Other Animal Foodstuffs ..	3	7	30	7
Total, Class I. ..	187	354	843	688
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Caramel and Cocoa Bitter ..	..	..	8	..
Cocoa and Chocolate ..	189	274	502	279
Coffee and Chicory ..	54	162	955	348
Confectionery ..	..	1	3	4
Fruits—				
Dried, including Dates ..	..	..	..	1
Fresh ..	..	..	2	1
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.c., preserved in liquid ..	..	..	5	2
Ginger ..	1	..	1	2
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared ..	65	55	335	235
Prepared—				
Rice ..	..	..	1	..
Other ..	..	4	28	3
Infants' and Invalids' Foods ..	7	3	24	18
Liquorice ..	6	3	22	23
Nuts, Edible ..	3	23	169	154
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape ..	32	34	99	41
Spices ..	22	22	155	98
Sugar and Sugar Products ..	5	2	20	20
Tea ..	1,131	783	3,971	3,288
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	23	11	48	92
Total, Class II. ..	1,538	1,377	6,348	4,600
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry ..	3	..	21	3
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Gin ..	5	..	12	6
Whisky ..	13	165	168	101
Other, including Liqueurs ..	..	..	11	1
Wine—Fermented ..	1	..	..	1
Total, Class III. ..	22	165	152	112

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	16	..	112	36
Unmanufactured	1,187	948	1,280	4,213
Cigarettes	43	1	175	15
Total, Class IV.	1,246	949	1,567	4,264
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	7	13	6	31
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	11	6	18	24
Gut, natural .. .. .	..	..	2	1
Hair and Fibre	20	61	11	52
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	60	32	316	176
Sheep	1	..	1	2
Other	58	47	177	192
Silk, Raw .. .. .	..	..	13	2
Wool	27	51	65	48
Other Animal Substances	5	3	21	16
Total, Class VI.	181	200	624	513
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra	136	24	318	417
Cork and Cork Manufactures	10	28	149	77
Fibres—				
Cotton, raw	199	349	1,274	1,123
Flax, Hemp, &c.	74	93	..	93
Kapok .. .. .	..	11	75	4
Other	74	151	435	400
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture, Mats, &c. .. .. .	..	26	4	24
Gums and Resins	142	105	588	627
Pulp for Paper-making	90	398	588	653
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural	46	17	130	184
Linsed	143	257	987	761
Other	45	47	216	248
Tanning Substances	97	88	171	259
Other Vegetable Substances	1	2	3	5
Total, Class VII.	1,037	1,596	4,638	4,875
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL AND ATTIRE.				
Boots and Shoes	2	10	21	11
Buttons	16	5	34	40
Gloves .. .. .	..	..	38	..
Hats and Caps	2	18	4	12
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c. (not knitted) .. .. .	..	2	..	2
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c. (knitted) .. .. .	..	1	4	..
Socks and Stockings	8	..	3	9
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. .. .. .	..	20	..	11
Trimmings and Ornaments	93	110	350	327
Other Apparel and Attire	131	65	321	762
Total, Class VIII.(a)	252	232	775	1,174

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.				
Floor Coverings	1	1	145	9
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys	6	..	53	15
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen	68	23	252	168
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	1,005	340	1,417	2,992
Cotton and Linen	2,842	4,204	8,052	11,993
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods	388	482	1,081	2,515
Lace for Attire, &c.	4	4	65	24
Silk, including Artificial Silk	1,285	1,781	4,153	4,818
Velvets, Plushes, &c.	6	4	113	14
Woolens	66	92	162	296
Other	345	276	1,209	1,056
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c.	66	165	240	117
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c.	203	247	673	719
Towels and Towelling	49	97	353	265
Other Textiles	703	67	837	1,580
Total, Class VIII. (b)	7,037	7,783	18,805	26,681
CLASS VIII.—(c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES AND YARNS.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Folder	86	106	269	274
Corn and Flour	738	725	2,296	1,615
Woolpacks	248	534	858	1,058
Other	56	10	339	94
Cordage and Twines	134	58	416	771
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	406	366	1,045	1,176
Cotton	214	358	1,085	945
Wool	4	18	8	6
Other	14	12	39	60
Total, Class VIII. (c)	1,900	2,187	6,295	5,999
Total, Class VIII.	9,189	10,202	25,875	33,854
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes, &c.	78	74	251	245
Oils	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class IX.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours	158	133	440	434
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	3	1	7	6
Total, Class X.	161	134	447	440
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch	136	68	160	318
Stones—				
Abrasives	100	59	338	317
Other	6	2	14	14
Other Minerals, &c.	207	299	885	703
Total, Class XI.	449	428	1,347	1,432

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
CLASS XII.—(a) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Electrical Machinery, &c.—				
Batteries and Accumulators	3	32	76	86
Cable and Wire, covered	139	236	1,014	1,015
Dynamo Electric Machines	168	369	559	478
Lamps, Filament	13	24	135	84
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c. ..	191	260	401	705
Other	599	805	1,893	2,483
Machinery—				
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c.	52	41	129	157
Dairying	19	48	34	96
Metal-working	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Mining	58	70	151	202
Motive-power	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Printing	9	3	37	28
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	217	156	804	503
Machines—				
Sewing	56	38	279	248
Sheep-shearing	14	15	31	40
Weighing	6	11	37	27
Yarn and Textile-making machinery ..	88	75	352	297
Other Machines and Machinery	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII. (a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XII.—(b) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers	10	17	32	47
Leaf and Foil	15	14	77	56
Iron and Steel—				
Bars, Rods, &c.	213	101	949	609
Pipes and Tubes	56	45	197	193
Plate and Sheet—				
Plain	134	203	404	429
Tinned	1,043	736	3,202	3,801
Nails	9	13	45	45
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c.	20	21	54	48
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. .. ..	..	3	..	..
Wire	14	36	155	64
Lamps and Lampware	39	70	163	146
Plate-ware and Cutlery	154	170	425	492
Tools of Trade	317	426	1,165	1,347
Cycles and Cycle Parts	61	106	221	335
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Bodies and Parts	31	..	57	53
Chassis and Parts	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c.	197	144	691	448
Other	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII. (b)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII.	29,054	15,679	88,076	94,476
CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.				
Total, Class XIII. (a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Leather	9	12	29	32
Leather Manufactures, &c.	4	4	26	18
Total, Class XIII. (b)	13	16	55	50
Total, Class XIII.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber—				
Dressed	6	47	56	48
Undressed	131	206	330	475
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	34	24	87	89
Total, Class XIV.	171	277	473	612
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS.				
Crockery and Household Ware	90	135	411	356
Glass and Glassware	73	106	333	305
Other Earthenware, Cements, Chims and Stone-ware	45	22	153	118
Total, Class XV.	208	263	897	779
CLASS XVI.—(a) PAPER.				
Millboards and other boards	63	32	59	141
Parliament	18	5	146	209
Printing	132	614	117	888
Wrapping	64	70	123	392
Writing and Typewriting	172	297	194	714
Other	137	166	360	534
Total, Class XVI. (a)	586	1,184	999	2,878
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	315	485	634	1,163
Price Lists, Circulars, &c.	4	3	14	13
Paperhangings and Wallpapers .. .. .	..	..	..	1
Pens and Pencils	45	54	109	141
Other Stationery	99	97	290	374
Total, Class XVI. (b)	463	639	1,047	1,632
Total, Class XVI.	1,049	1,823	2,046	4,510
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Fancy Goods—				
Articles for games	9	8	13	19
Toys, &c. .. .. .	..	2	2	1
Other	20	21	105	98
Jewellery—				
Pearls, Cameos, &c.	62	..	178	125
Other	3	..	15	8
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c.	55	128	156	264
Total, Class XVII.	149	159	469	515

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	99	163	369	402
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c.	75	109	239	217
Surgical and Dental Instruments	170	154	710	652
Photographs, &c.	13	3	19	22
Other Instruments	51	70	218	225
Total, Class XVIII.	408	499	1,555	1,518
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	33	23	90	99
Argol			11	10
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes			1	1
Cyanides of Potassium	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Drugs, Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines	126	108	500	752
Other	88	178	285	602
Dyes	278	201	512	649
Fertilizers	248	313	386	890
Insecticides, Washes and Dips	21	35	122	151
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous)	49	29	148	179
Perfumery and Preparations	31	38	64	87
Potassium, Carbonate, Chlorates, &c.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Salt	5	4	10	11
Sodium Salts—				
Carbonate (Soda Ash)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Other	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Spirituous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices, Syrups	24	4	29	82
Other	3	15	37	11
Sulphur (Brimstone)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Other Drugs and Chemicals	388	329	1,910	1,367
Total, Class XIX.	1,659	1,507	5,272	5,855
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Articles of Celluloid, &c.	79	17	204	127
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c.	1	2	9	4
Brushware	4	3	29	17
Goods imported per parcel post	132	159	416	546
Musical Instruments, &c.	2	2	10	5
Oilmen's Stores	2	1	7	56
Outside Packages	1,074	864	2,909	3,971
Passengers' Effects	17	38	67	108
Packings for Engines	53	62	204	179
Soap	3	4	9	12
All other Articles	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XX.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Grand Total—MERCHANDISE	58,377	47,983	224,385	210,029

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
Grand Total—MERCHANDISE	73,118	60,098	281,042	263,061

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EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE) (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	209	327	8,086	6,871
Butter Fat (dry)	21		483	30
Butter Substitutes	156	342	256	703
Cheese	461	604	1,225	1,954
Eggs	7	17	385	377
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	164	157	296	628
Mutton, Dehydrated	170	181	287	802
Potted or Concentrated	80	26	150	123
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	677	514	561	1,246
Lamb	530	91	5,183	4,142
Mutton	49	93	313	502
Pork	20	637	86	587
Rabbits and Hares	8	58	13	41
Preserved in Tins	1,130	908	3,238	4,093
Sausage Casings	76	71	412	415
Other	134	104	447	484
Milk and Cream	256	229	1,858	1,448
Other Animal Foodstuffs	108	222	256	400
Total, Class I.	4,256	4,581	23,445	24,846
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Acrated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory, Fruit Juices, &c.	158	77	469	652
Biscuits	223	67	1,215	928
Confectionery	165	61	206	461
Polders	30	28	63	98
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	195	372	358	714
Raisins	1,009	1,303	1,814	2,449
Other	41	11	105	131
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	13	8	19	46
Citrus	163	95	166	256
Other	6	2	6	17
Fruits, preserved in liquid	186	51	200	530
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	15	9	32	53
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley	31	18	64	206
Wheat	413	5,142	4,884	8,261
Other	8	48	85	115
Prepared—				
Bran, Pollard and Sharps	25	44	70	88
Flour (Wheaten)	1,179	1,851	3,495	6,699
Rice	129	95	266	501
Other	96	119	271	476
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	2	31	9	32
Jams and Fruit Jellies	128	264	498	557
Sugar	190	132	1,001	1,524
Tea	41	18	81	135
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	391	302	877	1,595
Total, Class II.	4,777	10,224	16,344	26,617

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry	101	173	633	338
Spirits (Beverages)	136	226	391	593
Wine	97	134	297	423
Total, Class III.	334	533	1,321	1,354
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	79	36	239	331
Tobacco	127	74	438	532
Total, Class IV.	206	110	677	863
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle		11	8	3
Horses			2	26
Sheep		1	9	11
Other Animals	1	4	2	9
Total, Class V.	1	18	57	49
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	16	42	71	64
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	60	48	57	284
Fox	231	62	90	272
Kangaroo and Wallaby	42	36	172	261
Opossum	14	27	14	38
Rabbit	2,142	2,078	1,986	4,494
Sheep	512	410	1,386	1,338
Other	15	36	12	66
Pearl-shell		2	7	
Trophus-shell		7	37	17
Wool—				
Greasy	9,383	6,520	37,694	36,233
Scoured and Tups	2,841	2,648	6,624	9,535
Other Animal Substances	6	4	19	24
Total, Class VI.	15,264	11,918	48,169	52,626
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Fibres	103	134	358	654
Seeds	56	66	121	201
Tanning Substances	14	12	32	47
Other Vegetable Substances	11	23	32	49
Total, Class VII.	178	235	543	951

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS VIII.—APPAREL AND ATTIRE; TEXTILES; MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Boots and Shoes	4	23	37	198
Other Apparel and Attire	565	140	965	1,866
Piece Goods	45	101	193	259
Other Textiles	19	248	92	127
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns	248	65	1,312	678
Total, Class VIII.	881	577	2,599	2,928
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes	52	50	159	167
Tallow, unrefined	208	289	186	904
Other	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class IX.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES				
	26	27	184	109
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.				
Coal	50	49	297	182
Ores and Concentrates—				
Silver and Silver Lead	82	428	373	604
Zinc	376	200	909	1,125
Other	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Other Stones and Minerals	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XI.	626	844	1,942	2,472
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
Machines and Machinery	348	243	1,030	1,006
Iron and Steel	123	173	1,250	819
Lead—Pig and in Matte	805	1,721	3,446	3,158
Tin Ingots	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Vehicles	47	77	262	372
Zinc Bars, Blocks, &c.	383	444	551	1,303
Other Metals and Manufactures	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII.	1,894	2,831	7,274	7,306
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.				
Rubber and Manufactures	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Leather	167	242	571	500
Leather Manufactures, &c.	10	8	40	53
Total, Class XIII.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber	61	56	425	273
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	14	25	55	80
Total, Class XIV.	75	81	480	353
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONEWARE				
	66	62	164	193

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.				
Paper	20	11	241	74
Stationery	65	159	236	301
Total, Class XVI.	85	170	477	375
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIMEPIECES AND FANCY GOODS.				
Precious Stones—Unset—Pearls, Cameos, &c.	2	1	7	11
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c.	7	7	32	103
Total, Class XVII.	9	8	39	114
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	9	8	58	34
Photographic Goods, &c.	6	20	60	39
Talking Machines, &c.	5	5	39	26
Other Instruments	21	7	225	86
Total, Class XVIII.	41	40	382	185
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	2		4	3
Fertilizers	5	2	23	15
Medicines	40	41	197	208
Oils—				
Essential (non-spirituous), n.e.i.	1	2	17	3
Eucalyptus	33	44	94	124
Perfumery and Preparations	45	37	272	268
Other Drugs and Chemicals	153	127	499	582
Total, Class XIX.	279	253	1,106	1,203
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	5	6	22	24
Oilmen's Stores	130	96	330	452
Personal and Household Effects	13	19	54	64
Soap	59	110	177	341
Goods Exported per parcel post	2	5	12	18
All other Articles	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XX.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total { Australian Produce	31,720	37,408	122,846	142,519
{ Other Produce	1,330	1,222	2,706	4,133
GRAND TOTAL—MERCHANDISE	33,050	38,630	125,552	146,652

ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
GRAND TOTAL—MERCHANDISE	26,387	30,842	100,241	117,103

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PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.				Preserved in Tins.
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef (a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.	
QUANTITY.							
1939-40..	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.
1940-41..	2,623,191	430,557	42,474	2,852,421	2,483,672	522,028	228,194
1941-42..	1,957,086	339,078	66,769	1,986,250	2,389,254	748,866	425,165
1942-43..	1,303,472	314,573	57,643	1,172,565	1,749,399	342,404	941,461
1943-44..	1,243,207	259,643	26,397	226,289	2,026,815	19,070	691,656
1944-45	1,042,265	329,748	86,252	474,470	1,715,698	160,172	796,931
(3 months)	46,027	97,572	18,758	207,452	82,086	166,374	181,677

VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1939-40..	15,895	1,440	275	4,825	6,082	1,561	914
1940-41..	11,973	1,544	440	3,762	6,142	2,303	1,874
1941-42..	8,125	1,428	395	2,498	4,671	1,108	4,550
1942-43..	8,086	1,225	206	561	5,496	86	3,238
1943-44..	6,871	1,954	628	1,246	4,644	587	4,093
1944-45							
(3 months)	327	604	157	514	184	637	908

Year.	Fruits, Dried.		Fruits Preserved in Liquid—Apples, Peaches, Pears, Pine-apples, and other.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wool.	
	Vine.	Other.				Greasy.	Scoured. (b)
QUANTITY.							
1939-40..	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.
1940-41..	1,142,218	14,703	791,069	28,555,564	13,686,055	7,936,515	779,869
1941-42..	1,431,725	29,887	444,978	28,174,169	15,438,107	4,908,861	663,459
1942-43..	1,434,669	39,731	499,131	13,387,573	8,273,681	7,363,434	927,842
1943-44..	1,298,535	24,172	134,464	13,526,462	6,834,379	5,181,276	516,092
1944-45	1,680,747	36,299	211,688	20,195,075	11,810,882	4,551,147	702,954
(3 months)	859,210	2,847	21,162	11,176,164	3,205,402	932,534	197,804

VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1939-40..	1,935	59	1,349	7,557	5,231	49,200	7,649
1940-41..	2,366	122	862	9,248	7,427	32,889	6,756
1941-42..	2,421	146	908	4,645	4,191	47,832	10,209
1942-43..	2,172	105	290	4,884	3,495	37,694	6,624
1943-44..	3,163	131	530	8,264	6,699	36,233	9,535
1944-45							
(3 months)	1,675	11	51	5,142	1,864	6,520	2,648

(a) Includes Veal.

(b) Includes Tops, Nails and Waste.

Section IV.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Receipts.

Sources of Revenue.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
TAXATION—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Customs	34,830	29,410	25,209	20,806	20,607
Excise	18,905	24,370	31,572	44,072	46,885
Sales Tax	12,196	19,793	26,830	28,846	27,909
Flour Tax	2,486	1,490	1,652	1,709	1,940
Land Tax	1,646	3,191	3,691	3,873	3,819
Income Tax (a) ..	16,430	43,305	77,564	141,027	183,799
Pay-roll Tax .. ..	.. .. .	.. .. .	8,963	10,451	10,903
Gold Tax	1,215	1,452	1,030	525	318
Estate Duty	2,213	2,364	2,845	2,606	2,761
Entertainments Tax	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	2,094	4,704
Gift Duty .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	80	145	222
Total Taxation ..	90,011	125,384	179,436	257,144	303,667
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,897	19,075	21,639	24,391	26,679
Railways—					
Trans-Australian ..	368	462	694	1,220	1,027
Central Australian ..	147	244	742	1,584	1,737
North Australia ..	61	186	306	792	823
Australian Capital Territory ..	12	8	5	15	15
Total Railways ..	588	900	1,747	3,617	3,602
Total Business Undertakings	18,485	19,975	23,386	28,008	30,281
TERRITORIES	415	507	492	447	482
OTHER REVENUE—					
Interest (b)	1,150	1,186	997	1,081	1,166
Cohnage	181	753	868	2,589	2,028
Defence	167	304	835	1,490	202
Civil Aviation	11	138	185	401	770
Health	16	14	114	14	24
Patents, Trade Marks, Copyrights	62	57	55	58	67
Bankruptcy	36	32	25	23	17
Commerce—					
Wool levy (c)	84	84	86	82	81
Other	2	3	37	258	88
Marine	145	134	133	101	127
Net Profit, Note Issue ..	986	1,482	1,658	2,248	2,629
Balance of Trust Accounts	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Other	163	418	134	297	432
Total	3,003	4,616	6,727	8,860	7,788
Grand Total	111,914	150,482	210,041	294,459	342,188
PER HEAD (d)—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	12 17 4	17 14 9	25 2 10	35 14 5	41 15 10
Business Undertakings ..	2 12 10	2 16 6	3 5 6	3 17 10	4 3 4
Other	0 9 9	0 14 7	1 0 3	1 5 10	1 2 8
Total	15 19 11	21 5 10	29 8 7	40 18 1	47 1 10

(a) Includes War-time (Company) Tax.

(b) Excludes balance of interest on States' debts (payable by States).

(c) For Publicity and Research.

(d) Based on mean population of each financial year.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Expenditure.

Departments, &c.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
War and Repatriation (1914-19) Services—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange ..	9,800	8,669	9,682	9,384	9,313
War Pensions	8,147	8,042	7,909	8,346	9,267
Repatriation	923	845	929	850	902
Other	165	147	141	141	122
Total War, &c.	18,835	18,663	18,618	18,721	19,604
Defence and War (1939-44) Services—					
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange ..	573	2,040	7,112	15,119	24,762
War Pensions .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	207	602
Other	24,311	63,041	101,015	143,697	141,344
Total Defence, War, &c.	24,884	65,681	108,234	159,478	167,843
Total Cost of Departments (a)—					
Government-General	31	30	31	29	32
Parliament	450	548	473	487	599
Prime Minister and External Territories	1,510	1,282	1,359	1,384	1,623
External Affairs	118	142	200	216	251
Treasury	2,485	2,425	2,949	3,504	3,779
Attorney-General	276	207	319	351	387
Interior	1,257	983	855	917	881
Civil Aviation	494	392	337	350	369
Trade and Customs	1,033	903	956	872	816
Health	289	296	300	366	379
Commerce and Agriculture	954	911	976	1,022	1,034
Social Services	178	162	282	393	412
Supply and Shipping	217	229	241	246	275
Business Undertakings (a)—					
Postmaster-General	15,280	15,877	17,528	19,039	22,481
Railways	1,472	1,508	1,955	2,726	3,060
Territories (a)—					
Australian Capital Territory	656	679	698	677	698
Northern Territory	383	462	520	320	302
Papua	49	86	38	5	5
New Guinea	6	7	17	2	2
Norfolk Island	4	4	6	5	4
Total, Territories	1,098	1,238	1,280	1,018	1,011
New Works (b)	3,036	3,212	3,305	3,901	4,677
Invalid and Old-age Pensions	16,459	17,366	19,257	22,293	21,609
Child Endowment .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	11,303	11,660
Widows' Pensions .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	2,359	2,801
Maternity Allowances	417	407	358	281	2,287
Funeral Benefit .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	105
Balance—National Welfare Fund .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	25,325
Payments to or for States—					
Interest on States' Debts	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585
Sinking Fund on States' Debts	1,536	1,557	1,580	1,588	1,578
Special Grants	2,029	2,050	2,309	2,175	2,470
Grants for Federal Aid Roads	4,456	3,484	2,128	1,603	1,487
Income Tax Reimbursement .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	26,432	32,047
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement ..	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	574	766
Other Grants	100	250	138	140	127
Total to or for States (c)	15,697	14,926	13,731	40,997	46,660
Relief to Primary Producers	2,509	3,023	4,903	4,709	(d) 1,941
Grand Total	108,985	150,482	210,041	294,459	342,188
Per head of Population (e)	£15 11 9	£21 5 10	£29 8 7	£40 18 1	£47 1 10

(a) Includes interest and sinking fund payments.

(b) Excludes Defence and War (1939-44) Services.

(c) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' debt (recoverable from States).

(d) In addition, £3,085,000 was provided under War Services during 1942-43, and £12,922,000 during 1943-44.

(e) Based on mean population for each financial year.

Commonwealth Expenditure from General Loan Fund.

Particulars.	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44	Total to 30th June, 1944.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Defence and War (1939-44) Services— General Services, Works, &c.	28,814	101,581	210,877	402,852	377,157	1,221,281
Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.— Defence Buildings, Works, Sites ..	..	..	..	..	..	8,694
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works	..	..	..	..	..	214
Ships, Yards and Docks ..	Cr. 14	Cr. 3	..	..	..	7,802
Lighthouses, Works and Services ..	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	634
River Murray Waters Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department— Telegraph and Telephone Con- struction ..	1,733	1,089	940	..	..	36,057
Buildings, Works, Sites, &c.	120	221	245	..	..	4,000
Subscription to Capital of Amalga- mated Wireless Ltd. ..	..	..	..	..	..	300
Radio Stations and Equipment ..	30	3	15	..	..	104
Serum and Health Laboratories ..	..	..	..	..	..	86
Other Health Buildings and Services	..	..	Cr. 1	..	..	22
Repatriation Buildings, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	47
War Service Homes (a) ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,309
Railways ..	..	..	..	..	..	13,816
Territories (b) ..	Cr. 11	Cr. 2	Cr. 7	Cr. 5	Cr. 6	8,812
Other ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,602
Assistance to States— Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 66	Cr. 45	Cr. 6	Cr. 6	(c) 223	2,607
Mining ..	..	..	..	..	..	284
Forestry ..	..	..	..	..	..	322
Farmers' Debt Adjustment ..	750	500	165	235	..	7,907
Roads ..	..	..	..	..	..	250
Wire and Wire Netting ..	..	..	..	..	..	609
Brought Relief ..	..	1,270	597	Cr. 23	..	1,844
Wheat Bounty ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. ..	2,541	3,628	1,929	165	296	116,593
GRAND TOTAL ..	31,355	105,209	212,806	403,017	377,453	1,237,874

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1928-24.

(b) Includes Administration and other Public Buildings, A.C.T.

(c) Adjustment of credits of previous years.

Loans Raised in Australia during War (1939-44) at 30th September, 1944.

(Excludes Conversion Loans.)

Period of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Amount Subscribed.		Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			For War.	For other Purposes.		
1/12/39 ..	£'000. 12,000	C'with. Bank	£'000. 2,000	£'000. 10,000	% 3½	1942, 1943, 1944
1/3/40 to 15/3/40 ..	18,000	14,330	7,676	10,489	3½	1945, 1950-56
29/5/40 to 14/6/40 ..	20,000	32,792	20,582	..	2½	1945, 1950-56
28/11/40 to 14/12/40 ..	28,000	21,830	20,505	8,000	2½	1945, 1950-56
30/4/41 to 19/5/41 ..	35,000	57,217	27,851	8,000	2½	1946, 1950-56
7/10/41 to 15/11/41 ..	30,000	63,378	34,150	..	2½	1945-46, 1950-57
17/2/42 to 16/3/42 ..	35,000	244,589	48,321	..	2½	1945-46, 1950-58
2/6/42 to 23/6/42 ..	35,000	106,513	37,374	..	2½	1946-47, 1950-58
3/11/42 to 15/12/42 ..	27,000	454,865	82,008	..	2½	1946-47, 1950-58
16/3/43 to 20/4/43 ..	100,000	432,553	101,808	..	2½	1947-48, 1950-50
5/10/43 to 9/11/43 ..	125,000	567,095	126,411	..	2½	1947-48, 1950-50
25/3/44 to 9/5/44 ..	150,000	451,821	150,539	..	2½	1948-49, 1950-50
28/9/44 to 31/10/44 ..	132,470	(b) 300,000	(b) 113,095	..	2½	1948-49, 1950-50
Total ..	777,779	(b) 2,047,594	(a) (b) 773,608	36,480	..	..

(a) In addition, £0,586,010 raised for Defence purposes prior to 3rd September, 1939, was used for War purposes. (b) Approximate.

NOTE.—For a summary of loan liability, War (1939-44), as at 30th September, 1944, see following table.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth— War (1914-19) ..	£'000 (Aust.) 163,069	£'000 (Stg.) 90,745	£'000 (a) ..	£'000 (b) 254,414
War (1939-41)— Stock and Bonds ..	660,977	5,775	..	666,752
Advance Loan Subscrip- tions ..	17,689	..	..	17,689
National Savings Bonds ..	1,792	..	..	1,792
National Savings Stamps ..	99	..	..	99
Citizens' National Emer- gency Loans ..	5,982	347	..	6,329
War Savings Certificates ..	45,804	..	..	45,804
War Savings Stamps ..	479	..	..	479
Treasury Bills—Internal ..	49,396	..	..	49,396
Bank ..	378,280	..	..	378,280
Total ..	1,160,498	6,122	..	1,166,620
Works and other Purposes ..	35,976	64,362	15,791	116,129
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses ..	1,360,143	161,220	15,791	1,537,163
Per Head of Population(c)..	£ 186 4 5	£ 22 1 6	£ 3 3 3	£ 219 1 2
State— Debts of the States ..	491,117	373,505	25,115	890,037
Per Head of Population(c)..	£ 97 8 6	£ 51 5 7	£ 3 9 9	£ 122 3 10
Total Public Debt ..	1,851,260	534,734	41,206	2,427,200
Per Head of Population(c)..	£ 253 9 3	£ 73 4 3	£ 5 12 10	£ 332 6 4

INTEREST PAYABLE.

Commonwealth—	£ (Aust.)	£ (Stg.)	£(a)	£(d)
War (1914-19) ..	6,248,148	(e) 1,265,008	..	6,674,156
War (1939-41) ..	27,957,447	231,000	..	28,188,447
Works and other Purposes ..	1,020,139	2,620,097	771,780	4,412,016
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses ..	35,225,734	3,277,103	771,780	39,274,619
Average Rate per cent. (f) ..	£ 12 1	£ 4 0 9	£ 17 9	£ 14 2
State— Debts of the States ..	16,543,907	14,310,933	1,262,936	32,117,476
Average Rate per cent. ..	£ 3 7 4	£ 3 16 8	£ 19 5	£ 3 12 2
Grand Total ..	51,769,341	17,588,038	2,034,716	71,392,095
Average Rate per cent. (f) ..	£ 2 10 2	£ 3 17 4	£ 4 18 9	£ 3 1 0

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of 4.8605 to £1 (Stg.).

(b) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated.

(c) Based on estimated aggregate population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) and of the six States at 30th June, 1944.

(d) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(e) Excludes suspended interest £3,019,774 on War Debt (£3,724,220) due to British Government.

(f) Interest-Free Loans—War and National Savings Stamps—excluded when calculating rate.

AVERAGE VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN NOTES HELD BY THE BANKS AND BY THE PUBLIC.

Particulars.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total Note Issue.	Reserve.	
				Amount.	Percentage on total circulation.
				£'000.	%.
1930 (b)	14,463,326	33,186,843	49,500,169	16,030	32.4
1940 (b)	13,927,376	44,444,954	58,372,330	18,269	28.1
1941 (b)	11,318,098	55,089,056	66,387,154	18,539	26.8
1942 (b)	11,879,107	86,189,429	103,068,536	20,777	25.9
1943 (b)	13,457,884	129,935,077	142,392,961	30,218	25.7
1944 (c)—April	16,766,238	166,495,730	183,262,068	46,793	25.5
May	15,891,443	168,620,825	184,512,268	48,043	26.0
June	15,253,829	174,258,239	189,512,068	49,293	26.0
July	16,799,022	178,194,603	194,993,625	50,544	25.9
August	16,454,195	180,039,439	196,493,634	50,544	25.7
September	15,805,075	181,928,559	197,733,634	50,544	25.6

(a) Includes English sterling. (b) Average of twelve monthly statements. (c) On last Monday in each month.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING AT UNDERMENTIONED DATES.

Denomination.	30th Sept., 1941.		28th Sept., 1942.		27th Sept., 1943.		25th Sept., 1944.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
10s.	4,533,944	4,945,045	6,022,106	6,917,646	8,076,445	8,076,445	8,076,445	8,076,445
£1	2,840,774	3,061,873	43,008,467	25,066,582	61,189,350	61,189,350	61,189,350	61,189,350
£5	16,895,740	31,023,240	38,218,565	50,220,170	71,899,600	71,899,600	71,899,600	71,899,600
£10	8,537,150	9,411,800	6,188,010	6,084,940	46,123,280	46,123,280	46,123,280	46,123,280
£20	81,120	71,080	60,020	55,180	38,900	38,900	38,900	38,900
£50	2,000,000	2,202,200	2,965,200	3,644,500	4,075,000	4,075,000	4,075,000	4,075,000
£100	3,140,706	3,247,700	4,089,400	2,691,400	5,588,000	5,588,000	5,588,000	5,588,000
£1,000	812,600	571,000	514,000	322,000	649,000	649,000	649,000	649,000
Held by banks public	14,990,146	14,297,161	15,195,825	15,311,372	15,805,075	15,805,075	15,805,075	15,805,075
	47,523,298	37,846,877	96,410,543	154,709,496	181,998,550	181,998,550	181,998,550	181,998,550
Total	61,619,444	72,114,038	111,606,368	136,012,068	197,743,625	197,743,625	197,743,625	197,743,625
Gold	74,863	74,839	73,780	73,780	73,780	73,780	73,780	73,780
English Sterling	16,006,656	18,880,183	29,636,433	28,192,683	50,469,718	50,469,718	50,469,718	50,469,718
Reserve (a)	16,681,519	16,955,022	29,110,213	28,266,463	50,543,860	50,543,860	50,543,860	50,543,860
Percentage on circulation	26.10	26.28	26.08	25.51	25.36	25.36	25.36	25.36

(a) Valued in Australian currency.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1944.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1944.		Pensioners paid during 1943-44 (a).	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total Old-age and Invalid.	Old-age.	Invalid.	Old-age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per head of Pop. (b).
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£	£
New South Wales (c)	104,414	26,234	130,648	391	91	51	52	8,866,699	61.8
Victoria	69,156	12,446	81,602	346	62	51	52	5,787,298	58.1
Queensland	33,247	8,848	42,095	314	83	52	52	2,802,973	53.2
South Australia (d)	22,294	4,323	26,617	337	69	59	51	1,844,298	59.1
Western Australia	18,109	3,443	21,552	376	72	51	52	1,508,169	63.1
Tasmania	9,866	2,628	12,494	406	109	51	52	889,728	73.8
Total	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	51	52	21,639,100	59.9

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.T. (d) Includes N.T. (e) Includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners, but excludes £105,330 funeral benefits in respect of deaths of pensioners.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population (a).		Pensions Payments during Year. (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension. (c)
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total.	Old-age.	Invalid.		
						No.	No.	No.	£	s. d.
1911	76,502	7,451	83,953	108	17	1,847,440	19.1
1912	79,071	10,783	89,854	170	23	2,149,650	19.0
1913	82,948	13,739	96,687	172	29	2,301,075	19.6
1914	87,780	16,805	104,585	177	34	2,502,201	19.5
1915	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19.5
1916	91,783	23,459	115,242	186	47	2,891,597	19.4
1917	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,034,139	19.3
1918	95,387	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,393,637	19.3
1919	95,980	31,999	127,979	185	62	3,636,026	19.2
1920	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	65	4,484,304	20.1
1921	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	20.9
1922	105,990	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,380,034	20.9
1923	107,889	40,004	147,455	189	70	5,424,016	20.9
1924	118,054	42,917	160,971	195	73	6,523,881	23.9
1925	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	76	6,992,905	23.6
1926	126,318	48,803	175,121	210	80	8,252,387	23.7
1927	133,234	52,309	185,543	215	85	9,114,680	23.6
1928	139,367	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,700,346	23.5
1929	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	23.5
1930	155,106	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	23.5
1931	172,177	68,313	240,490	264	104	11,716,953	23.4
1932	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,255,356	23.3
1933	176,423	73,742	250,165	266	110	10,711,061	23.1
1934	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	109	10,969,090	23.8
1935	197,128	76,852	273,980	293	114	11,762,930	23.7
1936	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,707,726	24.8
1937	215,690	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,908,793	26.8
1938	224,154	86,066	310,250	325	125	15,708,687	28.9
1939	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	18,091,789	28.5
1940 (d)	272,806	58,000	331,592	388	84	16,459,245	28.6
1941	276,790	68,391	345,681	399	93	17,206,365	29.1
1942	275,446	80,657	356,603	386	85	16,257,825	29.4
1943	267,239	58,681	325,320	371	81	16,232,835	29.1
1944	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	16,099,100	29.1

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (c) Increases, including retail price adjustment since December, 1940, are as follows: 2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December, 1941; 1s. April, 1942; 2s. July, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. January, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943. Rate 2s. 14s. 6d. from 19th August, 1943. Adjustments are not now made on the retail price index-numbers. (d) During 1940 all invalid pensioners in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pension list.

CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

State.	Claims in Force.		Endowed Children. (a)	Number per 10,000 of Population.		Amount paid during 1943-44.	
	Claims.	Endowed Children.		Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)		
	No.	No.	No.	£	s. d.		
New South Wales (c)	198,051	359,373	687	1,243	4,801,057	33.11	
Victoria	128,381	220,884	611	1,011	3,014,457	30.34	
Queensland	78,378	148,861	739	1,246	2,009,050	37.11	
South Australia (d)	41,286	76,524	638	1,124	953,680	30.77	
Western Australia	37,694	66,938	783	1,391	915,962	38.47	
Tasmania	18,780	37,837	773	1,557	602,212	41.77	
Total 1943-44	502,140	903,577	689	1,237	12,256,976	33.9	
1942-43	491,121	891,221	681	1,236	11,959,626	32.6	

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—18,396 at 30th June, 1944; 16,938 at 30th June, 1943. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944. (a)

State.	Pensions Current. (b)		Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Four-weekly rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during 1943-44.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per head of Population.
			No.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.
New South Wales (c)	10,380	57	7,344	5 11 0	1,147,544	7 11
Victoria	11,967	60	3,684	5 2 11	757,034	7 11
Queensland	6,181	58	2,442	5 0 6	363,777	6 11
South Australia (d)	3,358	54	1,081	5 2 11	213,086	6 10
Western Australia	2,796	58	881	5 3 0	180,802	7 7
Tasmania	1,530	63	672	5 0 8	108,458	8 11
Total 1943-44	42,212	58	16,107	5 6 8	2,800,702	7 8
1942-43	38,402	53	16,214	5 5 0	2,358,908	6 7

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942.
 (b) Excludes eight (1943-44) and six (1942-43) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylages.
 (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCE.
Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W.							Australia.	
	(a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	No.	£
1937	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1938	30,440	20,146	12,690	6,656	5,029	4,920	29	70,000	400,004
1939	30,860	26,815	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,940	42	80,916	436,614
1940	29,700	19,950	12,200	7,069	4,774	3,883	36	77,352	416,954
1941	29,540	19,155	12,481	6,831	4,773	3,877	38	75,902	407,268
1942	24,481	16,120	12,113	5,724	4,320	3,620	13	66,811	358,539
1943	19,182	11,874	9,651	4,197	4,625	3,018	0	51,956	281,052
1944 (b)	57,792	38,653	23,743	12,636	10,439	5,804	(c)	149,067	2,287,000
Total since 10.10.12	1,398,941	910,741	531,130	307,317	220,164	152,583	1,124	3,537,000	19,001,945

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Under new provisions operating from 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished and the rates increased as follows—(i) no other surviving children under 14—£1 10s. to £5; (ii) one or two other surviving children—£5 to £6; (iii) three or more other surviving children—£7 10s. unchanged. An allowance has also been provided of £1 5s. per week for the four weeks immediately preceding and succeeding birth of child. (c) Included with South Australia.

WAR PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

Place.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.			
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New South Wales	32,596	12,072	42,515	87,183	2 6 4	1 5 7	1 13 4	
Victoria	27,552	10,114	35,892	73,468	2 3 7	1 5 9	1 12 2	
Queensland	10,398	3,592	13,467	27,457	2 4 5	1 4 11	1 13 10	
South Australia	6,180	3,136	7,902	17,218	2 8 3	1 8 7	1 15 8	
Western Australia	8,089	3,273	11,140	22,511	2 6 0	1 5 9	1 13 0	
Tasmania	3,780	1,253	5,822	10,855	3 0 9	1 3 6	1 16 5	
United Kingdom	1,471	1,597	1,981	5,049	2 13 9	1 18 8	2 3 1	
Elsewhere	202	120	300	721	2 3 5	1 9 11	1 15 5	
Total 1943-44	90,358	35,157	118,947	244,462	2 6 6	1 5 11	1 13 6	
1942-43	81,240	31,333	114,280	226,853	2 7 4	1 5 0	1 13 0	

SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Pensions Current— Old-age (Members of Forces)	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Permanently Unemployable	1,607	1,126	670	320	132	80	4,235
Members of Forces Dependants	993	861	713	424	145	192	3,028
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis— Members of Forces Dependants	112	84	11	22	31	8	260
1942-43	181	122	18	37	35	13	496
Total 1943-44	1,040	3,261	2,119	1,254	1,369	538	12,584
1942-43	1,365	3,309	2,340	1,252	1,454	564	13,284
Average Fortnightly Pensions— Members of Forces Dependants	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1943-44	2 5 5	2 5 6	2 7 1	2 6 3	2 2 1	2 5 1	2 5 5
1942-43	1 10 1	1 11 0	1 10 0	1 10 0	1 11 7	1 7 11	1 10 5
All Pensioners 1943-44	2 0 6	2 0 3	2 1 3	2 0 3	1 18 7	1 16 10	2 0 2
1942-43	1 18 7	1 18 4	1 18 8	1 18 6	1 16 7	1 14 0	1 18 1

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

(a) WAR PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales	2,674,162	2,612,564	2,560,477	2,578,241	2,807,870	3,061,162
Victoria	2,353,107	2,317,417	2,252,227	2,235,203	2,407,360	2,622,522
Queensland	890,710	874,635	853,757	846,584	943,061	1,177,089
South Australia	497,230	497,743	485,919	494,168	575,188	760,350
Western Australia	690,833	682,019	671,437	668,017	752,882	941,924
Tasmania	403,747	404,164	396,814	393,406	434,228	523,675
Elsewhere	303,200	285,714	267,880	267,604	265,854	258,867
Total	7,819,289	7,682,246	7,488,851	7,561,911	8,366,996	10,348,609
Includes 1939-44 War			18,772	207,221	659,384	1,730,471

(b) SERVICE PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales	118,443	148,599	162,085	185,315	218,173	216,001
Victoria	102,292	118,377	126,475	140,916	163,116	168,377
Queensland	72,717	80,394	88,088	106,120	119,032	113,143
South Australia	51,474	54,377	57,758	60,103	61,953	63,525
Western Australia	46,044	51,651	55,783	64,632	73,603	72,000
Tasmania	15,137	16,605	19,564	22,548	24,332	24,392
Total	407,127	472,203	511,103	579,656	660,109	652,534
Includes 1939-44 War					2,314	6,403

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1942-43.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income.	Number of Taxpayers.	Tax Assessed.	Amount per Taxpayer.	Percentage on Total Tax Assessed.
	No.	£	£ s. d.	%
Individuals—				
Under £201	202,510	998,515	4 18 8	0.7
£201 to £500	1,000,998	25,055,290	22 10 11	18.6
£501 to £1,000	149,422	14,068,404	98 3 5	10.9
£1,001 and over	47,878	42,504,616	887 15 5	31.6
Total Individuals	1,496,478	83,226,825	55 12 4	61.8
Companies	15,010	(b)51,493,480	3,428 11 1	38.2
GRAND TOTAL .. .. .	.. .. .	134,720,305	.. .. .	100.0

(a) Assessed on income for year 1941-42. (b) Includes Super Tax, £3,207,766, War-time (Company) Tax, £3,285,816, and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £9,236,322.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment year—				
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Resident Owners	21,028	20,956	21,396	21,059	21,021
Absentee Owners	2,584	2,559	2,366	2,502	2,450
TOTAL	23,612	23,515	23,762	24,521	24,371
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—	£	£	£	£	£
Resident	225,774,692	228,207,419	234,273,018	244,512,737	244,222,515
Absentee	1,999,905	2,047,766	1,692,564	1,085,096	1,444,459
TOTAL	227,774,597	230,255,185	235,965,582	245,597,833	245,666,974
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—	£	£	£	£	£
Resident	257,346,942	257,277,026	272,109,061	277,242,186	275,288,088
Absentee	2,167,995	2,199,814	2,090,167	1,091,916	1,580,307
TOTAL	259,514,937	259,476,840	274,199,228	278,334,102	276,868,395
TAX ASSESSED ON—					
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	924,749	1,046,591	1,105,246	2,463,928	2,997,198
Absentee Owners	10,082	10,573	11,324	20,509	20,333
TOTAL	934,831	1,057,164	1,216,570	2,484,437	2,917,531
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	339,487	372,713	398,763	784,293	889,928
Absentee Owners	3,207	3,342	4,248	6,113	6,204
TOTAL	342,694	376,055	393,011	790,406	896,132
All Land—Resident Owners	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,504,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622	26,537
TOTAL	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,519,581	3,264,843	3,813,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED AC.	457,639,000	456,695,994	466,131,125	463,556,163	462,701,713
ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND per AC.	1.4274	1.5024	1.9861	2.9857	3.4264

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1943-44.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	No.	£	£	£
1-1,000	2,859	6,488,316	1,187,470	35,054
1,001-2,000	1,453	5,013,096	2,114,234	62,490
2,001-3,000	914	4,298,805	2,252,145	68,016
3,001-4,000	625	3,624,544	2,190,355	68,115
4,001-5,000	418	2,828,102	1,857,923	55,397
5,001-10,000	1,039	9,918,055	7,193,670	218,151
10,001-20,000	636	10,750,044	8,861,466	384,262
20,001-50,000	315	11,311,474	9,201,689	747,781
50,001 and over	71	8,494,128	6,576,910	1,339,307
Total	8,328	62,726,428	41,435,882	2,076,162

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1943-44.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable in each month.—Australia.(a)

Quarter Ended.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)						Sales Tax Payable.(b)	
		5 per cent.(c)	10 per cent.(c)	12½ per cent.(d)	15 per cent.(c)	20 per cent.(c)	25 per cent.(d)		Total.
September	£'000. 143,553	£'000. 13,913	£'000. 38,270	£'000. 8,658	£'000. 6,810	£'000. 8,040	£'000. 6,810	£'000. 61,941	£'000. 5,850
December	149,728	6,317	43,391	3,117	8,404	8,404	6,810	60,435	5,584
March	146,570	2,404	43,363	2,788	3,318	4,984	3,318	54,171	6,138
June	147,295	756	15,517	27,888	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	62,663	6,997
Total Year	581,146	23,300	141,541	27,888	11,075	19,532	4,984	228,410	25,567

Year 1942-43.

Quarter Ended.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)			Sales Tax Payable.(b)	
		12½ per cent.(d)	25 per cent.(d)	Total.		
						£'000.
September Qtr.	£'000. 151,614	£'000. 45,019	£'000. 8,613	£'000. 54,132	£'000. 7,825
December Qtr.	151,789	42,691	8,500	51,191	7,441
March Qtr.	145,363	40,461	6,816	47,277	6,758
June Qtr.	147,697	42,718	6,531	49,249	6,963
Total Year	596,463	171,489	30,360	201,849	29,007

Year 1943-44.

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)				Sales Tax Payable.(b)	
		7½ per cent.(f)	12½ per cent.(d)	25 per cent.(d)	Total.		
							£'000.
July	£'000. 50,079	£'000. 1,330	£'000. 13,890	£'000. 2,525	£'000. 17,754	£'000. 2,468
August	60,752	3,338	10,473	2,363	18,174	2,590
September	61,607	5,242	10,736	2,467	18,445	2,360
Total September Quarter	152,438	11,910	35,108	7,355	54,373	7,117
October	61,921	4,786	10,678	2,645	18,109	2,555
November	59,063	4,816	10,978	3,024	18,818	2,489
December	61,289	4,477	10,408	2,918	17,803	2,360
Total December Quarter	156,553	14,679	32,064	8,587	54,730	7,210
January	43,706	3,286	9,119	2,632	14,528	1,900
February	49,188	4,419	10,867	2,366	17,712	2,292
March	52,002	5,342	11,236	2,318	19,081	2,432
Total March Quarter	145,896	13,147	31,233	6,941	51,321	6,624
April	44,877	4,253	9,443	2,111	15,807	2,027
May	53,989	5,341	11,691	2,576	19,548	2,498
June (g)	52,200	4,700	11,500	2,200	18,400	2,341
Total June Quarter (g)	151,066	14,294	32,574	6,887	53,755	6,866
Total Year (g)	605,663	53,456	130,979	29,770	214,179	27,817

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Act. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. (b) Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (c) The rates 5 per cent., 10 per cent. and 15 per cent. came into operation on 22nd November, 1940. (d) The rates 12½ per cent. and 25 per cent. came into operation on 1st May, 1942. (e) The rate of 20 per cent. replaced the rate of 15 per cent. from 30th October, 1941. (f) From 21st July, 1943, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced from 12½ per cent. to 7½ per cent. (g) Partly estimated—subject to revision.

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust, Section of Maritime Services Board and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. Adjustments have been made to the Budget figures, however, in order to obviate duplications caused by inter-fund payments and to maintain uniformity from year to year in the presentation of statistics. A deduction of £700,000 has been made from the Budget Revenue total of £72,335,926, and of £1,200,250 from the Expenditure total of £71,135,676, the surplus thus obtained being £1,544,610 instead of the Budget surplus of £1,134,358. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and have not been adjusted.

STATE REVENUES, 1942-43.

Source of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tax.(a)	Total.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Taxation (b)	3,530,000	2,585,513	1,789,121	1,164,770	832,539	21,213,831	23,005,673
Railways	3,617,359	1,770,390	10,953,903	45,875,068	4,444,370	—	78,118,297
Tramways (c)	5,581,845	1,119,443	—	469,251	—	—	7,170,539
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,702,324	2,622,377	871	1,061,550	1,874,800	5,440	8,167,303
Land	1,755,010	723,293	1,591,097	295,308	93,436	—	4,455,144
Interest (n.e.l.)	422,345	1,591,213	1,060,157	1,023,000	454,326	—	4,553,051
Commonwealth Payments (g)	14,184,100	5,668,164	3,092,135	3,508,150	3,440,019	1,645,558	36,645,795
All other sources	4,305,298	1,496,157	800,424	670,692	674,400	260,182	8,572,122
Total Revenue	71,533,028	36,489,224	20,284,072	15,192,521	13,151,078	3,280,324	168,042,447
Total Revenue per head (h)	25 2 8	18 9 11	28 3 10	24 18 1	27 19 5	13 13 5	23 10 8

STATE REVENUES 1928-29 AND 1938-39 TO 1942-43.

Year ended 30th June—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929	48,240,658	27,286,329	16,725,868	10,846,914	9,947,951	2,706,484	118,807,965
1939	51,709,735	26,985,548	19,339,969	12,395,657	10,949,921	3,414,784	123,305,677
1940	54,754,629	28,102,735	20,765,504	12,755,968	11,118,043	43,055,310	130,534,706
1941	59,859,371	29,122,677	21,633,741	13,924,963	11,132,908	42,921,578	143,596,281
1942	63,865,078	33,112,372	25,692,047	15,005,000	13,940,149	43,358,707	159,941,893
1943	71,533,028	36,489,224	20,284,072	15,192,521	13,151,078	3,280,324	168,042,447

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1942-43.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tax.(a)	Total.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest and Charges on Public Debt	15,507,470	8,374,864	6,582,510	6,344,587	4,581,924	1,375,440	41,704,741
Railways	26,097,307	13,067,889	10,467,300	4,355,350	3,489,921	3,840	60,510,159
Tramways (c)	5,140,731	—	—	345,401	—	—	5,486,132
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	913,330	1,362,048	1,671	780,301	1,054,505	(b) 254,510	4,330,334
Education	2,121,408	3,537,066	1,781,289	1,103,033	914,422	—	13,777,212
Hospitals	2,701,051	1,636,211	738,414	604,969	418,855	179,945	6,230,505
Other Charities	1,720,482	1,516,701	707,787	181,491	230,765	108,755	4,466,077
All other Expenditure	9,637,627	5,970,044	38,419,559	2,561,879	2,131,339	880,154	30,913,382
Total Expenditure	69,089,318	35,735,593	20,182,052	14,509,653	13,127,242	3,399,904	166,903,602
Total Expenditure per head (h)	24 11 10	18 2 31	28 1 10	24 10 5	27 18 4	14 2 6	23 3 7

STATE EXPENDITURES 1928-29 AND 1938-39 TO 1942-43.

Year ended 30th June—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929	48,159,091	27,251,578	16,902,145	11,771,729	10,223,919	2,855,977	117,105,682
1939	54,163,094	27,772,790	19,310,323	12,709,921	11,170,102	3,640,748	128,763,048
1940	57,949,577	28,096,474	20,739,740	12,918,770	11,266,708	43,052,908	133,123,853
1941	63,119,038	29,010,557	21,611,513	13,907,508	11,420,957	43,102,204	146,102,465
1942	64,824,193	32,320,672	23,510,175	13,712,354	11,938,381	43,357,122	149,751,297
1943	69,089,318	35,735,593	20,182,052	14,509,653	13,127,242	3,399,804	166,303,462

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also now paid to the Commission's Fund. (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1942-43, see p. 31. Excludes Commonwealth reimbursements. (c) Gross collections. (d) Includes £120,000 of Commonwealth Grant taken direct to Railway Revenue. (e) Includes Omnibuses. (f) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (g) Includes Commonwealth Income and Entertainment Tax reimbursements. (h) Based on mean population for the financial year. (i) Losses of Transport Commission. (j) Includes £4,000,000 transferred to Post-war Reconstruction and Development Fund. An additional £1,250,000 is included in Railway expenditure.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1942-43.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Works—							
Railways	1,550,731	510,590	181,896	414,901	6,644	103,094	2,707,632
Tramways (b)	21,106	—	—	37,681	71,949	—	131,736
Roads and Bridges	10,153	Cr. 26,309	Cr. 12,627	Cr. 17,900	—	—	—
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	78,926	Cr. 7,272	471,855	53,813	66,258	—	18,573
Water Supply and Sewerage	57,124	29,947	175,900	1,113,871	39,009	—	1,411,011
Electricity Supply	46,367	—	—	—	46,137	—	92,504
Public Buildings	278,838	181,687	186,049	Cr. 110,722	27,432	—	94,189
Unemployment Relief	Cr. 134,106	Cr. 63,729	—	—	Cr. 11,287	—	Cr. 209,122
Other Public Works, &c.	29,323	Cr. 3,467	Cr. 295,748	Cr. 134,930	102	—	75,191
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (c)	Cr. 741	Cr. 589,611	Cr. 40,547	Cr. 327,391	Cr. 79,585	Cr. 145,436	Cr. 1,121,905
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	Cr. 12,967	—	—	—	11,788	—	Cr. 24,755
Other	Cr. 7,220	95,288	Cr. 102,607	Cr. 48,671	119,307	—	Cr. 3,560
Other purposes	—	—	Cr. 190,614	45,500	62,789	—	8,243
Total Works	1,991,522	200,621	454,371	578,264	376,809	575,114	1,987,094
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	Cr. 3,309,000	—	—	Cr. 582,546	Cr. 24,426	—	Cr. 3,900,782
Other	412,001	—	—	—	45,658	—	72,711
Grand Total	Cr. 1,085,867	899,691	454,371	41,076	427,167	501,094	596,582

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and an account of Loans—includes expenditure from Loan Fund from Trustee's Advance Account, and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Omnibuses. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers, and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Based on mean population for the financial year. (e) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c.

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1943.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Works—							
Railways and Tramways	168,289	78,776	66,401	35,627	27,004	7,714	385,104
Roads and Bridges	20,933	12,640	5,296	8,538	3,183	—	7,265
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	22,290	1,195	3,395	5,798	7,580	—	60,255
Water Supply and Sewerage	49,953	31,872	1,807	21,029	11,880	—	111,450
Electricity Supply	2,549	17,830	—	1,309	7,511	—	29,804
Public Buildings	17,833	8,207	7,485	3,245	2,781	—	43,006
Unemployment Relief	17,157	13,139	—	—	(b)	—	34,040
Other Public Works, &c. (c)	11,580	3,669	26,659	7,890	3,074	(d)	56,629
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement	12,327	44,054	5,510	11,680	17,733	2,929	94,337
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	19,465	—	1,082	9,188	8,804	—	34,499
Other	7,818	5,300	8,123	2,191	14,192	—	37,761
Other purposes	49	212	3,214	4,243	3,590	—	8,467
Total Works	338,779	217,319	126,935	115,948	99,877	32,814	928,552
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	39,556	4,861	5,820	8,609	12,080	1,017	71,086
Other	18,127	5,824	10,333	1,271	1,169	—	39,734
Grand Total	399,162	227,017	142,568	129,888	116,766	33,821	1,009,732

(a) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure. (b) Not available separately—distributed over individual loans. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, Housing, Immigration, &c. (d) Includes Loan Flotation Expenses.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

State.	Public Debt.			Interest Payable.			
	Australia.	New York.	Total.	In Australia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
New South Wales	180,888	153,414	11,610	351,371	6,059	5,780	564
Victoria	108,294	61,979	4,499	174,703	8,853	2,314	221
Queensland	61,130	62,776	5,271	129,179	2,141	2,513	279
South Australia	63,755	42,817	1,733	108,305	2,221	1,678	87
Western Australia	50,692	43,771	2,015	96,478	1,061	1,869	101
Tasmania	21,681	8,755	228	30,661	688	331	11
Total	491,840	371,505	25,115	800,700	10,023	14,311	1,263

(a) Total in terms of dollars. (b) For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8605 to £1 (Stg.). (c) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (d) Nominal number of interest payable takes no account of exchange.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

State, &c.	Three months ended September—					
	1943-44.			1944-45.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales(a)	15,207	16,858	1,651	14,848	16,162	1,316
Victoria	6,087	7,791	1,674	6,249	8,008	1,819
Queensland	6,311	5,517	794	5,818	5,519	299
South Australia	2,900	3,714	814	3,204	3,824	620
Western Australia	3,030	3,508	478	3,218	3,560	342
Tasmania	670	296	374	733	659	74
Total, Six States Commonwealth	34,301	37,804	3,443	34,088	37,632	3,564
Grand Total (b)	67,379	67,579	..	80,184	80,184	..

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department and receipts of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts and special grants. Deductions have also been made of payroll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government.

REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS AND TAXATION AND EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

State, &c.	Revenue from Commonwealth Payments.(a)		Revenue from Taxation.(b)		Expenditure—			
					Administration, Works and Social Services.		Debt Services.	
	1943-44.	1944-45.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales	1,033	2,029	1,527	1,961	5,523	4,334	3,780	3,840
Victoria	1,309	1,343	773	880	2,706	2,859	1,908	2,112
Queensland	913	954	468	462	1,645	1,666	1,320	1,340
South Australia	550	578	295	394	914	942	1,410	1,426
Western Australia	784	823	234	234	859	937	1,208	1,302
Tasmania	314	351	162	191	397	380	218	259
Total, Six States Commonwealth	5,803	6,078	3,459	3,865	11,585	11,618	9,334	10,296
Grand Total	5,803	6,078	50,073	70,081	644,918	555,102	6,000	12,222

(a) Includes amounts received in accordance with the Financial Agreement, 1927, with Special State Grants and with the Income and Entertainment Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (b) Includes arrears of State Income Tax as State collections. (c) Excludes Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers, Includes Defence and War Services (excluding interest, &c., charges). 1943-44, £39,558,000; 1944-45, £39,933,000.

BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.(a)

State, &c.	Revenue.								Expenditure.							
	1943-44.				1944-45.				1943-44.				1944-45.			
	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.		
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.			
New South Wales	8,621	1,798	7,881	1,894	6,650	1,435	5,015	1,473	3,557	75	3,146	73	2,989			
Victoria	3,557	..	3,659	..	2,552	..	2,598	..	..	..	1,196	104	1,253
Queensland	1,315	307	1,433	361	650	869	331	882	339	..	..	1	..	
South Australia	1,081	600	1,165	650	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tasmania	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, Six States Commonwealth	18,627	2,780	17,224	2,981	14,237	2,048	13,712	2,093	731	(c) 6,654	802	(c) 6,877	545			
Grand Total	19,358	9,434	18,020	8,658	14,884	7,297	14,257	8,825	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Excludes interest, &c., charges. (b) Railways and State Coal-mining only. (c) Expenditure on account of losses by Transport Commission. (d) Postmaster-General's Department.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1943-44.(a)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Local Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties.	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (Incl. Rating).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales	708	3	2,711	1,215	2,326	547	603	8,293	
Victoria	199	260	1,773	993	1,582	(c)	809	5,722	
Queensland	205	87	747	503	808	133	364	3,167	
South Australia	85	207	100	223	572	126	70	1,773	
Western Aust.	140	122	253	205	381	133	114	1,328	
Tasmania	20	92	143	74	215	43	450	1,039	
Total States Commonwealth	67,292	1,447	1,261	6,015	3,213	5,884	682	2,520	
Grand Total	67,292	185,216	5,080	8,776	3,213	5,884	4,704	41,292	

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(d)

State, &c.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New South Wales	0 5 6	0 3 5	0 18 11	0 8 6	0 16 3	0 3 10	0 8 2	0 17 11	
Victoria	0 2 0	0 3 5	0 17 11	0 10 0	0 15 11	(c)	0 8 2	0 17 5	
Queensland	0 3 11	0 7 4	0 14 2	0 9 6	0 15 4	0 2 6	0 7 4	0 3 0	
South Australia	0 2 9	0 9 7	0 12 11	0 7 3	0 18 6	0 4 1	0 2 3	0 17 4	
Western Aust.	0 5 11	0 5 1	0 9 9	0 8 2	0 15 11	0 5 7	0 4 9	0 15 7	
Tasmania	0 1 8	0 7 7	0 12 0	0 6 7	0 17 10	0 3 7	1 17 3	0 4 6	
Total States Commonwealth	0 5 3	0 4 0	0 3 5	0 16 7	0 8 11	0 16 3	0 2 9	0 6 11	
Grand Total	0 5 3	0 5 10	0 10 6	0 7 7	..	0 13 0	0 5 13 8	0 15 10	

(a) The foregoing particulars include these amounts collected by State Governments and paid into Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 28 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (c) Included with Other. (d) Based on mean population for the financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Tax.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939-40	53,825	16,430	12,196	7,500	90,011	54,386	144,397
1940-41	53,780	43,305	19,793	8,509	125,387	50,301	181,688
1941-42	56,781	77,561	20,839	18,300	173,481	57,990	236,695
1942-43	64,878	141,027	28,843	32,933	267,681	(a) 26,220	289,473
1943-44	67,292	183,799	27,909	24,667	303,667	(a) 21,822	324,989

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(b)

Year.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1939-40	7 13 11	2 7 0	1 14 10	1 1 7	12 17 4	7 16 0	20 13 0
1940-41	7 12 2	2 7 0	1 14 10	1 1 7	12 17 4	7 19 10	25 14 1
1941-42	7 19 1	10 17 4	3 15 2	2 11 3	25 10 8	8 1 6	33 3 3
1942-43	9 0 3	19 11 10	4 0 2	3 5 2	35 14 5	(a) 3 13 5	39 7 6
1943-44	9 5 3	25 5 10	3 16 10	3 7 11	41 15 10	(a) 2 18 10	44 14 6

(a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (b) Based on mean population of the Commonwealth and of the six States for each financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1943-44.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth Re-imbursements—	14,558	6,318	5,616	2,276	2,406	873	32,047
Income Tax	161	373	..	97	98	37	766
Entertainments Tax	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	14,719	6,691	5,616	2,373	2,504	910	32,813
State Collections	8,293	5,722	3,167	1,773	1,328	1,039	21,322
Grand Total	23,012	12,413	8,783	4,146	3,832	1,949	54,135

Per head of population

£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
8 0 10	6 4 7	8 0 8	6 14 0	8 0 3	8 1 6	7 0 5	..

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

Three months ended September.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aus.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total Six States.	Commonwealth (a)	Grand Total.
1943-44	£'000. 606	£'000. 5	£'000. 135	£'000. 7	£'000. 66	£'000. 52	£'000. 871	£'000. 103,325	£'000. 104,797
1944-45	492	Cr. 158	218	Cr. 162	48	57	495	62,384	63,879

(a) Gross Expenditure, Defence and War Services.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.—(i) TOTAL DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable	At 30th June—				
		1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
PUBLIC DEBT.						
Commonwealth—War (1914-19)	Australia EA	£'000. 173,629	£'000. 171,240	£'000. 167,230	£'000. 166,532	£'000. 164,628
	London Estg.	90,744	90,744	90,744	90,744	90,744
	Australia EA	40,808	100,609	321,945	715,579	1,005,201
	London Estg.	5,810	17,875	17,875	18,129	0,122
Works, &c.	Australia EA	37,279	39,459	39,556	38,241	36,150
	London Estg.	65,780	65,384	65,134	64,884	64,302
	New York Estg.	15,877	15,877	15,876	15,700	15,791
Total	Australia EA	257,116	320,348	528,521	917,352	1,209,079
	London Estg.	162,384	174,003	173,734	173,537	161,228
	New York Estg.	15,877	15,877	15,876	15,700	15,791
Total	..	435,327	510,228	718,151	1,106,589	1,476,098
State ..	Australia EA	493,617	504,494	504,459	494,115	491,840
	London Estg.	384,162	384,042	380,422	379,113	373,505
	New York Estg.	27,918	27,486	25,817	25,610	25,415
Total	..	905,727	916,022	910,678	898,838	890,760
Grand Total	Australia EA	750,733	824,842	1,032,980	1,411,467	1,700,919
	London Estg.	546,498	558,045	554,170	552,670	534,733
	New York Estg.	43,795	43,363	41,693	41,400	41,206
Total	..	1,341,054	1,426,250	1,628,829	2,005,737	2,266,858

(ii) DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
PER HEAD OF POPULATION.						
Commonwealth—War (1914-19)	Australia EA	£ s. d. 24 12 2	£ s. d. 24 2 3	£ s. d. 23 6 2	£ s. d. 23 0 8	£ s. d. 22 10 9
	London Estg.	12 16 2	12 15 6	12 13 0	12 11 0	12 8 0
	Australia EA	6 13 2	15 8 5	44 15 10	98 11 2	150 7 4
	London Estg.	0 16 6	2 10 5	2 9 10	2 10 2	0 16 9
Works, &c.	Australia EA	5 6 0	5 11 1	5 11 5	5 10 4	4 19 1
	London Estg.	0 7 1	0 4 1	0 1 7	8 19 6	8 16 3
	New York Estg.	2 5 2	2 4 9	2 4 3	2 3 8	2 3 3
Total	Australia EA	30 11 4	45 2 1	73 13 5	126 17 8	177 17 2
	London Estg.	23 1 9	24 10 0	24 4 5	24 0 8	22 1 6
	New York Estg.	2 5 2	2 4 9	2 4 3	2 3 8	2 3 3
Total	..	61 18 3	71 16 10	100 2 1	153 2 0	202 1 11
State ..	Australia EA	70 8 4	71 5 4	70 10 5	68 10 10	67 10 6
	London Estg.	54 15 11	54 5 0	53 3 8	52 11 10	51 5 7
	New York Estg.	3 19 8	3 17 8	3 12 2	3 11 1	3 9 9
Total	..	129 3 11	129 8 0	127 6 3	124 13 9	122 5 10
Grand Total	Australia EA	106 15 6	116 2 9	143 19 8	195 4 7	245 4 0
	London Estg.	77 14 0	78 11 5	77 4 11	76 9 5	73 4 3
	New York Estg.	6 4 7	6 2 1	6 16 3	5 14 6	5 12 10
Total	..	190 14 7	200 16 3	227 0 10	277 8 6	324 1 1

(iii) INTEREST PAYABLE.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1940. £'000.	1941. £'000.	1942. £'000.	1943. £'000.	1944. £'000.
INTEREST PAYABLE.						
Commonwealth	Australia EA	9,421	11,240	16,135	25,145	33,945
	London Estg. (a)	3,385	3,730	3,656	3,290	3,277
	New York Estg.	776	776	776	772	771
Total (b)	..	13,685	15,701	20,567	29,207	37,993
State	Australia EA	17,509	17,866	17,284	16,803	16,623
	London Estg.	14,958	14,955	14,500	14,501	14,311
	New York Estg.	1,421	1,395	1,283	1,272	1,263
Total (b)	..	33,972	34,216	33,067	32,636	32,197
Grand Total Commonwealth and State	Australia EA	27,014	29,115	33,419	42,068	50,568
	London Estg. (a)	18,346	18,001	18,156	17,791	17,538
	New York Estg.	2,197	2,059	2,054	2,034	2,034
Total (b)	..	47,557	49,977	53,634	61,843	70,180

(a) Excludes suspended interest (£3,919,774) on War Debt to British Government (£79,724,220). (b) The total shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking no account of exchange.

(iv) AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.						
Commonwealth and State	Australia EA	£ s. d. 3 12 4	£ s. d. 3 11 1	£ s. d. 3 5 1	£ s. d. 2 19 9	£ s. d. 2 16 8
	London (a)	3 8 7	3 18 2	3 10 7	3 17 8	3 17 4
	New York	5 0 4	5 0 2	4 18 0	4 18 0	4 18 0
Total (b)	..	3 15 8	3 14 6	3 9 6	3 4 10	3 1 7

(a) See note (a) above. (b) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable taking no account of exchange.

(v) SHORT-TERM DEBT. (a)

Data.	Where Redeemable.	At—									
		30th June, 1937.	30th June, 1938.	30th June, 1939.	30th June, 1940.	30th June, 1941.	30th June, 1942.	30th June, 1943.	30th June, 1944.	30th June, 1944.	30th Sept., 1944.
Commonwealth	Australia EA	£'000. 7,720	£'000. 5,495	£'000. 4,220	£'000. 3,970	£'000. 3,720	£'000. 1,750	£'000. 80,461	£'000. 259,250	£'000. 343,280	£'000. 378,250
	London Estg.	2,720	2,495	2,220	2,070	1,920	3,470	3,220	2,970	2,970	
State	Australia EA	46,468	46,598	50,228	45,448	45,423	45,033	39,200	23,740	33,075	
	London Estg.	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	24,879	23,830	23,808	22,368	
Total	Australia EA	46,408	46,598	50,228	45,463	47,173	125,564	208,450	276,355	310,455	
	London Estg.	32,875	28,650	27,125	26,873	28,349	26,950	25,838	25,838		

(a) Excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

(D.) BANKING.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (Including Commonwealth Bank.)

Average for Quarters ended	Deposits.			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Percentage Non-interest-bearing to Total Deposits.	Percentage Advance to Total Deposits.
	Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				
	(a)	(b)	(c)				
June, 1940	£'000. 170,778	£'000. 268,198	£'000. 438,974	£'000. 347,380	£'000. 118,733	% 38.0	% 75.7
" 1941	189,643	288,408	478,051	330,535	142,928	41.3	80.0
" 1942	227,076	255,646	482,722	323,850	198,429	47.0	64.0
" 1943	314,809	301,820	616,629	291,680	322,250	50.9	45.1
Dec., 1943	338,869	292,744	631,613	277,070	380,928	53.6	41.8
Mar., 1944	367,757	300,974	668,731	270,584	411,255	54.0	38.5
June, 1944	385,631	308,812	694,443	270,804	390,090	55.6	37.2
Sept., 1944	384,740	328,850	713,590	267,064	396,685	53.8	35.7

(a) Includes Inscribed Deposit Stock of E.S. and A. and Queensland National Bank. (b) Includes Short-term Loans, other than Treasury Bills of the Commonwealth Bank. (c) In computing the ratios the figures relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.
AVERAGE LIABILITIES IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.
				Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.(a)	Total.	
June, 1940..	167	3,502	1,000	138,438	214,086	355,124	357,883
" 1941..	167	3,580	932	157,740	209,956	367,702	372,381
" 1942..	167	3,912	1,061	193,619	195,493	389,112	394,252
" 1943..	167	4,462	955	238,441	192,519	457,600	463,534
Dec., 1943..	167	4,732	1,117	277,112	210,867	487,879	493,995
Mar., 1944..	167	4,350	1,061	308,943	217,945	526,888	532,472
June, 1944..	167	4,707	1,026	319,928	220,685	540,613	546,573
Sept., 1944..	167	4,063	1,044	313,829	223,114	536,943	542,817

(a) Includes inscribed deposit stock of the Queensland National and E.S. and A. Banks.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.
AVERAGE ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Coin and Bullion.	Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Government and Municipal Securities.(a)	Special War-time Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Land and House Property.	Balances due from other Banks.			Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Discounts, Overdrafts and all other assets.	Total Assets.
						£'000.	£'000.	£'000.			
June, 1940..	2,193	36,793	33,017	—	9,983	2,099	2,340	286,784	423,809	437,343	
" 1941..	2,139	34,925	102,354	—	10,297	2,737	2,537	283,954	437,343	457,953	
" 1942..	1,533	37,449	95,837	36,797	9,996	3,246	3,551	269,944	457,953	528,018	
" 1943..	1,819	30,573	133,785	100,401	9,881	2,855	3,928	244,770	528,018	557,759	
Dec., 1943..	1,934	38,077	140,441	124,547	9,775	3,851	4,127	225,507	657,759	694,700	
Mar., 1944..	1,961	44,964	154,935	150,478	9,775	3,346	3,975	224,573	694,700	718,192	
June, 1944..	1,968	36,499	148,713	178,600	9,761	3,587	4,200	224,858	694,700	726,319	
Sept., 1944..	2,027	34,616	150,463	182,835	9,801	3,918	4,134	217,152	694,700	718,192	

(a) Includes Treasury Bills.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Average for Quarters ended—	General Banking Department.							Note Issue and General Banking Department.	Notes held outside Commonwealth Bank. (d)	
	Business within Australia.									
	Deposits.			Balances Due to other Banks.	Special War-time Deposits lodged by all Trading Banks.	Advances, &c., and Short-term Loans.	Government and Municipal Securities. (b)			Sterling Reserve and Short Call Money in London. (c)
	Not Bearing Interest. (a)	Bearing Interest.	Total.							
June, 1940..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
" 1941..	30,054	50,169	80,223	28,968	—	37,412	33,086	58,539	51,806	
" 1942..	28,699	56,150	83,849	29,078	—	24,620	37,076	74,201	63,724	
" 1943..	29,815	57,132	86,947	33,076	37,266	32,129	100,057	68,590	64,917	
Dec., 1943..	50,953	98,684	149,637	25,885	100,844	27,025	213,961	80,013	133,350	
Mar., 1944..	56,326	77,949	134,175	33,539	125,132	22,662	234,985	80,889	152,864	
June, 1944..	52,426	75,583	131,009	41,812	151,207	27,823	249,317	107,092	164,387	
Sept., 1944..	60,618	82,460	143,078	32,864	178,454	27,800	243,432	143,998	181,109	
Sept., 1944..	64,361	101,202	165,563	31,614	183,932	32,611	238,774	172,271	191,661	

(a) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate deducted. (b) Includes Treasury Bills. (c) Not to be taken as a measure of Net London Funds. (d) Notes held by Other Banks and by Public. See page 32 for details of Note Issue.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Dep. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1940 ..	82,111	79,145	23,252	26,563	11,860	8,518	192	360	236,991
1941 ..	87,750	85,689	29,089	27,310	12,521	8,941	357	374	252,231
1942 ..	84,578	94,226	31,214	30,616	13,821	9,472	(b)	398	274,275
1943 ..	122,466	121,249	43,107	38,693	18,884	11,174	(b)	522	357,986
1944 ..	162,868	153,887	65,479	48,596	25,790	14,213	(b)	701	471,534
1943—									
July ..	126,689	124,938	47,130	39,859	19,628	11,520	(b)	536	370,300
Aug. ..	130,518	128,463	49,304	40,941	20,291	11,922	(b)	556	382,015
Sept. ..	134,163	131,279	51,269	41,806	20,907	12,153	(b)	563	392,140
1944—									
July ..	166,751	156,884	66,806	49,616	26,376	14,499	(b)	712	481,944
Aug. ..	170,104	160,321	68,128	50,530	26,987	14,878	(b)	718	491,996
Sept. ..	173,937	162,563	69,601	51,313	27,675	15,106	(b)	726	500,021

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank. (b) Deposits transferred to South Australia. (c) In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e. total less re-purchases), of £45,803,600 was subscribed for War Savings Certificate between March, 1940, and September, 1944.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1940 ..	82,111	11,786	28,252	3,094	11,860	2,207	192	350	139,941
1941 ..	87,750	13,942	29,089	3,590	12,521	2,423	357	374	149,966
1942 ..	84,578	16,910	31,214	4,684	13,821	2,705	(c)	398	164,260
1943 ..	122,466	23,731	43,107	6,311	18,884	3,542	(c)	522	220,593
1944 ..	162,868	31,205	65,479	8,474	25,790	4,814	(c)	701	299,331
1943—									
July ..	126,689	24,528	47,130	6,668	19,628	3,663	(c)	536	228,842
Aug. ..	130,518	25,354	49,304	6,953	20,291	3,785	(c)	556	236,791
Sept. ..	134,163	26,055	51,269	7,087	20,907	3,885	(c)	563	241,908
1944—									
July ..	166,751	32,607	66,806	8,762	26,376	4,935	(c)	712	306,349
Aug. ..	170,104	33,220	68,128	9,026	26,987	5,056	(c)	718	313,236
Sept. ..	173,937	33,718	69,601	9,217	27,675	5,158	(c)	726	319,132

(a) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

BANK CLEARING HOUSES—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.

Weekly Average.	Sydney.		Melbourne.		Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions.(a)	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions.(a)				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.				
Year 1940 ..	26,073	20,538	19,380	18,829	4,303	3,426	2,293	7,000
" 1941 ..	26,978	21,841	21,621	21,010	4,676	3,753	2,334	899
" 1942 ..	29,157	23,933	24,555	24,228	5,284	4,226	2,368	774
" 1943 ..	32,551	27,649	27,109	27,061	6,424	4,760	2,638	860
1944—								
27th June to 31st July ..	33,685	30,573	27,953	27,932	7,409	5,134	2,653	1,132
1st Aug. to 26th Aug. ..	31,365	28,160	26,937	26,911	7,361	4,809	2,648	981
26th Aug. to 26th Sept. ..	31,772	27,816	26,698	26,647	6,848	5,103	2,682	1,021

(a) Average weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills. These abnormal transactions have been in operation in Victoria since October, 1929, and in New South Wales, since October, 1930.

Section V.—Railways, Aircraft, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

A.—Railways.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,114	6,127	6,127	6,127
Victoria ..	4,759	4,759	4,759	4,759	4,758
Queensland ..	6,587	6,587	6,587	6,587	6,587
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,547
Western Australia ..	4,378	4,381	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	658	645	642	642	642
Total ..	27,234	27,251	27,234	27,241	27,223

CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)

Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth ..	17,032,884	17,191,356	17,332,574	17,433,858	17,700,704
New South Wales ..	147,617,530	149,203,908	149,575,526	150,691,127	151,840,840
Victoria ..	52,448,730	52,037,722	52,229,393	52,718,195	52,637,204
Queensland ..	38,419,913	38,891,138	39,239,815	39,349,083	39,479,733
South Australia ..	29,732,880	30,109,220	30,399,735	30,801,278	31,290,224
Western Australia ..	26,921,781	26,187,632	26,309,388	26,393,048	26,262,545
Tasmania ..	2,140,330	2,155,261	2,248,034	2,348,784	2,407,200
Total(b) ..	315,860,188	318,223,209	319,841,427	322,152,345	324,264,512

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,118	6,127	6,127	6,127
Victoria ..	4,754	4,759	4,759	4,746	4,758
Queensland ..	6,587	6,587	6,587	6,587	6,587
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,549
Western Australia ..	4,376	4,380	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	658	644	642	642	642
Total ..	27,227	27,226	27,234	27,221	27,225

TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN(c)—'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	902	958	1,234	2,322	3,473
New South Wales ..	30,106	29,471	32,285	336,368	339,090
Victoria ..	17,890	17,908	17,767	18,249	18,437
Queensland ..	13,927	14,190	14,603	16,396	16,851
South Australia ..	6,177	5,928	5,892	6,599	6,792
Western Australia ..	6,575	6,134	6,144	6,355	6,340
Tasmania ..	1,906	2,064	2,167	2,176	2,217
Total ..	77,483	75,753	80,092	88,465	96,110

GROSS REVENUE—£'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	547	622	971	2,195	3,746
New South Wales ..	19,946	20,755	24,016	28,487	34,872
Victoria ..	9,284	9,361	11,239	14,520	17,039
Queensland ..	7,798	8,090	8,415	11,654	13,027
South Australia ..	3,119	3,168	3,512	4,944	5,811
Western Australia ..	3,599	3,556	3,572	3,996	4,417
Tasmania ..	487	536	600	686	843
Total ..	44,780	46,588	52,325	66,482	84,746

(a) Capital has been reduced during the past fifteen years by approximately £10,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania, £4,700,000).
 (b) Includes £2,446,972, Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line capital not included with States. (c) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages. (d) Partly estimated.
 (e) Estimated.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	WORKING EXPENSES—£'000 OMITTED.				
Commonwealth ..	642	842	903	1,506	2,171
New South Wales ..	14,543	14,647	17,162	21,713	27,343
Victoria ..	8,060	8,058	8,959	11,600	14,040
Queensland ..	6,193	6,368	6,708	8,488	11,400
South Australia ..	2,931	2,937	3,062	3,850	4,661
Western Australia ..	2,911	2,828	2,758	3,026	3,447
Tasmania ..	678	688	757	851	965
Total ..	35,958	36,368	40,309	51,043	64,017

NET EARNINGS—£'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	—95	—220	08	689	1,575
New South Wales ..	5,403	6,108	6,854	6,774	7,529
Victoria ..	1,224	1,803	2,280	2,920	2,990
Queensland ..	1,605	1,722	1,707	3,166	6,627
South Australia ..	188	231	450	1,088	1,150
Western Australia ..	688	728	814	970	970
Tasmania ..	—191	—152	—157	—168	—122
Total ..	8,822	10,220	12,016	15,439	20,719

PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(d)

Commonwealth ..	—0.56	—1.28	0.39	3.35	8.90
New South Wales ..	3.66	4.00	4.58	4.50	4.95
Victoria ..	2.33	3.47	4.37	5.54	5.68
Queensland ..	4.18	4.43	4.34	8.05	16.78
South Australia ..	0.63	0.77	1.48	3.53	3.67
Western Australia ..	2.64	2.73	3.09	3.68	3.68
Tasmania ..	—8.91	—7.02	—6.99	—7.16	—4.88
Total (b) ..	2.79	3.21	3.76	4.79	6.39

Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

(a) See note (a) on previous page. On the basis of the original capital the adjusted percentages for 1942-43 are as follows:—Victoria, 3.82; Queensland, 9.82; South Australia, 3.35; Tasmania, —1.68; Total, 3.37. (b) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton-South Brisbane Line (see note b) on previous page).

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

PARTICULARS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 1943.

Particulars.	Commonwealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open ..	2,201	6,128	4,758	6,497	2,548	4,381	642	27,155
Revenue—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	959	14,323	7,680	3,929	1,709	1,360	318	31,378
Goods, including live stock and minerals £	2,712	18,240	8,140	12,119	3,665	2,881	488	48,245
Miscellaneous £	75	(d) 1,509	1,210	(e)	459	1,777	38	3,966
Total Revenue £	3,746	17,342	17,030	17,148	5,833	4,148	842	58,089
Expenditure—								
Train-miles run £	2,071	27,343	14,040	19,991	4,982	3,447	(f) 877	69,455
Earnings per train-mile	246.78	178.66	188.64	178.54	178.26	138.84	78.64	178.43
Expenditure per train-mile	118.11	148.96	156.36	118.26	138.96	108.84	78.19	138.36
Expenditure per cent. on earnings	55.28	80.25	82.44	64.11	80.64	78.04	101.04	76.37
Passenger-journeys, No.	462	237,341	195,830	32,899	31,793	17,092	3,325	518,570
Coal and Coke carried, tons ..	8	(j)	(j)	1,026	188	263	296	(k)
Other Minerals carried, tons ..	13	(l)	(l)	435	495	153	(m)	(l)
Live Stock carried, tons ..	38	(n) 810	(n) 742	539	242	143	37	2,561
Other Goods carried ..	414	18,845	8,018	4,212	2,565	1,946	649	36,619
Total Freight carried ..	478	19,645	8,760	6,292	3,400	2,505	982	42,657

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.
 (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.
 (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-working developmental lines. (g) Excludes de-provision. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles. (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods.
 (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

PARTICULARS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1944.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Revenue—								
Carriage (Passengers, Parents, Mals, &c.) £	941	14,510	7,204	5,908	1,677	1,425	310	31,384
Goods, including live stock and minerals £	2,434	18,407	7,485	10,352	3,738	2,780	516	45,721
Miscellaneous	84	(p) 1,575	1,193	(q)	587	179	45	3,657
Total Revenue	3,459	£ 34,501	15,882	15,660	6,002	4,387	871	80,702
Expenditure	2,421	27,535	13,213	12,710	5,235	3,796	(r) 1,010	65,929
Train-miles run	3,453	42,475	16,414	19,544	6,777	(s) 6,132	(t) 2,185	96,980
Carriage per train-mile	20s. 0d.	16s. 3d.	10s. 4d.	16s. 0d.	17s. 9d.	14s. 4d.	6s. 0d.	16s. 8d.
Expenditure per train-mile	14s. 0d.	13s. 0d.	16s. 1d.	13s. 0d.	15s. 5d.	12s. 6d.	9s. 3d.	13s. 7d.
Expenditure per cent on Revenue	69.97	79.81	83.20	81.29	87.22	86.54	115.88	81.63
Passenger-Journeys, No. (u)	522	250,500	194,138	37,641	27,355	18,773	3,131	532,126
Coal and Coke carried, tons	6	(j)	(j)	969	102	257	280	(l)
Other Minerals carried, tons	13	(j)	(j)	334	456	126	(k)	(i)
Live Stock carried, tons	451	18,662	7,565	4,689	2,770	2,027	606	30,171
Other Goods carried	515	19,463	8,093	5,998	3,673	2,560	678	41,220
Total Freight carried								

(a) Excludes Grattan-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted. (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes Depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Mils. (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Mils. (j) Included with Other Goods. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated. (n) Estimated. (o) Estimated. (p) Estimated. (q) Estimated. (r) Estimated. (s) Estimated. (t) Estimated. (u) Estimated.

B.—Civil Aviation.(a)

Particulars	Year ended June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Registered Aircraft owners	No. 137	120	119	(p) 128	116
Registered Aircraft(e)	288	202	192	(r) 184	185
Licensed Pilots—(s)					
Private	(b) 1,225	502	240	171	150
Commercial	(b) 324	187	181	233	305
Licensed ground Engi- neers(t)	(b) 651	617	717	924	1,039
Aeroplanes—(c)					
Government	73	69	72	70	66
Public	224	212	207	207	206
Government Emer- gency Grounds	141	116	116	96	78
Hours flown	120,133	79,164	69,302	58,185	84,274
Approximate mileage	12,823	9,700	8,325	7,517	10,802
Passengers carried	142,797	154,259	155,312	133,556	235,775
Goods, Weight carried	1,771	2,115	2,588	2,066	3,182
Mals, Weight carried(d)	416	547	879	1,060	2,815
Accidents—					
Persons killed	No. 11	3	18	4	1
Injured	6	1	3	3	1

(a) Includes particulars of the Darwin-Singapore over sea service, but excludes those relating to civil aviation in New Guinea. (b) Includes licences issued for New Guinea. (c) At 30th June of year shown above each column. (d) Includes gross weight of overseas mail, i.e., includes weight of mail bags. (e) At 31st October, 1943.

NOTE:—Figures for flying operations during 1942-43 and later refer to the larger organizations only.

C.—Telephones.

Particulars	At 30th June, 1944.				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1944.
Lines connected	No. 825,547	No. 631,075	No. 640,201	No. 637,072	No. 662,914
Instruments connected	720,321	738,666	766,846	790,729	807,988

D.—Motor Vehicles.

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.				Gross Revenue.				
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.	Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Vehicles Registered and Motor Tax, £	Drivers' and Riders' Licences, £	Miscellaneous, £	Total, £
1943-44.									
New South Wales	162,287	70,000	14,897	257,184	423,452	2,070,935	211,102	60,309	2,345,430
Victoria	136,812	89,254	17,966	244,161	337,171	1,110,101	84,209	80,268	1,604,711
Queensland	68,247	50,788	6,163	125,138	264,346	692,886	50,837	65,565	818,282
South Australia	57,364	24,068	6,555	87,927	104,117	510,297	54,115	12,771	577,153
Western Australia	30,570	22,701	4,327	57,498	70,429	325,779	23,081	34,157	365,017
Tasmania	16,739	6,321	2,583	25,631	27,348	181,018	13,674	13,674	218,249
Northern Territory	174	1,570	35	1,779	1,878	567	567		2,415
Australian Capital Territory	1,375	437	97	1,909	2,577	1,121	1,121	69	11,371
Total	493,391	274,260	52,560	820,220	1,256,648	5,232,772	451,156	273,700	5,957,628
Total, 1942-43	471,742	255,933	48,321	775,996	1,088,398	4,982,631	439,560	267,416	5,680,559

REGISTRATIONS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars	183,665	137,148	68,607	58,389	29,554	16,796	174	1,383	495,716
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	79,938	63,626	15,912	24,492	22,521	6,429	1,570	419	280,937
Motor Cycles	15,196	18,512	6,166	6,871	3,720	2,692	55	95	53,127
Total	278,799	249,286	126,625	89,752	65,795	25,817	(b) 1,779	1,927	829,780
Total at 30th Sept., 1943	293,811	234,168	118,365	84,229	54,998	24,317	(c) 1,229	1,868	782,925

(a) Includes extra-metropolitan areas as at 31st August, 1944. (b) At 30th June, 1944. (c) At 30th June, 1943.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	(g) S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars	52	108	2	12	11	7		190
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	816	763	581	249	179	117		2,705
Motor Cycles	2	37		2	87			128
Total	870	908	583	263	(b) 277	124		3,023
Total Three months ended Sept., 1943	819	912	666	296	335	110	2	3,060

(a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes extra-metropolitan areas as at 31st August, 1944. (d) Includes extra-metropolitan areas as at 31st August, 1944. (e) Includes extra-metropolitan areas as at 31st August, 1944. (f) Includes extra-metropolitan areas as at 31st August, 1944. (g) Includes extra-metropolitan areas as at 31st August, 1944.

NOTE:—In each of the tables above particulars of primary producers' vehicles in Victoria, are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

E.—Wireless.

NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land. (b)	S. Aust. (c)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1933	178,000	170,995	39,180	50,150	20,536	12,663	498,540
.. .. .	226,831	206,995	52,038	64,174	31,404	16,547	597,989
.. .. .	195,5	278,648	236,886	67,369	79,365	41,176	20,088
.. .. .	193,6	315,731	263,414	83,028	87,333	40,987	24,118
.. .. .	193,7	358,292	295,717	101,868	99,033	61,151	29,749
.. .. .	193,8	403,978	315,499	117,496	111,787	71,324	36,013
.. .. .	193,9	433,929	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392
.. .. .	1940	458,155	348,158	151,110	124,891	87,764	42,182
.. .. .	1941	494,884	362,790	168,210	131,292	91,308	44,710
.. .. .	1942	500,451	371,592	172,527	137,244	91,045	46,404
.. .. .	1943(a)	552,044	390,950	175,840	151,258	97,785	49,010
.. .. .	1944(b)	560,632	409,325	180,090	155,253	99,240	50,536
30th Sept., 1944(c)	563,425	408,023	179,221	155,916	99,632	50,338	1,457,455

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Papua. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) Includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1939	200	140	114	117	111	79	4	15	810	(a)386
1940	190	147	115	118	140	77	4	15	812	(a)381
1941	193	146	115	117	141	76	4	15	807	(a)374
1942	194	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	792	(a)377
1943	192	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	790	(a)375
NUMBER OF BRANCHES.										
1939	538	398	312	304	304	69	1	1,790	(b)2,199	
1940	601	387	309	174	230	71	1	1,752	(b)2,183	
1941	599	386	304	174	208	71	1	1,748	(b)2,181	
1942	597	382	308	174	208	71	1	1,741	(b)2,156	
1943	592	382	308	175	207	71	1	1,730	(b)2,151	
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.										
1939	358,301	216,803	180,633	67,282	67,834	22,062	761	1,685	1,133,470	1,154,470
1940	364,202	232,288	180,732	73,003	68,271	21,507	1,455	1,265	1,135,802	1,156,802
1941	425,522	270,343	192,015	65,289	65,016	21,292	1,400	1,298	1,075,680	1,075,680
1942	483,039	302,782	190,578	111,388	141,335	26,803	1,400	1,790	1,182,417	1,182,417
1943	493,109	311,791	194,225	107,311	63,880	26,130	1,400	1,651	1,204,863	1,204,863

(a) Allowing for Interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and Interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of Interstate unions, but also head State branches of Interstate unions.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.	Unions.	Members-hip.	UNEMPLOYED.	
			Number.	Percentage. (b)
1939 Year	396	476,018	45,007	9.7
1940 "	394	491,252	39,116	8.0
1941 "	395	530,000	20,013	3.7
1942 "	394	613,334	9,754	1.6
1943 "	390	678,713	7,945	1.1
1932—June Quarter(e)	396	418,742	124,068	30.0
1940—December	396	508,914	31,421	6.2
1941—March	398	514,370	27,289	5.3
June	395	517,696	18,505	3.6
September	394	541,883	17,541	3.2
December	394	572,080	10,628	2.9
1942—March	394	588,525	10,767	1.8
June	394	603,066	10,206	1.7
September	394	617,076	9,603	1.6
December	394	645,467	8,350	1.3
1943—March	391	665,334	8,021	1.2
June	390	680,202	7,423	1.1
September	390	682,557	7,056	1.1
December	390	686,667	7,381	1.1
1944—March	390	688,381	6,987	1.0
June	389	683,493	6,333	1.4
September	389	680,218	7,047	1.2

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry covered who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 72. (c) Peak of unemployment.

Note.—The unions covered by the returns represent 56 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment (a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1939 Year							
	11.0	10.4	5.9	9.3	7.1	8.1	9.7
1940	11.0	9.8	6.3	7.0	5.6	6.2	8.0
1941	4.7	2.5	4.6	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.7
1942	1.8	1.2	2.3	1.1	1.6	0.8	1.6
1943	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.1
1932—June Quarter (b)							
	33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1939—December	11.1	9.0	5.8	9.1	6.6	7.1	9.3
1940—March							
June	9.7	6.5	5.8	8.5	6.9	4.8	7.9
September	15.0	6.6	6.8	8.3	5.0	5.0	10.5
December	8.6	5.0	4.9	6.6	6.0	4.6	7.4
1941—March	7.0	3.2	5.9	3.0	4.3	3.6	5.3
June	4.5	2.4	4.2	2.8	3.1	2.4	3.6
September	4.0	2.2	4.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2
December	3.5	2.1	3.8	1.8	1.8	4.5	2.9
1942—March							
June	2.0	1.4	3.2	1.0	1.7	0.7	1.8
September	1.9	1.2	2.5	1.3	1.7	0.6	1.7
December	1.5	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.3	0.8	1.3
1943—March							
June	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.2
September	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.1
December	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2	1.1
1944—March	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.4	0.7	1.0
June	1.0	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.9	0.7	1.4
September	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2

Note.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

(a) See notes to table on page 50. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) Coal-mining employees out of work owing to the industrial dispute were excluded from the tabulation, but persons in other industries indirectly unemployed owing to the dispute were included.

Unemployment (a)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1932.		1943.		1944.	
	June Qtr.(b)	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.
Manufacturing	30.6	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	9.0	0.8	1.3	1.1	1.1	0.9
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	33.0	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.7
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c.	19.3	3.4	3.1	2.4	2.3	3.0
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, &c.	22.6	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.0
V. Books, Printing, &c.	16.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
VI. Other Manufacturing	43.0	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.0
VII. Building	42.1	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.3
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c.	34.2	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.0
IX. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services	29.6	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3
X. Other and Miscellaneous	22.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8
All Groups	30.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.4

(a) See notes to table on page 50.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

(c) For classification see p. 55.

AUSTRALIA.—Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment.

Month.	Total Employment (a) (Excluding Naval, Household, Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Governmental Authorities (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories (c)	Building and Construction (d)	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services (e)	
MALES (Thousands).											
1933—June	262.2	729.9	992.1	36.3	251.7	151.7	164.5	212.3		112.6	
1939—July	319.8	943.3	1,263.1	54.0	391.5	142.0	208.0	115.0	128.0	140.0	
1941—July	375.3	888.1	1,263.4	54.4	490.9	144.0	202.3	102.0	117.1	127.1	
Nov.	381.5	999.8	1,381.3	53.9	509.8	136.5	207.3	101.9	117.9	127.2	
1942—July	420.3	888.1	1,308.4	47.7	513.2	116.8	205.3	79.4	96.6	111.8	
Aug.	412.5	861.4	1,273.9	45.0	520.7	91.3	205.1	71.4	88.8	106.5	
1943—June	412.9	857.3	1,270.2	44.8	519.2	89.7	204.1	71.0	87.7	106.6	
July	412.5	857.2	1,269.7	44.7	518.7	91.0	205.8	70.3	88.1	106.6	
Nov.	409.0	862.0	1,271.0	44.6	516.3	90.8	207.7	70.2	88.8	108.2	
Dec.	409.1	863.0	1,272.1	44.2	512.9	80.4	207.4	72.6	89.1	109.0	
1944—Jan.	409.3	863.9	1,273.2	44.1	515.3	86.0	208.6	70.7	89.8	109.2	
Feb.	408.5	865.7	1,274.2	44.4	516.2	85.3	210.2	70.3	90.3	109.7	
Mar.	408.5	866.4	1,274.9	44.2	515.8	84.1	210.3	70.7	90.9	110.6	
Apr.	406.2	864.0	1,270.2	43.9	513.9	81.3	211.0	70.6	90.6	111.0	
May	405.8	865.0	1,270.8	44.2	514.2	80.0	211.4	70.9	90.5	111.5	
June	404.0	866.0	1,270.0	44.2	515.1	77.8	212.6	71.1	91.3	111.6	
July	400.9	866.0	1,266.9	44.2	514.3	76.3	213.2	71.1	90.4	112.0	
Aug.	406.0	867.3	1,273.3	44.2	513.1	73.8	215.6	71.6	91.3	112.9	
FEMALES (Thousands).											
1933—June	46.5	244.3	340.8	0.2	103.1	0.7	11.0	87.3		130.7	
1939—July	55.2	381.0	437.1	0.4	148.2	1.0	14.4	81.0	34.0	129.0	
1941—July	70.8	477.7	548.5	0.5	187.8	1.9	21.1	102.3	44.1	148.1	
Nov.	76.3	494.7	571.0	0.5	198.2	2.0	22.0	106.4	47.4	150.4	
1942—July	102.4	496.6	598.0	0.6	212.4	2.1	26.4	103.0	52.3	152.5	
Aug.	129.2	502.1	631.3	0.5	228.6	2.3	34.5	98.2	52.5	157.2	
1943—June	133.4	500.0	633.4	0.5	227.9	2.4	35.6	97.8	52.7	158.1	
July	134.4	501.3	635.7	0.6	227.7	2.4	35.9	97.9	52.9	159.6	
Nov.	134.4	506.0	641.3	0.5	226.3	2.4	36.3	97.3	52.9	163.5	
Dec.	134.1	507.4	641.5	0.5	224.2	2.4	36.7	95.6	52.3	162.7	
1944—Jan.	133.8	502.6	636.4	0.7	221.8	2.4	36.6	95.3	52.3	163.3	
Feb.	134.1	503.9	638.0	0.6	221.6	2.4	37.1	95.2	52.5	164.3	
Mar.	134.4	506.6	641.0	0.7	222.6	2.5	36.9	94.7	52.4	166.1	
Apr.	133.5	503.1	636.6	0.7	219.3	2.5	37.1	95.0	52.2	165.1	
May	131.5	503.4	634.9	0.6	216.5	2.6	37.1	95.7	52.2	165.8	
June	129.0	504.6	633.6	0.6	215.3	2.6	37.2	95.8	52.3	166.5	
July	129.3	505.9	635.2	0.6	214.7	2.6	37.4	95.5	52.4	168.1	
Aug.	129.0	507.1	636.1	0.7	214.2	2.5	37.6	95.0	52.3	169.2	
PERSONS (Thousands).											
1933—June	308.7	1,024.2	1,332.9	36.5	364.8	152.4	175.5	299.6		243.3	
1939—July	405.0	1,265.2	1,730.2	54.4	539.7	143.0	222.4	106.0	162.0	269.0	
1941—July	446.1	1,465.8	1,911.9	54.9	628.7	145.9	223.4	204.3	161.2	275.2	
Nov.	457.8	1,494.5	1,952.3	54.4	708.0	138.5	227.8	208.3	165.3	277.6	
1942—July	522.7	1,384.6	1,907.3	48.3	725.6	118.9	231.7	182.4	148.9	264.3	
Aug.	546.9	1,358.5	1,905.4	45.3	746.4	94.0	241.7	167.3	140.0	266.2	
1943—June	543.6	1,371.0	1,914.6	45.1	742.6	63.2	244.0	167.5	141.7	271.7	
July	546.3	1,357.3	1,903.6	45.3	747.0	92.1	241.7	168.8	140.4	264.7	
Nov.	546.9	1,358.5	1,905.4	45.3	746.4	94.0	241.7	167.3	140.0	266.2	
Dec.	543.2	1,370.4	1,913.6	44.7	737.1	91.8	244.1	172.2	141.4	271.7	
1944—Jan.	543.1	1,366.1	1,909.2	44.8	737.1	89.3	245.2	169.0	142.1	272.5	
Feb.	542.6	1,369.6	1,912.2	45.0	737.8	87.7	247.3	165.5	142.8	274.0	
Mar.	542.9	1,373.0	1,915.9	44.9	738.4	86.6	247.2	165.4	143.3	276.7	
Apr.	539.7	1,367.1	1,906.8	44.6	733.2	83.8	248.1	165.6	142.8	274.1	
May	537.3	1,368.4	1,905.7	44.8	730.7	82.0	248.5	166.6	142.7	277.3	
June	533.9	1,370.9	1,904.8	44.8	730.4	80.4	249.8	169.9	143.6	278.1	
July	530.2	1,371.9	1,902.1	44.8	729.0	78.9	250.6	166.6	142.8	280.1	
Aug.	529.6	1,374.4	1,904.0	44.9	727.3	76.3	253.2	167.2	143.6	282.1	

(a) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures to June, 1943, are final. (b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) and of Allied Governments. (c) From July, 1943, monthly figures are subject to revision. (d) Includes Allied Works Council projects. (e) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands excluding Working Proprietors.)

Period.	Australia.							Total Factories.	Index 1928-29 = 100.		
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Governmental (Munitions, Aircraft and Ships) (d)		Other Factories (including War Contractors).	Unadjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
1928-29	174.1	149.3	43.4	35.4	19.8	10.0	7.1	424.9	432.0	100	100
1929-30	107.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	6.6	492.0	409.2	116	108
1937-38	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	15.5	7.4	528.5	535.0	124	115
1938-39	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	10.1	532.1	542.2	125	116
1939-40	227.1	204.4	53.0	43.5	21.9	14.0	10.9	547.0	563.9	131	119
1940-41	257.0	229.7	54.8	49.5	21.8	15.1	11.5	586.4	627.0	145	131
1941-42	280.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	12.8	623.0	702.8	163	140
1942-43	306.4	255.6	62.2	71.5	25.1	18.0	121.8	617.0	738.8	171	151
1943-44 (a)	311.5	251.4	63.2	67.3	26.8	20.0	116.0	622.2	739.2	173	150
1943-44 (b)—											
September	314.2	252.4	63.3	69.2	26.9	18.8	125.2	619.6	744.8	172	151
December	312.8	252.5	64.4	66.7	26.7	20.0	116.1	621.0	737.1	171	150
March	311.9	251.7	60.7	66.4	26.7	20.7	109.4	629.0	738.4	171	149
June	309.9	246.7	64.1	65.1	26.9	20.7	102.5	627.9	739.4	169	147
1944-45 (b)—											
July	307.1	245.2	64.5	64.7	27.0	20.5	101.6	627.4	729.0	169	147
August	305.7	245.3	63.9	64.9	26.9	20.6	98.9	627.3	727.3	168	147

(a) Includes Government establishments, annexes, and certain private firms engaged exclusively on aircraft and ship-building, but excludes private factories engaged partly on war contracts and partly on other work. (b) From July, 1943, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES.

PAY-ROLL TAX.—Employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).
MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.							
Employees—July, 1941	31,868	23,782	10,791	7,278	4,746	2,529	80,004
1941—July	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1942—June	700	700	701	729	694	756	704
1944—March	687	634	638	736	680	782	698
July	694	695	697	744	695	791	702
August	680	700	697	748	703	788	702
August	698	699	705	752	706	783	707
FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.							
Employees—July, 1941	31,840	22,088	8,533	7,184	4,832	2,067	76,544
1941—July	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1942—June	951	937	1,010	959	974	988	958
1944—March	907	869	1,015	962	962	982	925
July	911	960	1,022	977	961	994	935
August	910	901	1,028	970	960	989	932
August	909	908	1,023	973	957	981	933
PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.							
Employees—July, 1941	63,708	45,870	19,324	14,462	9,578	4,596	157,448
1941—July	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1942—June	826	814	842	843	835	860	827
1944—March	787	788	859	840	825	872	808
July	802	798	841	860	829	877	815
August	799	797	844	858	832	876	814
August	802	800	845	862	832	875	816

Industrial Disputes.—Number and Magnitude of Industrial Disputes (causing stoppage of work).

Period.	Num-ber	Estab-lish-ments In-vo-lved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti-mated Loss in Wages £
			Di-rectly.	Indi-rectly.	Total.	New Dis-putes.	Old Dis-putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.									
Year—1943 ..	889	2,771	250,754	5,023	256,377	720,275	76,230	796,511	971,069
1943—June Qtr. ..	192	403	85,108	770	85,938	171,107	55,200	226,307	255,183
Sept. ..	171	481	49,291	1,539	50,590	102,184	14,400	176,584	207,373
Dec. ..	134	150	33,699	3,141	36,840	155,798	..	155,798	208,136
1944—March ..	205	221	57,520	1,825	59,354	402,098	745	202,843	277,359
June ..	200	237	50,084	698	50,782	99,363	5,350	104,713	132,517

VICTORIA.

Year—1943 ..	40	1,070	19,042	217	19,259	61,902	14,784	76,686	65,409
1943—June Qtr. ..	11	230	4,638	..	4,638	28,761	..	28,761	25,678
Sept. ..	10	12	2,480	150	2,630	13,421	9,408	22,820	15,765
Dec. ..	8	14	1,083	38	1,121	7,173	..	7,173	6,073
1944—March ..	10	28	4,828	150	4,978	35,574	..	35,574	34,009
June ..	15	18	1,445	..	1,445	4,744	..	4,744	3,523

QUEENSLAND.

Year—1943 ..	20	114	8,990	302	9,292	54,609	4,190	58,895	62,629
1943—June Qtr. ..	3	84	1,558	300	1,858	10,008	..	19,098	18,203
Sept. ..	2	2	2,113	..	2,113	5,243	580	5,823	6,582
Dec. ..	10	3	2,659	..	2,659	15,442	3,610	19,058	20,652
1944—March ..	6	7	2,245	..	2,245	10,560	..	19,601	14,092
June ..	4	4	1,809	..	1,809	15,601	..	15,601	17,724

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Year—1943 ..	24	442	7,602	841	8,443	19,420	..	19,420	13,140
1943—June Qtr. ..	4	5	2,238	..	2,238	3,031	..	3,031	2,785
Sept. ..	4	4	613	60	679	2,229	..	2,229	1,271
Dec. ..	11	14	3,905	775	4,680	10,090	..	10,090	6,695
1944—March ..	7	48	5,645	..	5,645	11,650	..	31,050	55,461
June ..	11	11	2,539	43	2,582	3,679	..	3,679	3,628

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Year—1943 ..	10	82	1,594	950	2,544	37,248	1,100	38,438	40,783
1943—June Qtr. ..	1	1	652	..	652	7,172	1,100	8,302	9,325
Sept. ..	1	1	130	..	130	130	..	130	183
Dec. ..	6	6	593	950	1,513	20,100	..	20,100	30,340
1944—March ..	4	4	1,454	2,900	4,354	5,079	45,000	50,076	48,245
June ..	4	1	506	..	506	4,436	..	4,436	5,809

TASMANIA.

Year—1943 ..	2	2	46	142	188	201	..	201	176
1943—June Qtr. ..	1	1	13	..	13	20	..	20	15
Sept. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dec. ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1944—March ..	1	1	49	..	49	49	..	49	60
June ..	1	1	114	..	114	228	..	228	250

AUSTRALIA.

Year—1943 ..	785	4,481	288,028	8,075	296,103	893,745	96,406	990,151	1,153,506
1943—June Qtr. ..	212	784	94,207	1,070	95,337	220,105	56,450	285,645	311,189
Sept. ..	188	500	54,597	1,455	56,052	183,207	24,388	207,595	231,274
Dec. ..	167	203	42,206	4,904	47,113	217,702	3,610	221,318	271,902
1944—March ..	233	309	71,750	4,875	76,625	302,413	45,745	348,158	430,144
June ..	235	282	50,497	741	51,238	128,051	5,350	133,401	163,751

Wages.—Adult Males—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 30th June, 1944.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	125/10	119/6	119/5	115/1	117/8	116/3	120/3
	Working Hours	44/0	44/0	44/0	44/0	44/0	44/0	44/0
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	122/6	119/4	120/9	115/10	121/8	120/9	120/7
	Working Hours	44/0	44/0	44/0	44/1	44/0	44/0	44/0
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	120/1	116/7	114/10	116/1	117/4	112/10	117/5
	Working Hours	44/0	44/0	43/4	44/0	44/0	44/0	44/0
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	117/0	118/5	123/6	123/6	119/2	114/1	118/8
	Working Hours	44/0	44/0	44/0	44/0	44/0	44/0	44/0
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	115/7	116/2	125/7	128/9	145/1	128/6	134/3
	Working Hours	43/4	41/9	42/28	43/56	42/76	43/75	42/77
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	120/5	117/3	115/0	115/11	118/1	115/7	118/7
	Working Hours	43/8	43/0	43/78	43/71	44/08	43/91	43/87
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	122/0	131/5	120/2	119/0	125/8	123/0	128/6
	Working Hours	43/65	44/0	40/00	44/00	44/00	44/00	43/42
VIII. Mining (e)	Weekly Wage	128/4	121/0	128/7	91/0	6126/1	115/3	126/5
	Working Hours	40/70	40/47	40/36	43/79	40/50	41/33	40/80
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	122/9	122/4	119/0	114/11	118/9	112/9	121/2
	Working Hours	43/80	43/74	44/00	44/00	43/75	44/00	43/83
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	114/6	110/4	110/3	106/7	116/1	105/8	111/9
	Working Hours	44/00	44/00	44/00	44/00	44/00	44/00	44/00
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage	122/8	123/4	119/11	121/4	121/10	121/6	122/2
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage	119/6	117/8	118/8	116/6	117/9	122/6	118/8
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage	111/9	111/7	105/8	102/8	100/10	101/0	100/6
	Working Hours	44/00	44/00	44/00	44/00	44/00	44/00	44/17
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	116/7	114/11	108/9	107/6	113/9	109/7	113/10
	Working Hours	44/00	44/67	44/00	44/65	44/00	43/77	44/26
All Groups (a) ..	Weekly Wage	121/2	118/8	116/11	113/4	121/3	116/5	116/0
All Groups except XI. and XII. (a) ..	Weekly Wage	121/6	118/8	116/2	111/9	121/11	113/7	118/11
	Working Hours	43/55	43/91	43/18	44/21	43/10	43/39	43/62
	Hourly Wage	2/9	2/8	2/8	2/6	2/10	2/7	2/8

(a) Weighted average. (b) Excludes District allowances in the cold-mining industry. (c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers, and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied. (e) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

Wages.—Adult Females—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 30th June, 1944.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	61/5	64/1	58/1	55/0	53/10	84/0	62/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/3	1/6	1/3	1/3	1/2	1/5	1/5
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	70/7	71/9	75/3	75/0	65/5	71/8	71/8
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/7	1/7	1/8	1/8	1/5	1/7	1/7
I. H., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	60/11	74/7	64/11	65/3	..	60/3	71/5
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	43/7	..	44.00	43.99
	Hourly Wage	1/7	1/8	1/5	1/6	..	1/4	1/7
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage	63/11	70/11	68/7	55/8	68/6	56/11	66/3
	Working Hours	43.38	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.78
	Hourly Wage	1/5	1/7	1/6	1/3	1/6	1/3	1/6
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c.	Weekly Wage	77/0	78/0	78/5	55/8	..	..	75/7
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	..	..	44.36
	Hourly Wage	1/9	1/9	1/9	1/3	..	..	1/8
All (Group (a))	Weekly Wage	70/4	72/10	73/3	65/4	65/9	68/7	71/0
	Working Hours	43.88	44.19	44.00	43.99	44.00	44.00	44.03
	Hourly Wage	1/7	1/7	1/8	1/5	1/6	1/6	1/7

(a) Weighted average. (b) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging where supplied.

Wages.—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work, and Wage Index-numbers, 1914 to 30th June, 1944.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914	58 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
" " 1938	91 0	91 2	95 10	87 1	90 1	88 3	93 5
" " 1939	96 7	94 0	97 5	84 11	100 6	89 6	95 3
" " 1940	99 7	97 0	97 9	92 11	104 0	92 7	98 1
" " 1941	105 4	104 5	101 9	100 3	110 2	99 3	104 3
" " 1942	118 3	116 7	116 10	112 3	117 7	108 2	115 8
31st December, 1943	121 3	119 7	116 10	113 9	122 2	116 0	119 5
31st March, 1944	121 2	118 9	116 11	113 4	120 11	116 2	119 0
30th June, 1944	121 2	118 8	116 11	113 4	121 3	116 5	119 0

ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3d. (a) IN 1911 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1938	1,854	1,780	1,870	1,700	1,933	1,725	1,825
" " 1939	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1940	1,943	1,892	1,968	1,812	2,020	1,807	1,913
" " 1941	2,036	2,037	1,985	1,957	2,149	1,937	2,034
" " 1942	2,368	2,375	2,160	2,180	2,394	2,111	2,257
31st December, 1943	2,366	2,333	2,279	2,210	2,383	2,171	2,257
31st March, 1944	2,364	2,317	2,281	2,211	2,360	2,207	2,322
30th June, 1944	2,364	2,315	2,282	2,211	2,365	2,271	2,322

ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
" " 1938	51 10	50 7	53 0	47 9	54 4	49 8	51 4
" " 1939	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 9	52 8
" " 1940	54 9	54 6	56 0	51 7	60 6	53 1	54 3
" " 1941	57 11	58 4	59 6	55 5	60 4	56 7	58 3
" " 1942	63 10	64 11	66 4	60 3	64 2	61 9	64 4
31st December, 1943	67 11	70 2	69 9	61 3	66 6	63 3	68 4
31st March, 1944	70 2	73 0	73 5	65 6	65 9	66 8	71 1
30th June, 1944	70 4	72 10	73 3	65 6	65 9	66 7	71 0

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—2s. 2d. (a) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	987	1,022	966	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1938	1,907	1,862	1,900	1,758	2,000	1,823	1,887
" " 1939	1,960	1,906	1,931	1,826	2,049	1,860	1,938
" " 1940	2,016	1,966	2,000	1,916	2,116	1,954	1,996
" " 1941	2,133	2,148	2,081	2,038	2,224	2,082	2,141
" " 1942	2,350	2,391	2,442	2,216	2,361	2,255	2,368
31st December, 1943	2,301	2,582	2,668	2,253	2,446	2,329	2,516
31st March, 1944	2,362	2,688	2,763	2,412	2,412	2,456	2,616
30th June, 1944	2,588	2,682	2,697	2,406	2,419	2,450	2,614

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates by State Industrial Tribunals.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
New South Wales	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Victoria	(a) 4 19 0	(a) 2 13 6	1.11.43	(b)
Queensland	(c) 4 17 0	(c) 2 13 0	1.7.44	(c)
South Australia	(d) 4 17 0	(d) 2 14 6	2.8.43	Man, wife and three children
Western Australia	(e) 4 14 0	(e) 2 6 2	15.10.42	" " " " "
Tasmania	(f) 4 19 11	(f) 2 13 11	1.7.44	Man, wife and two children
	(g) 4 14 0	(g) 2 11 0	(1.11.44)	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong; Broken Hill—Males, £5 1s. 0d.; Females, £2 14s. 0d.; **Electricians**—Males, £4 16s. 0d.; Females, £2 12s. 0d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operates—no defined family unit. (c) None defined, but rates shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are noted for a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Eastern Division. All allowances are added for other divisions—Northern, 19s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South-Western, 7s. 4d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic Wage from 1.7.44 for Gold-fields Area and other portions of State, excluding the S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 7s. 1d.; Females, £2 17s. 10d.; and for Agricultural Area and S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 0s. 0d.; Females, £2 14s. 5d.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates fixed by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for each Capital City.

Capital.	1st November, 1943.	1st February, 1944.	1st May, 1944.	1st August, 1944.	1st November, 1944.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0
Melbourne	98 0	97 0	97 0	98 0	98 0
Brisbane	93 0	93 0	93 0	93 0	93 0
Adelaide	94 0	93 0	93 0	93 0	93 0
Perth	94 0	93 0	93 0	93 0	94 0
Hobart	95 0	94 0	94 0	93 0	94 0
Six Capitals	97 0	96 0	96 0	96 0	96 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent of male rate.

(a) "Court" Series Index-numbers—Commonwealth Court's Judgment of 23rd June, 1937. Includes "prosperity loadings" granted by Judgment. No defined family unit.

Awards of Industrial Courts and Wages Board Determinations Made and Industrial Agreements Filed.

State.	1939.		1940.		1941.		1942.		1943.	
	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.
New South Wales	64	17	170	22	65	49	72	23	24	11
Victoria	173	25	262	47	262	53	262	53	129	35
Queensland	50	2	34	4	53	16	27	29	47	8
South Australia	18	2	53	7	107	8	100	12	14	7
Western Australia	20	25	31	21	30	18	19	10	6	14
Tasmania	18	..	18	..	21	..	19	..	20	..
Commonwealth Court	31	21	25	13	7	3	5	20	44	17
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator	1	..	1	..	5	..	4	..	3	..
Total	375	95	402	108	610	94	555	103	287	84

Section VII.—Retail Price Index—Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index published on page 61.

Retail Price Index-Numbers.(a)—Capital Cities.

("B" Series.)

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

Note.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY	1911.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1943.		1944.		
							Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.

GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney	553	936	952	962	1,040	1,042	1,039	1,015	1,019	1,025	1,033
Melbourne .. .	623	942	947	943	1,042	1,055	1,037	1,039	1,047	1,063	1,063
Brisbane .. .	569	864	889	911	972	975	968	950	908	967	981
Adelaide .. .	570	897	900	905	1,012	1,005	1,003	985	893	935	939
Perth .. .	753	938	949	981	1,029	1,056	1,062	1,045	1,051	1,057	1,067
Hobart .. .	592	923	944	970	1,047	1,062	1,075	1,058	1,029	1,026	1,041
Weighted Average ..	559	927	939	947	1,021	1,037	1,036	1,015	1,020	1,026	1,036

GROUP IV.—HOUSING (b)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.

Sydney	701	1,035	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,042	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043
Melbourne .. .	669	955	969	975	975	974	974	974	974	974	977
Brisbane .. .	373	854	857	860	862	862	862	863	863	863	863
Adelaide .. .	708	888	892	897	893	895	892	893	892	892	892
Perth .. .	524	881	882	883	885	885	885	886	886	886	886
Hobart .. .	452	925	933	933	933	931	931	931	931	931	932
Weighted Average ..	612	965	973	976	976	975	975	976	976	976	975

ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).

Sydney	606	972	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,038	1,023	1,026	1,030	1,036
Melbourne .. .	539	945	953	953	1,014	1,021	1,022	1,010	1,011	1,016	1,026
Brisbane .. .	500	858	875	889	927	929	925	914	925	924	922
Adelaide .. .	618	891	895	899	963	958	958	947	949	953	955
Perth .. .	672	914	921	941	971	989	991	980	984	988	994
Hobart .. .	542	922	938	953	1,000	1,009	1,016	1,006	988	987	998
Weighted Average ..	578	930	950	956	1,007	1,011	1,010	997	1,000	1,004	1,010

(a) As the price index-number increases, the purchasing power of money diminishes. (b) See note (a) on page 61.

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, and Housing (4 and 5 rooms).

("B" Series.)

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

State and Town.	1911.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1943.		1944.		
							Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney .. .	606	972	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,038	1,023	1,026	1,030	1,036
Newcastle .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Broken Hill .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Goulburn .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bathurst .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Weighted Average(a)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne .. .	539	945	953	953	1,014	1,021	1,022	1,010	1,011	1,016	1,026
Ballarat .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leedigo .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Geelong .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Warramboul .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Weighted Average(a)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane .. .	500	858	875	889	927	929	925	914	925	924	922
Toowoomba .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rockhampton .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Townsville .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bundaberg .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Weighted Average(a)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide .. .	618	891	895	899	963	958	958	947	949	953	955
Kadina, &c. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port Pirie .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mount Gambier .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Peterborough .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Weighted Average(a)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c. .. .	672	914	921	941	971	989	991	980	984	988	994
Kalgoorlie, &c. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northam .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bunbury .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Geratdon .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Weighted Average(a)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TASMANIA—											
Hobart .. .	542	922	938	953	1,000	1,009	1,016	1,006	988	987	998
Launceston .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Burnie .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Devonport .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Queenstown .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Weighted Average(a)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Weighted Average for 30 towns .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Weighted Average 6 Capital Cities .. .	578	939	950	956	1,007	1,011	1,010	997	1,000	1,004	1,010
Warwick (Q.) (c) .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port Augusta (c) .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) (c) .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Weighted Average for the five towns. (b) New series from 1938. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1,000. (c) Not included in weighted averages above.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

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

State and Town.	1914.			1943.			1944.			Percentage Increase from July, 1914, to Sept., 1944.	
	July.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.		Sept.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	645	1,071	1,026	1,020	1,038	1,038	1,029	59.5			
Newcastle	642	1,096	1,052	1,048	1,054	1,051	1,044	62.6			
Broken Hill	621	1,240	1,212	1,208	1,208	1,200	1,255	52.9			
Goulburn	661	1,115	1,072	1,072	1,080	1,083	1,077	62.9			
Bathurst	613	1,055	1,014	1,007	1,034	1,035	1,027	67.5			
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	652	1,076	1,032	1,026	1,044	1,043	1,035	58.7			
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	619	1,077	1,048	1,044	1,071	1,066	1,057	70.1			
Ballarat	617	1,070	1,033	1,028	1,052	1,051	1,046	69.5			
Bendigo	619	1,000	1,022	1,039	1,061	1,057	1,044	68.7			
Geelong	609	1,039	1,008	1,003	1,026	1,031	1,013	66.3			
Warrnambool	608	1,050	1,022	1,019	1,057	1,061	1,051	72.9			
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	618	1,074	1,045	1,041	1,068	1,064	1,052	70.2			
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	591	1,062	953	950	966	960	960	62.4			
Toowoomba	582	991	943	935	1,005	1,004	994	70.8			
Rockhampton	546	1,012	958	954	1,002	1,000	997	54.3			
Townsville	561	1,061	1,009	1,023	1,052	1,052	1,042	54.3			
Bundaberg	561	1,031	1,003	1,017	1,030	1,021	1,019	51.1			
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	605	1,008	958	958	979	978	972	60.7			
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	609	1,024	996	990	1,005	1,003	990	41.6			
Knudna, Mootna, Wallaroo ..	688	1,063	1,031	1,029	1,036	1,036	1,028	49.4			
Port Pirie	722	1,100	1,065	1,059	1,073	1,073	1,056	46.3			
Mount Gambler	585	1,003	977	978	1,011	1,011	1,011	69.9			
Peterborough	749	1,059	1,025	1,022	1,055	1,051	1,038	38.6			
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	607	1,028	990	994	1,009	1,007	994	42.6			
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth and Fremantle	749	1,089	1,052	1,046	1,069	1,071	1,061	41.7			
Kalgoorlie and Boulder	931	1,207	1,168	1,160	1,187	1,192	1,184	27.2			
Northam	783	1,009	1,058	1,052	1,085	1,084	1,072	31.8			
Bunbury	783	1,071	1,022	1,014	1,053	1,051	1,045	31.8			
Geraldton	808	1,129	1,065	1,089	1,117	1,114	1,105	36.8			
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	790	1,098	1,061	1,054	1,079	1,081	1,071	35.6			
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	678	1,053	1,070	1,071	1,032	1,052	1,047	54.4			
Launceston	640	1,040	1,023	1,023	989	1,003	988	55.9			
Burnie	715	1,120	1,065	1,063	1,025	1,042	1,028	55.9			
Devonport	715	1,081	1,062	1,062	1,019	1,041	1,027	55.9			
Queenstown	735	1,161	1,136	1,143	1,138	1,155	1,152	66.7			
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	672	1,074	1,058	1,060	1,022	1,040	1,034	53.9			
Weighted Average for 30 Towns ..	651	1,065	1,027	1,023	1,043	1,041	1,032	58.5			
Weighted Average, 6 Capital Cities ..	645	1,063	1,026	1,020	1,040	1,039	1,029	59.5			
(a) Lithgow (N) .. .. .	..	1,002	1,052	1,047	1,078	1,078	1,070	..		
(a) Yallourn (V) .. .. .	..	1,060	1,022	1,016	1,063	1,075	1,068	..		
(a) Warwick (Q.)	605	966	944	957	989	984	985	62.8			
(a) Port Augusta (S.A.) .. .. .	..	1,083	1,022	1,049	1,069	1,060	1,058	..		
(a) Rosebery (T.) .. .. .	..	1,185	1,158	1,164	1,140	1,136	1,138	..		
(a) Canberra (A.C.T.) .. .. .	..	1,158	1,115	1,108	1,114	1,112	1,109	..		

(a) Not included in weighted averages above.

THE "ALL ITEMS" INDEX.

("C" Series.)

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms) (a), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

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

State and Town.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1945.			1944.		
							Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—												
Sydney	913	936	974	1,028	1,107	1,151	1,154	1,143	1,143	1,143	1,146	1,146
Newcastle	877	901	945	997	1,069	1,109	1,112	1,098	1,097	1,099	1,093	1,093
Broken Hill	940	955	981	1,049	1,132	1,172	1,179	1,175	1,175	1,174	1,174	1,174
Goulburn	893	916	949	1,005	1,087	1,125	1,126	1,116	1,118	1,119	1,117	1,117
Bathurst	860	883	923	974	1,050	1,091	1,090	1,082	1,085	1,086	1,086	1,086
Weighted Average(b) ..	911	933	972	1,026	1,104	1,147	1,151	1,139	1,139	1,139	1,142	1,142
VICTORIA—												
Melbourne	896	924	964	1,008	1,100	1,130	1,139	1,128	1,129	1,133	1,140	1,140
Ballarat	850	874	906	950	1,037	1,084	1,087	1,075	1,074	1,082	1,087	1,087
Bendigo	854	875	924	993	1,034	1,096	1,097	1,094	1,095	1,101	1,104	1,104
Geelong	884	911	941	984	1,065	1,110	1,117	1,100	1,103	1,112	1,118	1,118
Warrnambool	892	918	954	998	1,078	1,120	1,128	1,115	1,115	1,122	1,138	1,138
Weighted Average(b) ..	893	920	960	1,004	1,096	1,135	1,136	1,125	1,125	1,129	1,136	1,136
QUEENSLAND—												
Brisbane	882	870	908	963	1,033	1,072	1,074	1,068	1,072	1,072	1,071	1,071
Toowoomba	843	858	898	951	1,033	1,080	1,078	1,083	1,087	1,085	1,084	1,084
Rockhampton	853	867	905	959	1,032	1,073	1,074	1,073	1,075	1,076	1,074	1,074
Townsville	902	918	950	1,004	1,075	1,114	1,114	1,113	1,116	1,114	1,117	1,117
Bundaberg	871	847	879	936	1,015	1,057	1,053	1,053	1,056	1,060	1,057	1,057
Weighted Average(b) ..	854	871	904	1,035	1,075	1,076	1,072	1,075	1,076	1,076	1,076	1,076
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—												
Adelaide	888	906	936	988	1,075	1,102	1,106	1,099	1,098	1,096	1,101	1,101
Kadina, &c.	780	810	833	882	962	998	1,001	998	990	992	995	995
Port Pirie	806	866	919	976	1,037	1,087	1,091	1,081	1,081	1,077	1,084	1,084
Mount Gambler	840	872	904	964	1,061	1,097	1,097	1,096	1,097	1,097	1,097	1,097
Peterborough	808	897	921	974	1,053	1,087	1,090	1,083	1,083	1,082	1,095	1,095
Weighted Average(b) ..	883	902	911	983	1,061	1,097	1,101	1,094	1,093	1,091	1,096	1,096
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—												
Perth, &c.	882	901	932	993	1,061	1,104	1,110	1,106	1,102	1,103	1,110	1,110
Kalgoorlie, &c.	1,048	1,066	1,099	1,165	1,175	1,192	1,197	1,189	1,193	1,195	1,204	1,204
Northam	900	915	947	1,017	1,070	1,111	1,117	1,107	1,109	1,113	1,118	1,118
Bunbury	914	936	962	1,018	1,065	1,102	1,109	1,107	1,104	1,106	1,114	1,114
Geraldton	957	965	990	1,055	1,114	1,163	1,169	1,171	1,174	1,177	1,184	1,184
Weighted Average(b) ..	897	911	916	1,008	1,070	1,112	1,118	1,108	1,110	1,112	1,118	1,118
TASMANIA—												
Hobart	887	898	925	1,001	1,078	1,117	1,125	1,117	1,105	1,100	1,110	1,110
Launceston	872	898	946	974	1,040	1,078	1,086	1,076	1,067	1,061	1,072	1,072
Burnie	895	879	917	971	1,035	1,088	1,094	1,089	1,079	1,066	1,069	1,069
Devonport	848	861	896	951	1,012	1,058	1,069	1,056	1,040	1,031	1,045	1,045
Queenstown	875	903	936	987	1,045	1,096	1,103	1,098	1,095	1,096	1,101	1,101
Weighted Average(b) ..	879	898	936	989	1,060	1,101	1,108	1,106	1,099	1,083	1,094	1,094
Weighted Average for 30 Towns ..	894	917	951	1,005	1,087	1,127	1,130	1,120	1,120	1,121	1,125	1,125
Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities ..	897	920	957	1,008	1,091	1,131	1,133	1,123	1,124	1,125	1,129	1,129
Warwick (Q.) (c)	890	834	867	925	1,007	1,055	1,050	1,057	1,059	1,062	1,063	1,063
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	863	883	915	980								

RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

The All Items ("C" Series) Index and its Sectional or "Group" Index-Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined, 1914 to 1943.

(Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000) (a)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Rooms).	Food, Groceries and Rent (4 and 5 Rooms) "B" Series).	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items ("C" Series).
Year—						
1914 (b)	611	649	644	754	749	687
1915 (b)	812	659	777	792	786	782
1916 (b)	812	665	760	881	802	795
1917 (b)	836	685	782	992	882	847
1918 (b)	861	722	812	1,097	972	905
1919 (b)	1,026	768	934	1,238	1,036	1,022
1920 (b)	1,209	851	1,082	1,365	1,194	1,166
1921 (b)	950	877	924	1,246	1,010	1,013
1922 (b)	945	929	939	1,052	969	975
1923	1,069	950	988	1,045	969	1,003
1924	969	988	975	1,003	1,004	987
1925	998	1,008	1,002	991	992	997
1926	1,023	1,026	1,024	986	998	1,011
1927	1,000	1,030	1,011	975	1,008	1,002
1928	985	1,066	1,014	997	1,010	1,009
1929	1,044	1,073	1,054	996	1,007	1,033
1930	941	1,047	978	951	999	975
1931	826	901	852	853	973	873
1932	796	817	803	804	958	830
1933	751	804	768	787	950	804
1934	783	810	792	785	944	817
1935	806	839	818	783	946	832
1936	825	879	844	792	947	850
1937	851	912	872	811	960	873
1938	886	942	906	829	961	897
1939	927	965	939	841	962	920
1940	939	973	950	956	998	957
1941	947	976	956	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942	1,031	976	1,007	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943	1,037	975	1,011	1,440	1,160	1,131
Quarter—						
1939—March ..	935	959	942	832	960	919
June	925	963	938	836	961	917
September ..	920	967	936	836	961	916
December ..	927	969	941	858	967	926
1940—March ..	917	971	936	888	973	930
June	944	972	953	936	973	954
September ..	937	973	949	959	1,007	959
December ..	956	974	961	1,040	1,013	986
1941—March ..	958	976	963	1,057	1,039	995
June	939	976	951	1,104	1,047	1,000
September ..	936	976	949	1,128	1,073	1,009
December ..	954	976	960	1,182	1,080	1,029
1942—March ..	991	977	983	1,216	1,095	1,053
June	1,025	976	1,003	1,285	1,099	1,081
September ..	1,055	976	1,022	1,342	1,110	1,106
December ..	1,051	976	1,019	1,388	1,144	1,122
1943—March ..	1,040	975	1,012	1,409	1,149	1,123
June	1,058	975	1,023	1,466	1,158	1,143
September ..	1,036	975	1,010	1,450	1,165	1,133
December ..	1,015	975	997	1,436	1,168	1,123

(a) The Index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000. (b) November.

NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN			BATURST.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.84	5.84	5.84	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.70	4.70	4.70	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	8.15	8.20	8.20	8.57	8.57	8.57	9.07	9.07	9.07	8.70	8.80	8.80	9.00	9.00	8.90
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.43	27.43	27.43	27.86	27.86	27.86	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) (a)	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.70	3.70	3.70	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a) ..	"	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.13	7.13	7.13	8.80	8.80	8.80	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.25	7.25	7.25
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	13.60	13.60	13.60	14.93	14.93	14.93	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.60	15.60	15.60	15.40	15.40	15.40
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	7.93	9.79	9.79	9.71	8.10	8.10	8.10	7.90	7.90	7.90
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.68	3.68	3.68	4.05	4.04	4.04	4.46	4.42	4.42	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.06	4.06	4.06
Raisins, seeded (a)	"	12.50	12.50	12.63	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.14	13.36	13.29	13.67	13.67	13.67	13.50	13.50	13.50
Currants ..	"	10.85	10.70	10.75	10.80	10.90	11.00	11.58	11.58	11.58	11.13	11.10	11.10	10.70	10.70	10.70
Apricots, dried (a)	"	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.75	17.75	17.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.13	13.50	13.56	13.25	13.50	13.64	15.60	15.67	15.80	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.90	14.17	14.20
Pears, canned (a)	"	13.75	14.38	14.30	14.25	14.25	14.25	16.33	15.80	15.83	14.75	15.00	15.00	14.43	15.00	15.17
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	22.33	22.33	22.33	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.83	20.83	20.83	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.58	8.58	8.58	12.43	12.43	12.50	8.84	8.87	8.87	8.48	8.48	8.48
Onions, brown (a)	lb.	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.58	3.58	3.80	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.40	3.40	3.40
Soup ..	"	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.37	7.37	7.37
Kerosene ..	quart	0.28	0.22	0.22	6.71	6.71	6.71	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.93	7.93	7.93	7.45	7.48	7.48
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.05	20.05	20.05	20.50	20.50	20.50	22.64	22.64	22.64	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.70	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.07	17.07	17.07	17.07	17.07	17.07	19.00	19.00	19.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.22	28.20	22.20	28.14	28.14	22.20	31.43	29.43	22.86	28.00	28.00	22.00	29.00	28.60	23.70
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	22.67	22.66	22.40	21.57	21.57	21.57	24.07	24.07	24.00	22.10	22.70	22.70	23.00	23.00	23.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.70	9.70	9.70	9.93	10.00	10.00	10.70	10.70	10.70	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.35	12.35	12.40	13.21	13.21	13.21	10.50	10.50	10.50	12.00	13.10	13.10	10.70	10.70	10.70
" rib ..	"	8.75	8.85	8.85	9.00	8.93	8.80	14.57	14.36	14.64	9.63	9.88	9.88	8.60	8.60	8.60
" steak, rump ..	"	21.05	20.70	21.00	17.43	17.43	17.43	24.00	24.00	24.00	17.60	17.60	17.60	16.00	16.00	16.00
" chuck ..	"	9.20	9.25	9.20	9.71	9.71	9.71	13.90	14.50	15.00	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
" sausages ..	"	8.20	8.30	8.40	8.64	8.64	8.64	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.40	8.40	8.40
Beef (corned) or liver-																
" brisket ..	"	10.10	10.10	10.60	10.43	10.43	10.43	16.07	16.07	16.00	10.60	10.60	10.60	9.60	9.60	9.60
" rib ..	"	7.55	7.60	7.60	8.21	8.21	8.21	14.00	14.00	14.00	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
Mutton, leg ..	"	9.00	9.00	8.95	10.29	10.29	10.29	11.14	11.29	10.80	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.60	9.60	9.40
" forequarter ..	"	5.35	5.25	5.00	6.07	5.79	5.79	8.90	8.90	7.57	6.20	6.20	6.20	5.20	5.20	5.00
" loin ..	"	10.85	10.85	10.75	10.64	10.43	10.36	9.14	9.00	8.14	10.60	10.60	10.60	9.60	9.60	9.40
" chops, loin ..	"	11.80	11.79	11.45	11.50	11.21	11.14	13.57	13.86	12.71	11.40	11.30	11.30	9.80	9.80	9.60
" leg ..	"	10.80	10.85	10.80	11.64	11.43	11.36	13.00	13.00	12.36	10.80	10.90	10.90	9.60	9.60	9.50
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	16.60	16.60	16.60	17.86	17.86	17.86	15.71	15.71	15.80	15.60	15.60	15.60	15.00	15.00	15.00
" loin (a) ..	"	17.55	17.55	17.55	18.07	18.07	18.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.80	15.80	15.80	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chops (a) ..	"	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.07	18.07	18.07	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.20	16.20	16.20	15.00	15.00	15.00
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms		281.12			243.51			189.48			221.88			212.19	

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

RETAIL PRICES.

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Articles.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.80	5.86	5.86	5.82	5.82	5.82	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.25	6.25	6.25
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.71	4.71	4.71	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.80	4.80	4.80
" self-raising ..	"	7.40	7.40	7.40	8.21	8.21	8.21	7.93	7.93	7.93	7.80	7.80	7.80	8.30	8.30	8.30
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.30	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.30	27.50	27.50	27.40	27.40	27.40
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.28	4.28	4.28	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.60	3.60	3.60	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.80	3.80	3.80
Sago (a) ..	"	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.17	7.17	7.17	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.75
Jam, plum ..	14 lb.	11.15	11.15	11.15	11.57	11.57	11.57	12.00	12.00	12.07	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.90	11.90	11.90
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.60	7.60	7.60
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.69	3.69	3.69	3.89	3.86	3.86	3.93	3.93	3.93	3.85	3.85	3.85	4.05	4.05	4.05
Raisins, seeded (a)	"	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	13.40	13.40	13.40	12.60	12.60	12.60	13.20	13.20	13.20
" Currants ..	"	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.43	10.43	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.60	10.60	10.60
" Apricots, dried (a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
" Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.33	13.33	13.33	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.50	13.50	13.25
" Pears, canned (a) ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.17	14.17	14.17	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.83	13.83	13.83	14.25	14.25	14.25
" Salmon, in this (a)	lb.	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	20.67	20.67	20.67	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
" Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.24	8.10	8.24	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
" Onions, brown(a) ..	lb.	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.64	2.64	2.64	2.57	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
" Soap ..	"	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.54	7.54	7.54	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.68	7.68	7.68
" Kerosene ..	quart	6.54	6.54	6.54	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.95	6.79	6.79	6.35	6.35	6.35	7.35	7.30	7.35
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.43	20.43	20.43	20.86	20.86	20.86	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.80	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild ..	lb.	16.22	16.22	16.22	15.79	15.79	15.79	16.57	16.64	16.64	15.10	15.38	15.38	15.90	15.90	15.90
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.10	28.00	22.00	28.00	28.00	22.00	28.00	28.00	22.00	28.00	28.00	22.00	28.00	28.00	22.20
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	24.56	22.72	22.72	24.14	23.21	23.20	24.58	22.83	22.50	23.70	22.80	22.50	24.10	22.90	22.70
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.00	10.05	10.05	10.36	10.43	10.43	10.86	10.93	10.93	10.60	10.00	10.00	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	7.35	7.35	7.35	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.13	7.13	7.13
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	14.10	14.10	14.10	13.57	13.57	13.71	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.40	12.60	12.60	12.00	12.00	12.00
" rib ..	"	11.40	11.40	11.40	10.14	10.43	10.57	10.43	10.43	10.43	9.10	9.50	9.50	10.00	10.00	10.00
" steak, rump ..	"	21.30	21.40	21.40	18.80	19.14	19.71	18.29	18.29	18.80	19.00	19.00	17.40	17.60	17.60	17.60
" chuck ..	"	10.35	10.35	10.35	9.57	9.71	9.86	10.14	10.14	10.14	9.40	9.60	9.60	10.00	10.00	10.00
" sausages ..	"	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.40	8.60	8.60
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	13.10	13.10	13.10	12.43	12.71	12.86	11.80	11.86	11.57	12.20	12.40	12.40	12.00	12.00	12.00
" brisket ..	"	9.45	9.40	9.40	8.86	9.00	9.00	9.71	9.71	9.71	8.40	8.60	8.60	9.20	9.20	9.20
Mutton, leg ..	"	11.80	11.80	11.20	11.36	11.14	10.93	10.93	10.93	10.36	10.70	10.60	9.70	11.10	11.30	11.00
" forequarter ..	"	6.95	6.80	6.60	7.00	6.86	6.64	6.71	6.71	6.29	6.40	6.20	5.40	7.30	7.40	7.10
" loin ..	"	10.25	10.15	9.70	9.36	9.14	9.07	8.86	8.86	8.70	9.50	9.40	9.10	9.30	9.30	9.00
" chops, loin ..	"	11.25	11.15	10.70	10.14	9.93	10.09	10.43	10.43	10.43	10.14	10.10	10.40	10.30	10.70	10.40
" leg ..	"	11.90	11.90	11.35	12.31	11.03	11.64	10.43	10.43	10.70	10.60	11.20	10.40	10.70	10.90	10.60
Pork, leg(a) ..	"	16.80	16.80	16.80	16.43	16.43	15.43	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.80	14.80	14.80
" loin(a) ..	"	15.95	15.95	15.35	15.43	15.43	15.43	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.40	15.40	15.40	14.80	14.80	14.80
" chops(a) ..	"	17.65	17.65	17.65	17.43	17.43	17.43	17.25	17.25	17.25	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms		202.43			179.06			187.02			239.23			234.94	

RETAIL PRICES.

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			HUNDABERG.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.75	5.75	5.75
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.09	4.09	4.00	4.57	4.57	4.37	5.30	5.43	5.43	5.40	5.40	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
" self-raising ..	"	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.30	9.30	9.20	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.60	9.60	9.60
Tea	lb.	27.05	27.05	27.05	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.93	27.93	27.93	27.70	27.70	27.70	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar	"	3.98	3.98	3.98	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.65	4.65	4.65	3.97	3.97	3.97
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	6.57	6.57	6.57	3.89	3.89	3.83	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a)	"	3.63	3.63	3.63	7.25	7.25	7.25	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Jam, plum	1 1/2 lb.	12.55	12.61	12.45	13.43	13.43	12.66	13.93	13.93	14.00	14.00	14.00	8.20	8.20	8.20	7.00
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.71	7.71	7.71	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.20	8.20	8.20	4.25	4.25	4.25
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	4.06	4.06	4.06	4.11	4.11	4.25	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.13	4.13	4.13
Raisins, seeded(a)	"	12.30	12.50	12.55	13.50	13.50	13.75	13.55	13.55	14.00	13.75	13.40	13.87	13.20	13.20	13.20
Currants	"	11.20	11.10	11.15	11.30	11.50	11.14	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.38	11.38	11.40
Apricots, dried (a)	"	17.25	17.25	17.25	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.89	13.89	13.89	14.90	14.90	16.00	15.70	15.70	16.00	14.90	14.00	11.00	14.20	14.20	14.20
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	14.43	14.43	14.43	15.20	15.20	16.80	16.30	16.50	16.25	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	21.33	21.33	21.33	24.63	24.63	24.63	24.63	24.63	24.63	24.00	24.00	24.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Potatoes	7 lb.	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.87	8.87	8.80	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.70	10.60	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50
Onions, brown(a) ..	lb.	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.50	3.80	3.80	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.00	3.00	3.00
Soy	"	7.03	7.03	7.03	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.26	7.26	7.26
Kerosene	quart	5.70	5.70	5.72	6.33	6.33	6.33	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.46	7.46	7.46	6.33	6.33	6.33
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.91	19.91	19.91	19.93	19.93	19.93	20.14	20.14	20.14	21.60	21.60	21.60	19.80	19.80	19.80
Cheese, mild	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.21	15.21	15.21	15.64	15.64	15.71	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.30	15.30	15.30
Eggs, new laid .. .	doz.	27.00	27.00	22.00	25.86	24.22	15.57	25.71	22.57	19.57	30.00	30.00	25.33	26.00	18.00	15.00
Bacon, rashers .. .	"	21.86	21.86	21.86	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.43	22.43	22.43	22.17	22.17	22.13	21.20	21.20	21.80
Milk, condensed ..	lb.	9.77	9.77	9.77	9.86	9.86	9.86	10.57	10.57	10.57	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.00	10.00	10.00
" fresh	quart	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.29	7.29	7.29	6.86	6.86	6.86	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	lb.	11.90	11.90	11.90	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.57	10.57	10.57	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80
" rib (a)	"	6.33	6.33	6.33	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.90	8.90	8.90
" steak, rump ..	"	16.90	16.90	16.90	17.00	17.00	17.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" sausages .. .	"	7.90	7.95	7.95	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.86	7.86	7.86	7.40	7.40	7.40	9.40	9.40	9.40
" (corned) silver-side ..	"	7.75	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.14	8.14	8.14	7.80	7.80	7.80	9.10	9.10	9.10
" brisket	"	10.80	10.80	10.80	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.43	10.43	10.43	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.20	10.20	10.20
Mutton, leg	"	7.90	7.95	7.95	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.67	8.67	8.67	7.00	7.00	7.00	9.10	9.10	9.10
" forequarter ..	"	8.45	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.14	9.14	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.40	10.40	10.40
" chops, loin ..	"	8.45	8.45	8.40	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.14	9.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" leg	"	7.63	7.63	7.63	9.00	9.00	9.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.67	15.67	15.67	15.80	15.80	15.80
Pork, leg(a)	"	16.07	16.07	16.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
" loin(a)	"	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	16.80	16.80	16.80
" chops(a) .. .	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	16.80	16.80	16.80
House Rents	4 and 5 Rooms		232.74			216.92			206.85			217.71			169.04	

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

RETAIL PRICES.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIKE.			MT. GAMBIER.			PETTERBOROUGH.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	d. 5.75	d. 5.75	d. 5.75	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	..	4.55	4.55	4.55	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.07	5.07	5.07	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
.. self-raising ..	..	7.15	7.15	7.15	8.64	8.64	8.64	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.20	9.20	9.20	8.63	8.63	8.63
Tea ..	lb.	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.80	27.80	27.80	27.14	27.14	27.14	27.20	27.20	27.20	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	..	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) (a)	..	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Sago (a) ..	..	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	13.10	13.10	13.10	13.79	13.79	13.79	13.83	13.83	13.83	13.50	13.50	13.40	13.65	13.65	13.63
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.43	8.43	8.43	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.63	8.63	8.63
Oats, flaked ..	..	3.43	3.45	3.75	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.20	4.20	4.20	3.81	3.81	3.81	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded ..	..	11.60	11.60	11.60	12.79	12.79	12.79	13.26	13.26	13.26	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Currants ..	..	9.00	9.90	9.90	10.64	10.64	10.64	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.70	10.70	10.70	11.00	11.13	11.13
Apricots, dried (a)	..	17.38	17.38	17.38	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.67	16.67	16.67	17.67	17.67	17.67	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a)	80 oz.	13.42	13.42	13.42	14.90	14.67	14.67	15.90	15.50	15.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.67	15.67	15.33
Pears, canned (a) ..	..	13.30	13.30	13.30	14.75	14.50	14.50	15.60	15.50	15.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.67	15.67	15.33
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.80	20.80	20.80	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.44	8.44	8.44	10.17	10.17	10.17	10.35	10.35	10.35	8.78	9.03	9.27	10.38	10.38	10.38
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.78	2.88	2.88	2.67	2.67	2.67	3.29	3.64	3.64	2.38	2.38	2.38	3.00	3.13	3.13
Soap ..	..	7.36	7.36	7.36	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75
Kerosene ..	quart	5.66	5.66	5.66	6.29	6.29	6.29	6.61	6.61	6.61	6.23	6.23	6.23	6.44	6.44	6.44
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	..	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.57	21.57	21.57	20.86	20.86	20.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.88	20.88	20.88
Cheese, mild ..	..	14.83	14.83	14.83	16.29	16.29	16.29	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.60	16.20	16.20	16.50	16.50	16.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.25	28.25	22.50	26.00	26.00	18.00	27.00	26.33	18.83	25.80	24.80	16.60	26.00	26.00	18.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	19.00	19.00	19.00	20.57	20.57	20.57	21.50	21.50	21.50	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.25	21.25	21.25
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.30	9.30	9.30	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.50	10.50	10.50	9.88	9.88	9.88
.. fresh ..	quart	6.50	6.50	6.50	7.57	7.57	7.57	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.05	12.05	12.00	11.29	11.29	11.13	10.29	10.29	10.29	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.17	11.17	11.17
.. rib ..	..	9.94	10.00	9.89	10.57	10.57	10.44	10.67	10.67	10.60	10.60	10.60	9.17	9.17	9.17	
.. steak, rump ..	..	16.80	16.80	16.80	15.00	15.00	15.29	17.14	17.14	17.14	15.80	15.80	17.00	16.33	16.33	16.33
.. chuck ..	..	10.35	10.40	10.40	10.29	10.21	10.57	12.00	12.00	12.00	8.40	8.40	9.50	10.17	10.17	10.17
.. sausages ..	..	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.29	7.29	7.29	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.40	6.40	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	..	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.86	11.86	11.86	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.80	11.80	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
.. brisket ..	..	8.75	8.75	8.75	9.86	9.86	9.86	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.20	9.20	9.40	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	..	10.60	10.55	10.50	9.30	9.36	9.50	10.64	10.64	10.21	10.00	10.00	10.60	9.67	9.50	9.50
.. forequarter ..	..	5.55	5.25	5.00	5.93	5.86	5.79	6.93	6.86	6.36	5.80	5.70	5.50	5.83	5.33	5.33
.. loin ..	..	9.25	8.95	8.40	8.00	8.00	7.64	8.57	8.57	8.14	8.80	8.00	8.26	10.00	9.83	9.50
.. chops, loin ..	..	10.20	9.85	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.71	10.86	10.79	10.50	10.20	10.20	10.60	10.33	10.17	10.17
.. leg ..	..	10.00	10.50	10.40	9.43	9.43	9.56	10.86	10.86	10.86	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
Pork, leg(a) ..	..	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.60	12.60	12.60	12.57	12.57	12.57	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
.. loin(a) ..	..	14.30	14.30	14.30	12.60	12.60	12.60	12.57	12.57	12.57	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
.. chops(a) ..	..	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.57	12.57	12.57	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	240.61	..	..	96.61	..	..	179.48	..	..	179.81	..	..	189.64	..

RETAIL PRICES.

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944

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Article.	Unit.	PERTH AND FLEMANTLE			GALGORNIE AND BOULDER			NORTHAM			KUSBERT			GERALDTON				
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.		
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	
Groceries, &c.—																		
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00		
Flour, ordinary ..	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00	9.00	9.00	
" self-raising ..	5.00	7.95	7.95	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.38	8.38	8.38	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	28.00	28.00	
" Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	28.86	28.86	28.86	27.63	27.63	27.63	27.38	27.38	27.38	4.25	4.50	4.50	4.50	
Sugar ..	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	
Rice (Australian) (a) ..	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.17	5.17	5.17	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	
Sago (a) ..	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	
Jam, plum ..	1 1/2 lb.	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	11.63	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.95	7.95	7.95	10.50	10.50	10.50	8.75	8.88	8.88	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	5.00	5.00	
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	
Raisins, seeded (a) ..	12.75	12.78	12.80	13.80	13.83	13.83	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.00	13.17	13.17	10.75	10.75	11.00	11.00	11.00	
" Currants ..	10.33	10.33	10.33	11.57	11.57	11.57	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.06	10.06	10.06	18.00	18.00	
" Apricots, dried (a) ..	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	
" Peaches, canned (a) ..	14.00	14.00	14.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	
" Pears, canned (a) ..	14.50	14.50	14.50	17.42	17.42	17.42	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	
" Salmon, in tins (a) ..	7 lb.	8.47	8.46	8.42	9.93	10.07	9.93	9.00	9.25	9.25	8.33	8.35	8.45	9.50	9.30	9.30	9.30	
" Potatoes ..	lb.	2.85	3.70	3.70	3.36	4.00	4.00	2.88	2.88	2.88	3.13	4.50	4.50	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	
" Onions, brown (a) ..	7.33	7.33	7.33	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.38	
" Soap ..	6.01	6.01	6.01	8.50	8.50	8.50	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.13	
" Kerosene ..	quart																	
Dairy Produce—																		
" Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.93	22.93	22.93	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	
" Cheese, mild (a) ..	16.90	16.90	16.90	18.43	18.43	18.43	17.63	17.63	17.63	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	26.00	26.00	26.00	18.40	
" Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.00	27.70	22.60	31.71	31.14	22.86	27.67	27.25	16.50	27.33	23.50	20.75	20.75	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
" Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	20.40	20.40	20.40	21.43	21.57	21.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.75	20.75	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	
" Milk, condensed ..	tin	8.85	8.85	8.85	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.13	10.25	10.25	10.50	10.50	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	
" " fresh ..	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	
Meat—																		
" Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.60	12.60	13.00	12.43	12.43	12.43	11.38	11.38	11.38	12.40	12.40	12.40	12.40	12.50	12.50	12.50	
" " rib ..	10.75	10.75	11.00	11.43	11.43	11.43	10.63	10.63	10.63	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.67	
" " steak, rump ..	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.21	18.21	18.21	18.38	18.38	18.38	18.30	18.40	18.40	18.40	18.50	18.50	18.33	18.33	
" " chuck ..	10.85	10.85	11.00	12.21	12.21	12.21	11.63	11.63	11.63	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.50	11.50	11.33	11.33	
" " sausages ..	8.90	8.90	9.00	10.07	10.07	10.07	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	
" Beef (corned) silver- " side ..	10.75	10.75	11.00	12.43	12.57	12.57	11.38	11.38	11.38	10.40	10.40	10.40	11.50	11.50	11.33	11.33		
" " brisket ..	8.80	8.80	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.14	8.88	8.88	8.88	8.40	8.40	8.40	9.50	9.50	9.33	9.33		
" " rib ..	11.25	11.25	11.00	11.71	12.00	12.00	11.63	11.50	11.50	11.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.33		
" Mutton, leg ..	7.15	7.15	6.95	7.50	7.64	7.64	7.75	7.50	7.50	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.00	7.00	6.83	6.83		
" " forequarter ..	11.00	11.00	10.80	11.00	11.21	11.21	11.00	10.88	10.88	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.67	12.67	12.83	12.83		
" " loin ..	11.95	11.95	11.00	12.14	12.36	12.36	11.88	11.75	11.75	11.60	11.50	11.50	13.50	13.50	13.33	13.33		
" " chops, loin ..	14.30	14.30	14.00	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00		
" " chops, leg ..	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.71	14.71	14.71	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00		
" " chops (a) ..	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.57	15.57	15.57	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.75	14.33	14.33	14.33	14.33		
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms		298.78			260.69			226.21			245.15			266.48			

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

RETAIL PRICES.

TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN FACE OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 16th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

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Article.	Unit	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	4.10	4.10	4.40	3.79	3.79	3.93	4.60	4.60	4.80	4.50	4.50	4.60	4.50	4.50	5.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	7.20	7.20	7.30	7.29	7.29	7.14	8.40	8.40	7.70	8.20	8.20	7.40	7.75	7.75	7.75
" self-raising ..	"	27.10	27.10	27.95	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.00	27.00	27.00
Tea ..	lb.	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.05	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sugar ..	"	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.17	4.17	4.17	3.83	3.83	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.17
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	7.63	7.63	7.63	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.67	7.67	7.67
Bag(a) ..	"	9.65	9.65	9.70	9.90	9.14	9.36	9.50	9.50	9.70	9.90	9.90	9.80	9.38	9.38	10.38
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	8.25	8.25	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.64	8.10	8.10	8.00	7.80	7.80	9.38	9.38	9.38	10.38
Golden Syrup ..	"	3.95	3.95	3.78	3.68	3.68	3.71	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.70	3.70	3.80	4.75	4.75	4.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	12.61	12.61	12.67	12.57	12.71	12.71	12.30	12.30	12.70	12.80	12.80	13.00	12.88	12.88	13.38
Raisins, seeded ..	"	10.80	10.80	11.00	10.57	10.57	10.71	10.30	10.30	10.70	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.67	10.67	11.17
Currants ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.25	16.25	16.25	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.25	18.25	18.25
Apricots, dried (a)	"	13.30	13.30	13.50	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.30	13.67	13.38	14.00	14.00	13.67	14.25	14.25	14.50
Pears, canned (a)	"	13.57	13.57	13.57	13.20	13.20	13.20	13.38	13.50	13.13	14.33	14.33	13.67	14.63	14.63	14.63
Salmon, In tins (a)	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.17	22.17	22.17	19.83	19.83	19.83
Statons ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.34	8.34	8.34	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.32	8.32	8.32	10.86	11.00	10.86
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.90	2.90	3.00	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.50	3.50	3.50
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.40	7.40	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.50
Kerosene ..	quart	7.29	7.29	7.11	7.39	7.41	7.25	7.54	7.54	7.48	7.75	7.75	7.55	8.72	8.72	7.88
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.25	20.25	20.25
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.00	17.00	16.10	15.83	15.83	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.20	17.20	16.20	17.33	17.33	16.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.00	28.00	22.00	28.00	27.67	22.00	28.20	28.20	19.00	24.80	24.60	17.00	29.62	29.62	24.63
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.71	20.71	20.71	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.75	20.75	20.75	21.00	21.00	21.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.10	10.10	10.35	9.93	9.93	10.00	10.40	10.40	10.20	10.10	10.40	10.50	10.38	10.38	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.30	13.00	13.00	11.21	11.71	11.11	11.50	12.00	12.00	10.83	12.00	12.00	12.33	13.00	13.00
" rib ..	"	10.50	11.00	11.00	9.14	9.93	9.93	10.50	10.88	10.88	10.50	11.00	11.00	11.67	12.00	12.00
" steak, rump ..	"	17.25	18.00	18.00	15.00	15.71	15.71	14.38	15.00	15.00	13.17	15.00	15.00	16.00	17.00	17.00
" chuck ..	"	10.30	10.90	10.90	8.71	9.57	9.57	9.25	10.00	10.00	9.17	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.67	12.67
" sausages ..	"	7.67	7.78	7.78	7.64	7.71	7.71	8.38	8.25	8.25	8.17	8.00	8.00	9.17	9.33	9.33
Beef (corned) silver ..	"	12.00	12.90	13.00	10.43	10.86	10.86	10.50	11.00	11.00	10.50	11.00	11.00	12.67	13.00	13.00
" brisket ..	"	10.10	10.35	10.40	9.14	9.29	9.29	9.50	9.88	9.88	9.50	10.00	10.00	11.33	11.67	12.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.35	11.00	11.00	9.64	10.14	10.14	10.50	11.00	11.00	10.50	11.00	11.00	12.67	13.00	13.00
" forequarter ..	"	6.25	7.00	7.00	6.21	6.71	6.71	6.38	7.00	7.00	6.50	7.00	7.00	9.67	11.00	11.00
" loin ..	"	10.00	10.50	10.40	9.36	9.71	9.71	9.38	9.88	9.88	9.50	10.00	10.00	12.67	13.00	13.00
" chops, loin ..	"	10.45	11.00	11.00	10.07	10.14	10.14	10.38	11.00	11.00	10.50	11.00	11.00	12.67	13.00	13.00
" chops, leg ..	"	10.75	11.50	11.00	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.38	10.88	10.88	10.50	11.00	11.00	12.67	13.00	13.00
Pork, leg ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.33	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" loin ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.33	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chops ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms		251.31			292.37			213.71			193.64			202.31	

RETAIL PRICES.

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base: 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agricul- tural Pro- duce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Gro- ceries.	Meat.	Building Ma- terials.	Chem- icals.	All Groups.
1801..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891..	895	847	1,024	905	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,845	841	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,102	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	956	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904..	821	885	754	876	910	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	980	942	1,509	865	859	919
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,204	968	901	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,914	907	1,090	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,063
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,088
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,149
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,516	1,491	1,760	1,564
1917..	2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	2,002
1918..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,898	2,053
1920..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,325	2,480
1921..	2,173	1,562	1,797	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,993	1,903
1922..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,448	1,800	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,768
1923..	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,857	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,835	2,418	1,947	1,855	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,866
1925..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,650	1,723	2,232	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,685	1,816	1,832
1927..	1,902	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,865	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,761	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,863	1,690	2,246	1,764	1,942	1,803
1930..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,704	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,348	2,043	2,127	1,431
1933..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,487	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934..	1,660	1,201	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,361	1,731	1,684	1,999	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938..	1,746	1,951	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,663
1939..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,854	1,362	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,590	2,298	1,713
1941..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,564	1,884	1,776	1,138	2,527	1,796
1942..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 23 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index numbers back to 1928-29 are published on the next page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an Index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and with few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Goods principally Imported.	Goods principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1929-30	962	984	1,185	988	1,100	989	974	991	980	984
1930-31	1,013	1,012	1,060	1,091	1,069	1,041	997	1,078	1,060	1,065
1931-32	1,025	1,004	1,015	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1932-33	1,051	1,152	1,038	1,068	1,163	1,084	1,012	1,106	1,023	1,047
1940-41	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,294	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,325	1,123	1,242
1942-43	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,824	1,217	1,306
1940-41	1,088	1,410	1,131	1,241	1,287	1,284	1,062	1,382	1,043	1,143
April	1,090	1,410	1,133	1,241	1,255	1,307	1,061	1,401	1,039	1,147
May	1,090	1,411	1,138	1,241	1,265	1,307	1,064	1,402	1,041	1,149
June	1,090	1,411	1,138	1,241	1,265	1,307	1,064	1,402	1,041	1,149
1941-42	1,123	1,412	1,131	1,241	1,200	1,210	1,099	1,416	1,070	1,172
July	1,127	1,437	1,145	1,265	1,209	1,310	1,130	1,425	1,097	1,195
August	1,165	1,401	1,157	1,363	1,209	1,310	1,144	1,472	1,168	1,215
September	1,165	1,405	1,172	1,363	1,302	1,317	1,144	1,491	1,162	1,217
October	1,165	1,491	1,177	1,391	1,339	1,326	1,140	1,527	1,197	1,293
November	1,173	1,480	1,171	1,391	1,364	1,326	1,135	1,516	1,188	1,215
December	1,173	1,522	1,166	1,400	1,420	1,326	1,130	1,511	1,162	1,223
January	1,176	1,530	1,185	1,406	1,432	1,326	1,154	1,507	1,124	1,237
February	1,172	1,576	1,197	1,408	1,365	1,326	1,100	1,523	1,130	1,246
March	1,266	1,574	1,221	1,408	1,364	1,326	1,191	1,540	1,154	1,269
April	1,268	1,574	1,242	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,270	1,680	1,181	1,327
May	1,213	1,574	1,238	1,410	1,361	1,514	1,329	1,694	1,219	1,358
June	1,213	1,574	1,238	1,410	1,361	1,514	1,329	1,694	1,219	1,358
1942-43	1,213	1,500	1,363	1,410	1,361	1,514	1,311	1,659	1,232	1,356
July	1,234	1,644	1,359	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,318	1,691	1,247	1,399
August	1,237	1,644	1,381	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,334	1,724	1,237	1,370
September	1,302	1,649	1,380	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,292	1,721	1,219	1,367
October	1,308	1,651	1,391	1,425	1,361	1,629	1,281	1,750	1,205	1,366
November	1,308	1,684	1,484	1,425	1,361	1,691	1,256	1,801	1,193	1,371
December	1,308	1,686	1,544	1,425	1,398	1,691	1,210	1,790	1,160	1,350
January	1,308	1,688	1,535	1,429	1,398	1,701	1,234	1,789	1,185	1,367
February	1,308	1,698	1,544	1,430	1,398	1,701	1,234	1,789	1,185	1,367
March	1,310	1,693	1,521	1,430	1,398	1,709	1,274	1,807	1,211	1,386
April	1,310	1,693	1,521	1,430	1,398	1,709	1,274	1,807	1,211	1,386
May	1,310	1,693	1,521	1,430	1,398	1,709	1,274	1,807	1,211	1,386
June	1,310	1,693	1,521	1,430	1,398	1,709	1,274	1,807	1,211	1,386
1943-44	1,310	1,694	1,560	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,305	1,824	1,233	1,407
July	1,310	1,694	1,541	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,291	1,823	1,222	1,398
August	1,310	1,694	1,529	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,292	1,828	1,224	1,402
September	1,310	1,691	1,507	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,286	1,828	1,216	1,396
October	1,310	1,694	1,436	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,279	1,829	1,206	1,389
November	1,310	1,694	1,436	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,275	1,821	1,200	1,389
December	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,279	1,828	1,210	1,392
January	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,280	1,815	1,208	1,386
February	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,271	1,818	1,208	1,387
March	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,280	1,832	1,215	1,397
April	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,291	1,818	1,223	1,398
May	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,291	1,818	1,223	1,398
June	1,308	1,696	1,507	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,307	1,820	1,235	1,407
1944-45	1,308	1,697	1,512	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,316	1,819	1,243	1,413
July	1,308	1,697	1,542	1,429	1,398	1,747	1,310	1,817	1,241	1,410
August	1,308	1,697	1,525	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,295	1,814	1,229	1,402
September	1,308	1,697	1,525	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,295	1,814	1,229	1,402

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin No. 35 Part II*. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold(a).	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1928-29	1,167	1,289	1,221	1,234	1,235	487	1,213
1929-30	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,085	997	1,014
1930-31	890	878	1,059	918	933	1,011	922
1931-32	893	1,021	1,066	984	974	1,113	987
1940-41	1,004	1,086	1,025	1,046	1,076	1,215	1,053
1941-42	1,003	1,167	1,075	1,092	1,176	1,218	1,102
1942-43(b)	1,052	1,318	1,133	1,189	1,244	1,191	1,193
1943-44 (b)	1,056	1,323	1,135	1,193	1,284	1,191	1,200
1942-43-(b)	1,058	1,292	1,147	1,182	1,270	1,191	1,188
April	1,043	1,300	1,146	1,189	1,270	1,191	1,188
May	1,068	1,316	1,142	1,195	1,279	1,191	1,201
June	1,068	1,316	1,142	1,195	1,279	1,191	1,201
1943-44-(b)	1,055	1,329	1,138	1,206	1,296	1,191	1,205
July	1,026	1,329	1,133	1,180	1,290	1,191	1,196
August	1,025	1,329	1,135	1,193	1,290	1,191	1,199
September	1,037	1,332	1,136	1,199	1,290	1,191	1,197
October	1,044	1,317	1,134	1,186	1,290	1,191	1,193
November	1,060	1,317	1,134	1,192	1,289	1,191	1,198
December	1,071	1,311	1,134	1,193	1,289	1,191	1,200
January	1,074	1,305	1,134	1,191	1,289	1,191	1,198
February	1,064	1,305	1,134	1,187	1,289	1,191	1,195
March	1,075	1,310	1,134	1,194	1,289	1,191	1,201
April	1,068	1,320	1,134	1,196	1,289	1,191	1,203
May	1,069	1,328	1,134	1,204	1,288	1,191	1,210
June	1,069	1,328	1,134	1,204	1,288	1,191	1,210
1944-45-(b)	1,084	1,367	1,135	1,222	1,288	1,197	1,226
July	1,095	1,363	1,130	1,225	1,288	1,197	1,229
August	1,094	1,344	1,138	1,216	1,288	1,192	1,221
September	1,094	1,344	1,138	1,216	1,288	1,192	1,221

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on average wholesale prices in the period shown.

NOTE.—Particulars have been revised since last issue.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Year.	1942-43		1943-44		1944-45	
	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.
1928-29	1,205	1,173	1,134	1,139	1,145	1,148
1929-30	698	765	1,133	1,138	1,154	1,157
1931-32	809	868	1,134	1,139	1,149	1,152
1934-35	741	753	1,132	1,135	1,150	1,151
1935-36	942	946	1,133	1,138	1,171	1,172
1936-37	1,155	1,144	1,132	1,136	1,172	1,175
1937-38	1,024	1,022	1,138	1,143	1,173	1,176
1938-39	821	834	1,137	1,141	1,172	1,175
1939-40	964	980	1,142	1,147	1,173	1,176
1940-41	920	1,030	1,142	1,147	1,173	1,176
1941-42	1,047	1,059	1,142	1,147	1,176	1,178
1942-43	1,137	1,142	1,142	1,147	1,176	1,178
1943-44	1,137	1,142	1,142	1,147	1,176	1,178
1944-45	1,169	1,171	1,142	1,147	1,176	1,178

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different price ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

† (Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.						Nominal Wages. (a)	Real Wages. (a)	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unionists.
	Food and Groceries.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms).	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). "B" Series.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items of Household Expenditure. "C" Series.			
Year—									
1911 ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	(b) 1,000	(b) 1,000	(b) 1,000	1,000	1,000	4.7
1914 ..	1,134	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921 ..	1,302	1,410	1,517	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,820	1,087	11.2
1928 ..	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172	10.8
1938 ..	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,263	1,463	1,488	1,790	1,209	8.7
1939 ..	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1940 ..	1,679	1,590	1,644	1,445	1,510	1,588	1,889	1,190	8.0
1941 ..	1,693	1,595	1,654	1,690	1,613	1,673	1,997	1,194	3.7
1942 ..	1,813	1,596	1,742	1,957	1,693	1,800	2,164	1,190	1.5
1943 ..	1,855	1,595	1,749	2,177	1,776	1,876	2,369	1,231	1.1
Quarter—									
1934									
September ..	1,401	1,331	1,375	1,187	1,435	1,357	1,590	1,176	20.4
December ..	1,422	1,332	1,388	1,177	1,434	1,361	1,599	1,175	18.8
1935									
March ..	1,420	1,356	1,396	1,174	1,440	1,368	1,607	1,175	18.6
June ..	1,425	1,393	1,402	1,180	1,441	1,371	1,609	1,174	17.8
September ..	1,461	1,379	1,430	1,188	1,437	1,380	1,613	1,101	15.9
December ..	1,460	1,390	1,434	1,184	1,435	1,391	1,620	1,165	13.7
1936									
March ..	1,445	1,413	1,433	1,191	1,432	1,391	1,623	1,167	13.4
June ..	1,455	1,425	1,444	1,194	1,431	1,397	1,623	1,166	12.8
September ..	1,480	1,449	1,474	1,197	1,455	1,420	1,641	1,158	12.0
December ..	1,510	1,401	1,491	1,203	1,449	1,430	1,650	1,160	10.7
1937									
March ..	1,510	1,470	1,495	1,205	1,452	1,433	1,662	1,160	9.9
June ..	1,507	1,483	1,498	1,221	1,461	1,441	1,680	1,166	9.7
September ..	1,526	1,490	1,516	1,230	1,464	1,454	1,721	1,184	9.3
December ..	1,540	1,510	1,529	1,245	1,467	1,465	1,763	1,203	8.2
1938									
March ..	1,540	1,521	1,534	1,247	1,466	1,467	1,778	1,212	8.0
June ..	1,572	1,534	1,558	1,255	1,461	1,482	1,787	1,206	8.6
September ..	1,616	1,547	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,500	1,806	1,204	9.2
December ..	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,501	1,829	1,215	8.9
1939									
March ..	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June ..	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September ..	1,645	1,592	1,620	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December ..	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1940									
March ..	1,640	1,587	1,630	1,242	1,481	1,512	1,864	1,209	7.9
June ..	1,688	1,580	1,640	1,415	1,518	1,583	1,875	1,184	10.5
September ..	1,676	1,591	1,642	1,450	1,533	1,590	1,903	1,167	7.4
December ..	1,710	1,593	1,663	1,672	1,542	1,635	1,912	1,169	6.2
1941									
March ..	1,713	1,595	1,646	1,598	1,581	1,651	1,966	1,191	5.3
June ..	1,679	1,595	1,644	1,600	1,590	1,660	1,984	1,195	3.6
September ..	1,673	1,595	1,643	1,705	1,633	1,675	1,992	1,165	3.2
December ..	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,787	1,644	1,707	2,034	1,162	2.9
1942									
March ..	1,771	1,597	1,701	1,838	1,667	1,748	2,091	1,188	1.8
June ..	1,832	1,596	1,736	1,942	1,673	1,758	2,127	1,196	1.6
September ..	1,887	1,595	1,758	2,028	1,680	1,835	2,182	1,189	1.6
December ..	1,880	1,595	1,764	2,098	1,741	1,860	2,257	1,213	1.3
1943									
March ..	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,136	1,710	1,863	2,283	1,225	1.2
June ..	1,891	1,595	1,771	2,210	1,763	1,897	2,292	1,208	1.1
September ..	1,853	1,594	1,748	2,192	1,773	1,880	2,331	1,240	1.1
December ..	1,815	1,595	1,726	2,171	1,778	1,864	2,329	1,240	1.1
1944									
March ..	1,824	1,595	1,731	2,167	1,771	1,864	2,322	1,246	1.0
June ..	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,160	1,773	1,865	2,322	1,245	1.4
September ..	1,852	1,595	1,748	2,166	1,772	1,873			1.2

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Index of retail prices.

(b) Taken back from true base (November, 1914 = 1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Home) Index. (c) The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.								
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1931.	1931.	1931.	1931.	1931.	1931.
Population (a)—Males ..	1,247,650	1,230,617	2,004,836	2,382,382	2,709,162	3,392,577	3,997,417	3,651,492	
Females ..	1,059,677	1,064,268	1,820,677	2,110,561	2,711,522	3,220,629	3,559,775	3,614,439	
Total ..	2,306,736	2,340,988	3,824,913	4,573,796	5,420,994	6,612,906	7,557,292	7,266,344	
Births—Number ..	80,004	110,187	102,919	122,103	133,138	148,609	184,253	149,905	
Rate ..	35.26	34.47	27.10	27.21	24.35	18.16	18.94	20.65	
Deaths—Number ..	33,327	47,439	45,430	47,869	54,676	56,540	71,176	74,880	
Rate ..	14.09	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.42	10.30	
Marriages—Number ..	17,244	22,862	27,539	30,482	40,800	38,882	73,178	67,673	
Rate ..	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	10.28	9.30	
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1942-43.	
AGRICULTURE—									
Wheat—Area '000 acres ..	2,996	3,335	5,116	7,428	9,719	14,711	12,066	9,280	
Yield '000 bus. ..	25,444	25,673	26,363	27,136	27,080	100,141	166,713	155,728	
Average yield bus. ..	7.10	7.70	7.54	9.44	13.28	12.93	13.88	16.78	
Oats—Area '000 acres ..	1,195	246	461	917	753	1,085	1,400	1,497	
Yield '000 bus. ..	4,756	5,726	6,736	9,562	12,147	15,765	22,302	21,592	
Average yield bus. ..	24.62	23.27	21.32	15.06	16.30	14.06	15.27	14.38	
Barley—Area '000 acres ..	75,861	68,068	74,511	116,466	206,401	342,396	781,253	450,615	
Yield '000 bus. ..	1,355	1,179	1,520	2,657	6,086	6,291	18,001	8,278	
Average yield bus. ..	17.24	17.31	20.40	17.60	29.36	18.37	22.92	18.37	
Maize—Area '000 acres ..	163,577	28,428	204,849	340,995	303,186	269,448	301,399	284,592	
Yield '000 bus. ..	5,726	9,262	7,653	8,110	7,840	7,062	7,420	6,885	
Average yield bus. ..	34.54	32.56	33.86	28.29	25.69	26.21	21.78	24.10	
Hay—Area '000 acres ..	74,688	76,767	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,167	3,573	3,116	
Average yield tons ..	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.28	
Potatoes—Area '000 acres ..	(b) 76,235	112,844	109,685	130,465	139,144	115,114	99,324	140,200	
Yield '000 tons ..	80,477	88,647	92,524	301,489	388,051	367,102	332,727	483,561	
Average yield tons ..	3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.49	2.74	3.35	3.45	
Sugar-cane—Area '000 acres ..	10,710	44,141	86,956	161,910	128,560	211,576	251,561	240,388	
Yield '000 tons ..	359	788	1,398	1,682	2,437	4,216	5,154	4,892	
Average yield tons ..	17.24	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.25	19.47	
Vineyards—Area '000 acres ..	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,662	92,414	112,991	129,422	130,307	
Wine '000 gal. ..	1,438	3,438	5,262	4,975	8,543	14,191	15,802	19,789	
Total gross value of all agricultural production '000 ..	15,519	16,988	23,835	23,774	81,899	74,489	94,451	110,683	
PASTORAL, DAIRYING, ETC.—									
Live-stock—Sheep '000 ..	65,093	100,421	72,640	96,886	86,119	110,619	125,189	124,615	
Cattle ..	8,011	11,112	8,491	11,829	14,411	12,261	15,561	14,005	
Horses ..	1,088	1,853	1,626	2,278	2,438	1,776	1,611	1,518	
Pigs ..	703	800	931	1,111	960	1,198	1,477	1,593	
Wool production (a) '000 lb. ..	319,649	634,046	539,295	708,301	723,659	1,007,456	1,107,150	1,151,107	
Butter ..	(f) 42,315	(f) 103,717	(f) 212,474	(f) 267,671	(f) 306,654	(f) 375,694	(f) 383,171	(f) 380,910	
Cheese ..	(g) 116,131	(g) 111,845	(g) 115,887	(g) 132,652	(g) 131,423	(g) 167,526	(g) 80,910	(g) 104,836	
Bacon and ham ..	(e)	(f) 16,772	(f) 34,021	(f) 153,335	(f) 58,626	71,122	95,119	104,836	
Total gross value of all pastoral and dairying production .. '000 ..	29,538	39,256	30,866	72,888	119,590	103,018	184,856	205,444	
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1942.	
MINERAL PRODUCTION—									
Gold .. '000 ..	5,194	5,282	14,018	10,552	4,019	3,564	15,991	12,000	
Silver and lead .. '000 ..	46	3,706	2,249	3,022	1,540	1,444	6,256	5,624	
Copper ..	711	307	2,215	2,					

STATISTICAL SUMMARY AUSTRALIA—continued.

Heading.	Years.								
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1942-43.	
SHIPPING—									
Oversea vessels entered and cleared	No.	3,284	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,555	(j)
	'000 tons	2,540	4,720	6,542	9,085	9,081	11,306	10,700	(j)
COMMERCE—									
Imports—Oversea	£'000	29,027	37,711	42,434	66,968	103,066	44,713	(a) 149,350	(a) 224,385
Per head	£	12/16/2	11/10/0	11/3/11	14/18/2	18/14/1	6/10/6	20/18/0	31/3/4
Exports—Oversea	£'000	27,528	30,043	40,606	79,482	127,847	(b) 85,843	ab 127,208	ab 100,241
Per head	£	12/2/8	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/10	23/4/1	13/1/11	17/16/6	13/18/6
Total—Oversea trade	£'000	56,555	73,754	92,130	146,450	230,913	130,556	(a) 276,564	(a) 324,626
Per head	£	24/18/10	23/1/0	24/6/1	32/12/0	41/18/2	19/18/5	38/15/0	45/1/10
Customs and Excise duties	£'000	4,809	7,441	8,657	13,515	27,565	28,525	56,777	64,861
Per head	£	2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/19/1	9/0/2
PRINCIPAL OVERSEA EXPORTS									
(c)—									
Wool—Quantity (d)	'000 lb.	328,369	619,260	518,618	720,365	927,834	893,644	937,376	630,077
Value	£'000	13,173	19,040	15,237	26,071	47,977	32,102	58,041	44,318
Wheat—Quantity	'000 lb.	3,219	5,877	12,150	33,089	59,963	76,441	13,388	13,526
Value	£'000	1,100	1,939	2,775	6,642	28,444	19,220	4,645	4,884
Flour—Quantity	'000 tons	50	33	97	176	360	611	414	342
Value	£'000	520	328	590	1,392	5,520	3,833	4,161	3,494
Butter—Quantity	'000 lb.	1,299	4,240	34,607	101,792	127,347	201,639	130,347	120,462
Value	£'000	39	207	1,451	4,637	7,068	10,530	8,125	8,568
Hides and skins	..	317	874	1,251	3,227	3,137	2,310	5,982	3,705
Tallow	..	644	571	678	1,336	1,442	851	842	186
Meats	..	363	461	2,611	4,303	5,542	6,370	14,091	10,896
Timber (undressed)	..	118	38	731	1,024	1,158	433	320	267
Gold	..	6,445	5,704	14,316	12,040	3,483	12,095	8,934	(l)
Silver and lead	..	58	1,032	2,256	3,213	2,097	2,002	582	373
Copper	..	677	418	1,619	2,346	765	472	18	9
Coal	..	361	646	987	901	1,100	342	259	297
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—									
Length of line open miles	..	3,822	6,541	12,570	16,078	23,502	26,059	27,241	27,223
Capital cost	£'000	42,741	99,764	123,224	152,195	244,353	321,972	322,152	324,265
Gross revenue	..	3,916	8,654	11,698	17,848	38,195	37,580	66,482	84,746
Working expenses	..	2,142	5,630	7,134	10,946	29,818	28,142	51,043	64,027
Per cent. of working expenses on earnings	%	54.77	65.06	61.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78	75.55
POSTAL—									
Letters and post-cards dealt with	'000	67,640	157,297	220,853	453,063	561,973	731,135	921,901	887,798
Per head No.	..	29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	111.62	129.17	123.32
Newspapers dealt with	'000	38,063	85,280	102,727	141,638	146,457	139,562	177,974	163,578
Per head No.	..	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.60	21.30	24.94	22.72
CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (e)—									
Note circulation	£'000	3,979	4,417	3,399	3,718	(f) 214	197	167	(g) 167
Coin and bullion held	..	9,108	16,713	19,781	33,471	21,627	2,882	4,479	(g) 10,243
Advances	..	57,733	129,742	86,353	108,579	193,436	(h) 210,018	(h) 323,850	gh 267,904
Deposits	..	53,849	98,345	91,487	143,447	(i) 273,867	(b) 369,241	(h) 482,722	gh 713,590
SAVINGS BANKS (j)—									
Total deposits	£'000	7,854	15,537	30,883	59,394	154,396	197,066	274,275	(k) 500,021
Average per head of population	£	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11	38/4/7	68/0/2
STATE SCHOOLS—									
Schools	No.	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,600	9,445	10,097	9,535	9,075
Teachers	..	9,628	12,564	14,500	16,971	20,120	33,762	32,066	31,684
Enrolment	..	432,320	561,153	638,478	638,850	819,042	936,904	886,655	804,550
Average attendance	..	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,700	606,498	817,262	732,116	684,222
					1921.	1931.	1941.	1942.	

(a) Merchandise only. (b) British currency values. The recorded values were:—Exports, 1931-32, £A.100,034,000; 1941-42, £A.159,329,000; and 1942-43, £A.125,532,000, *vide* page 15. (c) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. (d) In terms of assay. (e) Figures for first three years are averages for the December quarter; the remainder for the June quarter. (f) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (g) Quarter ended September, 1944. (h) Government "set-off" accounts Interstate (Commonwealth Bank) excluded. (i) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits. (j) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June. (k) At 30th September, 1944. (l) Not available for publication.

