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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Population (Excluding full-blood Aborigines).						Capital City, 30th June, 1954.(a)(b)
		Census—30th June, 1954.(a)			Estimate—30th September, 1955.			
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W. . .	309,433	1,720,860	1,702,609	3,423,529	1,760,819	1,744,281	3,505,100	1,863,161
Victoria. .	87,884	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	1,283,637	1,262,554	2,546,191	1,524,111
Q'land . .	670,500	676,252	642,007	1,318,259	601,386	657,140	1,248,526	602,320
S. Aust. . .	380,070	403,003	393,191	797,094	419,173	406,761	825,924	483,508
W. Aust. . .	975,920	330,358	309,413	639,771	341,642	322,440	664,088	348,647
Tasmania . .	26,215	157,129	151,823	308,752	161,002	154,343	315,345	95,206
N. Terr. . .	523,620	10,288	6,181	16,469	10,844	6,755	17,599	8,071
A.C.T. . .	939	10,229	14,086	30,315	17,669	15,607	33,276	28,277
Australia	2,974,581	4,540,118	4,440,412	8,980,530	4,686,172	4,569,877	9,256,049	4,853,301

(a) Final Count. (b) The statistical boundaries of certain capital cities were extended as from 1st January, 1954. The population shown in this table relates to these extended areas. The population of the areas so added at the Census of 30th June, 1954 was—Sydney, 290,402; Melbourne, 120,628; Hobart, 3,033; and Darwin, 3,541.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AT 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567	6,967,754
1952a	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	590,858	296,299	15,464	20,300	8,636,458
1953a	3,383,792	2,396,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,680	15,853	28,646	8,816,382
1954b	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,669	32,424	9,290,691

AT 31ST DECEMBER.

1938	2,737,191	1,871,009	1,005,523	595,842	466,684	242,119	5,730	11,721	6,935,909
1951a	3,314,672	2,299,338	1,238,278	743,785	590,339	301,787	14,614	24,894	8,527,907
1952a	3,367,986	2,366,719	1,271,256	768,570	612,935	309,558	14,771	27,774	8,739,560
1953a	3,409,009	2,416,035	1,298,420	785,665	631,743	316,465	15,635	29,714	8,902,698
1954c	3,482,313	2,460,877	1,322,752	808,243	649,415	319,511	16,140	31,144	9,090,595

(a) Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954. (b) Final Census results. (c) Revised.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,735,400	1,872,287	1,004,207	595,181	466,806	237,637	5,932	11,965	6,983,455
1952a	3,311,840	2,309,708	1,239,898	743,310	589,847	293,340	15,131	25,545	8,528,629
1953a	3,366,358	2,372,360	1,272,244	768,538	611,191	302,529	15,211	27,721	8,734,188
1954c	3,405,414	2,422,839	1,300,484	785,981	630,705	309,416	15,930	29,595	8,900,344
1955	3,459,638	2,488,115	1,325,330	807,501	648,930	312,987	16,536	31,249	9,090,192
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.									
1938	2,722,378	1,865,251	1,001,996	593,242	463,808	236,324	5,404	11,594	6,960,341
1951a	3,279,415	2,276,272	1,229,719	732,637	580,317	288,394	15,179	24,658	8,520,391
1952a	3,341,476	2,343,610	1,255,896	755,042	596,915	298,361	15,087	26,570	8,636,657
1953a	3,390,556	2,396,851	1,287,231	776,355	621,034	306,318	15,534	28,724	8,817,043
1954c	3,428,468	2,463,458	1,313,055	796,361	640,140	311,128	16,214	30,363	8,989,227

(a) Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

INCREASE OF POPULATION.

State or Territory.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Year ended 30th September.	
					1954.	1955.
NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).						
New South Wales	40,137	42,168	43,183	40,681	40,625	42,123
Victoria	27,107	30,416	30,911	32,106	31,093	33,611
Queensland	18,647	19,792	19,770	19,832	19,677	21,048
South Australia	10,279	10,834	11,194	11,048	10,861	11,222
Western Australia	9,606	10,304	10,780	10,564	10,477	11,404
Tasmania	4,700	5,237	5,185	5,074	5,064	5,553
Northern Territory	290	359	344	407	400	460
Australian Capital Territory ..	854	903	894	739	712	730
Australia	111,510	120,053	122,047	120,451	118,915	126,091
NET MIGRATION (EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES).						
New South Wales	41,010	18,043	4,578	16,977	10,418	23,817
Victoria	33,494	35,033	16,346	31,764	28,844	44,665
Queensland	12,418	11,310	5,480	3,544	3,883	6,305
South Australia	7,647	10,865	2,791	9,968	6,674	14,492
Western Australia	8,125	12,677	8,256	7,228	8,793	8,017
Tasmania	7,227	3,604	2,888	1,448	983	889
Northern Territory	105	2	718	201	317	615
Australian Capital Territory ..	603	2,482	1,838	973	1,298	1,651
Australia	111,433	94,032	42,897	68,207	50,524	100,617
TOTAL INCREASE(a)						
New South Wales	73,615	53,314	41,023	53,304	45,902	65,940
Victoria	62,350	67,181	49,816	64,842	61,376	78,276
Queensland	32,866	32,978	27,164	24,332	24,977	27,416
South Australia	20,042	24,785	17,065	22,578	20,170	25,717
Western Australia	17,090	22,596	18,908	17,672	19,079	19,421
Tasmania	11,454	7,771	6,907	3,046	3,208	6,442
Northern Territory	194	157	864	505	570	1,015
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,315	2,890	1,940	1,430	1,688	2,381
Australia	220,426	211,662	163,117	187,709	176,930	226,008

(a) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for differences disclosed by final results of the Census of 30th June, 1951.

NOTE. — Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS—SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase. (a)	Net Migration. (b)	Total Increase. (c)	Population at end of Period.
Year—							
1938	62,411	120,415	66,451	53,964	9,137	64,417	9,995,909
1943	67,673	149,295	74,486	74,809	1,271	68,566	7,589,958
1944	68,201	153,341	69,596	83,748	— 2,183	77,566	7,347,024
1945	62,822	160,560	70,251	90,309	— 2,829	83,473	7,430,197
1946	79,496	176,379	74,661	101,718	— 15,148	87,784	7,517,981
1947	76,457	182,384	73,468	108,916	10,611	110,082	7,637,963
1948	74,602	177,976	76,819	101,157	55,116	154,502	7,792,465
1949	72,999	181,261	75,240	106,001	150,001	258,105	7,946,570
1950	75,599	190,581	78,187	112,404	182,505	261,911	8,107,481
1951	77,296	193,208	81,788	111,510	111,433	260,426	8,367,907
1952	74,172	201,450	81,597	120,053	94,032	211,662	8,579,569
1953	70,640	202,235	80,188	122,047	42,897	163,117	8,742,686
1954	71,220	202,256	81,805	120,451	68,207	187,709	8,900,395
Quarter ended—							
30th September, 1954	15,097	50,772	24,670	26,102	16,809	42,911	9,020,441
31st December, 1954	19,864	51,162	10,091	32,071	28,683	60,954	9,090,805
31st March, 1955	17,705	51,318	17,480	33,838	25,101	58,739	9,149,134
30th June, 1955	18,924	51,600	20,723	30,877	30,680	51,557	9,200,691
30th September, 1955	15,440	53,714	24,309	29,505	25,853	55,358	9,256,040

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period January, 1943, to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period January, 1943, to June, 1947.

(c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and differences disclosed by the Censuses of 30th June, 1947 and 1954. (d) Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the 1954 Census.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

State or Territory.	Marriages.	Births.			Deaths.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1955.							
New South Wales	5,905	9,047	9,457	19,404	5,570	4,137	9,707
Victoria.. ..	4,124	7,185	6,996	14,181	3,574	3,113	6,687
Queensland ..	2,332	4,238	4,157	8,395	1,981	1,391	3,372
South Australia ..	1,417	2,534	2,286	4,820	1,243	938	2,181
Western Australia	1,066	2,189	2,185	4,374	885	610	1,495
Tasmania	522	1,106	1,081	2,187	385	335	720
Northern Territory	40	72	61	133	10	1	20
Australian Capital Territory ..	43	116	104	220	20	7	27
Australia ..	15,449	27,387	26,327	53,714	13,677	10,532	24,209

NINE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1955.

New South Wales	20,098	28,889	27,065	56,554	14,406	10,660	25,075
Victoria..	13,987	21,457	20,458	41,915	9,195	7,990	17,194
Queensland ..	7,515	12,755	12,051	24,806	5,141	3,507	8,648
South Australia ..	4,541	7,087	6,608	13,695	3,150	2,429	5,579
Western Australia	3,778	6,341	6,243	12,584	2,381	1,670	4,051
Tasmania ..	1,871	3,104	2,952	6,056	1,033	872	1,905
Northern Territory	106	200	194	394	77	13	90
Australian Capital Territory ..	182	318	310	628	62	28	90
Australia ..	52,078	80,151	76,481	156,632	35,425	27,187	62,612

State or Territory.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Nine months ended 30th September.	
					1954.	1955.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	24,579	29,351	27,573	27,503	20,060	20,098
Victoria ..	17,113	20,220	19,238	19,404	13,555	13,987
Queensland ..	8,853	10,056	9,859	10,027	7,342	7,515
South Australia ..	5,489	6,241	6,140	6,190	4,559	4,541
Western Australia ..	4,153	5,389	5,032	5,204	3,845	3,778
Tasmania ..	2,082	2,553	2,424	2,512	1,834	1,871
Northern Territory	67	137	154	143	99	106
Australian Capital Territory ..	75	225	211	246	171	182
Australia ..	62,411	74,172	70,640	71,229	51,565	52,078

DIVORCES (INCLUDING NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE).—Australia—1938, 3,100; 1952, 7,095; 1953, 8,031; 1954, New South Wales, 2,844; Victoria, 1,539; Queensland, 714; South Australia, 598; Western Australia, 532; Tasmania, 237; Northern Territory, 20; Australian Capital Territory, 33; Australia, 6,517.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Nine months ended 30th September.	
					1954.	1955.

MARRIAGE RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.(a)						
New South Wales ..	9.03	8.78	8.14	8.02	(b) 7.82	(b) 7.00
Victoria ..	9.17	8.63	8.03	7.91	7.45	7.41
Queensland ..	8.84	8.01	7.66	7.64	7.47	7.50
South Australia ..	9.25	8.27	7.92	7.77	7.06	7.41
Western Australia ..	8.95	8.97	8.10	8.13	8.04	7.68
Tasmania ..	8.81	8.56	7.91	8.07	7.86	7.89
Northern Territory ..	11.54	9.08	9.91	8.82	8.18	8.34
Australian Capital Territory ..	6.50	8.47	7.35	8.10	7.55	7.56
Australia ..	9.04	8.59	8.01	7.92	7.67	7.57

BIRTHS—NUMBER.						
New South Wales ..	47,319	74,196	74,890	73,125	55,056	56,554
Victoria ..	30,344	53,738	53,501	54,660	40,478	41,915
Queensland ..	18,992	30,953	30,782	31,176	23,645	24,806
South Australia ..	9,410	17,884	18,156	18,227	13,398	13,695
Western Australia ..	9,141	15,413	15,862	15,928	11,734	12,584
Tasmania ..	4,907	7,916	7,736	7,770	5,763	6,056
Northern Territory ..	102	448	460	513	388	394
Australian Capital Territory ..	200	1,102	788	857	632	628
Australia ..	120,415	201,650	202,235	202,256	151,094	155,632

BIRTH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.(a)						
New South Wales ..	17.38	22.20	22.11	21.33	(b) 21.45	(b) 21.64
Victoria ..	16.27	22.93	22.36	22.28	22.08	22.22
Queensland ..	18.95	24.65	23.91	23.74	24.06	24.76
South Australia ..	15.86	23.69	23.39	22.89	22.51	22.35
Western Australia ..	19.71	25.66	25.54	24.88	24.52	25.57
Tasmania ..	20.76	28.63	25.25	24.97	24.68	25.55
Northern Territory ..	17.67	29.69	29.61	31.64	32.05	31.01
Australian Capital Territory ..	(c) 17.34	(c) 41.48	27.43	28.21	27.90	26.08
Australia ..	17.45	23.35	22.84	22.50	22.47	22.76

DEATHS—NUMBER.						
New South Wales ..	26,105	32,038	31,707	32,444	25,019	25,075
Victoria ..	18,955	23,322	22,650	22,554	17,262	17,194
Queensland ..	9,201	11,171	11,006	11,344	8,703	8,648
South Australia ..	5,539	7,050	6,962	7,179	5,456	5,579
Western Australia ..	4,234	5,209	5,072	5,364	4,021	4,031
Tasmania ..	2,288	2,579	2,551	2,696	2,001	1,905
Northern Territory ..	60	89	116	106	77	90
Australian Capital Territory ..	60	139	124	118	85	90
Australia ..	66,451	81,507	80,188	81,805	62,714	62,612

(a) Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the 1954 Census. (b) Equivalent annual rates. (c) As in the States and the Northern Territory, the rates shown are based on birth registrations. Prior to the provision late in 1952 of maternity accommodation in Queanbeyan, births registered in Canberra for the years 1938 and 1952 included many mothers from Queanbeyan and surrounding areas. Rates based on the number of births to mother resident in the Australian Capital Territory for these years are as follows:—1938, 15.43; 1952, 31.91.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Nine months ended 30th September.	
					1954.	1955.
DEATH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.(a)						
New South Wales	0.50	0.59	0.39	0.46	(b) 0.75	(b) 0.60
Victoria	10.16	9.95	9.45	9.19	0.42	0.11
Queensland	0.18	8.89	8.55	8.84	8.86	8.63
South Australia	0.34	9.34	8.97	9.01	9.17	9.11
Western Australia	0.13	8.67	8.17	8.38	8.40	8.19
Tasmania	0.08	8.64	8.33	8.07	8.90	8.04
Northern Territory	11.89	5.90	7.47	6.54	0.30	7.08
Australian Capital Territory ..	5.20	5.23	4.32	3.88	3.75	3.74
Australia	9.63	9.45	9.00	9.10	9.33	9.10

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales	1,890	1,818	1,846	1,850	1,415	1,412
Victoria	1,038	1,198	1,133	1,085	808	779
Queensland	784	772	769	695	537	521
South Australia	287	413	375	388	202	315
Western Australia	309	384	378	359	290	290
Tasmania	195	172	177	186	143	130
Northern Territory	6	14	18	9	5	21
Australian Capital Territory ..	8	26	17	4	2	8
Australia	4,007	4,797	4,713	4,546	3,462	3,472

INFANT MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.

New South Wales	41.84	24.50	24.65	25.30	25.70	24.97
Victoria	34.31	22.29	21.15	19.30	19.90	18.59
Queensland	41.29	24.04	24.99	22.29	22.71	21.00
South Australia	30.50	23.60	20.65	21.79	21.79	23.00
Western Australia	33.80	24.91	23.83	22.54	22.16	22.25
Tasmania	39.74	21.73	22.88	22.84	24.81	22.46
Northern Territory	58.82	21.25	39.13	17.54	12.80	53.30
Australian Capital Territory ..	40.00	23.59	21.57	4.67	3.16	12.74
Australia	38.26	23.79	23.30	22.48	22.91	22.17

(a) Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the 1954 Census. (b) Equivalent annual rates.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933, are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25	249,805	188,357	478,052	172,236	122,550	294,786	183,266
1926-30	246,594	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931-35	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,426	250,309	-10,986
1936-40(a)	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45(a)	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1946-50(a)	308,507	303,413	701,920	180,770	108,057	348,826	353,094
1938	30,910	38,618	77,028	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1950	141,891	104,513	250,404	40,167	47,902	87,999	162,505
1951	132,130	91,304	213,640	54,421	47,866	102,287	111,433
1952	127,510	88,323	215,839	68,337	52,870	121,407	94,032
1953	84,584	74,541	163,125	68,443	51,745	120,228	42,897
1954	109,601	88,424	198,025	72,073	57,745	129,818	68,207
Nine months ended September—							
1954	76,285	61,236	137,521	54,544	43,853	98,197	39,324
1955	89,790	74,822	174,552	56,293	46,825	102,918	71,634

(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939, to June, 1947.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently
Classified according to Nationality.

Nationality.	Permanent New Arrivals.(a)			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.(a)		
	Quarter ended September, 1955.	Nine months ended September—		Quarter ended September, 1955.	Nine months ended September—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
British(b)	12,330	32,323	46,352	6,473	22,924	21,451
Foreign—						
American (U.S.) .. .	296	1,021	925	230	532	658
Austrian	1,089	792	3,105	27	34	63
Belgian	14	38	50	6	17	14
Chinese	46	283	245	40	126	110
Czechoslovak	36	48	51	26	55	76
Danish	21	72	55	6	30	31
Dutch	2,205	7,032	7,875	227	704	728
Estonian	3	1	7	..	44	15
French	91	228	267	72	191	250
German	1,083	8,852	6,475	104	374	430
Greek	3,125	5,047	9,591	20	133	89
Hungarian	65	44	190	7	52	28
Israeli	173	321	420	..	10	9
Italian	8,657	12,694	21,221	374	1,131	1,257
Japanese	64	130	235	5	11	18
Latvian	12	32	32	8	49	24
Lebanese	86	250	278	7	33	24
Lithuanian	6	10	12	8	62	34
Norwegian	17	21	56	9	96	113
Polish(c)	17	65	116	14	107	84
Russian(d)	23	216	73	10	72	36
Swedish	14	28	35	9	23	33
Swiss	67	107	169	21	71	75
Ukrainian	12	9	32	11	37	32
Yugoslav	340	499	752	15	78	45
Stateless	350	1,641	1,278	33	180	100
Other	164	379	636	38	145	183
Total	30,486	72,783	100,623	7,800	27,321	26,016

(a) "Permanent" means residence for one year or longer (in Australia in the case of arrivals; abroad in the case of departures) except in the case of Australian troops, who are classified as "temporary" irrespective of their length of stay. (b) "Irish" nationality has been combined with "British" for the purpose of this table. (c) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Polish. (d) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Russian.

Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently
Classified according to Racial Origin.

Racial Origin.	Permanent New Arrivals.(a)			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.(a)		
	Quarter ended September, 1955.	Nine months ended September—		Quarter ended September, 1955.	Nine months ended September—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
European	30,136	71,285	98,882	7,665	26,844	25,494
Asian	338	1,393	1,652	133	460	502
African	1	36	17	..	7	1
Polynesian	11	69	72	2	10	13
Total	30,486	72,783	100,623	7,800	27,321	26,016

(a) See note (a) above.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Permanent Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(a)	Permanent New Arrivals.			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.		
	Quarter ended September, 1955.	Nine months ended September—		Quarter ended September, 1955.	Nine months ended September—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
British—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	8,499	21,880	30,237	3,477	12,768	11,186
Canada ..	288	432	750	265	1,017	809
Cyprus ..	265	375	692	12	70	43
India, Ceylon and Pakistan ..	176	539	556	65	337	349
Malta ..	1,496	3,432	8,030	45	127	197
New Guinea ..	119	514	482	508	1,627	1,641
New Zealand ..	559	2,010	2,108	833	2,792	2,807
Papua ..	107	283	326	292	872	920
Union of South Africa ..	56	220	308	20	195	150
Other ..	415	1,793	1,874	406	1,365	1,375
Total, British Countries	11,980	31,478	45,363	5,923	21,170	19,563
Foreign—						
Austria ..	1,291	971	3,565	17	26	43
France ..	109	235	297	65	331	265
Germany ..	1,100	8,925	6,546	84	348	362
Greece ..	2,948	5,436	9,181	33	167	140
Italy ..	8,670	12,364	21,598	600	2,014	2,275
Netherlands ..	2,214	6,838	7,694	198	505	573
Poland ..	22	11	52	..	1	6
Yugoslavia ..	324	394	698	11	47	39
Other European ..	411	2,333	1,272	84	347	359
China ..	32	296	128	9	66	24
Indonesia ..	82	243	267	38	128	134
Egypt ..	325	687	959	12	50	43
United States of America ..	424	1,201	1,297	544	1,443	1,548
Polynesian Islands ..	31	120	84	49	219	202
Other ..	523	1,161	1,622	133	399	434
Total, Foreign Countries	18,506	41,305	55,260	1,877	6,151	6,447
GRAND TOTAL	30,486	72,783	100,623	7,800	27,321	26,010

(a) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" (see following table) as regards both country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Temporary Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(a)	Australian Residents Returning and Temporary Visitors Arriving.			Australian Residents Departing Temporarily and Temporary Visitors Departing.		
	Quarter ended September, 1955.	Nine months ended September—		Quarter ended September, 1955.	Nine months ended September—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
Australia.. ..	11,673	29,847	35,671	8,716	35,364	38,716
Other British—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	1,454	5,396	6,206	1,901	6,411	6,806
Canada	150	307	508	152	419	546
India, Ceylon and Pakistan ..	369	989	987	324	817	863
New Guinea	660	1,917	2,002	534	1,743	2,008
New Zealand	4,180	13,677	14,169	4,427	14,158	15,039
Papua	640	1,658	1,887	362	1,456	1,416
Union of South Africa ..	120	351	393	59	363	332
Other	1,215	3,701	4,066	1,035	3,466	3,697
Total, Other British Countries	8,797	27,906	30,218	8,794	28,833	30,707
Foreign—						
France	121	269	356	134	319	391
Germany	75	168	275	75	156	234
Greece	17	46	48	10	31	37
Italy	79	115	202	73	186	213
Netherlands	137	244	446	150	358	489
Yugoslavia	9	22	25	1	7	12
Other European	190	445	560	164	449	493
China	13	46	60	12	63	35
Indonesia	161	386	461	93	370	310
Egypt	5	42	47	8	43	40
United States of America ..	873	2,508	3,054	882	2,815	3,405
Polynesian Islands	176	942	894	193	864	756
Other	482	1,662	1,612	336	1,018	1,090
Total, Foreign Countries ..	2,338	6,895	8,040	2,131	6,679	7,485
GRAND TOTAL	22,808	64,738	73,929	10,641	70,876	76,908

(a) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" as regards both country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

Section II.—Production.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AREA.								
('000 Acres.)								
1938-39 ..	4,661	2,748	442	3,080	5,418	10	2	14,369
1950-51 ..	3,329	2,735	559	1,848	3,185	8	2	11,667
1951-52 ..	2,758	2,464	454	1,413	3,095	4	1	10,384
1952-53 ..	2,702	2,232	724	1,544	2,909	7	1	10,209
1953-54 ..	3,357	2,389	580	1,528	2,885	10	2	10,751
1954-55(a) ..	2,919	2,391	688	1,049	2,979	7	1	10,673

PRODUCTION.								
('000 Bushels.)								
1938-39 ..	59,898	18,104	8,584	51,575	36,844	208	59	155,369
1950-51 ..	43,273	51,236	8,785	30,836	46,900	96	19	184,244
1951-52 ..	39,689	45,995	6,632	27,301	40,000	94	14	159,725
1952-53 ..	35,670	50,335	18,462	33,919	35,458	156	8	195,208
1953-54 ..	63,681	53,698	1,180	30,409	39,700	263	29	197,980
1954-55(a) ..	37,718	48,184	16,478	31,463	34,300	158	5	166,606

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.								
(Bushels.)								
1938-39 ..	12.9	6.6	19.4	10.3	10.8	20.8	26.7	10.8
1950-51 ..	13.0	18.7	15.7	16.7	15.7	17.8	10.1	16.8
1951-52 ..	14.4	18.7	14.6	16.9	12.9	26.1	14.0	15.4
1952-53 ..	21.0	22.6	25.8	22.0	11.8	23.4	12.7	16.1
1953-54 ..	19.8	22.5	17.6	19.9	13.8	27.2	18.5	18.4
1954-55(a) ..	12.9	20.3	24.0	18.6	11.5	21.7	6.5	16.8

TOTAL AREA OF WHEAT GROWN FOR ALL PURPOSES.

('000 Acres.)								
Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 ..	5,223	3,033	499	3,344	5,613	14	2	15,728
1950-51 ..	3,442	2,771	616	1,065	3,255	9	2	12,945
1951-52 ..	2,930	2,499	551	1,688	3,153	7	1	10,832
1952-53 ..	2,836	2,265	779	1,401	3,076	13	1	10,571
1953-54 ..	3,548	2,129	658	1,604	2,938	15	2	11,194
1954-55(a) ..	3,150	2,441	740	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

OTHER PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Potatoes.	Hay.	Sugar-cane.		Total Area of Crops.
	Oats.	Barley.	Malze.			Cut for crushing.	Cane Sugar. (94 N.T.)	

AREA.								
('000 Acres.)								
1938-39 ..	1,784	745	324	98	3,250	262	..	23,496
1950-51 ..	1,757	1,079	169	127	1,377	272	..	19,917
1951-52 ..	2,365	1,118	170	118	1,549	282	..	19,802
1952-53 ..	2,764	1,377	174	135	1,761	280	..	20,371
1953-54 ..	2,137	1,809	179	128	1,955	340	..	21,138
1954-55 (a) ..	2,574	1,691	171	109	1,944	374	..	(b)

PRODUCTION.								
Season.	'000 Bush.	'000 Bush.	'000 Bush.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	
1938-39 ..	15,566	10,631	7,057	274	3,321	5,679	820	..
1950-51 ..	25,128	22,871	4,729	412	2,063	7,052	921	..
1951-52 ..	34,508	21,909	4,018	509	2,345	5,327	745	..
1952-53 ..	43,623	35,045	4,967	481	2,765	6,967	949	..
1953-54 ..	32,961	41,272	5,079	548	3,049	9,014	1,254	..
1954-55 (a) ..	32,831	29,400	5,147	(b)	2,856	10,087	1,326	..

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not yet available.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK. (000.)

March.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
HORSES.									
1939	531	344	(a) 445	(a) 196	(a) 144	(a) 80	38	1	1,724
1951	329	187	307	71	55	20	29	1	999
1952	311	169	289	53	53	19	32	1	937
1953	298	154	282	67	50	18	35	1	895
1954	280	141	273	52	49	17	37	1	857
1955 (b)	258	132	267	49	47	16	33	1	803

CATTLE—BEEF.

1951	2,457	727	5,294	180	618	115	1,019	8	10,427
1952	2,416	776	5,138	201	621	110	1,058	7	10,327
1953	2,405	820	5,376	231	612	113	936	6	10,501
1954	2,316	829	5,701	280	600	121	966	6	10,771
1955 (b)	2,242	813	5,401	255	633	120	989	5	10,957

CATTLE—DAIRY.

1951	1,246	1,489	1,440	244	222	157	..	3	4,802
1952	1,205	1,439	1,397	236	221	155	..	3	4,568
1953	1,244	1,477	1,373	252	234	162	..	4	4,746
1954	1,238	1,541	1,383	281	230	174	..	5	4,830
1955 (b)	1,219	1,600	1,377	269	228	180	..	5	4,886

CATTLE—TOTAL.

1939	2,812	1,607	(a) 6,097	(a) 319	(a) 763	(a) 262	900	7	12,862
1951	3,703	2,216	6,734	433	841	272	1,019	11	15,229
1952	3,621	2,215	6,435	437	852	265	1,058	10	14,996
1953	3,649	2,297	6,751	483	846	275	936	10	15,247
1954	3,554	2,370	7,086	491	830	295	966	9	15,691
1955 (b)	3,461	2,433	7,236	524	801	319	989	8	15,823

SHEEP.

1939	48,877	17,007	a 23,159	a 9,937	a 9,177	a 2,628	30	248	111,058
1951	54,111	20,012	17,478	10,160	11,362	2,181	29	267	115,596
1952	53,676	21,537	16,164	11,470	12,188	2,338	31	243	117,847
1953	57,461	21,368	17,030	12,036	12,475	2,421	34	247	122,072
1954	59,639	21,438	18,184	11,838	13,087	2,465	31	262	126,944
1955 (b)	59,200	22,330	20,222	12,417	13,411	2,505	29	245	130,840

PIGS.

1939	377	253	(a) 325	(a) 71	(a) 83	(a) 45	1	1	1,156
1951	317	237	375	68	90	45	1	1	1,134
1952	293	214	318	65	86	47	1	..	1,022
1953	299	183	330	59	76	39	1	..	993
1954	372	232	384	61	101	46	1	..	1,197
1955 (b)	375	204	407	85	107	58	1	..	1,297

(a) December, previous year.

(b) Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE). (000 lb.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia
1938-39	437,141	165,829	b 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	36	1,909	983,582
1950-51	492,120	218,266	154,097	125,384	107,341	17,250	235	2,266	1,117,589
1951-52	437,537	224,958	138,767	135,484	120,401	20,513	232	1,765	1,079,977
1952-53	560,550	252,105	169,140	158,658	128,148	19,807	322	2,245	1,291,086
1953-54	544,934	234,181	174,414	145,509	134,442	20,116	290	2,276	1,245,462
1954-55 (c)	541,977	(d)	(d)	155,701	120,467	23,797	313	2,232	1,228,000

(a) Estimated. (b) For year ended 31st December, 1938.

(c) Subject to revision.

(d) Not yet available.

PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia. (a)
WHOLE MILK FOR ALL PURPOSES. ('000 gal.)								
1938-39 ..	311,384	377,831	347,336	72,021	43,562	34,829	350	1,189,863
1950-51 ..	294,150	415,671	278,111	83,545	52,407	30,228	687	1,157,898
1951-52 ..	241,209	446,818	181,148	86,482	48,937	42,189	593	1,047,376
1952-53 ..	317,385	436,417	286,573	84,240	40,920	15,150	688	1,213,241
1953-54 ..	282,187	474,356	249,712	85,014	40,096	47,842	743	1,189,662
1954-55 (b) ..	313,015	533,230	271,625	91,538	54,720	52,784	754	1,372,676
Three months ended ..								
Sept., 1954(b) ..	55,239	112,108	47,862	26,978	17,544	8,760	162	208,653
Sept., 1955(b) ..	63,859	121,610	55,620	27,026	17,348	9,530	183	205,251

BUTTER (Factory and Farm).
(Tons)

1938-39 ..	53,045	58,291	70,390	9,249	7,234	5,284	8	203,500
1950-51 ..	36,130	50,046	47,911	7,769	7,000	6,073	5	163,984
1951-52 ..	25,242	69,742	28,214	8,131	6,680	6,507	6	135,519
1952-53 ..	38,875	58,178	49,425	7,982	6,643	6,372	5	167,360
1953-54 ..	31,351	64,396	42,154	7,862	6,284	7,533	5	156,885
1954-55 (b) ..	40,289	80,269	46,215	8,752	7,313	8,621	5	191,467
Three months ended ..								
Sept., 1954(b) ..	5,125	15,746	7,288	2,637	2,540	1,295	5	34,958
Sept., 1955(b) ..	6,764	18,162	8,546	2,756	2,609	1,790	5	40,781

CHEESE (Factory and Farm).
(Tons)

1938-39 ..	3,343	8,729	7,030	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1950-51 ..	2,669	22,576	8,678	4,932	751	412	..	44,500
1951-52 ..	1,945	22,256	4,700	10,615	625	468	..	46,596
1952-53 ..	3,163	22,888	9,430	10,154	898	280	..	49,006
1953-54 ..	3,210	25,387	6,746	11,612	1,298	394	..	49,057
1954-55 (b) ..	2,569	29,224	7,324	13,103	1,069	277	..	45,106
Three months ended ..								
Sept., 1954(b) ..	371	4,609	1,749	4,351	482	26	..	11,588
Sept., 1955(b) ..	530	2,964	1,917	4,053	226	3	..	9,723

CONDENSED, POWDERED, ETC., MILK PRODUCTS: AUSTRALIA.

Period	Full Cream Milk Products.				Total Whole Milk Equivalent	Milk By-Products.	
	Condensed Milk (Sweetened and Unsweetened)	Concentrated Whole Milk (c)	Powdered Full Cream Milk.	Infants' and Invalids' Foods (d)	of Full Cream Milk Products.	Powdered Skim Milk.	Powdered Butter-milk and Whey.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	15,519	(e) 1,050	10,712	(f) 1,259	23,367	(g)	(h) 556
1950-51 ..	50,507	18,351	17,594	12,100	84,826	6,583	3,192
1951-52 ..	52,407	16,743	15,121	12,066	76,934	10,487	2,936
1952-53 ..	56,395	14,403	22,083	10,032	83,111	16,103	4,073
1953-54 ..	42,346	19,464	18,965	11,740	75,779	19,801	5,358
1954-55 (b) ..	24,334	11,918	15,460	11,426	60,776	21,733	5,100
Three months ended ..							
September, 1954 (b) ..	7,511	2,857	3,972	2,975	14,146	6,765	1,381
September, 1955 (b) ..	8,727	2,986	4,158	2,388	16,925	5,123	1,110

(a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Principally for use in ice-cream manufacture. (d) Includes malted milk and milk sugar and a small quantity of non-fat malted milk. (e) Incomplete. (f) Malted milk and milk sugar only. (g) Included with Powdered Full Cream Milk. (h) Excludes whey.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT).
(Tons.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia
BEEF (including Veal).									
1933-34 ..	172,001	113,985	207,007	24,781	27,733	10,946	1,235	872	559,310
1950-51 ..	192,760	136,604	232,398	36,372	35,969	14,103	3,591	1,716	651,513
1951-52 ..	184,271	137,241	177,608	31,091	32,196	14,390	3,285	1,806	631,588
1952-53 ..	217,320	123,643	252,495	31,100	31,810	13,842	3,175	1,484	674,849
1953-54 ..	220,915	140,019	257,783	34,122	35,494	11,003	3,277	1,650	704,259
1954-55 (a) ..	218,841	136,999	268,825	33,358	37,964	13,386	3,140	1,656	714,169
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1954 (a) ..	54,021	34,544	85,466	8,121	12,502	2,993	831	414	169,832
Sept., 1955 (a) ..	58,821	31,462	94,274	7,737	11,833	3,744	731	408	200,010
MUTTON.									
1933-34 ..	72,131	77,445	18,953	18,495	14,868	4,004	5	858	205,748
1950-51 ..	62,464	56,045	12,467	21,022	14,374	4,813	27	621	161,838
1951-52 ..	56,329	64,756	13,082	20,163	16,086	4,732	34	648	175,880
1952-53 ..	72,455	94,130	18,572	31,680	23,620	5,654	82	834	249,907
1953-54 ..	76,771	87,302	18,075	30,714	16,908	6,005	72	720	237,566
1954-55 (a) ..	73,470	89,324	15,862	27,631	20,022	6,063	78	720	233,191
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1954 (a) ..	17,847	16,927	3,411	6,415	4,871	1,688	19	180	61,338
Sept., 1955 (a) ..	19,143	16,323	4,538	8,067	5,449	1,376	24	207	53,427
LAMB.									
1933-34 ..	23,585	56,655	1,005	15,557	7,852	2,225	..	84	114,544
1950-51 ..	39,999	47,007	1,100	12,990	7,176	3,848	..	306	112,420
1951-52 ..	37,747	44,227	1,338	11,059	7,600	4,243	..	312	106,526
1952-53 ..	53,276	58,000	1,799	17,824	8,896	5,092	..	395	140,083
1953-54 ..	48,759	48,320	1,617	14,757	8,358	5,089	..	366	127,246
1954-55 (a) ..	48,824	61,666	1,535	21,121	7,415	5,753	..	364	140,674
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1954 (a) ..	11,811	13,370	297	6,921	1,968	1,030	..	90	35,502
Sept., 1955 (a) ..	11,550	10,378	462	3,355	2,987	1,164	..	102	30,934
PORK.									
1933-34 ..	9,817	10,769	11,844	2,087	1,092	1,623	5	43	37,033
1950-51 ..	9,307	7,596	11,751	2,774	2,116	1,499	64	150	35,257
1951-52 ..	10,382	8,716	8,604	2,551	2,550	1,981	70	170	35,024
1952-53 ..	9,611	9,925	6,548	2,836	2,436	1,920	60	132	30,468
1953-54 ..	12,940	10,332	7,216	2,253	2,032	1,399	69	146	33,390
1954-55 (a) ..	17,090	10,558	8,370	3,346	3,947	1,930	65	144	45,462
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1954 (a) ..	4,115	1,947	2,110	735	957	353	16	36	10,260
Sept., 1955 (a) ..	3,912	2,136	1,808	900	962	424	18	48	10,238
BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).									
1933-34 ..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	..	33,338
1950-51 ..	12,639	7,905	8,764	3,042	3,558	946	..	..	36,544
1951-52(b) ..	12,514	8,964	7,669	2,909	3,883	829	..	..	36,628
1952-53(b) ..	13,228	8,166	9,510	3,063	3,693	886	..	..	36,545
1953-54(b) ..	11,876	7,044	10,655	3,024	3,448	949	..	..	36,990
1954-55 (a) (b) ..	11,530	8,253	10,805	3,318	3,310	1,019	..	..	39,244
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1954 (a) (b) ..	2,691	2,023	3,022	745	820	219	..	..	9,520
Sept., 1955 (a) (b) ..	2,600	1,851	2,392	867	702	223	..	..	8,976
TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.									
1933-34 ..	299,976	271,039	252,045	64,829	53,880	20,421	2,248	1,055	966,392
1950-51 ..	311,704	258,002	269,634	77,296	62,473	25,554	3,682	2,787	1,011,132
1951-52 ..	305,748	267,129	211,052	68,692	63,441	26,474	3,389	2,936	949,081
1952-53 ..	370,652	294,702	292,349	89,686	71,776	27,624	3,317	2,826	1,152,831
1953-54 ..	374,543	292,532	299,181	85,906	69,475	24,769	3,418	2,888	1,152,766
1954-55 (a) ..	373,933	309,773	309,288	80,969	73,849	25,526	3,292	2,890	1,191,500
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1954 (a) ..	92,353	60,580	95,394	23,205	21,413	6,340	866	720	309,840
Sept., 1955 (a) ..	97,321	61,817	104,696	19,265	22,276	7,013	773	765	313,026

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Includes pressed and canned bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight.

**MINING AND QUARRYING—VALUE OF OUTPUT (a).
(£'000.)**

Industry and Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust.
1953.								
Metal Mining—								
Gold Mining ..	225	1,033	278	7	13,375	..	820	15,738
Silver-Lead Zinc Mining ..	22,817	..	(b)	(b)	310	1,903	..	31,672
Copper-Gold Mining ..	21	..	(b)	(c)	3	(b)	18	4,384
Tin Mining ..	303	..	211	..	68	1,258	15	1,465
Other Metal Mining ..	1,322	6	1,027	(b)	1,401	(b)	266	9,170
Total Metal Mining	24,088	1,039	10,503	2,989	16,157	7,264	1,119	62,819
Fuel Mining—								
Black Coal Mining ..	41,030	946	5,861	461	3,073	453	..	52,424
Brown Coal Mining ..	..	3,628	..	..	..	..	..	3,628
Total Fuel Mining ..	41,030	4,574	5,861	461	3,073	453	..	56,052
Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining and Construction Material Quarrying	6,028	(d) 3,710	(d) 890	2,753	(d) 1,781	320	102	(e) (d) 15,671
Total All Mining and Quarrying ..	72,146	(d) 9,329	(d) 17,284	6,203	(d) 20,011	8,037	1,221	(e) 4 134,542
1952 ..	77,097	(d) 8,635	(d) 17,420	6,047	(d) 17,704	8,750	(d) 1,282	4 136,844
1951(f) ..	67,877	6,949	10,922	4,938	13,474	10,552	(g)	114,712
1950(f) ..	46,102	5,274	10,829	4,428	12,037	7,049	(g)	85,710
1949(f) ..	35,295	4,215	7,096	3,118	9,799	4,629	(g)	64,152
1939(f) ..	12,914	2,789	8,638	3,648	12,496	2,145	(g)	37,430

(a) Selling value at point of sale of mine or quarry product less transport costs from mine or quarry to point of sale (i.e. value of output at mine or quarry) from 1952. For years prior to 1952 totals have been estimated by Government Statisticians in each State using values of individual products recorded by Mines Departments and other relevant data. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Less than £500. (d) Incomplete. (e) Includes £111,000 for the Australian Capital Territory. (f) Incomplete for some Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining Industries and for Construction Material Quarrying in some States. (g) Not available.

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Principal Metallic Contents of Minerals Produced.							Coal.	
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Tin.	Tungsten.	Zinc.	Black.	Brown.
	tons	'000 f. oz.	'000 tons	'000 tons	tons	tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons

QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1955 (b)

New South Wales	921	9	..	80	84	1	52	3,754	..
Victoria ..	..	10	..	..	2	..	..	..	2,572
Queensland ..	8,293	17	..	11	209	(c) 11	..	923	..
South Australia ..	..	(d)	(c) 500	..	..	..	..	119	..
Western Australia ..	..	205	79	(d)	22	1	..	241	..
Tasmania ..	2,427	5	..	3	259	377	7	70	..
Northern Territory	717	19	..	..	..	14	..	..	..
Australia —									
June Qtr. 1955	12,354	295	570	74	576	401	64	4,900	2,572
June Qtr. 1954	11,000	281	564	73	523	424	65	4,987	2,416
Year									
1954 ..	40,857	1,118	(e) 2,274	285	2,075	1,372	253	19,761	9,331
1953 ..	30,585	1,075	(e) 2,132	289	1,553	1,106	239	18,411	8,257
1952 ..	18,578	980	(e) 1,883	228	1,610	1,282	196	19,404	8,104
1951 ..	17,326	896	(e) 1,605	212	1,559	1,112	189	17,008	7,836
1950 ..	17,481	870	(e) 1,418	225	1,854	730	199	16,543	7,327

(a) In terms of WO_3 (tungstic trioxide). (b) Subject to revision. (c) Estimated. (d) Less than half the unit of quantity shown.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Australia.

Year.	(1) Factories.	(2) Persons Em- ployed. (a)	(3) Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	(4) Value of Fuel, &c., Used.	(5) Value of Materials Used.	(6) Value of Pro- duction. (c)	(7) Value of Output. (d)	(8) Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.
	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938-39	26,941	546,106	106,748	15,700	281,803	209,417	500,420	274,882
1949-50	41,596	917,499	385,797	54,830	928,094	661,332	1,645,456	545,151
1950-51	43,147	968,918	491,718	71,682	1,236,231	849,872	2,150,885	642,336
1951-52	45,844	977,517	611,789	96,829	1,513,210	1,024,887	2,634,706	769,634
1952-53	47,740	983,261	635,215	109,337	1,627,805	1,082,862	2,720,004	907,980
1953-54	49,570	989,542	705,137	120,458	1,747,973	1,227,045	3,085,476	1,064,146

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in column (7) less total of figures in columns (4) and (5). (d) Value of goods produced including amounts received for work done.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

States.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
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1938-39.

1. Factories	No.	9,464	9,250	9,087	2,067	2,129	944	25,941
2. Persons employed(a)		228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	585,106
3. Salaries, wages paid(b)	£'000.	44,606	36,027	10,887	8,169	4,574	2,480	106,748
4. Value of fuel, &c., used	£'000.	7,852	4,000	1,423	1,018	1,169	438	15,700
5. " materials used		120,502	82,971	42,596	20,309	9,604	5,321	281,803
6. " production(c)		90,266	65,906	19,302	13,678	8,776	5,399	203,417
7. " output		216,420	102,967	63,321	36,005	19,649	11,168	500,420
8. " land & buildings		57,353	42,026	12,289	8,711	6,814	3,717	130,920
9. " plant & machinery		62,693	36,627	16,095	9,750	8,095	6,402	145,662

1952-53.

1. Factories	No.	19,251	15,154	5,068	3,339	3,424	1,594	47,740
2. Persons employed(a)		340,213	310,759	93,123	60,468	46,186	23,495	935,261
3. Salaries, wages paid(b)	£'000.	265,910	210,878	57,591	56,546	28,344	15,976	635,245
4. Value of fuel, &c., used	£'000.	53,630	25,626	9,624	11,805	6,175	2,476	109,837
5. " materials used		627,954	476,489	187,572	133,818	63,943	38,029	1,627,805
6. " production(c)		457,742	354,082	98,209	49,189	40,192	30,498	1,062,862
7. " output		1,139,326	600,147	295,405	284,813	119,810	71,003	2,720,004
8. " land & buildings		176,576	135,824	34,730	31,804	20,890	14,962	414,446
9. " plant & machinery		207,733	147,865	51,070	40,111	24,035	22,620	493,534

1953-54.

1. Factories	No.	20,199	16,533	5,199	3,577	3,323	1,545	49,570
2. Persons employed(a)		402,595	351,377	94,110	65,503	47,459	24,569	989,542
3. Salaries, wages paid(b)	£'000.	293,546	230,037	63,433	63,110	31,590	17,381	705,137
4. Value of fuel, &c., used	£'000.	54,447	29,080	10,655	12,500	6,972	2,804	120,458
5. " materials used		721,311	548,111	211,451	132,590	72,468	42,042	1,747,973
6. " production(c)		520,043	404,314	110,235	100,291	55,147	33,065	1,227,045
7. " output		1,298,901	685,505	332,361	265,311	134,587	77,911	3,095,476
8. " land & buildings		196,724	153,380	40,003	30,579	24,739	20,997	483,431
9. " plant & machinery		239,022	181,058	64,160	46,788	28,195	27,492	580,715

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in line 7 less totals of figures in lines 4 and 5.

Value of Production(a)—Australia.
(£'000.)

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mines and Quarry Products	5,146	5,473	21,893	23,287	26,567
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,572	5,095	20,946	22,170	20,220
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, Grease	12,456	22,582	63,715	67,535	82,317
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Conveyances	62,435	129,692	418,051	421,275	466,296
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate ..	931	1,876	5,438	5,239	6,406
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods (not dress)	10,918	22,036	56,584	64,893	78,568
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	3,183	6,650	13,623	15,338	16,813
VIII. Clothing (except Knitted)	16,551	29,835	81,068	82,786	93,563
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco	41,601	61,989	141,053	164,333	177,881
X. Sawmills, Joinery, Boxes, &c., Wood Turning and Carving	9,461	16,500	58,082	58,245	65,781
XI. Furniture of Wood, Bedding, &c. ..	4,200	5,467	10,820	19,315	21,367
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c.	14,559	20,496	68,284	68,293	79,512
XIII. Rubber	2,761	4,182	18,045	16,627	21,102
XIV. Musical Instruments	186	807	1,416	1,378	1,846
XV. Miscellaneous Products	2,098	6,609	17,179	18,353	23,037
XVI. Heat, Light and Power	11,409	18,875	25,280	32,055	38,219
Total	203,417	362,823	1,024,867	1,082,862	1,227,046

(a) See note (c) on previous page.

Average Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid per Employee.(a)
(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.50	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females	103.66	108.25	96.00	80.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1949-50—Males ..	499.33	510.86	446.87	487.39	433.41	465.46	492.20
Females	270.27	291.34	240.93	257.31	231.57	285.37	274.12
1950-51—Males ..	609.05	610.44	516.83	583.37	515.67	558.67	591.41
Females	338.08	355.57	289.82	322.03	279.55	322.46	338.12
1951-52—Males ..	756.84	736.68	625.91	716.25	643.08	687.09	725.57
Females	428.40	436.60	354.96	405.70	361.30	404.71	422.04
1952-53—Males ..	807.77	793.11	701.45	779.90	711.80	761.21	782.87
Females	473.28	483.46	400.48	451.90	400.32	448.58	467.79
1953-54—Males ..	844.05	833.71	733.34	824.49	754.20	791.80	820.98
Females	490.19	510.96	418.23	485.95	421.93	477.84	493.10

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

Average Number of Males and Females Employed(a) over whole Year, 1953-54.

Sex	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	305,040	240,698	81,425	70,857	40,439	20,249	758,508
Females ..	97,555	90,579	16,604	14,846	7,020	4,340	231,034
Masculinity(b) ..	313	266	488	476	576	466	328

(a) Includes working proprietors.

(b) Number of males per 100 females.

PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES—AUSTRALIA.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.(a)	Three Months ended September—	
							1954.(a)	1955.(a)
Beer	MHL. gal.	89	183	192	209	(b) 229	60.7	54.5
Biscuits	MHL. lb.	73.7	140.9	148.3	150.5	149.7	39.8	42.0
Blankets	Thousand	1,147	1,291	939	1,202	1,541	401	430
Boots, Shoes and Sandals	'000 pair.	13,967	18,509	17,709	19,949	19,216	5,348	5,320
Bricks, Clay	Million	721	720	667	802	831	224	228
Cement Building Sheets	MHL. sq. yds.	9.5	23.3	24.3	26.1	27.7	7.7	7.4
Cement, Portland	'000 tons	898	1,237	1,439	1,700	1,922	498	507
Cloth, Woven, Woolen(c)	MHL. sq. yds.	31.7	29.1	28.6	32.6	29.4	7.6	7.0
Coal—Black	'000 tons	12,008	19,170	18,545	19,424	19,352	5,341	5,480
Brown	"	3,208	8,096	8,075	8,731	9,668	2,493	2,728
Confectionery—Chocolate	MHL. lb.	43.5	61.3	59.0	62.6	56.7	14.8	17.8
Other	"	59.1	78.7	76.6	76.9	89.8	21.7	22.2
Copper, Refined(d)	'000 tons	17.5	17.8	19.1	20.9	30.4	8.7	10.9
Electricity	MHL. kWh	4,688	11,297	12,045	13,707	15,298	3,035	4,346
Electric Motors	Thousand	31.7	610.4	601.7	972.0	1,187.5	312.4	297.3
Enamels, Natural and Synthetic	'000 gal.	575	2,093	2,108	2,699	3,624	896	1,038
Engines, Internal Combustion—								
Marine(e)	Number	2,957	2,112	1,232	1,357	1,316	330	323
Other(f)	"	2,880	30,431	21,446	27,407	21,576	5,861	12,970
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	7,665	16,470	15,418	16,185	17,259	4,243	4,605
Flour, Wheat	'000 short tons	1,379	1,721	1,726	1,609	1,538	358	359
Fruit, Preserved(g)	MHL. lb.	150.7	256.1	228.4	338.6	313.9	29.7	17.7
Glass(h)	MHL. cub. ft.	21,472	40,391	40,722	42,100	43,322	12,292	12,576
Gold (Mine)	'000 fine oz.	1,621	900	1,038	1,111	1,080	296	267
Hosiery—Men's and Boys'	'000 doz. pr.	1,102	1,462	1,575	1,805	1,470	472	407
Women's and Girls'	"	2,136	1,867	2,387	2,793	3,052	837	770
Children's	"	411	462	422	570	421	134	79
Ice Cream	'000 gal.	4,292	17,306	13,425	13,678	14,386	2,745	2,871
Iron and Steel—Pig Iron	'000 tons	1,105	1,430	1,692	1,827	1,805	494	440
Ingot Steel	"	1,170	1,521	1,401	2,117	2,209	593	583
Jam								
Lacupers	'000 gal.	37.9	49.3	34.6	38.3	35.1	6.73	7.86
Lard(i)	'000 tons	576	1,191	1,013	1,307	1,479	378	390
Malt, Barley and Wheat	'000 bush.	233	188	192	234	235	65	60
Margarine—Table	'000 lb.	3,783	6,242	6,793	7,259	7,730	2,060	2,117
Other	"	7,448	15,952	15,858	21,806	21,824	6,072	7,852
Meat, Canned	'000 tons	31,221	56,168	49,337	49,939	50,072	13,840	12,612
Meat, Canned	'000 tons	14.4	79.3	92.7	71.5	77.0	23.2	18.1
Newspaper	'000 cwt.	998	1,305	1,209	1,247	1,270	315	336
Paints, Ready Mixed	'000 gal.	2,115	5,513	4,390	5,780	6,252	1,360	1,619
Refrigerators, Domestic	Thousand	29.6	192.8	182.1	274.5	279.3	83.2	58.6
Silver, Refined	'000 fine oz.	9,455	6,041	6,368	8,200	7,886	2,140	2,117
Slippers	'000 pr.	7,704	7,578	6,066	8,558	6,818	1,746	2,018
Soap	'000 cwt.	698	1,305	1,209	1,247	1,270	315	336
Stoves, Cooking(j)—Electric(k)	Thousand	(l)	50.0	22.5	37.2	47.2	11.5	13.3
Gas	"	46.7	51.0	35.7	44.6	60.9	16.4	21.0
Solid Fuel	"	54.5	71.7	47.0	59.4	59.5	15.6	14.2
Sugar, Refined	'000 tons	339	403	440	449	479	123	121
Sulphate of Ammonia	"	24.3	63.8	70.2	70.8	77.8	20.4	17.4
Sulphuric Acid (100%)	"	480	650	827	732	827	192	207
Superphosphate	"	1,199	1,597	1,581	1,771	1,901	449	471
Tiles, Roofing—Terracotta	Million.	39.7	48.9	58.0	63.8	63.4	16.9	16.1
Cement	"	4.5	66.5	16.9	44.7	32.3	13.3	13.5
Timber, Sawn Native(m)	MHL. sup. ft.	717	1,393	1,340	1,395	1,438	377	399
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	MHL. lb.	23.3	33.5	36.3	41.8	44.8	10.2	11.5
Vegetables, Preserved(n)	"	10.3	100.4	66.3	40.3	46.9	7.0	10.1
Wool, Scoured	"	105	121	124	139	135	35	32
Wool Tops	"	25.7	21.8	26.5	32.8	30.9	8.7	8.4
Yarn, Woolen and Worsted	"	32.5	30.5	35.6	45.6	43.6	11.5	11.0
Zinc, Refined	'000 tons	69.8	84.1	86.2	99.2	109.5	26.8	26.4

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes waste beer. (c) Includes wool in admixture with fibres other than rayon. (d) Excludes copper refined from imported blister copper. (e) Other than Diesel type. (f) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aeroplane. (g) Includes all types of preserved apples. (h) Made in gas-works only. (i) Includes lead in lead battery, produced for export. (j) Domestic. (k) Excludes shovettes, cookers, &c. (l) Figures prior to 1948-49 not available on a comparable basis. (m) Includes sawn sleepers. (n) Includes preserved tomatoes.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION(a)—AUSTRALIA.(b)

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

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Industry.	1938-39.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53. (c)	1953-54. (d)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION.						
Agriculture ..	41,679	218,703	208,130	246,685	276,398	268,460
Pastoral(e) ..	63,820	337,121	704,809	400,493	493,745	491,716
Dairying ..	33,782	81,102	89,352	103,776	135,745	136,956
Poultry ..	7,302	22,228	24,614	31,554	35,213	34,782
Bee-farming(f) ..	123	743	831	774	1,066	1,426
Total Rural ..	146,706	650,897	1,027,736	783,282	942,167	933,340
Trapping(f) ..	1,422	5,716	6,629	6,713	5,595	5,074
Forestry(f) ..	7,811	23,195	28,428	37,905	41,984	41,720
Fishing and Whaling(f)	1,654	4,234	4,869	5,729	6,897	7,741
Mining and Quarrying	27,375	52,327	71,150	97,199	109,671	104,875
Total Non-Rural ..	38,262	85,472	111,076	147,546	164,027	159,410
Total All Primary	184,968	745,369	1,138,812	930,828	1,106,194	1,092,750
Factories ..	203,417	661,532	843,872	1,024,867	1,082,862	1,227,045
Total All Industries	388,385	1,406,901	1,982,684	1,955,695	2,189,056	2,319,795

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Agriculture ..	6 0 6	27 6 2	25 3 8	20 1 3	31 16 1	30 6 4
Pastoral(e) ..	9 4 7	42 1 11	85 5 7	47 3 8	56 16 2	55 10 7
Dairying ..	4 17 9	10 2 6	10 16 3	12 4 6	15 12 4	15 9 4
Poultry ..	1 1 1	2 15 7	2 19 7	3 14 4	4 1 1	3 18 7
Bee-farming(f) ..	0 0 4	0 1 11	0 2 0	0 1 10	0 2 5	0 3 2
Total Rural ..	21 4 3	82 8 1	124 7 1	92 5 7	108 8 1	105 8 0
Trapping(f) ..	0 4 1	0 14 3	0 16 1	0 15 10	0 12 11	0 11 6
Forestry(f) ..	1 2 7	2 17 11	3 8 10	4 9 3	4 16 4	4 14 3
Fishing and Whaling(f)	0 4 10	0 10 7	0 11 9	0 13 6	0 15 11	0 17 6
Mining and Quarrying	3 19 2	6 10 9	8 12 2	11 9 0	12 12 4	11 16 10
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 8	10 13 6	13 8 10	17 7 7	18 17 6	18 0 1
Total All Primary	26 14 11	93 1 7	137 15 11	100 13 2	127 5 7	123 8 1
Factories ..	20 8 4	82 12 2	102 2 2	120 14 10	124 11 11	138 11 5
Total All Industries	56 3 3	175 13 9	239 18 1	230 8 0	251 17 6	261 19 6

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, &c. (b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory for Mining and Quarrying. (d) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory for Mining and Quarrying. (e) Distributions of profits from the 1939-45 Wartime Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded. (f) Local value.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION(a) 1953-54.

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

(£'000.)

Industry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Abst.(b)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION.							
Agriculture	68,342	65,624	55,471	41,700	28,110	9,204	288,400
Pastoral(c)	202,430	108,930	81,989	47,423	49,784	7,151	491,716
Dairying	43,698	40,202	28,444	10,257	3,695	4,760	136,956
Poultry	14,923	13,991	1,176	2,079	1,634	979	34,782
Bee-keeping(d) ..	164	402	138	180	211	22	1,426
Total Rural	329,798	235,149	167,218	101,648	77,445	22,116	963,310
Trapping(d)	1,794	2,047	296	411	304	218	5,074
Forestry(d)	12,905	9,475	7,797	4,373	3,615	3,556	11,720
Fishing and Whaling(d)	2,642	834	661	1,015	1,867	432	7,741
Mining and Quarrying ..	54,942	7,277	12,906	5,051	13,008	6,392	104,875
Total Non-rural ..	75,387	10,633	21,650	10,850	19,784	10,597	159,410
Total All Primary ..	405,185	254,782	189,169	112,498	97,227	32,713	1,092,720
Factories	529,043	408,314	110,755	100,221	55,147	33,065	1,227,045
Total All Industries ..	925,198	663,096	299,923	212,719	152,374	65,778	2,319,765

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Agriculture	20 1 4	27 1 8	42 13 1	53 1 1	44 11 8	29 14 11	30 6 4
Pastoral(c)	59 8 11	44 19 2	63 0 13	60 0 0	60 8 5	23 2 25	55 10 7
Dairying	12 16 1	10 4 5	21 17 5	13 1 0	3 17 2	15 7 8	15 9 4
Poultry	4 7 8	5 15 6	0 19 3	2 12 11	2 11 10	3 3 4	3 18 7
Bee-keeping(d) ..	0 2 8	0 3 4	0 2 2	0 1 9	0 6 8	0 1 5	0 3 2
Total Rural	90 16 8	97 1 1	128 11 8	129 6 0	122 15 0	71 9 6	105 8 0
Trapping(d)	0 10 7	0 16 11	0 4 7	0 10 6	0 9 8	0 14 1	0 11 6
Forestry(d)	3 15 10	2 18 3	5 10 11	5 11 2	3 14 7	11 9 10	4 14 3
Fishing and Whaling(d)	0 15 6	0 6 10	0 14 7	1 5 10	2 13 2	1 7 11	0 17 6
Mining and Quarrying ..	17 0 10	3 0 1	9 18 6	6 8 6	22 3 11	20 13 2	11 16 10
Total Non-Rural ..	22 2 9	8 2 1	16 17 7	13 16 1	31 7 4	34 5 0	18 0 1
Total All Primary ..	118 19 6	105 3 2	145 0 5	143 2 7	154 3 1	105 14 6	123 8 1
Factories	152 14 3	168 19 7	84 15 8	127 10 3	87 8 8	108 17 3	138 11 5
Total All Industries ..	271 13 8	273 13 9	230 4 11	270 12 10	241 11 9	212 11 9	261 19 6

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, &c. and Northern Territory except for Mining and Quarrying. (c) Distributions of profits from the Wartime Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Local value.

Section III.—Building.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED, THREE MONTHS ENDED
30th SEPTEMBER, 1955.(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)
(£'000.)

Kind of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Un- d.
Houses								
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete or Stone ..	8,012	6,004	636	4,670	2,692	122	353	29,879
Wood (Weatherboard, etc.) ..	5,907	9,595	3,424	129	103	1,055	211	29,423
Fluro-Cement ..	7,937	582	512	770	2,810	28	3	12,642
Other ..	21	141	39	10	6	..	..	228
Total Houses ..	19,877	16,412	4,611	5,584	5,611	1,505	567	54,167
Flats ..	442	308	88	88	320	98	..	1,514
Shops with Dwellings ..	358	167	326	128	10	13	..	1,068
Shops without Dwellings ..	780	671	..	..	260	45	..	..
Hotels, Guest Houses, Boarding Houses, &c. Office Premises ..	959	195	94	129	(a)	(a)	(a)	1,417
Other Business Premises ..	1,259	665	149	82	111	(a)	(a)	2,488
Factories ..	460	718	659	350	(a)	219	(a)	2,615
Educational Buildings ..	1,776	2,360	182	616	1,064	(a)	(a)	7,350
Rehab-use Buildings ..	1,900	1,182	310	188	293	(a)	(a)	3,791
Health Buildings ..	293	112	101	18	(a)	(a)	(a)	566
Clubs, Theatres and Hall- Miscellaneous ..	416	194	630	136	1,443	(a)	(a)	2,929
..	297	218	69	35	73	(a)	(a)	737
..	1,844	817	164	177	173	70	220	3,471
Total Other Buildings ..	10,520	7,867	2,802	1,944	3,935	1,964	653	29,685
Total New Buildings ..	30,397	24,279	7,413	7,528	9,546	3,469	1,220	83,852

(a) Confidential.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.
(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)
(£'000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Un- d.
COMMENCED.								
1950-51 ..	(a)79,750	74,750	21,082	17,827	14,186	10,356	2,439	(a)226,370
1951-52 ..	82,180	78,740	27,695	22,606	18,724	11,004	2,559	244,608
1952-53 ..	71,005	66,244	25,880	25,819	27,010	6,311	2,798	215,006
1953-54 ..	111,067	87,733	27,839	26,649	26,369	9,224	2,856	390,767
1954-55 ..	124,420	101,905	32,072	29,046	35,158	10,838	5,932	440,600
Three Months Ended								
September, 1954 ..	32,201	26,033	7,669	6,892	9,555	2,900	755	85,096
September, 1955 ..	36,731	30,070	9,759	10,690	8,399	2,438	1,634	99,741
COMPLETED.								
1950-51 ..	(a)49,466	52,058	17,296	12,042	8,948	8,403	1,717	(a)149,920
1951-52 ..	76,207	68,616	26,339	18,129	14,426	10,511	2,728	215,044
1952-53 ..	66,049	76,107	26,233	25,882	22,918	10,665	2,875	262,729
1953-54 ..	101,545	84,747	25,913	26,108	25,785	9,092	3,878	277,668
1954-55 ..	110,694	97,216	28,318	27,081	34,096	10,649	2,943	310,997
Three Months Ended								
September, 1954 ..	27,119	23,363	5,931	7,430	7,051	2,641	823	75,400
September, 1955 ..	30,397	24,279	7,413	7,528	9,546	3,469	1,220	83,852

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

	(a)							(a)
1950-51 ..	102,708	85,068	15,653	17,272	15,942	12,178	5,302	234,119
1951-52 ..	125,674	102,670	18,728	22,813	22,262	13,770	5,298	313,165
1952-53 ..	105,201	94,017	17,838	25,251	23,189	10,494	7,161	283,213
1953-54 ..	120,460	100,753	19,609	23,730	25,701	11,782	7,249	300,374
1954-55 ..	136,522	108,247	23,446	26,854	29,102	12,399	10,643	347,213
September, 1954 ..	126,540	103,755	21,329	23,127	27,842	12,309	7,293	322,308
September, 1955 ..	144,975	115,575	25,690	30,216	30,334	11,130	17,069	369,328

(a) Partly estimated.

BUILDING.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED, THREE MONTHS ENDED
30th SEPTEMBER, 1955.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Material of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone ..	1,433	1,704	200	1,541	734	130	75	5,823
Wood (Weatherboard, &c.) ..	2,076	3,550	1,472	45	38	430	56	7,667
Fibre Cement ..	3,481	294	287	309	1,170	19	1	5,567
Other ..	10	45	16	8	3	..	..	82
Total ..	7,000	5,593	1,981	1,903	1,951	579	132	19,139

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.
(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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COMMENCED.

1950-51 ..	(a)25,162	26,940	10,698	7,966	6,970	4,122	877	(a)62,744
1951-52 ..	24,364	29,506	11,995	8,510	7,730	3,634	312	80,001
1952-53 ..	21,030	16,254	9,381	7,967	7,012	2,285	524	64,457
1953-54 ..	28,395	20,815	8,513	6,792	7,608	2,865	365	75,248
1954-55 ..	25,502	22,674	7,784	7,180	8,575	2,807	640	76,232
Three Months Ended—	6,849	6,025	2,097	1,853	2,466	706	88	19,624
September, 1954 ..	6,840	5,529	1,950	2,348	1,910	586	222	19,403
September, 1955 ..	6,840	5,529	1,950	2,348	1,910	586	222	19,403

COMPLETED.

1950-51 ..	(a)19,771	21,161	10,275	6,726	5,160	3,914	574	(a)67,580
1951-52 ..	23,351	26,951	11,803	7,711	6,577	3,999	584	77,976
1952-53 ..	24,890	21,038	10,598	8,810	7,965	3,314	590	77,830
1953-54 ..	26,513	21,385	8,961	7,522	7,627	2,850	552	75,190
1954-55 ..	26,882	23,560	7,925	7,323	8,792	2,490	398	70,360
Three Months Ended—	7,295	5,818	1,766	1,951	1,970	559	108	19,467
September, 1954 ..	7,000	5,593	1,981	1,903	1,951	579	132	19,139
September, 1955 ..	7,000	5,593	1,981	1,903	1,951	579	132	19,139

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

	(a)							(b)
1950-51	31,793	27,341	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	80,909
1951-52	32,808	26,896	6,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	83,000
1952-53	28,946	22,055	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	70,092
1953-54	30,825	21,681	3,470	5,760	6,932	2,149	449	70,159
1954-55	27,448	20,692	3,329	6,802	5,715	2,536	691	66,013
September, 1954 ..	30,422	21,788	3,801	5,447	6,428	2,298	429	70,611
September, 1955 ..	27,297	20,628	3,298	6,047	5,676	2,543	781	66,270

(a) Partly estimated.

NUMBER OF NEW FLATS COMPLETED.(a)
(INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1950-51 ..	906	389	26	..	805	18	36	1,684
1951-52 ..	1,225	419	29	..	215	21	100	2,009
1952-53 ..	1,664	602	53	58	100	14	46	2,627
1953-54 ..	1,011	689	156	99	212	13	..	2,180
1954-55 ..	701	781	309	105	316	48	12	2,272
Three Months Ended—	102	219	64	3	85	12	..	486
September, 1954 ..	187	244	44	39	100	25	..	630
September, 1955(b)	187	244	44	39	100	25	..	630

(a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown above. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. (b) In this period 637 flats were commenced, and 2,850 flats were under construction at the end of the period in Australia.

Section IV.—Oversea Trade.

COMPILED FROM INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

OVERSEA TRADE—STATES.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
IMPORTS.					
New South Wales	63,068	429,104	210,148	290,537	346,006
Victoria	40,468	363,193	173,775	287,683	297,494
Queensland	9,070	86,427	43,222	58,631	68,883
South Australia	6,670	93,031	43,275	51,472	64,804
Western Australia	6,137	60,236	39,874	42,605	50,648
Tasmania	1,295	20,711	13,315	13,049	15,129
Northern Territory	34	720	500	642	684
Australian Capital Territory	..	1	..	..	..
Australia	116,754	1,053,423	514,109	681,609	843,742
EXPORTS.(a)					
New South Wales	45,903	301,460	270,082	263,176	220,657
Victoria	30,819	186,994	228,118	203,581	216,572
Queensland	23,652	85,975	116,008	165,106	154,483
South Australia	14,841	97,251	122,048	110,249	95,079
Western Australia	17,070	75,781	83,143	68,459	68,507
Tasmania	3,198	18,512	21,449	17,733	18,702
Northern Territory	13	35	34	30	104
Australia	140,496	675,008	671,373	824,332	774,141

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

OVERSEA TRADE—AUSTRALIA.
(f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Total Trade.		Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.				
			Exports.			Exports.				
			Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.
1938-39 ..	£A'000 257,250	£A'000 116,754	£A'000 135,478	£A'000 5,020	£A'000 140,498	£ 37.1	£ 10.8	£ 10.6	£ 0.7	£ 20.3
1951-52 ..	1,728,431	1,053,423	667,059	7,949	675,008	202.6	123.5	78.2	0.9	79.1
1952-53 ..	1,265,361	514,109	663,291	7,941	671,232	154.6	58.0	98.4	0.9	99.7
1953-54 ..	1,509,041	681,609	820,057	8,275	828,332	169.6	76.0	92.1	0.9	93.0
1954-55 ..	1,617,000	843,742	705,883	8,261	714,144	178.0	92.8	84.3	0.9	86.2
Three months ended—										
Sept., 1954 ..	390,027	207,536	150,144	2,347	152,491	39.9	23.0	16.6	0.3	16.9
Sept., 1955 ..	376,918	208,224	165,031	3,663	168,694	40.7	22.5	17.8	0.4	18.2

(a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of Ships' stores in £A'000 were: 1938-39, £2,109; 1951-52, £10,478; 1952-53, £11,096; 1953-54, £10,366; and 1954-55, £13,181.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (—)		
	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1938-39 ..	113,217	3,537	116,754	121,533	18,963	140,496	+8,316	+15,426	+23,742
1951-52 ..	1,049,751	3,672	1,053,423	665,240	9,768	675,008	-384,511	+6,006	-378,505
1952-53 ..	510,342	3,767	514,109	663,291	22,774	686,065	+152,729	+19,007	+171,736
1953-54 ..	678,500	3,019	681,609	811,866	16,466	828,332	+146,767	+13,447	+160,214
1954-55 ..	840,972	2,770	843,742	768,041	16,123	784,164	-82,931	+13,353	-69,578
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1954 ..	207,030	506	207,536	150,690	1,801	152,491	-56,840	+12,96	-55,045
Sept., 1955 ..	207,573	651	208,224	161,454	7,240	168,694	-46,119	+6,688	-39,531

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.
(£A'000 L.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Hornee (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	South Africa, Union of.	Dahrein Islands.	Belgium. (a)	Brazil.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	365	--	--	--	1	--	180	9	227	--	--	--
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	191	67	154	1,533	153	50	60	--	3	--	3	132
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	441	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4. Tobacco ..	330	--	98	--	35	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5. Livestock ..	53	--	--	--	4	--	91	1	--	--	--	--
6. Animal substances, not food-stuffs ..	67	--	4	--	106	--	303	--	12	--	--	1
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres ..	203	--	8	60	300	41	400	1	03	--	28	21
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	11,550	--	10	7	6,654	4	4	--	1	--	630	13
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	188	1,058	--	--	807	--	37	310	2	4,739	--	37
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	574	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	103	--	303	6	20	53	4	--	373	--	--	--
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	66,816	--	3,014	--	9	20	65	3	17	1	828	--
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	826	--	125	41	10	4,080	7	1	2	--	1	332
14. Wood and wicker ..	70	464	1,888	--	2	441	136	--	--	--	--	--
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	2,205	--	20	--	--	--	13	--	--	--	268	--
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	5,205	--	1,181	--	44	--	260	--	7	--	23	--
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	975	--	--	3	8	--	1	--	166	--	40	--
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	1,370	--	32	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	5	--
19. Chemical, medicinal and pharmaceutical products &c. ..	3,058	--	53	--	3	4	14	--	83	12	45	--
20. Miscellaneous ..	8,803	--	250	45	76	24	92	13	46	1	123	--
21. Gold and silver; bronzes specie ..	--	--	--	--	--	--	85	--	--	--	--	--
Three months ended --												
September, 1965 ..	86,656	2,491	7,053	1,702	8,134	4,735	1,972	338	1,082	4,753	2,031	627
September, 1964 ..	94,137	5,247	5,788	6,016	7,060	2,413	2,110	977	1,105	3,971	2,099	884
Year 1964-65 ..	378,660	15,521	23,840	19,516	26,057	12,797	8,042	2,492	4,319	15,319	10,060	2,132
" 1954-55 ..	331,701	8,439	18,742	13,490	18,475	8,721	6,854	8,599	3,375	16,410	7,063	1,861
" 1952-53 ..	214,702	8,808	19,540	0,780	14,846	5,798	8,996	5,854	3,101	14,913	6,500	901
" 1951-52 ..	405,700	4,903	21,559	11,173	47,825	18,032	7,410	8,784	4,418	13,068	27,525	7,365
" 1938-39 ..	46,094	215	8,800	957	3,272	1,029	2,087	(b)	291	744	1,122	81

(a) Includes Luxemburg prior to 1954-55.

(b) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries—continued.
(£A'000 L.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	Czechoslovakia.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia, Republic of.	Italy.	Japan.	Netherlands.	Norway.	Iran (Persia).	Sweden.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	8	3	47	..	26	584	23	231	..	3	41	2,106
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	..	19	11	65	359	1	350	1	..	2	4	3,898
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	1	66	3	..	8	..	4	..	..	..	1	537
4. Tobacco ..	..	..	2	74	..	..	26	..	..	..	980	4,153
5. Live animals ..	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	184
6. Animal substances, not foodstuffs ..	..	22	2	..	18	9	5	1	..	9	6	922
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres ..	..	23	112	210	58	14	35	13	9	36	929	4,038
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	304	1,622	1,408	3	1,597	2,831	1,157	12	1	84	142	34,122
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	..	278	25	4,378	63	30	505	7	4,548	6	1,860	25,055
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	4	134	..	2	142	11	1	..	..	259	1,214
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	..	2	23	..	18	4	7	2	..	18	500	1,743
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	178	1,363	3,788	..	699	2,098	707	140	..	884	12,648	75,726
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	..	55	47	2	44	7	2	..	..	9	320	5,990
14. Wood and wicker ..	1	12	12	34	12	48	7	84	..	313	1,073	5,548
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	153	83	309	..	70	327	27	8	..	45	92	3,261
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	30	40	264	..	44	126	180	704	..	1,547	296	11,094
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	58	39	854	..	93	353	31	23	..	16	2	3,399
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	3	31	420	..	92	66	29	..	..	4	377	2,598
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, &c. ..	2	305	950	..	53	89	195	11	..	54	659	7,207
20. Miscellaneous ..	91	159	822	20	374	178	438	59	..	224	1,432	14,183
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	651
Three month—ended ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September, 1955 ..	769	4,360	9,233	4,787	3,630	6,874	3,910	1,277	4,543	3,254	21,820	208,224
September, 1954 ..	691	3,055	7,226	6,259	3,040	3,292	3,360	1,481	75	3,447	28,440	207,636
Year 1954-55 ..	2,331	14,069	30,838	22,829	11,740	18,422	15,081	6,510	5,984	13,516	102,167	843,742
" 1953-54 ..	2,147	11,793	21,365	21,972	11,182	6,545	9,618	4,737	47	10,230	73,254	681,609
" 1952-53 ..	1,019	9,253	13,582	21,544	5,225	4,692	5,054	2,429	..	6,789	85,168	514,106
" 1951-52 ..	6,513	22,390	32,718	25,530	27,712	45,582	14,975	11,050	2,392	27,537	109,141	1,059,428
" 1950-51 ..	672	3,172 (a)	4,710	8,117	781	4,666	789	432	..	1,079	10,099	(b) 118,754

(a) Pre-War Germany.

(b) Includes outside packages not distributed according to countries.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.
(2A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

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Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Hong Kong.	India.	Ireland, Republic of.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium. (a)	Egypt.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	16,111	530	368	293	299	1	509	20	1,142	3	68	161
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	13,516	4,187	975	291	93	96	652	4,085	791	2	155	43
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	120	93	..	3	2	..	9	20	6	..	..	..
4. Tobacco ..	..	..	..	12	1	..	1	141	4	..	..	..
5. Live animals ..	..	..	1	12	1	..	1	24	91	..	2	..
6. Animal substances, not food-stuffs ..	15,204	464	..	153	347	69	..	137	4	86	3,614	34
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres ..	24	5	..	1	2	..	1	96	1	10	1	..
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	50	6	..	3	..	..	2	150	5	2	7	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	377	1	30	3	30	..	94	590	102	35	2	5
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	8	..	1	8	..	..	1	110	4	..	..	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	1,605	1	..	..	11	..	..	157	1	6	734	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	6,204	13	38	220	795	..	154	3,151	186	196	21	11
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	353	1	..	109	1	..	18	117	36	12	..	..
14. Wood and wicker ..	149	10	4	5	1	1	1	490	2	47	1	10
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	154	2	..	..	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	76	..	1	..	1	..	3	517	15	9	..	..
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	18	2	3	3	..	..	..	72	2	11	1	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	10	..	..	3	1	..	2	165	8	5	..	..
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, &c. ..	127	0	12	18	10	..	28	404	24	23	83	3
20. Miscellaneous ..	470	16	55	87	57	..	1,194	909	330	20	3	5
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	43	..	634	6,393	..	..	..	22	..	..	..	..
Three months ended—												
September, 1955 ..	54,440	5,308	2,122	7,527	1,691	167	2,730	11,496	2,756	487	4,692	272
September, 1954 ..	60,992	4,133	1,591	2,467	2,096	1,075	1,572	9,659	2,943	635	5,198	759
Year 1954-55 ..	285,506	10,503	8,723	17,315	19,428	3,292	8,410	37,794	11,600	2,869	31,252	1,878
" 1955-56 ..	309,785	11,037	11,847	7,773	14,293	2,166	9,143	33,469	11,288	3,586	32,063	3,073
" 1956-57 ..	359,257	8,712	14,087	4,855	17,148	4,354	9,344	28,677	12,794	3,840	32,141	3,374
" 1957-58 ..	208,159	0,177	10,630	3,800	10,011	2,426	8,532	37,321	11,810	3,528	24,940	8,576
" 1958-59 ..	68,716	1,394	1,327	475	1,965	327	1,911	6,682	(b)	813	5,547	601

(a) Includes Luxemburg prior to 1954-55.

(b) Included with Federation of Malaya.

OVERSEA TRADE.

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia, Republic of.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Iran (Persia).	Poland.	Sweden.	U. S. S. R.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	10	399	97	108	90	31	38	..	6	..	452	23,398
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	19	554	812	73	4,294	290	10	..	6	..	4	36,526
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	..	..	1	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	1	391
4. Tobacco ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	239
5. Live animals ..	..	..	..	..	12	3	..	..	..	..	15	259
6. Animal substances, not food- stuffs ..	11,867	3,620	1	3,619	11,736	304	5	2,004	221	..	5,183	62,285
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufac- tures and synthetic fibres ..	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	330	500
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	3	37	..	96	4	15	..	..	..	..	37	571
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	2	262	1	133	66	3	4	..	156	..	14	2,403
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	..	10	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	281
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons ..	86	96	..	238	248	189	..	12	55	..	2,141	6,073
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	20	31	113	188	213	43	..	..	14	..	3,675	17,072
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	..	..	..	6	1	1	..	..	6	..	6	795
14. Wood and wicker ..	1	4	2	1	..	31	..	..	..	..	..	903
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	263
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery ..	3	..	5	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	750
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time- pieces ..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	164
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	2	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	10	307
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, &c. ..	17	13	8	..	129	2	..	..	..	..	116	1,289
20. Miscellaneous ..	7	18	7	22	145	16	..	..	9	..	180	6,385
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	7,240
Three months ended ..												
September, 1955 ..	12,047	5,050	1,059	4,600	16,050	929	57	2,106	487	..	12,306	166,694
September, 1954 ..	10,431	6,119	849	3,084	8,771	2,090	54	793	399	..	11,660	152,461
Year 1954-55 ..	61,056	31,823	3,702	35,915	58,572	6,857	297	6,243	3,241	154	52,440	774,164
" 1953-54 ..	71,401	27,096	6,585	61,326	55,699	5,578	198	7,286	3,001	26,146	55,534	828,332
" 1952-53 ..	76,010	22,369	5,004	41,706	83,058	8,081	327	3,044	2,888	1,642	57,837	871,272
" 1951-52 ..	57,875	20,349	5,067	37,938	48,511	11,553	459	5,008	6,086	..	77,215	675,006
" 1938-39 ..	9,386 (a)	2,632	1,340	1,211	4,865	1,039	3	420	617	278	10,562	140,496

(a) Pre-War Germany.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.
(£A'000.)

Statistical Class or Excise Division.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CUSTOMS.				
1. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin	267	371	86	113
2. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin	1,405	1,558	437	543
3. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	2,256	2,621	692	840
4. Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Smuff	18,002	15,839	4,028	3,801
5. Live Animals	..	..	..	..
6. Animal Substances (mainly unmanufactured) and Foodstuffs	7	7	1	7
7. Vegetable Substances and Fibres	364	200	51	65
8a. Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	813	714	160	151
8b. Textile	8,713	10,216	2,873	3,741
8c. Apparel	2,064	2,009	672	727
9. Oils, Fats and Waxes	27,168	23,128	5,556	4,793
10. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes	170	138	28	37
11. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons	31	45	9	10
12a. Metals and Metal Manufactures	9,665	15,215	3,586	3,294
12b. Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances, &c.	1,930	2,571	663	650
12c. Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	6,624	8,675	2,153	1,906
13a. Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	1,113	1,395	334	372
13b. Leather and Leather Manufactures	30	100	24	27
14. Wood and Wicker, raw and Manufactured	814	1,568	313	473
15. Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware	1,713	2,298	556	661
16. Pulp, Paper and Board	460	868	231	174
16b. Paper Manufactures and Stationery	420	564	168	170
17. Sporting Material, Toys, Jewellery and Timepieces	2,039	2,912	681	1,010
18. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments, &c.	944	1,155	306	321
19. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, &c.	911	1,227	307	329
20. Miscellaneous Goods (including Passenger Baggage and Post Office Collections)	964	2,120	541	683
Sundry Unad-valued Duties	522	246	51	74
Duties under Industries Preservation Act	35	25	6	3
Customs other Miscellaneous Receipts	265	275	98	66
Total Customs	90,685	98,638	24,758	23,120
Primage	8,036	8,681	2,247	2,267
Total Customs and Primage	99,321	107,319	27,005	25,407
EXCISE.				
Beer	71,008	76,380	16,659	17,942
Spirits	6,361	6,562	1,647	1,983
Tobacco	16,212	15,147	3,736	3,657
Cigars and Cigarettes	23,082	29,033	6,427	8,254
Petrol	5,555	12,008	3,137	4,175
Playing Cards	53	50	11	13
Cigarette Papers and Tubes	1,072	1,007	252	225
Matches	1,094	1,097	280	274
Coal	579	600	150	150
Other Excise including Licences	418	469	128	146
Total Excise	125,484	143,193	32,636	36,819
Total Gross Customs, Primage and Excise Revenue	224,805	250,512	59,641	62,226
Refunds and Drawback Paid	4,588	6,109	1,603	1,932
Total Net Customs Primage and Excise Revenue	220,217	244,403	58,038	60,294

**VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM
AUSTRALIA.**

IMPORTS.

(£A'000 L.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Cheese	185	300	85	114
Fish—				
Fresh or preserved by cold process ..	1,197	1,519	285	504
Preserved in airtight containers ..	2,443	3,532	912	1,147
Other	464	561	135	202
Lactose	202	110	26	42
Meats—				
Sausage casings (excluding synthetic)	407	614	159	105
Other	617	73	17	32
Other foodstuffs of animal origin ..	187	265	71	50
Total, Class I.	5,702	7,034	1,600	2,190
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Cocoa butter	2,200	2,411	765	465
Cocoa beans, shells, mass, paste or slab ..	3,026	4,500	1,031	248
Coffee and chicory	2,161	2,353	527	255
Confectionery, including cocoa and chocolate	141	321	70	100
Fruit, dried, dates	284	352	..	12
Grain and pulse	537	258	132	80
Hops	543	305	64	56
Nuts, edible	1,580	1,138	373	404
Pickles and sauces	100	153	23	27
Sago and tapioca	88	04	22	30
Spices	756	805	224	193
Sugar and sugar syrups	183	192	31	7
Tea	13,647	21,743	6,009	1,527
Vegetables, preserved in airtight containers	89	400	145	250
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	358	681	141	185
Total, Class II.	25,702	35,925	9,647	3,838
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, porter, cider and perry ..	41	46	11	8
Spirits (beverages)—				
Whisky	1,018	1,561	351	403
Other	185	294	64	97
Wine, fermented	84	127	23	20
Total, Class III.	1,328	2,028	440	537

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 l.o.b. Port of Shipment).

Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes	5,231	2,393	569	361
Cigars	101	107	21	29
Snuff	2	..	..	..
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	115	133	23	22
Unmanufactured	12,360	14,683	2,127	3,741
Total, Class IV.	17,809	17,316	2,740	4,153
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS				
	570	693	141	184
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Coarse hair and fibre	734	596	130	198
Hides and skins—				
Calf and cattle	174	108	38	26
Furred skins	545	538	152	143
Goat	214	303	116	69
Other	78	71	17	14
Shells	253	248	61	59
Silk, raw	73	58	13	5
Wool	2,178	2,003	482	348
Other animal substances	188	183	51	60
Total, Class VI.	4,437	4,108	1,060	922
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Copra	2,240	2,575	660	499
Cork and manufactures	442	668	138	173
Fibres—				
Coir	303	271	60	54
Cotton, raw	8,154	8,558	2,670	1,252
Flax and hemp	186	165	40	18
Jute	759	530	118	154
Kapok	380	366	122	96
Synthetic fibres and filaments	845	972	250	359
Other	1,738	1,424	418	246
Gums and resins	1,135	1,362	377	511
Seeds—				
Gardening, agricultural and horticultural	903	1,418	362	366
Oil seeds	358	247	77	113
Tanning substances	574	640	142	149
Other vegetable substances	223	256	55	48
Total, Class VII.	18,240	19,461	5,498	4,038

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 L.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
<i>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—</i>				
Bags and sacks—				
Corn and flour	4,567	8,478	3,430	3,815
Woolpacks	1,414	3,045	570	671
Other	104	120	19	70
Cordage and twines and manufac- tures thereof	337	421	99	109
Sewing and other cotton	2,363	2,257	539	606
YARNS—				
Cotton	3,144	3,255	835	550
Hair	390	276	55	40
Synthetic fibre	10,236	8,990	2,332	2,326
Woolen	221	207	55	21
Other	106	111	24	55
Waste materials and scrap textile articles	74	44	10	6
Total, Class VIII.(a)	22,956	27,204	7,086	8,209
<i>(b) Textiles—</i>				
Blankets and blanketing	282	287	53	37
Floor coverings	11,287	12,051	3,701	2,818
Articles of furnishing, drapery and napery—				
Handkerchiefs, serviettes and tablecloths	1,104	1,402	538	567
Other	517	638	180	179
Piece-goods—				
Canvas and duck	1,263	1,398	326	344
Cotton and linen	40,481	42,921	13,145	11,244
Fabrics and felts, impregnated..	883	981	275	228
Jute, including hessians and brattice cloth	2,765	2,630	690	1,015
Synthetic fibre	14,394	15,641	4,685	4,533
Silk	789	1,066	278	347
Velvets, velveteens, &c.	1,336	1,668	221	202
Woolen	1,299	1,703	294	229
Felts	400	616	116	154
Other	1,027	1,025	265	238
Towels and towelling	1,109	1,358	397	279
Other textiles	513	574	173	164
Total, Class VIII.(b)	79,449	85,905	25,337	22,578
<i>(c) Apparel—</i>				
Buttons, including snap fasteners ..	379	347	82	82
Footwear	589	953	286	313
Garments—				
Knitted—				
Hosiery	925	1,143	239	121
Outerwear	232	733	87	50
Underwear	166	199	65	19
Other	227	96	25	37

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.

(£A'000 L.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—continued.				
<i>(c) Apparel—continued.</i>				
Garments—continued.				
Not knitted—				
Outerwear	822	1,190	158	186
Sleeping wear, underwear, shirts and other sewn garments	142	264	55	117
Gloves	1,464	1,627	467	366
Hats and caps	973	939	280	237
Trimmings and ornaments—				
Embroidery in the piece	281	488	125	257
Lace, nets and veilings	2,747	2,808	809	781
Ribbons and galloons	450	381	140	91
Other	1,076	1,294	309	377
Other apparel	927	1,031	264	241
Total, Class VIII.(c)	11,400	13,583	3,391	3,275
Total, Class VIII.	113,805	126,752	36,714	34,122
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats, greases and waxes	877	1,190	404	210
Oils—				
Castor	287	201	13	19
Linseed	1,585	1,386	523	433
Olive	719	821	202	221
Peanut (china)	264	338	113	91
Petroleum—				
Crude	10,327	28,552	6,157	8,578
Kerosene (including aviation turbine fuel)	6,941	7,705	2,214	2,086
Lubricating (mineral)	3,436	5,509	1,340	1,219
Residual and solar	16,923	13,807	4,595	2,554
Spirit	39,938	34,952	8,953	8,845
Turpentine substitutes	802	932	241	205
Other	420	693	159	191
Tung (china wood)	280	313	71	101
Other	703	1,419	432	293
Total, Class IX.	83,491	96,918	25,417	25,055
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Colour pigments—				
Black	1,165	1,447	382	216
Titanium oxide and titanium white	1,340	1,406	200	263
Other	887	1,047	239	227
Dyes, natural and synthetic	1,633	1,750	405	440
Paints, colours and varnishes	247	250	67	68
Total, Class X.	5,272	5,900	1,293	1,214

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDRO-CARBONS.				
Abrasives (natural)	238	597	132	135
Asbestos	1,989	3,246	712	745
Sulphur	2,644	2,720	633	404
Other rocks, minerals, &c. .. .	1,075	1,671	443	369
Total, Class XI.	5,946	8,234	1,920	1,743
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—</i>				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloys (excluding wire and cable) ..	2,733	4,164	740	1,103
Bolts, nuts, rivets and washers ..	586	667	166	160
Chain and chains of base metal ..	576	678	160	187
Copper and copper-base alloys (excluding wire and cable) ..	2,216	11,704	1,407	1,454
Cutlery	2,306	2,522	668	648
Fencing posts and droppers ..	503	717	251	176
Heating and cooking appliances ..	1,238	1,421	306	318
Iron and steel (including special ferro-alloys)—				
Bars, rods, hoop, ingots, &c. . .	2,418	9,708	1,275	3,308
Ferro-alloys (mainly in lump form)	491	1,086	148	272
Pig, scrap and powder	10	14	3	3
Pipes, tubes and fittings therefor	2,862	2,603	785	435
Plate and sheet—				
Galvanized	1,894	5,529	1,747	869
Plain	3,438	9,509	1,870	2,105
Tinned, plated, polished and decorated	8,154	14,545	2,876	2,198
Structural	1,218	3,347	603	615
Kitchenware	356	441	113	117
Lamps and lampware	580	649	122	184
Leaf and foil	633	967	200	321
Meters and parts	2,924	2,476	684	509
Pins, hooks, eyes, needles and slide fasteners	269	209	83	97
Tin	609	516	37	39
Tools of trade	3,480	4,645	1,132	1,076
<i>Vehicles—</i>				
Aircraft and parts	5,598	8,490	1,162	1,395
Cycles and cycle parts	694	619	166	187
Motor cycles, side-cars, &c. ..	1,325	1,616	402	283
Motor vehicles—				
Complete				3,268
Bodies and parts	57,523	77,700	18,288	1,586
Chassis and parts				11,763
Railway and tramway vehicles (including trolley buses) and parts	3,791	1,147	459	377
Other and parts	2,591	3,026	889	943

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 l.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—continued.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—continued.</i>				
Wire, single strand—				
Iron and steel	520	2,577	390	1,041
Copper and copper base alloys. .	329	146	72	15
Other	288	284	66	86
Wire manufactures—*				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloy electrical conductor ..	768	122	74	88
Iron and steel	1,345	2,182	390	558
Other	60	29	10	7
Other metals and semi-manufactures†	1,624	1,920	388	363
Other metal manufactures	10,103	8,483	2,231	1,993
Total, Class XII.(a)	126,253	186,508	40,331	42,837
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment—</i>				
Batteries and accumulators	424	410	85	77
Cable and wire, covered	1,893	1,847	591	575
Communication equipment including radio and television	2,433	3,808	1,106	1,199
Dynamo electrical machines—				
Electrical motors	2,910	3,126	750	725
Other	3,945	3,191	1,222	934
Heating and cooking appliances	549	1,334	267	291
Ignition equipment for internal combustion engines—				
Sparking plugs and parts	535	604	171	105
Other	278	320	81	75
Lamps, bulbs, tubes, &c.	968	1,630	408	363
Measuring and recording instruments	465	828	204	476
Protective equipment	542	742	182	228
Regulating, starting and controlling apparatus	4,473	5,046	1,152	1,189
Transformers and rectifiers	4,348	2,883	613	748
Other electrical machinery and appliances	2,157	2,890	719	784
Total, Class XII.(b)	25,920	28,719	7,551	7,769
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—</i>				
Air and gas compressors	863	1,354	293	309
Agricultural, horticultural, &c., machinery—				
Harvesting	1,245	2,542	1,209	892
Other	3,081	2,501	603	1,251
Cranes, hoists and other lifting machinery	1,543	1,039	331	183
Dairying machinery	647	708	180	257
Hand tools (power driven)	1,586	2,209	462	428

* For cable and wire, covered, see Class XII.(b).
In the rough and pipes and tubes flexible or coated.

† Includes all basic shapes, castings and forgings

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—continued.				
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—continued.</i>				
Household machines (except sewing and refrigerating)—				
Vacuum cleaners	406	650	202	104
Washing machines	1,046	1,112	335	162
Other	707	784	182	161
Metal-working machinery—				
Machine tools	4,806	5,542	1,240	1,528
Other	3,397	3,093	676	1,110
Motive power machinery—				
Aircraft engines and parts	4,825	5,088	1,375	1,442
Power boilers and parts	2,207	821	170	207
Tractors and parts	17,793	20,366	5,555	3,585
Turbines and parts	2,519	2,012	488	600
Other and parts	13,718	12,034	3,494	3,216
Office and accounting machines	4,512	5,836	1,231	1,634
Printing machinery	1,888	2,235	553	644
Pumps	1,031	900	248	290
Refrigerating appliances	1,285	1,243	352	188
Roller and ball bearings	2,466	2,878	564	791
Sewing machines	3,001	4,074	851	962
Stone-cutting, road-making and mining machinery	5,171	7,048	2,255	1,474
Textile-working machinery and appliances—				
Knitting machines	1,578	1,244	355	288
Other	2,350	2,838	816	643
Other machines and machinery	9,650	11,992	2,763	2,741
Total, Class XII.(c)	93,321	103,043	26,852	25,120
Total, Class XII.	245,494	319,170	74,734	75,726
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
<i>(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures—</i>				
Rubber—				
Crude, waste and masticated	8,373	12,091	2,314	4,613
Substitutes	164	242	56	152
Rubber manufactures—				
Elastics and rubber thread	1,109	1,250	382	255
Tyres and tubes	1,413	2,383	608	512
Other	768	1,066	243	259
Total, Class XIII.(a)	11,827	17,032	3,603	5,791
<i>(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures—</i>				
Leather	346	395	97	102
Leather manufactures	217	398	89	97
Total, Class XIII.(b)	563	793	186	199
Total, Class XIII.	12,390	17,825	3,789	5,990

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Manufactures of wood and wicker, including plywood, veneers and corestock ..	1,059	1,547	302	544
Timber—				
Dressed, bent or cut into shape ..	1,046	2,442	420	511
Undressed (including logs) ..	9,540	13,271	2,594	4,439
Wicker, bamboo and cane ..	230	199	48	49
Total, Class XIV. ..	11,875	17,459	3,334	5,543
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE.				
Abrasives (synthetic) ..	879	927	223	170
Cement ..	594	941	183	110
Crockery and other householdware ..	4,290	5,544	1,464	1,464
Glass ..	3,162	3,785	1,156	769
Glassware ..	1,624	2,399	591	757
Porcelain for electrical purposes ..	258	301	67	135
Tiles ..	988	1,314	313	358
Other earthenware, china, &c. ..	352	385	60	98
Total, Class XV. ..	12,156	15,596	4,059	3,861
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
<i>(a) Pulp, Paper and Board—</i>				
Millboard and other boards ..	1,137	1,798	448	408
Paper—				
Printings—				
Newsprint ..	9,500	13,777	2,696	3,117
Other ..	3,004	5,441	1,123	1,288
Tissue and tissue cap (including cigarette) ..	1,546	2,200	579	519
Wrapping and bag papers ..	3,088	4,144	981	727
Writing and typewriting ..	1,452	2,116	347	529
Other ..	1,295	1,913	437	392
Pulp for manufacturing paper ..	3,410	4,499	1,290	1,140
Total, Class XVI.(a) ..	25,032	35,894	7,901	8,120
<i>(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery—</i>				
Books (printed), directories, &c. ..	5,695	6,230	1,614	1,794
Pens and pencils—				
Fountain pens and propelling pencils ..	1,020	1,099	283	293
Other ..	284	344	84	77
Other paper manufactures, stationery, &c. ..	2,066	2,834	816	810
Total, Class XVI.(b) ..	9,065	10,516	2,797	2,974
Total, Class XVI. ..	34,097	46,410	10,698	11,094

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 L.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-PIECES.				
Fancy goods	1,075	1,635	475	593
Jewellery, including imitation jewellery ..	1,179	1,628	496	440
Precious stones, unset	1,094	1,060	224	287
Sporting material	392	921	173	163
Timepieces—				
Clocks and clock movements	891	1,439	391	410
Watches and watch movements	1,560	1,861	470	553
Toys	1,497	2,168	839	953
Total, Class XVII.	7,088	10,442	3,068	3,399
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Cameras and magic lanterns and accessories therefor	906	1,781	385	388
Cinematographs	386	697	140	112
Films for cinematographs	1,663	1,860	420	399
Photographic goods	481	592	134	125
Instruments and materials—				
Optical and ophthalmic	1,098	1,252	422	480
Surgical and dental	1,862	2,365	537	582
Other scientific instruments and materials	2,007	2,216	633	550
Total, Class XVIII.	8,461	10,703	2,671	2,598
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	497	1,346	314	297
Additives for petroleum oils	(a)	1,184	180	323
Alcohols and spirits	(a)	834	238	180
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Antibiotics	(a)	1,598	418	244
Vitamin and vitamin preparations	(a)	402	143	106
Other	(a)	5,490	1,072	1,403
Essential oils	425	618	143	128
Fertilizers—				
Potash salts		480	217	253
Rock phosphates	3,405	2,166	610	878
Other		1,028	505	100
Perfumery and toilet preparations	442	720	187	202
Soap and soap substitutes	385	545	123	243
Sodium cyanide	(a)	231	59	54
Styrene (monomer)	(a)	528	86	79
Tetraethyl lead	(a)	814	132	71
Chemical compounds, n.e.i.	(a)	8,904	2,030	2,379
Chemical materials and products, n.e.i. ..	(a)	905	209	267
Total, Class XIX.	19,606	27,941	6,666	7,207

(a) Not available separately.

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 l.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Antiques, paintings, works of art ..	239	491	114	68
Arms, ammunition and explosives ..	1,284	2,744	598	321
Bags, baskets, purses, wallets, &c. ..	581	895	301	288
Brushware ..	288	391	104	84
Military, Naval and Air Force, stores and equipment ..	3,410	6,719	626	1,083
Musical instruments and parts—				
Gramophones, &c., including records ..	1,079	1,116	254	370
Other ..	459	707	171	187
Outside packages ..	12,918	15,382	3,897	3,816
Packings for engines, boilers, &c. ..	932	1,420	332	296
Passengers' effects ..	2,503	2,700	618	782
Prefabricated buildings ..	4,476	880	484	96
Specialized equipment for large-scale projects—				
Electric power station ..	1,514	266	129	16
Oil refining ..	2,144	1,514	397	272
Other ..	3,030	2,282	570	351
Synthetic resins ..	4,984	5,504	1,334	994
Vessels (ships) ..	1,823	2,325	41	2,325
Wall and ceiling boards, parts and decorations ..	460	887	176	298
All other articles ..	2,397	4,795	1,290	1,806
Total, Class XX. ..	44,521	50,997	11,442	14,153
Total, Merchandise ..	678,590	840,972	207,030	207,673
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including gold in matte ..	2,060	2,724	497	632
Silver, including silver in matte ..	59	46	9	19
Total, Class XXI. ..	3,019	2,770	506	651
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales ..	280,537	346,096	80,317	81,236
Victoria ..	237,683	207,404	73,997	78,140
Queensland ..	55,631	68,883	19,039	16,489
South Australia ..	51,472	64,804	17,184	16,980
Western Australia ..	42,595	50,648	12,898	12,122
Tasmania ..	13,049	15,129	3,893	3,027
Northern Territory ..	642	688	188	230
GRAND TOTAL ..	681,609	843,742	207,536	208,224

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

EXPORTS.

(£A'000 l.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	10,053	24,589	1,858	4,010
Cheese	5,330	5,058	544	510
Eggs	8,050	5,900	1,222	1,199
Fish, fresh or preserved by cold process ..	1,569	1,770	122	241
Ghee	508	305	84	107
Honey	634	1,039	165	261
Infants' and invalids' foods	1,738	1,415	410	310
Margarine	76	63	8	10
Meats—				
Bacon and hams	619	355	115	50
Meat extracts	858	881	325	187
Preserved by cold process—				
Beef and veal	22,040	21,899	7,094	7,376
Lamb	3,297	10,191	817	243
Mutton	1,064	1,626	293	227
Offals	1,795	2,565	513	734
Pork	403	781	302	101
Poultry	676	546	288	132
Rabbit and hare	2,389	1,478	594	528
Preserved in airtight containers	21,847	20,568	7,251	5,031
Sausage casings	1,420	1,905	378	(a) 346
Other	445	698	205	104
Milk and cream—				
Preserved, condensed, concentrated ..	5,176	3,845	439	783
Dried, including malted	4,591	4,462	948	798
Other foodstuffs of animal origin	639	421	129	110
Total, Class I.	102,684	112,546	23,975	23,398
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Biscuits, cakes and puddings	403	367	102	107
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate ..	344	405	77	79
Foods for animals	1,298	591	139	127
Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes ..	1,119	757	263	92
Fruit—				
Dried—				
Currants	1,639	917	427	322
Raisins	5,561	6,720	2,607	2,974
Other	795	804	344	171
Fresh—				
Apples	6,088	5,444	243	625
Citrus	869	783	321	357
Other	2,394	2,545	16	37
Frozen	93	..	..	..
Preserved in tins and other airtight containers	14,186	15,248	4,859	5,556
Pulped	1,441	297	87	63

(a) Excludes synthetic orange.

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES—continued.				
Grain and pulse—				
Prepared—				
Breakfast foods ..	502	490	82	146
Flour (wheaten)—				
Plain white ..	29,682	20,307	4,109	4,276
Other ..	920	877	231	153
Rice ..	3,192	1,985	701	658
Other ..	1,089	1,080	261	304
Unprepared—				
Barley ..	14,870	10,356	2,813	1,660
Maize ..	353	301	2	64
Oats ..	1,219	1,370	215	754
Peas (not split) ..	605	486	53	85
Sorghum ..	876	850	83	32
Wheat ..	30,957	45,222	8,359	10,426
Other ..	554	874	104	298
Jams and fruit jellies ..	372	381	134	82
Soups ..	642	405	98	104
Sugar (cane) ..	31,592	31,148	10,994	6,687
Tea ..	216	332	73	4
Vegetables—				
Preserved in liquid or pulped ..	588	284	68	34
Other ..	526	411	140	103
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	523	587	111	146
Total, Class II. ..	154,938	152,600	38,296	36,526
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, cider, &c. ..	455	552	121	133
Spirits (beverages) ..	299	347	70	69
Wine ..	903	817	196	180
Total, Class III. ..	1,657	1,716	387	391
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes, cigars and snuff ..	78	124	20	173
Tobacco ..	204	224	62	66
Total, Class IV. ..	282	348	82	239
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle ..	965	346	91	92
Horses ..	184	251	58	53
Sheep ..	304	340	63	77
Other live animals ..	117	94	22	37
Total, Class V. ..	700	1,031	234	259

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS.				
Hides and skins—				
Calf, cattle and horse	1,562	2,012	419	549
Kangaroo and wallaby	202	291	57	74
Opossum	104	42	1	11
Rabbit and hare	849	1,100	270	757
Sheep and lamb	16,439	15,942	4,315	4,419
Other (including sheepskin and lamb-skin pieces)	295	328	72	98
Pearl-shell	454	600	207	218
Trochus-shell	502	579	162	199
Wool—				
Greasy	364,988	310,004	41,448	45,578
Scoured and washed, slive, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	45,446	42,304	9,797	10,211
Other animal substances	499	608	124	171
Total, Class VI.	431,620	374,690	56,032	62,285
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Seeds	511	1,310	235	240
Tanning substances	550	351	45	207
Other vegetable substances	219	170	56	53
Total, Class VII.	1,280	1,831	336	500
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
(a) <i>Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—</i>				
Waste materials and scrap from textile articles	542	836	141	195
Yarns—				
Woolen	123	160	22	22
Other	155	227	40	39
Other manufactured fibres	168	125	36	42
Total, Class VIII.(a)	988	1,348	239	298
(b) <i>Textiles—</i>				
Blankets and blanketing	22	12	3	3
Piece-goods—				
Cotton	181	146	52	20
Wholly or chiefly of rayon or other synthetic fibres	148	346	109	56
Woolen	171	107	27	13
Other	65	95	18	24
Other textiles	223	265	69	62
Total, Class VIII.(b)	810	971	278	178

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—continued.				
<i>(c) Apparel—</i>				
Footwear	81	70	21	14
Outerwear	115	141	46	35
Underwear and sleeping attire	73	77	28	14
Other apparel	203	151	44	32
Total, Class VIII.(c)	472	439	139	95
Total, Class VIII.	2,268	2,758	656	571
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
<i>Fats and waxes, &c.—</i>				
Edible animal fats, excluding tallow	85	106	49	16
Fatty acids	230	120	23	43
Tallow, edible and inedible	2,791	1,771	331	608
Other	170	169	47	52
<i>Oils—</i>				
Petroleum and shale oils	672	2,610	470	856
Whale oils	1,580	1,543	620	714
Other	161	206	37	114
Total, Class IX.	5,689	6,588	1,577	2,403
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Lead oxides	271	227	72	83
Paints and enamels prepared for use	293	436	114	141
Other pigments, paints and varnishes	363	250	99	57
Total, Class X.	927	922	285	281
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.				
Asbestos, crude and fibre	376	380	66	194
Asphalt, tar and pitch	245	325	56	99
Coal	1,529	1,148	370	303
Coke	240	180	33	50
<i>Ores and concentrates, including residues and wastes—</i>				
Lead and silver-lead	4,270	3,934	829	1,176
Titanium and zirconium	1,645	2,896	756	1,121
Tungsten	2,953	3,188	752	967
Zinc	3,411	2,838	1,052	1,610
Other	1,257	1,797	384	482
Other stones and minerals	310	366	115	71
Total, Class XI.	16,236	17,052	4,413	6,073

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 l.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—</i>				
Metals and semi-manufactures—				
Cadmium	460	240	81	71
Copper	4,293	1,818	674	2,061
Copper-base alloys	842	604	172	250
Iron and steel	13,425	6,511	2,137	1,449
Lead—				
Bullion and silver-lead bullion	4,393	6,133	1,985	1,775
Pig	18,550	17,182	4,441	5,247
Other	1,104	1,521	262	332
Zinc	4,127	3,965	1,094	1,355
Other metals and semi-manufactures of metal	1,256	289	93	103
Metal manufactures—				
Builders' and engineering hardware	472	408	129	90
Tools of trade	430	420	110	98
Vehicles and parts	2,883	3,418	780	782
Window louvres	302	543	148	137
Other metal manufactures	2,677	2,711	705	729
Total, Class XII.(a)	55,214	45,763	12,820	14,479
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances and Equipment—</i>				
Batteries and accumulators	432	454	111	110
Communication equipment	554	694	216	282
Other electrical appliances	974	1,178	389	422
Total, Class XII.(b)	1,960	2,326	716	814
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—</i>				
Aircraft engines and parts	1,101	1,185	285	154
Agricultural, horticultural &c. machinery	1,367	1,454	395	248
Mining and metallurgical machinery and appliances	662	496	113	68
Motive power machinery	1,228	2,267	333	485
Personal massage appliances	79	407	70	153
Pumps, machinery	430	539	177	102
Refrigerating appliances	415	418	123	111
Other machines and machinery	3,672	4,253	900	1,058
Total, Class XII.(c)	8,954	11,019	2,466	2,379
Total, Class XII.	66,128	59,108	16,002	17,672

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</i> ..	578	795	191	193
(b) <i>Leather and Leather Manufactures—</i>				
Leather—				
Hide leathers—				
Sole	770	655	147	122
Other	1,292	1,312	355	300
Sheep and lamb	244	181	55	25
Other	241	117	32	32
Leather manufactures	124	136	37	33
Total, Class XIII.(b)	2,671	2,401	626	602
Total, Class XIII.	3,249	3,196	817	795
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Sleepers, railway	921	308	52	186
Timber	1,937	1,507	369	560
Wood and wicker manufactures	425	501	142	148
Total, Class XIV.	3,283	2,316	563	903
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE ..	1,008	1,161	483	263
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper and Board</i>	307	413	120	170
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery—</i>				
Books (printed), periodicals, newspapers, &c.	1,270	1,318	340	363
Paper manufactures and stationery	592	829	253	217
Total, Class XVI.(b)	1,862	2,147	593	580
Total, Class XVI.	2,169	2,560	713	750
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-PIECES.				
Precious stones, unset—pearls, &c.	167	160	46	51
Sporting goods	200	246	85	81
Other	191	164	46	32
Total, Class XVII.	558	570	177	164
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Films for cinematographs, &c.	349	318	83	71
Photographic goods and materials	482	521	169	161
Other optical, surgical and scientific instruments and materials	761	414	143	75
Total, Class XVIII.	1,592	1,253	395	307

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	(a)	78	34	16
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Acetylsalicylic acid	(a)	150	42	28
Other	(a)	1,294	358	330
Eucalyptus oil	164	155	34	49
Perfumery and toilet preparations	194	189	51	55
Soap	282	258	70	67
Other chemicals, elements and compounds	(a)	1,091	367	514
Miscellaneous chemical preparations (including fertilizers)	(a)	690	196	224
Total, Class XIX.	3,999	4,505	1,154	1,280
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, ammunition and explosives	1,020	166	61	89
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	3,320	1,963	747	1,663
Synthetic resins	436	598	142	191
Vessels (ships) transferred abroad	421	407	98	191
All other articles	6,402	8,156	2,165	4,231
Total, Class XX.	11,599	11,290	3,213	6,365
Total, Merchandise	811,886	758,041	150,090	161,454
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Bronze specie	1	1	..	..
Gold, including gold in matte	13,799	13,717	1,218	6,526
Silver, including silver in matte	2,606	2,405	583	714
Total, Class XXI.	16,406	16,213	1,801	7,240
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	263,175	220,657	42,004	51,085
Victoria	203,581	216,572	33,973	37,821
Queensland	165,105	154,483	42,183	41,989
South Australia	110,249	95,079	20,524	23,653
Western Australia	68,459	68,507	10,812	11,953
Tasmania	17,733	18,762	2,334	2,756
Northern Territory	30	104	1	37
Australian Produce	820,057	765,883	150,144	163,031
Re-exports	8,273	8,281	2,347	1,603
GRAND TOTAL	828,332	774,164	152,491	164,634

(a) Not available separately.

TOTAL QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
		1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
* CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.					
Butter.	'000 lb.	88,035	140,017	9,684	23,880
Cheese.	"	50,966	49,544	4,523	4,083
Processed milk—					
Condensed.	"	60,728	44,552	5,122	9,398
Dried.	"	52,869	55,457	8,031	8,518
Infants' and invalids' foods.	"	9,473	7,957	2,222	1,931
Eggs—					
In shell.	'000 doz.	12,902	20,266	6,574	9,333
Not in shell.	'000 lb.	37,870	22,468	357	998
Meats, poultry and game—					
Bacon and hams.	'000 lb.	2,778	1,075	532	224
Preserved by cold process—					
Beef and veal.	"	316,977	276,307	95,703	106,074
Lamb.	"	44,102	94,082	8,533	2,300
Mutton.	"	55,690	33,811	5,742	4,221
Pork.	"	2,765	6,515	2,598	742
Poultry.	'000 prs.	308	263	91	(a)
Rabbits and hares.	"	8,439	5,002	1,941	(b)
Preserved in airtight containers.	'000 lb.	146,347	141,115	44,058	33,422
Sausage casings.	{ cwt. bundle	28,808 — —	6,930 1,019,564 (c)	6,030 — —	402,877
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.					
Fruits—					
Dried—					
Currants.	'000 lb.	24,031	18,755	8,748	6,141
Raisins.	"	115,792	134,252	53,619	57,641
Tree fruits.	"	6,525	6,566	2,923	1,416
Fresh—					
Apples.	'000 bus.	4,728	4,265	193	466
Citrus.	"	553	525	217	238
Other.	"	1,283	1,404	0	25
Preserved in airtight containers.	'000 lb.	190,242	215,843	66,631	73,452
Pulped.	"	13,005	5,130	1,566	982
Grain or cereals—					
Prepared—					
Barley—pearl and scotch.	"	453	239	48	85
Flour, (wheaten) plain white.	"	1,522,537	1,311,365	255,515	289,001
Oatmeal and rolled oats.	"	18,991	18,391	2,209	6,847
Rice.	cwt.	709,149	607,932	109,191	260,603
Unprepared—					
Barley.	ton	601,536	421,174	138,510	55,777
Oats.	"	58,490	51,288	10,046	26,928
Wheat.	"	965,838	1,691,064	312,533	392,411
Jams and fruit jellies.	'000 lb.	6,315	6,853	2,582	1,377
Sugar (cane).	ton	706,801	737,184	260,293	170,385
Vegetables—preserved or pulped.	'000 lb.	9,101	3,952	1,160	456

(a) 543,755 lb.

(b) 23,514 pairs (furred carcases) 5,997,994 lb. (skinned carcases and pieces).

(c) From 1st October, 1954.

Total Quantities of Principal Commodities Exported from Australia—continued.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	Year ended June.		September Quarter.	
		1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.					
Wine	'000 gal.	1,395	1,264	282	327
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and skins—					
Calf, cattle and horse ..	'000 lb.	21,134	36,120	6,302	9,439
Kangaroo and wallaby ..	"	624	766	157	193
Rabbit and hare	"	4,325	4,586	1,253	1,291
Sheep and lamb	"	94,522	100,276	21,680	25,242
Wool—					
Greasy	"	990,023	959,040	121,698	100,328
Scoured and washed, stipe, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	"	96,436	101,555	21,808	26,206
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.					
Tallow, edible and inedible ..	ton	47,340	20,777	3,936	8,125
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.					
Coal	ton	385,812	291,226	102,865	73,733
Ores and concentrates—					
Lead and silver-lead	"	72,390	59,063	14,293	17,867
Zinc	"	266,395	200,670	82,557	99,400
CLASS XII.—METALS.					
Lead—					
Pig	ton	170,211	140,256	38,668	35,515
Bullion	"	34,124	40,818	13,522	14,435
Zinc, bars, blocks, &c.	"	42,150	37,021	10,146	11,488

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.				Fruits.		
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef and Veal (a).	Mutton and Lamb (a).	Pork (a).	Dried.		Preserved in air-tight containers.
							Vine.	Tree.	

QUANTITY.
('000 lb.)

1938-39	229,543	35,924	1,739	271,064	186,489	30,716	164,213	3,945	81,279
1951-52	25,417	40,310	5,077	95,876	31,153	3,898	84,396	13,701	110,148
1952-53	110,428	53,066	3,393	102,297	160,844	3,458	155,172	6,709	143,261
1953-54	88,030	50,050	2,777	310,955	99,001	2,758	139,822	6,481	109,310
1954-55	140,017	49,543	1,675	276,398	128,793	6,515	153,000	6,437	215,795
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1954	9,684	4,523	532	95,703	14,275	2,598	62,367	2,858	96,030
Sept., 1955	21,889	4,083	224	106,074	6,530	742	67,782	1,408	73,452

VALUE.
(£1'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

1938-39	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,897	882	2,747	118	1,267
1951-52	4,593	4,004	341	5,230	1,918	485	1,608	1,053	6,500
1952-53	29,075	5,851	720	14,765	8,761	472	7,448	581	9,298
1953-54	16,932	5,429	619	22,044	5,261	462	8,006	793	14,184
1954-55	24,389	5,037	355	21,899	11,817	781	7,837	799	15,245
Three months ended—									
Sept., 1954	1,828	514	115	7,034	1,080	392	3,054	343	4,869
Sept. 1955	4,010	510	50	7,376	479	101	3,296	170	5,556

(a) Preserved by cold process.

Year.	Wheat.	Flour.	Barley (1 imp. bushel).	Sugar (Cane).	Wool.		Sheep and Lamb- skins.	Lard (1 lb.).
					Greasy.	Scoured. (a).		
QUANTITY.								
	Tons.	'000 lb.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	Tons.
1938-39	1,090,956	1,450,130	58,141	443,014	793,394	70,881	84,359	294,495
1951-52	1,055,382	1,378,043	269,232	167,131	825,961	97,777	70,833	106,816
1952-53	1,354,003	1,743,240	406,103	459,354	981,092	107,344	119,172	141,909
1953-54	965,338	1,522,536	691,536	200,796	969,009	96,418	94,522	170,207
1954-55	1,691,003	1,911,238	424,174	747,077	939,033	101,533	109,276	140,256
Three months ended—								
Sept., 1954	517,531	255,331	148,316	297,237	121,698	27,898	21,690	38,008
Sept., 1955	297,471	189,069	59,777	170,385	160,370	26,199	25,242	35,515

VALUE.
(£1'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

1938-39	8,744	4,340	342	4,178	37,395	5,424	2,370	4,267
1951-52	11,282	33,018	11,154	6,896	276,481	44,947	13,672	29,720
1952-53	11,970	37,417	19,745	21,854	356,223	46,861	17,332	17,168
1953-54	36,657	29,087	14,820	31,591	314,977	15,444	16,439	18,550
1954-55	47,552	20,365	19,337	11,137	310,902	42,294	15,935	17,142
Three months ended—								
Sept., 1954	8,268	4,139	2,877	10,934	41,118	9,797	4,315	4,411
Sept., 1955	10,426	4,276	1,969	6,687	45,570	10,298	4,419	5,217

(a) Includes scoured and washed, carbonized, tops, nolls, waste and clips.

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	September Quarter.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	BUTTER.				CHEESE.			
United Kingdom ..	1,816	815	18,394	8,012	2,268	197	1,835	163
Australian Territories ..	138	29	172	37	28	5	25	4
Ceylon ..	545	100	677	121	65	10	50	8
Guiana (British) ..	67	10	83	12	10	2	8	1
Hong Kong ..	394	77	462	70	107	14	80	10
India ..	81	10	185	40	222	39	126	21
Malaya, Fed. of ..	270	62	201	59	54	8	36	6
Malta ..	198	38	147	28	11	4	..	..
Mauritius ..	125	39	49	12	66	12	22	4
Singapore ..	448	95	768	146	295	24	240	28
West Africa (British) ..	72	17	66	15	76	13	35	6
West Indies ..	71	14	3	1	10	2	6	1
Barbados ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trinidad and Tobago ..	345	67	81	15	28	5	6	1
Windward Is. ..	44	10	32	8	3	1	1	..
Other ..	76	16	43	10	76	12	57	8
Other British Countries ..	315	76	302	70	133	26	131	22
Arabian States ..	144	32	115	27	166	31	246	45
Burma ..	168	41	91	22	32	6	28	5
Egypt ..	313	63	72	13	339	38	33	3
France ..	..	..	11	2	..	..	..	..
French Possessions ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Caledonia ..	126	26	111	22	31	6	35	6
Other ..	82	20	71	16	1	..	..	..
Italy ..	..	..	471	85	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	267	57	65	14	36	8	313	45
Lebanon ..	59	12	52	10	..	..	3	0
Netherlands Antilles ..	198	38	69	15	..	..	..	..
Philippines ..	153	41	172	44	292	48	559	89
Other Foreign Countries ..	223	51	367	80	194	33	152	25
New South Wales ..	452	92	465	88	74	13	52	8
Victoria ..	5,822	1,123	13,859	2,325	2,131	342	2,053	310
Queensland ..	2,146	417	8,661	1,439	274	42	390	50
South Australia ..	477	82	699	105	1,743	147	1,382	142
Western Australia ..	3	1	27	5	1	..	..	..
Tasmania ..	793	143	280	48	..	..	..	..
Total ..	9,684	1,858	23,899	4,010	4,723	544	4,983	510
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	BACON AND HAMS.				BEEF AND VEAL (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	..	..	..	..	78,326	5,547	88,059	5,847
Bermuda ..	..	..	..	..	112	46	281	43
Ceylon ..	29	6	39	7	1	..	42	5
Hong Kong ..	29	5	45	10	2,572	194	127	56
Malta ..	..	..	..	..	749	61	747	63
Singapore ..	252	51	76	15	3,065	259	3,741	295
West Indies (British) ..	21	6	..	..	438	41	319	31
Other British Countries ..	67	10	44	10	1,856	156	1,365	107
Arabian States ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Saudi Arabia ..	1	..	..	..	14	11	33	22
Other ..	19	..	18	5	174	29	151	23
Belgium ..	..	..	..	..	984	82	828	64
Egypt ..	29	798	1	..	5,819	298	1,197	59
United States of America ..	..	..	..	..	65	7	52	5
Other Foreign Countries ..	46	10	4	1	4,428	389	7,695	582
New South Wales ..	291	41	64	9	3,018	281	7,014	632
Victoria ..	3	..	19	..	1,147	93	591	53
Queensland ..	147	47	110	32	80,145	6,533	91,346	6,216
South Australia ..	15	31	..	1	..	1	86	6
Western Australia ..	159	31	..	5	77	56	7,698	472
Total ..	532	115	214	59	95,703	7,014	106,074	7,176

NOTE.—Values in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	September Quarter.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	cwt.	£A'000.	cwt.	£A'000.	cwt.	£A'000.	cwt.	£A'000.
	MUTTON AND LAMB. (Preserved by Cold Process.)				PORK. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	10,407	851	4,403	315	1,006	193	435	55
Australian Territories ..	205	22	164	23	59	11	54	9
Canada ..	294	12	..	..	78	12	14	2
Ceylon ..	90	4	132	9	..	..	..	1
Hong Kong ..	91	0	73	5	..	..	27	3
Singapore ..	396	27	547	31	765	40	98	9
Other British Countries ..	984	50	387	37	70	12	60	9
Arabian States ..	320	39	14	11	33	..	33	6
Belgium ..	178	7	11	1	11	1	..	..
Egypt ..	64	4	548	29	87	13	21	..
United States of America ..	21	1	23	2	1	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries ..	1,135	57	75	7	86	12	30	4
Total ..	14,275	1,098	6,530	470	2,598	302	742	101
	'000lb.	£A'000.	'000lb.	£A'000.	'000lb.	£A'000.	'000lb.	£A'000.
	DRYED VINE FRUITS—CORRANTS.				DRYED VINE FRUITS—RAISINS (Including Sultanas and Lexias).			
United Kingdom ..	4,593	225	1,751	82	29,053	1,498	30,847	1,820
Canada ..	3,122	144	2,980	166	30,203	841	19,269	860
New Zealand ..	718	34	777	41	3,494	209	4,827	284
Singapore ..	28	2	10	2	47	4	33	4
Other British Countries ..	180	11	560	30	633	40	1,393	60
Egypt ..	58	4	..	..	121	10	..	..
Other Foreign Countries ..	49	3	54	1	68	5	1,272	137
Total ..	10,738	427	6,141	322	63,619	2,607	57,641	2,974

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	September Quarter.							
	1954.				1955.			
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	DRIED TREE FRUITS.				FRUITS PRESERVED IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS.			
United Kingdom ..	658	79	492	38	54,978	4,286	64,567	5,071
Canada ..	60	8	448	74	1,137	87	2,030	150
Ireland, Republic of ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Zealand ..	541	74	269	36	3,030	228	3,153	215
Singapore ..	50	8	31	5	220	15	221	14
Other British Countries	159	20	80	7	1,380	105	772	57
Egypt ..	30	5	..	..	514	37	97	7
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	829	24	10	2	87	8	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	752	75	67	8	1,284	86	622	42
New South Wales ..	856	95	340	28	8,576	590	13,164	962
Victoria ..	110	18	121	13	48,149	3,433	43,334	3,403
Queensland ..	..	..	..	..	8,083	776	14,605	1,031
South Australia ..	1,165	135	907	126	671	48	1,733	112
Western Australia ..	5	..	..	..	1	..	9	1
Tasmania ..	714	97	40	5	250	13	567	47
Total ..	2,854	343	1,408	170	66,630	4,859	73,452	5,556
	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WHEAT.				FLOUR.			
United Kingdom ..	94,368	2,528	102,000	2,631	15,728	212	55,327	584
Aden ..	..	..	..	..	3,465	49	2,128	30
Australian Territories ..	15	1	36	1	3,126	52	2,569	45
Borneo (British) ..	..	..	..	..	4,601	75	2,771	45
Ceylon ..	18	1	5	..	40,848	685	80,693	890
Cyprus ..	13,470	377	11,592	321	..	..	11	..
East Africa (British) ..	..	..	199	6	1,282	19	5,355	81
Hong Kong ..	167	5	2,739	70	2,335	37	2,360	35
India ..	43,532	1,119	..	..	..	..	15	1
Indonesia, Republic of ..	8,126	210	3,091	70	..	..	..	..
Malaya, Fed. of ..	2,345	69	10,804	170	43,460	740	22,550	378
Mauritius ..	12	..	20	..	6,722	105	9,744	141
New Zealand ..	49,123	1,305	71,090	1,873	..	..	..	..
Pacific Islands—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fiji ..	5	..	15	..	5,414	88	5,354	89
Other ..	7	..	19	..	1,801	33	3,199	55
Pakistan ..	..	..	..	..	83	1	356	5
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ..	11,361	315	17,464	478	..	..	803	13
Singapore ..	455	19	1,989	60	32,851	548	18,266	303
Sudan, Anglo-Egyptian ..	..	..	..	..	4,296	63	9,721	146
Other British Countries	75	3	32	1	1,820	30	2,544	40
Arabian States ..	371	11	1,172	35	1,023	23	8,344	116
Burma ..	200	6	2,348	64	20,638	324	11,101	179
Egypt ..	..	..	..	..	14,102	211	2,124	32
French Dependencies ..	64	2	170	5	3,608	90	4,166	74
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	77,134	2,063	..	..	..	..	..	..
Indonesia ..	..	..	..	..	30,037	635	46,047	781
Italy ..	..	..	..	..	464	7	453	8
Japan ..	500	11	81,496	2,358	1,335	22	270	4
Korea ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	8,182	218	931	24	..	..	..	..
Portuguese Possessions—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
India ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,685	26
Mozambique ..	2,329	64	..	..	168	1	180	3
Other ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	180	3
Thailand ..	59	2	10	..	5,784	104	7,967	136
Other Foreign Countries	..	..	80,445	2,222	2,349	38	1,977	31
New South Wales ..	39,891	1,073	51,285	1,359	85,030	1,395	85,323	1,378
Victoria ..	117,953	3,145	122,113	3,295	75,802	1,262	90,274	1,463
Queensland ..	369	11	33,394	969	4,221	69	31,225	259
South Australia ..	72,491	1,943	126,887	3,312	30,714	607	28,545	449
Western Australia ..	82,709	2,185	58,532	1,638	52,774	864	47,724	727
Total ..	312,533	8,359	392,411	10,426	255,447	4,197	290,091	4,276

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	September Quarter.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.
	Barley (Unprepared).				Sugar (Cane).			
United Kingdom ..	11,977	251	9,509	223	175,334	7,514	57,539	2,992
Australian Territories—								
New Guinea ..	..	..	..	..	297	10	419	25
Canada ..	..	..	..	..	44,504	1,935	79,181	2,876
Ceylon ..	..	..	..	..	4,519	153	..	..
Hong Kong ..	1,151	27	690	..	..	..	..	..
Ireland, Rep. of ..	9,472	101	..	..	8,159	309	1,000	37
Malaya, Fed. of ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Zealand ..	..	..	..	..	18,341	837	20,329	1,028
Singapore ..	..	..	..	..	3,000	116	..	..
Other British Countries	..	..	..	..	855	49	1,148	65
Belgium ..	35,178	729	3,725	91	..	..	..	..
French Possessions—New								
Caledonia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	28,047	596	750	17	514	91	567	34
Italy ..	990	7	900	25	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	12,347	297	99,815	1,995	78	5	9,032	350
Netherlands ..	98,995	785	..	..	..	..	1,005	26
Other Foreign Countries	500	11	7	..	178	10	169	14
Total ..	138,519	2,813	55,777	1,660	260,292	10,994	179,245	6,687
New South Wales ..	..	..	..	..	1,700	90	1,968	119
Victoria ..	8,429	163	4,310	114	94	6	75	4
Queensland ..	..	..	..	..	258,838	9,898	168,333	6,563
South Australia ..	122,170	2,590	48,159	1,457	..	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	7,011	169	3,002	65	7	..	9	1
Total ..	138,519	2,813	55,777	1,660	260,292	10,994	179,245	6,687

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, £, s, d. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries *continued.*

September Quarter

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WOOL—GREASY.				WOOL—SCOURED AND WASHED, SLIPS, CARRONIZED, TOPS, NOELS AND WASTE.			
United Kingdom ..	41,008	14,382	41,618	11,711	6,956	1,047	7,308	2,712
Canada ..	23	87	0-1	201	736	338	630	249
Hong Kong ..					132	110	184	112
India ..	115	36	67	21	169	73	306	322
Ireland, Republic of ..	1,000	597	188	95	55	24	21	8
New Zealand ..	76	45	10	17	122	89	180	109
South Africa, Union of ..	116	37	134	34	72	43	125	50
Other British Countries ..					50	27	218	109
Austria ..	214	84	335	100	7	3	11	4
Belgium ..	12,118	5,139	15,435	3,178	1,191	445	1,943	342
China ..					696	181	786	426
Czechoslovakia ..	973	406	1,191	394			15	6
Denmark ..					192	85	232	94
Egypt ..					23	22	42	24
France ..	19,372	5,918	28,695	7,478	1,417	628	1,392	519
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	6,927	2,904	9,674	2,634	1,126	468	2,536	812
Greece ..			27	8	194	88	336	137
Italy ..	5,975	1,914	19,391	2,957	1,631	598	1,265	439
Japan ..	18,428	7,279	32,001	10,677	469	209	1,849	850
Mexico ..	119	172	1,739	592	259	135	169	46
Netherlands ..	568	160	579	155	168	65	343	98
Norway ..					32	15	6	2
Poland ..	1,824	782	5,442	2,094				
Portugal ..	200	112	339	114	92	56	56	22
Spain ..	210	89	343	102			46	15
Sweden ..	439	156	416	115	295	87	158	57
Switzerland ..	472	175	668	167	15	16	67	28
Turkey ..	360	250			24	16	18	11
U.S.S.R. ..								
United States of America ..	7,562	2,888	7,376	2,360	5,506	2,357	5,022	1,849
Yugoslavia ..	139	57	973	332	70	14		
Other Foreign Countries ..	112	46	116	35	887	452	1,682	756
Total ..	121,698	41,448	160,310	45,573	21,898	9,797	30,199	10,208
New South Wales ..	46,667	15,585	61,891	17,573	6,537	2,852	7,641	2,726
Victoria ..	10,591	3,608	24,174	7,214	7,127	2,996	7,591	2,961
Queensland ..	31,195	11,284	37,329	11,002	2,814	1,397	3,042	1,173
South Australia ..	15,191	4,967	24,048	6,239	1,739	773	2,546	941
Western Australia ..	11,971	4,076	12,719	3,446	2,284	988	2,751	1,056
Tasmania ..	80	25	208	72	2	1		
Total ..	121,698	41,448	160,310	45,573	(a) 29,703	(a) 8,919	(a) 23,871	(a) 8,869

(a) Excludes exports of wool tops. State details not available for publication.

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency. F.o.b. port of shipment

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	September Quarter.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.
	SHEEP AND LAMB SKINS.				LEAD (Pig).			
United Kingdom ..	2,687	510	3,112	517	20,031	2,209	20,641	3,339
New Zealand ..	..	..	..	..	1,152	139	901	117
South Africa, Union of ..	..	..	..	..	549	66	300	38
Other British Countries ..	..	..	..	..	30	4	26	3
Belgium ..	483	101	186	34	..	..	..	..
France ..	17,394	3,525	21,039	3,736	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	518	119	410	72	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	136	11	77	4	..	..	..	..
United States of America ..	371	23	146	9	16,711	1,917	13,178	1,892
Other Foreign Countries ..	87	17	272	44	135	16	469	54
Total ..	21,680	4,315	25,242	4,419	38,608	4,441	35,515	5,247
New South Wales ..	8,076	1,620	8,702	1,513	98	12	209	26
Victoria ..	7,723	1,489	9,149	1,830	60	7	314	36
Queensland ..	664	122	1,113	172	25	3	92	12
South Australia ..	2,785	578	3,486	591	38,423	4,419	34,757	3,156
Western Australia ..	1,839	350	2,072	377	..	..	140	17
Tasmania ..	789	156	720	136	2	..	3	..
Total ..	21,680	4,315	25,242	4,419	38,608	4,441	35,515	5,247

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Section V.—Retail Sales.

TOTAL RETAIL SALES OF GOODS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS.^(a)*(Adjusted on a Basis Comparable with the 1952-53 Retail Census.)*

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards).

The tables contain particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1949-50 to 1954-55 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the year 1952-53 were obtained from the Census taken in respect of that year whereas figures for the other years shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(£ million.)

Particulars.	1949-50. (b)	1950-51. (b)	1951-52. (b)	1952-53. (c)	1953-54. (b)	1954-55. (b)
STATES.						
New South Wales	538.2	693.9	801.0	824.7	907.7	1,012.1
Victoria	392.6	492.4	571.7	584.4	637.8	710.8
Queensland	184.9	233.9	270.6	287.8	319.7	362.8
South Australia	122.4	153.3	185.4	189.0	207.8	233.8
Western Australia	99.0	123.9	155.2	164.6	183.8	198.9
Tasmania	41.6	53.4	65.0	68.9	76.1	83.5
Total	1,378.7	1,752.8	2,048.9	2,119.4	2,332.9	2,601.9
COMMODITY GROUPS.						
Groceries	161.1	186.1	232.9	261.5	275.1	308.7
Butchers' Meat	75.4	92.3	118.7	127.8	133.9	147.5
Other Food(d)	131.7	155.5	187.8	206.8	223.7	246.6
Total Foodstuffs	368.2	433.9	539.4	596.1	632.7	702.8
Beer, wine and spirits	105.0	123.2	153.9	173.0	186.7	202.0
Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Footwear	263.8	328.5	351.6	355.1	387.4	419.5
Hardware, China and Glass-ware(e)	66.4	91.2	109.6	113.8	124.7	141.7
Electrical Goods and Radios	43.3	64.7	77.5	75.8	91.2	102.0
Furniture and Floor Coverings	54.5	76.9	76.1	72.8	81.0	86.6
Other Goods(f)	204.2	252.4	307.5	315.5	336.9	365.9
Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, &c.)	1,105.4	1,370.8	1,615.6	1,702.1	1,840.6	2,020.5
Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.(g)	273.3	382.0	433.3	417.3	492.3	581.4
Total	1,378.7	1,752.8	2,048.9	2,119.4	2,332.9	2,601.9

(a) Excludes sales in Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Survey figures.
 (c) Census figures. (d) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, &c., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (e) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, &c.). (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, &c., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, &c. (g) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth moving equipment, &c.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The statistics in the following tables relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Particulars of agreements originally made between retailers and customers and subsequently assigned to finance companies are not included in the figures of agreements made during each quarter nor, up to 31st December, 1953, in those of balances outstanding. Commencing 31st March, 1954, however, details of balances outstanding on agreements assigned to finance companies were collected and are included in the figures from that date.

Balances Outstanding at end of each Quarter (a)

(Including Hiring Charges and Insurance.)
(£'000.)

As at—	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1953—30th September ..	37,088	21,704	16,116	9,592	6,950	3,239	95,589
31st December ..	43,858	25,097	18,392	11,146	7,978	3,066	110,137
1954—31st March(d) ..	47,782	27,540	19,604	12,033	8,548	4,032	119,635
30th June(d) ..	51,556	30,726	22,361	13,456	9,703	4,534	132,336
30th September(d) ..	55,281	34,140	24,041	15,144	10,966	4,991	144,569
31st December(d) ..	62,324	38,750	26,196	16,916	12,117	5,581	161,894
1955—31st March(d) ..	66,281	41,063	27,081	17,572	12,684	6,091	171,372
30th June(d) ..	69,708	44,377	28,638	18,427	13,635	6,659	181,444
30th September(d) ..	75,399	47,687	30,504	19,943	14,519	7,037	195,089

(a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) See note above.

Agreements Made during Quarter ended 30th September, 1955 : States.

Particulars of Agreement.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
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MOTOR VEHICLES.

Number of Agreements ..	26,980	19,503	13,478	9,734	6,254	3,225	79,174
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000 ..	19,785	14,369	8,524	6,552	4,032	2,204	55,466
Amount Financed(d) £'000 ..	11,817	8,652	4,849	3,748	2,425	1,288	32,779

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Number of Agreements ..	1,731	1,014	793	332	194	89	4,153
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000 ..	1,381	535	456	132	175	52	2,731
Amount Financed(d) £'000 ..	838	319	283	86	104	29	1,659

HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.

Number of Agreements ..	64,335	36,852	30,230	12,218	11,629	4,190	159,474
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000 ..	4,955	2,860	1,907	971	842	325	11,860
Amount Financed(d) £'000 ..	4,103	2,361	1,475	810	681	261	9,700

TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

Number of Agreements ..	93,066	57,369	44,501	22,284	18,077	7,594	242,901
Total Value of Goods(c)£'000 ..	26,121	17,764	10,887	7,655	5,049	2,581	70,057
Amount Financed(d) £'000 ..	16,758	11,332	6,807	4,653	3,210	1,578	44,138

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Retail Sales: Hire Purchase Agreements Entered Into By Finance Companies—continued.

Agreements Made during each Quarter: Australia.

Period.	Number of Agree- ments.	Value of Goods. (a)		Amount Financed. (b)		Average Pro- portion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed (b)
		Total.	Average per Agree- ment.	Total.	Average per Agree- ment.	
		£'000	£	£'000.	£	
MOTOR VEHICLES.						
Quarterly Average— 1954-55	67,719	47,023	694	27,154	401	58
Quarterly Total— 1954—Sept. Quarter	66,179	44,951	670	25,882	391	58
Dec. ..	68,693	47,296	687	27,396	399	58
1955—March ..	63,630	44,172	694	25,482	400	58
June ..	72,375	51,764	715	29,857	413	58
Sept. ..	79,174	55,466	701	32,779	414	59
PLANT AND MACHINERY.						
Quarterly Average— 1954-55	3,664	2,318	633	1,413	386	61
Quarterly Total— 1954—Sept. Quarter	3,361	1,784	531	1,104	328	62
Dec. ..	3,975	2,510	631	1,543	388	61
1955—March ..	3,796	2,673	704	1,623	428	61
June ..	3,524	2,307	655	1,381	392	60
Sept. ..	4,153	2,731	658	1,659	390	61
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.						
Quarterly Average— 1954-55	161,081	12,375	77	10,057	62	81
Quarterly Total— 1954—Sept. Quarter	154,587	11,179	72	9,105	59	81
Dec. ..	178,305	14,285	80	11,566	65	81
1955—March ..	157,056	12,831	82	10,461	67	81
June ..	154,378	11,297	73	9,092	59	81
Sept. ..	150,474	11,860	74	9,700	61	82
TOTAL (ALL GOODS).						
Quarterly Average— 1954-55	232,465	61,717	265	38,624	106	63
Quarterly Total— 1954—Sept. Quarter	224,127	57,914	258	36,091	161	62
Dec. ..	250,973	64,001	255	40,505	161	63
1955—March ..	224,482	59,676	266	37,568	167	63
June ..	230,277	65,277	283	40,330	175	62
Sept. ..	242,801	70,057	289	44,138	182	63

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Section VI.—Public Finance.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—RECEIPTS.
(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Three Months ended September—	
				1954.	1955.
TAXATION—					
Customs	31,161	94,757	101,254	25,447	23,531
Excise	16,472	125,460	143,149	32,597	36,794
Sales Tax	0,308	93,689	100,446	24,706	25,171
Flour Tax (a)	1,869	..	..	..	..
Land Tax	1,469	221	13	24	..
Income Taxes (b)	11,883	528,181	532,916	83,886	77,039
Pay-roll Tax	..	40,384	41,455	10,667	11,188
Estate Duty	1,915	9,825	9,614	2,818	2,331
Gift Duty	..	1,368	1,618	416	414
Entertainment Tax	..	1,977	..	1	..
Wool Contributory Charge and Wool Tax (c)	(c) 74	772	784	89	97
Wheat Export Charge (a)	..	..	5,093	..	1,793
Other Export Charges (a) (d)	..	168	305	53	124
Stevedoring Industry Charge (a)	..	1,830	908	252	258
Total, Taxation	74,111	900,450	937,613	181,046	178,730
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366	67,798	72,825	17,119	18,923
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	331	1,825	1,928	348	452
Central Australia	138	1,553	1,483	269	444
North Australia	30	65	70	6	19
Australian Capital Territory	7	15	29	6	4
Total, Railways	506	3,401	3,510	629	919
Broadcasting Services	(c)	3,867	3,875	1,165	1,166
Total, Business Undertakings	17,892	75,126	80,210	18,913	21,008
TERRITORIES (f)	356	2,105	2,419	534	660
OTHER REVENUE—					
Coinage	128	750	725	..	..
Defence	151	2,809	4,106	1,052	888
Atomic Energy Commission	..	2,791	1,082	..	8
Civil Aviation	6	4,313	4,644	434	122
Health	18	80	80	20	24
Attorney-General	111	322	371	97	88
Commerce and Agriculture	6	106	..	..	..
Shipping and Transport	152	391	321	79	65
Net Profit on Note Issue	767	5,767	516	1,719	2,294
Other	1,367	27,750	30,348	5,497	4,912
Total	2,706	45,019	47,169	8,898	8,373
GRAND TOTAL	95,065	1,022,700	1,067,441	209,391	209,771
PER HEAD OF POPULATION					
Taxation	£ s. d. 10 13 9	£ s. d. 101 3 5	£ s. d. 103 2 11	£ s. d. 20 2 11	£ s. d. 19 8 6
Business Undertakings	2 11 7	8 8 10	8 10 6	2 2 1	2 3 8
Other	0 8 10	5 6 1	5 9 2	1 1 0	0 19 8
Total	13 14 2	114 18 4	117 8 7	23 6 0	22 13 10

(a) Paid to Trust Fund for purposes of industry concerned. (b) Includes Social Services Contribution, Wool Deduction, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (c) Wool levy for publicity and research. (d) Prior to 1952-53 treated as refunds of revenue. (e) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department, balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account revenue. (f) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Three Months Ended September—	
			1954.	1955.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services...	5,316 (a)	65,664 (a)	18,793 (a)	50,610 (a)
Interest and Debt Redemption, n.e.l.(b) ..	3,339	6,016	6,045 (c)	17,319 (c)
Capital Works and Services, n.e.l. ..	631	58,541	59,546	10,172
National Welfare Fund and Social Services(d)	16,428	176,855	189,319	47,027
Subsidies and Bounties	290	21,320	21,530	3,765
Defence Services	8,928	190,661	180,794	29,555
War and Repatriation Services				35,050
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	6,665	63,670	58,507 (e)	(e)
War Pensions	8,227	39,425	44,548	11,075
Other Services	1,385	17,158	17,270	11,024
Total, War and Repatriation Services ..	10,257	120,252	120,325	8,272
Business Undertakings—				
Postmaster-General's Department—				
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	2,467	3,320	2,958 (e)	(e)
Capital Works and Services	3,451	25,086	25,830	5,831
Other	11,091	68,724	73,249	18,290
Total, Postmaster-General's Department ..	18,729	98,230	102,086	18,453
Railways—				
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	530	561	573 (e)	(e)
Capital Works and Services	112	3,382	3,100	380
Other	801	2,668	3,049	606
Total, Railways	1,473	6,911	6,722	1,079
Broadcasting Services—				
Capital Works and Services		281	277	50
Other		4,684	4,871	1,258
Total, Broadcasting Services	(f)	4,965	5,144	53
Total, Business Undertakings	20,202	110,106	113,052	1,258
Territories(g)—				
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	376	359	361 (e)	(e)
Capital Works and Services	730	4,511	5,168	950
Overseas Expenditure	(h)	(h)	(h)	(h)
Other				
Northern Territory	325	2,522	2,740	528
Australian Capital Territory	340	2,882	2,514	472
Papua-New Guinea	47	5,812	7,313	1,727
Norfolk Island	5	58	34	5
Total, Territories	1,830	15,644	18,139	3,688
Payments to or for the States—				
Interest on States' Debts(j)	5,585	7,585	7,585	1,896
Redemption of States' Debts	1,478	3,463	3,047	1,066
Special Grants	2,020	15,400	12,300	2,775
Grants for Road Construction, &c., purposes ..	4,266	22,057	22,501	6,896
Tax Reimbursement Grants		120,415	120,046	29,084
States Grants—Special Assistance		21,915	19,902	
Tuberculosis Act—Reimbursement of Capital Expenditure		1,370	1,709	312
Other(k)	320	3,433	2,870	561
Total, Payments to or for the States ..	15,669	195,647	200,729	45,495
Other Expenditure	2,089	6,091	8,232	394
GRAND TOTAL	94,437	(l) 966,519	(l) 997,290	209,790
PER HEAD OF POPULATION	£ s. d. 13 12 5	£ s. d. 108 11 11	£ s. d. 100 14 3	£ s. d. 23 6 0

(a) Includes freight concessions on North Australia and Central Australia Railways. (b) Includes exchange on interest payments. (c) Includes Interest and Debt Redemption for War and Repatriation Services, Business Undertakings and Territories for which quarterly figures are not available. (d) For expenditure on Social Services see page 48. (e) Not available (see note (c)). (f) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account expenditure. (g) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (h) Included in the territories. (i) Not allocable between the territories. (j) Excludes balance of interest payable on States debts (recoverable from State). (k) Includes contribution to South Australia for Port Augusta-Port Pirie Railway. (l) Excludes transfer of surplus revenue 1953-54, £56,271,000; and 1954-55, £70,151,000 to Trust Accounts.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUND.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Total to 30th June, 1955.
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services	..	..	..	..	..	372,960
Defence and War (1939-45) Services and Post-war Charges	..	5,120	5,684	4,199	4,039	1,632,728
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites	1,912	..	..	..	..	8,682
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works	..	..	..	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks	Cr. 305	..	..	..	..	7,694
Lighthouses, Works and Services	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	..	Cr. 2	40,528
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services	..	..	..	..	..	102
War Service Homes(a)	..	..	..	..	..	7,829
Railways	..	Cr. 3	Cr. 4	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	13,749
Territories(b)	Cr. 7	Cr. 1	Cr. 9	Cr. 12	Cr. 4	8,719
Other	..	..	..	..	..	3,100
Assistance to States—						
Housing	..	26,547	30,000	37,500	29,150	207,359
Other	1,996	..	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty	..	..	..	..	..	3,480
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.	3,594	26,542	29,986	37,187	29,143	317,597
International Bn. Dollar Loan-(c)	..	23,831	17,935	21,468	23,676	90,853
Swiss Loan(d)	..	..	..	5,792	6,930	11,722
GRAND TOTAL	3,594	55,298	53,605	68,646	62,087	2,158,900

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes administration and other public buildings, Australian Capital Territory. (c) Paid to National Debt Sinking Fund. (d) Paid to Swiss Loan Trust Account.

PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR DEFENCE, WAR (1939-45) AND POST-WAR CHARGES, ETC. (a)

Allocation of Proceeds.							
Year and Month of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Commonwealth.		States.	Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			Defence, War (1939-45) and Post-war Charges.	Advances to States for Housing.			
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	
1949—March	43,239	54,860	5,639	52,140	24,145	2.34	1952, 1960-61
September	25,912	63,504			46,167	..	1955, 1960-61
1950—March	40,875	40,060	11,887	17,215	31,576	..	1953, 1961-64
August	12,808	46,302	1,301		47,000	..	..
November	21,253	32,160			30,000	..	..
1951—May	40,000	46,192	328		48,934	..	1954, (b) 1962-65
August	40,000	22,628		3,840	28,860	2.34	1954, 1962-65
November	13,233	12,999		1,470	12,076	..	..
1962—March	30,533	19,449		1,787	15,862	..	1955, 1962-65
November	20,000	20,925		2,429	17,810	4	1961
1953—March	29,790	20,841	92	5,585	26,331	3.44	(c) 1955, 1962
September	50,000	30,977		6,800	59,434	..	1955, 1966
1954—March	35,000	24,974		65	52,000	..	(d) 1957, 1967
August	37,594	26,832		17 5	48,505	..	(e) 1957, 1967
November	50,000	18,883			37,159	..	(f) 1957, 1968
1955—March	40,000	13,245		1	44,005	..	(g) 1957, 1968
August	35,000	23,627			39,587	..	(h) 1958, 1965, 1970
November	30,000	(A)			28,011	..	(e) 1958, 1965, 1970

(a) Excludes redemption and conversion loans. (b) Price of issue: £99. (c) Price of issue: £99 10s. (d) Price of issue: £98 10s. (e) Price of issue: £98 15s. (f) Price of issue: £99 5s. (g) Price of issue: £99 15s. (h) Not available.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 30th June, 1955, see page 67.

**COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION,
1953-54.(a)**

Grade of Actual Income and State or Territory of Assessment.	Number of Taxpayers.	Taxable Income.			Net Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessed
		Personal Exemption.	Property.	Total.	
£ £	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
105- 200	171,542	23,590	2,046	25,635	333
201- 300	236,185	51,566	3,840	55,406	1,545
301- 400	287,598	80,672	4,793	85,465	3,790
401- 500	309,511	120,113	4,863	124,976	7,403
501- 600	338,499	157,461	4,806	162,357	11,574
601- 700	386,310	203,524	4,761	208,285	16,830
701- 800	512,708	301,525	4,876	306,401	27,291
801- 900	387,149	252,755	4,647	257,402	25,140
901- 1,000	248,599	179,631	4,259	183,893	19,630
1,001- 1,250	296,659	241,931	8,771	250,702	30,365
1,251- 1,500	106,361	109,398	6,993	116,391	16,915
1,501- 2,000	86,566	113,757	10,401	124,158	22,042
2,001- 3,000	65,865	125,601	13,871	139,472	32,713
3,001- 4,000	27,722	76,790	9,176	85,966	25,628
4,001- 5,000	13,876	49,827	6,570	56,397	19,983
5,001- 10,000	17,527	92,292	14,730	107,022	49,956
10,001-15,000	2,624	24,086	4,980	29,066	17,022
15,001 and over	1,565	26,190	6,737	32,927	21,889
Total Residents	3,470,866	2,230,712	121,209	2,351,921	350,055
Central Office	12,846	23,020	10,694	33,714	15,168
New South Wales	1,306,561	845,982	41,364	887,346	128,890
Victoria	1,002,947	626,383	30,745	663,128	92,400
Queensland	468,724	285,852	10,782	296,614	43,208
South Australia	315,444	217,563	11,586	229,149	35,583
Western Australia	234,663	154,028	9,705	160,733	24,582
Tasmania	110,345	64,029	2,928	66,957	8,113
Northern Territory	5,234	3,566	49	3,615	445
Australian Capital Territory	14,302	10,289	376	10,665	1,660
Total Residents	3,470,866	2,230,712	121,209	2,351,921	350,055
Total Non-Residents	4,056	838	3,072	3,910	1,092
GRAND TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	3,474,922	2,231,550	124,281	2,355,831	351,147
Companies (b)	25,484	..	..	413,714	(c) 123,614

(a) Assessed on income for year 1952-53.
Undistributed Profits Tax.

(b) Preliminary, subject to revision.

(c) Includes

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1953-54.

Grade of Dutiable Value.					Number of Estates (a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	£				No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1-1,000	..	..	..	..	5,584	12,587	2,483	74
1,001-2,000	..	..	..	..	3,039	10,342	4,428	132
2,001-3,000	..	..	..	..	1,844	8,306	4,552	135
3,001-4,000	..	..	..	..	1,408	7,560	4,807	145
4,001-5,000	..	..	..	..	1,005	7,557	4,809	140
5,001-10,000	..	..	..	..	2,012	27,240	20,508	611
10,001-20,000	..	..	..	..	2,154	36,041	30,765	1,345
20,001-50,000	..	..	..	..	1,321	46,652	38,721	3,148
50,001 and over	..	..	..	..	264	31,660	22,626	4,353
Total	..	..	..	..	19,621	187,905	133,919	10,080

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

NOTE.—An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Incomplete information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable.—Australia. (a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Sales (a)									Sales Tax Payable.
		¼ per cent.	10 per cent.	12½ per cent.	16½ per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	33½ per cent.	50 per cent.	66½ per cent.	
1938-39 ..	477,145	106,491	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	106,491 9,363
1950-51 ..	1,888,233	483,975	40,463	..	..	..	11,325	22,584	..	..	547,347 53,084
1951-52 ..	1,945,060	134,246	24,243	327,442	..	85,192	6,070	36,278	4,983	4,929	623,390 51,382
1952-53 ..	1,897,660	..	..	403,880	..	121,413	134	29,000	6,794	369	555,390 55,086
1953-54 ..	2,154,290	..	..	483,738	176,186	24,265	..	3,007	802	..	687,948 66,079
1954-55 ..	2,466,282	..	140,620	421,607	204,713	..	..	..	..	..	766,940 101,427
Quarter—											
1954—											
June ..	563,275	..	..	121,508	64,315	..	..	..	..	..	175,824 24,241
Sept. ..	595,032	..	21,672	115,000	56,310	..	..	..	..	..	192,982 25,927
Dec. ..	633,844	..	45,843	110,278	51,904	..	..	..	..	..	208,025 27,021
1955—											
Mar. ..	585,006	..	35,376	94,180	44,554	..	..	..	..	..	174,116 23,281
June ..	651,800	..	37,729	102,143	51,945	..	..	..	..	..	191,817 25,198
Month—											
1955—											
Jan. ..	164,269	..	10,075	26,452	10,479	..	..	..	..	..	47,006 4,606
Feb. ..	197,084	..	12,109	32,088	15,890	..	..	..	..	..	60,093 7,871
Mar. ..	224,533	..	13,192	35,646	18,178	..	..	..	..	..	67,016 8,705
April ..	200,790	..	11,535	32,152	16,225	..	..	..	..	..	59,912 7,877
May ..	225,564	..	13,840	35,582	18,376	..	..	..	..	..	67,807 8,595
June ..	228,446	..	12,343	34,409	17,344	..	..	..	..	..	64,098 8,428

(a) The general rate was 4 per cent. to 21st September, 1938 and 5 per cent. to 8th September, 1939. The 10 per cent. rate came into operation on 15th November, 1946, and superseded the general rate of 12½ per cent., which, together with the 25 per cent. rate, operated from 1st May, 1942. On 8th September, 1949, the general rate was reduced to ¼ per cent. From 13th October, 1950, additional rates of 10 per cent. and 33½ per cent. were introduced. On 27th September, 1951, the general rate was increased to 12½ per cent. and rates of 20 per cent., 50 per cent. and 66½ per cent. were introduced. From 7th August, 1952, the rate of 66½ per cent. was reduced to 50 per cent. and the rate of 25 per cent. eliminated. From 9th September, 1953, the rates of 50 per cent., 33½ per cent. and 20 per cent. were eliminated and the rate of 16½ per cent. was introduced. From 10th August, 1954, the rate of 10 per cent. was re-introduced.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. The following adjustments have been made to the Budget figures for 1954-55 to obviate duplications within the combined accounts and to obtain uniformity with the other States: (i) Treasury transfers to Railway revenue £1,000,000 and (ii) Commonwealth Hospital Benefits £2,380,000 paid to Consolidated Revenue and then distributed to hospitals, have been deducted from the Budget Revenue total of £196,438,000 and from the Expenditure total of £201,154,000. In addition, £2,504,000 has been deducted from expenditure on account of debt charges not recouped to Consolidated Revenue Fund from Business Undertakings and on account of contributions from Consolidated Revenue Fund towards losses on Tramway and Omnibus Services. Although contributions towards accumulated losses of Business Undertakings have been made from Consolidated Revenue Fund in previous years, no adjustment to aggregate expenditure was made until 1952-53. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The following Treasury transfers to Business Undertakings have been excluded from Revenue and Expenditure—New South Wales (as stated above)—Railways £1,000,000; Victoria—Railways £2,148,000 and South Australia—Railways £3,200,000.

STATE REVENUES. (£'000.)

Sources of Revenue and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (a)	W. Aust. (a)	Tas. (a)(b)	Total.
1954-55.							
Taxation(e)	21,232	20,861	8,735	7,547(d)	3,757	2,690	64,822
Railways	73,361	37,095	30,805	13,100	12,470	..	167,837
Tramways and Omnibuses	11,475	..	..	..	986	..	12,461
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	3,093	6,236	..	4,721	5,239	..	17,384
Land	4,431	2,256	3,827	..	1,067	405	12,308
Interest u.s.r.	1,050	3,664	1,720	3,334	1,254	2,349	13,351
Commonwealth Payments(a)	61,373	39,481	25,192	16,114	19,728	7,943	169,834
All other Sources	17,024(f)	8,500	3,541	3,483	3,649	1,103	35,300
Total Revenue 1954-55	193,639	116,789	73,820	48,684	46,070	14,485	492,807
Total Revenue per head	£ s. d. 55 10 0	£ s. d. 46 18 0	£ s. d. 55 14 0	£ s. d. 60 5 10	£ s. d. 70 10 10	£ s. d. 46 6 3	£ s. d. 54 10 2
1953-54	186,642	108,748	69,896	44,376	43,506(b)	13,285	468,343
1952-53	180,008	96,965	63,171	44,951	38,725(b)	12,661	430,111
1951-52	167,065	81,661	55,152	37,588	33,065(b)	10,409	386,521
1950-51	128,298	63,446	44,723	31,072	28,974(f)	7,819	304,432
1938-39	51,008	26,865	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,282

STATE EXPENDITURES. (£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas. (a)(b)	Total.
1954-55.							
Interest and Charges on Public Debt	22,180	16,782	10,158	9,725	7,327	4,216	70,394
Railways	64,562	35,618	30,041	14,556	11,497	..	159,274
Tramways and Omnibuses	13,506	..	..	..	1,137	..	14,643
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,316	4,133	250	3,869	3,484	(g) 997	15,049
Education	32,157	19,423	8,768	6,238	6,568	3,133	76,267
Hospitals	16,319	14,574	7,407	3,905	3,627	1,493	47,725
Other Charities	3,841	3,559	2,600	743	1,167	504	11,948
All Other Expenditure	40,280	21,384	14,574	11,882	(h) 8,747	(i) 4,274	101,101
Total Expenditure 1954-55	195,187	115,453	73,692	50,918	46,654	11,707	496,421
Total Expenditure per head	£ s. d. 56 8 5	£ s. d. 46 8 0	£ s. d. 55 10 8	£ s. d. 63 1 2	£ s. d. 71 14 9	£ s. d. 46 19 9	£ s. d. 54 18 0
1953-54	186,514	106,037	69,353	46,586	43,609	(b) 18,270	465,430
1952-53	180,811	97,360	62,060	44,256	39,733	(b) 11,763	438,373
1951-52	169,507	84,067	55,708	37,409	34,547	(b) 10,871	389,869
1950-51	128,283	63,849	44,625	39,842	28,814	(b) 8,606	304,501
1938-39	63,558	27,773	19,310	12,701	11,170	3,000	128,159

(a) Revenue includes balance of Special Grant for 1952-53—South Australia—£1,100,000, Western Australia—£550,000, Tasmania—£600,000.

(b) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of the Transport Commission. (c) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1953-55, see p. 59.

(d) Gross collections. (e) Includes Commonwealth tax reliefs. (f) Includes contribution to revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways, £17,000. (g) Losses of Transport Commission. (h) Includes reduction of 1952-53 adjusted surplus, -£900,000.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR, 1964-65.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways	12,232	8,168	4,122	1,831	4,931	265	31,530
Tramways and Omnibuses	318			700	Cr. 75	131	1,074
Roads and Bridges	590	1,092	151	187			
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	1,833	295	14	790	960	722	5,604
Water Supply and Sewerage	2,338	9,399	1,247	6,595	2,488	273	22,340
Electricity Supply	11,500	2,000		5,000	705	7,890	26,531
Public Buildings	12,261	11,114	3,217	2,172	1,997	2,212	33,060
Unemployment Relief	21					Cr. 29	
Housing	401	15	660	1,803	1,575	2,421	6,864
Other (b)	357	284	5,243	99	203	444	6,630
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (c)	2,730	3,393	335	98	Cr. 1	271	6,828
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	5,756		1,933	1,012	342		9,043
Other	1,407	811	1,098	2,495	231	255	6,983
Other purposes		1,124		668	1,355	Cr. 70	4,077
Total Works, &c.	51,314	36,780	18,024	23,444	14,731	14,252	160,545
Per Head	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	11 16 8	15 11 9	13 12 0	29 0 8	22 14 0	46 10 8	17 15 1
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits						302	302
Other (d)	440	242		62	117	175	905
Grand Total	51,804	39,022	18,024	23,506	14,848	14,629	161,752

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1965.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(e)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways	247,392	126,780	102,350	52,649	55,310	14,714	598,604
Tramways and Omnibuses	18,351			7,141	1,979	131	27,602
Roads and Bridges	21,681	19,306	10,438	4,967	3,183		
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	32,849	2,915	4,108	13,071	13,718	11,005	138,671
Water Supply and Sewerage	30,011	85,544	9,368	51,282	27,330	1,060	225,215
Electricity Supply	60,166	43,080		31,650	14,482	51,005	238,562
Public Buildings	74,099	60,267	23,284	14,845	14,927	17,081	199,403
Unemployment Relief	16,008	13,147				331	29,486
Housing	9,810	9,960	7,830	32,100	5,728	12,480	77,715
Other (b)	14,515	5,465	15,823	2,663	3,157	4,528	76,561
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (c)	40,203	88,888	9,923	9,550	14,164	2,718	164,136
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	48,174		4,356	12,649	6,683		75,842
Other	17,222	19,175	22,094	13,977	16,909	2,500	92,846
Other purposes	80	19,116		5,187	16,164	2,254	43,210
Total Works, &c.	677,020	403,952	244,491	251,840	191,892	114,096	1,673,003
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	48,948	15,455	5,826	8,730	12,175	2,476	84,612
Other (d)	27,901	10,446	15,998	3,406	8,154	1,068	65,876
Grand Total	743,869	519,853	266,317	263,778	210,221	117,542	1,923,580

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Reserve Fund. (b) Includes loans to Local Bodies, &c. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (e) Aggregate gross loan expenditure.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1965.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Australia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000. Aust. Sigs.	£'000. Sigs.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (b)	£'000. Aust. Sigs.	£'000. Sigs.	£'000. (c)	£'000. (d)
New South Wales	622,978	122,141	10,480	655,599	18,381	3,915	353	22,649
Victoria	365,246	44,737	3,176	413,159	13,254	1,448	110	14,812
Queensland	188,735	43,585	4,156	236,476	6,631	1,440	148	8,220
South Australia	198,858	35,461	2,450	236,769	7,058	1,123	91	8,272
Western Australia	141,073	36,770	1,038	177,881	4,940	1,108	37	6,085
Tasmania	102,593	6,092	220	109,805	3,769	232	7	4,008
Total	1,515,483	288,724	21,520	1,825,727	54,033	9,272	761	64,046

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table dollars have been converted on the basis of \$1.0665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State public debt leaving out of account differences in currency. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

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

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.
(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common- wealth.	Grand Total. (b)
THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1954.									
Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	12,537	7,940	5,048	3,296	4,332	1,500	34,657		
Taxation ..	5,917	4,985	1,938	1,580	893	660	15,973	181,040	
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	17,030	8,469	8,508	3,311	3,141		41,359	629	
Other ..	3,497	111		714	980		5,282	18,284	
Other ..	3,974	1,539	1,779	1,016	1,318	750	10,344	9,432	
Total ..	43,855	23,050	17,273	9,907	10,644	2,920	107,650	209,391	280,891
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..								40,541	
Debt Service ..	4,659	3,733	2,334	2,275	1,700	844	15,639	16,580	
Business Undertakings (d)—									
Railways ..	16,930	8,741	6,971	3,671	3,463 (e)	500	40,244	706	
Other ..	3,363	150		805	140		5,158	16,438	
Other ..	18,064	12,597	7,850	5,118	4,801	2,069	50,589	135,467	
Total ..	43,016	25,221	17,155	11,869	10,982	3,421	111,664	209,700	285,309
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—) ..	+ 839	— 2,171	+ 118	— 1,962	— 338	— 495	— 4,009	— 309	— 4,318

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1955.

Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	13,023	8,399	5,208	3,767	4,359	1,639	36,685		
Taxation ..	6,151	5,279	2,076	1,734	1,046	660	16,946	178,730	
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	17,006	8,637	8,397	3,121	3,067		41,228	919	
Other ..	3,665	234		652	972		5,523	20,089	
Other ..	4,345	1,846	1,675	1,576	1,288	909	11,939	9,033	
Total ..	45,370	24,385	17,356	10,950	10,752	3,500	112,321	208,771	282,895
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..								45,495	
Debt Service ..	4,500	3,731	2,463	2,601	2,026	875	16,202	17,319	
Business Undertakings (d)—									
Railways ..	17,206	9,475	7,552	3,676	3,690 (e)	580	42,137	690	
Other ..	3,606	148		926	844 (f)	40	5,694	19,711	
Other ..	20,499	14,644	8,019	6,180	5,608	2,420	57,444	161,836	
Total ..	45,907	27,998	18,034	13,383	12,294	3,471	121,477	245,051	328,341
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—) ..	— 537	— 3,613	— 678	— 2,433	— 1,542	— 363	— 9,156	— 36,280	— 45,446

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, 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, special financial assistance, interest on States' debts, special grants and prices, &c., control reimbursement grants; also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government. (c) Includes payments to State trust funds. (d) Excludes interest, &c., charges. (e) Loss by Transport Commission. (f) Contribution towards working expenses of Metropolitan Transport Commission.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.
(£'000.)

Three months ended September—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total Six States.	Common- wealth. (a)	Grand Total.
1954	7,048	5,727	2,504	3,479	2,879	3,581	25,218	4,756	29,974
1955	9,418	7,582	2,782	4,131	2,584	3,503	30,380	7,095	37,475

(a) Excludes payment to National Debt Sinking Fund on account of the International Bank Dollar Loan, and payment to Swiss Loan Trust Account on account of Swiss Loans.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1954-55. (a)

(£'000.)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Land Tax.	Probate and Suc- cession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (s.d.).	Motor Taxes.	Enter- tainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	19	2	9,589	6,314	10,847	2,749	2,519	32,070	
Victoria ..	22	2,624	6,305	4,172	6,329	3,086	1,949	27,497	
Queensland ..	9	1,206	2,513	2,613	5,118	245	1,900	13,644	
South Australia ..	1	568	1,081	1,227	3,238	1,070	155	7,920	
Western Australia ..	1	391	1,062	1,250	1,456	631	417	5,210	
Tasmania ..	207	472	793	451	793	462	751	3,136	
Total States ..	52	4,968	21,402	16,027	27,783	8,333	10,481	89,486	
Commonwealth ..	244,403	532,916	13	9,614	—	—	5,150,169	937,613	
Grand Total ..	244,403	532,968	5,011	31,216	16,027	27,783	8,333	1,027,109	

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

New South Wales ..	0 0 1	1 1 1	2 15 6	1 16 6	3 2 8	0 16 1	0 14 7	9 5 5
Victoria ..	0 0 2	1 1 1	2 10 8	1 13 7	2 10 11	1 4 11	1 19 9	11 1 1
Queensland ..	0 0 2	0 14 2	1 17 11	1 19 5	3 17 3	0 4 3	1 8 9	10 5 11
South Australia ..	0 0 1	0 14 1	1 10 5	1 19 5	4 0 3	1 6 6	3 9 9	9 16 2
Western Australia ..	0 0 1	0 12 0	1 12 9	1 18 6	2 4 11	0 10 5	2 3 11	8 0 7
Tasmania ..	0 13 3	1 10 2	1 8 9	2 10 8	1 9 6	2 8 0	10 0 4	
Total States ..	0 0 1	0 11 1	2 7 9	1 15 5	3 1 5	0 16 5	1 3 0	9 17 11
Commonwealth ..	28 17 9	58 12 6	1 1 2				616 11 6	103 2 11
Grand Total ..	28 17 9	58 12 7	0 11 0	3 8 8	1 15 3	3 1 1	0 16 3	17 15 0

(a) Includes taxes paid to special funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 58 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Includes Sales Tax £100,116,000, £11 14s. 11d. per head of population; and Pay-roll Tax, £41,455,000, £4 11s. 2d. per head of population.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

(£'000.)

Year.	Taxes on by Commonwealth Government.					Taxes by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1958-59 ..	47,633	11,883	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,519	124,630
1961-62 ..	218,917	(a) 531,142	95,459	73,493	934,011	63,150	997,161
1962-63 ..	183,824	(a) 534,737	89,067	67,836	875,464	71,158	946,622
1963-64 ..	220,217	(a) 528,181	95,689	56,363	900,450	40,400	940,850
1964-65 ..	244,403	532,916	100,446	59,818	937,613	40,486	1,027,099

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Year.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.	Taxes by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
1958-59 ..	6 17 5	1 14 3	1 8 10	0 15 3	10 13 9	7 6 1	17 10 6
1961-62 ..	25 1 8	a 64 12 6	11 3 10	8 12 4	109 10 4	7 6 10	116 18 5
1962-63 ..	21 0 11	a 63 10 3	10 4 0	7 15 4	102 10 6	8 3 9	110 13 5
1963-64 ..	24 14 10	a 59 6 11	10 15 0	6 6 8	101 3 5	9 1 7	110 4 1
1964-65 ..	26 17 9	58 12 6	11 1 0	6 11 8	103 2 11	9 17 11	112 19 7

(a) Includes Wool Deduction—1961-62, £5,963,000 (14s. 6d. per head); 1962-63, —£2,223,000 (—5s. 1d. per head) and 1963-64, —£229,000 (—6d. per head).

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1954-55.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth Tax Reimbursement ..	50,697	32,397	30,897	11,414	10,238	4,493	139,046
State Tax Collections ..	32,079	27,497	13,644	7,920	5,210	3,136	89,486
Total ..	82,776	59,894	34,541	19,334	15,448	7,629	219,532
Per head of population	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	28 18 6	34 1 5	26 1 3	23 18 10	23 16 1	24 1 9	24 5 7

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable or Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
TOTAL DEBT. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth— War (1914-18)	Australia £A. London £Stg.(a)	175,194 11,020	149,561 7,534	144,799 7,534	138,439 7,534	128,545 7,534
War (1939-45)	Australia £A. London £Stg.	.. 43,303	1,479,140 149,236	1,467,002 176,842	1,458,992 209,587	1,439,107 232,797
Works, &c. . .	Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £(b) Switzerland(c)	.. 72,097 15,913 ..	.. 50,434 28,139 ..	.. 50,071 30,192 ..	.. 49,478 41,933 6,126	.. 50,722 50,722 12,251
Total	Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £(b) Switzerland(c)	218,497 83,117 15,913 ..	1,776,937 63,743 28,139 ..	1,788,643 63,380 30,192 ..	1,807,009 62,787 41,933 6,126	1,798,449 62,295 50,722 12,251
Total(d) ..	..	317,527	1,858,819	1,888,215	1,917,855	1,923,717
State ..	Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £(b)	485,174 24,328 28,266	1,081,549 280,095 23,092	1,230,404 289,493 23,751	1,379,019 288,392 21,537	1,515,488 289,724 21,520
Total(d) ..	..	897,772	1,395,676	1,543,648	1,688,948	1,825,727
Grand Total	Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £(b) Switzerland(c)	703,676 467,445 44,178 ..	2,858,626 353,838 51,181 ..	3,019,047 352,878 59,043 ..	3,186,028 351,179 63,470 6,126	3,313,932 351,019 72,242 12,251
Total(d) ..	..	1,215,299	3,264,495	3,431,883	3,608,803	3,749,444
DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION. (£ s. d.)						
Grand Total	Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £(b) Switzerland(c)	100 19 10 67 1 8 6 9 10 ..	330 10 8 40 10 5 6 0 9 ..	342 8 0 40 0 7 6 16 0 ..	354 10 8 39 1 7 7 1 3 0 13 8	360 3 8 38 3 0 7 17 0 1 6 8
Total(d) ..	..	174 8 4	377 10 10	389 6 1	401 7 2	407 10 4
ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE. (£'000.)						
Grand Total	Australia £A. London £Stg.(a) New York £(b) Switzerland(c)	25,585 18,386 2,219 ..	17,946 11,267 2,108 ..	26,576 11,355 2,453 ..	34,924 11,353 2,599 245	104,840 11,383 2,937 475
Total(e) ..	..	46,170	31,321	40,384	50,121	119,615
AVERAGE RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE PER CENT. (£ s. d.)						
Commonwealth and State ..	Australia .. London(a) .. New York .. Switzerland ..	3 12 9 3 18 7 5 0 6 ..	2 14 6 3 3 8 4 0 10 ..	2 17 4 3 4 4 4 1 10 ..	2 19 7 3 4 8 4 1 11 4 0 0	3 8 3 3 4 9 4 1 4 3 17 6
Total	..	3 16 0	2 16 0	2 18 6	3 0 8	3 8 10

(a) Excludes debt (£79,724,000) and interest payable (£3,920,000) due to United Kingdom Government under the Funding Arrangements Act 1921. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (b) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (c) Payable in Swiss francs converted on the basis of 100 francs to £1. (d) The total "face" or "book" value of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States, without adjustment on account of differences in currency (see note (b)). (e) Nominal amount, taking no account of exchange.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)
(£'000.)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—					At 30th Sept.- ember, 1955.
		1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A. ..	106,280	153,280	225,000	190,000	150,000	190,000
	London £Stg. ..	1,220	970	720	470	220	220
State ..	Australia £A. ..	2,400	..	..	..	..	2,400
	London £Stg. ..	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,068	22,068
Total ..	Australia £A. ..	110,680	153,280	225,000	190,000	150,000	192,400
	London £Stg. ..	24,088	23,838	23,588	23,338	22,288	22,288

(a) Included above; excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

Section VII.—Social Statistics.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.
(£'000.)

Social and Health Services.	1933-34.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Three Months ended September.	
					1954.	1955.
Social Benefits—						
Age and Invalid Pensions	15,992	72,424	81,293	88,000	22,565	24,055
Child Endowment	..	53,244	50,761	52,530	13,637	19,439
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service	..	454	429	451	114	121
Funeral Benefits	..	270	288	304	91	94
Maternity Allowances	436	3,248	3,226	3,302	850	861
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits	..	6,255	4,543	2,940	719	608
Widows' Pensions	..	6,334	6,626	6,802	1,690	1,612
National Health Services—						
Hospital Benefits	..	7,223	8,330	8,321	2,582	2,215
Medical Benefits	..	..	1,434	4,210	865	1,320
Medical Benefits for Pensioners	..	1,740	2,115	2,516	685	786
Nutrition for Children	..	1,521	1,999	2,237	298	264
Pharmaceutical Benefits	..	6,467	8,219	9,445	2,036	2,440
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners	..	729	1,011	1,295	300	378
Miscellaneous	..	183	216	258	49	50
Mental Institution Benefits	..	523	495	225	121	..
Tuberculosis Campaign (a)	..	4,876	5,390	5,657	515	463
Total	16,428	165,511	176,565	189,319	47,026	54,922

(a) Includes allowances and reimbursements to States for maintenance of hospital.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS.

State and Year.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June.		Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.		Pensions Paid during Year.(a)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per Head of Popn.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.	£ s. d.
1954-55.								
New South Wales	173,896	34,150	212,055	498	109	6 15 9 6 18 7	36,874	10 13 2
Victoria	109,406	17,074	126,480	422	68	6 13 11 6 15 1	21,527	8 13 1
Queensland	62,837	11,638	74,475	467	87	6 13 10 6 17 10	13,027	9 16 7
South Australia	39,370	4,667	44,037	480	57	6 12 8 6 17 5	7,655	9 9 7
Western Australia	28,833	4,191	33,024	438	64	6 14 1 6 17 6	5,759	8 17 6
Tasmania	13,679	2,681	16,360	435	85	6 14 10 6 18 8	2,990	9 11 7
Northern Territory	123	21	144	70	12	(b)	(b)	26 1 10 9
Australian Capital Territory	412	67	479	127	21	(c)	(c)	79 2 11 0
Abroad	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	..
Australia	425,550	78,498	504,054	463	85	6 14 7 6 17 7	88,006	9 13 8
1953-54	397,784	73,732	471,516	443	82	6 14 2 6 16 10	81,293	9 2 8
1952-53	347,701	70,232	417,933	425	80	6 8 4 6 10 11	72,424	8 5 10
1951-52	352,649	67,983	420,632	408	79	5 14 2 5 16 4	59,788	7 0 2
1950-51	342,806	68,918	411,724	407	82	4 15 5 4 16 8	49,520	5 19 3
1938-39	232,836	88,812	321,648	345	128	(d)	(d)	15,992 2 0 2

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Homes for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these homes and from year 1943-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners (b) Included with South Australia. (c) Included with New South Wales. (d) Combined rate 38s. 5d.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay age pensions on 1st July, 1909, and invalid pensions on 15th December, 1910. Age pensions are payable to women of 60 years and over, and to men of 65 years and over, who are natural-born or naturalized British subjects with residence for at least 20 years in Australia or Australian Territory. Invalid pensions are payable after five years' residence in Australia to natural-born or naturalized persons of sixteen years or over who are permanently incapacitated for work or are permanently blind and have become so in Australia. Fortnightly rate £4 from 27th October, 1955. These pensions are subject to income and property qualifications.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT.

State, &c. and Year.	Endowed Families at 30th June.		Number per 10,000 of Population.		Amount paid during Year.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children. (a)	Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	No.	No.			£'000.	£ s. d.
1954-55.						
New South Wales ..	495,063	1,026,195	1,418	2,940	19,422	5 12 3
Victoria ..	350,385	729,399	1,389	2,891	13,735	5 10 5
Queensland ..	188,868	422,906	1,405	3,145	8,249	6 4 6
South Australia ..	120,384	254,879	1,469	3,110	4,714	5 16 9
Western Australia ..	96,621	212,025	1,467	3,220	4,069	6 5 5
Tasmania ..	46,407	104,736	1,475	3,328	2,032	6 9 10
Northern Territory ..	2,068	4,479	1,176	2,648	133	8 0 8
Australian Capital Territory ..	4,000	8,670	1,236	2,674	170	5 8 7
Abroad ..	412	878	..	..	6	..
Australia ..	1,304,227	2,764,167	1,418	3,004	52,630	5 15 7
1953-54 ..	1,280,430	2,689,577	1,425	2,993	50,761	5 14 1
1952-53 ..	1,246,966	2,599,026	1,415	2,948	53,244	6 1 11
1951-52 ..	1,205,421	2,493,246	1,396	2,887	46,625	5 9 4
1950-51 ..	1,150,847	2,365,177	1,366	2,808	43,585	5 5 0

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions at 30th June, 1955, 24,394 in 392 institutions; 1954, 27,597 in 387 institutions; 1953, 24,951 in 376 institutions; 1952, 24,623 in 379 institutions; 1951, 23,783 in 370 institutions.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945, and to 10s. per week from 1st November, 1948) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

From 20th June, 1950, the rate of endowment payable has been (i) where the endowee has the custody of one child only—5s. per week; (ii) where the endowee has the custody of two or more children in respect of the elder or eldest child 5s. per week and in respect of each other child 10s. per week; and (iii) for each child in an approved institution 10s. per week.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS.(a)

State and Year.	Pensions Current at 30th June (a)		Number of Children for whom Pensions Payable at 30th June.	Average Fortnightly Rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during Year.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
					£'000.	s. d.
1954-55.						
New South Wales ..	17,006	49	8,076	6 9 8	2,818	16 3
Victoria ..	9,795	39	3,996	6 6 3	1,622	13 0
Queensland ..	7,123	53	3,365	6 8 6	1,179	17 10
South Australia ..	3,267	40	1,421	6 7 3	533	13 3
Western Australia ..	2,848	43	1,090	6 4 7	451	13 11
Tasmania ..	1,409	45	723	6 10 3	238	15 2
Northern Territory ..	19	11	9	(b)	3	4 2
Australian Capital Territory ..	60	19	33	(c)	9	5 10
Abroad ..	..	..	..	..	9	..
Australia ..	41,547	45	18,683	6 8 2	6,862	15 1
1953-54 ..	40,726	45	18,100	6 6 8	6,626	14 11
1952-53 ..	41,028	47	17,980	6 0 0	6,334	14 6
1951-52 ..	40,768	47	17,424	5 8 2	5,615	13 2
1950-51 ..	41,962	50	17,717	4 10 10	4,828	11 8

(a) Excludes fourteen (1954-55), sixteen (1953-54), sixteen (1952-53), eleven (1951-52), and nine (1950-51), pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Homes. (b) Included in South Australia.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942. Provision is made for payment of pensions subject to income and property qualifications, to the following classes of women:—"A" Class—a widow who has one or more children under 16 years of age—£4 5s. per week; "B" Class—a widow not less than 50 years of age and without children under 16 years of age—£3 7s. 6d. per week; "C" Class—a widow without children and in necessitous circumstances—£3 7s. 6d. per week for 26 weeks after husband's death, or for approximately 39 weeks in certain cases; and "D" Class—a woman whose husband has been in prison for over six months, maintaining children under 16 years of age or who is not less than 50 years of age—£3 7s. 6d. per week. Rates are as from 15th October 1955.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Year.	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Overseas.	Antarctica.
NUMBER OF CLAIMS PAID.										
1938-39..	30,866	20,810	12,880	7,204	5,213	3,940	..	..	..	80,016
1950-51..	72,003	50,210	29,155	17,864	14,980	7,250	..	..	110	191,587
1951-52..	72,088	52,144	30,737	17,380	15,074	7,628	..	..	73	195,722
1952-53..	74,011	55,207	31,058	19,068	15,335	7,983	..	..	90	203,042
1953-54..	72,380	54,210	30,880	18,740	15,903	7,726	..	..	48	199,814
1954-55..	76,614	55,720	31,782	18,506	16,201	7,940	481	787	88	208,179
AMOUNT PAID. (£.)										
1938-39..	167,710	110,210	70,723	37,860	28,338	21,764	..	..	..	436,614
1950-51..	1,149,184	807,030	467,073	276,509	239,343	116,465	..	..	1,335	3,057,519
1951-52..	1,182,358	835,843	489,751	283,702	241,426	122,618	..	..	1,494	3,156,992
1952-53..	1,195,046	872,085	496,982	305,264	248,026	129,125	..	..	1,678	3,246,305
1953-54..	1,173,058	874,376	496,802	301,146	253,412	125,400	..	..	1,695	3,223,019
1954-55..	1,250,268	892,301	512,445	297,284	261,120	127,502	7,435	12,551	1,992	3,362,307

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954.

(b) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

NOTE.—The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912. From 1st July, 1947, the allowances payable have been as follows: (i) mother children under 10 years, £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years, £16; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years, £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. From 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS PAID.(a)

(For particulars of weekly average number of persons on benefit see page 95.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.									
1949-50 ..	1,064,698	6,666	141,446	33,089	18,163	2,010	..	..	1,268,072
1950-51 ..	95,324	7,731	22,435	950	5,360	1,194	..	..	122,444
1951-52 ..	55,135	11,215	114,226	1,025	4,374	1,036	..	..	187,011
1952-53 ..	2,686,297	823,732	682,080	132,042	123,732	41,845	..	..	4,569,747
1953-54 ..	1,247,218	607,676	581,665	60,213	75,904	42,589	..	..	2,505,443
1954-55 ..	253,974	90,305	270,416	12,386	26,709	15,952	112	584	679,438
Quarter ended—									
September, 1954	102,468	40,295	61,475	4,042	7,668	5,176	7	91	211,234
December ..	52,240	23,474	36,644	3,165	5,009	6,362	22	204	127,114
March, 1955	44,963	22,008	68,014	3,151	6,783	2,547	23	164	181,761
June ..	50,285	13,438	84,283	2,028	7,159	1,967	60	110	159,339
September ..	38,750	13,301	28,475	2,124	11,134	2,935	11	90	96,910
SICKNESS BENEFIT.									
1949-50 ..	307,816	217,782	111,840	83,826	58,323	36,923	..	..	816,014
1950-51 ..	296,418	197,710	96,540	70,770	63,912	30,358	..	..	745,716
1951-52 ..	262,244	181,117	123,075	70,482	49,691	24,278	..	..	709,887
1952-53 ..	546,432	370,354	208,880	133,783	84,682	40,154	..	..	1,393,294
1953-54 ..	607,940	405,414	257,833	183,042	106,836	54,719	..	..	1,675,568
1954-55 ..	673,235	387,452	254,982	137,117	98,868	51,716	1,659	2,013	1,607,842
Quarter ended—									
September, 1954	192,440	94,474	53,700	33,112	25,711	12,905	287	540	415,369
December ..	156,020	99,482	68,687	31,427	25,429	13,618	501	960	399,724
March, 1955	150,218	88,932	82,190	36,565	23,587	11,190	419	619	492,675
June ..	164,057	102,564	50,306	33,073	24,141	13,907	352	774	390,074
September ..	140,015	95,796	48,749	30,373	23,757	14,110	414	830	390,044

(a) In addition £424,338 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1949-50; £229,053 during 1950-51; £110,759 during 1951-52; £202,481 during 1952-53; £362,398 during 1953-54; and £356,587 during 1954-55, these amounts include payments to migrants. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

NOTE.—The Social Services Act 1947-1955 provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is £2 10s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus £2 for dependent spouse and 5s. for a dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is £1 10s. if under 18 years and £2 if 18 and under 21 years and 5s. for a dependent child. In certain cases £2 per week may be paid in respect of claimant's housekeeper. Rates operated from 23rd September, 1952. For unemployment benefit, allowable income means income of claimant and spouse; for sickness benefit, allowable income means income of claimant only, but excludes amounts of up to £2 per week from an approved Friendly Society. The permissible weekly income varies from 5s. for persons over 16 years of age to 20s. for adults and married persons. There is a waiting period of 7 days during which no payment is made.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment and Year.	Number of War Pensions Current at 30th June.				Average Fortnightly Rate of Pensions.			Expenditure during Year. (a)
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Deceased Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.	
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.
1954-55.								
New South Wales(b)	67,975	113,282	16,902	198,159	4 10 8	1 13 4	2 13 0	15,151
Victoria ..	56,011	92,344	13,998	162,353	4 14 6	1 14 9	2 15 4	12,000
Queensland ..	25,063	40,683	5,197	70,943	4 18 9	1 9 11	2 12 6	5,914
South Australia(c)	19,325	38,288	3,993	61,606	4 12 6	1 9 4	2 9 2	4,389
Western Australia	17,973	32,322	3,822	54,117	4 2 6	1 0 0	2 6 9	3,801
Tasmania ..	8,112	15,074	1,045	25,731	5 11 9	1 11 7	2 16 10	2,032
United Kingdom	1,415	1,985	1,210	4,316	5 3 11	3 12 2	4 2 7	400
Elsewhere ..	381	403	148	932	4 9 1	2 14 1	3 8 6	10
Total ..	196,255	340,381	46,921	583,557	4 13 2	1 12 8	2 13 0	44,401
1953-54..	192,203	324,514	46,949	563,666	4 6 9	1 11 5	2 10 4	86,797
1952-53..	188,395	308,757	46,832	543,974	4 1 1	1 11 1	2 8 6	34,356
1951-52..	181,848	292,952	47,015	521,815	3 18 4	1 8 9	2 4 6	31,845
1950-51..	180,836	274,654	47,185	502,675	3 6 4	1 9 1	2 2 0	26,192
1938-39..	77,151	144,571	27,571	249,293	1 19 10	0 16 6	1 3 8	7,819

(a) Includes Service Pensions in 1954-55.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Service Pensions.

State of Payment and Year.	Number of Service Pensions Current at 30th June.						Average Fort- nightly Rate of Pensions.	Expendi- ture during Year. (a)	
	Age.	Permanently Unemployable.		Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuber- culosis.		Total.			
		Members of Forces.	Members of Forces.	Depend- ants.	Members of Forces.				Depend- ants.
							£ s. d.	£'000.	

(a) Included with War Pensions in 1954-55.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.
(Number.)

State or Territory and Year	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
			Average Weekly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.
GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.				
1953.				
New South Wales (a)	2,533	14,989	448,914	401,679
Victoria	2,000	10,267	283,041	257,784
Queensland	1,563	6,101	(b) 176,300	155,974
South Australia	685	4,042	108,846	100,724
Western Australia	482	2,948	82,590	76,032
Tasmania	322	1,822	48,592	43,907
Northern Territory(c)	10	68	1,632	1,541
Australia	7,595	40,237	1,149,915	*1,037,641
1952	7,620	38,407	1,088,087	974,034
1951	7,648	36,740	1,012,874	899,514
1950	7,700	36,085	958,112	844,123
1949	7,874	34,090	917,256	810,800
1939	9,940	31,199	859,663	744,095

NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.(d)

1953.				
New South Wales(a)	760	6,105	145,380	134,746
Victoria	489	3,449	109,607	(e) 100,742
Queensland	271	1,975	51,169	48,578
South Australia	148	1,057	23,631	21,318
Western Australia	229	881	26,005	24,531
Tasmania	59	418	9,885	8,863
Northern Territory(c)	2	13	409	378
Australia	1,958	13,898	366,086	337,156
1952	1,926	13,714	347,831	315,796
1951	1,890	13,251	326,258	293,429
1950	1,870	12,909	309,073	275,562
1949	1,843	12,526	293,306	264,164
1939	1,863	11,496	250,860	219,171

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
ended 30th June, 1954.

(b) Enrolments at 1 August, 1953.

(c) Includes all schools not wholly under Government control.

(e) Year Estimated.

UNIVERSITIES.

University or College and Year.	Teaching Staff.		Students Enrolled.	Degrees Conferred.	Total Income.	Total Expenditure.
	Full-time.	Part-time.				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£	£
	1954.				1953.	
Sydney	480	402	6,983	1,388	1,703,142	1,660,405
Melbourne	376	200	6,888	1,035	1,587,510	1,552,132
Queensland (Brisbane) ..	253	205	4,112	377	847,915	830,629
Adelaide	182	147	4,115	334	738,760	724,735
Western Australia (Perth)	113	34	1,852	209	565,314	548,930
Tasmania (Hobart) ..	74	14	699	75	249,277	242,383
N.S.W. University of Technology (Sydney) ..	279	421	4,159	81	1,237,906	1,237,906
New England (Armidale, N.S.W.)	57	16	239	..	181,262	180,854
Canberra University College	26	25	327	..	84,737	89,742
Australia	1,840	1,473	29,374	3,499	7,195,832	7,067,716
1953	1,750	1,341	28,792	3,926	7,195,832	7,067,716
1952	1,680	1,318	29,641	4,304	7,101,330	6,865,346
1951	1,549	1,533	31,671	4,408	5,720,060	5,352,421
1950	1,298	1,090	30,630	4,506	3,756,978	3,746,602
1939	609	675	14,236	1,802	989,791	974,394

(a) Since 1952 the figures relate to income and expenditure (including capital items). Prior to 1952 the figures were as presented by each university on a receipts (or income) and payments (or expenditure) basis (excluding capital items) and are not suitable for the construction of a profit and loss statement or revenue account, or for ascertaining the surplus or deficit for the year. In several cases Government subsidies relating to expenditure made in earlier years have been included in revenue.

NOTE.—In addition, the Australian National University, Canberra, A.C.T. (a Post-Graduate Research University), had in 1954 a full-time teaching staff of 97, with 71 Post-graduate scholars. In 1953 the income was £1,670,439 and the expenditure was £1,530,509 (see Note (a)).

POLICE AND PRISONS.

(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Police.	Prisons.	Prisoners at end of Period.
	1953.		
New South Wales	4,661	(a) 15	(a) 2,155
Victoria	3,047	10	1,173
Queensland(a)	2,403	7	617
South Australia	(a) 1,107	16	401
Western Australia(a) ..	936	19	360
Tasmania(a)	438	2	152
Northern Territory(a) ..	56	2	47
Australian Capital Territory	57	..	..
Australia	12,705	71	4,905
1952	12,675	70	4,930
1951	12,318	69	4,444
1950	11,677	71	4,089
1949	11,238	71	3,982
1939	9,566	74	3,336

(a) Year ended 30th June, 1954.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Hospitals.	Staff.			In-patients Treated. (b)	Revenue. (c)	Expenditure. (c)
		Beds. (a)	Medical.	Nursing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1953-54.							
New South Wales	259	19,235	3,801	10,015	398,863	19,247	19,084
Victoria	114	11,286	1,862	6,460	197,343	14,902	14,905
Queensland	138	9,971	723	4,291	188,057	10,408	9,567
South Australia	62	3,434	522	2,023	62,138	3,693	3,693
Western Australia	95	4,090	352	2,095	72,197	4,519	4,261
Tasmania	26	1,226	186	1,046	33,055	1,766	1,711
Nor. Territory	4	320	13	94	5,171	31	406
Aust. Cap. Terr.	1	250	28	92	4,464	258	257
Australia	699	50,812	7,487	26,116	961,288	54,814	53,864
1952-53	694	50,076	7,246	25,940	930,856	51,141	50,541
1951-52	675	47,328	6,880	24,556	896,020	41,217	43,328
1950-51	664	40,417	6,424	23,055	867,721	32,406	32,582
1949-50	648	45,559	5,917	22,235	823,395	24,944	26,205
1938-39	563	35,711	4,059	13,582	552,051	6,342	6,351

(a) Includes particulars, where available, of a considerable number of beds and cots for certain classes of cases in outdoor or verandah sleeping places. (b) Newborn are excluded. Out-patient cases treated at public hospitals during 1953-54 were as follows:—New South Wales, 1,083,857; Victoria, 447,838; Queensland, 544,795; South Australia, 109,542; Western Australia, 104,860 (estimated); Tasmania, 108,950; Northern Territory, 55,275; and Australian Capital Territory, 6,388.

(c) Excludes Loan Receipts and Expenditure for New South Wales. Australia, 2,458,631.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

State and Year.	Hospitals.	Beds.	Staff.		Patients at end of Year.	Revenue.	Expenditure.
			Medical.	Nursing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1953-54.							
New South Wales	13	12,398	(a) 45	1,969	13,169	509	4,174
Victoria(b)	10	7,123	64	1,700	7,936	(c) 176	(c) 4,269
Queensland(d)	4	4,553	11	844	4,621	15	1,407
South Australia	2	2,624	12	399	2,644	116	922
Western Australia	4	1,611	5	285	1,721	(c) 58	(c) 613
Tasmania	1	780	3	218	771	14	296
Australia	34	29,089	140	5,415	30,862	888	11,681
1952-53	33	28,546	149	5,132	30,190	866	10,714
1951-52	33	27,573	167	4,985	29,563	861	8,749
1950-51	33	27,512	138	4,826	28,932	812	6,450
1949-50	33	27,397	128	4,694	27,922	725	5,291
1938-39	35	25,654	92	4,922	26,509	263	1,904

(a) In addition there were 59 visiting paid specialists. (b) Year 1953. (c) Year 1953-54.

(d) Includes the Epileptic Home.

Section VIII.—Private Finance.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Average Liabilities within Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Inter- mable Deposits of Deposit Stock.	Deposits			Notes in Circu- lation.	Balances due to other Banks. (b)	Bills Payable and all other Li- abilities.	Total Li- abilities
		Not bearing Interest.	Bear- ing Inter- est.	Total.				

COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(c)

1951-52	..	..	90,505	20,003	110,508	..	2,844	8,524	121,856
1952-53	..	..	96,664	22,817	119,481	..	3,820	8,569	131,870
1953-54	..	..	129,885	35,352	165,237	..	2,034	11,766	179,037
1954-55	..	..	120,000	43,540	174,458	..	309	16,148	190,915
Quarter ended—									
September, 1954	..	..	125,315	41,011	166,326	..	282	15,042	181,650
December, ..	..	..	131,285	44,135	175,420	..	330	16,133	191,883
March, 1955	..	..	131,400	43,311	174,717	..	320	16,642	191,679
June, ..	..	..	135,650	45,784	181,433	..	305	16,773	198,521
September ..	..	..	131,453	48,500	179,952	..	271	16,314	196,547
Month of—									
July, 1955	..	..	131,208	48,222	179,420	..	254	16,408	196,082
August ..	..	..	131,215	48,548	179,763	..	267	15,920	195,950
September ..	..	..	131,065	48,816	180,751	..	203	16,702	197,746

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.

1951-52	..	..	729	963,526	236,217	1,201,741	158	61,527	14,970	1,779,125
1952-53	..	..	226	943,747	218,899	1,162,446	158	10,628	14,247	1,187,705
1953-54	..	..	14	1,035,707	229,771	1,275,481	158	8,360	14,980	1,293,699
1954-55	..	..	9	1,047,677	262,066	1,310,663	158	3,282	16,432	1,330,544
Quarter ended—										
September, 1954	..	..	11	1,006,671	256,025	1,262,696	158	2,756	14,877	1,280,498
December, ..	..	..	8	1,037,780	263,171	1,300,951	158	3,103	16,935	1,321,245
March, 1955	..	..	8	1,086,235	280,503	1,352,738	158	3,234	17,110	1,373,252
June, ..	..	..	7	1,059,259	286,280	1,325,510	158	3,898	16,845	1,346,467
September ..	..	..	6	1,002,052	294,357	1,296,709	158	3,260	14,994	1,285,727
Month of—										
July, 1955	..	..	6	1,012,854	297,010	1,290,773	158	3,829	14,649	1,290,415
August ..	..	..	6	999,018	294,294	1,293,212	158	2,175	14,782	1,281,333
September ..	..	..	8	998,843	286,875	1,285,718	158	4,947	15,604	1,277,533

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1951-52	..	..	19,330	37,445	13,300	50,814	..	604	1,478	72,132
1952-53	..	..	19,280	35,848	13,302	51,150	..	622	625	71,583
1953-54	..	..	19,734	39,408	13,309	54,717	..	664	454	75,509
1954-55	..	..	20,520	41,415	16,069	57,484	..	554	461	79,019
Quarter ended -										
September, 1954	..	..	20,441	41,570	15,820	57,309	..	431	382	78,656
December, ..	..	..	20,471	40,169	16,033	56,202	..	555	590	77,824
March, 1955	..	..	20,485	43,069	16,398	59,367	..	535	431	80,818
June, ..	..	..	20,679	40,759	16,113	56,872	..	602	443	76,686
September ..	..	..	20,787	39,963	16,488	53,451	..	1,304	529	76,071
Month of -										
July, 1955	..	..	20,780	38,108	16,380	54,465	..	1,140	431	76,825
August ..	..	..	20,788	36,793	16,405	53,198	..	1,478	506	75,970
September ..	..	..	20,784	36,032	16,719	52,751	..	1,252	656	75,443

ALL-CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1951-52	..	..	20,066	1,091,504	271,079	1,363,243	158	64,675	24,972	1,478,118
1952-53	..	..	19,512	1,076,259	258,818	1,333,077	158	15,070	23,341	1,391,158
1953-54	..	..	19,748	1,106,000	290,435	1,486,435	158	6,658	27,200	1,539,599
1954-55	..	..	20,520	1,220,001	322,064	1,542,065	158	4,145	33,041	1,600,478
Quarter ended—										
September, 1954	..	..	20,465	1,173,556	312,865	1,486,421	158	3,460	30,301	1,540,804
December, ..	..	..	20,470	1,209,214	323,339	1,532,573	158	4,078	33,664	1,590,052
March, 1955	..	..	20,483	1,239,710	326,112	1,586,922	158	4,093	34,193	1,645,749
June, ..	..	..	20,686	1,235,677	328,167	1,583,834	158	4,935	34,081	1,623,674
September ..	..	..	20,733	1,171,368	329,351	1,500,722	158	4,833	31,837	1,558,346
Month of—										
July, 1955	..	..	20,705	1,182,257	332,401	1,514,658	158	5,223	31,488	1,575,322
August ..	..	..	20,794	1,167,926	329,247	1,497,173	158	3,920	31,217	1,555,292
September ..	..	..	20,700	1,161,780	326,440	1,491,220	158	5,592	32,962	1,550,722

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on weekly balance days in periods. (b) Includes short term loans from Central Bank. (c) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

Cheque-paying Banks—continued.
Average Assets within Australia.(a)
(\$'000.)

Period.	Cash and Cash Balances.(b)	Special Account with C'wealth Bank.	Balances with other Banks. (c)	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(d)									
1951-52	6,561		994	26,392	13,274	2	76,407	3,230	120,880
1952-53	8,784	21,731	1,600	17,239	25,840	92	69,492	3,984	138,762
1953-54	11,000	34,800	787	23,404	29,924	1,284	69,204	4,380	174,763
1954-55	10,466	36,061	870	12,260	38,165	1,606	89,138	5,678	194,231
Quarter ended—									
September, 1954	9,914	38,490	749	10,327	35,826	1,543	83,096	5,024	184,975
December, 1954	10,299	38,291	925	14,166	39,409	1,604	86,033	5,580	194,307
March, 1955	11,130	34,950	859	13,093	37,879	1,632	90,265	5,446	195,653
June, 1955	10,463	34,527	951	11,600	39,642	1,643	96,922	6,245	201,998
September, 1955	10,000	32,833	791	5,000	39,711	1,076	104,846	6,209	201,198
Month of—									
July, 1955	10,224	32,250	743	5,000	40,019	1,693	103,135	5,916	199,680
August, 1955	9,531	32,650	823	5,700	39,230	1,678	105,371	6,507	201,482
September, 1955	10,357	32,650	799	4,125	40,017	1,658	106,031	6,422	202,059

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.

1951-52	60,589	465,991	29,140	32,402	68,416	1,124	621,485	35,151	1,312,566
1952-53	74,712	211,737	22,580	123,059	86,618	2,813	638,092	29,895	1,188,699
1953-54	71,244	285,228	17,346	99,368	130,306	3,686	658,584	36,549	1,502,181
1954-55	60,906	269,117	18,436	51,602	121,927	3,426	776,762	48,925	1,357,102
Quarter ended—									
September, 1954	65,329	295,384	10,387	29,112	120,163	4,912	741,563	44,912	1,317,762
December, 1954	67,406	297,012	10,334	41,167	115,034	2,935	783,977	46,845	1,343,770
March, 1955	73,148	250,613	18,717	89,404	125,178	2,536	773,074	50,381	1,392,041
June, 1955	61,734	254,296	10,377	45,923	128,805	3,230	808,968	53,401	1,375,802
September, 1955	67,191	234,026	17,418	21,481	110,172	4,907	824,178	54,880	1,331,043
Month of—									
July, 1955	60,242	238,803	10,315	18,750	113,912	4,599	829,945	54,067	1,345,633
August, 1955	67,004	231,003	18,123	22,000	110,374	4,788	829,407	54,084	1,328,687
September, 1955	65,373	231,003	17,638	23,562	106,180	5,656	823,126	55,709	1,329,147

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1951-52	5,104	2,612	1,800	2,925	14,880	111	61,816	5,428	94,671
1952-53	4,640	1,153	2,176	3,911	13,874	149	64,731	3,792	94,426
1953-54	5,091	1,090	2,409	7,326	13,977	432	65,982	3,816	100,122
1954-55	4,688	1,106	2,198	5,641	13,972	701	72,189	4,923	105,318
Quarter ended—									
September, 1954	4,773	1,117	2,220	6,392	14,333	1,058	69,387	5,002	104,282
December, 1954	4,080	1,117	2,480	4,388	14,343	698	72,173	4,849	101,228
March, 1955	4,056	1,107	2,442	6,724	13,730	826	72,781	5,168	107,128
June, 1955	4,242	1,091	1,670	4,961	13,511	523	74,415	5,137	105,650
September, 1955	3,891	928	1,638	3,190	13,733	382	74,580	4,786	103,132
Month of—									
July, 1955	4,374	1,000	1,542	3,482	13,553	387	74,610	4,902	103,836
August, 1955	3,728	891	1,721	3,290	13,708	237	74,032	4,758	102,275
September, 1955	3,616	891	1,631	2,925	13,645	656	76,235	4,703	103,502

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1951-52	72,274	488,603	31,934	61,719	96,570	1,237	759,658	41,804	1,535,799
1952-53	88,196	234,621	26,366	144,209	129,227	2,654	762,815	37,469	1,421,887
1953-54	87,335	331,116	20,542	130,696	174,207	5,304	793,780	44,724	1,577,046
1954-55	81,950	306,286	21,504	69,603	174,064	5,732	938,069	59,529	1,656,651
Quarter ended—									
September, 1954	80,016	334,997	19,356	45,831	170,322	7,513	894,046	54,938	1,407,019
December, 1954	82,445	304,420	22,739	59,721	168,788	5,237	942,183	56,774	1,442,305
March, 1955	88,934	295,670	22,018	109,225	176,784	4,694	936,120	61,385	1,604,830
June, 1955	76,439	289,914	21,998	62,484	179,958	5,446	980,323	64,783	1,681,345
September, 1955	81,092	267,787	19,847	29,677	163,616	7,055	1,003,644	65,465	1,638,373
Month of—									
July, 1955	83,840	273,059	18,900	27,212	167,484	6,679	1,007,090	64,885	1,649,449
August, 1955	80,265	265,444	20,667	30,900	163,302	6,703	999,810	65,353	1,632,444
September, 1955	79,346	265,444	20,068	30,612	160,142	7,870	1,004,392	66,834	1,634,704

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on weekly balance days in periods. (b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks. (d) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments—Average Weekly Assets.
(\$'000.)

Period.	Advances.				Total.	Treasury Bills.	Govern- ment and Municipal Securities
	Rural Credits Depart- ment.	Mortgage Bank Depart- ment.	Industrial Finance Department.				
			Hire Purchase	Other.			
1951-52	19,653	4,153	15,480	8,666	47,952	83	463
1952-53	44,863	4,267	14,847	8,145	72,122	480	946
1953-54	43,183	4,828	16,631	4,749	69,091	628	1,746
1954-55	62,316	4,837	17,015	9,717	90,885	747	2,146
Quarter ended—							
September, 1954	55,915	4,686	16,496	6,134	84,631	846	1,859
December, ..	45,102	4,761	17,308	6,344	73,515	825	1,926
March, 1955	73,190	4,900	17,193	6,367	101,560	754	2,385
June, ..	72,732	4,996	16,777	7,096	102,501	531	2,518
September, ..	52,354	5,068	16,905	8,003	82,330	527	2,462
Month of							
July, 1955	57,193	5,050	16,853	8,357	87,363	450	2,320
August, ..	50,155	5,072	16,919	8,649	80,795	650	2,369
September, ..	50,355	5,081	16,940	8,792	81,168	450	2,721

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).

(Averages of weekly figures.)

(\$A'000.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.				Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Held by—		Total.						
	Banks.	Public.							
1951-52	38,087	255,552	293,639	468,800	31,112	270,937	470,644	503,089	
1952-53	38,860	281,332	318,192	212,890	45,447	287,361	563,576	434,771	
1953-54	38,539	299,684	338,223	306,820	41,731	283,397	512,615	407,979	
1954-55	40,913	316,110	357,023	306,286	36,795	243,468	415,896	459,539	
Quarter ended—									
September, 1954	38,678	309,206	347,884	334,997	37,198	250,973	455,946	456,166	
December, ..	41,121	316,310	357,431	304,420	36,938	245,132	423,025	471,885	
March, 1955	42,450	316,415	358,865	295,670	41,892	244,140	408,009	452,049	
June, ..	41,418	322,524	363,942	289,914	31,161	233,754	377,151	460,643	
September, ..	40,150	325,910	366,060	267,747	37,682	213,227	342,025	446,641	
Month of									
July, 1955	40,143	323,797	363,940	273,059	40,459	217,137	360,224	471,076	
August, ..	40,095	325,858	365,953	265,444	36,738	215,991	343,784	446,827	
September, ..	40,226	328,990	369,216	265,444	36,086	205,861	321,626	501,975	

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

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Denomination.	25th Sept., 1953.	24th Sept., 1952.	30th Sept., 1953.	29th Sept., 1954.	27th July, 1955.	31st Aug., 1955.	24th Sept., 1955.
10s	4,205	9,592	9,864	10,018	10,165	10,242	10,331
£1	22,146	68,288	67,845	69,376	67,863	68,293	68,293
£5	13,054	146,504	164,506	171,455	171,342	186,525	182,100
£10	6,174	84,311	89,855	96,978	106,921	107,697	108,505
£20	101	7	6	6	5	4	4
£50	1,554	58	52	50	48	47	47
£100	2,703	61	58	58	51	51	51
£1,000	1,048	1,590	427	937	608	894	932
Held by Banks	13,746	35,080	37,308	36,257	40,219	40,465	39,112
Public	37,279	275,358	295,307	314,820	322,784	327,288	331,141
Total	51,025	310,418	332,613	351,077	363,003	367,753	370,253

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS. (£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
ALL SAVINGS BANKS.(a)									
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,307	12,306	5,306	99	319	245,587
1952 ..	304,532	300,832	102,661	103,728	47,171	30,110	1,036	1,821	891,898
1953 ..	319,149	319,071	109,300	113,875	49,794	32,078	1,116	2,154	947,497
1954 ..	339,790	339,781	117,408	122,949	53,614	33,947	1,308	2,328	1,010,129
1955 ..	359,645	364,748	124,814	131,602	53,629	35,809	1,482	2,575	1,073,394
Sept., 1954	344,311	346,584	121,447	125,483	53,065	34,869	1,325	2,468	1,029,552
Dec., ..	347,830	350,923	123,426	128,513	52,875	34,722	1,360	2,471	1,040,129
Mar., 1955	350,879	354,517	122,164	128,523	52,522	35,099	1,362	2,491	1,047,557
June, ..	359,645	364,748	124,814	131,642	53,629	35,809	1,482	2,575	1,073,394
July, 1955	360,404	366,874	126,292	132,578	54,173	36,297	1,535	2,600	1,080,732
Aug., ..	358,890	367,345	126,726	132,408	54,256	36,706	1,563	2,674	1,080,959
Sept., ..	359,521	368,892	126,535	132,890	54,574	36,698	1,562	2,692	1,093,334

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK.

June—									
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1952 ..	304,532	76,485	102,661	22,502	47,171	11,406	1,036	1,821	567,814
1953 ..	319,149	85,137	109,300	25,483	49,794	12,170	1,116	2,154	604,263
1954 ..	339,790	94,174	117,408	28,192	52,614	12,869	1,308	2,328	648,687
1955 ..	359,645	104,597	124,814	30,547	53,629	13,764	1,482	2,575	690,053
Sept., 1954	344,311	97,209	121,447	29,042	53,065	13,178	1,325	2,468	662,045
Dec., ..	347,830	99,134	123,426	29,382	52,875	13,270	1,360	2,471	669,757
Mar., 1955	350,879	101,392	122,164	29,810	52,522	13,334	1,362	2,491	673,954
June, ..	359,645	104,597	124,814	30,547	53,629	13,764	1,482	2,575	690,053
July, 1955	360,404	105,346	126,292	30,846	54,173	13,920	1,535	2,600	695,185
Aug., ..	358,890	105,704	126,726	30,881	54,256	13,974	1,563	2,674	694,698
Sept., ..	359,521	106,622	126,535	30,987	54,574	13,973	1,562	2,692	696,476

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

NOTE.—Sales of War Savings and Savings Certificates were discontinued after 31st January, 1949, except for sales to wind up savings groups, &c. The net amount outstanding at the end of June, 1955, was £26,615,275.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS—AVERAGE WEEKLY DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at Capital City Branches.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1951-52	156,602	142,358	1,516	80,792	21,810	8,672	471	402,421
1952-53	161,938	131,998	43,796	30,063	22,091	8,850	580	399,316
1953-54	171,709	154,686	61,032	32,802	25,339	9,938	775	448,490
1954-55	187,471	176,165	63,873	36,287	26,247	10,716	821	491,580
Quarter ended—								
September, 1954 ..	177,533	162,532	53,251	33,885	25,321	10,049	694	483,255
December,	180,336	178,111	55,567	36,473	26,520	10,387	788	498,340
March, 1955	182,948	181,190	51,719	36,799	26,961	10,579	861	491,055
June,	198,859	182,826	54,955	37,992	26,187	11,649	954	513,032
September,	193,535	172,094	56,293	36,669	25,062	10,994	928	486,363
Month of—								
July, 1955	201,657	183,832	59,393	37,839	26,063	11,010	926	520,720
August,	186,910	167,255	53,213	36,043	23,884	11,149	851	479,305
September,	193,695	169,298	50,751	36,240	25,532	10,763	1,020	493,320

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1955.

Particulars	Rate per Annum.	Date from which Operated.	Previous Rate per Annum.
	Per cent.		Per cent.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia—			
Rural Credits Department—Government Guaranteed Loans ..	3½	1.8.52	3½
—Other ..	4	1.8.52	3½
Mortgage Bank Department Loans—			
5 to 20 years ..	4½	1.8.52	4
Over 20 years ..	4½	1.8.52	4½
Industrial Finance Department—Term Loans ..	4½	1.8.52	4½
Commonwealth Savings Bank—			
Loans to Local Government Authorities ..	4½ to 4¾	23.10.52	4½ to 4¾
Crédit Foncier Housing Loans ..	4½	1.8.52	3½
Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia(a)—			
Overdraft—General ..	4½	1.8.52	4½
Local Government Authorities ..	4½	1.8.52	4
Other Trading Banks—Overdraft (Maximum Rate)	5	1.8.52	4½
Life Assurance Companies—Loans on own policies	5 to 5½	1.4.54	5
Commonwealth Loans—Long Term ..	4½	25.11.52	3½
Treasury Bills (Discount Rates) ..	1	1.8.52	½
Fixed Deposits with Trading Banks—			
3 months ..	1½	1.1.55	1
6 months ..	1½	1.1.55	1½
12 months ..	1½	1.1.55	1½
24 months ..	2	1.1.55	1½(b)
Savings Banks—Deposits other than Fixed Deposits—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank—			
£1 to £500 ..	2½	1.1.55	2½
£501 to £1,500 (c) ..	1½	1.8.52	1
State Savings Bank of Victoria—			
£1 to £500 ..	2½	1.1.55	2½
£501 to £1,500 (c) ..	1½	1.8.52	1
Savings Bank of South Australia—			
£1 to £750 ..	2½	1.1.55	(d)
£751 to £1,500 (c) ..	1½	1.1.55	(d)
Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston—£1 to £450 ..	2½	1.1.55	2½

(a) Rates quoted prior to 3rd December, 1953, are for the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) 1½ per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (c) No interest is payable on amounts in excess of £1,500 except on deposits in Friendly and other Society accounts. The current rates for these accounts are—On amounts up to £2,000, 2½ per cent.; £2,001 and over, 1½ per cent. (d) Prior to 1st January, 1955, interest rates payable by the Savings Bank of South Australia were as follows:—Deposits £1-£500, 2½ per cent.; £501-£1,500, 1½ per cent.

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, AND SECURITY YIELDS. (Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks—						C'wealth. Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate of Interest).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales—Urban Securities. (c)
	Fixed Deposits.				Overdrafts.				Short-dated 2 Years. (b)	Long-dated 12 Years. (b)	
	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.	C'wealth. Trading Bank (a)	Private Trading Banks.					
1938-39 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.25	(d)	2.00	1.75	(a) 3.67	(e) 3.84	5.5
1950-51 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(f) 1.50	(g) 4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	1.99	3.21	4.4
1951-52 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	2.05	3.25	4.4
1952-53 ..	0.95	1.21	1.46	1.73	4.21	4.95	2.23	0.98	3.03	4.54	4.7
1953-54 ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 ..	1.13	1.39	1.63	1.88	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.49	4.50	5.3
Month of—											(h)
Sept., 1954	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.56	4.48	5.1
Dec., ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.45	4.51	5.3
Mar., 1955	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	3.49	4.53	5.5
June ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.23	4.51	5.5
July, 1955	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	3.91	4.53	5.5
Aug., ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.08	4.51	5.5
Sept., ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.23	4.51	5.5

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (c) Average of monthly quotations. (d) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. (e) Weighted averages for loans maturing in (i) under 5 years, and (ii) over 10 years, for last Wednesday in month. Calculated when loans above par or earliest date of maturity. (f) From December, 1945, to July, 1952, 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess, and from 1st August, 1952, 1.75 per cent. on first £10,000 deposit; 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess. (g) Since July, 1940, rate for Municipal and Semi-Governmental Authorities, 0.25 per cent. lower. (h) Average rate on mortgages re-registered in three months ending with month shown.

OVERSEA EXCHANGE RATES : AVERAGE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES—SYDNEY ON OVERSEA COUNTRIES.

Country.	Basis of Quotation.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Sept., 1954.	Sept., 1955.
United Kingdom ..	£A. to £100 Eng.	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50
South Africa ..	£A. to £100 S.A.	125.55	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79
New Zealand ..	£A. to £100 N.Z.	100.59	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54
Fiji ..	£A. to £100 F.	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00
United States of America ..	Dollars to £A.1	8.76	2.23	2.24	2.23	2.23	2.22
Canada ..	Dollars to £A.1	8.76	2.16	2.19	2.17	2.16	2.19
Belgium ..	Francs to £A.1	110.94	110.72	110.68	110.60	110.60	110.05
Denmark ..	Kroner to £A.1	17.78	15.30	15.34	15.36	15.37	15.30
France ..	Francs to £A.1	141.21	781.16	777.96	776.71	775.50	772.67
Holland ..	Florins to £A.1	6.94	8.40	8.54	8.42	8.42	8.39
Philippines ..	Pesos to £A.1	7.53	4.42	4.46	4.45	4.46	4.44
Norway ..	Kroner to £A.1	15.80	15.82	15.83	15.84	15.84	15.83
Roomea ..	Francs to £A.1	(a)	134.94	138.65	139.61	139.61	138.61
Sweden ..	Kronor to £A.1	15.41	11.51	11.49	11.51	11.49	11.41
Switzerland ..	Francs to £A.1	16.59	9.46	9.59	9.71	9.69	9.68
Hong Kong ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	18.88	18.83	18.83	18.84	18.84	18.77
India ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	22.60	22.77	22.76	22.73	22.73	22.73
Pakistan ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(b)	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	22.78
Ceylon ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(c)	22.81	22.81	22.80	22.79	22.81
Singapore ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	35.22	35.40	35.30	35.42	35.34	35.47

(a) Not available. (b) Pakistan created separate Dominion from 15th August, 1947. Previously part of India. (c) Ceylon created separate Dominion from 4th February, 1948. Quotations previously same as India.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA.^(a)

EXCLUDES BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE.

New Policies Issued and Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.^(b)

Period.	New Policies Issued.				Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued. ^(c)				
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.	
	No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.		No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.
1939	135,511	£'000. 46,635	385,498	£'000. 18,542	£'000. 65,177	76,917	£'000. 24,094	262,096	£'000. 12,132
1951-52	283,280	221,572	278,594	33,804	255,376	110,274	50,272	229,652	16,641
1952-53	283,718	255,944	274,232	36,347	261,291	117,886	67,157	250,106	19,081
1953-54	284,544	254,129	239,692	32,575	296,704	143,928	81,519	262,723	20,597
1954-55	282,089	292,374	220,979	32,809	325,183	149,663	93,932	275,530	22,539
Quarter ended—									
September, 1954 ..	53,310	81,445	69,555	10,052	91,497	39,698	23,615	68,421	5,174
December,	76,874	80,502	55,131	8,020	88,522	38,240	22,812	74,276	6,099
March, 1955	50,478	49,469	40,920	5,946	55,417	34,001	22,408	65,053	5,811
June,	71,397	80,954	57,378	8,789	89,747	37,144	25,097	66,090	5,658
September,	53,460	98,585	60,451	9,441	108,026	41,880	28,865	63,179	4,477
Month of—									
July, 1955	29,780	31,208	17,383	2,649	33,947	12,080	8,340	20,888	1,792
August,	28,314	30,682	21,003	3,316	33,998	14,818	8,947	24,138	1,927
September,	35,366	36,605	22,065	3,476	40,081	14,082	11,672	18,153	1,244

^(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea.^(b) Excludes annuity policies.^(c) Includes policies which became due for payment on account of death or maturity, policies surrendered and policies discontinued for other causes.Premiums Received, Amounts Paid on Claims, Surrenders, &c., and New Loans Granted.^(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Premiums. ^(b)			Claims, &c., Paid. ^(c)			New Loans Granted. ^(d)
	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	
1939	13,732	6,490	20,222	10,024	3,632	13,656	(c)
1951-52	43,817	13,224	57,041	17,287	6,558	23,845	47,555
1952-53	50,237	13,761	63,998	18,911	7,426	26,337	36,136
1953-54	56,162	14,076	70,238	21,158	8,058	29,216	34,463
1954-55	62,101	14,616	76,717	23,791	8,853	32,644	51,825
Quarter ended—							
September, 1954 ..	15,405	3,707	19,112	6,273	2,308	8,581	10,583
December,	15,092	4,014	19,106	6,112	2,177	8,289	13,395
March, 1955	13,991	3,114	17,105	5,218	2,109	7,327	11,804
June,	17,611	3,781	21,392	6,188	2,259	8,447	16,063
September,	17,586	3,635	21,221	7,161	2,520	9,681	14,491
Month of—							
July, 1955	5,812	1,181	6,993	2,424	842	3,266	4,083
August,	5,702	1,182	6,884	2,322	864	3,186	5,217
September,	6,072	1,272	7,344	2,415	814	3,229	5,191

^(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea.^(b) Includes consideration for annuities.^(c) Includes claims

paid on maturity, amounts paid on surrender of policy, annuities and bonuses paid in cash.

^(d) Excludes advances of premium.^(e) Not available.

Section IX.—Transport and Communication.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of shipping for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, pages 39-49.

OVERSEA SHIPPING—ENTRANCES AND CLEARANCES, AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Entrances.				Clearances.			
	With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.		With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.	
	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.
1938-39 ..	1,372	5,964	1,876	6,711	1,490	5,990	1,938	6,835
1950-51 ..	1,769	8,200	1,911	8,601	1,430	6,169	1,962	8,707
1951-52 ..	1,880	8,580	2,038	8,973	1,423	6,118	2,098	9,252
1952-53 ..	1,546	7,312	1,988	8,704	1,582	6,522	2,063	8,867
1953-54 ..	1,647	7,736	2,054	8,882	1,507	6,179	2,074	8,854
1954-55 ..	1,943	9,162	2,245	9,939	1,491	6,157	2,280	10,064
Three months ended—								
September, 1954	473	2,090	530	2,294	375	1,521	557	2,444
September, 1955	493	2,335	563	2,533	381	1,428	582	2,485

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped.
(‘000.)

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

State or Territory, and Year.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1954.								
New South Wales ..	1,222	112	725	294	948	119	294	109
Victoria ..	562	97	935	287	195	112	242	132
Queensland ..	99	89	252	51	156	37	413	45
South Australia ..	478	59	270	92	942	63	338	24
Western Australia ..	126	74	270	57	274	26	171	38
Tasmania ..	156	66	69	10	137	79	16	5
Northern Territory ..	15	..	9	..	1	..	..	..
Australia ..	2,858	497	2,530	801	2,653	436	1,474	336
THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1955.								
New South Wales ..	1,357	97	687	354	1,034	90	287	116
Victoria ..	733	108	1,109	366	322	119	255	147
Queensland ..	143	91	236	58	160	32	382	41
South Australia ..	572	41	189	109	954	48	328	38
Western Australia ..	95	68	620	35	426	30	135	36
Tasmania ..	170	98	63	6	155	104	22	2
Northern Territory ..	10	..	19	1	1	..	..	..
Australia ..	3,080	503	2,923	929	3,052	423	1,409	380
Total 1954-55 ..	10,136	1,676	10,992	3,403	10,213	1,472	6,083	1,420
.. 1953-54 ..	9,059	1,790	8,620	2,812	9,105	1,539	5,765	1,355
.. 1952-53 ..	8,995	1,492	7,783	1,920	8,447	1,275	6,045	1,462
.. 1951-52 ..	7,972	1,638	9,727	4,082	7,697	1,325	4,487	1,231
.. 1950-51 ..	6,980	1,612	9,084	3,969	6,723	1,326	5,406	1,295
.. 1949-50 ..	6,447	1,520	7,686	3,576	6,419	1,207	6,061	1,388
.. 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,781	5,138	1,093

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1955.

(These rates are expressed in sterling.)

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator)—						
United Kingdom	..	..	..	..	..	8s. 11½d. per box (56 lb.).
Continent	..	..	..	..	..	9s. 6d. " " "
Cheese (Refrigerator)	..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell)	..	..	..	..	..	247s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Meats—						
Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—						
Beef	..	..	..	..	..	2½d. per lb.
Lamb	..	..	..	..	..	2½d. " " "
Mutton	..	..	..	..	..	24d. " " "
Rabbit and Hare	..	..	..	..	..	183s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins	..	..	..	..	..	255s. 6d. " " "
Sausage Casing—(dried)—cases of casks	..	..	..	..	..	212s. 6d. " " "
(Refrigerator) in brine in casks	..	..	..	..	..	255s. 6d. " " "
Milk and Cream (condensed)	..	..	..	..	..	166s. 6d. " " "

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

Sugar (Refined)	..	..	..	..	..	266s. per ton weight.
James	..	..	..	..	..	131s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Jellies	..	..	..	..	..	166s. 6d. " " "
Dried Fruits	..	..	..	..	..	131s. 6d. " " "
Fruits, Fresh (Refrigerator)—						
Apples	..	..	..	..	..	10s. 3d. per bushel case.
Citrus	..	..	..	..	..	10s. 3d. " " "
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—						
Wheat—						
Bulk	..	..	..	..	..	155s. per ton weight.
Bagged	..	..	..	..	..	155s. " " "
Barley	..	..	..	..	..	170s. " " "
Oats	..	..	..	..	..	192s. 6d. " " "
Maise	..	..	..	..	..	175s. " " "
Grain and Pulse, prepared—						
Flour, Wheat	..	..	..	..	..	170s. " " "
Brns	..	..	..	..	..	190s. " " "
Pollard	..	..	..	..	..	182s. 6d. " " "
Rice (clean, husked)	..	..	..	..	..	175s. " " "

Wine	..	..	..	..	..	166s. 6d. per ton measurement.
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ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—						
Calf	..	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb.
Sheep	..	..	..	..	..	1½d. " " "
Rabbit	..	..	..	..	..	4½d. " " "
Other	..	..	..	..	..	4½d. " " "
Pearl-shell	..	..	..	..	..	166s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Wool—						
Greasy	..	..	..	..	..	2 76d. per lb. less 7%.
Scoured and Washed	..	..	..	..	..	3.48d. " " "
Top-	..	..	..	..	..	3.314d. per lb. (net).

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder	..	..	..	..	..	166s. 6d. per ton weight.
Bark, Tanning	..	..	..	..	..	166s. 6d. " " "
Opura	..	..	..	..	..	271s. 6d. " " "
Raw Cotton (in bales)	..	..	..	..	..	2½d. per lb.

APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—

Apparel and Attire (Effects)	..	..	..	..	..	260s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Binder Twine	..	..	..	..	..	293s. per ton weight.

OILS, FATS AND WAXES—

Oils—						
Eucalyptus	..	..	..	..	..	156s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Other	..	..	..	..	..	156s. 6d. per ton weight.
Tallow, Unrefined	..	..	..	..	..	188s. " " "

PAINTS AND VARNISHES	..	..	..	..	..	166s. 6d. per ton measurement.
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**Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and
Continent at 30th September, 1955—continued.**

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—

Ore in Casks, Bags or Drums 110s. per ton weight.

Zinc—

Ex Rio 68s. 6d.

 Other than above 88s. 6d.

 Dust (in casks) 392s. 6d.

 Sheet (in cases) 172s.

 Copper (ingots) 161s. 6d.

 Lead 84s. 6d.

 Steel—

 Billets (up to 30 feet) 130s.

 Tyres 148s.

 Tin Clippings hydraulically pressed 83s. 6d.

RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—

Rubber 150s. 6d. per ton measurement.

Leather 365s. 6d. per ton weight.

WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—

Timber—

 Logs up to 40-ft. lengths 77s. 5d. per 100 super. feet

 " over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths 85s. 2d.

 " over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths 89s. 4d.

 Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths 45s. 7d.

EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA AND GLASS

.. .. . 166s. 6d. per ton measurement.

STATIONERY

.. .. . 166s. 6d.

DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—

Fertilizers 166s. 6d. weight

MISCELLANEOUS—

 Soap 166s. 6d. measurement

 Caseln 263s. 6d. weight

SPECIES 15s. per cent

**INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES.
GENERAL CARGO, 30th September, 1955.**

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

(These rates are expressed in Australian currency unless otherwise footnoted.)

To—	From—				
	Brisbane.	Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Sydney.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane	133 0	133 0	..	162 6	..
Sydney	133 0	131 6	..	131 6	..
Melbourne	162 6	145 6	..	..	..
Adelaide	165 0	163 6	..	116 0	..
Fremantle	171 0(a)	163 6	..	155 6	..
Hobart	148 6(b)	137 6	..	114 0	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	162 0(b)	127 6	..	100 0	..
Auckland(c)	142 0	135 0	218 1(d)	135 0	255 6
Wellington(c)	142 0(d)	136 0(d)	..	135 0(d)	255 6(d)
Lyttelton(c)	142 0	135 0	218 1(d)	135 0	255 6
Dunedin(c)	142 0	135 0	218 1(d)	135 0	255 6
New Hebrides—Vila	..	260 0	..	..	245 0
Norfolk Island	..	240 0	..	..	265 0
Papua—					
Port Moresby	205 0	205 0	..	205 0	205 0
Samara	205 0	205 0	..	205 0	205 0
Territory of New Guinea—					
Lee and Madang	235 0	235 0	..	235 0	235 0
Rabaul	215 0	215 0	..	215 0	215 0

(a) Plus 16s. per ton if trans-shipped. (b) Trans-shipped at Sydney. (c) Rates expressed in sterling. (d) Includes Wellington Harbour Improvement Charges.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Government Railways for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, pages 5-20.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

System.	1938-39.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
ROUTE-MILEAGE OPEN AT END OF YEAR.						
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,113	6,113	6,113	6,113	6,101
Victoria ..	4,759	4,687	4,686	4,684	4,660	4,482
Queensland(a) ..	6,567	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,560
South Australia ..	2,557	2,553	2,553	2,553	2,553	2,564
Western Australia ..	4,378	4,252	4,228	4,113	4,108	4,111
Tasmania ..	658	613	613	613	613	614
Australia ..	27,234	26,079	26,954	26,847	26,808	26,633

TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES.(b)
(‘000.)

Commonwealth ..	902	1,670	1,841	1,869	1,738	1,953
New South Wales ..	30,106	(c) 41,369	(c) 38,112	(c) 40,012	36,289	37,506
Victoria ..	17,890	17,550	14,675	16,973	17,690	18,303
Queensland(a) ..	13,927	(d) 17,674	(d) 18,562	(d) 18,632	18,563	19,241
South Australia ..	6,177	6,356	6,379	6,943	7,199	7,359
Western Australia ..	6,575	6,733	7,136	6,802	5,255	7,204
Tasmania ..	1,906	2,080	2,071	2,092	1,990	1,898
Australia ..	77,483	93,432	88,676	93,363	88,724	93,464

PASSENGER-JOURNEYS.
(‘000.)

Commonwealth ..	117	194	186	191	190	224
New South Wales ..	186,720	258,183	268,567	268,168	271,699	278,904
Victoria ..	142,124	182,101	141,313	165,131	162,857	166,106
Queensland(a) ..	24,639	32,360	34,145	35,029	35,819	35,879
South Australia ..	17,529	17,385	17,177	18,269	17,565	17,606
Western Australia ..	11,415	11,188	11,543	10,536	6,339	8,678
Tasmania ..	2,297	3,231	3,182	3,186	3,151	3,285
Australia ..	384,841	504,648	476,113	500,510	497,620	510,681

GOODS AND LIVESTOCK CARRIED.
(‘000 tons.)

Commonwealth ..	186	549	591	694	660	762
New South Wales (d) ..	15,417	16,997	18,324	19,817	19,121	20,140
Victoria ..	5,976	9,125	7,539	9,204	9,192	9,200
Queensland(a) ..	5,234	6,943	7,182	6,823	7,351	8,081
South Australia ..	2,640	3,692	3,794	4,351	4,543	4,891
Western Australia ..	2,859	2,843	3,033	3,063	2,619	3,206
Tasmania ..	844	770	861	889	897	968
Australia ..	33,166	40,919	41,324	44,841	44,383	47,248

(a) Excludes details for South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).
 (b) Excludes non-revenue train-miles and "Assistant" and "Light" locomotive mileages.
 (c) Estimated. (d) Partly estimated.

Government Railways—continued.

System.	1938-39.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
GROSS REVENUE.(a) (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	547	1,875	2,153	2,925	2,710	3,402
New South Wales ..	19,146	40,122	49,448	68,910	72,676	74,569
Victoria ..	9,274	20,355	18,651	24,186	31,864	35,707
Queensland(b) ..	7,798	15,988	19,772	23,358	25,985	30,223
South Australia ..	3,119	6,512	7,315	9,457	11,891	12,718
Western Australia ..	3,599	6,292	6,969	8,885	7,667	11,111
Tasmania ..	487	1,049	1,336	1,797	2,039	2,133
Australia ..	43,970	92,193	105,644	139,518	154,832	169,863

WORKING EXPENSES. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	642	1,979	2,434	2,808	2,728	2,897
New South Wales ..	14,543	39,280	49,168	64,020	66,452	68,197
Victoria ..	8,060	19,984	20,810	29,612	34,008	35,951
Queensland(b) ..	6,193	15,857	19,427	24,846	27,979	29,103
South Australia ..	2,931	8,440	9,992	13,505	15,013	14,934
Western Australia ..	2,911	7,387	8,032	11,016	12,510	14,298
Tasmania ..	678	1,728	2,009	2,567	2,864	2,904
Australia ..	35,958	94,655	112,772	148,174	161,554	168,184

NET REVENUE. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	— 95	— 104	— 281	117	— 18	505
New South Wales ..	4,603	842	280	4,890	6,224	6,372
Victoria ..	1,214	371	— 2,159	— 5,426	— 2,144	— 244
Queensland(b) ..	1,605	131	345	— 1,288	— 1,994	1,120
South Australia ..	188	— 1,928	— 2,677	— 4,048	— 3,122	— 2,216
Western Australia ..	488	— 1,095	— 1,963	— 2,131	— 4,843	— 3,187
Tasmania ..	— 191	— 679	— 673	— 770	— 825	— 671
Australia ..	8,012	— 2,462	— 7,128	— 8,056	— 6,722	1,679

RATIO OF WORKING EXPENSES TO GROSS REVENUE. (PER CENT.)						
Commonwealth ..	117.43	105.53	113.04	95.99	100.66	85.14
New South Wales ..	75.96	97.90	99.43	92.90	91.44	91.45
Victoria ..	86.91	98.18	111.58	122.43	106.73	100.68
Queensland(b) ..	79.42	99.18	98.26	105.51	103.67	96.30
South Australia ..	93.97	129.01	136.60	142.81	126.26	117.42
Western Australia ..	80.90	117.40	128.17	123.98	163.18	128.68
Tasmania ..	139.18	164.73	150.35	142.81	140.44	131.48
Australia ..	81.78	102.67	106.74	106.20	104.34	99.01

(a) Excludes Government Grants.
Uniform Gauge line (89 route-miles).

(b) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

Government Railways—continued.

(The table on this page is prepared from quarterly statements supplied by each Government Railway, and figures therein are not completely comparable with those shown in preceding pages which are derived, in the main, from the Annual Reports of the Government Railways.)

Particulars.	O'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.(b)	Tas.	Total.
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE, 1954.								
Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,101	4,482	6,491	2,564	4,111	605	26,556
Train-miles '000	1,953	37,500	18,303	19,038	7,359	7,204	1,898	93,261
Revenue (c) £'000	788	18,041	11,012	5,211	1,837	1,251	216	38,356
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)								
Goods, including Live- stock and Minerals	2,321	52,847	22,054	24,218	10,050	9,300	1,855	123,254
Miscellaneous ..	293	3,081	2,040	(d)	888	562	62	7,516
Total Revenue (c) ..	3,402	74,569	35,706	29,629	12,775	11,112	2,133	169,126
Working Expenses £'000	2,901	67,397	35,051	28,518	(e)14,902	13,817	2,652	166,228
Net Revenue .. £'000	501	7,172	245	911	- 2,217	- 2,705	- 519	2,898
Ratio of Working Ex- penses to Revenue %	85.28	90.38	100.69	96.90	117.35	124.35	123.74	98.28
Revenue per Train-mile	34s. 10d.	39s. 9d.	30s. 0d.	30s. 11d.	34s. 0d.	30s. 10d.	22s. 7d.	36s. 3d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	29s. 0d.	35s. 11d.	30s. 3d.	29s. 11d.	40s. 0d.	38s. 4d.	27s. 11d.	35s. 8d.
Passenger-journeys '000	224	278,904	160,105	35,731	17,606	8,078	3,285	610,532
Freight Carried, tons— '000								
Livestock ..	145	(f) 780	579	760	227	123	20	2,443
Coal and Coke ..	476			1,684	1,059	536		
Other Minerals ..	"	19,351	8,022	614	805	271	250	44,394
Other Goods ..	133			4,811	2,824	2,276	098	
Total Freight ..	762	20,140	9,201	7,849	4,915	3,206	908	47,041

TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE, 1955.

Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,102	4,451	6,484	2,564	4,111	605	26,518
Train-miles '000	2,029	37,570	18,740	19,402	7,316	7,709	2,080	94,886
Revenue (c) £'000								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)	803	17,787	11,132	5,304	1,706	1,350	217	38,389
Goods, including Live- stock and Minerals	2,650	51,803	24,417	25,428	10,285	10,360	2,043	128,986
Miscellaneous ..	288	3,771	2,118	(d)	917	820	62	7,976
Total Revenue (c) ..	3,741	73,361	37,667	30,732	12,908	12,530	2,322	173,351
Working Expenses £'000	2,929	63,397	37,079	30,227	(e)15,469	13,035	2,868	170,904
Net Revenue .. £'000	812	4,964	588	505	- 2,741	- 1,405	- 546	2,447
Ratio of Working Ex- penses to Revenue %	78.31	83.23	98.44	98.36	119.02	111.21	123.48	98.58
Revenue per Train-mile	36s. 10d.	39s. 1d.	40s. 2d.	31s. 8d.	35s. 6d.	32s. 3d.	22s. 7d.	36s. 6d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	28s. 10d.	36s. 5d.	39s. 7d.	31s. 2d.	42s. 3d.	35s. 10d.	27s. 10d.	35s. 0d.
Passenger-journeys '000	215	281,417	169,204	35,756	16,449	10,139	3,115	610,605
Freight Carried, tons— '000								
Livestock ..	72	(f) 710	575	804	208	128	25	2,531
Coal and Coke ..	523		2,568	1,716	809	588		
Other Minerals ..	15	18,667	6,009	663	895	200	283	45,247
Other Goods ..	225			5,029	2,903	2,401	733	
Total Freight ..	835	19,386	10,082	8,212	4,815	3,407	1,041	47,778

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of the Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).
 (b) Financial details include road motors. (c) Excludes Government grants. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Includes depreciation. (f) Estimated.

NOTE. — Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Electric Tramways and Motor Omnibus Services for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin*, No. 45, pages 21-27.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

(Including details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State and Year.	Route-mileage Open at 30th June.	Car-miles.	Passenger- journeys.	Gross Revenue. (a)	Working Expenses. (b)	Net Revenue
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000
1954-55.						
New South Wales	117	14,603	191,058	4,731	6,416	-1,685
Victoria ..	175	23,173	220,095	5,345	5,692	-347
Queensland ..	67	9,642	101,885	2,308	2,317	-11
South Australia ..	92	7,646	54,909	1,787	2,133	-346
Western Australia	31	2,205	17,289	487	573	-86
Tasmania (c) ..	(d) 30	2,946	23,118	611	660	-55
Total 1954-55 ..	512	60,275	609,254	15,267	17,797	-2,530
Total—1953-54(c)	520	63,762	629,557	15,780	18,181	-2,401
1952-53(c)	544	65,895	647,417	15,968	18,420	-2,452
1951-52(c)	560	67,923	685,724	15,121	17,109	-1,988
1950-51(e)	567	71,746	749,138	13,610	14,553	-943
1938-39 ..	606	81,361	695,476	7,649	6,089	1,560

(c) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (e) Includes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus services. (d) Excludes 15 miles of Hobart Omnibus services. (e) Includes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE.—Minus sign (-) denotes loss.

GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.

(Excluding details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State or Territory and Year.	Route-mileage at 30th June.	Omnibus-mileage.	Passenger- journeys.	Gross Revenue.(a)	Working Expenses.(b)
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1953-54.					
New South Wales ..	463	31,829	212,200	4,612	7,216
Victoria ..	64	7,892	59,111	1,477	1,462
Queensland ..	409	5,954	33,934	849	899
South Australia ..	38	2,251	10,006	296	442
Western Australia ..	3,036	7,370	26,474	1,278	974
Tasmania (c) ..	535	1,156	1,785	207	194
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	46	866	(d)	134	200
Total 1953-54 ..	4,591	57,318	(e) 343,510	8,853	11,387
Total—1952-53(c)	4,533	55,672	(e) 336,462	9,320	11,465
1951-52(c)	4,458	54,124	333,200	8,542	10,298
1950-51(f)	3,904	53,548	340,314	7,572	8,234
1949-50(f)	3,208	53,817	325,079	6,307	6,743

(c) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (e) Excludes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus Services, details of which are included with Electric Tramways. (d) Not available. (e) Excludes details for Australian Capital Territory. (f) Excludes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE:—Further details of Motor Vehicle Registrations &c. appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45 and the Monthly and Annual Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE.

State or Territory and Year.	Registrations at 30th June. (Number.)				Drivers' and Riders' Licences in Force at 30th June.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', &c., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
						£	£	£	£
1953-54.									
New South Wales	308,307	213,709	42,451	564,567	914,239	8,078,814	713,788	2,054,640	10,845,222
Victoria (b)	307,058	130,707	30,881	568,646	708,307	4,688,244	354,181	1,008,737	6,021,162
Queensland	145,933	115,907	22,367	284,207	(c)	3,801,126	118,620	919,787	4,839,533
South Australia	133,281	62,038	23,093	218,412	280,938	2,151,302	301,444	51,477	2,504,223
Western Australia	76,312	60,861	15,243	152,416	168,420	1,124,320	101,179	145,068	1,370,568
Tasmania	39,974	19,739	5,649	65,362	75,244	575,036	35,520	145,913	756,469
Northern Territory									
Australian Capital Territory	1,164	2,228	431	3,823	5,862	21,245	4,724	45	26,014
	5,114	2,190	499	7,803	11,109	42,092	5,819	665	48,576
Total 1953-54	1109893	604,899	140,614	1,947,346	2,214,819	20,450,179	1,634,955	4,326,359	26,411,493
1952-53 (e)	111,559	579,444	147,639	1,838,742	2,288,370	18,779,761	1,403,019	3,708,435	23,891,215
1951-52 (e)	109,092	560,562	153,933	1,763,587	2,194,167	15,985,554	1,334,530	3,507,266	20,827,350
1950-51 (e)	882,456	648,373	145,132	1,675,961	1,935,821	12,383,073	1,141,318	2,403,767	15,878,159
1949-50 (e)	768,863	492,964	133,453	1,395,280	1,845,265	9,598,034	882,509	1,811,989	12,270,532
1938-39 ..	502,271	256,025	79,237	837,533	1,233,497	6,318,435	508,387	2,279,652	7,084,474

(a) Includes hire cars and taxis. (b) See Note (a) in table below. (c) Not available.
(d) Excludes Queensland. (e) Registrations exclude Northern Territory.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Number.)

Vehicles and Date.	N.S.W.	Vic. (a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1955.									
Motor Cars (b)	454,690	465,834	169,000	146,589	92,016	46,780	1,071	6,240	1,382,832
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	231,648	144,630	124,165	64,013	82,792	22,150	2,917	2,442	655,657
Motor Cycles ..	39,107	28,652	21,172	21,207	13,855	5,282	570	498	130,346
Total ..	725,445	639,116	314,337	232,709	168,663	74,218	5,161	9,186	2,168,835
At 30th June, 1955	709,036	629,147	307,721	229,502	168,808	71,673	4,999	8,334	2,129,720
" " " 1954	654,557	559,246	284,307	214,412	153,936	65,362	3,823	7,803	1,947,346
" " " 1953	613,554	539,828	266,221	205,702	141,945	60,545	(c)	6,947	1,834,742
" " " 1952	590,632	533,228	255,025	192,313	132,067	55,104	(c)	6,260	1,768,427
" " " 1939	319,015	261,855	128,163	90,756	69,679	26,360	1,426	2,279	809,533

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles registered for private use.
(b) Includes hire cars and taxis. (c) Not available. (d) Excludes Northern Territory.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES.

(Number.)

Vehicles and Period.	N.S.W.	Vic. (a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
THREE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1955.									
Motor Cars (b)	10,555	15,123	6,207	5,298	2,881	1,513	57	304	48,019
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	6,945	4,886	2,981	1,695	1,491	61	75	77	18,763
Motor Cycles ..	776	501	462	487	254	82	17	36	2,615
Total ..	24,276	20,511	9,650	7,480	4,626	2,288	149	417	60,397
Total 1954-55	84,554	69,243	34,116	27,248	19,677	8,483	588	1,362	245,271
1953-54	87,987	50,904	28,455	21,182	18,864	7,133	420	932	193,357
1952-53	63,099	43,132	23,372	17,470	13,283	5,566	(c) 386	688	156,994
1951-52	73,466	70,250	27,270	24,466	17,382	7,278	(d)	817	220,935
1938-39 ..	30,534	24,270	14,024	8,143	8,046	3,060	(d)	327	86,404

(a) See Note (a) in table above. (b) Includes hire cars and taxis. (c) Excludes motor cycles.
(d) Not available. (e) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE:—Commonwealth-owned vehicles are included except those of Departments of Army and Air.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Civil Aviation for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, page 29.

CIVIL AVIATION. Australian Registrations, Licences, Aerodromes, Etc.

Particulars.	At 30th June.				
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
Registered Aircraft Owners	180	343	389	384	414
Registered Aircraft	344	788	821	845	887
Pilots' Licences—					
Private	1,123	1,444	1,677	2,035	2,245
Commercial	376	470	518	552	582
Airline Transport		948	911	917	963
Flight Navigators' Licences	(a) 65	155	163	166	181
Radio Operators' Licences	(b) 75	1,222	1,256	1,310	1,344
Flight Engineers' Licences		53	58	67	98
Ground Engineers' Licences	565	1,720	1,790	1,757	1,747
Aerodromes—					
Government	71	149	186	198	183
Public	213	269	260	282	304
Flying Boat Bases and Alighting Areas	11	11	15	16	13

Australian Airline Operations, Etc.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
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REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES.

Hours flown	No.	60,733	280,947	237,640	251,019	257,787
Miles flown	'000.	7,030	41,831	39,059	41,014	43,513
Paying passengers	No.	94,174	1,828,506	1,706,446	1,772,357	1,918,123
Paying passenger-miles	'000.	35,569	731,373	687,321	702,139	765,652
Freight—						
Tons (c)		712	57,464	57,635	69,479	78,711
Ton-miles (c)	'000.	(d)	26,684	27,187	32,650	36,934
Mail—						
Tons (c)		(e) 82	2,582	2,311	2,316	2,317
Ton-miles (c)	'000.	(d)	1,285	1,166	1,225	1,257

OVERSEA SERVICES.(f)

Unduplicated route miles (g)	No.	5,969	43,455	66,558	64,250	63,774
Hours flown		12,677	50,336	54,148	53,680	49,326
Miles flown	'000.	1,735	10,864	11,565	11,484	11,128
Paying passengers	No.	5,337	95,134	97,763	102,965	114,371
Paying passenger-miles	'000.	7,332	265,756	276,206	290,603	317,560
Freight—						
Tons (c)		68	2,138	1,957	2,295	2,662
Ton-miles (c)	'000.	(d)	6,716	7,401	8,331	9,372
Mail—						
Tons (c)		(e) 277	1,141	1,168	1,379	1,442
Ton-miles (c)	'000.	(d)	6,182	6,122	7,718	7,927

AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT(h) ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES.

Number	(d)	25	18	26	22
Persons Killed	38	37	5	36	27
Persons Injured	15	22	19	27	19

(a) Navigators' Licences. (b) Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators only. (c) In terms of short tons (2,000 lb.). (d) Not available. (e) Net weight. (f) Airlines wholly owned or partly owned by Australian interests. (g) At 30th June. (h) Aircraft on Australian Register and gliders irrespective of location of accident.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, on pages 50-71. Further details of Road Traffic Accidents are included on pages 32-37.

TELEPHONES—LINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED. (Number.)

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 30th September, 1955.
	1939	1953.	1954.	1955.	
Lines connected ..	487,535	985,383	1,049,628	1,127,340	1,151,118
Instruments connected ..	601,090	1,383,702	1,475,513	1,587,682	1,621,068

BROADCASTING—LISTENERS' LICENCES. (Number.)

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1939 ..	433,020	827,679	133,217	117,307	70,262	30,392	1,129,786
" " 1951(c)	753,758	586,395	283,910	244,311	159,436	77,743	2,109,660
" " 1952 ..	741,255	520,364	270,852	208,691	141,950	68,832	1,961,044
" " 1953 ..	742,002	535,329	282,338	212,104	146,141	70,741	1,985,655
" " 1954 ..	769,478	546,148	287,553	220,066	148,192	71,047	2,041,618
" " 1955 ..	740,050	549,600	293,542	223,593	150,190	71,002	2,034,676
30th Sept., 1955 ..	751,085	533,609	293,557	225,177	150,362	73,872	2,050,622

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

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.(a) (Reported to the Police.)

State or Territory, and Period.	Total Accidents Reported.	Accidents involving Casualties.	Persons Killed.			Persons Injured.		
			Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.	Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1955.								
New South Wales	35,315	12,567	798	231	1,167	15,059	4,613	2,333
Victoria	15,093	10,217	523	212	873	12,833	5,158	2,123
Queensland	21,438	9,580	273	209	917	8,121	6,353	2,827
South Australia	12,304	3,098	173	214	763	3,929	4,862	1,731
Western Australia	10,715	3,149	206	317	1,272	4,136	6,220	2,493
Tasmania	2,042	804	57	182	826	1,111	3,549	1,611
Australian Capital Territory	251	131	7	224	844	179	5,728	2,159
Total	97,758	36,002	2,012	225	995	46,465	5,121	2,264
Year 1953-54(b)	87,224	33,523	1,970	222	105	44,629	5,013	2,377
" 1952-53(b)	75,295	31,635	1,856	213	101	39,405	4,513	2,147
" 1951-52(b)	68,110	31,144	2,054	241	116	38,376	4,502	2,174
" 1950-51(b)	57,261	28,760	1,926	232	122	35,065	4,230	2,227

(a) Refers to those accidents (known to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares and which resulted in death or in bodily injury to any person to an extent requiring medical or surgical treatment, or in damage in excess of £10 to property. It should be noted, however, that the comparability of the statistics between States, even on this basis, still depends on the degree to which accidents so defined are in fact recorded by the police. Under legislation passed in Tasmania on 10th August, 1954, it is no longer obligatory to report accidents involving only damage to property. (b) Excludes Northern Territory.

Section X.—Employment, Unemployment and Wages.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA.^(a)
(‘000.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, 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.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.3	149.7	183.9	250.7		133.6
1953—June	507.8	1,319.0	1,826.8	58.0	666.3	183.2	245.1	325.0	191.0	174.1
1954—June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	58.7	696.1	205.7	300.1	328.4	194.3	176.0
1955—June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	58.3	714.5	211.8	308.7	320.2	207.1	182.1
1954—April	577.8	1,354.3	1,932.1	58.5	690.2	201.8	299.1	327.6	197.9	177.0
May	582.0	1,361.0	1,943.0	58.6	692.4	205.1	299.0	328.4	198.0	176.2
June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	58.7	696.1	205.7	300.1	328.4	198.3	176.0
July	582.1	1,365.2	1,947.3	57.0	696.1	205.2	300.8	328.0	198.2	176.1
Aug.	582.4	1,365.9	1,948.3	57.0	697.8	204.0	300.0	328.0	199.4	176.3
Sept.	581.0	1,371.2	1,952.2	57.8	698.9	204.5	300.6	328.2	200.6	177.3
1955—April	595.4	1,395.5	1,990.9	57.8	711.4	208.5	305.5	329.2	207.6	182.2
May	597.0	1,398.6	1,995.6	57.9	713.5	210.5	307.7	329.4	207.0	181.6
June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	58.3	714.5	211.8	308.7	329.2	207.1	182.1
July(r)	598.1	1,399.0	1,997.1	58.2	712.2	210.1	308.9	328.8	206.5	181.6
Aug. e	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	58.2	715.3	210.1	309.2	328.8	206.3	182.1
Sept.	597.7	1,405.4	2,003.1	58.2	717.4	210.2	308.6	328.0	208.2	182.4
FEMALES.										
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.0		129.0
1953—June	112.0	561.7	673.7	0.9	292.9	4.3	36.2	169.0	71.5	213.5
1954—June	114.5	593.0	707.5	1.0	219.8	4.7	36.5	115.3	77.0	218.7
1955—June	122.8	615.7	738.5	1.1	225.3	4.9	38.4	121.6	83.1	228.1
1954—April	114.4	593.1	707.5	0.9	221.5	4.7	36.4	114.1	76.7	218.7
May	114.0	592.7	706.7	1.0	220.4	4.7	36.4	114.7	76.7	219.0
June	114.5	593.0	707.5	1.0	219.8	4.7	36.5	115.3	77.0	218.7
July	115.4	593.7	709.1	1.0	220.5	4.7	36.4	114.9	77.6	218.8
Aug.	116.0	594.5	710.5	1.0	220.7	4.7	36.7	114.9	78.1	219.0
Sept.	116.1	598.5	714.6	1.0	222.0	4.7	36.9	115.9	78.7	220.4
1955—April	121.4	614.6	736.0	1.1	225.3	4.8	38.1	120.3	83.0	227.7
May	121.8	615.4	737.2	1.1	224.8	4.8	38.2	121.6	83.0	227.9
June	122.8	615.7	738.5	1.1	225.3	4.9	38.4	121.6	83.1	228.1
July	123.6	615.1	738.7	1.1	224.4	4.9	38.6	121.7	83.3	228.2
Aug.	124.2	616.7	740.9	1.1	225.6	4.9	38.6	121.3	83.8	229.3
Sept.	123.7	620.9	744.6	1.1	226.6	4.9	38.6	122.1	84.2	230.0
PERSONS.										
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	196.5	374.6		263.6
1953—June	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	58.9	899.2	197.5	331.3	524.9	262.5	387.0
1954—June	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	59.7	915.9	210.4	339.6	533.7	275.3	395.3
1955—June	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.4	939.8	216.7	347.1	550.8	290.2	410.2
1954—April	692.2	1,951.4	2,643.6	59.4	911.7	206.5	335.5	541.7	274.6	395.7
May	694.6	1,954.6	2,649.2	59.0	912.3	209.8	335.4	543.1	274.7	395.2
June	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	59.7	915.9	210.4	339.6	543.7	275.3	395.3
July	697.5	1,958.9	2,656.4	59.0	916.6	209.9	347.2	542.9	275.8	394.9
Aug.	698.4	1,961.4	2,659.8	58.9	918.5	208.7	347.0	542.9	277.5	395.3
Sept.	698.0	1,969.7	2,667.7	58.8	920.9	209.2	347.5	544.1	279.3	397.7
1955—April	716.8	2,010.1	2,726.9	58.0	936.7	213.3	344.6	549.5	290.6	409.9
May	718.8	2,013.9	2,732.7	59.0	938.3	215.3	345.9	551.0	290.0	409.5
June	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.4	939.8	216.7	347.1	550.8	290.2	410.2
July(r)	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	59.4	934.0	217.0	347.5	550.5	290.1	411.4
Aug. e	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	59.3	941.8	215.0	347.8	550.1	290.1	411.4
Sept.	721.4	2,025.6	2,747.0	59.3	944.3	215.3	347.2	551.0	292.4	412.4

(a) Employees in the Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp are excluded. From July, 1951, unskilled farm employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1945), subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post-offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic). (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)

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Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1951—June ..	768.2	625.8	259.3	170.0	125.3	60.2	4.6	8.1	1,911.5
1952—June ..	754.4	591.2	255.1	171.5	120.0	61.0	4.4	8.5	1,886.1
1953—June ..	734.3	521.6	235.2	159.0	130.2	61.8	4.6	8.5	1,880.3
1954—June ..	758.1	594.2	263.7	170.0	135.0	62.8	4.9	8.2	1,948.4
1955—June ..	770.2	599.7	272.0	178.7	136.4	64.0	4.8	8.7	2,000.6
1954—April ..	753.8	538.0	258.5	175.3	133.5	63.5	4.8	8.1	1,930.1
May ..	750.3	538.3	260.9	176.8	134.3	63.3	4.8	8.2	1,911.9
June ..	758.1	539.7	263.7	178.0	135.0	62.8	4.9	8.2	1,948.4
July ..	767.8	540.0	264.0	175.3	134.2	62.3	4.9	8.2	1,947.3
Aug. ..	758.8	539.9	264.9	175.8	135.0	61.9	4.8	8.2	1,949.3
Sept. ..	760.5	542.1	265.1	175.4	134.9	62.0	4.9	8.2	1,953.1
1955—April ..	770.0	554.1	268.2	178.6	136.3	64.4	4.7	8.6	1,990.9
May ..	777.3	555.5	270.0	178.7	136.1	64.4	4.8	8.7	1,995.5
June ..	770.2	556.7	272.0	178.7	136.4	64.0	4.8	8.7	2,000.5
July (b) ..	776.9	551.7	272.9	178.4	135.7	63.7	5.0	8.7	1,995.0
Aug. (b) ..	780.1	555.7	272.8	177.6	135.9	63.7	5.0	8.8	1,999.0
Sept. ..	779.8	556.7	273.5	179.3	136.6	63.3	5.0	8.9	2,003.1
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1951—June ..	290.9	219.6	86.1	57.0	41.6	20.3	0.8	2.5	718.8
1952—June ..	270.5	208.6	82.6	54.0	40.6	19.5	0.8	2.6	679.4
1953—June ..	260.2	205.9	85.7	53.4	41.0	20.1	0.9	2.5	673.7
1954—June ..	279.5	217.7	86.1	56.9	42.8	21.0	0.9	2.6	707.5
1955—June ..	292.5	227.0	89.3	60.2	43.9	21.7	1.0	2.9	738.6
1954—April ..	278.6	218.8	85.2	57.6	42.8	21.0	0.9	2.6	707.5
May ..	279.5	217.7	85.5	57.2	42.8	21.1	0.9	2.6	707.3
June ..	279.5	217.7	86.1	56.9	42.8	21.0	0.9	2.6	707.5
July ..	279.9	218.2	86.8	57.1	43.0	20.5	0.9	2.6	708.1
Aug. ..	281.4	218.3	86.3	57.4	42.9	20.2	0.9	2.6	710.5
Sept. ..	283.7	219.1	86.9	57.8	43.2	20.3	0.9	2.7	714.6
1955—April ..	292.1	225.5	88.4	60.5	43.9	21.8	0.9	2.9	736.0
May ..	293.1	225.1	89.2	60.2	43.9	21.8	1.0	2.9	737.2
June ..	292.5	227.0	89.3	60.2	43.9	21.7	1.0	2.9	738.5
July ..	293.0	226.1	90.0	60.6	43.9	21.2	1.0	2.9	738.7
Aug. ..	294.5	228.7	90.0	60.8	43.7	21.3	1.0	2.9	740.9
Sept. ..	295.9	227.0	90.4	61.4	43.9	21.4	1.0	2.9	743.9
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1951—June ..	1,049.1	715.1	315.4	227.0	169.9	80.5	5.4	10.6	2,630.3
1952—June ..	1,024.0	731.0	341.9	226.4	160.5	80.8	5.2	10.8	2,587.5
1953—June ..	1,000.5	727.5	338.9	224.0	171.2	81.9	5.5	11.0	2,560.6
1954—June ..	1,037.0	757.4	349.8	232.9	177.8	82.8	5.8	10.8	2,655.9
1955—June ..	1,071.7	783.7	361.3	238.9	180.3	85.7	5.8	11.6	2,739.0
1954—April ..	1,032.4	757.4	343.7	232.0	176.3	81.5	5.7	10.7	2,643.6
May ..	1,035.8	759.0	346.4	233.0	177.1	84.4	5.7	10.8	2,649.2
June ..	1,037.0	757.4	349.8	232.9	177.8	82.8	5.8	10.8	2,655.9
July ..	1,037.7	758.2	351.4	232.4	177.2	82.9	5.8	10.8	2,656.4
Aug. ..	1,040.2	758.1	351.8	232.2	177.9	82.1	5.7	10.8	2,659.8
Sept. ..	1,041.2	761.2	352.0	233.2	178.1	82.3	5.8	10.9	2,667.7
1955—April ..	1,068.1	770.0	356.6	239.1	180.2	86.2	5.6	11.5	2,726.9
May ..	1,070.4	780.6	359.2	238.9	180.0	86.2	5.8	11.6	2,732.7
June ..	1,071.7	783.7	361.3	238.9	180.3	85.7	5.8	11.6	2,739.0
July (b) ..	1,069.0	780.8	362.9	239.0	179.6	84.0	6.0	11.6	2,734.7
Aug. (b) ..	1,074.0	782.4	362.8	238.4	179.6	85.0	6.0	11.7	2,740.5
Sept. ..	1,075.7	783.7	363.9	240.7	180.5	84.7	6.0	11.8	2,747.0

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.
 (b) Affected by industrial disputes. See also notes on previous page.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.					Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unadjusted.	Adjusted (a)		
1938-39(b) ..	'000. 219.8	'000. 193.9	'000. 81.5	'000. 42.0	'000. 21.1	'000. 18.3	'000. 891.8	'000. 180.4	'000. 544.2	1,031	1,022		
1939-40(b)(c) ..	279.0	290.4	87.2	80.8	38.0	22.2	884.8	229.4	884.2	1,201	1,408		
1940-41(b)(c) ..	277.9	292.2	85.1	81.2	38.0	22.0	872.4	223.0	895.4	1,203	1,380		
1941-42(b)(c) ..	351.4	270.1	82.1	77.2	34.7	21.5	852.7	197.8	850.0	1,617	1,288		
1942-43(b)(c) ..	389.6	290.1	85.0	82.2	40.3	22.4	881.1	214.5	895.5	1,701	1,312		
1943-44(b)(c) ..	344.0	308.5	87.1	83.1	41.9	23.0	704.0	224.1	929.0	1,767	1,334		
1944-45 ..													
July ..	377.1	303.2	89.0	83.0	40.8	22.8	936.1	220.5	916.5	1,743	1,330		
August ..	378.5	303.9	89.0	84.2	40.6	22.3	907.8	220.7	918.5	1,747	1,331		
September ..	380.4	304.9	88.8	84.1	40.5	22.2	899.9	222.0	920.9	1,752	1,333		
October ..	382.1	306.6	88.0	84.2	40.9	22.2	710.6	223.4	924.0	1,757	1,334		
November ..	384.0	308.1	87.6	84.4	41.1	22.3	703.5	224.6	925.1	1,765	1,337		
December ..	383.8	304.3	85.7	84.7	41.2	23.1	702.4	224.4	928.8	1,783	1,333		
January ..	383.8	309.8	83.0	85.8	41.4	23.5	703.0	225.4	927.3	1,764	1,330		
February ..	386.8	311.2	86.2	86.1	41.7	23.2	707.1	226.8	938.9	1,774	1,336		
March ..	387.7	312.5	85.7	86.4	41.0	23.5	700.7	228.0	937.7	1,784	1,339		
April ..	396.0	311.2	86.4	86.5	41.9	23.8	711.4	225.3	938.7	1,782	1,336		
May ..	398.0	310.7	88.0	85.8	42.0	23.5	713.6	224.8	938.3	1,785	1,335		
June ..	398.2	311.0	88.0	85.7	41.8	23.6	714.5	225.3	939.8	1,787	1,333		
1945-46 ..													
July(d) ..	386.3	310.2	89.8	85.7	41.5	23.1	712.2	224.4	936.5	1,781	1,327		
August ..	389.7	312.1	89.7	85.5	41.7	23.1	716.2	225.5	941.8	1,791	1,333		
September ..	390.2	312.9	90.0	86.0	42.0	23.2	717.4	226.9	944.9	1,796	1,335		

(a) Divided by Index of Total Population.
monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.(b) Average of monthly figures.
(c) Affected by industrial dispute.

(d) From July, 1948.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

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Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons
1939-40(c) ..	97.2	68.9	31.1	21.9	18.2	7.8	129.3	117.8	247.1
1940-41(c) ..	95.0	66.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
1941-42(c) ..	90.1	65.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	121.2	110.4	231.6
1942-43(c) ..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1943-44(c) ..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	110.8	240.5
1944-45 ..									
July ..	93.2	68.3	30.7	22.3	19.4	7.5	128.0	114.9	242.9
August ..	92.4	68.1	30.8	22.3	19.2	7.4	128.0	114.9	242.9
September ..	93.9	68.3	31.0	23.6	19.2	7.6	128.1	115.9	244.1
October ..	94.8	68.7	31.1	23.7	19.4	7.5	128.2	117.7	245.9
November ..	100.0	71.0	31.8	24.4	19.8	7.8	131.7	123.8	255.5
December ..	104.4	72.7	32.5	24.5	20.3	8.1	134.9	128.3	263.2
January ..	96.4	70.2	31.2	24.5	19.6	7.9	130.1	120.3	250.4
February ..	96.8	70.0	30.8	24.5	19.4	7.8	129.6	119.5	249.1
March ..	96.1	69.8	30.8	24.5	19.6	7.8	129.6	119.6	249.2
April ..	95.9	70.0	31.0	24.5	19.7	7.8	129.2	120.3	249.5
May ..	96.5	70.3	31.3	24.6	19.7	7.8	129.4	121.6	251.0
June ..	95.7	71.0	31.3	24.6	19.8	7.8	129.2	121.6	250.8
1945-46 ..									
July ..	96.1	70.0	31.5	24.7	19.7	7.9	128.8	121.7	250.5
August ..	95.9	70.2	31.8	24.6	19.6	7.8	128.8	121.8	250.1
September ..	96.1	70.6	31.3	24.9	19.6	7.8	128.9	122.1	251.0

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Figures from June, 1945, subject to revision.
(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Average of monthly figures.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week. (a)

(For particulars of benefits paid, see page 70.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.O.T.	Asst.
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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

1948-49	270	32	1,100	14	126	81	..	..	1,578
1949-50	10,728	128	1,678	328	287	30	..	..	13,057
1950-51	293	90	320	6	60	16	..	..	784
1951-52	795	162	1,348	17	57	12	..	..	2,391
1952-53	17,270	6,114	4,185	841	844	256	..	..	29,510
1953-54	6,859	2,856	3,177	270	427	223	..	..	13,812
1954-55	1,523	516	1,459	66	157	86	..	4	3,871
Quarter ended—									
September, 1953	12,813	5,583	2,909	610	733	421	..	..	23,049
December, ..	6,713	2,919	2,630	259	423	287	..	..	13,211
March, 1954	4,893	1,745	4,697	180	322	110	..	..	11,807
June, ..	3,108	1,196	2,473	79	231	94	..	..	7,181
September, ..	2,363	1,025	1,187	48	172	136	..	3	4,926
December, ..	1,333	583	908	63	117	111	..	4	3,099
March, 1955	1,300	399	2,359	60	162	53	..	4	4,237
June, ..	1,005	318	1,532	54	178	40	1	3	3,221
September, ..	945	347	621	50	256	72	..	2	2,200

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1948-49	3,018	1,928	978	700	600	395	..	..	7,628
1949-50	2,071	1,950	997	757	497	390	..	..	7,562
1950-51	2,883	1,835	959	657	475	317	..	..	7,125
1951-52	2,593	1,884	935	695	481	218	..	..	6,486
1952-53	2,991	1,706	1,027	670	433	227	..	..	7,054
1953-54	3,340	1,975	1,241	693	479	239	..	..	7,967
1954-55	3,337	1,091	1,284	615	459	231	5	12	7,067
Quarter ended—									
September, 1953	3,525	2,121	1,251	785	504	260	..	..	8,405
December, ..	3,413	2,031	1,263	734	493	246	..	..	8,180
March, 1954	3,160	1,834	1,212	646	464	215	..	..	7,531
June, ..	3,262	1,916	1,230	658	454	223	..	..	7,752
September, ..	3,564	2,095	1,258	696	485	262	4	12	8,586
December, ..	3,382	2,046	1,337	676	452	241	6	12	8,152
March, 1955	3,163	1,900	1,284	602	454	221	5	12	7,541
June, ..	3,238	1,936	1,268	607	415	208	5	13	7,710
September, ..	3,321	1,972	1,245	673	455	230	3	12	7,911

(a) In addition, the average number of persons (excluding migrants) receiving Special Benefits at end of each week were:—1948-49, 574; 1949-50, 877; 1950-51, 863; 1951-52, 987; 1952-53, 1,372; 1953-54, 1,859; and 1954-55, 1,966.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954.

(c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK)—STATES.

Period.	Disputes.	Workers Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Estimated Loss in Wages. £
		Directly.	Indirectly, (a)	Total.	New Disputes.	Old Disputes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.								
Year—1954(b) ..	1,063	217,081	5,205	222,286	405,337	6,236	501,573	1,654,814
1954—Sept. Qtr. ..	320	80,061	2,732	82,793	166,701	14,220	183,921	591,082
Dec. ..	192	30,916	1,467	32,383	150,815	4,247	165,062	510,722
1955—Mar., ..(c)	257	63,137	5,793	68,940	124,420	611	125,031	418,905
June ..	265	59,579	3,840	63,419	121,951	12,033	133,984	440,902
Sept. ..	308	78,126	3,907	82,033	282,719	40,440	323,159	904,182
VICTORIA.								
Year—1954 ..	76	42,476	2,337	44,813	135,611	..	135,611	460,213
1954—Sept. Qtr. ..	19	3,618	517	4,135	13,096	2,670	15,766	49,472
Dec. ..	16	9,516	1,179	10,695	63,355	1,545	64,900	230,433
1955—Mar., ..(c)	25	8,533	824	9,357	19,603	1,736	21,339	62,921
June ..	21	12,546	1,014	13,560	20,577	198	20,775	61,738
Sept. ..	9	3,888	205	4,093	58,632	19,656	78,288	239,735
QUEENSLAND.								
Year—1954 ..	278	71,006	6,675	77,681	183,855	..	183,855	611,331
1954—Sept. Qtr. ..	78	20,909	1,675	22,584	38,561	..	38,561	131,291
Dec. ..	69	21,888	1,192	23,080	62,057	..	62,057	222,718
1955—Mar., ..	67	16,130	1,691	17,821	23,832	..	23,832	78,897
June ..	60	9,225	147	9,372	12,100	5,108	18,208	63,305
Sept. ..	82	19,279	876	20,155	24,003	1,636	25,639	85,853
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1954 ..	23	7,591	45	7,636	31,207	..	31,207	108,100
1954—Sept. Qtr. ..	6	1,340	..	1,340	2,700	395	3,104	10,047
Dec. ..	7	2,657	20	2,677	24,620	..	24,620	85,853
1955—Mar., ..	14	7,398	83	7,481	9,917	..	9,917	32,070
June ..	14	4,479	..	4,479	4,018	2,264	6,282	18,805
Sept. ..	9	4,056	46	4,102	34,693	7,250	41,943	121,692
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1954 ..	15	5,398	96	5,494	21,651	..	21,651	75,387
1954—Sept. Qtr. ..	5	1,787	78	1,865	1,924	..	1,924	6,644
Dec. ..	7	2,308	18	2,326	17,780	..	17,780	61,950
1955—Mar., ..	2	1,543	..	1,543	1,235	..	1,235	4,293
June ..	3	2,800	..	2,800	2,173	..	2,173	7,005
Sept. ..	4	1,477	177	1,654	1,563	..	1,563	5,135
TASMANIA.								
Year—1954(b) ..	31	5,951	136	6,087	20,251	5,664	25,915	105,042
1954—Sept. Qtr. ..	10	1,215	130	1,345	4,700	..	4,700	16,841
Dec. ..	9	2,403	..	2,403	12,593	..	12,593	44,110
1955—Mar., ..	13	2,851	17	2,868	2,220	..	2,220	7,602
June ..	11	3,284	223	3,507	6,834	..	6,834	23,653
Sept. ..	13	3,956	..	3,956	6,119	2,148	8,267	29,004
AUSTRALIA (d)								
Year—1954(b) ..	1,490	355,580	14,494	370,074	889,739	11,900	901,639	3,021,211
1954—Sept. Qtr. ..	447	117,909	5,132	123,041	230,691	17,285	247,976	805,357
Dec. ..	301	78,807	3,876	82,683	333,005	5,702	338,707	1,160,249
1955—Mar., ..(e)	323	100,067	8,320	108,387	183,284	2,347	185,631	610,877
June ..	378	94,149	5,224	99,373	167,488	20,827	188,315	619,945
Sept. ..	426	110,798	5,391	116,189	367,983	77,130	445,113	1,476,221

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1953. (c) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1954. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK): INDUSTRIAL GROUPS, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Manu- facturing. (Groups I. to VI.)	Building. (Group VII.)	Mining. (Group VIII.)		Transport, Land and Sea. (Groups IX. to XI.)	Miscel- laneous. (Groups XII. to XIV.)	All Groups.
			(I) Coal- mining.	(II) Oil & Mining.			
NUMBER.							
1939	20	3	302	4	8	21	410
1951	142	25	912	4	242	19	1,344
1952	164	27	1,219	7	292	8	1,627
1953	143	41	944	6	311	14	1,459
1954	192	47	942	4	290	15	1,490
1954— Sept. Qtr. ..	58	13	279	2	88	7	447
Dec.	44	7	187	1	57	5	391
1955— March	70	20	171	6	103	4	363
June	67	11	200	1	97	3	374
Sept.	64	25	240	..	92	5	429

WORKERS INVOLVED.

1939	8,818	57	137,792	900	2,017	3,246	152,330
1951	71,600	3,667	172,732	2,843	156,608	1,136	409,592
1952	157,870	1,862	193,066	4,789	145,033	3,134	505,734
1953	155,249	8,417	147,791	3,629	179,786	1,783	496,048
1954	57,010	6,925	155,630	494	145,521	4,494	370,074
1954— Sept. Qtr. ..	26,801	2,490	59,091	138	30,535	3,090	123,041
Dec.	12,519	1,707	31,847	129	35,178	1,312	82,683
1955— March	28,546	8,353	20,998	554	40,148	788	108,387
June	16,901	7,780	31,430	537	42,262	1,460	99,373
Sept.	27,179	2,950	49,014	..	35,014	1,972	116,129

WORKING DAYS LOST.

1939	108,709	563	201,047	1,895	35,016	19,994	459,154
1951	397,173	23,750	336,447	36,256	165,437	9,912	872,974
1952	672,169	29,079	296,749	19,743	294,199	3,655	1,463,594
1953	351,732	67,508	378,713	16,956	222,564	11,367	1,050,830
1954	244,770	31,751	255,726	7,729	352,311	9,361	901,639
1954— Sept. Qtr. ..	108,796	11,177	85,579	1,936	32,902	6,586	247,976
Dec.	35,263	6,526	65,124	120	229,371	2,483	338,697
1955— March	69,156	26,722	33,531	4,097	49,776	4,333	185,615
June	62,117	16,139	57,510	4,834	43,306	4,390	168,315
Sept.	327,237	16,435	77,236	2,148	36,001	5,156	465,113

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES.
(£.)

1939	83,549	424	335,033	4,728	22,114	9,877	465,716
1951	752,719	59,001	863,928	189,290	382,435	8,185	2,259,028
1952	1,593,902	56,034	932,480	91,743	752,124	10,567	3,439,850
1953	1,071,366	242,500	1,247,895	80,495	703,537	39,653	3,387,437
1954	767,051	115,973	862,384	41,263	1,207,932	26,607	3,021,211
1954— Sept. Qtr. ..	347,059	36,046	286,979	6,285	100,911	18,000	805,357
Dec.	113,214	23,792	217,534	209	802,331	6,278	1,166,249
1955— March	212,400	97,050	114,762	7,241	168,474	10,950	610,877
June	192,999	44,739	209,215	10,812	144,640	11,500	619,945
Sept.	1,007,903	52,160	264,701	7,468	128,973	15,016	1,476,221

TRADE UNIONS AND MEMBERSHIP.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.

1930	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	(a) 360
1950	222	152	128	126	156	98	14	28	(a) 360
1951	225	156	128	127	152	101	17	29	(a) 369
1952	227	159	129	130	151	94	15	31	(a) 360
1953	224	159	129	138	152	98	18	28	(a) 365
1954	228	158	129	138	154	98	18	29	(a) 371

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

1930	358,391	210,803	189,653	67,282	67,833	22,063	761	1,685	915,470
1950	613,145	406,317	302,580	137,504	103,582	45,044	2,438	5,728	1,895,844
1951	678,338	433,407	277,037	140,067	105,507	47,413	2,764	5,738	1,960,271
1952	649,163	416,319	274,908	137,495	103,162	46,948	2,340	4,677	1,897,542
1953	685,237	424,428	285,718	140,154	107,642	48,293	2,535	5,251	1,979,768
1954	702,737	433,801	305,304	147,553	109,589	50,200	2,168	5,070	1,987,564

(a) Without 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.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

Period.	New South Wales. (a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia. (b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID. (£'000.)							
1950-51	11,345	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	14,364	9,610	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,169
1953-54	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,686	1,280	39,840
1954-55	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1954-55— September Qtr.	16,765	11,648	5,344	3,750	2,729	1,277	41,719
December	17,918	12,440	5,612	3,862	2,773	1,346	43,950
March	16,511	11,678	5,017	3,712	2,610	1,340	40,874
June	14,235	12,916	5,619	4,633	2,813	1,462	45,108
1955-56— September Qtr.	18,154	12,890	5,765	4,097	2,844	1,414	45,404

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT.(c)
(£.)

1950-51	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.56	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.65
1953-54	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.65	15.60	16.42
1954-55— September Qtr.	16.60	16.76	14.41	15.86	15.62	14.91	16.14
December	17.53	17.45	15.14	16.26	15.78	15.61	16.86
March	16.07	16.20	13.59	15.50	14.90	15.20	15.59
June	17.64	17.81	14.90	16.73	15.92	16.76	17.07
1955-56— September Qtr.	17.79	17.75	15.16	16.98	16.12	16.11	17.16

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—As quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years.

**WAGES—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES
PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1855.(a)**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c...	Weekly Wage	303/0	289/8	274/3	285/2	303/11	285/8	293/8
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/7	7/3	6/10½	7/1½	7/7½	7/4½	7/4
II. Engineering Works, &c. Metal	Weekly Wage	289/10	282/6	278/7	279/3	304/8	297/2	286/1
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/3	7/0½	6/11½	6/11½	7/7½	7/6½	7/1½
III. Food, Drink, &c. ...	Weekly Wage	287/10	284/1	288/11	288/5	284/4	288/3	286/8
	Working Hours	40 00	39 43	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	39 98
	Hourly Wage	7/2½	7/4½	6/8½	7/2½	7/4½	7/5½	7/2
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	Weekly Wage	280/7	282/6	288/2	288/2	291/10	279/11	283/0
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/0½	7/0½	7/2½	7/2½	7/3½	7/0	7/1
V. Books, Printing, &c. ...	Weekly Wage	330/6	329/7	308/8	318/9	350/9	335/10	327/10
	Working Hours	40 00	39 51	40 00	40 00	37 59	40 00	39 72
	Hourly Wage	8/3½	8/2½	7/8½	7/11½	9/3½	8/4½	8/3
VI. Other Manufacturing ...	Weekly Wage	280/7	282/1	285/7	285/8	290/6	294/7	284/8
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/3½	7/0½	6/7½	7/1½	7/3½	7/4½	7/1½
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	320/3	316/3	301/8	303/11	319/5	308/1	318/1
	Working Hours	39 04	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	39 98
	Hourly Wage	8/3	7/10½	7/6½	7/7½	7/11½	7/8½	7/11½
VIII. Mining (c) ...	Weekly Wage	298/7	298/11	284/9	272/1	330/9	291/8	297/11
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	38 16	40 00	39 69
	Hourly Wage	7/5½	7/4½	7/1½	6 9½	8/5	7/3½	7/6
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	303/5	298/9	280/7	283/3	295/0	299/10	296/0
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/7	7/5½	7/0½	7/3	7/4½	7/6	7/4½
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	283/5	278/8	257/1	269/10	299/7	283/0	276/5
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/1	6/10	6/5	6/9	7/2½	7/1½	6/11
XI. Shipping, &c. ...	Weekly Wage	307/2	311/9	307/8	309/4	309/8	310/9	308/9
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage	339/11	308/6	311/3	303/7	318/6	334/9	322/2
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage	278/2	274/1	248/7	256/6	278/3	265/7	270/9
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	6/11½	6/10½	6/2½	6/5	6/10	6/7½	6/9½
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	292/7	281/8	269/9	263/0	285/3	275/5	277/8
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/0½	7/0½	6/8½	6/7	7/1½	6/10½	6/11½
All Groups (b) ...	Weekly Wage	303/1	292/10	282/10	284/8	304/2	302/6	295/11
All Groups except XI. and XII.(b)	Weekly Wage	298/5	288/11	272/9	277/4	300/11	288/8	288/6
	Working Hours	39 50	39 98	40 00	40 00	39 51	40 00	39 95
	Hourly Wage	7/4	7/2½	6/0½	6/11½	7/7½	7/2½	7/2½

(a) The figures of nominal wages and hours of labour are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms.

(b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wages and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (d) Average rates of wages are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Definite particulars for the computation of average working hours and hourly rates of wages are not available. (f) Includes the value of keep, where supplied.

WAGES—ADULT FEMALES AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1955.(a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	195/4	198/7	174/9	190/11	103/8	199/7	195/5
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	4/10½	4/11½	4/4½	5/0	4/10½	5/0	4/10½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	Weekly Wage	195/8	198/9	200/3	200/3	201/4	199/5	197/4
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	4/10½	4/11	5/0	5/0	5/0½	4/11½	4/11½
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	208/4	200/3	191/0	210 2	..	201/6	203/3
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	5 2½	5/0	4/9½	5 3	..	5/0½	5/1
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage	193/1	201/6	174/7	190/10	186/6	192/2	192/0
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	4/10	5/0½	4/4½	4/11½	4/8	4/9½	4/9½
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c.	Weekly Wage	218/10	235/0	198/7	190/9	..	..	220/0
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	..	..	40 00
	Hourly Wage	5 5½	5/10	4/11½	5/0	..	..	5/6
All Groups (b)	Weekly Wage	201/8	204/11	192/1	200/11	193/11	197/7	201/4
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	5/0½	5/1	4/9½	5/0	4/10½	4/11½	5/0½

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

WAGES—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX NUMBERS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
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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
.. .. 1939	98 7	93 6	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 8
.. .. 1951	255 0	245 5	240 10	241 8	251 4	247 5	248 7
.. .. 1952	284 8	274 5	267 9	274 6	284 7	278 2	278 2
.. .. 1953	298 8	282 6	274 10	278 9	292 5	296 11	287 7
.. .. 1954	298 4	284 3	278 7	282 2	292 3	296 2	290 0
30th September, 1955	303 1	292 10	282 10	284 8	304 2	302 6	295 11

ADULT MALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE: 51s. 8d. (b) IN 1911 = 1,000.)

	1,006	1,065	1,042	1,058	1,225	1,028	1,085
31st December, 1914	1,006	1,065	1,042	1,058	1,225	1,028	1,085
.. .. 1939	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,785	1,952	1,745	1,858
.. .. 1951	4,975	4,789	4,699	4,715	4,904	4,825	4,850
.. .. 1952	5,555	5,354	5,224	5,355	5,553	5,388	5,428
.. .. 1953	5,788	5,518	5,342	5,439	5,705	5,594	5,611
.. .. 1954	5,820	5,547	5,435	5,590	5,722	5,637	5,658
30th September, 1955	5,914	5,714	5,519	5,554	5,935	5,903	5,774

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
.. .. 1939	55 8	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 6
.. .. 1951	171 1	172 10	161 7	171 4	183 2	168 7	170 4
.. .. 1952	193 11	196 2	184 4	185 8	188 9	191 2	193 5
.. .. 1953	198 5	200 10	186 7	199 5	199 5	196 4	197 11
.. .. 1954	198 9	200 2	190 0	199 5	199 5	196 7	197 11
30th September, 1955	201 8	204 11	192 1	200 1	193 11	197 7	201 4

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (b) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)

	987	1,022	998	885	1,373	950	1,006
31st December, 1914	987	1,022	998	885	1,373	950	1,006
.. .. 1939	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,855	1,938
.. .. 1951	6,296	6,362	5,948	6,805	6,007	6,204	6,268
.. .. 1952	7,138	7,220	6,784	7,262	6,846	7,037	7,120
.. .. 1953	7,502	7,392	6,946	7,342	7,007	7,226	7,285
.. .. 1954	7,314	7,367	6,994	7,339	7,007	7,236	7,285
30th September, 1955	7,424	7,543	7,069	7,363	7,137	7,272	7,410

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES FOR ADULT MALES UNDER AWARDS OF COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. (a)

Date Operative.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
September, 1939 ..	81 0	81 0	76 0	78 0	77 0	77 0	79 0
November, 1945 ..	99 0	98 0	93 0	93 0	94 0	94 0	96 0
December, 1946 ..	108 0	106 0	101 0	102 0	102 0	103 0	105 0
November, 1947 ..	112 0	109 0	105 0	106 0	106 0	107 0	109 0
" 1948 ..	122 0	120 0	115 0	116 0	116 0	118 0	119 0
" 1949 ..	132 0	130 0	125 0	126 0	129 0	128 0	129 0
" 1950 ..	146 0	143 0	135 0	137 0	139 0	139 0	142 0
December, 1950 ..	165 0	162 0	154 0	154 0	160 0	160 0	162 0
November, 1951 ..	207 0	199 0	185 0	195 0	197 0	199 0	200 0
May, 1952 ..	223 0	212 0	207 0	211 0	214 0	214 0	216 0
August, 1952 ..	235 0	224 0	213 0	224 0	222 0	222 0	227 0
November, 1952 ..	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
February, 1953 ..	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0
May, 1953 ..	241 0	232 0	217 0	228 0	231 0	239 0	234 0
August, 1953(b)	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0

(a) Rates operative from beginning of first pay period commencing in months shown. (b) By decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, announced on 12th September, 1953, automatic adjustment of basic wages in accordance with variations occurring in retail price index numbers was discontinued in Commonwealth awards.

NOTE.—Since December, 1950, the female basic wage has been 75 per cent. of corresponding male rate; previously it had ranged between 64 per cent. and 75 per cent.

STATE BASIC WAGES—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	May, 1953.			August, 1955.		
	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.
New South Wales(b)—		s. d.	s. d.		s. d.	s. d.
Metropolitan and Country, excluding Broken Hill ..	Aug., 1953	243 0	182 0	Aug., 1953	243 0	182 0
Broken Hill	Aug., 1953	247 0	185 0	Aug., 1953	247 0	185 0
Victoria(c)	May, 1955	237 0	177 6	Aug., 1955	240 0	180 0
Queensland(d)—						
Southern Division (Eastern District), including Brisbane	1.2.54	226 0	161 0	1.8.55	227 0	162 6
Southern Division (Western District)	1.2.54	222 4	154 8	1.8.55	224 4	156 2
MacKay Division	1.2.54	230 6	163 9	1.8.55	232 6	165 3
Northern Division (Eastern District)	1.2.54	235 0	156 0	1.8.55	237 0	157 6
Northern Division (Western District)	1.2.54	242 4	159 8	1.8.55	244 4	161 2
South Australia(e)	Aug., 1953	231 0	173 0	Aug., 1953	231 0	173 0
Western Australia(f)—						
Metropolitan Area	27.7.53	246 0	160 3	9.8.55	252 6	164 1
South-West Land Division	27.7.53	246 0	159 11	9.8.55	251 8	163 7
Goldfield and other areas	27.7.53	249 4	162 1	9.8.55	254 1	165 2
Tasmania(g)	Aug., 1953	242 0	181 6	Aug., 1953	242 0	181 6

(a) Where dates are not quoted wage rates operate from beginning of first pay-period in month shown.

(b) Automatic adjustment discontinued from 23rd October, 1953, following decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration (see note (a) to previous table).

(c) No basic wage declared but rates shown (Melbourne) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. The Labour and Industry Act requires Wages Boards to provide for the automatic adjustment of wage rates in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers.

(d) Between February, 1954 and May, 1955, the Queensland Industrial Court declined to make any alteration in the basic wage consequent on quarterly movements in the "C" Series retail price index numbers.

(e) The "living wage" declared for the metropolitan area is also adopted in country areas except at Whyalla where a loading of 5s. is generally payable. The "living wage" is subject to quarterly variation according to the amount of the general automatic quarterly adjustment in the Commonwealth basic wage (now discontinued) for Adelaide.

(f) The West Australian Court of Arbitration from July, 1953 to May, 1955, declined to adjust the basic wage in accordance with movements in the cost-of-living statements supplied by the Government Statistician.

(g) None declared but rates shown (Hobart) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards.

Section XI. - Prices.

THE INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

For a description of the structure and scope of the Interim Index and a comparison with that of the "C" Series, see Statistical Bulletin—*The Interim Retail Price Index (1952-53 Base Year)*, issued 24th March, 1954.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Index: Year 1952-53 = 100.)

NOTE.—The index numbers hereunder are designed to measure aggregate variations in retail prices of specified groups of items for specified cities individually. They measure variations from time to time and not differences in price level as between cities nor comparative costs of groups of items.

City.	Year ended June, 1951.	Year ended June, 1952.	Year ended June, 1953.	Year ended June, 1954.	Year ended June, 1955.	1954.		1955.		
						Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.
G. I.—FOOD.										
Sydney ..	85.1	89.9	100.0	102.4	103.0	101.6	102.8	104.6	105.1	106.5
Melbourne ..	80.2	89.1	100.0	104.6	104.3	102.7	103.4	104.8	106.2	110.1
Brisbane ..	89.2	90.1	100.0	104.1	104.2	102.3	103.3	105.2	106.0	106.8
Adelaide ..	80.2	90.5	100.0	103.5	103.2	105.1	104.8	100.5	108.2	109.2
Perth ..	89.3	87.0	100.0	106.3	109.7	109.6	108.0	109.0	111.2	109.0
Hobart ..	86.4	96.8	100.0	107.7	106.8	106.1	105.0	107.3	108.7	110.5
Six Capitals(a)	87.9	89.4	100.0	103.7	104.6	103.0	103.7	105.3	106.4	108.2

GROUP II.—CLOTHING AND DRAPERY.

Sydney ..	78.6	93.6	100.0	101.7	102.3	101.8	102.6	102.2	102.8	103.0
Melbourne ..	77.6	93.4	100.0	101.3	102.2	101.2	101.0	102.2	103.6	103.8
Brisbane ..	78.7	94.6	100.0	101.7	102.9	102.0	102.8	102.8	104.8	108.6
Adelaide ..	77.0	93.9	100.0	102.2	102.9	101.9	102.7	103.1	103.9	102.8
Perth ..	78.8	95.5	100.0	100.9	101.0	100.7	101.5	101.7	102.7	102.7
Hobart ..	78.9	94.7	100.0	102.6	103.1	102.6	103.0	103.3	103.7	103.9
Six Capitals(a)	78.1	93.8	100.0	101.6	102.4	101.6	102.3	102.4	103.3	103.3

GROUP III.—RENT(b) (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.)

Sydney ..	86.6	87.7	100.0	107.7	109.3	109.3	109.5	109.0	109.7	110.6
Melbourne ..	99.4	99.6	100.0	109.8	102.3	101.5	101.8	102.3	102.3	102.7
Brisbane ..	83.7	97.7	100.0	105.9	105.2	104.4	105.1	105.5	105.7	106.4
Adelaide ..	82.8	96.0	100.0	102.7	105.6	103.5	104.5	105.0	109.3	112.1
Perth ..	82.1	94.4	100.0	110.8	149.6	147.3	148.3	149.5	153.1	154.9
Hobart ..	85.1	91.4	100.0	108.8	109.4	109.4	109.5	109.5	109.5	109.5
Six Capitals(a)	90.3	92.6	100.0	105.0	109.6	108.9	109.3	109.7	110.5	111.4

GROUP IV.—OTHER ITEMS(c)

Sydney ..	78.3	93.6	100.0	100.5	100.9	101.0	101.0	100.0	100.0	101.5
Melbourne ..	73.5	88.7	100.0	100.9	101.3	101.1	100.9	101.3	101.8	102.9
Brisbane ..	78.5	92.7	100.0	103.0	104.5	104.0	104.3	104.8	104.9	106.0
Adelaide ..	76.9	90.2	100.0	99.3	99.9	99.1	99.3	99.4	101.7	102.7
Perth ..	74.6	89.6	100.0	100.8	101.0	101.2	101.4	101.6	103.3	104.5
Hobart ..	72.7	89.0	100.0	108.2	105.1	104.9	105.0	105.0	105.5	108.9
Six Capitals(a)	76.3	91.3	100.0	100.9	101.4	101.2	101.2	101.2	101.9	102.8

ALL GROUPS.

Sydney ..	74.6	91.7	100.0	102.2	103.1	102.2	102.0	102.4	103.8	104.6
Melbourne ..	75.2	91.0	100.0	102.4	102.7	101.8	102.2	102.9	104.0	106.8
Brisbane ..	76.4	92.7	100.0	103.0	104.0	102.8	103.6	104.5	105.1	105.0
Adelaide ..	74.7	90.0	100.0	102.0	103.6	102.5	102.8	103.5	105.4	106.0
Perth ..	74.5	90.7	100.0	103.9	109.6	109.0	108.7	109.3	111.2	111.1
Hobart ..	73.1	89.9	100.0	106.0	105.6	105.1	104.9	105.8	106.6	106.2
Six Capitals(a)	74.9	91.4	100.0	102.5	103.6	102.7	103.2	103.8	104.7	105.7

(a) Weighted Average. (b) See note (b) on page 106. (c) A group of items under the following headings—Electricity, Gas, and Firewood; Household Sundries; Services; Cinema Admission, Radio Licence, and Newspapers; Fare; and Tobacco and Cigarettes.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

NOTE.—The retail price 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 Capital Cities are made equal to 1,000.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each Group: 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 living food and groceries, &c., since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

		1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1934.		1935.		
									Sept.	Dec.	Mar.	June.	Sept.
									Qtr.	Qtr.	Qtr.	Qtr.	Qtr.
GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES.													
Sydney	..	904	1,572	2,090	2,654	2,711	2,721	2,701	2,741	2,801	2,835	2,907	
Melbourne	..	884	1,505	2,088	2,509	2,684	2,687	2,652	2,671	2,726	2,769	2,926	
Brisbane	..	838	1,162	1,823	2,328	2,413	2,451	2,404	2,466	2,502	2,518	2,553	
Adelaide	..	861	1,404	1,931	2,380	2,444	2,525	2,562	2,560	2,595	2,612	2,677	
Perth	..	890	1,397	1,963	2,350	2,608	2,802	2,848	2,798	2,810	2,906	2,870	
Hobart	..	890	1,574	1,992	2,487	2,809	2,797	2,781	2,770	2,820	2,874	2,944	
Six Capitals (a)	..	880	1,568	2,041	2,528	2,641	2,671	2,654	2,677	2,730	2,770	2,864	
GROUP II.—RENT (b)—4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.													
Sydney	..	1,004	1,050	1,053	1,118	1,278	1,324	1,326	1,330	1,331	1,332	1,342	
Melbourne	..	935	979	980	984	988	998	999	1,002	1,006	1,006	1,010	
Brisbane	..	841	883	934	958	981	1,010	1,012	1,019	1,022	1,024	1,031	
Adelaide	..	868	929	949	1,055	1,155	1,174	1,176	1,184	1,190	1,230	1,271	
Perth	..	872	901	1,065	1,185	1,205	1,602	1,768	1,779	1,795	1,837	1,858	
Hobart	..	913	941	1,048	1,079	1,249	1,271	1,271	1,272	1,272	1,272	1,272	
Six Capitals (a)	..	942	987	1,000	1,057	1,138	1,192	1,205	1,209	1,213	1,222	1,232	
GROUP III.—CLOTHING.													
Sydney	..	833	2,329	2,808	3,116	3,273	3,263	3,250	3,266	3,266	3,267	3,276	
Melbourne	..	820	2,250	2,697	2,985	3,201	3,196	3,196	3,194	3,199	3,230	3,243	
Brisbane	..	823	2,226	2,690	3,016	3,103	3,129	3,109	3,135	3,133	3,150	3,143	
Adelaide	..	837	2,250	2,736	3,108	3,235	3,218	3,200	3,227	3,234	3,254	3,223	
Perth	..	823	2,280	2,750	3,123	3,185	3,188	3,180	3,204	3,211	3,230	3,214	
Hobart	..	848	2,296	2,752	3,080	3,212	3,238	3,220	3,235	3,243	3,262	3,262	
Six Capitals (a)	..	829	2,286	2,749	3,096	3,233	3,218	3,210	3,222	3,218	3,240	3,243	
GROUP IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.													
Sydney	..	936	1,470	1,711	1,980	2,041	2,048	2,047	2,048	2,044	2,031	2,040	
Melbourne	..	982	1,426	1,608	1,949	2,090	2,000	2,081	2,082	2,079	2,105	2,118	
Brisbane	..	947	1,363	1,603	1,841	1,928	1,987	1,983	1,995	1,995	2,000	2,015	
Adelaide	..	1,023	1,470	1,710	2,025	2,098	2,103	2,102	2,102	2,103	2,156	2,161	
Perth	..	949	1,357	1,624	1,945	2,030	2,040	2,046	2,048	2,047	2,090	2,114	
Hobart	..	933	1,293	1,600	1,920	2,137	2,125	2,101	2,101	2,104	2,117	2,136	
Six Capitals (a)	..	961	1,435	1,679	1,958	2,053	2,062	2,058	2,060	2,046	2,070	2,081	
TOTAL ALL GROUPS.													
Sydney	..	913	1,593	1,933	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,372	2,391	2,405	2,423	2,455	
Melbourne	..	896	1,565	1,890	2,170	2,286	2,288	2,273	2,281	2,302	2,320	2,392	
Brisbane	..	852	1,472	1,700	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,150	2,178	2,195	2,208	2,221	
Adelaide	..	888	1,521	1,833	2,150	2,246	2,277	2,289	2,294	2,310	2,362	2,366	
Perth	..	883	1,538	1,860	2,170	2,295	2,450	2,512	2,502	2,511	2,560	2,561	
Hobart	..	887	1,526	1,861	2,180	2,300	2,406	2,394	2,391	2,415	2,438	2,467	
Six Capitals (a)	..	897	1,560	1,883	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,321	2,333	2,349	2,375	2,411	

(a) Weighted average.

(b) See note (b) on page 100.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

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

State and Town.	1939.	1954.				1955.				Per-centage Increase from August 1950, to Sept., 1955.
	August.	Month.			Sept. Qtr.	Month.			Sept. Qtr.	
		July.	Aug.	Sept.		July.	Aug.	Sept.		
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	926	2,673	2,686	2,744	2,701	2,913	2,886	2,920	2,907	215.3
Newcastle	940	2,751	2,750	2,787	2,756	2,957	2,981	2,906	2,978	212.1
Broken Hill	1,089	3,000	2,955	2,901	2,972	3,050	3,006	3,000	3,079	189.1
Goulburn	901	2,787	2,792	2,814	2,798	3,000	3,016	3,031	3,016	205.9
Bathurst	939	2,857	2,818	2,829	2,835	3,035	3,040	3,062	3,040	226.1
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	932	2,688	2,698	2,751	2,712	2,921	2,902	2,932	2,918	214.6
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	931	2,686	2,638	2,639	2,652	2,895	2,938	2,946	2,926	216.4
Ballarat	939	2,735	2,690	2,675	2,700	2,922	2,951	2,950	2,944	216.1
Bendigo	915	2,669	2,639	2,645	2,651	2,838	2,898	2,913	2,883	216.4
Geelong	942	2,691	2,664	2,660	2,672	2,847	2,901	2,935	2,894	211.6
Warrnambool	952	2,807	2,775	2,770	2,780	2,923	2,982	3,014	2,973	216.0
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	932	2,688	2,642	2,636	2,655	2,893	2,937	2,945	2,925	216.0
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane	855	2,374	2,365	2,474	2,404	2,592	2,562	2,575	2,553	201.2
Toowoomba	812	2,463	2,445	2,452	2,453	2,587	2,624	2,618	2,610	222.4
Rockhampton	893	2,531	2,490	2,492	2,504	2,551	2,605	2,623	2,593	193.7
Townsville	948	2,618	2,604	2,608	2,610	2,661	2,701	2,711	2,691	186.0
Bundaberg	906	2,505	2,487	2,493	2,495	2,576	2,624	2,632	2,611	199.5
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	862	2,412	2,399	2,483	2,431	2,539	2,580	2,592	2,570	200.7
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	882	2,579	2,547	2,551	2,562	2,655	2,670	2,668	2,677	205.9
Katrina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	980	2,634	2,600	2,604	2,613	2,704	2,723	2,731	2,719	178.7
Port Pirie	1,001	2,689	2,659	2,663	2,670	2,748	2,773	2,770	2,766	177.3
Mount Gambler	930	2,627	2,595	2,610	2,611	2,701	2,734	2,732	2,722	193.8
Peterborough	983	2,664	2,606	2,611	2,627	2,721	2,732	2,752	2,735	180.0
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	891	2,586	2,554	2,567	2,569	2,661	2,685	2,703	2,689	203.4
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle	947	2,884	2,831	2,828	2,848	2,861	2,879	2,870	2,870	203.1
Kalgoorlie and Boulder	1,102	2,910	2,946	2,953	2,936	3,066	3,079	3,055	3,070	178.1
Northam	981	2,885	2,849	2,862	2,865	2,929	2,938	2,916	2,928	197.2
Runbury	975	2,901	2,872	2,871	2,881	2,984	2,983	2,977	2,981	205.3
Geraldton	958	2,937	2,909	2,924	2,923	2,981	3,002	2,980	2,990	211.7
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	960	2,887	2,843	2,840	2,857	2,882	2,899	2,890	2,890	201.0
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	914	2,806	2,760	2,778	2,781	2,886	2,952	2,993	2,944	227.6
Launceston	905	2,755	2,723	2,736	2,738	2,768	2,826	2,879	2,824	219.1
Burnie	942	2,783	2,734	2,738	2,745	2,814	2,905	2,926	2,892	210.6
Devonport	930	2,752	2,742	2,731	2,742	2,811	2,880	2,906	2,866	212.5
Queenstown	1,018	2,945	2,908	2,917	2,923	3,042	3,067	3,127	3,086	207.2
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	917	2,791	2,752	2,766	2,770	2,850	2,913	2,956	2,906	222.4
THIRTY TOWNS (a) ..	922	2,664	2,645	2,675	2,661	2,841	2,857	2,875	2,858	211.8
SIX CAPITALS (a) ..	918	2,655	2,637	2,670	2,654	2,839	2,852	2,871	2,854	212.7
Lithgow (N.S.W.) (b)	948	2,826	2,808	2,822	2,819	3,045	3,077	3,091	3,071	226.1
Warwick (Q.) (b)	851	2,505	2,498	2,525	2,509	2,596	2,645	2,653	2,631	211.8
Port Augusta (S.A.) (b)	994	2,625	2,638	2,648	2,637	2,725	2,740	2,761	2,742	177.6
Whyalla (S.A.) (b)	(c)	2,735	2,726	2,725	2,729	2,796	2,840	2,825	2,820	(c)
Caedra (A.C.T.) (b)	1,048	2,813	2,809	2,855	2,828	3,052	3,058	3,116	3,085	197.9

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

(c) Not available.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

Retail Price Index Numbers—Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 Roomed Houses), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

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

State and Town.	1938.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1954.		1955.		
							Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	913	1,598	1,013	2,265	2,364	2,352	2,372	2,391	2,405	2,425	2,455
Newcastle	877	1,543	1,001	2,209	2,295	2,321	2,311	2,340	2,358	2,384	2,409
Broken Hill	940	1,692	1,067	2,344	2,411	2,421	2,410	2,415	2,421	2,430	2,464
Goulburn	893	1,578	1,021	2,232	2,302	2,327	2,318	2,343	2,378	2,398	2,446
Bathurst	860	1,552	1,002	2,219	2,304	2,332	2,366	2,385	2,412	2,424	2,455
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	911	1,591	1,031	2,262	2,362	2,378	2,368	2,387	2,401	2,420	2,451
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	886	1,566	1,040	2,170	2,285	2,298	2,273	2,281	2,302	2,320	2,392
Bairarat	850	1,509	1,057	2,147	2,265	2,272	2,257	2,258	2,276	2,310	2,385
Bendigo	854	1,520	1,028	2,139	2,201	2,260	2,254	2,281	2,280	2,310	2,359
Geelong	884	1,549	1,071	2,154	2,263	2,284	2,257	2,265	2,275	2,310	2,363
Warrnambool	892	1,568	1,048	2,205	2,228	2,245	2,232	2,240	2,256	2,281	2,419
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	893	1,561	1,077	2,169	2,263	2,240	2,272	2,279	2,300	2,328	2,389
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	852	1,472	1,760	2,083	2,135	2,170	2,150	2,178	2,195	2,209	2,221
Toowoomba	843	1,486	1,773	2,083	2,100	2,101	2,173	2,191	2,227	2,247	2,251
Rockhampton	853	1,491	1,785	2,091	2,166	2,206	2,191	2,198	2,238	2,251	2,269
Townsville	902	1,525	1,818	2,148	2,243	2,284	2,270	2,275	2,326	2,330	2,325
Bundaberg	831	1,464	1,754	2,058	2,118	2,157	2,144	2,161	2,188	2,200	2,202
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	854	1,478	1,767	2,072	2,145	2,181	2,162	2,186	2,209	2,229	2,233
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	858	1,521	1,833	2,159	2,216	2,277	2,249	2,294	2,310	2,352	2,366
Kadina, &c.	746	1,423	1,742	2,077	2,192	2,291	2,208	2,312	2,329	2,257	2,261
Port Pirie	868	1,500	1,811	2,135	2,216	2,251	2,281	2,287	2,281	2,296	2,312
Mount Gambier	849	1,499	1,803	2,145	2,226	2,267	2,265	2,267	2,282	2,311	2,329
Peterborough	868	1,496	1,809	2,129	2,199	2,255	2,254	2,277	2,297	2,350	2,345
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	868	1,516	1,829	2,155	2,241	2,274	2,285	2,290	2,305	2,347	2,360
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	882	1,538	1,860	2,170	2,295	2,450	2,512	2,502	2,514	2,509	2,561
Kalgoorlie, &c. .. .	1,048	1,688	1,940	2,262	2,361	2,426	2,435	2,442	2,452	2,497	2,502
Northam	900	1,560	1,870	2,186	2,315	2,417	2,441	2,470	2,481	2,528	2,611
Bunbury	914	1,559	1,870	2,195	2,314	2,447	2,498	2,512	2,519	2,598	2,681
Geraldton	957	1,611	1,956	2,293	2,421	2,577	2,648	2,638	2,613	2,690	2,702
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	897	1,547	1,868	2,180	2,305	2,458	2,507	2,500	2,512	2,565	2,559
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	887	1,526	1,861	2,180	2,300	2,406	2,394	2,391	2,415	2,438	2,467
Launceston	872	1,493	1,857	2,154	2,350	2,364	2,360	2,349	2,364	2,376	2,404
Barns	865	1,484	1,810	2,120	2,309	2,316	2,306	2,297	2,326	2,344	2,383
Devonport	848	1,481	1,793	2,093	2,285	2,295	2,298	2,275	2,294	2,313	2,349
Queensland	875	1,494	1,808	2,119	2,308	2,321	2,316	2,313	2,330	2,355	2,391
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	879	1,511	1,852	2,163	2,375	2,381	2,372	2,367	2,387	2,407	2,436
THIRTY TOWNS (a) ..	894	1,556	1,880	2,193	2,299	2,323	2,317	2,329	2,348	2,372	2,406
SIX CAPITALS (a) ..	897	1,560	1,883	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,321	2,333	2,349	2,376	2,411
Warwick (Q.) (b) ..	890	1,461	1,751	2,063	2,140	2,178	2,168	2,183	2,207	2,213	2,223
Port Augusta (S.A.) (b) ..	863	1,512	1,823	2,141	2,204	2,285	2,248	2,248	2,263	2,299	2,312
Whyalla (S.A.) (b) ..	(c)	1,615	1,848	2,166	2,274	2,313	2,327	2,322	2,342	2,368	2,374
Onabara (A.C.T.) (b) ..	956	1,600	1,931	2,247	2,328	2,353	2,387	2,386	2,397	2,420	2,519

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

(c) Not available.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The "C" Series Retail Price Index and its Group Index Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

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

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	Total "C" Series Index.
Year—					
1914(c)	641	649	754	749	687
1919(c)	1,026	768	1,238	1,036	1,022
1924	909	988	1,003	1,004	987
1925	998	1,008	991	992	997
1926	1,023	1,026	986	998	1,011
1927	1,000	1,030	975	1,008	1,002
1928	985	1,006	997	1,010	1,009
1929	1,044	1,073	996	1,007	1,033
1930	941	1,047	951	999	975
1931	826	901	853	973	873
1932	796	817	804	958	830
1933	751	804	787	950	804
1934	783	810	785	944	817
1935	806	839	783	946	832
1936	825	879	792	947	856
1937	851	912	811	960	872
1938	886	942	829	961	897
1939	927	965	841	962	920
1940	939	973	956	998	957
1941	947	978	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942	1,031	976	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943	1,037	975	1,440	1,100	1,131
1944	1,026	976	1,435	1,165	1,126
1945	1,034	975	1,425	1,161	1,126
1946	1,036	976	1,505	1,167	1,145
1947	1,100	977	1,566	1,199	1,188
1948	1,256	970	1,744	1,257	1,291
1949	1,394	982	1,997	1,338	1,415
1950	1,566	987	2,286	1,435	1,560
1951	2,041	1,609	2,749	1,670	1,883
1952	2,526	1,057	3,066	1,958	2,196
1953	2,641	1,138	3,223	2,053	2,302
1954	2,671	1,192	3,218	2,062	2,326
Quarter—					
1954—September ..	2,654	1,205	3,210	2,058	2,321
December	2,677	1,209	3,222	2,060	2,333
1955—March	2,730	1,213	3,218	2,046	2,349
June	2,770	1,222	3,240	2,070	2,375
September	2,854	1,232	3,243	2,081	2,411

(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) Rent.—The rent index numbers shown in the table above and elsewhere in this publication measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Rentals of new tenanted houses completed since the end of the war are not taken into account. (c) November

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED:
QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1955.**

Item.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOSFURN.			BATHURST.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
Greens, &c.—																
Broad(y) ..	2 lb.	14.30	13.80	13.80	14.00	14.00	14.00	16.50	16.50	16.50	15.50	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.00	15.00
Four, ordinary ..	"	13.10	13.10	13.10	12.63	12.63	12.63	11.80	11.80	11.80	12.40	12.20	12.20	12.00	12.00	12.00
Four, self-raising ..	"	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.43	20.50	20.57	18.90	18.90	18.90	21.50	21.60	21.60	21.20	21.20	21.20
Tea ..	lb.	74.20	74.20	84.05	76.50	76.50	80.00	77.50	77.50	78.50	78.00	78.00	84.40	75.70	74.80	84.90
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.00	0.00	9.93	9.96	9.98	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.75	9.75	9.75
Rices ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.64	12.64	12.64	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.60	12.60	12.60
Starch ..	"	12.30	12.50	12.60	13.20	14.25	14.50	14.50	14.60	14.50	14.38	14.38	14.38	13.90	14.80	15.00
Jam, plum ..	1 lb.	29.85	29.85	29.85	30.00	29.92	29.92	28.90	28.90	28.90	30.00	30.60	30.60	30.80	30.80	30.80
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	18.45	19.05	19.05	20.57	20.64	20.64	22.20	22.80	22.80	21.80	21.60	21.60	20.50	20.70	20.70
Cats, flaked ..	lb.	10.08	11.00	11.04	11.76	11.75	11.25	11.00	13.06	13.06	13.26	12.85	12.85	11.88	11.88	11.88
Raisins, seeded ..	"	31.80	31.90	31.40	29.90	30.10	30.20	30.38	30.38	30.38	32.00	31.80	32.40	32.00	32.00	32.00
Currants ..	"	24.88	24.02	25.17	24.00	24.10	24.10	22.75	22.75	22.75	25.75	25.75	25.75	25.00	25.00	24.80
Apricots, dried ..	"	62.44	62.44	60.90	59.38	59.38	56.25	53.00	53.00	53.00	60.25	60.25	60.25	61.13	60.50	60.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	38.05	38.05	38.05	38.64	38.93	38.93	39.10	39.10	39.10	39.10	39.10	39.10	39.90	39.90	39.90
Pears, canned ..	"	41.60	41.60	41.60	41.93	42.21	42.36	40.10	40.10	40.10	42.40	42.40	42.40	42.00	42.00	42.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	53.10	53.61	56.18	52.71	60.00	63.29	48.80	60.20	57.90	47.40	51.20	51.60	48.10	54.00	52.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	9.90	9.60	10.10	10.05	10.14	10.40	8.80	9.20	9.40	9.15	9.35	10.50	10.25	10.50	11.25
Soap ..	"	18.33	18.33	18.20	18.35	18.43	18.43	20.20	20.20	20.20	19.67	19.67	19.67	19.40	19.40	19.40
Kerosene ..	quart	8.46	8.72	8.72	8.29	8.16	8.25	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.93	0.93	0.93
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	49.30	53.30	53.10	40.50	53.50	53.50	52.50	55.50	55.50	50.00	54.00	54.00	60.00	53.40	53.30
Cheese, milk ..	"	33.38	36.10	36.10	34.63	36.63	36.60	36.00	36.00	36.00	35.25	37.17	37.17	34.58	36.58	36.58
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	75.00	80.00	80.00	75.00	80.00	80.00	70.50	85.40	80.80	78.40	80.80	80.80	75.00	80.60	80.40
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	72.13	72.78	72.67	66.75	69.25	68.80	70.67	70.67	70.67	69.13	69.75	69.75	69.63	70.13	71.63
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.50	23.50	23.30	23.50	23.50	23.50	25.40	23.40	23.40	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.60	24.60	24.60
" froth(h) house ..	quart	23.50	23.50	23.30	21.00	21.00	21.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.60	21.50	21.50
" .. (b) in bottles ..	"	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	..	..	..	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Meat—		September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	44.45			47.43			44.14			45.20			46.00		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	34.52			35.90			32.46			35.40			36.76		
" steak, rump ..	"	56.88			59.10			57.43			60.40			58.50		
" chuck ..	"	30.22			31.10			34.18			31.60			32.25		
" sausages ..	"	20.60			23.34			22.00			21.80			22.00		
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	34.17			38.05			39.20			37.20			37.75		
" brisket ..	"	24.20			26.76			26.00			29.40			30.33		
Mutton, leg ..	"	23.00			26.41			28.80			26.83			27.75		
" forequarter ..	"	19.37			16.48			19.00			17.87			18.00		
" loin ..	"	25.77			23.76			33.71			27.67			29.50		
" chops, loin ..	"	25.83			24.76			36.29			27.67			31.25		
" .. leg ..	"	26.78			25.76			35.43			27.67			31.25		
Pork, leg ..	"	54.87			56.83			56.67			58.50			46.67		
" loin ..	"	55.18			56.19			56.28			52.50			46.67		
" chops ..	"	55.12			56.19			56.29			52.50			46.67		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

**VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) DURING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED:
QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1955.**

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Item.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	11.05	11.10	11.10	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.42	11.42	11.42	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.40	11.40	11.40
" self-raising ..	"	17.45	18.95	18.95	18.50	20.10	20.10	18.75	19.83	19.83	18.00	19.50	19.50	19.40	20.80	20.80
Tea ..	lb.	73.65	73.65	77.30	74.30	75.00	77.40	75.42	75.50	81.50	74.13	74.13	80.13	76.00	76.00	80.70
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.48	9.48	9.48	9.64	9.64	9.64	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.70	9.70	9.70
Rice ..	"	11.80	11.70	11.70	12.60	12.50	12.50	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.70	13.70	13.70
Seed Tapioca ..	"	11.70	12.58	12.75	13.40	13.20	13.20	13.92	13.92	14.42	12.63	12.88	12.88	12.90	13.60	14.20
Jam, pum ..	14 lb.	27.11	20.95	26.94	27.40	27.40	27.40	26.17	26.17	26.40	27.03	27.50	27.03	28.00	28.00	28.00
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	18.90	18.90	18.90	20.10	20.10	20.20	21.60	21.50	21.50	19.60	19.50	19.38	22.00	22.00	21.70
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	9.17	9.17	9.17	11.25	11.38	11.38	11.25	11.20	11.16	9.25	9.25	9.25	11.33	11.33	11.60
Raisins, seeded ..	"	27.44	27.50	27.50	29.20	29.20	29.90	29.75	29.75	27.75	28.75	28.75	28.75	30.30	30.40	31.40
Currents ..	"	22.33	22.50	22.75	23.30	23.40	23.40	22.60	22.92	23.17	23.50	23.50	23.50	25.50	25.75	25.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	58.20	55.17	53.42	55.75	55.75	53.03	55.83	55.83	53.13	50.33	50.33	50.33	56.07	55.07	55.25
Peaches, canned ..	30 can.	32.55	32.55	32.55	33.90	33.90	33.90	34.25	34.25	34.25	33.00	33.00	33.00	36.00	36.00	36.00
Pears, canned ..	"	34.55	34.55	34.55	35.20	35.20	35.20	36.75	36.75	36.75	34.50	34.50	34.50	39.10	39.10	38.60
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	65.13	48.03	45.94	46.20	44.00	43.60	51.50	54.25	52.42	44.03	42.00	46.13	39.80	40.60	45.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	7.00	8.10	8.50	7.30	8.70	8.80	8.40	9.07	9.07	7.03	8.25	8.25	6.00	8.10	8.30
Soap ..	"	18.04	18.04	18.04	18.63	18.50	18.59	18.77	18.77	18.77	17.97	17.97	17.97	19.82	19.82	19.24
Kerosene ..	quart	8.24	8.21	8.21	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.57	8.57	8.47	9.55	9.55	9.55
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	48.80	53.30	53.30	49.50	54.00	54.00	48.08	52.67	52.50	49.60	53.75	53.75	49.50	54.00	54.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	33.00	35.10	35.10	33.67	36.50	36.50	33.83	36.07	37.33	37.38	35.88	36.38	34.33	36.83	36.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	74.60	85.00	85.00	74.60	85.00	85.00	74.83	85.00	85.00	74.50	85.00	85.00	75.00	85.00	85.20
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	74.42	74.25	77.17	73.00	74.20	75.60	73.00	73.20	75.80	74.88	74.88	77.63	73.80	73.80	77.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	22.30	22.30	22.30	23.30	23.80	23.80	23.17	23.17	23.17	22.25	22.25	22.25	23.70	23.70	23.70
" fresh(b) home ..	quart	17.00	17.00	17.00	"	"	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.50	16.50	16.50
" (b) in bottles ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
Meat—		September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	41.63			39.80			37.67			37.67			39.00		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	40.97			39.40			38.29			39.58			42.00		
" steak, rump ..	"	56.53			53.61			51.24			53.67			51.00		
" chuck ..	"	35.00			35.94			33.14			35.20			34.20		
" sausages ..	"	20.60			21.78			21.71			20.94			22.00		
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	40.57			39.67			37.95			39.67			39.00		
" brisket ..	"	30.20			30.67			31.00			30.93			30.00		
Mutton, leg ..	"	28.88			29.17			24.20			28.27			29.75		
" forequarter ..	"	17.78			16.28			16.27			17.50			19.68		
" loin ..	"	24.00			24.72			21.40			25.53			26.65		
" chops, loin ..	"	27.14			29.17			25.00			27.80			31.45		
" leg ..	"	28.52			29.83			23.80			27.47			31.45		
Pork, leg ..	"	46.74			53.00			50.60			52.40			48.00		
" loin ..	"	57.74			53.50			52.60			52.53			49.50		
" chops ..	"	57.67			53.83			52.60			54.53			52.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

PRICES.

**QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED :
QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1955.**

Item.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			RUNDIBERG.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.38	9.43	9.43	11.14	11.14	11.29	11.90	11.90	11.90	10.20	10.20	10.10
" self-raising ..	"	17.45	17.45	17.55	19.30	19.30	19.30	20.57	20.57	20.71	20.60	20.60	20.70	20.00	20.00	20.00
Tea ..	lb.	71.90	71.90	71.90	72.07	72.07	72.07	72.70	72.70	72.71	74.50	74.50	71.50	73.70	73.70	73.60
Sugar ..	"	8.93	8.95	8.95	9.39	9.39	9.39	9.29	9.29	9.29	10.50	10.40	10.40	8.95	8.95	8.95
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.36	12.36	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.80
Seed Tapioca ..	"	13.40	13.30	12.85	12.67	12.67	13.17	14.71	14.71	14.50	15.00	15.00	14.80	14.50	14.80	13.50
Jam, plum ..	14 lb.	26.05	26.05	26.55	28.57	28.57	28.57	30.71	30.71	30.71	30.33	29.13	29.13	29.80	28.80	28.80
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	17.55	17.55	17.55	18.93	18.93	18.93	20.57	20.57	20.57	22.40	22.20	22.20	18.00	17.80	18.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	11.50	11.25	11.25	11.50	11.50	11.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	10.97	10.73	10.73	14.00	12.00	13.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	25.95	26.00	25.85	27.67	27.67	27.67	27.67	27.67	27.67	27.00	27.00	27.00	20.50	20.50	20.10
Currants ..	"	22.00	22.00	22.25	22.00	22.00	22.80	23.20	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	22.50	23.00	23.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	53.43	53.17	53.39	50.25	50.00	50.70	54.02	54.02	55.25	53.50	52.00	52.70	54.10	51.70	53.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	36.05	36.00	36.00	37.07	37.07	37.07	38.00	38.00	38.20	37.30	37.30	37.30	37.90	37.90	38.10
Pears, canned ..	"	39.05	39.35	39.35	39.21	39.21	39.21	39.57	39.71	39.80	38.90	39.90	39.90	40.10	40.10	40.10
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	64.95	64.95	64.95	65.00	65.20	61.07	47.57	68.20	63.64	60.20	59.20	61.00	48.80	58.30	62.40
Onions, brown ..	lb.	8.00	8.45	8.05	9.38	8.21	8.29	8.79	9.43	9.21	9.20	8.70	9.40	10.20	10.00	10.00
Soap ..	"	17.00	17.06	17.06	18.19	18.10	18.10	18.09	18.09	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.65	18.06	18.06
Kerosene ..	quart	6.30	6.30	6.30	9.19	9.10	9.10	10.62	10.52	10.54	9.27	9.27	9.27	10.60	10.60	10.60
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	48.90	52.45	52.45	48.07	51.86	61.80	48.43	52.07	52.07	50.00	54.30	54.30	48.70	52.20	52.20
Cheese, mild ..	"	32.00	33.80	34.00	32.14	33.80	34.14	35.21	35.97	36.50	36.40	39.60	39.20	33.50	35.70	35.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	67.40	58.20	53.50	61.40	61.33	30.00	71.83	55.92	53.43	78.75	60.00	60.00	60.00	53.00	47.80
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	57.60	65.00	64.00	63.93	69.50	70.70	55.70	62.14	63.06	59.13	59.88	61.70	55.10	61.70	61.30
Milk, condensed ..	"	29.15	23.10	21.15	23.71	23.71	24.00	23.64	23.92	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	24.00	24.00	24.00
" fresh-bottle ..	quart	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" (b) lb ..	"															
" bottles ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
Meat—		September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		31.78			34.90			30.00			31.00			33.00	
" rib (without bone) ..	"			26.26		26.20			25.00			25.00			27.00	
" steak, rump ..	"			39.44		42.36			37.00			37.00			41.00	
" chuck ..	"			19.74		22.44			21.00			20.00			21.00	
" sausages ..	"			18.83		20.00			19.52			20.00			20.00	
Beef (corned) silver ..	"															
" side ..	"		28.44			32.32			28.00			27.00			30.00	
" brisket ..	"		20.74			23.44			22.00			20.00			22.00	
Mutton, leg ..	"		22.32			20.38			24.00			20.00			25.00	
" forequarter ..	"		13.04			15.36			14.57			14.00			16.00	
" loin ..	"		20.12			22.81			19.43			22.25			20.00	
" chops, loin ..	"		22.32			25.38			22.95			25.00			24.00	
" leg ..	"		22.32			24.38			22.00			24.73			24.00	
Pork, leg ..	"		45.50			40.71			50.72			51.00			39.67	
" loin ..	"		44.67			40.71			39.72			48.78			37.67	
" chops ..	"		44.67			40.71			59.72			47.40			39.07	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA--AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1955.

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Item.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADIMA.			PORT PHILIP.			MOUNT GAMMIE.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		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 ^(b) ..	2 lb.	13.50	13.50	13.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Four, ordinary ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.14	10.14	10.14	10.86	10.86	10.86	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.75	10.75	10.75
" " we-fraining ..	"	10.45	10.45	10.45	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	17.30	17.30	17.30	18.75	18.75	18.75
Tea ..	lb.	74.00	74.00	74.00	74.57	74.57	74.57	74.93	74.93	74.93	75.50	75.50	75.50	75.00	75.00	75.00
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.46	9.46	9.46	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	12.93	12.93	12.93	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.00	13.00	13.00
Best Tapioca ..	"	13.05	12.70	12.50	14.30	12.75	13.00	14.79	14.07	14.07	15.10	15.90	15.90	14.50	13.75	13.83
Jam, plum ..	14 lb.	27.15	27.15	27.15	28.07	28.08	28.08	28.64	28.64	28.64	29.20	29.20	29.20	28.50	28.50	28.50
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.85	19.93	19.93	19.86	19.86	20.00	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50
Onions, flaked ..	lb.	10.33	10.33	10.75	10.81	10.81	11.25	13.00	12.00	12.00	11.28	11.28	11.74	11.80	11.80	12.28
Onions, seeded ..	"	28.50	28.50	28.50	29.21	29.21	29.21	29.86	29.70	29.58	29.80	29.80	30.00	29.63	29.63	29.63
Currents ..	"	28.50	28.65	28.70	24.14	24.14	24.21	23.80	23.80	23.80	24.18	24.18	24.18	24.50	24.50	24.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	55.61	54.22	54.22	55.60	55.29	55.00	55.10	55.10	55.30	56.38	56.38	56.00	57.50	56.25	55.63
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	37.00	38.00	37.05	39.57	39.64	39.84	39.07	39.03	39.07	37.90	37.90	38.13	39.88	39.88	39.88
Pears, canned ..	"	37.75	37.85	38.00	39.64	39.71	39.71	39.50	39.50	39.50	38.40	38.40	38.80	40.00	40.00	40.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	40.00	43.66	46.56	45.17	48.00	50.00	43.64	48.71	48.79	37.63	44.83	47.87	46.50	47.75	51.76
Onions, brown ..	lb.	9.33	9.83	10.33	7.00	11.00	11.00	0.50	11.07	11.07	6.33	8.33	8.88	8.67	9.67	11.38
Soap ..	"	18.33	18.33	18.33	19.00	19.00	19.05	18.47	18.47	18.56	18.80	18.80	18.75	19.25	19.25	19.25
Kerosene ..	quart	7.78	7.78	7.78	8.20	8.30	8.30	8.88	8.84	8.84	8.70	8.70	8.70	8.78	8.78	8.78
Dairy Produce --																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	40.50	53.00	53.00	50.38	53.79	53.79	50.50	51.00	54.00	49.50	53.00	53.00	49.50	53.00	53.00
" " butter, mild ..	"	32.50	33.00	33.00	33.57	34.83	34.83	33.80	35.33	35.33	32.25	34.17	34.18	33.63	35.38	35.50
Eggs, now laid ..	doz.	46.70	57.80	55.65	58.33	45.00	43.00	58.00	45.00	43.00	58.25	45.00	38.63	50.00	45.00	42.67
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	65.45	65.45	67.55	67.79	67.50	69.17	66.70	66.80	64.80	67.00	67.00	68.70	67.50	67.50	70.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.35	23.35	23.35	24.14	24.07	24.07	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.20	24.20	24.20	24.38	24.38	21.38
" " fresh ^(b) home ..	quart	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	17.50	17.50	17.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
" " (b) in bottles ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	"	"	"	19.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	"	"	"
Meat		September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.			September Quarter, 1955.		
Beef, sh loin ..	lb.		31.00			31.00			32.21			32.00			32.00	
" " rib (without bone) ..	"		35.30			34.00			35.50			36.70			33.00	
" " steak, rump ..	"		36.30			48.76			50.43			50.80			50.80	
" " chuck ..	"		30.20			30.24			31.67			30.00			31.00	
" " saw-logs ..	"		18.00			17.88			18.71			18.00			18.00	
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"		35.80			35.00			35.20			35.80			36.00	
" " brisket ..	"		29.60			29.48			30.20			28.60			30.00	
Mutton, leg ..	"		24.47			22.00			23.00			23.00			22.60	
" " forequarter ..	"		12.28			12.00			12.66			12.80			11.50	
" " loin ..	"		22.70			21.71			21.11			23.00			22.60	
" " chops, loin ..	"		22.17			22.00			24.62			24.60			23.00	
" " leg ..	"		23.43			22.00			24.62			24.00			23.00	
Pork, leg ..	"		49.28			39.57			43.29			45.25			39.00	
" " loin ..	"		49.48			39.80			43.29			45.25			39.00	
" " chops ..	"		49.63			40.57			47.57			47.50			42.00	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

PAPER.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTH SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1955.

Item.	Unit.	PERTH			KALGOORLIE			NORTHAM			BUNBURY			GERALDTON.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
Proceries, &c.—																
Bread(b)	2 lb.	15.00	15.00	14.50	10.00	10.00	10.50	15.50	15.50	15.00	15.50	15.50	15.00	10.00	10.00	15.00
Flour, ordinary	"	13.00	13.00	13.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" self-raising	"	19.50	19.50	19.65	22.02	22.02	22.02	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.10	21.10	21.10	23.00	23.00	23.00
Tea	lb.	70.20	70.20	70.80	80.08	80.08	80.08	70.50	70.50	70.50	82.33	78.80	78.80	79.20	80.00	87.20
Sugar	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.08	10.08	10.08	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.05	9.05	9.95
Rice	"	11.75	11.70	11.85	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.25	12.18	12.13	13.10	13.10	13.10	13.40	13.40	13.40
Seed Tritic	"	16.00	16.00	15.20	17.00	17.08	17.25	10.00	15.75	15.75	15.88	10.13	10.13	10.07	10.03	17.00
Jama. plum	14 lb.	31.05	31.06	32.13	34.80	34.80	34.80	53.75	53.63	53.63	33.70	33.70	33.80	34.00	35.00	35.00
Golden syrup	2 lb.	10.85	10.85	10.95	23.42	23.42	23.42	21.63	21.63	21.63	22.00	21.90	21.90	22.00	22.00	22.00
Oats, flaked	lb.	11.70	11.70	11.70	10.00	10.00	10.00	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.00	13.00	13.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Raisins, seeded	"	20.75	30.10	30.83	33.33	33.30	33.30	81.17	81.00	81.25	34.50	38.87	38.87	32.00	32.00	31.80
Currents	"	24.05	23.95	24.15	26.07	26.07	26.03	25.25	25.50	25.00	24.70	24.90	25.10	26.50	26.50	26.50
Apricots, dried	"	40.38	40.38	40.38	60.50	60.50	60.50	62.00	62.00	62.00	62.67	62.67	62.67	64.88	64.88	63.63
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	30.25	30.25	30.15	46.33	46.30	45.00	42.75	42.75	40.88	43.60	43.40	43.60	44.00	44.70	44.70
Pears, canned	"	40.60	40.00	40.40	46.50	46.10	46.00	43.25	43.25	41.63	45.00	45.00	45.10	45.00	46.40	46.10
Potatoes	7 lb.	36.88	36.88	36.88	37.42	37.17	37.17	39.50	39.50	40.50	35.80	35.80	35.50	38.00	38.00	38.00
Onions, brown	lb.	8.44	10.44	10.25	9.83	10.58	10.07	9.50	10.50	11.00	11.00	11.25	11.25	10.50	11.00	11.00
Soup	"	19.30	19.30	19.30	20.45	20.67	20.67	20.17	20.17	20.77	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.67	19.67	19.67
Kerosene	quart	13.03	13.03	13.03	16.11	16.06	16.06	15.05	15.05	15.05	14.77	14.77	14.77	15.80	15.80	15.84
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	48.80	52.00	52.00	52.00	50.00	50.00	51.00	55.00	53.00	50.00	54.00	54.00	52.00	50.00	50.00
Cheese, mild	"	38.10	40.80	41.64	39.92	41.50	43.75	39.50	42.00	42.00	39.67	42.67	42.67	39.75	43.70	48.70
Eggs, new laid	doz.	72.80	82.40	82.80	78.50	65.00	67.67	71.25	62.75	67.25	72.00	62.00	65.00	72.00	62.00	65.20
Bacon, rashers	lb.	64.60	64.60	64.60	68.88	68.88	68.88	67.88	67.88	67.88	67.88	66.80	66.10	68.50	68.50	68.50
Milk, condensed	tin	28.10	23.10	22.80	25.17	25.17	25.17	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.10	24.10	24.10	25.50	25.50	25.50
" fresh(b) loose	quart	17.00	17.00	17.00	22.17	22.17	22.17	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
" (b) in bottles	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
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**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) BULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED:
QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1855.**

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Item.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.	July.	August.	Sept.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ^(b)	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Flour, ordinary ..	"	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" self-raising ..	"	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.33	11.50	11.58	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.30	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Tea ..	lb.	19.10	19.10	18.30	19.08	19.08	19.08	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.40	19.40	19.40	20.67	20.33	20.33
Sugar ..	"	76.50	76.40	65.25	76.50	76.50	87.50	76.50	76.50	85.30	76.00	76.00	85.30	77.00	77.00	88.00
Rice ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.05	9.05	9.05	9.25	9.25	9.25
Seed Tapioca ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.83	11.83	11.83	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.50
Jam, plum ..	1 1/2 lb.	15.50	17.00	16.95	14.00	14.00	14.63	16.25	21.00	18.75	16.00	16.40	16.40	17.00	19.17	19.17
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	28.10	28.10	28.10	27.67	27.67	27.67	28.70	28.80	28.70	29.20	29.20	28.80	30.33	30.67	30.67
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	20.25	20.85	20.85	20.33	20.50	20.67	20.00	20.80	21.00	20.00	20.80	20.80	21.83	22.17	22.17
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.58	11.33	11.33	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.50	11.83	11.50	12.80	12.80	12.80
Currants ..	"	39.35	39.45	39.65	39.67	39.07	39.00	39.70	39.70	39.60	31.67	32.00	31.80	32.50	32.50	32.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	28.80	26.57	26.57	25.00	25.00	25.00	27.00	27.00	27.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	57.00	58.50	58.29	61.00	58.50	58.50	60.00	60.00	60.00	59.00	59.00	59.00	59.00	59.00	59.00
Pears, canned ..	"	39.05	39.05	39.00	38.25	38.25	38.25	38.80	38.80	38.80	38.30	39.10	38.70	40.83	40.83	40.83
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	43.80	43.80	43.75	41.08	41.08	42.08	42.90	42.90	42.90	41.30	41.30	41.30	46.00	46.00	46.00
Onions, brown ..	"	48.00	53.00	50.50	35.25	44.17	43.08	38.20	44.00	50.40	39.62	44.00	47.60	38.83	43.83	40.50
Soap ..	lb.	9.88	11.13	11.50	9.80	10.20	12.00	9.00	9.80	10.20	9.30	10.75	10.75	12.00	12.00	12.00
Kerosene ..	quart	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.40	18.40	18.40	18.07	18.07	18.07
Dairy Produce—	"	13.30	13.30	13.30	11.36	11.36	11.36	14.10	14.10	14.10	13.80	13.80	13.80	13.19	13.19	13.19
Butter, factory ..	lb.	50.00	54.85	54.65	50.00	53.17	53.17	60.00	55.00	55.00	60.00	55.00	54.75	50.00	54.00	54.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	34.40	37.91	38.20	33.50	34.09	34.09	35.93	36.56	36.56	35.83	36.00	36.00	36.69	39.23	39.23
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	71.50	71.50	64.50	71.50	71.50	64.17	71.50	71.50	54.50	71.38	71.38	54.50	73.25	73.83	60.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	70.20	70.60	70.00	70.50	70.67	70.17	66.40	71.00	71.00	67.00	69.00	70.20	68.00	70.50	70.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.60	23.60	23.60	24.00	24.00	24.00
" fresh ^(b) house ..	quart	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	"	"	"
" bottles ..	"	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	10.50	10.50	10.50	"	"	"	23.00	25.00	25.00
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PRICES.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used in this index have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials and one or two minor commodities however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.						Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home-produced.	Total All Groups.
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	100	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102
1939-40 ..	105	115	104	107	116	108	100	101	111	103
1940-41 ..	107	137	111	124	126	128	122	107	133	100
1941-42 ..	117	151	118	137	135	135	133	117	153	112
1942-43 ..	129	167	147	142	134	163	149	124	176	121
1943-44 ..	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	129	182	122
1944-45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	131	182	123
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	128	190	166	163	192	146
1948-49 ..	148	178	342	159	180	194	168	175	201	173
1949-50 ..	214	184	431	147	143	225	214	196	223	198
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	254	232	256	242
1951-52 ..	343	220	677	314	298	379	321	281	288	305
1952-53 ..	392	234	697	350	274	404	350	294	292	331
1953-54 ..	398	228	588	323	191	363	332	313	271	343
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	311	277	338
1952-53—										
April ..	392	235	613	348	293	391	349	290	288	336
May ..	391	233	601	349	293	394	344	301	279	338
June ..	392	233	621	318	199	364	342	305	283	338
1953-54—										
July ..	391	225	583	329	198	365	336	315	275	346
August ..	389	226	581	320	198	365	335	316	275	360
September ..	389	226	576	320	199	364	335	311	276	357
October ..	390	226	570	327	194	361	334	325	273	353
November ..	388	223	574	327	197	365	333	311	279	342
December ..	388	223	561	327	192	365	332	304	269	337
January ..	384	223	564	327	190	365	331	305	271	336
February ..	381	221	546	317	187	365	328	306	269	330
March ..	389	222	545	317	183	365	330	304	269	335
April ..	390	217	553	316	186	369	328	306	268	337
May ..	390	217	563	316	184	359	329	306	268	338
June ..	384	218	560	316	182	358	327	308	267	337
1954-55—										
July ..	384	217	569	313	183	358	327	308	265	337
August ..	384	216	529	313	205	358	325	308	267	336
September ..	385	216	527	313	232	365	327	308	271	336
October ..	385	211	505	313	240	365	325	303	269	332
November ..	393	211	491	314	240	365	327	305	277	331
December ..	393	212	507	315	225	365	328	307	277	333
January ..	391	215	591	315	257	365	329	305	279	331
February ..	395	215	595	315	257	373	332	313	281	338
March ..	396	214	607	315	264	381	334	310	282	344
April ..	397	214	496	315	271	387	335	314	283	341
May ..	396	214	497	315	294	389	337	318	283	344
June ..	396	214	485	315	306	398	338	324	287	348
1955-56—										
July ..	397	214	486	315	307	398	338	(b) 331	(b) 281	(b) 357
August ..	397	215	452	315	329	398	337	(b) 329	(b) 282	(b) 354
September ..	405	215	441	315	333	398	340	(b) 329	(b) 290	(b) 352

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Preliminary.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual indexes shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the indexes therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The indexes for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The indexes shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary indexes for 1954-55 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dressed).	Products other than Wool.
1936-37	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39	88	87	105	92	79	98
1940-41	174	133	159	157	118	189
1941-42	194	182	157	185	187	185
1942-43	267	263	183	247	301	230
1943-44	234	313	197	260	366	225
1944-45	272	306	228	316	433	261
1950-51	291	318	258	305	1,098	308
1951-52	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53	364	531	387	440	623	378
1953-54	323	534	395	428	621	364
1954-55(a)	325	495	371	406	540	362

(a) Preliminary estimate.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (from July, 1945 to September, 1951), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity. From October, 1951, to July, 1953, the prices used for wheat are the estimated average realizations after weighting prices of quota and non-quota wheat. Prices adopted for months since August, 1953, are derived from available information of current sales.

RECENT TRENDS.

Reference to the group indexes shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 45.03 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups Index. For purposes of comparison the combined effect of price movements in these other components is shown separately in the column "All Groups excluding Wool".

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups.		
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	Ex- clud- ing Wool.	Total All Groups.
Percentage Movement from Base Aggregate	45.03	17.06	11.30	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.60	0.08	100.00	100.00	100.00
1939-40	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.59	1.91	0.69	0.72	0.08	100.00	100.00	100.00
1940-41	71.38	20.89	12.55	12.20	12.20	4.42	3.32	1.18	1.22	12.84	100.00	100.00	100.00
1941-42	122	128	92	120	98	104	103	122	118	99	116	108	116
1942-43	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	88	102	105	102
1943-44	79	66	101	84	90	101	94	78	87	118	82	87	84
1944-45	285	429	193	377	146	320	157	486	361	122	296	280	283
1945-46	265	413	233	178	171	343	162	499	421	122	248	205	232
1946-47	479	400	250	421	190	369	176	400	479	118	399	308	363
1947-48	668	439	271	689	209	410	228	350	759	176	690	365	654
1948-49	664	436	291	811	283	464	302	451	486	144	405	397	473
1949-50	616	445	313	604	314	501	297	368	369	186	505	371	483
1950-51	618	411	325	460	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	364	474
1951-52	538	357	313	511	345	445	267	349	218	178	450	342	431
1952-53	634	428	325	450	340	500	290	300	374	141	500	363	466
1953-54	634	414	325	458	340	500	290	301	388	176	505	360	465
1954-55	611	413	325	442	340	500	290	341	377	177	495	358	473
1955-56	603	411	325	427	340	461	290	369	377	176	489	354	468
1956-57	581	402	325	423	340	461	290	368	363	177	476	360	455
1957-58	581	399	325	440	340	461	281	365	327	176	476	361	456
1958-59	(f) 590	381	325	467	340	461	281	364	390	176	482	348	461
1959-60	618	372	325	474	340	461	281	369	281	178	492	348	470
1960-61	622	369	325	464	340	448	281	369	278	178	494	346	472
1961-62	(f) 622	359	313	475	340	448	278	354	264	178	490	338	468
1962-63	566	368	313	475	340	448	262	350	254	178	461	338	442
1963-64	566	358	313	498	340	448	261	350	224	179	462	339	442
1964-65	536	356	313	524	340	468	260	350	216	178	450	344	431
1965-66	513	358	313	518	340	468	261	350	204	178	430	343	421
1966-67	532	359	313	512	340	468	263	350	197	178	451	346	432
1967-68	520	360	313	516	371	430	260	350	200	178	444	346	426
1968-69	528	358	313	522	340	430	267	350	200	178	440	343	427
1969-70	528	356	313	523	320	430	270	350	212	178	446	341	426
1970-71	520	354	313	525	320	434	271	350	223	178	441	340	422
1971-72	520	354	313	520	334	434	268	345	216	178	441	340	422
1972-73	505	355	313	522	345	434	270	342	212	178	436	343	417
1973-74	(f) 505	(f) 352	(f) 313	538	(f) 362	(f) 408	(f) 266	(f) 342	225	178	(f) 437	(f) 347	(f) 419
1974-75	131	351	(f) 313	538	(f) 360	(f) 408	(f) 266	(f) 341	214	178	(f) 411	(f) 347	(f) 395
1975-76	437	(f) 334	(f) 313	515	(f) 357	(f) 408	(f) 278	(f) 344	235	178	(f) 404	(f) 347	(f) 388

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanas, lemons, currants.
(d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the overseas premium markets such price has been used in the index. (f) For All Groups (Total)—applicable from 1935-37. (g) For All Groups excluding Gold—applicable from 1935-37. (h) For All Groups excluding Wool—applicable from 1935-37. (i) Nominal. (j) Preliminary. (k) 1954-55 contract prices with the United Kingdom Ministry of Food.

NOTE.—The index numbers above indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the Export Price Index (Changing Weights), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*. In computing this index, the "quantity multipliers" are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate.

Section XII.—Miscellaneous.

COMPARATIVE INDEX NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000.) (a)

Period.	Retail Price Index Numbers.					Nominal Wage Rates, Adult Males.	Real Wage Rates, (c).
	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	Total "C" Series Retail Price Index.		
Year—							
1911	1,000	1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	1,000	1,000
1914	1,144	1,082	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948
1921	1,902	1,410	1,883	1,537	1,890	1,826	1,087
1928	1,761	1,743	1,507	1,537	1,875	1,963	1,172
1932	1,425	1,338	1,215	1,458	1,377	1,639	1,190
1938	1,584	1,540	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209
1939	1,657	1,577	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,210
1945	1,849	1,585	2,155	1,767	1,868	2,339	1,252
1946	1,852	1,598	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263
1947	1,907	1,597	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,598	1,318
1948	2,245	1,601	2,637	1,913	2,148	2,914	1,367
1949	2,492	1,605	3,019	2,037	2,349	3,210	1,367
1950	2,800	1,613	3,455	2,184	2,589	3,596	1,389
1951	3,648	1,849	4,156	2,555	3,124	4,495	1,439
1952	4,610	1,728	4,657	2,980	3,645	5,241	1,438
1953	4,723	1,801	4,872	3,126	3,820	5,599	1,450
1954	4,776	1,949	4,865	3,139	3,890	5,832	1,459
Quarter—							
1939.							
September	1,645	1,582	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220
December	1,657	1,584	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210
1948.							
March	2,128	1,599	2,511	1,874	2,071	2,761	1,343
June	2,197	1,600	2,600	1,900	2,121	2,854	1,346
September	2,278	1,601	2,683	1,935	2,175	2,970	1,366
December	2,378	1,602	2,748	1,944	2,225	3,050	1,371
1949.							
March	2,433	1,603	2,795	1,985	2,263	3,099	1,369
June	2,482	1,604	2,968	2,017	2,328	3,182	1,367
September	2,497	1,608	3,089	2,047	2,370	3,249	1,371
December	2,555	1,608	3,233	2,068	2,433	3,310	1,360
1950.							
March	2,633	1,609	3,259	2,184	2,474	3,372	1,363
June	2,718	1,611	3,418	2,151	2,545	3,458	1,358
September	2,828	1,614	3,501	2,180	2,609	3,545	1,369
December	3,020	1,618	3,643	2,271	2,728	4,009	1,471
1951.							
March	3,201	1,641	3,760	2,381	2,843	4,142	1,467
June	3,443	1,646	4,151	2,498	3,042	4,387	1,442
September	3,819	1,651	4,283	2,611	3,224	4,601	1,427
December	4,133	1,656	4,420	2,781	3,388	4,850	1,432
1952.							
March	4,298	1,672	4,523	2,783	3,481	5,036	1,447
June	4,549	1,702	4,685	2,967	3,661	5,156	1,408
September	4,633	1,750	4,709	3,072	3,714	5,345	1,439
December	4,644	1,789	4,712	3,068	3,722	5,428	1,458
1953.							
March	4,599	1,835	4,838	3,118	3,763	5,443	1,446
June	4,658	1,857	4,908	3,122	3,805	5,512	1,449
September	4,804	1,870	4,890	3,127	3,851	5,591	1,452
December	4,831	1,882	4,863	3,136	3,861	5,611	1,453
1954.							
March	4,798	1,900	4,880	3,151	3,861	5,622	1,456
June	4,774	1,947	4,856	3,137	3,858	5,624	1,459
September	4,746	1,970	4,853	3,133	3,851	5,623	1,460
December	4,787	1,977	4,870	3,136	3,871	5,658	1,462
1955.							
March	4,882	1,943	4,865	3,115	3,808	5,720	1,467
June	4,952	1,997	4,888	3,151	3,941	5,746	1,457
September	5,103	2,014	4,913	3,168	4,011	5,774	1,443

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in *group or combination*, 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. (b) See note (c) on page 100. (c) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (d) Taken back from true base November, 1914 = 1,000 by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

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NOTE.—(1) In most cases where figures are available back to 1861, these were shown in the September, 1953 issue of the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, pages 112 and 113.

(2) Most of the statistics in this summary relate to the periods shown in the table headings. In those comparatively few cases where the statistics relate to other periods, this is indicated in footnotes.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1862.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.
DEMOGRAPHY(a)								
Population(b)	1,737	2,005	2,382	2,709	3,333	3,500	4,311	4,598
'000 Males	1,304	1,820	2,102	2,712	3,220	3,545	4,217	4,402
'000 Females	3,241	3,823	4,574	5,311	6,553	7,144	8,528	9,090
Net Oversea Migration	26.9	3.0	74.4	17.5	-10.1	5.7	111.4	68.2
'000	24	28	39	47	39	55	77	71
Marriages	7.5	7.3	8.8	8.6	6.0	10.6	9.2	7.9
Divorces(d) and Judicial Separations	190	309	522	1,502	1,055	3,330	7,327	6,528
'000	110	163	122	136	119	135	103	262
Births	34.5	37.2	37.5	25.0	18.2	18.9	22.9	22.5
'000	47	46	48	54	57	71	82	82
Deaths	14.8	12.2	10.7	9.9	8.7	10.0	9.7	9.1
'000	12.7	10.7	8.4	9.0	6.0	6.3	4.0	4.5
Infant Deaths	115.3	103.6	68.5	65.7	42.1	39.7	25.2	22.5
'000								
WAGES (ADULT MALES)(e)								
Nominal Weekly Wage Index	(f)	848	1,000	1,826	1,752	1,997	4,495	5,632
Real Wage Index Numbers(g)	(f)	(f)	1,000	1,087	1,210	1,134	1,430	1,450
PRODUCTION—								
Agricultural								
Wheat	Area '000 ares.	3.3	5.1	7.4	9.7	14.7	16.4	(h) 10.7
Yield '000 bus.	26	30	72	129	191	167	100	(h) 109
Area '000 ares.	7.7	7.5	9.6	13.3	12.9	18.9	16.4	(h) 15.8
Yield '000 bus.	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	2,305	(h) 2,574
Barley	Area '000 ares.	5.7	9.8	9.6	12.1	15.2	22.3	(h) 32.8
Yield '000 bus.	23.3	21.2	15.5	16.6	14.0	17.3	14.6	(h) 12.8
Area '000 ares.	6.4	7.5	11.6	23.0	34.2	78.4	1,118	(h) 1,091
Yield '000 bus.	1.2	1.5	2.1	4.1	8.3	14.0	21.9	(h) 29.4
Maize	Area '000 ares.	17.3	20.4	17.7	20.4	18.4	23.0	(h) 17.4
Yield '000 bus.	284	295	340	305	269	301	170	(h) 171
Area '000 ares.	9.5	7.0	8.9	7.8	7.1	7.4	4.0	(h) 5.1
Yield '000 bus.	32.6	23.9	26.3	25.7	26.2	24.7	23.7	(h) 30.1
Hay	Area '000 ares.	912	1,688	2,518	2,885	2,635	2,758	1,540
Yield '000 tons	1,007	2,025	2,868	3,062	3,167	3,575	2,345	(h) 1,084
Area '000 ares.	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.59	1.20	1.30	1.51	(h) 1.44
Yield '000 tons	113	110	130	149	145	99	79	(h) 100
Potatoes	Area '000 ares.	380	323	391	398	307	332	(h) 306
Yield '000 tons	3.37	2.91	2.91	2.60	2.74	3.35	4.31	(h) 4.1
Area '000 ares.	45	87	101	128	242	255	292	(h) 374
Sugar-cane	Yield '000 tons	738	1,398	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	5,327
Area '000 ares.	16.2	15.7	16.7	19.0	17.4	20.3	18.0	(h) 27.0
Vineyards	Wine '000 cals.	49	64	61	92	113	180	(h) 137
Total Area of Crops '000 ares.	3.4	5.3	5.0	8.5	14.2	14.0	35.8	(h) 26.5
Pastoral, Dairying, &c.	5.4	8.4	12.1	15.4	21.2	20.5	19.8	(h) 21.7
Pastoral, Dairying, &c.								
Livestock	Horses '000	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.6	0.9
Cattle '000	11.1	8.5	11.8	14.4	12.3	17.0	14.9	15.8
Sheep '000	100	72	97	86	111	125	118	131
Pigs '000	6.0	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.3
Wool	'000 tons	(a) 634	(a) 530	(a) 798	723	1,007	1,167	1,080
Butter	'000 tons	(a) 10	(a) 46	(a) 95	(a) 119	175	188	191
Cheese	'000 tons	(a) 4.5	(a) 5.3	(a) 7.1	(a) 14.6	30.1	40.6	45.1
Meat(l)								
Beef and Veal		(f)	(f)	(f)	339	350	534	714
Mutton and Lamb					218	307	372	380
Pork					11.1	22.7	58.1	46.5
Bacon and Ham		(a) 7.5	(a) 15.2	(a) 23.8	26.2	31.8	42.5	38.2
Total Meat		(f)	(f)	(f)	608	727	1,027	1,102

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) At 31st December of previous year. (c) Number per 1,000 of mean population. (d) Decreases made absolute, including decreases for nullity of marriages. (e) Number per 1,000 live births. (f) Not available. (g) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (h) Subject to revision. (i) Not yet available. (j) Productive cane. (k) In terms of greasy. (l) Bone-in weight in terms of fresh meat cured weight, bacon and ham.

Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

NOTE.—See headnotes on page 117.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1902.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.
PRODUCTION—continued.								
Mineral(s)(b)								
Copper(c) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	13.5	20.9	17.9	
Gold(e) .. '000 fine oz.	1,243	3,300	2,484	758	595	1,497	890	
Lead(f) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	150.8	289.4	212.0	
Zinc(f) .. " "					65.1	232.6	189.2	
Black Coal .. mill. tons	4.4	6.9	10.0	12.8	8.4	14.2	17.0	
Brown Coal .. " "			(e)	0.1	2.2	4.6	7.8	
Forestry—								
Sawn output of native timber mill. imp. ft.	(d)	(a) 432	(a) 602	590	297	914	1,393	
Factories—								
Number of factories '000			14.5	18.0	21.7	27.0	45.8	
Persons employed ..	(f)	(f)	312	379	537	725	978	
Salaries and wages paid £m.			28	68	50	130	612	
Net value of production—								
Chemicals, &c. .. £m.			1.1	3.2	7.9	24.8	63.7	
Industrial metals, &c. ..			12.0	23.6	22.8	119.9	413.0	
Textiles, &c. ..					6.9	21.0	56.6	
Clothing, &c. ..	(d)	(d)	7.5	19.2	14.1	28.6	81.1	
Food, &c. ..			11.8	27.2	28.7	53.2	141.1	(g)
Paper, &c. ..			4.2	9.0	0.6	17.1	68.2	
All groups ..	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.9	
Value of plant & machinery ..	(d)	(d)	31.4	78.1	121.5	169.2	412.5	
Value of land and buildings ..			32.5	67.8	106.6	156.8	360.2	
Net Value of production(h)								
Agriculture .. £m.	17.0	23.8	38.8	81.9	49.7	61.0	240.7	
Pastoral ..	31.3	27.0	52.7	75.1	48.0	85.1	400.5	
Dairying ..	0.6	7.0	10.1	35.8	22.6	34.3	108.8	
Poultry ..	1.9	2.0	4.0	9.0	5.7	0.5	31.5	
Wool-farming ..	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	
Total, Rural ..	56.3	60.7	111.7	201.4	121.1	190.0	788.3	
Trapping ..	(d)	(d)	4.8	9.1	1.5	5.0	8.7	
Poultry ..			1.1	3.0	3.0	10.2	27.0	
Fisheries ..	4.1	2.8	4.8	1.4	1.4	1.8	5.7	
Mines and Quarries(i)	12.1	22.0	23.8	20.0	13.5	33.4	97.2	
Total, Non-rural ..	16.5	24.8	29.2	30.5	20.3	60.4	147.5	
Total, Primary ..	72.8	85.5	140.9	231.9	141.4	241.0	930.8	
Factories ..	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0	
Total, All Industries ..	96.1	114.6	188.4	344.4	252.4	557.5	1,954.8	
BUILDINGS(j)—								
Permits, New Dwellings {	£m.	(d)	(d)	(d)	2.1	9.7	32.4	44.1
Permits, All Buildings(k)	£m.				1.5	9.6	80.4	136.9
					4.0	13.5	116.4	215.1
OVERSEA TRADE—								
Imports .. £m. f.o.b.	34	38	61	94	52	174	1,053	844
Exports ..	36	50	79	128	108	193	675	774
Principal Exports(l)—								
Wool .. mill. lb.(m)	641	529	734	946	903	938	1,036	1,145
Wheat .. £m. f.o.b.	29	16	26	49	32	5	323	353
Flour .. '000 tons	258	543	1,477	2,677	3,413	508	1,685	1,601
Butter .. £m. f.o.b.	1.9	2.8	9.6	28.6	19.2	4.6	55.3	45.2
Meat .. '000 short tons	33	97	176	360	611	414	789	650
Gold .. £m. f.o.b.	0.3	0.6	1.4	5.5	3.8	4.2	33.0	20.3
Silver .. " "	4	35	102	127	202	130	35	140
Other metals ..	0.2	1.4	4.6	8.0	10.3	8.1	4.6	24.6
Hides and skins .. £m. f.o.b.	0.0	1.3	3.2	3.1	2.3	6.0	17.1	10.7
Meat .. " "	0.5	2.6	4.3	5.5	6.4	14.1	35.5	63.5
Fruit(n) .. " "		0.2	0.5	3.0	4.8	4.0	19.5	32.5
Sugar .. " "		(e)	(e)	(e)	2.5	2.0	0.0	31.1
Gold .. " "	5.7	14.3	12.0	3.5	11.0	9.2	7.0	13.7
Silver and Lead ..	1.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.0	7.4	28.6	27.2
Urea and Concentrates ..		(e)	3.7	0.8	0.2	1.3	20.4	14.7

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Breaks in the continuity of the series occurred in 1931 and 1935. (c) Mine production; i.e., metal content of minerals produced. (d) Not available. (e) Less than .05. (f) Owing to variation in classification, effective comparison is impossible. (g) Not yet available. (h) Gross value from 1901 to 1921-22. Prior to 1922 figures are for years ended previous December. (i) Incomplete. (j) Six capital cities and suburbs. (k) Includes additions and alterations. (l) Australian produce except gold, which includes re-exports. (m) In terms of greasy. (n) Excludes fruit juices.

Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

NOTE.—See headnotes on page 117.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.
OVERSEA TRADE—continued.								
Principal Imports—								
Vegetable foodstuffs, etc.			(a)	(a)				
Apparel, &c.			3.6	3.7	4.0	2.6	6.1	35.9
Oil, &c.			10.9	16.2	31.0	15.4	203.6	128.8
Metals, &c.			1.2	1.0	4.7	5.5	16.2	96.9
Timber, &c.			7.6	14.0	22.8	7.4	11.8	892.9
Paper, &c.			0.5	1.4	1.7	0.8	3.2	35.1
			1.6	2.6	4.4	4.3	68.8	46.4
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION—								
Shipping—								
Oversea Vessels,	(a)	(a)	(a)					
Entrances and Clearances	No. 3,778	1,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544	4,186	4,506
Oversea Cargo—Discharged	mill. tons 4.7	6.5	10.0	9.1	11.4	10.8	18.2	20.0
Shipped			(b)	(b)				
Interstate Vessels,	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)				
Entrances and Clearances	No. 15.1	12.8	11.1	12.9	15.8	18.7	18.7	18.7
Interstate Cargo Shipped	mill. tons (c)	(d)	(d)	(d)				
Government Railways—								
Route-miles	10.4	12.8	10.8	23.5	27.0	27.2	26.8	26.5
Passenger-journeys	84	115	228	335	303	475	501	517
Goods and livestock carried	0.4	15.6	26.5	31.5	26.1	38.9	44.8	48.1
Train-miles run	29.7	38.2	55.2	56.1	63.8	68.5	93.4	95.1
Tramways and Omnibuses—								
Passenger-journeys								
Trams	mill. (b)	(b)	360	569	589	874	686	609
Omnibuses			(b)	(b)	(b)	264	565	(a)
Motor vehicles on the register—								
Cars			(b)	102	420	451	1,032	1,347
Commercial vehicles					96	251	583	650
Civil Aviation(f)—								
Plane-miles flown	mill.					7.8	41.6	43.5
Passengers carried	'000				57	152	1,829	1,918
Passenger-miles	mill.				(b)	78	722	760
Freight car-	'000 short tons				0.1	1.2	27.5	78.7
Postal	'000 ton-miles				(b)	0.9	26.7	37.0
Postal matter dealt with(g)—								
mill. articles	242	324	595	702	(k) 871	1,100	1,485	(a)
Telegrams and cablegrams	10.0	9.0	13.3	16.8	13.9	26.1	29.8	(a)
Telephones—								
Instruments	'000 7	20	103	259	485	739	1,301	1,632
Lines	(b)	25	85	190	304	531	927	1,151
Calls—Trunk	(b)	(b)	(b)	14.0	28.9	45.3	69.4	(a)
Local	(b)	(b)	(b)	221	360	664	908	(a)
Broadcast Listeners' Licences	'000			(i) 36	369	1,320	1,601	2,061
PUBLIC FINANCE—								
Commonwealth—								
Consolidated Revenue Fund—			(d)	(d)				
Revenue	£m.	11	21	64	72	210	1,017	1,067
Expenditure	£m.	4	15	64	70	210	1,017	997
Net loan fund expenditure(f)	£m.	9	16	5	4	213	32	33
Taxation collections	£m.	9	16	5	4	180	934	938
State—								
Consolidated Revenue Funds—								
Revenue	£m. (b)	28	41	85	100	152	337	408
Expenditure	£m. (b)	20	41	87	121	149	390	465
Net loan expenditure(f)	£m. (b)	9	16	34	6	8	198	(a)
Taxation collections	£m. (b)	3	5	18	33	57	63	(a)
Public Debt(k)—								
Commonwealth	£m.	1135.1	213	270	354	319	1,869	1,923
State	£m.	1135.1	213	270	354	319	1,869	1,923
Overseas	£m. (b)	194	285	873	1,108	1,549	3,265	3,719
In Australia	£m. (b)	91	461	568	1,033	2,869	3,514	

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Not available. (c) Tons weight plus ton-measurement. (d) Year ended 30th June. (e) Not yet available. (f) Regular internal services. (g) Letters postpaid, letter-cards and newspapers. (h) Includes packets. (i) Year 1928-29. (j) Loan expenditure on works, services, &c. (k) At 30th June.

Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

NOTE.—See headnotes on page 117.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1956.
PRIVATE FINANCE—								
Commonwealth Note Issue(a) £m.	(b)	(b)	8	54	51	103	308	363
Cheque-paying Banks—								
Advances(c)	125	94	119	182	261	270	677	809
Deposits(c)	98	93	150	289	319	367	1,189	1,326
Bank clearing(d)	(b)	338	692	1,702	1,581	2,828	12,100	13,046
Savings bank deposits(e)	15	31	59	154	198	274	892	1,074
Life Assurance(d)(f)								
Ordinary—								
Policies .. '000		414	484	730	871	1,340	2,568	3,038
Sum assured .. £m.		108	109	181	285	483	1,212	1,741
Industrial—								
Policies .. '000	(b)	236	467	973	1,550	2,780	3,843	3,827
Sum assured .. £m.		5	10	30	67	127	254	297
Total—								
Policies .. '000		650	951	1,703	2,421	4,120	6,396	6,860
Sum assured .. £m.		113	119	211	352	590	1,466	2,038
SOCIAL STATISTICS—								
Commonwealth Social Services—								
Age and Invalid Pen- f '000(g)	..	..	80	144	256	336	420	604
sions .. £m.	..	..	2.2	5.4	11.1	19.3	59.8	88.0
Child Endowment, f '000(g)	..	..	..	..	..	498	1,205	1,304
Claims in force .. £m.	..	..	..	..	..	11.3	46.6	52.6
Total Commonwealth Health and Social Services(h) £m.	..	..	2.2	6.1	11.6	30.9	137.6	189.8
War Pensions .. '000(g)	..	..	..	225	274	220	525	584
.. £m.	..	..	..	7.0	7.4	7.5	31.8	34.6
Service Pensions .. '000(g)	..	..	..	..	..	14	17	22
.. £m.	..	..	..	..	..	0.6	1.8	(j)
State Social Services(k)—								
Education(d)—								
Government Schools—								
Schools .. '000	6.2	7.0	8.0	9.4	10	9.5	7.6	(l)
Staff	12.6	14.5	17.0	26.1	33.8	32.1	36.7	(l)
Students	561	638	659	819	937	847	1,013	(l)
Non-Government Schools—								
Schools .. '000	2.0	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	(l)
Staff	6.0	8.3	7.8	8.9	10.0	11.4	13.3	(l)
Students	125	140	161	199	221	257	326	(l)
Universities(d)(m)—								
Number	4	4	5	6	6	8	9	9
Staff(n)	(b)	(b)	249	482	703	1,416	3,082	3,313
Students .. '000	1.6	1.8	3.4	8.0	9.8	11.9	31.7	29.8
Public Hospitals—								
Number	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	566	675	(l)
Staff—Medical .. '000	(b)	(b)	285	366	404	513	675	(l)
.. Nursing	(b)	(b)	1.1	1.5	3.2	3.9	6.9	(l)
In-patients, new-treated ..	(p) 54	(p) 91	134	215	371	595	806	(l)
POLICE AND PRISONS(d)—								
Police	'000	5.3	5.8	6.4	8.6	9.7	12.3	(l)
Prisons	(b)	(b)	104	91	85	70	69	(l)
Prisoners	'000	(b)	4.3	3.1	2.9	3.2	4.4	(l)
PRICES(d)—								
"C" Series Retail Price Index ..	..	..	1,000	1,680	1,448	1,678	3,124	3,860

(a) At end of June. (b) Not available. (c) Figures for 1892 are averages of weekly balances for the December quarter 1891; the remainder are for the June quarter. All Cheque-paying Banks to 1931-32, Private Trading Banks thereafter. (d) Year ended previous December. (e) 1891 at 31st December, thereafter at 30th June. (f) Existing business in Australia. (g) At 30th June. (h) Excludes war and service pensions. (i) Includes service pensions. (j) Included with war pensions. (k) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (l) Not yet available. (m) Excludes Australian National University. (n) Includes part-time. (o) Year 1891-92 for Victoria. (p) Adelaide Hospital only included in South Australia.

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