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1. GENERAL.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. ALL BENEFITS - SUMMARY.

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

I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING AUGUST, 1950 AND THE TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST, 1950 - STATES.
(£.)

State	August, 1950				Two Months ended August, 1950.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special (a)	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special (a)	Total
N.S.W.(b)	3,244	33,934	5,251	42,029	4,266	51,008	10,852	66,126
Victoria	394	18,393	11,774	30,561	1,128	35,190	25,526	61,844
Queensland	1,488	9,080	861	11,429	3,035	17,395	1,611	22,041
S. Aust.(c)	41	7,421	495	7,957	215	12,336	855	13,406
W. Aust.	582	5,477	11,348	17,407	1,370	10,102	16,218	27,690
Tasmania	195	3,032	356	3,583	340	5,444	621	6,405
TOTAL :	5,944	76,937	30,085	112,966	10,354	131,475	55,683	197,512

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

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

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST, 1950 - STATES.

State	Claims Admitted - Two months ended August, 1950				Benefits Discontinued - Two months ended August, 1950.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W.(a)	1,369	4,556	232	6,157	1,268	4,256	194	5,718
Victoria	113	2,452	155	2,720	103	2,031	113	2,247
Queensland	631	1,463	58	2,152	739	1,526	70	2,335
S. Aust.(b)	5	1,120	47	1,172	11	1,149	35	1,195
W. Aust.	197	936	20	1,153	174	937	39	1,150
Tasmania	26	469	23	518	27	488	20	535
TOTAL :	2,341	10,996	535	13,872	2,322	10,387	471	13,180

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

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

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

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
CLAIMS ADMITTED									
Year 1946-47	73,379	5,139	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947-48	27,275	1,387	53,947	13,339	1,527	690	82,749	17,576	100,325
1948-49	11,359	667	53,662	13,202	1,631	785	66,752	16,654	83,406
1949-50	130,248	30,853	49,006	14,836	3,529	1,431	182,783	46,820	229,603
1949 Aug.	10,206	1,595	4,046	1,228	274	84	12,526	2,907	17,433
Sept.	651	92	4,185	1,287	159	73	4,995	1,452	6,447
Oct.	525	105	5,189	1,726	195	55	5,912	1,916	7,828
Nov.	420	64	3,832	1,214	121	82	4,373	1,360	5,733
Dec.	611	75	3,328	974	114	47	4,053	1,090	5,143
1950 Jan.	1,556	67	4,369	1,276	189	83	6,114	1,428	7,542
Feb.	1,006	67	3,308	1,156	142	79	4,956	1,302	6,258
March	877	81	3,850	1,204	140	80	4,867	1,366	6,233
April	776	103	4,361	1,287	145	78	5,282	1,468	6,750
May	467	93	3,609	1,079	134	54	4,210	1,226	5,436
June	407	26	3,078	898	151	29	3,619	1,023	4,642
July (a)	1,416	241	5,778	1,714	254	128	7,448	2,083	9,531
Aug. (a)	607	77	2,726	778	120	33	3,453	888	4,341
DISCONTINUANCES									
Year 1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,436	210	118,498	15,551	134,049
1947-48	31,538	1,424	53,785	13,244	1,503	497	66,826	17,235	84,061
1948-49	12,143	670	51,933	14,871	1,531	614	65,607	16,155	81,762
1949-50	130,284	30,722	48,449	14,482	3,422	1,013	182,125	46,237	228,362
1949 Aug.	88,740	19,115	3,904	1,107	1,413	196	94,057	20,418	114,475
Sept.	3,918	629	3,926	1,120	216	69	5,080	1,318	6,398
Oct.	635	160	4,885	1,473	192	52	5,912	1,685	7,597
Nov.	448	75	3,754	1,220	134	51	4,336	1,346	5,682
Dec.	352	72	3,287	990	127	66	3,766	1,110	4,876
1950 Jan.	1,221	100	4,410	1,335	149	95	5,780	1,530	7,310
Feb.	809	55	3,708	1,050	136	62	4,655	1,167	5,822
March	799	61	4,060	1,284	153	84	5,012	1,429	6,441
April	892	96	4,381	1,294	153	75	5,526	1,465	6,991
May	1,076	97	3,429	1,035	127	57	4,628	1,189	5,817
June	494	72	3,117	966	129	49	3,740	1,087	4,827
July (a)	1,345	198	5,083	1,607	211	83	6,639	1,868	8,507
Aug. (a)	687	122	2,886	811	126	51	3,669	981	4,650
PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH									
1947 -June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
1948 -June	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	215	418	9,359	3,052	12,411
1949 -June	1,034	117	9,155	2,845	315	589	10,504	3,551	14,055
1949 -Aug.	4,646	802	9,106	2,863	468	667	14,220	4,332	18,552
Sept.	1,379	265	9,345	3,030	411	671	11,135	3,966	15,101
Oct.	1,069	199	9,649	3,283	417	704	11,135	4,197	15,332
Nov.	1,041	199	9,727	3,277	404	735	11,172	4,211	15,383
Dec.	1,300	202	9,768	3,261	391	726	11,459	4,189	15,648
1950 -Jan.	1,635	169	9,727	3,204	431	714	11,793	4,087	15,880
Feb.	1,832	161	9,827	3,310	435	731	12,094	4,222	16,316
March	1,910	201	9,617	3,230	422	747	11,949	4,158	16,107
April	1,694	208	9,597	3,223	414	730	11,705	4,161	15,866
May	1,085	204	9,781	3,267	421	727	11,287	4,196	15,483
June	998	228	9,742	3,199	422	707	11,162	4,134	15,296
July (a)	1,069	271	10,437	3,306	465	752	11,971	4,329	16,300
Aug. (a)	1,019	226	10,277	3,273	459	734	11,705	4,233	15,938

(a) Subject to revision.

3. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

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

IV. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING AUGUST, 1950 AND THE TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	Persons							
	August, 1950				Two months ended August, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	395	311	16	722	577	587	22	1,186
1 and under 2	397	656	21	1,074	655	1,309	45	2,009
2 " " 3	187	678	19	894	318	1,315	41	1,674
3 " " 4	79	612	19	710	144	1,188	34	1,366
4 " " 5	75	456	24	555	119	895	37	1,051
5 " " 9	125	1,062	57	1,244	261	2,208	115	2,584
9 " " 13	32	576	18	626	78	1,136	43	1,257
13 " " 27	46	577	38	661	136	1,203	78	1,417
27 and over	19	223	30	272	34	546	56	636
TOTAL:	1,365	5,151	242	6,758	2,322	10,387	471	13,180

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during August, 1950 and the two months ended August, 1950 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit: -

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

Duration of Benefits	August, 1950				Two months ended August, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	1.39	4.33	12.40	4.02	1.46	5.26	11.89	4.83
13 " "	4.76	15.93	28.10	13.81	7.32	16.84	28.45	15.58
9 " "	7.11	26.71	35.54	23.07	10.68	27.78	37.58	25.11
5 " "	16.26	47.33	59.09	41.48	21.92	49.03	62.00	44.72
4 " "	21.76	56.12	69.01	49.69	27.05	57.65	69.85	52.69
3 " "	27.55	68.06	76.86	60.20	33.25	69.09	77.07	63.06
2 " "	41.98	81.23	84.71	73.42	46.94	81.75	95.77	75.76
1 " "	71.06	93.96	93.39	89.32	75.15	94.35	95.33	91.00
Less than 1	28.94	6.04	6.61	10.68	24.85	5.65	4.67	9.00

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

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

Reason for Cessation	August, 1950				Two Months ended August, 1950			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	995	72.39	3,082	59.83	1,644	70.80	6,466	62.25
Incapacity terminated	25	1.83	1,664	32.30	43	1.85	3,083	29.68
Failure to report (a)	283	20.73	35	0.68	517	22.27	63	0.61
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	32	2.34	21	0.41	61	2.63	59	0.57
Statutory Age limit (b)	-	-	7	0.14	2	0.09	12	0.11
Permanent incapacity (c)	2	0.15	141	2.74	10	0.43	324	3.12
Death	-	-	82	1.59	-	-	150	1.44
Transfer to another district	11	0.81	55	1.07	18	0.77	92	0.89
Other	17	1.25	64	1.24	27	1.16	138	1.33
TOTAL:	1,365	100.00	5,151	100.00	2,322	100.00	10,387	100.00

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

4. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH AUGUST, 1950.

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The Proportion of persons on benefit at 26th August, 1950 to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 58 per 10,000 comprising 5 unemployment, 49 sickness and 4 special cases per 10,000.

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

VII. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH AUGUST, 1950. PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT: AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 males	5	51	2	58
Females	Per 10,000 females	3	44	10	57
Persons	Per 10,000 persons	5	49	4	58

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 26th August, 1950.

VIII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH AUGUST, 1950: STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W.(a)	359	77	4,018	1,311	171	242	4,548	1,630	6,178
Victoria	127	34	3,079	1,087	151	233	3,357	1,354	4,711
Queensland	376	84	1,297	355	62	107	1,735	546	2,281
S. Aust.(b)	24	2	820	269	40	38	884	309	1,193
W. Australia	109	22	701	177	22	47	832	246	1,078
Tasmania	24	7	362	74	13	67	399	148	547
Total 26th August, 1950	1,019	226	10,277	3,273	459	734	11,755	4,233	15,988

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Agas: Distribution of persons on benefit at 26th August, 1950, according to age groups is shown in the following table: -

IX. AGE OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH AUGUST, 1950: AUSTRALIA

Age Group (as at 31st Dec., 1950)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 Years	43	49	647	642	10	42	700	733	1,433
20 - 24 "	102	59	1,128	693	2	35	1,232	767	2,019
25 - 29 "	124	22	1,052	404	8	55	1,184	481	1,665
30 - 34 "	111	17	863	255	9	50	983	322	1,305
35 - 39 "	98	20	867	248	11	83	976	351	1,327
40 - 44 "	91	18	944	221	4	85	1,039	324	1,363
45 - 49 "	95	15	1,017	299	7	142	1,119	456	1,575
50 - 54 "	97	10	1,083	265	10	96	1,190	391	1,581
55 - 59 "	112	14	1,234	191	12	84	1,358	289	1,647
60 years and over	• 146	2	1,442	39	386	62	1,974	99	2,073
TOTAL:	1,019	226	10,277	3,273	459	734	11,755	4,233	15,988

5. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

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

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

Period	Persons						Australia		
	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Males	Females	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED</u>									
Year 1946-47	12,704	16,187	35,922	1,380	11,981	404	73,379	5,199	78,578
1947-48	3,516	1,029	21,227	234	2,471	185	27,275	1,387	28,662
1948-49	2,257	288	8,455	124	884	118	11,459	667	12,126
1949-50	127,500	1,037	19,841	6,512	6,060	151	130,248	30,853	161,101
1949 August	9,565	232	1,363	503	113	25	10,206	1,295	11,801
Sept.	324	74	237	20	70	18	651	92	743
Oct.	167	55	298	19	79	12	525	105	630
Nov.	121	31	274	8	42	8	420	64	484
Dec.	172	36	420	12	42	4	611	75	686
1950 Jan.	200	121	1,156	59	76	11	1,556	67	1,623
Feb.	111	23	570	8	50	11	1,006	67	1,073
March	102	24	782	4	42	4	877	81	958
April	146	90	573	6	60	4	776	103	879
May	119	40	200	1	111	9	467	93	560
June	130	113	172	8	65	15	407	96	503
July(c)	1,079	94	345	2	122	15	1,416	241	1,657
Aug. (c)	290	19	286	3	75	11	607	77	684

DISCONTINUANCES

Year 1946-47	12,602	16,099	36,002	1,601	12,496	443	73,974	5,269	79,243
1947-48	4,577	1,630	23,285	319	3,020	201	31,538	1,494	33,032
1948-49	2,313	303	8,950	111	989	114	12,143	670	12,813
1949-50	127,448	937	12,921	6,510	6,059	151	130,284	30,742	161,026
1949 August	97,842	221	7,168	2,366	229	29	88,740	19,115	107,855
Sept.	3,405	123	575	313	113	18	3,918	629	4,547
Oct.	453	62	330	18	97	15	835	160	995
Nov.	157	44	247	8	53	12	440	75	523
Dec.	147	30	178	9	44	6	352	72	424
1950 Jan.	224	111	755	65	152	14	1,221	100	1,321
Feb.	137	12	654	9	46	6	809	55	864
March	168	31	574	11	68	8	799	61	860
April	156	51	820	7	49	5	992	96	1,088
May	137	59	867	3	101	6	1,076	97	1,173
June	82	87	337	3	48	9	494	72	566
July (c)	891	68	439	8	121	16	1,345	198	1,543
Aug. (c)	377	35	300	3	53	11	657	122	779

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH

1947 -June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 -June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 -June	283	51	648	30	107	32	1,034	117	1,151
1949 -Aug.	3,809	174	853	333	242	37	4,646	802	5,448
Sept.	728	125	515	40	199	37	1,379	265	1,644
Oct.	442	98	483	41	161	34	1,069	210	1,279
Nov.	406	85	510	41	170	28	1,041	199	1,240
Dec.	431	91	742	44	168	26	1,300	202	1,502
1950 -Jan.	407	101	1,143	38	92	23	1,635	169	1,804
Feb.	381	112	1,359	37	96	28	1,832	181	2,013
March	315	105	1,567	30	70	24	1,910	201	2,111
April	305	144	1,320	29	81	23	1,694	208	1,902
May	267	125	733	27	91	26	1,085	204	1,289
June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
July(c)	523	177	474	26	109	31	1,069	271	1,340
Aug. (c)	436	151	460	26	131	31	1,019	226	1,245

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Subject to revision.

(ii) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during August, 1950, and the two months ended August, 1950, and by those who were on benefit at 26th August, 1950.

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

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

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during				On Benefit at	
	August, 1950		Two months ended August, 1950		26th Aug., 1950	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
Discharged or laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons ..	2	2	6	4	9	1
Inefficiency, incl. medical unfitness	17	2	34	17	38	14
Retrenchment, reorganisation of staff	73	29	213	73	206	64
Power rationing ..	2	-	7	1	52	21
Shortage of materials ..	45	8	64	23	52	6
Strikes and lockouts ..	-	-	1	-	6	-
Weather conditions, floods, etc. ..	275	5	1,082	78	125	3
Seasonal Work ..	15	-	37	1	83	1
Casual Work ..	92	16	174	28	172	22
Other, including inadequately defined	32	10	69	24	10	2
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy ..	66	19	136	41	156	55
Other, including inadequately defined	104	10	147	23	82	28
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account ...	10	1	51	1	14	-
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	-	-	-	-	1	2
Other ..	2	2	2	4	13	7
TOTAL :	736	104	2,023	318	1,019	226

(iii) Industrial Classification of -
 (a) Claims Admitted and Persons on Benefit: The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during August, 1950, and the two months ended August, 1950, and of those on benefit at 26th August, 1950.

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

Industry in which last engaged	Admissions during				On Benefit at	
	August, 1950		Two months ended August, 1950		26th Aug., 1950	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	84	-	307	-	126	-
Other Primary Production ..	14	-	39	-	13	-
Coal Mining ..	23	-	361	1	28	-
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	6	-	9	-	10	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (including Shipbuilding) ..	29	1	94	2	77	1
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	6	-	11	-	14	-
Textiles and Articles of Dress ..	4	17	26	91	30	34
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	49	7	119	26	79	15
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	130	-	163	14	62	3
Other Factories, including Heat, Light and Power ..	17	2	57	4	44	6
Building and Construction ..	130	1	313	2	212	8
Transport and Communication ..	39	-	107	-	67	2
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	65	19	122	41	87	28
Finance and Property ..	2	2	7	4	7	1
Public Administration and Professional	25	10	48	22	50	20
Personal and Domestic Service ..	32	43	75	107	61	99
TOTAL :	736	104	2,023	318	1,019	226

(b) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of Males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 26th August, 1950 in the main industrial groups is shown in the following table: -

XIII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 26TH AUGUST, 1950
STATES

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	53	8	58	-	5	2	126
Other Primary Production ..	9	3	5	-	1	-	18
Coal Mining ..	27	-	1	-	-	-	28
Other Mining and quarrying ..	2	-	4	-	4	-	10
Factories and Industrial - Founding, Engineering and Metal- working (Including Shipbuilding)	46	6	17	3	3	2	77
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	4	4	3	1	1	1	14
Textiles and Articles of Dress ..	8	3	16	-	1	2	30
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	11	6	54	1	4	3	79
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	32	1	22	1	3	3	62
Other Factories, including Heat, Light and Power ..	14	8	11	3	7	1	44
Building and Construction ..	59	50	68	6	26	3	212
Transport and Communication ..	20	11	24	4	5	3	67
Commerce and Finance - Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	24	3	44	2	14	-	87
Finance and Property ..	1	-	4	-	2	-	7
Public Administration and Professional ..	16	2	21	1	6	4	50
Personal and Domestic Service ..	22	12	20	2	25	-	81
Other ..	11	10	4	-	2	-	27
TOTAL :	359	127	376	24	109	24	1,019

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the two months ended August, 1950 and the persons on benefit at 26th August, 1950 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table: -

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

State	Claims admitted during the two months ended August, 1950				On Benefit at 26th August, 1950			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
New South Wales (b)	53	12	1,150	154	67	15	292	62
Victoria	9	3	78	23	22	7	105	27
Queensland	125	45	418	43	125	47	251	37
South Australia(c)	4	-	1	-	20	2	4	-
Western Australia	77	13	88	19	61	9	48	13
Tasmania	9	3	11	3	15	2	9	5
TOTAL :	277	76	1,746	242	310	82	709	144

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital Cities.

In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan".

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

6. SICKNESS BENEFIT.

(i) Nature of Sickness : The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during August, 1950, and the two months ended August, 1950, and of those on benefit at 26th August, 1950.

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

Nature of Sickness	Admissions during				On Benefit at	
	August, 1950		Two months ended August, 1950		26th Aug., 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	371	114	802	233	657	248
Cancer ..	24	8	48	14	88	23
Other Tumours ..	30	28	59	49	87	68
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	207	75	422	125	617	242
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	14	5	30	22	42	34
Nervous System and Sense Organs	346	142	680	297	996	458
Circulatory System ..	358	67	749	145	1,207	212
Respiratory System ..	530	125	1,157	250	1,071	273
Digestive System ..	806	225	1,728	455	1,809	450
Genito-Urinary System ..	162	117	335	251	430	295
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. ..	-	126	-	254	-	395
Skin and Cellular Tissues ..	149	36	335	84	360	104
Bones and Organs of Movement	111	37	231	73	297	109
Other Diseases (Including ill-defined conditions) ..	75	22	147	42	172	68
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures ..	460	46	975	94	1,566	164
Other Injuries, etc. ..	342	39	732	86	768	105
Surgical Amputations ..	17	2	32	3	54	4
Other (including not stated) ..	17	6	42	15	56	21
TOTAL :	4,019	1,222	8,504	2,492	10,277	3,273

(ii) Industrial Classification of Persons on Benefit : The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 26th August, 1950, is shown in the following table: -

XVI. SICKNESS : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH AUGUST, 1950 AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying ..	684	18	702
Other Primary Production ..	155	-	155
Coal Mining ..	242	1	243
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	131	4	135
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding) ..	1,544	152	1,696
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	492	17	509
Textiles and Articles of Dress ..	402	607	1,009
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	650	163	813
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	441	23	464
Other Factories, including Heat, Light and Power ..	1,026	241	1,267
Building and Construction ..	1,760	10	1,770
Transport and Communication ..	923	84	1,007
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	916	505	1,421
Finance and Property ..	62	43	105
Public Administration and Professional ..	346	585	931
Personal and Domestic Services ..	455	812	1,297
Other ..	18	8	26
TOTAL :	10,277	3,273	13,550

(iii) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other: Sickness Benefit claims whose admission was notified during the two months ended August, 1950, and those current at 26th August, 1950, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table: -

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

State	Claims admitted during the two months ended August, 1950				On Benefit 26th August, 1950			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	2,241	888	1,203	224	2,482	982	1,516	329
Victoria ..	1,285	503	521	143	2,356	917	723	170
Queensland ..	604	162	596	101	603	219	614	136
South Australia (c)	769	196	130	25	654	233	166	36
Western Australia	509	157	244	26	469	142	232	35
Tasmania ..	230	40	172	27	120	42	242	32
TOTAL :	5,632	1,946	2,866	546	6,764	2,555	3,513	738

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

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

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

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

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Rejected to Total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W. (a)	2,257	888	5,116	580	307	75	7,700	1,543	20.04
Vic.	158	45	2,789	337	196	41	3,143	423	13.46
Q'ld.	1,287	656	1,616	153	95	37	2,998	646	21.56
S.A. (b)	15	10	1,258	138	60	13	1,333	161	12.08
W.A.	252	55	1,093	157	32	12	1,377	224	16.27
Tas.	28	2	528	59	26	3	582	64	11.00
TOTAL:	3,997	1,656	12,420	1,424	716	181	17,133	3,261	19.03

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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