

SOCIAL WELFARE

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SOCIAL WELFARE is the provision by government or private agency, from taxation or charitable gift, of a minimum standard of socially determined decency for persons in danger of falling below that level. In Australia public and private support for Aborigines and ex-servicemen has mostly been regarded as less stigmatised than social welfare, though in reality such distinctions have been politically based.

Nineteenth-century 'charity' concentrated on the 'deserving poor' who were considered to be unable to sustain themselves. They included cripples, aged bedridden people, widows with large families, and orphans and deserted children. Those poor decreed 'able-bodied' were expected to find paid work and thereby avoid regular dependence on handouts. Some services were and still are provided to everyone, for example, government hospitals and schools, although continuing efforts have been made to get the users of such services to pay. The most recent method, in the case of hospitals, being Medibank levies and compulsory health insurance.

Governor King recognised that orphaned children needed care and set up an asylum in 1801. Similar asylums were erected in other colonies, often by voluntary charities. These large institutions attracted the criticisms that they were harsh and conducive to habitual dependence. Their steady growth was slowed by the resort to boarding out and foster care schemes from 1865 to 1886. The fostering family received weekly payments and were inspected regularly. By the 1970s the language shifted to maintaining what was called the natural family unit.

In the nineteenth century, women with large families bereft of a male breadwinner were helped after enquiry, usually with rations, or a source of income, whether employment or a mangle, but rarely with cash. Men with severe disabilities were treated similarly. There has been no Poor Law in Australia, that is, communities have not been compelled to tax themselves to pay for the maintenance of old, sick or unemployed people, as they have done in England and the United States. Most aid took the form of selective charity by the donor authority.

By the 1890s some reformers argued, as did their counterparts in other countries, that the contribution made by people through their working years to the economy entitled them to state assistance when it was required, notably in old age. In 1900 the New South Wales and Victorian parliaments introduced age pensions as means-tested benefits claimable as a right. Queensland followed in 1907 and the Commonwealth in 1908. The value has remained between one-fifth and one-quarter of the minimum wage.

Many voluntary agencies were established in the nineteenth century. They were usually based on Christian ideals and often focused on the needs of women or children. They were generally conducted with devotion, economy and personal satisfaction by middle-class women and men. During the last fifty years costs and changing perceptions of need have led to the disappearance of many of these agencies, some being taken over by government or transformed under government supervision in return for subsidy.

Since World War II services have mainly been provided by governments for defined categories of need through direct cash grants, or through aid to voluntary agencies. The former include maternity allowance, family allowance or child endowment, widow's pensions, unemployment benefit and supporting parent benefit. Many of these payments have been justified by the argument that they are made to people unable to support themselves. Most have been paid by the federal government; state governments have been left with a residue of difficult cases, although over the last decade their welfare departments have initiated programs designed to break cycles of dependence. Meanwhile, the categories of persons in need have changed dramatically. Progress in preventive and curative medicine has reduced the number of child cripples, for example, while changes in mores have enlarged the number of single mothers and children below the accepted level of decency, 'the poverty line'.

Social welfare can also mean the massive expenditure by government outside the marketplace of taxes for the whole community, on education, housing and health. Increasingly, articulate citizens and publicists acting on behalf of categories seen as relatively deprived have demanded services from their governments as part of the bargain of citizenship in war and peace. Politicians have responded with calculated promises, especially at election time. Thus defined, expenditure has trebled for the federal government since 1941, while total government outlay on such expenses represents nearly half of all government expenses.

Social welfare, whether defined narrowly or broadly, has always been controversial. The poor have been blamed for their poverty but their spokespersons have rejected such blame and claimed assistance for them as citizens rather than paupers. Access to welfare redistribution has been qualified by tests of means, assets or moral worth, which produce arguments about the margin of entitlement and the interference of officials. Growing proportions of government income spent on welfare are challenged by alternative claims; some claim that this spending even threatens the survival of the market economy. Other claims assert that the burden of welfare taxation is largely borne by the tax-paying working class. Certainly large numbers of middle-class people draw their income and self-esteem by running the welfare industry. Some call for a fuller transfer of wealth from the rich to the poor, while others resist in the name of self-help and independence. Whether government leadership is necessary or destructive, whether voluntary agencies are instruments of social control or vehicles of creative social reform, remain open questions.



SW 1-4 GENERAL RELIEF AND CHILDCARE, NEW SOUTH WALES 1857-1956

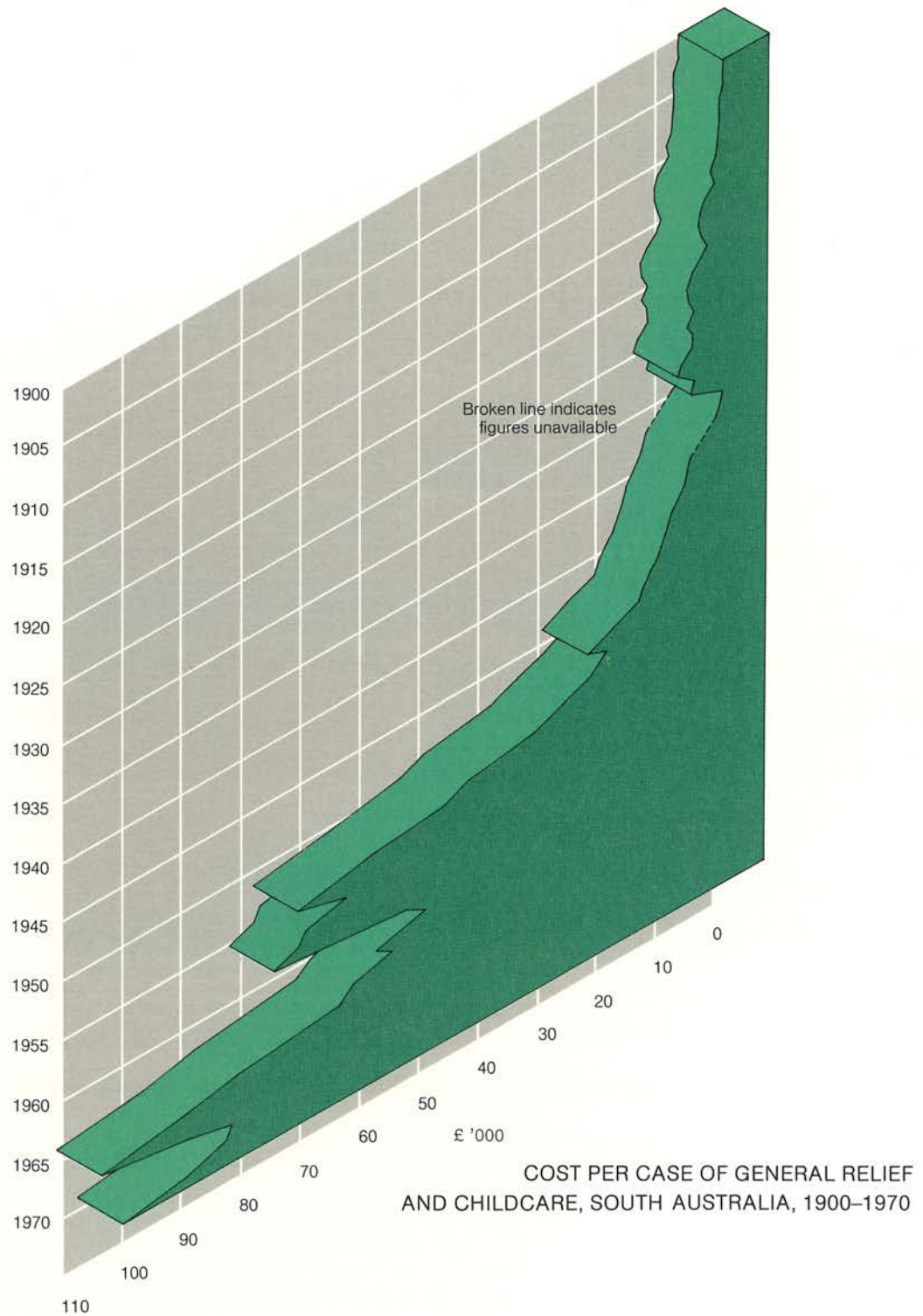
Year 31 Dec	GENERAL RELIEF ^a		CHILDREN IN STATE CARE	
	Inmates ^b	Cost	In institutions 31 Dec ^c	Other ^d
	1	2	3	4
£				
1857	..	..	177	
1858	714	13 248	568	
1859	733	14 932	605	
1860	668	14 932	662	
1861	841	17 326	698	
1862	965	17 951	883	
1863	943	18 314	1000	
1864	1066	16 689	704	
1865	1227	21 432	1297	
1866	1291	26 611	1429	
1867	1343	25 059	1507	
1868	1372	25 483	1687	
1869	1315	23 439	1731	
1870	1380	21 770	1749	
1871	1463	24 095	1741	
1872	1446	23 135	1712	
1873	1530	23 638	1754	
1874	1639	27 902	1644	
1875	1673	38 944	1564	
1876	1559	31 770	1601	
1877	1629	29 172	1631	
1878	1711	31 425	1629	
1879	1838	33 937	1767	
1880	1802	31 760	1730	
1881	1705	28 458	1772	59
1882	1805	31 548	1571	103
1883	2061	39 746	1467	307
1884	2230	18 054 ^e	1066	552
1885	2118	16 055 ^e	829	1026
1886	2234	51 609	772	1366
1887	2442	60 711	710	1802
1888	2715	..	800	1960
1889	3133	..	841	2173
1890	2914	..	783	2284
1891	..	..	762	2369

Year 31 Dec	GENERAL RELIEF ^a		CHILDREN IN STATE CARE	
	Inmates ^b	Cost	In institutions 31 Dec ^c	Other ^d
	1	2	3	4
£				
1892	4434	..	1538	2396
1893	7226	..	1558	2537
1894	5661	..	1733	2809
1895	6131	..	1867	3174
1896	5542	145 253	1151	3456
1897	6277	143 810	1258	3671
1898	6365	..	1428	3709
1899	6640	193 597	1419	3722
1900	6616	210 904	1410	3844
1901	6563	253 934	1472	3910
1902	6233	241 323	1592	3720
1903	6806	299 839	1628	3805
1904	7123	264 489	1715	3779
1905	7051	273 148	1719	3800
1906	6663	249 304	1521	3890
1907	6644	242 187	1660	4024
1908	6879	285 101	1776	4202
1909	6722	308 169	1861	4247
1910	6455	318 605	1699	4390
1911	6187	325 665	1937	4498
1912	5951	308 205	1944	4677
1913	6158	401 540	2030	4734
1914	6795	416 136	2296	4695
1915	6818	463 367	2076	4880
1916	6549	497 695	2320	5081
1917	6802	478 391	2718	4653
1918	6885	554 352	2712	4656
1919	7523	627 472	3017	4581
1920	7593	854 238	3238	4979
1921	8130	952 617	3447	5403
1922	7985	971 129	3384	5439
1923	8578	1 026 372	3996	5078 ^f
1924	8668	1 112 438	4259	5352
1925	8865	1 246 134	4552	5577
1926	9228	1 307 616	4458	5676

Year 31 Dec	GENERAL RELIEF ^a		CHILDREN IN STATE CARE	
	Inmates ^b	Cost	In institutions 31 Dec ^c	Other ^d
	1	2	3	4
£				
1927	9 719	1 346 887	4673	5725
1928	9 925	1 426 865	4781	5673
1929	10 120	1 487 648	4866	5657
1930	10 432	1 530 056	5092	5516
1931	10 749	1 310 100	5015	5284
1932	10 307	1 263 540	4979	4841
1933	10 267	1 214 741	5010	4425
1934	10 315	1 214 902	4982	4269
1935	10 056	1 230 172	4941	4292
1936	10 007	1 269 010	5074	4300
1937	9 829	1 309 069	4991	4171 ^f
1938	5 601	464 856	4092	4151
1939	5 970	350 976	4220	3976
1940	5 972	429 854	4222	3877
1941	..	..	..	3647
1942	..	..	..	3281
1943	..	..	..	3068
1944	..	..	..	2915
1945	..	..	..	2772
1946	..	..	..	2717
1947	..	..	..	2632
1948	..	..	..	2674
1949	..	..	..	2700
1950	..	..	..	2604
1951	..	..	..	2606
1952	..	..	..	2565
1953	..	..	..	2531
1954	..	..	..	2632
1955	..	..	..	2674
1956	..	..	..	3020

- (a) In 1858-89 includes institutions for the destitute, and orphan and industrial schools; in 1905-37, the lying-in home, benevolent asylums, orphan asylums, the neglected children's home, institutes for the deaf, dumb and blind, infants' homes, refuges and night shelters and other charitable institutions; in 1938-40 excludes state institutions under the control of the child welfare department, state hospitals and homes, and private hospitals.
- (b) Inmates of institutions and societies at end of year.
- (c) Includes orphan schools, the Asylum for Destitute Children, the School of Industry and, later, govt industrial schools and reformatories and a variety of religious and secular orphanages and rescue homes.
- (d) Children supported by the govt through the state children's department and its successors.
- (e) Costs of govt asylums not reported.
- (f) From 1923 the figures shift from 5 April to 31 Dec and, from 1937, to 30 June.

[The guard-house cells are] about eight feet by five . . . composed of brick and stone flags, through an aperture in which the light of heaven, and sometimes the rain and wind too, obtain admittance. Damp and unhealthy as these places are . . . several of the refractory girls – but scantily attired, and without shoes or stockings – have been confined in them, and during the outbreak . . . after being confined in the lockup for fifteen or twenty hours, they were locked up there for nearly two days when they were returned to the School, as I was assured, “quite subdued and with all the pluck taken out of them”.’ Description of Girls’ Industrial School, Newcastle, 1868.



SW 5-12 GENERAL RELIEF AND CHILDCARE, VICTORIA 1857-1954

Year 31 Dec	GENERAL RELIEF				CHILDREN IN STATE CARE			
	Indoor asylum cases ^a	Outdoor asylum cases ^a	Cost	Societies ^b	Cost ^b In institutions 31 Dec	Cost	Other cases	
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			£		£		£	
1857	722	557	..	..	..	120	..	
1858	2 210	666	..	..	..	302	..	
1859	1 786	805	..	..	..	343	..	
1860	2 770	1 647	35 077	..	..	368	12 638	
1861	1 497	2 595	30 709	..	..	287	10 805	
1862	5 662	6 561	46 448	..	..	400	13 742	
1863	7 440	6 002	42 519	..	..	560	13 351	
1864	5 951	31 326	37 392	..	..	734	15 093	
1865	6 220	40 996	33 046	1 415	5 379	2413	16 367	
1866	6 127	63 943	36 683	1 570	7 021	2818	27 107	
1867	6 388	33 958	40 429	1 544	6 956	3168	22 417	
1868	7 072	33 900	35 105	1 360	5 163	3623	18 291	
1869	8 033	40 320	41 871	1 780	7 004	4041	23 202	
1870	11 739	42 735	44 214	1 863	7 870	4120	25 849	
1871	15 057	48 884	43 776	17 927	13 755	4403	24 351	
1872	11 720	45 580	38 327	12 699	11 811	4763	23 438	
1873	10 384	56 239	43 206	11 463	12 605	4534	21 897	
1874	11 092	60 158	41 147	9 143	13 003	3025	22 112	
1875	11 912	..	41 200	5 768	13 049	2763	19 137	
1876	10 562	..	40 546	11 131	13 505	2431	17 953	
1877	4 200 ^c	.. ^c	40 888	9 589	13 431	2415	19 721	
1878	3 986	..	39 685	9 568	13 201	2287	19 333	
1879	4 390	..	40 756	11 937	15 122	2185	19 864	
1880	4 228	..	37 681	11 378	13 802	1889	19 022	2068
1881	4 064	..	34 687	9 388	12 891	1890	17 725	2020
1882	3 125 ^d	..	20 149 ^d	8 814 ^d	8 467 ^d	1865	14 467	2178
1883	4 060	..	42 963	8 815	13 285	1926	19 726	2246
1884	4 076	..	40 618	7 684	13 364	1789	19 479	2362
1885	4 093	..	37 759	7 263	12 934	1667	20 349	2870
1886	4 058	..	37 239	7 227	13 633	1699	22 243	2887
1887	4 728	..	41 913	7 726	14 533	1665	20 267	2997
1888	4 209	..	39 809	8 476	16 293	1717	25 311	2944
1889	4 327	..	40 023	15 134	15 907	1708	20 219	3009
1890	4 457	..	42 513	12 422	16 118	1676	19 458	3169
1891	4 078	..	40 811	17 634	16 833	1749	21 215	3242
1892	3 768	..	44 273	23 767	18 429	1822	22 388	3305
1893	3 381	..	39 370	45 553	22 123	1773	19 945	3342
1894	3 198	..	34 690	30 059	18 873	1781	19 540	3321
1895	3 295	..	32 912	27 477	18 873	1759	17 283	3308
1896	3 349	..	33 313	20 004	17 090	1790	16 682	3633
1897	3 458	..	35 902	18 265	16 437	1848	18 800	3890
1898	3 436	..	36 916	24 603	17 838	1865	20 838	4263
1899	3 346	..	36 646	24 270	17 914	1794	18 694	4624
1900	3 536	..	34 694	19 379	19 295	1762	18 778	4893
1901	3 674	39 814	35 678	17 885	16 362	1708	17 672	5334
1902	3 670	28 336	34 797	20 298	18 603	1764	19 635	5394
1903	3 889 ^e	28 999 ^e	34 667	15 573 ^e	20 140	1808	19 564	5035
1904	3 860	25 408	35 032	13 226	19 339	2098	20 508	4855
1905	3 774	23 390	34 712	13 376	17 823	2120	20 061	4762
1906	3 855	21 253	34 904	13 266	20 384	2111	20 137	4872

Year 31 Dec	GENERAL RELIEF				CHILDREN IN STATE CARE			
	Indoor asylum cases ^a	Outdoor asylum cases ^a	Cost	Societies ^b	Cost ^b	In institutions 31 Dec	Cost	Other cases
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			£		£		£	
1907	3823	16 304	36 802	14 099	25 428	2239	21 816	4 955
1908	3932	15 227	39 658	17 389	25 689	1998	24 893	5 251
1909	4083	17 424	63 865	16 536	26 646	2482	22 985	5 769
1910	4032	..	..	7 139	29 350	2450	..	6 414
1911	4010	13 971	66 417	13 652	27 816	2387	23 092	6 766
1912	3688	..	..	12 467	21 347	2454	..	7 339
1913	3706	10 510	42 969	12 883	23 204	2459	25 243	8 074
1914	3669	9 428	40 862	9 902	26 767	2631	29 780	8 847
1915	3499	21 646	43 267	16 437	29 734	2635	29 929	9 685
1916	3414	12 047	49 124	14 280	33 161	2593	32 253	9 986
1917	1910 ^f	870 ^f	49 203	11 218 ^f	31 998	2161 ^g	33 773	10 448 ^h
1918	1878	507	48 157	11 362	29 910	2205	35 464	10 715
1919	1884	392	52 183	13 754	30 261	2280	39 990	11 300
1920	1916	456	58 275	14 966	38 255	2332	45 212	12 189
1921	1917	414	68 056	17 259	35 898	2340	46 736	13 257
1922	1922	328	62 261	14 534	33 647	2340	44 051	13 257
1923	1944	349	61 456	13 257	35 501	2219	47 921	13 369
1924	1947	290	69 849	25 335	45 842	2199	48 596	13 520
1925	1957	251	80 386	18 435	52 637	2229	69 437	13 590
1926	1921	281	74 522	25 095	77 848	2256	78 248	14 587
1927	1898	329	77 313	13 039	38 667	2241	64 120	15 271
1928	2005	580	80 707	23 615	61 887	2300	75 444	16 190
1929	2061	812	94 240	35 920	90 020	2503	101 773	16 791
1930	2173	4 627	91 716	47 734	83 777	2617	75 692	17 136
1931	2139	2 966	106 758	42 107	78 646	3094	83 619	16 718
1932	2324	3 172	94 166	28 267	59 646	3389	144 883	15 491
1933	1967	2 175	105 778	27 769	53 195	3813	104 265	14 056
1934	1960	1 141	101 333	25 640	77 838	4543	113 080	12 497
1935	2055	1 222	95 865	35 835	60 709	4584	127 959	11 510
1936	2118	1 287	105 486	33 234	55 426	4762	134 035	11 442
1937	2138	1 019	109 556	35 082	65 667	5009	180 230	11 709
1938	2225	559	124 678	36 340	61 980	5257	204 245	12 863
1939	2266	208	124 787	37 775	64 124	5380	206 554	12 667
1940	2259	977	146 154	27 063	64 379	5248	173 089	11 592
1941	2380	434	147 923	16 264	60 595	3469	168 314	..
1942	2058	..	196 193	8 835	51 389	2785	147 128	..
1943	2126	..	153 283	..	28 486	2688	157 549	..
1944	4033 ^h	..	184 874	..	12 913	4398	180 629	..
1945	3845	..	200 647	..	14 145	4297	200 647	..
1946	3954	..	227 821	..	14 821	4486	219 094	..
1947	4036	..	263 140	..	13 956	4295	243 867	..
1948	3896	..	302 000	..	13 407	4345	265 939	..
1949	3527 ⁱ	..	272 444 ⁱ	..	7 123 ⁱ	3934	237 000	..
1950	4012	..	468 841	..	10 880	3080	330 921	..
1951	3974	..	707 125	..	11 560	4036	324 904	..
1952	4545	..	764 922	..	9 810	4276	419 683	..
1953	4887	..	1 030 599	..	15 285	4169	499 075	..
1954	4746	..	963 655	..	13 891	3961	655 091	..

(a) General relief took the form of residence ('indoor' assistance) or rations ('outdoor' assistance). Cash resources were rarely provided.

(b) The 1865-70 figures combine figures given for Jewish Philanthropic Society, Geelong Ladies Benevolent Association and Melbourne Ladies Benevolent Society; tables for benevolent societies first appear in 1871.

(c) From 1877, number of individuals not number of acts of relief.

(d) Figures for 6 months only.

(e) From 1903 adults only are reported.

(f) From 1917, number of cases reported is the daily average, that is, less than end of year figures. This discrepancy of about 5% continues to 1943. There is no discoverable factor to explain it.

(g) From 1917, numbers are daily averages.

(h) From 1944 benevolent asylum figures are the number admitted during year, not daily average.

(i) Figures are for the nine months ending 31 Mar 1949.

In 1864 the Victorian government assumed responsibility for neglected children when the Neglected and Criminal Children's Act was passed. Subsidies to private organisations caring for orphans continued. Other colonies followed.

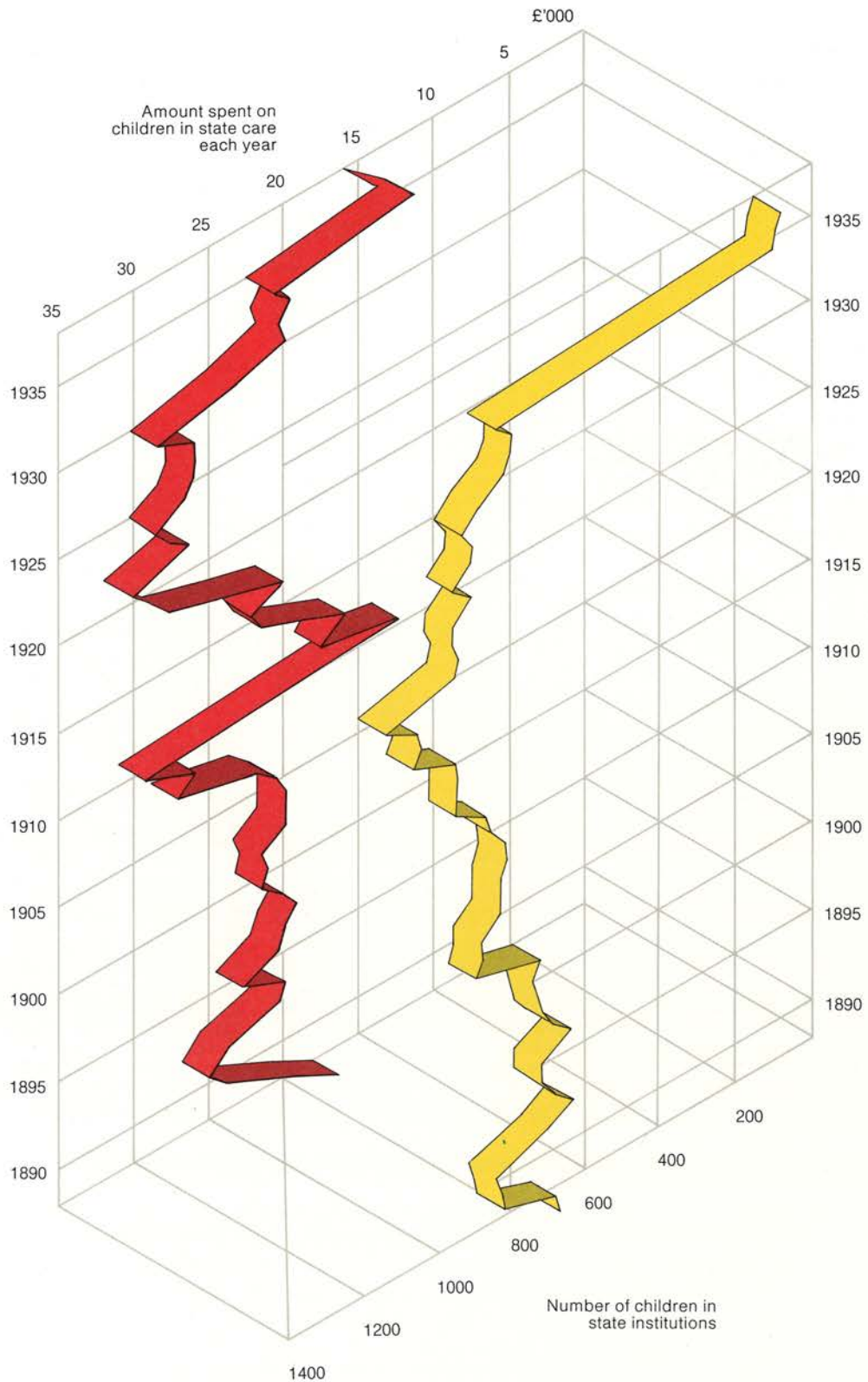
SW 13-16 GENERAL RELIEF AND CHILDCARE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1849-1979

CHILDREN IN STATE CARE					CHILDREN IN STATE CARE					CHILDREN IN STATE CARE				
Year 31 Dec	Indoor & outdoor relief	In institu- tions 31 Dec	Others	Cost ^a	Year 31 Dec	Indoor & outdoor relief	In institu- tions 31 Dec	Others	Cost ^a	Year 31 Dec	Indoor & outdoor relief	In institu- tions 31 Dec	Others	Cost ^a
13	14	15	16		13	14	15	16		13	14	15	16	
£					£					£				
1849	139	25	..	..	1893	4359	130	945	30 256	1937	12 940	190	835	204 244
1850	113	..	..	991	1894	4 454	119	996	30 397	1938	12 585	187	843	215 760
1851	235	15	..	1 642	1895	4 271	117	1007	29 649	1939	12 781	203	842	222 792
1852	207	18	..	2 058	1896	4 173	130	989	28 990	1940	13 636	208	874	258 860
1853	131	18	..	1 984	1897	4 477	185	994	31 003	1941	12 089	209	979	245 624
1854	168	20	..	2 744	1898	5 153	172	1038	34 871	1942	9 001	221	1065	197 399
1855	1236	..	3	14 949	1899	5 032	191	1032	35 447	1943	5 926	229	1091	173 059
1856	576	37	21	8 317	1900	4 788	182	1066	34 587	1944	4 888	233	1058	173 164
1857	355	46	16	5 047	1901	4 739	225	1006	35 817	1945	6 138	199	1060	179 252
1858	395	67	6	5 296	1902	5 021	266	1055	36 762	1946	5 928	210	962	195 368
1859	534	99	12	3 169	1903	5 506	241	1115	42 305	1947	5 826	224	872	222 086
1860	702	76	25	7 343	1904	5 427	224	1115	43 062	1948	5 404	235	839	242 817
1861	620	49	17	6 486	1905	5 010	212	1091	39 717	1949	4 567	208	799	267 459
1862	503	48	19	4 968	1906	4 913	217	1051	39 110	1950	4 389	251	770	280 213
1863	584	61	18	4 514	1907	4 542	183	1106	37 759	1951	3 849	261	760	308 310
1864	574	59	17	5 357	1908	4 247	185	1151	38 882	1952	4 095	248	780	391 658
1865	846	78	26	8 178	1909	3 832	180	1197	39 330	1953	5 600	238	794	456 204
1866	1247	101	39	13 759	1910	3 856	198	1281	37 363	1954	5 161	244	769	467 128
1867	1570	112	..	17 260	1911	2 733	199	1306	37 652	1955	5 244	242	797	480 919
1869	2142	124	..	19 904	1912	2 927	178	1352	42 289	1956	5 420	281	884	530 890
1869	2431	150	..	18 861	1913	3 311	210	1365	47 580	1957	9 204	298	1057	614 633
1870	2554	208	..	18 711	1914	3 989	221	1388	51 310	1958	11 997	335	1068	736 598
1871	2662	242	..	..	1915	5 486	247	1487	59 263	1959	9 743	368	1244	716 707
1872	2353	203	83	17 986	1916	5 633	231	1538	68 326	1960	9 709	391	1760	716 273
1873	2334	95	216	16 666	1917	5 143	199	1645	75 364	1961	9 628	433	2029	812 200
1874	2124	87	118	16 900	1918	4 787	211	1627	75 789	1962	11 010	429	2272	943 686
1875	2233	86	98	18 498	1919	4 807	226	1614	75 850	1963	7 635	479	2465	918 257
1876	3318	112	125	19 757	1920	6 299	229	1614	84 176	1964	7 097	537	2586	978 099
1877	2800	135	115	21 355	1921	6 772	265	1587	98 378	1965	6 334	600	2911	1 068 777
1878	2665	159	100	21 869	1922	7 443	255	1509	96 386	\$				
1879	3040	164	127	24 308	1923	6 849	247	1535	91 692	1966	9 601	588	3227	2 528 409
1880	3060	197	152	24 869	1924	5 877	252	1531	94 535	1967	12 476	499	3461	2 891 003
1881	3144	169	225	25 515	1925	6 121	263	1510	99 996	1968	13 279	555	3705	3 030 491
1882	1722	184	200	26 233	1926	8 964	310	1391	109 143	1969	13 720	695	3622	3 428 309
1883	3944	207	203	27 963	1927	9 224	267	1613	116 309	1970	13 934	675	3552	3 850 665
1884	4486	222	247	30 100	1928	24 624	271	1507	152 373	1971	16 057	539	3949	..
1885	6760	160	300	32 025	1929	30 107	320	1383	190 766	1972	22 834	455	4283	..
1886	7857	115	294	30 848	1930	40 452	330	1024	274 560	1973	31 349	443	4107	..
1887	9037	112	666	33 841	1931	..	288	1001	822 760	1974	36 360	337	3357	..
1888	7428	94	687	34 181	1932	12 732	258	953	156 596	1975	32 090	320	2945	..
1889	6014	122	753	31 716	1933	14 047	222	903	173 471	1976	30 815	247	2703	..
1890	4979	115	732	30 255	1934	14 012	219	852	176 372	1977	33 737	227	2289	..
1891	4216	108	840	29 026	1935	14 078	191	851	187 308	1978	39 962	188	2345	..
1892	4156	118	878	29 436	1936	13 395	219	841	202 658	1979	46 070	153	2230	..

NOTE Govt agencies responsible for providing general relief and childcare services were the Destitute Board (1849-1926), the State Children's Council (1887-1926), the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department (1927-1965), the Department of Social Welfare (1966-67) and the Department for Community Welfare (1972-).

(a) Total expenditure during the year by the govt agencies mentioned in the above note.

'I don't think I am cared for here they often tell me that I am a low girl and was picked up from the gutter which hurts my feelings very much. I don't think I deserve such a name as that as I consider myself far from a low gutter girl.' South Australian state ward, Mary Smith, 1902.



CHILDREN IN STATE INSTITUTIONS, QUEENSLAND 1888-1938

SW 17-22 GENERAL RELIEF AND CHILDCARE, QUEENSLAND 1866-1958

Year 31 Dec	GENERAL RELIEF				CHILDREN IN STATE CARE	
	Asylum inmates 31 Dec	Cost	Govt outdoor relief cost	Benevolent societies cost	In institu- tions 31 Dec	Cost
	17	18	19	20	21	22
		£	£	£		£
1866	76	1 610			..	..
1867	75	2 775			..	..
1868	79	..			..	..
1869	85	..			..	..
1870	83	1 735			..	..
1871	90	2 148			..	..
1872	81	2 401			..	..
1873	97	2 204			..	..
1874	97	2 725			..	..
1875	123	2 465			..	..
1876	121	2 746			..	..
1877	158	3 320			..	..
1878	169	4 046			..	..
1879	198	3 557			..	..
1880	227	5 777			..	..
1881	326	6 554		362	..	..
1882	348	6 267		305	..	..
1883	396	5 963		358	..	..
1884	413	7 127		646	..	..
1885	440	7 397		1428	..	..
1886	462	13 482		917	..	..
1887	489	9 283		866	..	..
1888	522	8 729	1 637	881	744	17 814
1889	562	12 904	1 715	2205	753	20 142
1890	637	11 502	1 744	3050	883	22 494
1891	701	11 580	2 039	3556	878	25 113
1892	718	8 164	8 116	4552	918	26 465
1893	814	11 845	7 705	4364	762	25 249
1894	837	11 270	6 723	4195	719	22 139
1895	893	12 799	3 374	4300	748	21 466
1896	961	12 409	3 111	4256	786	24 063
1897	949	15 435	3 884	6311	773	21 811
1898	891	16 804	3 611	5505	707	21 385
1899	944	17 722	3 006	5051	747	20 666
1900	1049	27 190	2 651	5736	783	20 993
1901	1086	34 858	3 368	6293	792	22 813
1902	1260	39 395	4 669	7388	809	22 666
1903	1223	44 523	10 422	7061	790	23 255
1904	1207	40 183	6 441	6392	951	21 591
1905	1262	43 967	6 562	5984	925	21 507
1906	1257	49 338	6 619	5527	925	21 534
1907	1231	55 752	4 763	5402	899	21 846
1908	1173	114 422	4 656	5656	887	23 468
1909	1114	180 695	3 212	5745	892	28 637
1910	1050	32 606	1 607	5420	886	27 538
1911	1029	33 281	1 084	4486	878	30 577
1912	1056	28 979	1 093	5017	922	13 989

Year 31 Dec	GENERAL RELIEF				CHILDREN IN STATE CARE	
	Asylum inmates 31 Dec	Cost	Govt outdoor relief cost	Benevolent societies cost	In institu- tions 31 Dec	Cost
	17	18	19	20	21	22
		£	£	£		£
1913	1026	29 421	1 034	5 930	931	19 024
1914	1032	36 191	1 273	7 966	1031	17 225
1915	1108	37 760	4 259	7 302	1084	20 032
1916	1066	40 638	5 889	5 831	1077	23 102
1917	1006	38 643	4 256	5 390	1058	23 768
1918	1043	42 911	4 312	5 961	1120	21 517
1919	1157	51 021	22 244	5 769	1107	25 881
1920	1177	57 394	29 029	5 462	1113	29 342
1921	1179	60 024	55 719	5 609	1198	30 428
1922	1180	49 900	23 276	5 793	1043	31 658
1923	1168	47 482	10 499	5 750	1000	27 732
1924	..	..	5 134	..	..	..
1925	1020	49 157	5 798	6 100	1020 ^a	29 914 ^a
1926	1072	52 725	7 685	5 599	979	28 306
1927	1047	58 377	12 792	5 446	1022	27 536
1928	1110	64 662	35 922	6 109	961	27 512
1929	1174	66 301	117 464	5 897	956	27 010
1930	1151	65 825	136 655	6 663	998	29 426
1931	1069	53 273	537 503	6 329	952	25 145
1932	1152	59 510	1 265 355	17 253	880	21 769
1933	1162	63 556	1 834 239	16 405	864	21 969
1934	1066	65 479	..	16 880	863	21 312
1935	1028	60 832	..	13 639	908	22 876
1936	950	48 799	..	12 461	176	13 059
1937	959	52 508	..	13 000	159	14 548
1938	918	53 816	..	13 599	145	15 133
1939	952	58 852	..	19 581	134	15 507
1940	948	59 394	..	14 664	155	14 589
1941	1571	101 785	..	12 886	..	..
1942	..	..	..	..	..	..
1943	1554	110 006	..	..	..	..
1944	..	..	..	..	..	..
1945	1575	147 907	..	..	..	..
1946	1552	156 973	..	..	..	..
1947	1663	206 602	..	..	..	..
1948	1794	236 650	..	..	..	..
1949	1904	273 302	..	..	..	..
1950	1981	349 461	..	..	..	..
1951	2018	413 877	..	..	..	..
1952	2014	501 472	..	..	..	..
1953	2099	564 420	..	..	..	..
1954	2108	560 292	..	..	..	..
1955	2121	584 056	..	..	..	..
1956	2093	699 998	..	..	..	..
1957	2169	716 593	..	..	..	..
1958	2188	747 233	..	..	..	..

(a) Data from 1925 is to 30 June.

In 1915, apart from the numerous bugs in the hospital, there were the rats; 2065 were killed in June 1915. They ran over the patients' beds and bit them. Insanitary conditions were further enhanced by open earth-closets and multitudes of blowflies. Food was served with dirty utensils and usually cold.' Description of Brisbane (Goodna) Mental Hospital in 1915.

SW 23-31 GENERAL RELIEF AND CHILDCARE, TASMANIA 1863-1957

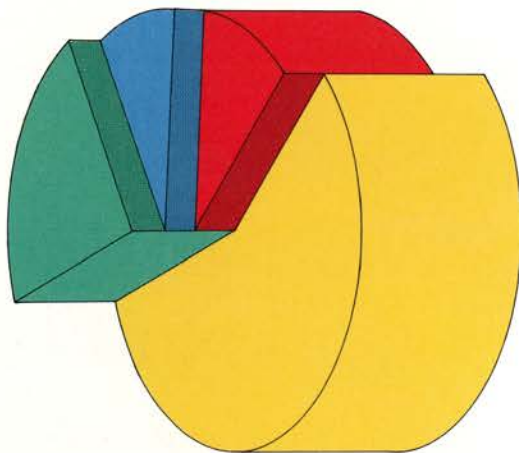
Year 31 Dec	GOVT CHARITABLE ESTABLISH- MENTS		Govt cost outdoor relief	BEN- EVOLUNT SOCIETIES		CHILDREN IN STATE CARE				Cost
	Inmates 31 Dec	Cost		Total relieved	Cost	In insti- tutions 31 Dec ^a	Cost	Other ^b	Cost	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1863	..	..	..	..	..	520				
1864	..	..	..	..	..	583				
1865	..	..	..	..	..	534				
1866	..	..	..	1360	2 550	496	11 657			
1867	..	..	..	1 021	2 224	428	8 030			
1868	..	..	..	1 048	2 793	394	7 174			
1869	..	..	..	899	2 142	399	7 054			
1870	..	..	..	871	1 527	364	6 171			
1871	..	..	7 057	987	2 459	377	6 037			
1872	..	..	9 207	1259	1 714	367	5 799			
1873	..	..	8 813	1106	2 140	331	5 307			
1874	..	..	8 867	942	1 402	237	4 259			
1875	..	..	9 518	890	2 093	188	3 505			
1876	..	..	10 346	835	1 815	168	3 194			
1877	..	..	11 388	876	1 813	138	3 005			
1878	..	..	11 744	854	1 752	110	2 657			
1879	..	..	11 665	742	1 475	22	490			
1880	..	..	10 162	724	2 156	31	727			
1881	848	10 373	9 243	..	..	30	561	191	2094	
1882	742	10 545	4 968	645	2 060	25	564	165	1913	
1883	756	10 544	4 620	621	1 635	19	519	153	1852	
1884	712	11 546	4 478	647	1 885	15	430	135	1900	
1885	775	11 863	4 220	658	2 026	19	382	127	1872	
1886	776	11 570	4 191	729	2 775	28	497	121	1696	
1887	740	10 756	4 271	955	1 651	31	623	139	1775	
1888	758	12 062	3 903	957	1 551	30	686	121	1683	
1889	779	11 553	3 483	915	1 740	30	654	116	1657	
1890	751	11 417	3 147	1043	1 444	37	822	116	1669	
1891	700	10 943	3 061	972	2 131	30	989	130	1771	
1892	740	11 564	3 180	2336	9 284	29	811	136	1754	
1893	719	9 372	2 890	3970	12 551	31	551	109	1625	
1894	741	8 275	2 770	5131	14 016	29	606	96	1336	
1895	713	8 085	1 684	5786	6 377	27	486	97	1193	
1896	691	7 593	1 964	7395	3 511	26	671	108	1450	
1897	655	7 476	1 920	7113	3 761	28	680	127	1661	
1898	594	7 788	1 970	5867	4 206	29	679	171	1933	
1899	522	6 524	1 955	4234	4 457	31	704	188	2093	
1900	478	6 653	1 893	3729	3 080	23	637	220	2192	
1901	457	6 673	3 114	3541	4 358	23	606	221	2206	
1902	393	6 176	1 912	3115	3 102	23	707	218	2086	
1903	407	5 986	1 924	3620	2 675	25	618	175	1808	
30 June										
1904	436	2 857	942	2295	1 508	24	559	145	861	
1905	408	5 118	1 914	2740	1 508	21	713	152	1608	
1906	359	5 274	..	2114	998	19	647	141	1570	
1907	371	..	1 997	2106	925	18	620	160	1639	
1908	310	5 202	2 061	2289	948	..	..	150	1667	
1909	259	5 232	2 267	2813	1 007	25	712	102	1572	

Year 30 June	GOVT CHARITABLE ESTABLISH- MENTS		Govt cost outdoor relief	BEN- EVOLUNT SOCIETIES		CHILDREN IN STATE CARE				Cost
	Inmates 31 Dec	Cost		Total relieved	Cost	In insti- tutions 31 Dec ^a	Cost	Other ^b	Cost	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1910	235	4 805	1 544	2 400	2717	26	729	142	1 452	
1911	..	4 509	1 584	2 182	1416	32	944	148	1 605	
1912	213	4 735	1 230	2 085	1311	34	982	184	2 141	
1913	167	5 386	3 047	2 028	1469	28	1108	196	2 586	
1914	189	5 673	4 685	2 439	2522	26	1143	213	2 729	
1915	199	8 124	6 782	2 499	2262	32	1119	220	3 162	
1916	206	8 670	6 972	1 723	819	35	1253	245	3 879	
1917	216	9 253	6 218	2 314	591	28	1422	256	4 040	
1918	201	9 868	6 726	897	937	42	1739	254	4 341	
1919	207	11 157	8 478	2 777	583	31	997	305	5 186	
1920	212	14 268	11 485	2 407	1196	30	1441	293	7 238	
1921	217	18 153	15 058	2 173	1371	31	1455	322	9 034	
1922	241	16 164	15 058	1 967	1606	31	1909	325	10 043	
1923	235	14 548	18 897	9 041	1845	31	1909	314	10 043	
1924	..	..	..	10 149	2388	..	..	307	13 141	
1925	..	..	..	7 655	2460	..	..	352	10 277	
1926	..	16 457	..	7 500	1714	29	1443	386	11 748	
1927	..	17 714	..	6 417	1588	30	1441	379	12 120	
1928	..	18 409	..	9 378	2778	29	2413	385	12 225	
1929	..	18 368	..	9 214	2146	31	1765	370	12 183	
1930	..	17 523	..	14 401	2977	24	2473	366	11 981	
1931	..	15 724	..	15 617	2439	31	1505	397	12 468	
1932	..	14 423	..	11 911	1649	26	1374	410	12 163	
1933	..	15 128	..	9 831	1858	29	1372	384	11 265	
1934	..	16 811	..	7 148	1726	30	1339	386	11 291	
1935	..	18 112	..	6 604	1629	31	1296	388	11 386	
1936	..	20 276	..	6 684	1932	31	1312	366	11 020	
1937	..	23 326	..	5 246	2257	28	1386	364	10 599	
1938	..	25 671	..	5 840	1936	30	1490	372	10 452	
1939	..	24 407	..	5 237	1762	32	1411	365	10 454	
1940	..	28 943	..	4 311	1613	30	1334	379	10 965	
1941	..	31 416	..	2 889	1424	29	1433	370	11 002	
1942	..	32 280	..	916	1418	32	1695	341	10 698	
1943	..	36 507	..	680	1045	31	1702	298	9 579	
1944	..	43 886	..	323	1073	23	1777	281	9 377	
1945	..	50 159	..	537	1073	31	2054	226	8 145	
1946	..	54 919	..	847	1292	29	3307	214	7 748	
1947	..	63 062	..	784	1453	29	2398	190	6 947	
1948	..	82 142	..	675	1597	32	2548	167	7 752	
1949	..	89 583	..	619	1713	28	3193	150	8 194	
1950	..	103 196	..	359	1385	22	3523	141	8 291	
1951	..	..	..	284	1553	..	..	130	8 450	
1952	..	55 561	..	297	1628	22	3423	106	8 186	
1953	..	55 561	..	524	1959	26	5540	86	7 010	
1954	..	..	..	545	1955	30	5133	80	7 854	
1955	..	..	..	555	2138	31	7985	109	10 444	
1956	..	..	..	623	2248	30	6796	115	13 738	
1957	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	161	16 775	

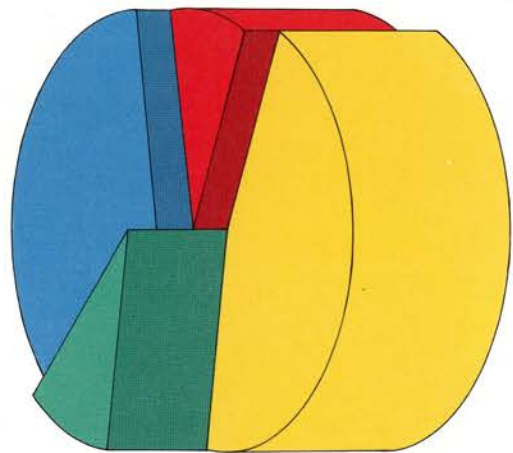
- (a) Includes the orphan schools and Queen's Asylum to 1878, the Boys' Home, which became an industrial school in 1890, from 1869.
 (b) Includes children boarded out to foster parents.

**SW 32-35 GENERAL RELIEF AND CHILDCARE, WESTERN
AUSTRALIA 1886-1915**

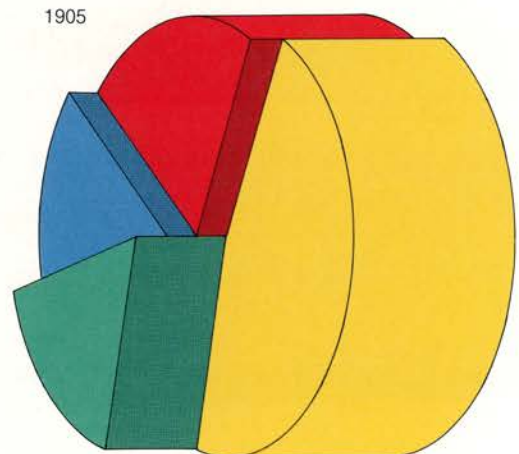
GENERAL RELIEF					CHILDREN IN STATE CARE				
Year	Inmates	Cost	In institutions	Other	Year	Inmates	Cost	In institutions	Other
31 Dec	31 Dec		31 Dec		31 Dec	31 Dec		31 Dec	
32	33		34	35	32	33		34	35
£					£				
1886	181	..	208	..	1901	..	..	..	..
1887	..	9 386	..	..	1902	436	..	446	..
1888	..	9 449	..	..	1903	..	..	..	..
1889	171	8 991	..	..	1904	..	..	..	..
1890	168	8 677	204	..	1905	..	..	..	..
1891	..	8 548	..	..	1906	..	..	99	..
1892	186	9 265	194	..	1907	..	..	119	..
1893	..	..	..	..	1908	..	..	111	91
1894	..	..	..	..	1909	..	..	140	78
1895	..	..	..	..	1910	..	..	147	83
1896	255	14 230	251	..	1911	..	..	140	93
1897	288	16 382	..	..	1912	562	..	139	94
1898	333	18 381	348	..	1913	574	..	141	86
1899	..	22 054	..	..	1914	731	..	178	107
1900	..	..	..	..	1915	782	..	177	151



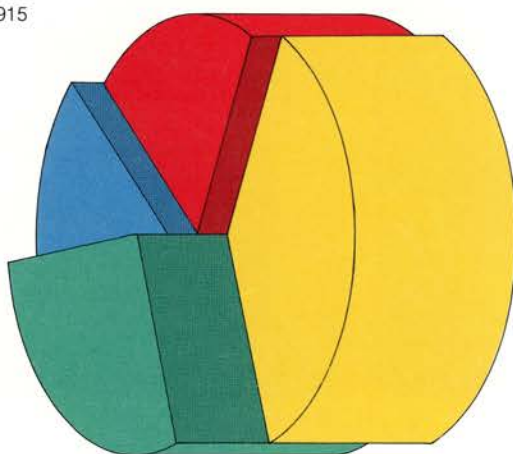
1885



1895



1905



1915

Govt charitable
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childcare

**MONEY SPENT ON GENERAL RELIEF AND CHILDCARE, TASMANIA, FOR
SELECTED YEARS**

SW 36-47 STATE AND COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL WELFARE CURRENT EXPENDITURE 1900/01-1977/78

Year 30 June	SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE				EDUCATION				HEALTH				TOTAL WELFARE			
	WELFARE		Total	Common-wealth	EDUCATION		Total	Common-wealth	HEALTH		Total	Common-wealth	TOTAL WELFARE			
	Common-wealth	States			States	States			States	States						
36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47					
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
1901	1 369	1 369	1 369	3 978	3 978	3 978	1 588	1 588	1 588	1 588	1 588	1 588	6 935	6 935	6 935	
1902	2 540	2 540	2 540	4 275	4 275	4 275	1 440	1 440	1 440	1 440	1 440	1 440	8 255	8 255	8 255	
1903	2 647	2 647	2 647	4 305	4 305	4 305	1 564	1 564	1 564	1 564	1 564	1 564	8 516	8 516	8 516	
1904	2 656	2 656	2 656	4 353	4 353	4 353	1 460	1 460	1 460	1 460	1 460	1 460	8 469	8 469	8 469	
1905	2 523	2 523	2 523	4 412	4 412	4 412	1 381	1 381	1 381	1 381	1 381	1 381	8 316	8 316	8 316	
1906	2 493	2 493	2 493	4 509	4 509	4 509	1 424	1 424	1 424	1 424	1 424	1 424	8 426	8 426	8 426	
1907	2 512	2 512	2 512	4 614	4 614	4 614	1 497	1 497	1 497	1 497	1 497	1 497	8 623	8 623	8 623	
1908	2 647	2 647	2 647	4 923	4 923	4 923	1 712	1 712	1 712	1 712	1 712	1 712	9 282	9 282	9 282	
1909	3 141	3 141	3 146	5 103	5 103	5 103	1 931	1 931	1 931	1 931	1 931	1 931	10 175	10 182	10 182	
1910	2 941	1 362	4 303	5 473	5 473	5 473	2 042	2 042	2 042	2 042	2 042	2 042	8 834	11 818	11 818	
1911	3 773	1 131	4 904	5 836	5 836	5 836	2 252	2 252	2 252	2 252	2 252	2 252	9 172	12 992	12 992	
1912	4 399	1 092	5 491	6 590	6 590	6 590	2 505	2 505	2 505	2 505	2 505	2 505	10 187	14 640	14 640	
1913	5 448	1 189	6 637	7 181	7 181	7 181	2 807	2 807	2 807	2 807	2 807	2 807	11 177	16 688	16 688	
1914	6 668	1 308	7 976	8 767	7 775	7 775	3 066	2 968	3 066	2 968	3 066	2 968	12 043	18 817	18 817	
1915	6 955	1 727	8 682	7 935	7 942	7 942	3 116	3 116	3 116	3 116	3 116	3 116	12 778	19 817	19 817	
1916	7 517	2 022	9 539	9 813	8 192	8 192	3 337	3 337	3 337	3 337	3 337	3 337	13 542	21 156	21 156	
1917	11 075	1 751	12 826	9 879	8 788	8 788	3 631	3 631	3 631	3 631	3 631	3 631	14 161	25 349	25 349	
1918	15 057	1 879	16 936	18 934	9 359	9 359	3 710	3 710	3 710	3 710	3 710	3 710	15 187	30 117	30 117	
1919	21 046	2 307	23 353	326 974	10 067	10 067	4 585	4 585	4 585	4 585	4 585	4 585	16 633	38 345	38 345	
1920	27 432	2 856	30 288	2 611 11 380	13 991	884	5 274	6 158	30 927	19 510	50 437	41 823	40 670	82 493	82 493	
1921	25 734	3 409	29 143	3 285 15 199	18 484	1 310	5 784	7 094	30 329	24 392	54 721	45 229	43 959	89 188	89 188	
1922	27 497	3 788	31 285	2 069 15 569	17 638	1 509	5 743	7 252	31 075	25 100	56 175	40 398	52 670	93 068	93 068	
1923	27 930	3 613	31 543	1 010 15 472	16 482	1 234	5 500	6 734	30 174	24 585	54 759	31 075	45 153	91 353	91 353	
1924	29 209	3 413	32 622	502 16 541	17 043	677	5 999	6 676	30 388	25 953	56 341	30 388	44 050	82 938	82 938	
1925	30 308	3 673	33 981	317 17 329	17 646	1 188	6 283	7 471	31 813	27 285	59 098	31 813	44 241	89 546	89 546	
1926	33 520	4 283	37 803	283 18 219	18 502	1 195	6 757	7 952	34 998	29 259	64 257	34 998	49 404	94 507	94 507	
1927	35 458	4 799	40 257	299 19 291	19 590	1 232	7 017	8 249	36 989	31 107	68 096	36 989	52 720	101 818	101 818	
1928	37 552	7 097	44 649	284 20 403	20 687	1 602	7 353	8 955	39 438	34 853	74 291	39 438	51 924	104 644	104 644	
1929	38 120	9 867	47 987	369 22 194	22 563	1 544	8 010	9 554	40 033	38 345	80 104	40 033	52 621	105 992	105 992	
1930	39 955	10 332	50 287	392 22 316	22 708	1 476	8 022	9 498	41 823	40 670	82 493	41 823	53 243	107 713	107 713	
1931	43 476	15 710	59 186	384 21 109	21 493	1 369	7 140	8 509	45 229	43 959	89 188	45 229	55 056	110 736	110 736	
1932	39 014	26 572	65 586	263 19 581	19 844	1 121	6 517	7 638	40 398	52 670	93 068	40 398	61 623	127 921	127 921	
1933	37 127	27 674	64 801	216 18 158	18 374	1 096	7 082	8 178	38 439	52 914	91 353	38 439	52 914	140 511	140 511	
1934	37 570	18 203	55 773	204 18 535	18 739	1 114	7 312	8 426	38 888	44 050	82 938	38 888	44 050	153 295	153 295	
1935	39 825	17 018	56 843	218 19 002	19 220	1 212	7 630	8 842	41 255	43 650	84 905	41 255	52 180	160 914	160 914	
1936	42 452	16 791	59 243	240 20 149	20 389	1 549	8 365	9 914	44 241	45 305	89 546	44 241	59 404	205 318	205 318	
1937	45 869	23 128	68 997	329 21 660	21 989	1 550	9 282	10 832	47 748	54 070	101 818	47 748	69 116	248 114	248 114	
1938	49 666	18 676	68 342	365 23 634	23 999	1 893	10 410	12 303	51 924	52 720	104 644	51 924	72 720	104 644	104 644	
1939	50 425	18 381	68 806	383 24 456	24 839	1 813	10 534	12 347	52 621	53 371	105 992	52 621	73 571	105 992	105 992	
1940	51 097	18 589	69 686	427 24 727	25 154	1 719	11 154	12 873	53 243	54 470	107 713	53 243	75 470	110 736	110 736	
1941	52 741	19 469	72 210	412 24 859	25 271	1 903	11 352	13 255	55 056	56 680	110 736	55 056	80 282	127 921	127 921	
1942	79 433	8 407	87 840	377 25 505	25 882	1 813	12 386	14 199	61 623	64 298	132 921	61 623	84 299	140 511	140 511	
1943	92 962	6 011	98 973	327 26 132	26 459	2 069	13 010	15 079	95 358	45 153	153 295	95 358	104 994	160 914	160 914	
1944	102 345	6 170	108 515	414 27 433	27 847	2 235	14 698	16 933	108 734	48 301	153 295	108 734	125 994	205 318	205 318	
1945	105 620	5 937	111 557	499 29 573	30 072	2 615	16 670	19 285	114 914	59 404	205 318	114 914	145 914	248 114	248 114	
1946	139 112	6 983	146 095	972 33 151	34 123	5 830	19 270	25 100	178 998	69 116	277 003	178 998	195 579	310 627	310 627	
1947	158 898	7 559	166 457	3 908 39 553	43 461	16 192	22 034	38 226	217 288	69 116	277 003	217 288	217 288	310 627	310 627	
1948	172 395	6 542	178 937	4 023 44 782	48 805	19 161	30 100	47 526	219 769	81 424	277 003	219 769	219 769	310 627	310 627	
1949	198 964	8 410	207 374	3 261 52 466	55 727	15 302	32 224	47 526	217 527	93 100	310 627	217 527	217 527	310 627	310 627	
1950	237 876	8 477	246 353	2 671 62 900	65 571	28 444	43 090	71 534	268 991	114 467	383 458	268 991	331 084	471 946	471 946	
1951	283 317	9 584	292 901	3 215 76 904	80 119	44 552	54 374	98 926	331 084	140 862	571 648	331 084	388 219	571 648	571 648	
1952	322 652	11 167	333 819	7 768 97 418	105 186	57 799	74 844	132 643	388 219	183 429	643 057	388 219	427 037	643 057	643 057	
1953	353 100	12 942	366 042	7 743 118 208	125 951	66 194	84 870	151 064	427 037	216 020	710 730	427 037	480 054	710 730	710 730	
1954	395 188	16 684	411 874	8 504 128 724	137 228	76 362	85 266	161 628	519 073	230 676	868 505	519 073	519 073	868 505	868 505	
1955	420 887	16 176	437 063	9 345 45</												

SW 48-52 AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS, AUSTRALIA 1901-1985

Year 30 June	Age pensioners	Invalid pensioners	Total pensioners ^a	Age pension payments	Total pension payments ^b
48	49	50	51	52	
				£'000	£'000
1901	16 275	0	16 275	129	129
1902	36 752	0	36 752	728	728
1903	33 322	0	33 322	641	641
1904	32 047	0	32 047	713	713
1905	31 692	0	31 692	696	696
1906	31 807	0	31 807	678	678
1907	31 695	0	31 695	682	682
1908	39 237	1 765	41 002	885	898
1909	34 347 ^c	3 732	38 079	947	1 020
1910	65 492	4 252	65 492	1434	1 535
1911	75 502	7 451	82 953	..	1 847
1912	79 071	10 763	89 834	..	2 150
1913	82 943	13 739	96 682	..	2 302
1914	87 780	16 865	104 645	..	2 592
1915	90 892	20 417	111 309	..	2 719
1916	91 783	23 439	115 222	..	2 892
1917	93 672	26 781	121 946	..	3 554
1918	95 387	29 912	127 292	..	3 793
1919	95 969	31 999	130 107	..	3 937
1920	99 170	35 231	136 721	..	4 484
1921	102 415	37 981	142 977	..	5 150
1922	105 096	39 019	146 917	..	5 380
1923	107 389	40 064	150 298	..	5 424
1924	113 054	42 617	160 429	..	6 524
1925	117 516	44 840	167 353	..	6 993
1926	126 918	48 803	180 670	..	8 252
1927	133 234	52 399	190 457	..	9 145
1928	139 367	55 517	199 815	..	9 790
1929	145 393	59 148	209 727	..	10 124
1930	155 196	63 304	223 736	..	10 791
1931	172 177	68 343	245 982	..	11 711
1932	183 317	72 292	260 793	..	11 126
1933	176 425	72 742	254 008	..	10 771
1934	187 453	73 212	265 494	..	10 963
1935	197 126	76 852	278 998	..	11 762
1936	206 748	80 487	292 409	..	12 798
1937	215 690	83 396	304 251	..	13 999
1938	224 154	86 096	315 394	..	15 799
1939	232 836	88 812	326 868	..	15 992
1940	272 896	58 696 ^d	336 807 ^d	..	16 459
1941	276 760	58 921	341 139	..	17 366
1942	275 456	60 597	341 330	..	19 257
1943	267 239	58 081	331 157	..	22 293
1944	257 186	57 942	319 979	.. ^e	21 699 ^e

Year 30 June	Age pensioners	Invalid pensioners	Total pensioners ^a	Age pension payments	Total pension payments ^b
48	49	50	51	52	
				£'000	£'000
1945	252 634	58 281	315 782	..	21 701
1946	264 826	62 868	332 644	..	26 962
1947	290 173	68 277	363 701	..	29 417
1948	302 854	73 073	381 369	..	36 526
1949	321 327	76 056	403 022	..	41 694
1950	334 923	73 494	413 792	..	44 557
1951	342 806	68 918	417 368	..	49 520
1952	352 049	67 963	425 637	..	59 788
1953	374 791	70 232	451 332	..	72 424
1954	397 784	73 732	477 979	..	81 293
1955	425 556	78 498	510 186	..	88 006
1956	446 207	82 775	535 226	..	101 625
1957	465 781	88 236	554 017	..	109 210
1958	496 757	77 451	574 208	..	121 577
1959	513 789	83 853	597 642	..	129 751
1960	538 022	80 816	618 838	..	147 005
1961	562 790	88 642	651 432	..	157 926
1962	594 012	97 246	691 258	..	180 245
1963	607 350	104 038	711 388	..	187 754
1964	615 186	109 725	724 911	..	199 940
1965	628 100	107 473	735 573	..	213 298
				\$'000	\$'000
1966	636 984	106 645	743 629	..	442 355
1967	651 363	112 314	763 677	..	481 840
1968	682 265	114 745	797 010	..	513 984
1969	705 311	121 744	827 055	..	558 587
1970	779 007	133 766	912 773	..	641 982
1971	807 711	134 075	941 786	..	702 276
1972	832 693	138 818	971 511	680 322	818 517
1973	931 812	149 609	1 081 421	887 750	1 072 449
1974	1 027 582	156 783	1 184 365	1 146 387	1 372 409
1975	1 097 225	168 784	1 266 009	1 612 468	1 918 946
1976	1 158 657	183 787	1 342 444	2 129 366	2 536 442
1977	1 205 347	202 963	1 408 310	2 483 563	2 994 582
1978	1 264 778	204 944	1 469 722	2 933 897	3 532 272
1979	1 292 476	219 843	1 512 319	3 229 013	3 919 370
1980	1 321 926	229 219	1 551 145	3 508 755	4 305 122
1981	1 347 430	221 951	1 569 381	3 935 796	4 816 591
1982	1 367 035	216 649	1 583 684	4 506 946	5 484 071
1983	1 390 838	220 289	1 611 127	4 867 554	5 935 904
1984	1 358 129	240 574	1 598 703	5 313 659	6 576 309
1985	1 331 782	259 162	1 590 944	5 638 926	7 108 698

NOTE Includes Vic, NSW and Qld age pensions to 1909, NSW invalid pensions 1907-10.

(a) Includes pensioners in benevolent asylums.

(b) Age pension payments and invalid pension payments.

(c) Excludes Qld figures. NSW figures to 1909 are as at 31 Aug of each year.

(d) From 1940 invalid pensioners qualifying for age pensions were included in col 48 figures.

(e) Includes wives' pensions and additional pension for children from 1944.

'Ah,' said Wardley, 'the times are different from my young days.
We were independent then; a fair day's work for a fair day's pay; that's all we
asked. Here are young fellows today without any sense of independence.
My two sons have taken the Old Age Pension.'
'How old are they, Bill?'
'One's seventy-four and the other seventy-two! No pride.'
Randolph Bedford, Nought to thirty-three, 1944.

SW 53-54
UNEMPLOYMENT
BENEFITS, AUSTRALIA
1946-1985

Year 30 June	Benefits granted	Benefit paid
	53	54
	£'000	
1946	77 744	525
1947	80 488	911
1948	28 662	370
1949	12 126	139
1950	161 101	1 266
1951	11 904	62
1952	27 387	187
1953	175 375	4 570
1954	62 133	2 505
1955	24 300	679
1956	37 384	719
1957	96 030	2 096
1958	143 877	4 920
1959	145 016	5 959
1960	108 224	4 505
1961	161 113	4 469
1962	278 936	12 637
1963	200 982	10 650
1964	139 500	6 729
1965	88 512	3 404
	\$'000	
1966	114 497	7 813
1967	151 024	11 186
1968	158 133	11 242
1969	132 914	9 268
1970	109 383	8 868
1971	137 963	10 795
1972	255 417	25 997
1973	280 573	46 553
1974	229 231	58 246
1975	701 302	251 740
1976	891 904	513 923
1977	803 461	618 074
1978	879 637	794 144
1979	810 500	910 012
1980	792 300	925 195
1981	782 500	995 748
1982	833 600	1 224 343
1983	1 115 323	2 248 980
1984	975 988	2 912 314
1985	860 481	2 983 605

SW 55-57 SICKNESS BENEFITS,
AUSTRALIA 1946-1985

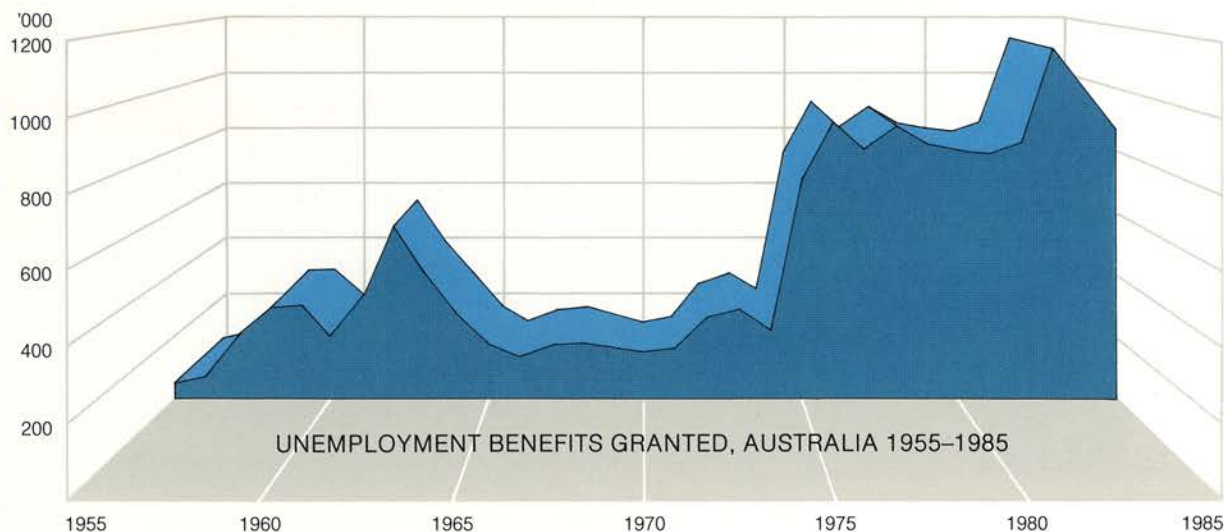
Year 30 June	Benefits granted	Bene- ficiaries ^a	Benefit paid
	55	56	57
	£'000		
1946	39 902	6 025	526
1947	57 483	8 437	711
1948	69 486	9 879	791
1949	68 864	10 566	796
1950	63 842	12 622	816
1951	61 410	7 098	746
1952	50 675	6 494	710
1953	50 525	7 064	1 393
1954	56 536	7 967	1 676
1955	57 766	7 967	1 608
1956	55 985	7 303	1 472
1957	52 791	7 006	1 499
1958	54 517	7 262	1 857
1959	58 680	8 242	2 197
1960	59 159	8 755	2 238
1961	58 184	8 513	2 151
1962	63 586	9 286	2 665
1963	66 402	10 514	3 375
1964	69 503	10 994	3 451
1965	68 637	10 457	3 249
	\$'000		
1966	69 585	10 044	6 483
1967	72 276	10 108	6 611
1968	72 924	9 935	6 290
1969	63 024	8 407	5 531
1970	66 766	8 572	7 146
1971	73 601	9 524	10 262
1972	83 879	11 927	15 906
1973	101 249	16 163	26 610
1974	118 190	20 655	41 407
1975	131 377	24 346	62 833
1976	153 869	28 081	92 215
1977	148 508	32 385	105 408
1978	145 910	34 724	117 929
1979	133 000	3 340	113 263
1980	142 100	36 100	126 631
1981	140 900	44 500	174 477
1982	154 600	48 600	225 053
1983	156 632	57 684	270 776
1984	142 179	63 200	335 882
1985	141 277	62 400	364 628

(a) Average number of people receiving benefit at end of each week in year.

SW 58-60 SPECIAL BENEFITS,
AUSTRALIA 1946-1985

Year 30 June	Benefits granted	Bene- ficiaries ^a	Benefit paid
	58	59	60
	£'000		
1946	436	105	4
1947	1 766	396	28
1948	5 326	863	57
1949	21 229	2 023	136
1950	49 755	1 258	424
1951	20 828	862	229
1952	13 651	993	111
1953	10 675	1 372	292
1954	3 631	1 859	308
1955	3 548	1 966	298
1956	3 679	1 984	307
1957	3 877	2 015	323
1958	3 870	2 106	394
1959	4 059	2 148	420
1960	3 763	2 295	448
1961	3 928	2 391	449
1962	3 534	2 339	511
1963	4 385	2 490	590
1964	4 267	2 584	612
1965	4 009	2 507	606
	\$'000		
1966	4 014	2 388	1 196
1967	3 961	2 195	1 125
1968	4 384	2 232	1 171
1969	11 920	3 863	1 793
1970	12 382	4 103	2 323
1971	14 120	3 971	2 145
1972	13 447	3 769	2 686
1973	14 211	4 019	4 249
1974	14 108	4 409	6 838
1975	17 731	5 222	10 679
1976	35 085	6 628	16 746
1977	40 299	8 039	21 657
1978	42 706	9 795	29 743
1979	48 700	12 000	36 491
1980	66 850	15 850	49 273
1981	83 630	20 400	69 988
1982	69 700	18 100	74 107
1983	70 074	20 110	89 167
1984	95 790	19 100	92 782
1985	98 812	18 500	100 282

(a) Average number of people receiving benefit at end of each week in year.



SW 61-65 WIDOWS' PENSIONS, AUSTRALIA 1926-1985

Year 30 June	PENSIONERS				Amount paid
	Class A	Class B	Class C	Total ^d	
	61	62	63	64	65
					£'000
1926	..	..	..	4 404	127
1927	..	..	..	5 449	554
1928	..	..	..	6 038	609
1929	..	..	..	6 328	637
1930	..	..	..	6 023	612
1931	..	..	..	6 661	620
1932	..	..	..	7 218	639
1933	..	..	..	7 180	619
1934	..	..	..	8 433	530
1935	..	..	..	8 268	532
1936	..	..	..	8 168	558
1937	..	..	..	8 108	540
1938	..	..	..	8 454	602
1939	..	..	..	8 665	630
1940	..	..	..	8 732	631
1941	..	..	..	8 475	609
1942	..	..	..	..	568
1943	16 214	22 130	58	38 408	2359
1944	16 107	26 030	75	42 220	2801
1945	15 284	28 804	67	44 164	2965
1946	15 707	28 805	75	44 597	3247
1947	16 702	25 944	96	42 755	3366
1948	17 732	25 099	94	43 031	3904
1949	17 891	25 127	117	43 262	4388
1950	17 760	24 916	109	42 908	4421
1951	17 717	23 997	120	41 971	4828
1952	17 424	23 095	99	40 769	5615
1953	17 980	22 757	114	41 044	6334
1954	18 100	22 314	131	40 742	6626
1955	18 683	22 491	191	41 561	6862
1956	19 511	22 991	204	42 947	7723
1957	20 648	24 269	223	45 416	8862

NOTE Class A widows are widows who have custody, care and control of one or more children, other than those women whose husbands are imprisoned. Class B widows are widows of fifty years or more, who have custody, care and control of one or more children, other than those women whose husbands are imprisoned. Class C widows are widows, other than Class A and B, in necessitous circumstances.

(a) Includes women whose husbands are imprisoned and who are caring for children, and widows in benevolent asylums.

Year 30 June	PENSIONERS				Amount paid
	Class A	Class B	Class C	Total ^d	
	61	62	63	64	65
					£'000
1958	20 970	25 579	138	46 928	9 832
1959	22 296	27 020	131	49 706	10 777
1960	23 240	28 359	87	51 922	12 137
1961	24 491	30 830	115	55 436	13 469
1962	24 584	32 157	95	56 836	15 095
1963	25 261	33 112	104	58 477	15 676
1964	27 371	34 659	94	62 124	20 785
1965	29 713	35 574	111	65 398	23 522
					\$'000
1966	31 796	36 703	107	68 606	50 017
1967	34 526	38 259	105	72 890	56 438
1968	35 899	39 065	105	75 069	61 061
1969	38 038	39 768	91	77 897	69 080
1970	44 064	42 771	86	86 921	81 753
1971	47 146	43 157	96	90 399	90 514
1972	49 811	42 893	80	92 784	104 627
1973	57 872	47 768	77	105 717	140 505
1974	64 084	51 137	89	115 310	180 957
1975	66 518	54 177	96	120 791	241 392
1976	71 009	58 408	74	129 491	325 260
1977	76 059	63 329	97	139 485	370 201
1978	82 392	67 461	103	149 956	439 497
1979	88 683	71 941	123	160 747	499 349
1980	91 142	74 922	118	166 182	561 393
1981	87 837	77 700	124	165 661	641 792
1982	84 800	79 158	133	164 091	717 386
1983	84 261	80 226	119	164 606	758 086
1984	81 176	81 755	114	163 045	829 537
1985	78 278	81 541	96	159 915	889 380

SW 71-75 WAR, SERVICE AND DISABILITY PENSIONS, AUSTRALIA 1916-1985

Year 30 June	PENSIONS PAID TO				Amount paid
	Incapaci- tated members of forces ^a	Dependants of in- capacitated members	Dependants of deceased members	Total pensions paid	
	71	72	73	74	75
					£'000
1916	3 025	1 415	4 314	8 754	318
1917	15 916	11 264	18 011	45 191	1 213
1918	40 702	32 154	37 318	110 174	2 772
1919	71 512	59 581	50 436	181 529	4 828
1920	90 389	86 448	48 743	225 580	5 873
1921	79 491	93 995	49 051	222 537	7 387
1922	76 249	102 046	47 077	225 372	7 028
1923	74 692	111 828	45 635	232 155	7 135
1924	72 760	120 188	43 813	236 761	7 091
1925	72 128	129 702	42 767	244 597	7 147
1926	72 128	139 477	41 004	252 609	7 347
1927	72 388	147 568	39 865	259 821	7 559
1928	72 667	155 809	38 194	266 670	7 691
1929	73 436	163 013	36 182	272 631	7 735
1930	74 578	170 437	34 270	279 285	7 919
1931	75 316	172 389	35 617	283 322	7 996
1932	75 646	166 846	31 619	274 111	7 440
1933	75 244	164 268	30 298	269 810	6 926
1934	75 037	162 198	29 719	266 954	7 049
1935	74 998	158 787	30 276	264 061	7 360
1936	78 605	155 241	30 137	263 983	7 551
1937	81 784	148 759	29 752	260 295	7 905
1938	83 376	155 589	29 100	268 065	8 091
1939	84 560	149 422	28 419	262 401	8 226
1940	84 649	138 711	27 517	250 877	8 154
1941	84 135	128 246	27 191	239 572	8 000
1942	85 357	120 148	29 080	234 585	8 082
1943	89 657	117 873	32 607	240 137	9 026
1944	98 511	122 084	36 451	257 046	10 970
1945	115 143	139 337	39 165	293 645	12 047
1946	146 848	178 540	47 091	372 479	14 062
1947	162 830	198 876	47 406	409 112	15 960
1948	170 314	213 420	47 557	431 291	17 501
1949	178 070	230 325	47 738	456 133	20 084
1950	186 899	252 343	48 313	487 594	22 295
1951	193 063	277 725	48 399	519 187	27 698
1952	197 265	296 296	48 330	541 891	33 623

Year 30 June	PENSIONS PAID TO				Amount paid
	Incapaci- tated members of forces ^a	Dependants of in- capacitated members	Dependants of deceased members	Total pensions paid	
	71	72	73	74	75
					£'000
1953	202 361	312 519	48 271	563 151	36 577
1954	207 466	328 521	48 485	584 472	39 479
1955	212 755	344 546	48 552	605 853	44 548
1956	222 170	363 452	48 767	634 389	47 307
1957	227 504	375 801	49 062	652 367	50 162
1958	232 753	388 303	49 509	670 565	55 982
1959	237 235	398 855	50 345	686 435	60 769
					\$'000
1960	241 462	407 394	51 298	700 973	65 822
1961	248 204	410 886	52 502	712 381	73 672
1962	258 411	414 938	54 417	728 570	77 522
1963	266 034 ^b	410 383 ^b	56 145 ^b	733 576	81 313
1964	270 902	404 887	57 652	734 700	89 525
1965	272 481	392 641	59 190	725 603	89 656
					\$'000
1966	273 042	378 434	59 927	713 150	198 662
1967	273 312	364 056	60 779	698 852	190 842
1968	273 656	349 063	61 762	685 173	196 219
1969	272 603	332 596	62 259	668 146	216 958
1970	276 149	320 164	62 752	659 727	223 366
1971	276 343	307 188	62 772	646 967	235 122
1972	274 011	293 998	62 479	631 221	260 295
1973	279 240	300 474	62 008	642 394	297 304
1974	283 532	295 311	60 846	640 360	355 803
1975	285 028	290 482	59 910	636 093	469 924
1976	293 543	287 055	58 938	640 536	559 765
1977	298 808	292 031	58 040	648 879	654 740
1978	306 382	290 541	54 291	651 203	791 134
1979	314 780	292 807	53 138	660 723	851 525
1980	324 841	297 859	52 031	674 731	957 179
1981	337 657	306 511	51 453	695 621	1 182 796
1982	348 610	312 808	51 614	713 032	1 318 212
1983	368 757	327 515	55 259	751 621	1 704 386
1984	384 722	339 950	58 110	782 782	2 016 939
1985	393 082	344 214	63 524	800 820	2 315 104

NOTE Includes pensions paid by commonwealth govt for all wars from the Boer War to 1985.

(a) Includes pensions paid on behalf of British commonwealth governments.

(b) SW 73-75 are incomplete for some minor subcategories of pensions after 1962 and will not therefore sum to SW 76.

SW 66-70 SUPPORTING PARENTS' BENEFITS, AUSTRALIA 1974-1985

Year 30 June	BENE- FICIARIES		Amount paid to female bene- ficiaries	Amount paid to male bene- ficiaries ^a	Total benefit paid ^a
	Male	Female			
	66	67	68	69	70
					\$'000
1974	26 286	0	40 586	0	40 586
1975	36 015	0	76 092	0	76 092
1976	45 542	0	127 230	0	127 230
1977	50 954	0 ^b	158 483	0 ^b	158 483
1978	55 364	2069	190 471	2 354	192 825
1979	59 365	3133	..	11 388	226 680 ^c
1980	66 604	3821	..	13 219	259 596 ^c
1981	101 583	5048	392 238	20 161	412 399
1982	118 019	5923	578 210	27 654	605 864
1983	132 358	7870	690 654	37 080	727 734
1984	144 680	8909	839 506	50 089	889 595
1985	158 281	9736	1 005 869	60 328	1 066 197

(a) Includes payment for beneficiary; mother's or guardian's allowance; additional pension for children; supplementary assistance and remote area allowance.

(b) Benefit extended to males 1977.

(c) For 1979 and 1980 total amount paid includes payments to beneficiaries overseas. Separate figures are not available for females and males.

Allowances current

