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FACTORY STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA, 1956-57

(For statistical purposes a "factory" is defined as any factory, workshop or mill in which four or more persons are employed or power other than hand is used. The statistics which follow should be read in the light of this definition).

Preliminary totals of the principal statistics relating to the operations of Australian factories in the year ended June, 1957 are shown below:-

Compared with the previous year, the average numbers of persons employed in factories increased by 2,529 or 0.24 per cent.; the total amount of salaries and wages paid by £37.3 million or 4.37 per cent.; value of production by £121.7 million or 8.11 per cent. and value of output by £258.1 million or 6.86 per cent.

A summary of the principal statistics of Australian factories for the years 1948-49 and 1954-55 to 1956-57 as compared with 1938-39, is shown in the table below:-

SUMMARY OF FACTORY OPERATIONS : AUSTRALIA

Particulars	1938-39	1948-49	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57 (a)	Percentage Increase- 1956-57 on 1955-56
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
Factories	26,941	40,070	51,056	52,406	53,200	1.52
Persons employed (b)						
Working Proprietors (b)						
Males (b)	19,871	30,096	36,397	36,432	36,453	0.06
Females (b)	1,494	2,476	4,449	4,809	5,023	4.45
Wage and Salary Earners (b)						
Males (b)	392,720	639,865	752,294	775,415	776,799	0.18
Females (b)	151,021	217,680	237,942	243,842	244,752	0.37
Total : Males (b)	412,591	669,961	788,691	811,847	813,252	0.17
Females (b)	152,515	220,156	242,391	248,651	249,775	0.45
Persons (b)	565,106	890,117	1,031,082	1,060,498	1,063,027	0.24
Salaries and Wages Paid (c)	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Males	91,049	285,489	660,395	724,177	754,176	4.14
Females	15,694	53,730	121,245	129,292	136,557	5.62
Total:	106,743	339,219	781,640	853,469	890,733	4.37
Value of:-						
Power, Fuel, Light, etc. used (d)	15,700	46,062	128,382	139,027	153,174	10.18
Materials used (e)	281,303	810,547	1,940,698	2,124,319	2,246,613	5.76
Production (f)	203,417	568,769	1,365,509	1,500,714	1,622,415	8.11
Output (g)	500,420	1,425,378	3,434,589	3,764,060	4,022,202	6.86
Land and Buildings (h)	130,920	232,740	555,996	655,582	761,996	16.23
Plant and Machinery (h)	143,662	246,494	698,292	803,540	923,953	14.99

(a) Preliminary; subject to revision.

(b) Average over whole year.

(c) Excludes amounts drawn by Working Proprietors.

(d) Includes Water and Lubricating Oil.

(e) Includes also containers, etc., tools replaced and repairs to plant.

(f) Value added in process of manufacture (i.e. value of output less value of Materials and Fuel used).

(g) Value of goods produced including amounts received for work done.

(h) Depreciated or book values - includes estimated value of rented premises and machinery.

SIMILAR PARTICULARS FOR EACH STATE FOR 1956-57 ARE SHOWN OVERLEAF.

The following table is a summary of the operations of factories in each State during the year ended 30th June, 1957.

SUMMARY OF FACTORY OPERATIONS : STATES, 1956-57 (a)

Particulars	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	South Aust.	West Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Factories	21,838	16,232	5,537	4,063	3,935	1,595	53,200
Persons Employed (b):-							
Working Proprietors (b):-							
Males (b)	13,981	12,050	4,411	2,496	2,554	961	36,453
Females (b)	2,048	1,917	512	333	161	52	5,023
Wage and Salary Earners (b)							
Males (b)	315,106	246,069	81,488	73,047	39,568	21,521	776,799
Females (b)	104,863	95,168	17,015	16,105	6,465	5,136	244,752
<u>Total: Males (b)</u>	329,087	258,119	85,899	75,543	42,122	22,482	813,252
Females (b)	106,911	97,085	17,527	16,438	6,626	5,188	249,775
Persons (b)	435,998	355,204	103,426	91,981	48,748	27,670	1,063,027
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Salaries and Wages Paid (c)							
Males	318,299	241,587	69,873	69,644	33,895	20,878	754,176
Females	59,677	55,020	7,907	8,174	3,021	2,758	136,557
<u>Total:</u>	377,976	296,607	77,780	77,818	36,916	23,636	890,733
Value of:-							
Power, Fuel, Light, etc. used (d)	71,445	40,445	13,130	14,130	9,225	4,799	153,174
Materials used (e)	946,573	707,730	246,223	184,209	104,969	56,909	2,246,613
Production (f)	707,379	527,582	138,564	126,766	73,442	48,682	1,622,415
Output (g)	1,725,397	1,275,757	397,917	325,105	187,636	110,390	4,022,202
Land and Buildings (h)	303,981	252,024	58,654	55,344	35,520	56,473	761,996
Plant and Machinery (h)	363,310	290,785	89,904	71,846	63,272	44,836	923,953

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