
REPORT

OF THE

AUDITOR-GENERAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30th JUNE, 1974

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REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL OF VICTORIA

UPON

THE TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1974.

PART I.—INTRODUCTION.

As directed by Section 47 of the *Audit Act* 1958, I hereby transmit to the Legislative Assembly the Statement prepared by the Treasurer of the receipts and expenditure of the Consolidated Fund and the Trust Fund for the financial year ended 30th June, 1974. In accordance with the provisions of Section 47, I submit my Report explaining the Statement in full and showing particulars of the several matters referred to in sub-sections (1) and (2) of that Section.

After a general review in Part II. of the main features of the State finances, the Report discusses in some detail, in Parts III. and IV., the receipts and payments of the Consolidated Fund and the Trust Fund. Comments on the accounts of various individual departments, branches and authorities are given in Part V. Part VI. contains information on general matters which are required to be reported to Parliament under specific provisions of the *Audit Act*, or which otherwise warrant inclusion. Supporting statements and appendices complete the Report.

In assembling figures for the various statements furnished throughout the Report, I have regarded expenditure from the Consolidated Fund as including expenditure from the Works and Services Account, in that I have treated that part of the moneys appropriated from the Consolidated Fund to the Works and Services Account and expended through the Works and Services Account as being, in fact, expenditure from the Consolidated Fund.

As required by Section 46 of the *Audit Act*, the Treasurer has included and distinguished in his statement of the expenditure of the Consolidated Fund for the year such amounts as had been expended but in respect of which no appropriation had been made on or before 30th June, 1974. The relevant figures are submitted on the basis that Parliamentary appropriation of the amounts is made in due course.

The Treasurer's Statement and the related subsidiary statements have been examined by my officers and are in agreement with the accounts of the Treasurer. Various aspects of the accounts and records of the revenue, expenditure and stores of departments, branches and authorities have been audited during the year on a test basis, consistent with accepted auditing concepts and practice.

My comments upon the accounts of other major public authorities which I am required by law to audit will be furnished to Parliament as soon as practicable in a Supplementary Report now in course of preparation.

PART II.—REVIEW.

In the Budget for 1973-74, the Treasurer estimated that the total receipts to the Consolidated Fund would be \$1,549,017,000. The actual result for the year was a total of \$1,610,923,111 and this amount was appropriated in full to the service of the year.

In broad terms, the receipts to the Consolidated Fund were derived from the following sources and compare with Budget Estimates and with those of the previous year as shown :—

	Budget. 1973-74. \$	Actual. 1973-74. \$	Actual. 1972-73. \$
State Taxation	512,110,000	549,930,067	407,723,380
Other State Sources exc. Railways	218,062,000	223,440,287	188,399,465
Railway Income	114,746,000	114,211,966	110,410,116
Commonwealth Sources exc. Loan Raisings	546,361,000	562,861,617	478,097,662
	1,391,279,000	1,450,443,937	1,184,630,623
Loan Raisings and Repayments	157,738,000	160,479,174	196,522,627
	1,549,017,000	1,610,923,111	1,381,153,250

Payment from the Consolidated Fund of the total receipts to the Fund related to the following broad headings of expenditure and compares with Budget Estimates and with that of the previous year as shown :—

	Budget. 1973-74. \$	Actual. 1973-74. \$	Actual. 1972-73. \$
Special Appropriation—Debt Charges, Salaries, Pensions, General Expenses, &c.	286,490,823	291,988,911	261,879,771
Annual Vote—Departmental Services exc. Railways	853,348,177	883,490,899	715,410,975
Railway Operating Expenses	179,880,000	188,906,166	156,326,973
	1,319,719,000	1,364,385,976	1,133,617,719
Special Appropriation—Works and Services Account	229,298,000	246,537,135	247,535,531
	1,549,017,000	1,610,923,111	1,381,153,250

In addition to receipts required to be credited to the Consolidated Fund, the Treasurer received in the year and credited to accounts within the Trust Fund a total of \$1,604,249,463. Included in these receipts are amounts to a total of \$351,347,469 received from the Commonwealth as recoups of expenditure, as conditional grants to the State and as advances for disbursement by the State. A broad classification of the purposes for which these amounts were received from the Commonwealth is as follows :—

	\$
Education	162,452,343
Health	19,822,174
Housing (inc. Home Builders, repayments and interest)	77,820,731
Primary Production	18,119,047
Road and Other Works	68,885,051
Other	4,248,123
	351,347,469

Payments from Trust Fund totalled \$1,568,403,856 and may be classified under the following broad headings :—

	\$
Commonwealth	347,141,704
Commonwealth-State	2,549,589
Compensation and Insurance	132,111,103
Deposit	489,737
Depreciation	3,609,866
Social, Health and Welfare	154,473,965
Superannuation and Pension	2,704,133
Suspense	483,924,713
Works and Development	356,216,402
Other	85,182,644
	<u>1,568,403,856</u>

More detailed comment in respect of trust account transactions, including those in respect of new accounts, is given at page 27 et seq.

The overall effect on the Public Account of the transactions relating to the Consolidated Fund and the Trust Fund as mentioned above is shown in the following statement which summarizes the movements within the Public Account for the year.

	\$	\$
Balance at credit of Public Account 1st July, 1973 ..		205,964,436
Receipts—		
Consolidated Fund	1,610,923,111	
Trust Fund	1,604,249,463	
	<u>3,215,172,574</u>	
		<u>3,421,137,010</u>
Payments—		
Consolidated Fund	1,610,923,111	
Trust Fund	1,568,403,856	
Advances	7,934,475	
	<u>3,187,261,442</u>	
Balance at credit of Public Account 30th June, 1974		<u>233,875,568</u>

The balance of the Public Account is accounted for in the Treasurer's Statement as follows :—

	\$	\$
Trust Fund Balance		266,741,424
Less Advances from Public Account—		
For Consolidated Revenue Deficits	21,782,281	
For Departmental and Other Purposes	11,083,575	
	<u>32,865,856</u>	
		<u>233,875,568</u>

The balance is represented by—

	\$	\$
Cash at Credit of Public Account	34,835,681	
Fixed Deposit Account	73,500,000	
	<u>108,335,681</u>	
Investments—		
Trust Fund	125,039,887	
Public Account	500,000	
	<u>125,539,887</u>	
		<u>233,875,568</u>

The net effect of the year's transactions was an increase in the balance to the credit of the Public Account of \$27,911,132 brought about by the rise of \$35,845,607 in the credit balance of the Trust Fund, offset by the increase of \$7,934,475 in the total advances from the Public Account for deficits and other purposes.

The amount of the Consolidated Revenue Deficits mentioned in the statement above, \$21,782,281 represents the balance of deficits—the last of which occurred in 1969–70—still unfunded but financed from Public Account. No funding of any part of the accumulated deficit was effected during the year.

RECEIPTS—CONSOLIDATED FUND.

Total receipts to the Consolidated Fund, \$1,610,923,111, exceeded the Budget Estimate of \$1,549,017,000 by \$61,906,111.

The main excesses of receipts over the Budget Estimate were :—

	\$
Taxation	37,820,067
Commonwealth Payments to State—Grants, etc.	15,106,104
Fees and Charges for Departmental Services	5,208,648
Land Revenue	5,204,459

The main shortfall in receipts compared with the Budget Estimate occurred in the item of Recoveries of Debt Charges.

The divergence between the Budget estimate and the actual receipts from Taxation occurred almost wholly in the items of Stamp Duty and Payroll Tax.

The actual receipts to the Consolidated Fund exceeded those of the previous year, \$1,381,153,250, by \$229,769,861. Details of the variations between the two years are given at page 9.

Receipts are capable of division into three main categories from—

	\$
Sources other than the Commonwealth	887,572,157
Commonwealth Sources	564,568,983
Loan Raisings and Repayments	158,781,971
	1,610,923,111

Receipts from sources other than the Commonwealth, \$887,572,157, were \$181,043,196 higher than the 1972–73 figure of \$706,528,961 and constituted 55·10 per cent. of the total receipts compared with 51·20 per cent. in the previous year. Those from Commonwealth sources, \$564,568,983, were \$84,301,461 more than in the previous year and represented 35·05 per cent. as against 34·70 per cent. for 1972–73. Loan raisings and repayments yielded \$35,574,796 less than the 1972–73 total of \$194,356,767 and provided 9·85 per cent. of the total receipts compared with 14·10 per cent. in 1972–73.

The major items causing the overall increase in receipts from sources other than the Commonwealth, together with the individual increases, were—

	\$
Payroll Tax	71,943,500
Duty under the Stamps Acts	45,917,836
Royalties, Submerged Lands	8,771,982
Probate Duty	7,893,470

An increase of 1 per cent. in the rate of payroll tax, operative for the greater part of the year, and the application of the higher rate to a generally increased average rate of wages paid were the main factors in the substantial increase in payroll tax receipts.

The increased revenue from duty under the Stamps Acts was brought about partly as a result of the application of increased rates of duty and partly as a result of an increased volume of dealings in transactions concerning real estate, insurance, registration of motor cars and notices of acquisition of motor cars.

Details of the variations in the receipts to the Consolidated Fund from Commonwealth sources are—

	1972-73.	1973-74.	+ Increase. - Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assistance Grant	396,087,449	443,623,918	+ 47,536,469
Capital Assistance Grant	66,810,000	70,789,000	+ 3,979,000
Schools, Capital and Recurrent Purposes .. .. .	..	18,663,763	+ 18,663,763
Debt Charges Assistance Grant	8,348,453	11,131,270	+ 2,782,817
Sewerage Programme Assistance .. .. .	..	9,300,000	+ 9,300,000
Interest—Financial Agreement	4,254,318	4,254,318	..
Tuberculosis Arrangement	2,312,198	2,727,783	+ 415,585
Pre-School Child Education and Care Grant .. .. .	..	1,295,860	+ 1,295,860
Home Care and Nursing Homes Grants	778,366	763,532	- 14,834
Softwood Forestry Agreement	842,188	700,000	- 142,188
Legal Aid Grant .. .. .	..	557,728	+ 557,728
Water Resources Advance .. .. .	..	453,300	+ 453,300
Mental Institutions—Recoups	830,550	237,193	- 593,357
Other	4,000	71,318	+ 67,318
	<u>480,267,522</u>	<u>564,568,983</u>	<u>+ 84,301,461</u>

The increase of \$47·5 million in the Financial Assistance Grant consisted of an increase of \$81·7 million in the base grant (after allowing for the Commonwealth's involvement—to the extent of \$34·8 million—in tertiary education recurrent expenditure), offset by a reduction of \$21·7 million in the share of the additional grant (a share of \$25 million against \$112 million in 1972-73) and the elimination of the per capita grant, which in 1972-73 amounted to \$12·5 million.

Two additional and substantial contributions were made by the Commonwealth during the year, \$18·7 million being provided for capital and recurrent purposes in schools and \$9·3 million for expenditure in connection with the National Sewerage Programme.

Detailed information is furnished throughout the Report in relation to most other items included in the statement above.

Net receipts of \$158,781,971 to the Consolidated Fund from loan raisings and loan repayments (exclusive of Commonwealth contributions) were \$35,574,796 less than the comparable figure for 1972-73. The receipts consisted of the net proceeds of loans raised under Victoria's share of the works programme approved by the Loan Council, \$149,738,000, and \$9,043,971 repayments in respect of advances made by the State in this and prior years.

The reduction in the credit to Consolidated Fund in respect of loan raisings was brought about by the removal of housing funds from the Loan Council programme (\$37·5 million having been included in 1972-73) and the reduction of the programme by \$10·2 million to offset the estimated cost of capital expenditure in connection with tertiary education the responsibility for which was assumed by the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth also made available to the State an amount of \$70,789,000, on which debt charges will not be payable, as assistance in connection with expenditure of a capital nature.

PAYMENTS—CONSOLIDATED FUND.

Section 5 of the *Public Account Act* 1958 provides that the total of appropriations by Parliament from the Consolidated Fund and the amount specially appropriated under authority of the Act to the Works and Services Account, following determination of such amount by the Treasurer, shall not exceed the amount to the credit of the Consolidated Fund. As shown earlier in this review, the total credits to the Consolidated Fund aggregated \$1,610,923,111 and this amount was appropriated in full in the following manner :—

	\$
Special Appropriation—Debt Charges, Pensions, &c.	300,765,753
Special Appropriation—Works and Services Account	246,537,135
Annual Vote—Departmental &c. Services	1,063,620,223
	<u>1,610,923,111</u>

The comparable total for the previous year was \$1,381,153,250 which is \$229,769,861 less than the 1973-74 figure.

Again this year, the biggest proportion of expenditure from the Consolidated Fund was of a social nature and related to education, health and welfare services and housing. The amount expended on these services was \$800,841,921 and represented 49·31 per cent. of the total amount available in the Consolidated Fund. The items included in the expenditure of \$800,841,921 were

Education, \$511,979,576, Health and Welfare, \$264,497,564, Housing and other Social items, \$24,364,781. These amounts exceeded those of the previous year by \$55,010,740 for Education, and \$59,930,208 for Health and Welfare. In the case of Housing and other Social items, there was a decrease of \$34,439,007 compared with 1972-73. This followed the exclusion in 1973-74 of Housing moneys from the Loan Council works programme and hence from the Consolidated Fund. If, for purposes of comparison, the Housing funds of \$37.5 million are excluded from the 1972-73 total, the expenditure for 1973-74 on Housing and other Social items increased by \$3 million.

More detailed information relating to these items of expenditure from the Consolidated Fund is given in the relevant departmental sections of the Report. A comparison on a monetary and proportional basis of expenditure from the Consolidated Fund in 1973-74 with that of the previous year is given in Statement No. 1 appended to this Report.

Debt charges continue to absorb a substantial portion of the funds available in the Consolidated Fund and the amount paid in 1973-74 under this heading was \$208,234,434 which represents 12.82 per cent. of the total expenditure from the Consolidated Fund and \$13,336,532 more than was required in 1972-73. Debt charges on the Public Debt accounted for \$177,421,680 of the year's expenditure and the balance related to interest and principal payments in respect of advances and loans made to the State for Housing, Soldier Settlement and other purposes under Commonwealth-State agreements and arrangements.

Part of the outlay for debt charges is offset by recoups of interest and sinking fund contributions from State bodies which have received advances from loan moneys and by interest received from various sources and credited to the Consolidated Fund. In addition, the Commonwealth provided this year an amount of \$11,131,270 as a grant under the *States Grants (Debt Charges Assistance) Act 1970* to assist the State to meet its interest and sinking fund contributions.

Statement No. 4 appended to this Report shows in detail the year's receipts and payments on account of debt charges and gives an analysis over a period of years of the respective portions of the charges met from the general revenues of the State and from other sources.

TRUST FUND—WORKS AND SERVICES ACCOUNT.

Appropriations from the Consolidated Fund to this Account throughout the year amounted to \$246,537,135 and, with the balance of \$13,316,141 unexpended from the previous year, brought the total funds available in the Account to \$259,853,276. Expenditure under the year's works and services programme absorbed \$246,859,956 leaving an unexpended balance in the Account at 30th June, 1974, of \$12,993,320. Details of the expenditure are given on page 24.

Most of the matters briefly mentioned in this review are the subject of more detailed comment in the succeeding pages.

PART III.—THE CONSOLIDATED FUND.

RECEIPTS.

A summary of the Treasurer's statement of receipts appearing on pages 6-12 of the finance statement is given in the following tabular comparison for the purpose of showing the significant variations which provided the overall increase of \$229,769,861 for the year.

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Commonwealth Payments to the State		
Financial Assistance Grants	396,087,449	443,623,918
Debt Charges Assistance Grant	8,348,453	11,131,270
Schools—Grants for Recurrent Expenditure .. .. .	..	10,112,250
Building Grants .. .. .	..	8,551,513
National Sewerage Programme—Repayable Advance .. .. .	..	9,300,000
Capital Assistance Grant	66,810,000	70,789,000
Contribution for Interest—Financial Agreement	4,254,318	4,254,318
Other Contributions and Recoups	2,601,442	5,109,511
	<u>478,101,662</u>	<u>562,871,780</u>
State Taxes		
Direct	264,925,257	358,051,588
Stamps Acts	124,641,307	170,559,143
Licensing Fund Payment	12,496,580	13,768,923
Other	5,660,236	7,550,413
	<u>407,723,380</u>	<u>549,930,067</u>
Recoveries of Debt Charges		
Interest and Exchange	50,106,155	53,358,317
Sinking Fund—Contributions and Special Payments	3,441,876	3,399,840
Loan Conversion Expenses	5,915	8,325
Repayments	5,949,271	6,672,942
	<u>59,503,217</u>	<u>63,439,424</u>
Land Revenue		
Leases, Licences, Miners' Rights, &c.	3,372,480	3,678,019
Royalties—Brown Coal	586,073	598,902
Submerged Lands	25,205,556	33,977,538
	<u>29,164,109</u>	<u>38,254,459</u>
Harbor Revenue		
Contribution—Melbourne Harbor Trust	1,346,860	963,169
Westernport—Wharfage, Tonnage, Towage, &c.	1,981,037	2,316,988
Other	952,504	1,509,871
	<u>4,280,401</u>	<u>4,790,028</u>
Fees and Charges for Departmental Services		
Fees—Titles Office, Registrar of Companies, Government Statist, &c.	8,823,096	12,661,623
Departmental Services—		
Public Works Department	6,882,195	8,406,017
Mental Hygiene	4,676,558	5,769,555
Motor Registration Branch	4,381,048	5,129,991
Agriculture Department	2,630,273	2,584,426
Education Department	2,246,765	1,872,873
Government Printer	2,201,531	8,082,113
Insurance Offices	1,926,549	2,566,418
Police	1,462,357	1,598,966
Public Trustee	743,209	792,811
Social Welfare	696,701	837,259
Other	2,797,415	2,936,433
	<u>39,467,697</u>	<u>53,238,485</u>
Forests Commission		
Royalties, &c.	7,439,151	8,775,097
	<u>7,439,151</u>	<u>8,775,097</u>
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission		
Rates and Charges, Recoups, &c.	17,144,126	18,779,598
	<u>17,144,126</u>	<u>18,779,598</u>

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Other Revenue		
Statutory Corporations—Contributions	11,180,000	11,900,000
Fines—Courts and Other Sources	7,223,103	8,618,906
Interest on Public Account	7,021,309	10,005,270
State Accident Insurance Office—Portion of Surplus	1,000,000	..
Rents and Hirings	986,320	1,084,433
Public Trustee—Surplus Interest	690,741	..
Recoup—Superannuation Charges	817,547	2,327,772
Gas and Fuel Corporation—Dividends, Preference Shares	297,789	299,737
Sundry	2,179,955	1,916,915
	31,396,764	36,153,033
Railways	110,410,116	114,211,966
Loan Receipts		
Proceeds of Loan Raisings	187,115,000	149,738,000
Loan Repayments	9,407,627	10,741,174
	196,522,627	160,479,174
Total Receipts	1,381,153,250	1,610,923,111

Commonwealth financial assistance and State taxes can be conveniently discussed at this stage of the Report. Further references to receipts from other sources will be made under appropriate departmental headings.

COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

Commonwealth financial assistance grants to the States are calculated on bases determined by various Commonwealth Acts.

Grants to Victoria in accordance with the Acts were :—

	\$
Financial Assistance	443,623,918
Debt Charges Assistance	11,131,270
Capital Assistance	88,640,513

The Financial Assistance Grants of \$443,623,918 received under the provisions of the *States Grants Act 1973* comprised \$472,403,598 in accordance with Section 6 ; \$6,020,320 (share of additional \$25,000,000) in accordance with Section 8 ; less \$34,800,000 deducted in accordance with Section 7. This reduction represents the estimated amount of Recurrent Expenditure of which the State was relieved as the result of the assumption by the Commonwealth from 1st January, 1974, of financial responsibility for tertiary education. These grants exceeded the Financial Assistance Grants received in 1972-73 by \$47,536,469.

The Debt Charges Assistance Grant of \$11,131,270 consisted of payments in accordance with the *States Grants (Debt Charges Assistance) Act 1970*, namely \$10,647,470, interest, provided for by Section 4 and \$483,800, sinking fund contributions, by Section 5.

The figure of \$88,640,513, which I have shown as Capital Assistance includes payments to the State as follows :—

	\$
(i) Under the <i>States Grants (Capital Assistance) Act 1973</i>	70,789,000
(ii) Under the <i>Sewerage Agreement Act 1973</i>	9,300,000
(iii) Under the <i>States Grants (Schools) Act 1972</i>	3,561,513
(iv) On account of the States Grants Schools Interim Committee for the Australian Schools Commission	4,990,000

STATE TAXES.

Classifications under Receipts, Taxation, in the Treasurer's Accounts are : Direct taxation, revenue under the Stamps Acts, collections from registrations, &c., of shops and factories, &c., and proceeds of licences issued under State laws. Each of these classifications is dissected in detail on the basis of the component revenue sources.

Direct taxation includes revenue from Pay-roll Tax, Probate Duty, Land Tax, Entertainments Tax, Motor Car Third-party Insurance Surcharge, Totalizator, Tattersall Duty and Gift Duty. Revenue under the Stamps Acts comprises collections from Duty on Betting Instruments, Duty on Insurance Business, Other Stamp Duty and Receipt Duty. The title "Licences" covers not only licence fees credited direct to the Consolidated Fund but also the payment made thereto from the Licensing Fund.

Under each of the four main classifications referred to, taxation receipts over the past two years are compared hereunder :—

Taxation.	1972-73. \$	1973-74. \$
Direct	264,925,257	358,051,588
Stamps Acts	124,641,307	170,559,143
Registrations, &c.	1,454,065	2,057,329
Licences	16,702,751	19,262,007
Total Taxation	407,723,380	549,930,067

The following comments refer in more detail to several of the main sources of taxation receipts.

Direct Taxation.

Pay-roll Tax.—Collections in 1973-74 under the *Pay-roll Tax Act* 1971 were materially affected by the following :—

- (1) *Pay-roll Tax (Amendment) Act* 1973 which, from 1st September, 1973, raised the rate of tax by 1 per cent. to 4½ per cent ; and
- (2) the increase in average wages.

Collections in 1973-74 amounted to \$221,079,554 compared with \$149,136,054 in 1972-73.

Probate Duty.—Collections of Probate Duty in 1973-74 were \$56,766,021, an increase of \$7,893,470 over the 1972-73 figure of \$48,872,551.

Duty amounting to \$55,912,226 was collected by the Commissioner of Probate Duties and \$853,795 by the Public Trustee. The aggregate value of new estates assessed increased from \$344 million in 1972-73 to \$432 million in 1973-74. Payments in advance of the issue of assessments as at 30th June, 1974, amounted to \$9,917,862 whereas at 30th June, 1973, the amount was \$10,549,886.

The end-of-the-year position, as indicated by the comparative summary hereunder, affects the State's annual collections from Probate Duty :—

Duty assessed but uncollected—

- As at 30.6.73—\$6,522,160 ; \$5,805,309 collected in 1973-74.
As at 30.6.74—\$9,018,903 ; to be collected in 1974-75.

Land Tax.—Receipts from Land Tax in 1973-74 were \$32,958,349 and in 1972-73 \$29,442,867, an increase of \$3,515,482.

The *Land Tax Act* 1973 which fixed the rates of tax for 1974 increased the rate for lands with a taxable value in excess of \$180,000 by extending the progressively increasing scale of land tax beyond that valuation level to a level of \$1,000,000.

Motor Car Third-party Insurance.—In conformity with the requirements of the *Motor Car (Insurance Surcharge) Act* 1959, an additional fee of \$2 is paid annually by each motor car owner with the premium payable in respect of his contract of third-party insurance.

Revenue under this head in 1973-74 was \$3,335,790 compared with \$3,099,976 in the previous year.

Totalizator—The *Racing Act 1958* requires that a commission, being a percentage of investments, be deducted from all totalizator pools, the balance of the investments being paid out in dividends. In 1973–74, the commission was fourteen per cent. except in the case of off-course miscellaneous totalizators where the commission was fifteen per cent. until 31st October, 1973, when, pursuant to the *Racing (Amendment) Act 1973*, the commission was increased to seventeen per cent. in the case of off-course doubles and nineteen per cent. in the case of special schemes. The appropriation of the commission is as shown hereunder :—

On-Course Totalizators—

						Win and Place.	Doubles, Quinella, and Forecast, Trifecta and Trio.
						%	%
(i) Metropolitan—							
Consolidated Fund	..	..	..	..	..	8.75	5.75
Club Concerned	..	..	..	..	..	5.25	8.25
Commission	..	..	..	..	..	14.00	14.00

(ii) Country, in respect of all types of totalizators—

								%
Consolidated Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3.75
Club Concerned	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.25
Commission	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14.00

Off-Course Totalizators—

								Win and Place.
								%
Consolidated Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.25
Totalizator Agency Board Trust Account*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.25
Race-courses Development Fund or Greyhound Racing Grounds Development Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.25
Totalizator Agency Board	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.25
Commission	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14.00

Miscellaneous.

	Off-Course Doubles.		Special Schemes.	
	To 30.10.1973.	From 31.10.1973.	To 30.10.1973.	From 31.10.1973.
	%	%	%	%
Consolidated Fund	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25
Totalizator Agency Board Trust Account*	.25	.25	.25	.25
Race-courses Development Fund or Greyhound Racing Grounds Development Fund	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Funds into which moneys are paid pursuant to the <i>Youth, Sport and Recreation Act 1972</i>	..	2.00	..	4.00
Totalizator Agency Board	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25
Commission	15.00	17.00	15.00	19.00

The total credit to the Consolidated Fund is specially appropriated to the Hospitals and Charities Fund which is required to meet the cost of administration of totalizator inspection, &c. In 1973–74, the sum of \$25,292,345 was received into the Consolidated Fund and an equivalent amount paid out to the Hospitals and Charities Fund. The cost of administration charged to the Fund was \$122,923.

* The provisions of the *Racing (Amendment) Act 1974* required that, as from 22nd May, 1974, the .25 per cent. of commission previously paid to this Trust Account was to be paid to the Totalizator Agency Board.

A summary of receipts into the Consolidated Fund for the past two years is set out hereunder :—

	1972-73.				1973-74.			
	Horse Races.	Trotting Races.	Greyhound Races.	Total.	Horse Races.	Trotting Races.	Greyhound Races.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
PERCENTAGES—								
<i>Win and Place—</i>								
Metropolitan ..	3,903,836	956,714	807,070	..	4,189,990	1,041,731	884,464	..
Country ..	1,792,792	992,699	138,804	..	2,100,479	1,168,006	192,378	..
Interstate ..	972,745	95,043	..	..	995,524	221,228	..	..
<i>Doubles and Quinella—</i>								
Metropolitan ..	1,069,238	279,871	443,723	..	1,077,596	300,883	472,033	..
Country ..	104,286	50,690	43,923	..	112,364	59,260	55,829	..
Miscellaneous Totalizators	5,370,054	1,901,287	1,367,324	..	5,509,914	2,071,180	1,752,013	..
	13,212,951	4,276,304	2,800,844	20,290,099	13,985,867	4,862,288	3,356,717	22,204,872
FRACTIONS—								
<i>Win and Place—</i>								
Metropolitan ..	728,513	253,121	199,740	..	930,959	242,783	212,700	..
Country ..	485,152	271,984	34,585	..	474,693	303,685	42,771	..
Interstate ..	221,859	15,449	..	..	254,811	54,976	..	..
<i>Doubles and Quinella—</i>								
Metropolitan ..	46,139	22,102	37,700	..	36,360	18,467	37,707	..
Country ..	11,133	4,788	4,232	..	8,045	5,459	5,893	..
Miscellaneous Totalizators	113,483	91,056	66,884	..	101,101	110,610	58,858	..
	1,606,279	658,500	343,141	2,607,920	1,805,969	735,980	357,929	2,899,878
DIVIDENDS UNCLAIMED ..	..	..	..	159,092	..	..	..	187,595
CREDITS TO THE CONSOLIDATED FUND ..	..	..	..	23,057,111*	..	..	..	25,292,345*

* On-course—1972-73, \$4,196,578; 1973-74, \$4,650,987;
Off-course—1972-73, \$18,860,533; 1973-74, \$20,641,358;

In addition to the \$25,292,345, paid into the Consolidated Fund and specially appropriated to the Hospitals and Charities Fund, moneys were credited to accounts within the Treasury Trust Fund as follows :—

- (i) \$831,432 to the Totalizator Agency Board Trust Account—for distribution to racing clubs in terms of the *Racing Act 1958* ;
- (ii) \$2,191,671 to the Race-courses Development Fund—to meet costs and expenses incurred by the Race-courses Licences Board and to provide financial assistance to racing clubs;
- (iii) \$479,658 to the Greyhound Racing Grounds Development Fund—to meet costs and expenses of the Greyhound Racing Grounds Development Board and to provide financial assistance to greyhound racing clubs.
- (iv) \$1,907,837 to the Sports and Recreation Fund, established pursuant to the *Youth, Sport and Recreation Act 1972*—to be applied towards the promotion of sport and recreation ; and
- (v) \$953,919 to the Youth Fund, established pursuant to the *Youth, Sport and Recreation Act 1972*—to be applied towards the training of youth workers, the promotion of youth activities and the provision or improvement of facilities and services for youth.

Tattersall Duty.—The trustees of the will and estate of the late George Adams promote and conduct sweepstakes in Victoria under a licence granted in accordance with the provisions of the *Tattersall Consultations Act 1958*.

Comparative figures for subscriptions to the various types of sweepstakes for the past two years are given below. Subscriptions to Tattslotto Consultations increased considerably during the year.

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Ordinary Consultations	18,904,875	18,214,740
Tattslotto Consultations	11,142,846	33,943,773
Football Pool Consultations	97,706	26,428
Total	<u>30,145,427</u>	<u>52,184,941</u>

Duty on the total amount of subscriptions to each consultation is payable to the Treasurer within seven days after the drawing. Duty amounting to \$15,558,432 was paid into the Consolidated Fund in 1973-74, compared with \$9,255,489 in 1972-73.

Football lotteries introduced during 1972-73 were discontinued in the current year. Total subscriptions for the year amounted only to \$26,428 and duty equivalent to 33 per cent., \$8,721, was paid into the Consolidated Fund.

Duty equivalent to 31 per cent. of the total amounts subscribed to all other consultations is payable to the Treasurer, and under the provisions of the Act an amount equivalent to that duty is appropriated from the Consolidated Fund and apportioned between the Hospitals and Charities Fund and the Mental Hospitals Fund.

In 1973-74, the various Funds and the Victorian Football League were credited with the following amounts :—

	\$
Hospitals and Charities Fund	13,203,387
Mental Hospitals Fund	2,345,000
Victorian Football League	437
Sports and Recreation Fund	8,735
Australian Rules Football Fund	873
	<u>15,558,432</u>

In terms of the agreement entered into with the Government of Tasmania in 1960, and extended for a further period of ten years in 1970, particulars of which have been given in previous Reports, payments to that Government of its share of duty on the sale of tickets in Tasmania by Tattersall Consultations amounted to \$227,770 compared with \$200,059 in the previous year.

As at 30th June, 1974, the Tasmanian share of duty for consultations drawn late in May and in June amounted to \$19,420. This amount was paid to the Tasmanian Government after the close of the year.

The agreement with the Government of New Zealand, particulars of which have been given in previous Reports, was renewed for a further period of three years from 1st July, 1973.

Payments to the Government of New Zealand during the year amounted to \$267,473 compared with \$271,309 in 1972-73. As at 30th June, 1974, an amount of \$60,057, equivalent to \$61,660 (N.Z.) was due to the Government of New Zealand. This sum represented the amount due in respect of the last quarter of the financial year.

Unpaid prizes for consultations drawn during the period 1954-55 to 1970-71 (inclusive) amounted to \$355,876. In accordance with the Regulations under the Act, this amount, less certain expenses incurred by the promoter in searching for the persons concerned, has been paid to the Treasurer to place to the credit of the Unclaimed Moneys Fund.

Gift Duty.—Collections under the *Gift Duty Act* 1971 amounted to \$2,732,846 in 1973–74 compared with \$1,444,689 in 1972–73. Payments in advance of the issue of an assessment at 30th June, 1974, totalled \$3,016. Duty assessed but uncollected at that date amounted to \$325,020.

Stamps Acts.

A comparative statement of collections of revenue by the Comptroller of Stamps is given in the following table :—

	1972–73.	1973–74.
	\$	\$
Other Stamp Duty	102,115,919	138,689,639
Duty on Insurance Business	17,351,108	26,004,583
Duty on Betting Instruments	5,165,824	5,862,389
Receipt Duty	8,456	2,532
Total	<u>124,641,307</u>	<u>170,559,143</u>

As indicated in the preceding statement, revenue from stamp duty increased by \$45,917,836 for the year, including an increase of \$36,573,720 for Other Stamp Duty. The *Stamps Act* 1973 authorised increases, to operate from 1st December, 1973, in most of the rates of duty. Major variations in Other Stamp Duty, according to the statistical records of the Stamps Office—which were kept on a gross basis but which, overall, had been reconciled with the relevant Treasury records—were as follows :—

	\$
(i) duty on real estate dealings (increase)	25,309,087
(ii) duty on applications for registration and notices of acquisition of motor cars (increase)	4,902,130
(iii) duty on credit and rental business (registered persons) .. (increase)	3,356,209
(iv) duty on cheques (increase)	1,549,080
(v) sale of adhesive duty stamps (increase)	1,549,739
(vi) approved vendors (hire purchase) (increase)	785,553
(vii) duty on promissory notes and bills of exchange (increase)	179,879
(viii) duty on sharebrokers' statements (decrease)	957,493
(ix) duty on settlements and gifts (increase)	163,486
(x) approved vendors (life policies) (increase)	307,941

Receipt Duty received in 1973–74 related to arrears only as the *Stamps (Receipt Duty Abolition) Act* 1970 exempted from duty any money received on or after 1st October, 1970.

Licences.

The Licensing Fund Payment.—The revenue of the Licensing Fund consists mainly of fees charged to hotelkeepers, \$9,415,493, wholesale and retail liquor merchants, \$3,501,062, and clubs, \$749,906.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Liquor Control Act* 1968, the surplus of receipts over payments for 1973–74 was transferred to the Consolidated Fund.

A comparative statement of receipts and payments of the Licensing Fund for the past two years is given hereunder :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Balance 1st July	661,471	661,471
Receipts—		
Licences	12,997,100	14,044,466
Permits	207,109	328,180
Fees and Fines	88,369	167,025
Interest on Investments	15,996	15,996
Total Receipts for the Year	13,308,574	14,555,667
Payments—		
Salaries and Other Administrative Expenses	454,874	536,082
Cost of Policing Act	170,770	215,634
Compensation	186,350	35,028
Total Payments for the Year.. .. .	811,994	786,744
Transfer to the Consolidated Fund	12,496,580	13,768,923
Balance 30th June	661,471	661,471
Percentage of Total Receipts Transferred	93·9	94·6

Compensation was paid in respect of ten hotels in 1972-73 and three in 1973-74.

Motor Car Drivers' and Motor Driving Instructors' Licence Fees.—Collections in respect of fees paid on the issue of drivers' licences are apportioned, in terms of the relevant legislation— one-eighth to the Country Roads Board Fund, one-eighth to the Drivers' Licence Suspense Account, one-quarter to the Municipalities Assistance Fund and the remaining half to the Consolidated Fund. Collections from motor driving instructors' licence fees are apportioned one-quarter to the Country Roads Board Fund, one-quarter to the Municipalities Assistance Fund and half to the Consolidated Fund.

Costs of collection of fees are met by the participating funds.

After meeting the required proportion of the costs of collection, \$244,456, net collections credited to the Consolidated Fund on account of drivers' and instructors' licence fees, in 1973-74, amounted to \$3,414,398.

COMPARISON WITH BUDGET.

The following statement shows the variations of Receipts from the Budget Estimate in 1973-74.

	Budget Estimate.	Receipts.	+ Excess — Deficiency
	\$	\$	\$
Taxation—			
Pay-roll Tax	206,000,000	221,079,554	+ 15,079,554
Probate Duty	51,600,000	56,766,021	+ 5,166,021
Land Tax	42,200,000	32,958,349	— 9,241,651
Entertainments Tax	330,000	328,252	— 1,748
Motor Car Third-party Insurance—Surcharge ..	3,250,000	3,335,790	+ 85,790
Totalizator	28,800,000	25,292,345	— 3,507,655
Tattersall Duty	10,800,000	15,558,432	+ 4,758,432
Gift Duty	2,500,000	2,732,846	+ 232,846
Betting and Bookmakers' Turnover Tax ..	5,500,000	5,862,389	+ 362,389
Duty on Insurance Business	23,000,000	26,004,583	+ 3,004,583
Receipt Duty .. .. .	..	2,191	+ 2,191
Other Stamp Duty	117,000,000	138,689,980	+ 21,689,980
Registration Fees—Factories, Shops, &c. ..	2,500,000	2,057,329	— 442,671
Licensing Fund Payment	13,000,000	13,768,923	+ 768,923
Auctioneers' and other Licences	5,630,000	5,493,083	— 136,917
	<u>512,110,000</u>	<u>549,930,067</u>	<u>+ 37,820,067</u>
Recoveries of Debt Charges—			
Country Roads Board	2,561,000	2,544,242	— 16,758
Home Builders' Account	7,274,000	7,503,953	+ 229,953
Housing Commission	25,385,000	26,081,262	+ 696,262
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works ..	5,540,000	3,950,142	— 1,589,858
Rural Finance and Settlement Commission ..	1,712,000	657,083	— 1,054,917
Soldier Settlement	1,027,000	899,396	— 127,604
State Electricity Commission	19,221,000	18,280,492	— 940,508
Water and Sewerage Authorities	2,814,000	2,140,178	— 673,822
Other	3,433,000	1,382,676	— 2,050,324
	<u>68,967,000</u>	<u>63,439,424</u>	<u>— 5,527,576</u>
Land Revenue—			
Lands	3,340,000	3,344,485	+ 4,485
Mining	410,000	333,534	— 76,466
Royalties—Brown Coal	600,000	598,902	— 1,098
Royalties—Submerged Lands	28,700,000	33,977,538	+ 5,277,538
	<u>33,050,000</u>	<u>38,254,459</u>	<u>+ 5,204,459</u>
Harbor Revenue—			
Harbor Trust Contribution	1,000,000	963,169	— 36,831
Westernport	2,400,000	2,316,988	— 83,012
Other	1,405,000	1,509,871	+ 104,871
	<u>4,805,000</u>	<u>4,790,028</u>	<u>— 14,972</u>
Fees and Charges for Departmental Services—			
Fees—Titles Office, Registrar of Companies, &c. ..	12,770,000	12,661,623	— 108,377
Recoups—Departmental Services	35,270,000	40,587,025	+ 5,317,025
	<u>48,040,000</u>	<u>53,248,648</u>	<u>+ 5,208,648</u>
Forests Commission—			
Royalties, &c.	9,200,000	8,775,097	— 424,903
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—			
Rates and Charges, Recoups, &c.	17,300,000	18,779,598	+ 1,479,598
Miscellaneous Receipts—			
Fines	7,700,000	8,618,906	+ 918,906
Interest on Public Account	7,500,000	10,005,270	+ 2,505,270
Rents and Hirings	1,000,000	1,084,433	+ 84,433
Statutory Corporation Payments	12,000,000	11,900,000	— 100,000
Recoup—Superannuation Charges	2,400,000	2,327,772	— 72,228
Other	6,100,000	2,216,652	— 3,883,348
	<u>36,700,000</u>	<u>36,153,033</u>	<u>— 546,967</u>

COMPARISON WITH BUDGET—*continued.*

	Budget Estimate.	Receipts.	+Excess -Deficiency
	\$	\$	\$
Railways	114,746,000	114,211,966	— 534,034
Commonwealth Payments to State—			
Commonwealth and States Financial Agreement ..	4,254,000	4,254,318	+ 318
States Grants Acts, &c.	439,100,000	454,755,188	+ 15,655,188
Tuberculosis Arrangement	3,600,000	2,570,393	— 1,029,607
Water Resources Measurement Act	1,216,000	453,300	— 762,700
Home Care Act	515,000	160,912	— 354,088
Paramedical Services Act	200,000	61,155	— 138,845
Schools—Grants for Recurrent Expenditure ..	10,230,000	10,112,250	— 117,750
Legal Aid Grant .. .. .	..	557,728	+ 557,728
Pre-School Child Education and Care .. .. .	..	1,295,860	+ 1,295,860
	<u>459,115,000</u>	<u>474,221,104</u>	<u>+ 15,106,104</u>
Proceeds of Loan Raisings	149,738,000	149,738,000	..
Loan Repayments	8,000,000	10,741,174	+ 2,741,174
Works Grants—Commonwealth Payments—			
Capital Assistance	70,789,000	70,789,000	..
School Building	16,457,000	8,551,513	— 7,905,487
National Sewerage Programme .. .. .	..	9,300,000	+ 9,300,000
	<u>87,246,000</u>	<u>88,640,513</u>	<u>+ 1,394,513</u>
Total Receipts	<u>1,549,017,000</u>	<u>1,610,923,111</u>	<u>+ 61,906,111</u>

EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure from the Consolidated Fund was more than that for 1972-73 by the amount of \$229,769,861. A comparison of the figures for the two years, separated into special and annual appropriations, is given in the following statement :—

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

	1972-73. \$	1973-74. \$	+ Increase - Decrease \$
Interest including Exchange	152,479,258	161,609,374	+ 9,130,116
National Debt Sinking Fund	25,099,593	26,939,711	+ 1,840,118
Repayment of Advances—Commonwealth— State Housing and Soldier Settlement ..	5,524,174	5,712,947	+ 188,773
Loan Management, Flotation Expenses, &c.	532,895	657,528	+ 124,633
	<u>183,635,920</u>	<u>194,919,560</u>	+ 11,283,640
Hospitals and Charities Fund (Totalizator)	23,057,111	25,292,345	+ 2,235,234
Pensions	16,743,698	20,429,874	+ 3,686,176
Hospitals and Charities and Mental Hospitals Funds (Tattersall)	9,236,983	15,548,387	+ 6,311,404
Endowments and Grants	6,014,424	8,382,936	+ 2,368,512
Payment to Commonwealth of Share of Royalties—Submerged Lands	7,883,979	10,769,463	+ 2,885,484
Other	4,801,873	5,254,186	+ 452,313
	<u>251,373,988</u>	<u>280,596,751</u>	+ 29,222,763
Railways—Debt Charges	10,505,784	11,392,160	+ 886,376
Pensions	7,307,862	8,324,645	+ 1,016,783
Other	461,869	452,197	- 9,672
	<u>18,275,515</u>	<u>20,169,002</u>	+ 1,893,487
Works and Services Account	247,535,531	246,537,135	- 998,396
Total Special Appropriation	<u>517,185,034</u>	<u>547,302,888</u>	+ 30,117,854

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.

Education	349,064,453	445,244,751	+ 96,180,298
Health	130,710,639	172,792,159	+ 42,081,520
Chief Secretary	55,368,324	64,726,227	+ 9,357,903
Treasurer	64,218,491	39,318,834	- 24,899,657
Social Welfare	23,082,880	25,313,692	+ 2,230,812
Water Supply	19,224,758	22,894,090	+ 3,669,332
Public Works	14,289,970	20,597,966	+ 6,307,996
Attorney-General	13,312,766	17,391,844	+ 4,079,078
Agriculture	14,185,068	17,183,325	+ 2,998,257
Lands and Survey	5,600,668	10,588,392	+ 4,987,724
Arts	2,160,013	7,764,656	+ 5,604,643
Development and Decentralization ..	1,956,585	7,073,657	+ 5,117,072
Conservation	4,104,127	6,870,692	+ 2,766,565
Forests	5,407,737	5,972,112	+ 564,375
Premier	3,371,625	4,504,123	+ 1,132,498
Local Government	2,213,088	3,665,927	+ 1,452,839
Labour and Industry	2,457,993	3,254,990	+ 796,997
Transport	90,546	2,736,510	+ 2,645,964
Mines	2,097,439	2,493,430	+ 395,991
Parliament	1,232,922	1,452,813	+ 219,891
Youth, Sport and Recreation	622,754	562,986	- 59,768
Other	638,129	1,087,723	+ 449,594
	<u>715,410,975</u>	<u>883,490,899</u>	+ 168,079,924
Railways	148,557,241	180,129,324	+ 31,572,083
Total Annual Appropriation	<u>863,968,216</u>	<u>1,063,620,223</u>	+ 199,652,007
Total Payments*	<u>1,381,153,250</u>	<u>1,610,923,111</u>	+ 229,769,861

* Includes charges to Treasurer's Advance pending Parliamentary Authority.

Most of the expenditure shown in the foregoing statement has been classified under departmental headings and is discussed in subsequent sections. That in connexion with the Treasury has not been so classified, but is dealt with generally throughout the Report.

A major expenditure group, which comprises endowments and subsidies, contributions to various funds and bodies, and grants for health, education and other social services, is provided partly from special appropriations and partly from departmental votes. Generally, throughout the Report, expenditure falling within this group is included in the figures of the related Department. Other details are provided in Appendices A 1-2.

In the synopsis hereunder, the actual expenditure for the year is compared with the amounts appropriated for the various Departments and Services.

	Appropriations.	Expended Under Parliamentary Authority.	Unexpended.	Expended From Treasurer's Advance—Division 403.	Expenditure for the Year.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Annual Appropriation—</i>					
Parliament	1,334,674	1,333,128	1,546	119,685	1,452,813
Premier	4,465,804	4,282,489	183,315	221,634	4,504,123
Arts	7,553,720	7,535,133	18,587	229,524	7,764,657
Chief Secretary	64,539,437	63,934,969	604,468	791,258	64,726,227
Social Welfare	29,602,059	25,190,107	4,411,952	123,585	25,313,692
Youth, Sport and Recreation ..	473,259	390,145	83,114	172,841	562,986
Labour and Industry	3,154,809	3,140,913	13,896	114,077	3,254,990
Education	451,136,920	444,549,039	6,587,881	695,712	445,244,751
Attorney-General	17,093,528	17,020,764	72,764	371,080	17,391,844
Treasurer	57,773,797*	32,739,086	25,034,711*	6,579,748	39,318,834
Conservation	7,159,649	6,723,136	436,513	147,556	6,870,692
Lands and Survey	10,422,425	10,404,348	18,077	184,044	10,588,392
Public Works	20,008,044	19,906,644	101,400	691,322	20,597,966
Local Government	3,652,454	3,596,225	56,229	69,702	3,665,927
Mines	2,530,099	2,466,800	63,299	26,630	2,493,430
Agriculture	17,466,611	16,941,072	525,539	242,253	17,183,325
Health	169,459,399	167,932,401	1,526,998	4,859,758	172,792,159
Development and Decentralization	9,315,929	6,960,299	2,355,630	113,358	7,073,657
Housing	453,159	424,920	28,239	8,595	433,515
Aboriginal Affairs	410,000	410,000	..	..	410,000
Fuel and Power	101,440	98,721	2,719	9,407	108,128
Railway Construction	135,118	134,594	524	1,485	136,079
Transport	124,670	86,510	38,160	2,650,000	2,736,510
Forests	6,091,113	5,941,507	149,606	30,605	5,972,112
Water Supply	22,737,060	22,611,124	125,936	282,966	22,894,090
Railways	177,565,000	177,459,628	105,372	2,669,696	180,129,324
Total Annual Appropriation	1,084,760,177	1,042,213,702	42,546,475	21,406,521	1,063,620,223
<i>Special Appropriation—</i>					
Debt Charges and Other Services	280,596,750	280,596,750	..	..	280,596,750
Railways (including Debt Charges)	20,169,003	20,169,003	..	..	20,169,003
Works and Services Account ..	246,537,135	246,537,135	..	..	246,537,135
Total Special Appropriation	547,302,888	547,302,888	..	..	547,302,888
Grand Total	1,632,063,065	1,589,516,590	42,546,475	21,406,521	1,610,923,111

* Includes \$24,000,000—Div. 403, Advance to Treasurer.

TREASURER'S ADVANCE.

The *Public Account Act* 1958 authorizes the temporary issue and application from the Public Account of any sum or sums (not exceeding in all six million dollars) required to be provided for advances to the Treasurer to enable him to meet urgent claims that may arise before Parliamentary sanction therefor is obtained. In addition, a further sum of \$24,000,000 was advanced to the Treasurer in 1973-74, \$14,000,000 under the authority of the *Appropriation Act* 1973 (Division 403), and \$10,000,000 under the authority of the *Appropriation* (1973-74, No. 3) *Act* 1974 (Division 403).

Expenditure incurred by the Treasurer pending Parliamentary sanction thereto at 30th June, 1974, is summarized hereunder—

Authority	\$
Public Account Act 1958	5,226,292
Appropriation Acts	21,406,521
	26,632,813

On pages 22 to 81 and 106 and 107 of the Treasurer's Statement, details are given of the amounts included in the total of \$26,632,813.

VARIATIONS OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS.

In respect of the year under review, the Treasurer has sought and obtained, in a number of instances, the direction of the Governor in Council as provided in sub-section (1) of Section 25 of the *Audit Act* 1958. The provisions of this sub-section are :—

“ If in the opinion of the Treasurer it is necessary to alter the proportions assigned to the particular items comprised under any subdivision in the annual supplies, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council by Order to direct that there shall be applied in aid of any item that is deficient a further limited sum out of any surplus arising on other items under the same subdivision, unless such subdivision is expressly stated to be inalterable.”

In all, 151 transfers were made between items and the amount involved was \$2,140,081.

Sub-section (2) of Section 47 of the *Audit Act* directs that the Auditor-General shall annex or append to his report a statement setting out briefly the effect of the Orders in Council issued under the provisions cited above. In compliance with this direction, a statement containing the relevant information is submitted in Appendix D to this Report.

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.

SYNOPSIS.

The State incurred additional loan liability of \$149,828,000 on account of moneys raised for works and associated purposes during the year, compared with \$187,121,008 in the previous year—a decrease of \$37,293,008. The decrease reflects the removal of housing funds from Loan Council programmes and, also, a reduction of the loan allocation consequent upon the Commonwealth taking over the cost of tertiary education from the beginning of 1974. The sources of the funds were three loans in Australia and the proceeds of the sale of Special Bonds.

Loan receipts comprising moneys received from the proceeds of loans raised and the repayments of advances totalled \$160,479,174, which, together with the Commonwealth works grants of \$88,640,513, including school building grants, \$8,551,513, and a repayable advance under the National Sewerage Programme, \$9,300,000, provided a credit to the Consolidated Fund of \$249,119,687.

Loan transactions may be summarized as follows :—

	\$
Liability—	
Australian Loans	149,828,000
Less—	
Discounts Capitalized	90,000
	149,738,000
Repayments	10,741,174
	160,479,174
Net Receipts to the Consolidated Fund—Raisings and Repayments	160,479,174
Commonwealth Capital Assistance Grant	70,789,000
School Building Grants	8,551,513
National Sewerage Programme—Repayable Advance	9,300,000
	249,119,687

Appropriations during the year from the Consolidated Fund to the Works and Services Account totalled \$246,537,135, which, together with the balance of \$13,316,141 brought forward from 1972–73, allowed for the implementation through this Account of a programme of works and services costing \$246,859,956. Unexpended appropriations held in the Works and Services Account at 30th June, 1974, amounted to \$12,993,320.

Loan transactions for the year had the effect of increasing the State's liability under the Financial Agreement from \$2,624,651,683, at 30th June, 1973, to \$2,740,632,233 at 30th June, 1974. There is, however, additional liability to the Commonwealth in respect of advances for housing purposes under Commonwealth-State Housing Agreements and, also, in respect of advances and loans made to the State for soldier settlement, drought relief and other purposes pursuant to Commonwealth-State agreements and arrangements.

LOAN RAISINGS.

Details of the terms and conditions in respect of \$149,828,000, the Victorian proportion of raisings for works and associated purposes by way of public issues and the sale of Special Bonds, are as follows :—

Rate Per Cent.	Maturity Date.	Price of Issue.	Loan No. 221.	Loan No. 222.	Loan No. 223.	Special Bonds.	Total.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
6.2	15.2.76	Par.	9,500,000	..	..	..	9,500,000
6.6	15.2.81	..	4,246,000	..	..	..	4,246,000
7	15.7.91	..	23,688,000	..	..	..	23,688,000
8	15.2.75	..	..	3,244,000	..	..	3,244,000
8	1.10.80	..	..	..	..	24,958,000	24,958,000
8.1	15.7.76	..	..	..	4,594,700	..	4,594,700
8.2	15.5.77	..	..	7,871,000	..	..	7,871,000
8.3	15.10.83	99.7	..	9,100,000	20,900,000	..	30,000,000
8.5	15.10.93	Par.	..	17,246,300	24,480,000	..	41,726,300
..	..	..	37,434,000	37,461,300	49,974,700	24,958,000	149,828,000

Loan raising expenses amounting to \$22,336 in respect of loan No. 219, raised in 1972-73, were paid during the year from the Consolidated Fund. The expenses in respect of loans Nos. 221, 222 and 223 are not yet known and will be met in the current year.

Particulars of loans raised to meet the conversion of securities which matured in 1973-74 are:—

Securities Dealt With.		Redeemed by Sinking Fund (a) Loan Raisings (b).	Converted to—			
Rate and Maturity.	Amount.		Amount.	Rate.	Price of Issue.	Date of Maturity.
	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	
6.5	76,570,000	2,280,000 (a)	38,390,000	6.2	Par.	15.2.76
15.7.73	..	5,300,000 (b)	14,795,000	6.6	"	15.2.81
..	..	..	15,546,000	7	"	15.7.91
..	..	..	259,000	Sp. Bonds	"	1.4.81
5.25	3,404,705	1,434,705 (b)	1,970,000	Sp. Bonds	"	1.4.81
1.8.73	..	..	..	..	..	..
4.25	31,071,400	8,772,400 (a)	1,555,000	8	"	15.2.75
15.10.73	..	4,000,000 (b)	6,459,000	8.2	"	15.5.77
..	..	..	6,427,000	8.3	99.7	15.10.83
..	..	..	3,607,000	8.5	Par.	15.10.93
..	..	..	251,000	Sp. Bonds	"	1.10.80
4.25	..	3,051,000 (a)	1,988,000	8.1	"	15.7.76
15.2.74	8,238,000	3,000,000 (b)	59,000	8.3	99.7	15.10.83
..	..	..	53,000	8.5	Par.	15.10.93
..	..	..	87,000	Sp. Bonds	"	1.10.80
6.3	48,729,000	2,405,000 (a)	8,037,000	8.1	"	15.7.76
15.2.74	..	4,000,000 (b)	10,939,000	8.3	99.7	15.10.83
..	..	..	23,318,000	8.5	Par.	15.10.93
..	..	..	30,000	Sp. Bonds	"	1.10.80
5.25	11,718,516	4,261,016 (b)	7,457,500	Sp. Bonds	"	1.10.80
1.3.74	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	179,731,621	16,508,400 (a) 21,995,721 (b)	141,227,500	..	..	..

Loan proceeds, other than from Special Bonds, were applied to the redemption of securities as follows:—

Issued for Redemption Purposes.				For Redemption of—				
Rate Per Cent.	Maturity Date.	Price of Issue.	Amount.	\$5,300,000 (6.5% 15.7.73).	\$4,000,000 (4.25% 15.10.73).	\$7,000,000 (4.25%-6.3% 15.2.74).	\$63,000,000 (5%-6.4% 15.5.74).	\$79,300,000 (Total Loans).
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
6.2	15.2.76	Par.	1,345,000	1,345,000	..	..	..	1,345,000
6.6	15.2.81	"	601,000	601,000	..	..	..	601,000
7	15.7.91	"	3,354,000	3,354,000	..	..	..	3,354,000
8	15.2.75	"	339,000	..	339,000	..	..	339,000
8.1	15.7.76	"	34,590,700	..	..	690,700	33,900,000	34,590,700
8.2	15.5.77	"	831,000	..	831,000	..	..	831,000
8.3	15.10.83	99.7	13,600,000	..	997,000	2,891,300	9,670,900	13,559,200
8.5	15.10.93	Par.	24,680,100	..	1,833,000	3,418,000	19,429,100	24,680,100
..	..	..	79,340,800	5,300,000	4,000,000	7,000,000	63,000,000	79,300,000

Funds for the redemption of Special Bonds at maturity or on request by the holders were provided from the proceeds of Special Bonds of later issues. Details are :—

Redeemed.				Funds Provided by—	
Series.	Maturing.	Face Value.	At Cost of—	Series "2A", "2B" and "2C".	Series "2C".
		\$	\$	\$	\$
M	1. 8. 73	1,448,095	1,491,403	1,491,403	..
N	1. 3. 74	5,360,306	5,510,123	280,704	5,229,419
O	1. 4. 75	1,313,200	1,339,464	220,626	1,118,838
P	1. 10. 75	1,040,300	1,061,106	171,258	889,848
Q	1. 4. 76	463,200	472,464	57,732	414,732
R	1. 7. 76	1,872,500	1,909,922	346,976	1,562,946
S	1. 3. 77	336,500	340,644	58,378	282,266
T	1. 6. 77	3,312,400	3,345,524	505,606	2,839,918
U	1. 4. 78	12,338,900	12,462,289	1,085,851	11,376,438
V	1. 10. 78	10,724,300	10,826,213	1,123,648	9,702,565
W	1. 8. 82	2,892,700	2,892,700	258,500	2,634,200
X	1. 10. 82	3,777,100	3,777,100	586,800	3,190,300
Y	1. 1. 83	6,579,300	6,579,300	1,685,600	4,893,700
Z	1. 1. 83	5,319,400	5,319,400	1,786,800	3,532,600
2A	1. 4. 81	264,200	264,200	..	264,200
2B	1. 4. 81	1,946,400	1,946,400	..	1,946,400
	..	58,988,801	59,538,252	9,659,882	49,878,370

WORKS AND HOUSING PROGRAMME.

Expenditure under the works and housing programme in the year 1973-74 amounted to \$300,359,956, compared with \$247,530,143 in 1972-73. Details of this expenditure are shown below :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
School Buildings	49,177,102	56,932,716
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	22,560,000	40,675,000
Housing Commission	26,250,000	..
Hospitals and Charitable Institutions	15,880,474	19,981,485
Country Water and Sewerage Works	19,138,172	19,690,812
Railways	16,019,805	16,444,220
Electricity Commission	16,000,000	16,000,000
Home Builders	11,250,000	..
Public Buildings	5,477,734	11,109,829
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board	3,855,000	8,350,000
Mental Institutions including Alcoholism Services	3,784,421	6,979,084
Victoria Institute of Colleges and Advanced Education	8,091,893	6,441,658
Victorian Development Corporation .. .. .	..	5,000,000
Forests	4,249,700	4,665,250
Municipal Subsidies	4,193,012	3,946,983
Victorian Arts Centre	2,300,000	2,900,000
Police Buildings and Equipment	2,202,505	2,370,170
Social Welfare	2,169,733	2,217,343
Cancer Institute	754,998	2,090,328
Melbourne Underground Rail Loop Authority .. .. .	..	2,000,000
Agriculture	1,525,944	1,733,823
Teacher Housing Authority	1,186,000	1,686,000
Universities—		
Monash	3,529,236	1,224,499
Melbourne	3,211,679	1,085,335
La Trobe	2,623,666	560,666
Country Roads Board	1,795,988	962,660
Crown Lands—Development and Improvements	625,500	870,304
Metric Conversion	393,598	824,534
Rural Finance and Settlement Commission—		
Land Settlement	743,693	796,078
Agency Department	3,265,000	730,000
Rural Finance	300,000	200,000
Court Houses	646,055	677,293
National Parks	527,000	626,000
Soil Conservation Authority	455,170	515,185
Advances—Sundry	441,396	400,689
Other Public Works and Services	12,905,669	6,172,012
Total within Financial Agreement	247,530,143	246,859,956
Commonwealth—State Housing Agreement .. .. .	..	53,500,000
	247,530,143	300,359,956

Public Debt under the Financial Agreement.

The Public Debt statement in the Treasurer's Finance Statement shows that the total indebtedness at 30th June, 1974, amounted to \$2,744,524,306. Of this, \$2,711,719,686 represented internal and \$32,804,620 external borrowing. After allowing for cash at credit of the National Debt Sinking Fund, the State's capital liability to the Commonwealth under the Financial Agreement was \$2,740,632,233, an increase of \$115,980,550 for the year. The capital liability was accounted for in the Treasurer's Statements as follows :—

	\$	\$
Total liability apportioned between the various services of the State on account of loan raisings .. .. .	..	3,220,744,415
<i>Less—Exchange premium—</i>		
London	4,275,725	
New York	20,539,954	
Canada	2,058,613	
Switzerland	1,626,859	
Netherlands	690,001	
	<hr/>	29,191,152
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		3,191,553,263
<i>Less—Equity in National Debt Sinking Fund—Cancelled Securities ..</i>		447,028,957
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Total Indebtedness		2,744,524,306
<i>Less—Share of Cash—National Debt Sinking Fund</i>		3,892,073
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State's Capital Liability to Commonwealth under the Financial Agreement ..		2,740,632,233
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A summary of transactions for the year ended 30th June, 1974, is given in Statement No. 2 appended to this Report.

As already mentioned, there is additional liability to the Commonwealth for loans for housing and other special purposes.

The charges for the year on the Public Debt, including loan conversion expenses, were—

	\$
Interest—On Funded Debt	149,369,619
Loan Management, Flotation and Conversion Expenses and Expenses of Paying Interest	657,529
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Total Interest and Expenses (excluding interest on Commonwealth advances for Housing &c.)	150,027,148
Sinking Fund—State's Contribution to National Debt Sinking Fund.. ..	27,394,532
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Total Debt Charges	177,421,680
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The comparable figure for the previous year was	166,183,150
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National Debt Sinking Fund.

A summary of the transactions in the National Debt Sinking Fund, in relation to this State, for the year is :—

	\$	\$
Balance at 1st July, 1973 .. .. .	..	2,188,093
Contributions 1973-74—		
<i>Commonwealth—</i>		
·125 per cent. per annum on debt prior to 30th June, 1927	340,872	
·25 per cent. per annum on new debt since 1927 ..	6,853,951	
	<u> </u>	7,194,823
<i>State—</i>		
·25 per cent. per annum on debt prior to 1927 ..	681,745	
·25 per cent. per annum on new debt since 1927 ..	6,744,012	
4 per cent. per annum on deficit loans	1,551,647	
·75 per cent. per annum on deficit loans	59,925	
·75 per cent. per annum on water supply replacements and imported coal and materials	82,406	
1·75 per cent. per annum on drought relief and deferred maintenance of railways and schools	304,156	
2 per cent. per annum on tourist resorts development ..	10,247	
Various, on discount and expenses overseas loans ..	13,653	
4·5 per cent. per annum on cancelled securities	17,946,742	
	<u> </u>	27,394,533
		<u>36,777,449</u>
Interest — temporary investment and repurchased securities .. ..	..	99,061
		<u>36,876,510</u>
Securities repurchased and redeemed, \$32,996,546, at a cost of .. ..	..	32,984,437
Balance of cash in Sinking Fund at 30th June, 1974 .. .. .	..	<u>3,892,073</u>

The total amount of securities repurchased or redeemed and cancelled on account of this State since the inception of the scheme is now \$447,028,957 at a cost, including exchange on overseas purchases, of \$469,436,296.

PART IV.—TRUST FUND AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS.

Synopsis.

Itemized Trust Funds and Special Accounts are included in the Treasurer's finance statement. The balances of all funds and accounts are held by way of investment or on general account and the operations of many are regulated by statute. The transactions recorded annually are numerous and, in total, of considerable magnitude, debits to all funds and accounts in 1973-74 aggregating \$1,568,403,856 and credits, \$1,604,249,463.

Statement No. 3 appended to this Report summarizes the State's liability in respect of trust moneys and securities lodged with the Treasurer.

New Funds and Accounts.

Several new funds and accounts were opened during the year under the heads shown and for the purposes indicated hereunder.

Account or Fund.	Purpose for which Established.	1973-74.		Balance 30th June, 1974.
		Debits.	Credits.	
Aboriginal Health Services Trust Account	To record the receipt and disbursement of funds made available to the Health Department by the Commonwealth for the development of health services for aboriginals	\$ 31,373	\$ 73,036	\$ 41,663
Ada Boys Aboriginal Bequest Trust Account	To record transactions relative to a bequest received by the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs from the estate of the late Mrs. Ada Octavia Boys to be used for the benefit of the aboriginal people of Swan Hill	..	8,264	8,264
Albury-Wodonga Development Trust Account	To record transactions relative to moneys made available by the Commonwealth to the State for the development of the Albury-Wodonga area in accordance with the Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales and Victoria	1,426,261	1,500,000	73,739
Aquatic Clearance Fund ..	Pursuant to the <i>Land (Jetties and Marinas) Act 1972</i> to record the receipt of moneys in terms of the Act and the application of those moneys towards the clearing of obstructions in the streams and lakes referred to in the Act	..	57	57
Arts Fund	Pursuant to the <i>Ministry for the Arts Act 1972</i> to record the receipt of moneys in terms of the Act and the application of those moneys towards the promotion of the Arts	1,870	3,139	1,269
Commonwealth Community Health Programme Trust Account	To record the receipt and disbursement of funds made available by the Commonwealth to the State under the Commonwealth Community Health Programme	2,478,691	3,115,310	636,619
Commonwealth Community Mental Health Trust Account	Pursuant to the Commonwealth's <i>Mental Health and Related Services Assistance Act 1973</i> to record transactions relative to moneys received by the State from the Commonwealth under the Commonwealth Community Mental Health Programme	421,649	850,534	428,885
Commonwealth Dental Services Capital Trust Account	To record the receipt and disbursement of financial assistance from the Commonwealth to the State for the purpose of developing an adequate dental service for all school children	257,961	794,000	536,039
Commonwealth Grant—Pre-School Child Education and Care Trust Account	To record the receipt and application of moneys received by the State from the Commonwealth for the purpose of providing education and care services for pre-school children	1,295,860	1,513,000	217,140
Commonwealth National Estate Programme Trust Account	To record transactions relative to grants received by the State from the Commonwealth to be expended on the preservation and enhancement of the National Estate	85,206	150,000	64,794
Commonwealth and State Housing Trust Account No. 3	Pursuant to the <i>Housing (Commonwealth-State Agreement) Act 1973</i> to record advances from the Commonwealth to the State under the 1973 Housing Agreement for the purpose of providing financial assistance for welfare housing	37,500,000	37,500,000	Nil
Commonwealth Traffic and Road Safety Improvement Programme Trust Account	To record the receipt and disbursement of funds made available by the Commonwealth to the State under the Commonwealth Traffic Engineering and Road Safety Improvement Programme	11,106	840,000	828,894

Account or Fund.	Purpose for which Established.	1973-74.		Balance 30th June, 1974.
		Debits.	Credits.	
		\$	\$	\$
Fisheries Dartmouth Dam Surveys Trust Account	To record financial transactions relative to surveys in the Dartmouth Dam area being carried out by the Ministry for Conservation from funds provided by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	23,294	23,746	452
Heavy Metals Fish Trust Account	To receive advances from the Ministry for Conservation to meet the costs of a research project into heavy metals in fish being carried out in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture	17,709	23,177	5,468
Home Builders' Account No. 3	Pursuant to the <i>Housing (Commonwealth-State Agreement) Act 1973</i> to record advances received by the State from the Commonwealth under the 1973 Housing Agreement for the purpose of providing finance for prospective home owners	11,763,456	16,355,369	4,591,913
State Grants (Advanced Education) Teachers Colleges Recurrent and Capital Trust Account	To account for funds made available by the Commonwealth to the State pursuant to the Commonwealth's <i>States Grants (Advanced Education) Act 1972-73</i> to meet recurrent and capital expenditure of Teachers Colleges	17,040,520	17,134,770	94,250
State Grants (Recurrent Grants to Non-Govern- ment Schools) Trust Account	To record the receipt and disbursement of grants received by the State from the Commonwealth pursuant to the Commonwealth's <i>States Grants (Schools) Act 1973</i> to meet recurrent expenditure of Non-Government Schools	9,755,145	9,755,145	Nil
State Grants (Schools) 1974, 1975 Trust Account	To record transactions relative to moneys received by the State from the Commonwealth pursuant to the Commonwealth's <i>States Grants (Schools) Act 1973</i> for special education in Government and Non-Government Schools and for librarian training and teacher development	718,048	1,235,290	517,242
State Grants (Schools) Capital Projects 1973-78 Account	To record transactions relative to moneys received by the State from the Commonwealth pursuant to the Commonwealth's <i>States Grants Act 1972</i> to be applied towards the cost of capital projects of State and Independent Schools	2,652,000	2,906,000	254,000
State Grants (Technical Training Fees Reimburse- ment) Trust Account	To record moneys received by the State from the Commonwealth pursuant to the Commonwealth's <i>States Grants (Technical Training Fees Reimbursement) Act 1974</i> for the purpose of reimbursing Technical Colleges for the loss of fee income in respect of the period 1st January to 30th June, 1974	1,754,500	1,754,500	Nil
State Grants Urban Districts Assistance (Western Melbourne) Trust Account	To record the receipt and disbursement of funds received by the State from the Commonwealth under the Commonwealth Western Area Improvement Programme	2,434,776	2,434,776	Nil
Treasury Central Salaries Account	To record transactions relative to the Treasury centralized salary system	15,636,807	16,617,292	980,485
Victoria Conservation Trust Trust Account	Pursuant to the <i>Victoria Conservation Trust Act 1972</i> to record the financial transactions of the Victoria Conservation Trust	35,748	42,960	7,212
Victorian Flood Relief Account 1974	To record transactions relative to contributions from the State and the Commonwealth for the purpose of providing assistance to victims of the floods which occurred in Victoria in May, 1974	171,719	200,000	28,281
Water Commission Special Projects Trust Account	To receive earnings by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission from special projects undertaken pursuant to the <i>State Rivers and Water Supply Commission (Special Projects) Act 1969</i> and to meet expenses associated with such projects	2,052	32,788	30,736
Water Supply Development Account	Pursuant to the <i>Local Government (Subdivision of Land) Act 1973</i> to record moneys received by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission as contributions towards the cost of the Commission's headworks and distribution systems	..	870	870
Westernport Bay Study Trust Account	To receive advances from the Ministry for Conservation to meet the costs of a research project into Westernport Bay being carried out in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture	107,162	130,506	23,344

Current Funds and Accounts.

For convenience in explaining the funds and accounts within the Trust Fund, the relevant figures for 1973-74 are set out under broad classifications in the table below :—

	Balance Forward.	1973-74.		Balance 30th June, 1974.
		Debits.	Credits.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Commonwealth	16,819,005	347,141,704	351,347,469	21,024,770
Commonwealth-State	747,368	2,549,589	2,534,595	732,374
Compensation and Insurance	96,272,718	132,111,103	148,171,145	112,332,760
Deposit	1,631,616	489,737	614,917	1,756,796
Depreciation	4,224,478	3,609,866	3,465,430	4,080,042
Social, Health and Welfare	2,788,211	154,473,965	155,667,356	3,981,602
Superannuation and Pension	11,103,147	2,704,133	839,096	9,238,110
Suspense	28,861,157	483,924,713	497,956,047	42,892,491
Works and Development	41,303,344	356,216,402	352,660,189	37,747,131
Other	11,589,596	85,182,644	90,957,821	17,364,773
Total	215,340,640	1,568,403,856	1,604,214,065	251,150,849

In addition, securities to a value of \$15,590,575 have been lodged with the Treasurer. Transactions in 1973-74 were credits only, totalling \$35,398. Further reference to these securities is made on page 42.

Details of investments held on account of the Trust Fund and included in the balances of the various Funds and Accounts at 30th June, 1974, are shown in the Treasurer's Finance Statement at pages 84 and 91.

Some of the larger accounts included in the above classifications are discussed in the following pages.

COMMONWEALTH.

The Treasurer is empowered by the Public Account Act to credit suitable accounts in the Trust Fund with special grants made pursuant to any Commonwealth Act and to authorize expenditure therefrom for the purposes prescribed in such Commonwealth Act.

Certain accounts record the receipt of moneys from the Commonwealth for specific purposes and their transmission to particular public bodies for disbursement. The major accounts in this category and the references to the public bodies concerned are listed below :—

Account.	Public Body.	Page Reference No.
Melbourne University (Commonwealth Subsidy) Account	University of Melbourne	66
La Trobe University (Commonwealth Subsidy) Account	La Trobe University	69
Monash University (Commonwealth Subsidy) Account	Monash University	67
Commonwealth Poultry Industry Assistance Account	Egg and Egg Pulp Marketing Board	See Supplementary Report
Commonwealth-State Housing Trust Accounts	Housing Commission	„ „ „

The following funds are referred to under the departments and public authorities associated with their administration :—

Fund.	Page Reference No.
Aboriginal Housing (Commonwealth) Trust Account	43
Australian Meat Research Account	44
Commonwealth Aid Roads Accounts	56
Commonwealth Dairy Research Grant Account	44
Commonwealth Extension Services (Agriculture) Grant	44
Rural Rehabilitation Fund—See under Rural Finance and Settlement Commission in Supplementary Report	—

Other funds in this group are :—

Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Benefits Trust Account.

Under the provisions of the National Health Act, the Commonwealth Government makes advances from time to time for the reimbursement to public hospitals and the Mental Health Authority of the cost of pharmaceutical benefits supplied. The basis of reimbursement under the Act is determined by the Commonwealth Minister of Health.

The following statement sets out the transactions of the Account during the years 1972-73 and 1973-74 :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Balance 1st July	1,212,733	25
Received from Commonwealth during the year	5,448,000	12,816,635
	<u>6,660,733</u>	<u>12,816,660</u>
Reimbursements to Public Hospitals, &c.	6,660,708	12,816,442
Balance 30th June	<u>25</u>	<u>218</u>

Commonwealth-State Free Milk Scheme Account.

Until 1974, the Commonwealth Government, under the provisions of the *States Grants (Milk for School Children) Act 1950*, made advances to the State from time to time to meet the cost of the provision of free milk to children in schools and pre-school establishments. Administration costs were borne equally by the Commonwealth and State.

As from the 1974 school year, the free milk scheme was discontinued following withdrawal of financial support by the Commonwealth Government.

Home Builders' Account.

Pursuant to the terms of the 1956-66 Housing Agreement, part of the moneys which were made available by the Commonwealth to the State for housing was to be used to provide finance for home builders by means of loans to building societies and other approved institutions. That part was credited to an account in the Trust Fund called the "Home Builders' Account".

The Agreement expired on 30th June, 1971. As from that date, the Home Builders' Account has no longer been financed by advances from the Commonwealth Government, but it remains operative, advances to societies being made from the "revolving fund" which has been built up within the Account from repayments by societies over the years during which the Account has functioned.

Towards the end of the 1973-74 financial year, it was seen that the balance of moneys expected to be in the Home Builders' Account No. 2 on 30th June, 1974, would not be sufficient to meet the requirements in regard to payments of interest and redemption to the Commonwealth on Home Builders' advances made from that Account. To relieve the difficulty, the sum of \$154,000 was advanced from the Home Builders' Account to the Home Builders' Account No. 2. The legislation in terms of which the latter Account was established expressly states the sources of moneys which may be paid into the Account. Transfers from other Home Builders' Accounts are not included among those sources.

A summary of the transactions for the year in the Home Builders' Account is given hereunder :—

							\$
<i>Source of Funds—</i>							
Balance 1st July, 1973	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,063,225
Interest and Repayments of Principal by Societies	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,342,400
Total Funds Available							23,405,625
 <i>Disbursement of Funds—</i>							
Advances to Registry of Co-operative Housing Societies	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,705,918
Commonwealth—Interest and Redemption	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,815,043
State of Victoria—Administrative Cost	..	..	..	..	..	..	257,458
Advance to Home Builders' Account No. 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	154,000
Total Disbursements							15,932,419
Balance 30th June, 1974	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,473,206
							23,405,625

Home Builders' Account No. 2.

The hitherto existing arrangements between the Commonwealth and the State in respect of housing finance were altered as from 1st July, 1971, with the altered arrangements being intended, at that time, to apply for a five-year period commencing on that date. Legislative sanction for the scheme was given in Act No. 8206 and the Commonwealth's *States Grants (Housing) Act 1971*. The provisions of Act No. 8206 amended the *Co-operative Housing Societies Act 1958* and established an account in the Trust Fund to be known as the "Home Builders' Account No. 2".

As has been stated, these arrangements were intended to apply for a five-year period from 1st July, 1971, but, during 1973, the Commonwealth signified, in its *Housing Agreement Act 1973*, that it desired further variations to be made as from 1st July, 1973, in the terms under which housing finance was to be made available to the States. Following these variations, money will no longer be made available to the Home Builders' Account No. 2 by the State from the Works and Services Account. The only sources of finance will be, first, an interest free grant by the Commonwealth to be made available annually for 30 years from the financial year 1971-72, and, secondly, the repayments by societies which had received advances from the Account. Such repayments form a revolving fund similar to the one operating for the Home Builders' Account.

A summary of the transactions for the year in the Home Builders' Account No. 2 is given hereunder :—

							\$
<i>Source of Funds—</i>							
Balance 1st July, 1973	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,161,721
Advance from Home Builders' Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	154,000
Commonwealth Grant	..	..	..	..	..	..	404,250
Interest and Repayment of Principal by Societies	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,318,813
Total Funds Available							6,038,784
 <i>Disbursement of Funds—</i>							
Advances to Registry of Co-operative Housing Societies	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,572,000
Interest and Repayments to Treasury <i>re</i> Advances <i>ex</i> Works and Services Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,419,279
State of Victoria—Administrative Costs	..	..	..	..	..	..	47,428
Total Disbursements							6,038,707
Balance 30th June, 1974	..	..	..	..	..	..	77
							6,038,784

Home Builders' Account No. 3.

To facilitate the operation of the new arrangements from 1st July, 1973, a Trust Account, "Home Builders' Account No. 3", was established in the Treasury by authority of the *Housing (Commonwealth-State Agreement) Act 1973 (Act No. 8479)*.

The sources of finance for this Account will be moneys received from the Commonwealth, and repayments by societies, such repayments to form a revolving fund in a manner similar to the other two Home Builders' Accounts.

A summary of the transactions in the Home Builders' Account No. 3 for the year is given hereunder :—

	\$
<i>Source of Funds—</i>	
Interest and Repayments of Principal by Societies	355,369
Advances from Commonwealth	16,000,000
Total Funds Available	16,355,369
 <i>Disbursement of Funds—</i>	
Advances to Registry of Co-operative Housing Societies	11,493,000
Interest on drawings from Commonwealth	269,630
State of Victoria—Administrative Costs	826
Total Disbursements	11,763,456
Balance, 30th June, 1974	4,591,913
	16,355,369

Petroleum Products Subsidy Account.

The Commonwealth's *States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act 1965* provides for grants of financial assistance to each State equal to the amounts expended by way of subsidy on the distribution of petroleum products in country areas in accordance with a scheme formulated by the Commonwealth. The State's *Petroleum Products Subsidy Act 1965* provided the necessary complementary legislation to enable Victoria to participate in the scheme. Payments to distributors of petroleum products during 1973-74 totalled \$635,965.

State Grants (Advanced Education) Trust Accounts—Capital.

These accounts record transactions relating to grants of financial assistance to the State by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the States Grants (Advanced Education) Acts for advanced education college building projects, equipment of a capital nature and library material.

The following statement summarizes the transactions during 1973-74 :—

RECEIPTS.

	\$
Balance—1st July, 1973	723,921
Commonwealth Grants	10,385,878
Charged to Public Account	124,047
	11,233,846

EXPENDITURE.

	Buildings and Equipment.	Library Materials.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$
Victoria Institute of Colleges and Affiliated Colleges ..	10,180,644	754,000	10,934,644
Emily McPherson College	178,077	4,800	182,877
Agriculture Department	59,632	15,212	74,844
Forests Commission	31,054	2,108	33,162
	10,449,407	776,120	11,225,527

State Grants (Advanced Education Recurrent) Trust Account.

Pursuant to the provisions of the States Grants (Advanced Education) Acts, an amount of \$25,075,930 was received from the Commonwealth during 1973-74 in respect of recurrent expenditure of colleges of advanced education. That sum was distributed amongst various colleges in accordance with the Commonwealth legislation. After repayment of an amount of \$28,086 to the Commonwealth on account of moneys unspent in the financial year 1971-72, the balance held in the Trust Account as at 30th June, 1974, was \$29,148.

The following statement sets out the allocation of the total grant received on account of recurrent expenditure :—

	Colleges of Advanced Education.				Total.
	Victoria Institute of Colleges and Affiliated Colleges.	Colleges not affiliated with the Victoria Institute of Colleges.			
		Education Department.	Agriculture Department.	Forests Commission.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Commonwealth Grant on account of recurrent expenditure for advanced education	18,574,489	6,046,369	443,792	11,280	25,075,930

State Grants (Science Laboratories) Trust Account.

Under the provisions of its States Grants (Science Laboratories) Acts, the Commonwealth granted financial assistance to the State for science laboratories and equipment in State schools and independent schools.

The following statement summarizes the transactions during 1973-74 :—

	State Schools.	Independent Schools.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$
Balance—1st July, 1973	599,736	16,072	615,808
Grants from Commonwealth	1,400,000	1,359,295	2,759,295
	1,999,736	1,375,367	3,375,103
Expenditure	1,771,714	1,109,669	2,881,383
Balance—30th June, 1974	228,022	265,698	493,720

State Grants (Secondary Schools Libraries) Trust Account.

Pursuant to the provisions of the States Grants (Secondary Schools Libraries) Act, a grant of \$3,723,830 was provided by the Commonwealth during 1973-74 towards establishing, stocking and equipping State and independent secondary school libraries.

The following statement summarizes the transactions during 1973-74 :—

	State Schools.	Independent Schools.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$
Balance—1st July, 1973	663,996	91	664,087
Grants from Commonwealth	2,694,708	1,029,122	3,723,830
	3,358,704	1,029,213	4,387,917
Expenditure	3,097,887	928,111	4,025,998
Balance—30th June, 1974	260,817	101,102	361,919

State Grants (Teachers Colleges) Trust Accounts.

Under the provisions of its States Grants (Teachers Colleges) Acts, the Commonwealth granted financial assistance to the State towards approved building projects in connexion with teachers' colleges. At 1st July, 1973, \$1,030,692 was held in the Trust Accounts. Expenditure totalled \$775,462 and the balance in the Trust Accounts at 30th June, 1974, was \$255,230.

State Grants (Technical Training) Trust Accounts.

Pursuant to the provisions of its States Grants (Technical Training) Acts, the Commonwealth made grants of financial assistance to the State for buildings and equipment for use in technical training in State schools as defined by these Acts. At 1st July, 1973, \$374,467 was held in the Trust Accounts and during 1973-74 grants totalling \$5,500,000 were received. Expenditure on account of technical, agricultural and forestry school buildings and equipment totalled \$4,927,319. The balance in the Trust Accounts at 30th June, 1974, was \$947,148.

State Grants (Independent Schools) Trust Account.

Pursuant to the provisions of its States Grants (Independent Schools) Act, the Commonwealth provided further assistance to the extent of \$7,970,648 to this class of school. This amount, together with a balance of \$2,077 from the previous year was expended in full during 1973-74.

State Grants (Pre-School Teachers Colleges) Trust Account.

Pursuant to the provisions of the States Grants (Pre-School Teachers Colleges) Act, the Commonwealth provided financial assistance in connection with pre-school teachers' colleges. A grant of \$115,765 received during 1973-74 was paid to the Melbourne Kindergarten Training College.

State Grants (Advanced Education) Teachers Colleges Recurrent and Capital Trust Account.

Under the provisions of its States Grants (Schools) Acts, the Commonwealth made grants of financial assistance to the State for recurrent and capital expenditure of the State College of Victoria and its constituent Colleges. A grant of \$17,134,770 was credited to the Account and \$17,040,520 debited, leaving the balance in the Trust Account at 30th June, 1974, at \$94,250.

State Grants (Recurrent Grants to Non-Government Schools) Trust Account.

Pursuant to the provisions of its States Grants (Schools) Acts, the Commonwealth granted financial assistance to the State for non-government schools, that is, those in which primary or secondary education is not conducted by the State or for the profit of individuals. A grant of \$9,755,145 was received and expended in the financial year 1973-74.

State Grants (Schools) Capital Projects 1973-78 Trust Account.

Under the provisions of its States Grants (Schools) Acts, the Commonwealth made grants of financial assistance to the State for capital projects in government and non-government schools. A grant of \$2,906,000 was received from the Commonwealth during 1973-74. Expenditure totalled \$2,652,000 and the balance in the Trust Account as at 30th June, 1974, was \$254,000.

State Grants (Schools) 1974, 1975 Trust Account.

Pursuant to the provisions of its States Grants (Schools) Acts, the Commonwealth granted financial assistance to the State for teacher development. A grant of \$1,235,290 was credited to the Account and \$718,048 debited, leaving the balance in the Trust Account at 30th June, 1974, at \$517,242. The unspent balance occurred in the In-Service Training Section of the Trust Account.

State Grants (Technical Training Fees Reimbursement) Trust Account.

Under the provisions of its States Grants (Schools) Act, the Commonwealth made grants of financial assistance to the State for reimbursement of technical training fees. A grant of \$1,772,000 was received from the Commonwealth during 1973-74 and expended in full.

COMMONWEALTH-STATE.

The major accounts classified under this head are the Commonwealth-State Sirex Trust Account, the Drug Education Programme Trust Account and the Commonwealth-State Eradication of Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Account. These accounts are the subject of comment under the relevant departmental headings elsewhere in the Report.

COMPENSATION AND INSURANCE.

Certain major funds included in this group are discussed elsewhere under appropriate departmental headings at the pages shown hereunder :—

Fund.	Page Reference No.
Cattle Compensation Fund	45
Closer Settlement Insurance Fund	89
Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund	101
State Accident Insurance Fund	See Supplementary Report
State Motor Car Insurance Fund	See Supplementary Report
Swine Compensation Fund	45

Other principal items in the group are commented upon below :—

Estate Agents' Guarantee Fund.

Under the provisions of the *Estate Agents Act* 1958, this Fund, the income of which is provided from fees charged for estate agents' and sub-agents' licences, is available to meet claims for losses incurred because of the non-compliance with certain provisions of the Act by any holder of an estate agent's licence current at the date on which the cause of action originated, or by the employee or sub-agent of such licence holder.

Receipts for the year totalled \$429,199 and claims paid amounted to \$842. The surplus of \$428,357 on the year's operations was transferred, in terms of the legislation, to the Consolidated Fund leaving the statutory maximum in the Fund, namely \$50,000.

Government Buildings Fire Insurance Fund.

This Fund was established pursuant to the *Special Funds Act* 1910. That Act provided for a yearly charge against the Consolidated Fund of \$4,000 and for the crediting of the Fund with interest on the balance of the Fund in excess of \$30,000.

Application of this Fund is restricted to Government buildings but, under a contract of insurance negotiated by the Insurance Commissioner through the Fire and Accident Underwriters Association of Victoria, a pool of insurers, known as the Government Fire Insurance Pool, provides insurance cover in regard to buildings and other property against fire and other risks to which the Fund is not applicable. Neither of the above schemes applies to property owned by the Railways.

Transactions of the Fund during 1972-73 and 1973-74 are summarized below :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Balance, 1st July	1,781,259	1,866,099
Special Appropriation	4,000	4,000
Income from Investment	80,840	112,199
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	1,866,099	1,982,298
Expenditure
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Balance, 30th June	1,866,099	1,982,298
Which included Investments of	1,815,000	1,952,000

In terms of the Act establishing the Fund, the cash balance in excess of \$30,000 is required to be invested.

DEPOSIT.

Items under this heading comprise securities lodged by Insurance and Trustee Companies, \$170,000 ; Contractors' and Timber Cutters' deposits, \$691,389 ; Municipalities Loan Repayment Account, \$583,813, which includes investments totalling \$462,842 ; Sundry Investments and Interest Account, \$101,594 ; and Law Department—Sureties Trust Account, \$210,000.

DEPRECIATION.

Comments on the following funds under this classification are furnished at the pages shown :—

Fund or Account.	Page Reference No.
Eildon Sewerage District Depreciation Fund	112
Forests Plant and Machinery Fund	75
Irrigation Districts Maintenance Equalization and Renewals Account ..	109
Printing Machinery Depreciation Fund	77
Public Works Plant and Machinery Fund	97
Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund	99
Water Supply Plant and Machinery Depreciation Fund	110
Water Supply Works Depreciation Fund	110

SOCIAL, HEALTH AND WELFARE.

Classified under this heading are funds the transactions of which are concerned with various social services.

Comments on the funds listed below are furnished at the pages shown :—

	Page Reference No.
Aboriginal Affairs Fund	43
Hospitals and Charities Fund	84
Workers Compensation Board Fund	50

Adult Education Fund.

This Fund is administered by the Council of Adult Education which was established to advise the Minister on matters of general policy relating to adult education and to plan and supervise the administration and development of adult education in Victoria. The Council may also organize and conduct such lectures, classes, courses, vacation schools and other activities as it thinks necessary or desirable in connexion with the promotion and encouragement of adult education and, subject to the approval of the Minister, may make payments or advances to local advisory committees.

In addition to an annual statutory contribution of \$50,000 from the Consolidated Fund and any other sums appropriated by Parliament for the purpose, all fees and charges received by the Council in connexion with its activities are paid into the Fund.

During 1973-74, the administrative structure of the Council was reorganized and expanded to cope with increases in classes and general activity. The expansion necessitated a revision of the accounting system which now provides for the classification of financial transactions on a regional basis.

The statement below summarizes the Council's financial operations for the past two years. For comparative purposes, figures for 1972-73 have been restated to accord with the revised classification.

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
<i>Source of Funds—</i>		
Balance from Previous Year	1,332	194
Government Contributions :—		
Special Appropriation—Act No. 6240	50,000	50,000
Departmental Vote—Education	223,741	445,060
Fees and Proceeds :—		
Metropolitan Division—Classes and Lectures	236,941	316,621
Special Services Division—Schools, Conferences and Library ..	28,698	29,897
Country Division—Arts, Discussion Groups and Lectures ..	25,410	41,211
Miscellaneous	1,025	1,799
	567,147	884,782

<i>Disbursement of Funds—</i>	\$	\$
Administration—Salaries	198,676	281,988
General Expenses	99,326	195,008
	<u>298,002</u>	<u>476,996</u>
Metropolitan Division—Classes and Creative Arts	164,677	249,029
Special Services Division—Schools, Conferences, Library, Publications, &c.	78,883	95,348
Country Division—Arts, Discussion Groups and Lectures	22,934	61,022
Miscellaneous	2,457	2,387
	<u>566,953</u>	<u>884,782</u>
Balance at End of Year	194	..
	<u>567,147</u>	<u>884,782</u>

Mental Hospitals Fund.

The *Tattersall Consultations Act* 1958 provides for the annual payment from the Consolidated Fund to the Hospitals and Charities and the Mental Hospitals Funds, in the proportion determined by the Treasurer, of an amount equivalent to the duty paid by the promoter on Tattersall and Tattslotto consultations. During 1973–74 duty paid and apportioned to these Funds amounted to \$15,548,387. The sum of \$2,345,000 was allocated to the Mental Hospitals Fund and the balance to the Hospitals and Charities Fund.

The Mental Hospitals Fund may be applied towards the establishment and maintenance of mental hospitals, private mental homes and other institutions within the meaning of the Mental Health Act.

The following statement sets out the transactions for the year and the gross amounts from the inception of the Fund until 30th June, 1974 :—

	During the Year.	Total.
	\$	\$
<i>Receipts.</i>		
Balance 1st July, 1973	5,503	..
Special Appropriations— <i>Tattersall Consultations Act</i> 1958	2,345,000	16,151,612
	<u>2,350,503</u>	<u>16,151,612</u>
<i>Payments.</i>		
Capital Works .. .. .	..	622,000
Maintenance Works .. .. .	..	300,000
General Expenditure (State Institutions) .. .. .	..	3,360,216
Maintenance Grants (Other Institutions)	2,324,485	10,973,212
Mental Health Research (University of Melbourne)	14,000	260,000
Capital Grants (Other Institutions) .. .. .	..	624,166
	<u>2,338,485</u>	<u>16,139,594</u>
Balance 30th June, 1974.. .. .	12,018	12,018

SUPERANNUATION AND PENSION.

The funds included in this group are the Police Pensions Fund, Police Superannuation Fund, Port Phillip Pilot Sick and Superannuation Fund and Superannuation Trust Fund. The Superannuation Fund, the Pensions Supplementation Fund, the Married Women's Superannuation Fund and the Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Fund do not form part of the Public Account and reference to these latter funds will be found in my Supplementary Report.

Police Pensions Fund.

This Fund was, prior to the provisions of the *Superannuation Act* 1963 becoming effective, the sole statutory fund out of which pensions or gratuities were payable to members of the Police Force appointed on or after 25th November, 1902.

Interest on investments and the appropriate deductions from pay of those members of the Force remaining as contributors to this scheme are credited to the Fund.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the *Pensions Supplementation Act 1966*, regular fortnightly transfers of moneys were made from the Police Pensions Fund to the Pensions Supplementation Fund to meet the cost of supplementing police pensions and police widows' pensions. Transfers for the year totalled \$908,924. This Section provides also that, where in any financial year the funds in the Police Superannuation Fund are insufficient to cover pensions payable, the amount of such insufficiency shall be transferred from the Police Pensions Fund to the Police Superannuation Fund. Transfers for the year amounted to \$3,300.

A comparative summary of the Police Pensions Fund for the past two years is furnished below :—

							1972-73.	1973-74
							\$	\$
<i>Receipts.</i>								
Deductions from pay .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	65,201	70,285
Interest on Investments .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	555,769	452,632
Balance in hand—1st July .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,575,934	8,911,656
							11,196,904	9,434,573
<i>Disbursements.</i>								
Pensions .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,549,821	1,592,035
Gratuities .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,312	15,182
Deductions refunded—on resignation .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	24,077	26,832
Pensions Supplementation Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	689,048	908,924
Police Superannuation Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,990	3,300
							2,285,248	2,546,273
Balance, 30th June .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,911,656	6,888,300
Represented by :—								
Investments .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,979,900	6,831,900
Cash .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	931,756	56,400
							8,911,656	6,888,300

At 30th June, 1974, the investments of the Fund comprised Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock, \$3,981,900, and securities of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, \$1,800,000, State Electricity Commission, \$150,000, Gas and Fuel Corporation, \$810,000, and the Melbourne Harbor Trust, \$90,000—a total of \$6,831,900.

Police Superannuation Fund.

This Fund is the source from which pensions are payable in respect of members of the Police Force who were appointed before 25th November, 1902.

Income of the Fund was \$7,693 which comprised the State's contribution of \$4,000, fines amounting to \$393 and a transfer from the Police Pensions Fund of \$3,300. Pension payments totalled \$7,569.

Port Phillip Pilot Sick and Superannuation Fund.

To provide retiring allowances or gratuities to sea pilots of the port of Port Phillip, the *Marine Act 1958* stipulates that out of the Pilots' Salary Fund (which receives all moneys paid for pilotage rates) there is payable to the Port Phillip Pilot Sick and Superannuation Fund, at intervals prescribed by the Governor in Council, 6 per cent. of the amount at credit of the Pilots' Salary Fund. The Governor in Council is empowered to increase or decrease this percentage by not more than 2 per cent. The percentage was increased to the maximum of eight per cent. of the amount at credit as from 1st January, 1974. Provision is made for moneys in the Fund to be invested.

The following summary sets out the transactions in the Fund during 1972-73 and 1973-74 :—

							1972-73.	1973-74.
							\$	\$
<i>Receipts.</i>								
Deductions from Earnings	..	..	..	..	..	..	120,141	150,970
Interest on Investments	..	..	..	..	..	..	86,096	86,877
Balance, 1st July	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,515,456	1,619,378
							<u>1,721,693</u>	<u>1,857,225</u>
<i>Payments.</i>								
Pensions	..	..	..	..	..	..	102,315	95,889
							<u>102,315</u>	<u>95,889</u>
Balance, 30th June	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,619,378	1,761,336
Represented by :—								
Investments	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,566,200	1,744,700
Cash	..	..	..	..	..	..	53,178	16,636
							<u>1,619,378</u>	<u>1,761,336</u>

Investments comprised inscribed stock of the Commonwealth Government, \$81,300, the State Electricity Commission, \$750,500, the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, \$401,400, and the Grain Elevators Board, \$68,000 ; Registered First Mortgages over the Pilot Vessels, "Alvina" and "Hawk", \$78,500 ; Gas and Fuel Corporation debenture stock, \$165,000, and State Savings Bank term deposits, \$200,000.

SUSPENSE.

The Trust Fund includes accounts which are in the nature of suspense accounts. Certain of these accounts are governed by legislation, while others are clearing accounts for bookkeeping purposes.

Major accounts under this classification are discussed at the pages shown :—

<i>Account.</i>							Page Reference No.
Forests Stores Suspense Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	75
Drivers' Licence Suspense Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	16, 49
Public Works Stores Suspense Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	97
Railway Charges in Suspense Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	102
Railway Stores Suspense Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	102
Tourist Bureaux Trust Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	106
Water Supply Stores Suspense Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	110

WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT.

Transactions of funds under this heading are related to works, development and research. References to the undermentioned funds in this group appear at the pages shown :—

<i>Fund or Account.</i>							Page Reference No.
Country Roads Board Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	55
Forest Equipment Hire Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	76
Forestry Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	75
Industrial Development Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	107
National Parks Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	52
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission Agency Trust Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	111
Teacher Housing Authority Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	85
Timber Promotion Committee Trust Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	76
Tourist Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	105

Comments on several other funds classified under the above heading are furnished hereunder :—

Level Crossings Fund.

This Fund is credited with one-third of the moneys received by way of additional registration fees under Section 8 of the *Motor Car Act 1958*, less costs of collection, and moneys provided under any other Act. These moneys are available for the purposes of the elimination of level crossings and for associated works.

Transactions of the Fund for the past two years are summarized hereunder :—

	1972-73.		1973-74.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance 1st July	17,083		42,785	
Receipts—				
Additional Registration Fees	1,197,092		1,270,243	
	<u> </u>	1,214,175	<u> </u>	1,313,028
Expenditure—				
By Railway Department	545,542		421,311	
By Country Roads Board	625,848		427,549	
	<u> </u>	1,171,390	<u> </u>	848,860
Balance 30th June		42,785		464,168
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>

Municipalities Assistance Fund.

In addition to subsidies provided from the Consolidated Fund to municipalities, funds are made available to municipalities through the Municipalities Assistance Fund.

The authority for this Fund is in the *Local Government Act 1958* which provides that to the credit of the Fund there shall be paid part of all motor drivers' licence fees and driving instructors' licence fees paid under the *Motor Car Act 1958* less cost of collection in each case.

The Fund has these functions—to provide subsidies towards the cost of approved works of municipalities and other public bodies, to contribute towards the operating costs of the Country Fire Authority, and to contribute to the Casual Fire Fighters Compensation Fund, whenever, at 30th April in any year, the balance of such compensation fund, less commitments, falls below \$2,000.

When the amount standing to the credit of the Municipalities Assistance Fund is at any time insufficient to meet the sums and contributions authorized to be paid out of the Fund, moneys may be issued and applied from the Consolidated Fund to meet such insufficiency.

During the year, an amount of \$1,080,000 was contributed to the Fund from the Works and Services Account.

Following is a summary of operations in the Fund :—

	1972-73.		1973-74.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, 1st July		1,844,610		1,846,786
Contribution—Works and Services Account ..		600,000		1,080,000
Receipts from Fees—Motor Car Drivers' and Instructors' Licences	1,747,799		1,829,426	
Less Costs of Collection	105,565		122,228	
	<u> </u>	1,642,234	<u> </u>	1,707,198
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		4,086,844		4,633,984
Expenditure—				
Contribution to Country Fire Authority		1,638,400		2,143,928
Contribution to Casual Fire Fighters Compensation Fund		1,669		..
Subsidies to Municipalities for Works ..		599,989		508,038
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		2,240,058		2,651,966
Balance, 30th June		1,846,786		1,982,018
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		4,086,844		4,633,984
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>

Roads (Special Projects) Fund.

This Fund, established under the provisions of the *Roads (Special Projects) Act 1965*, is credited with a proportion of certain fees prescribed under the Motor Car Act.

The moneys so provided may be applied, at the discretion of the Treasurer, for or towards the cost of such special projects for the construction and improvement of roads (including bridges and traffic control installations and items) as are approved by the Governor in Council.

An amount of \$3,251,158 was charged to the Fund during the year in connection with the purchase and transport to Melbourne of a floating dock from Hamburg. The new dock is to replace existing docking facilities at South Melbourne which are being phased out of operation in 1974 as a result of the construction of a bridge over the River Yarra.

Transactions of the Fund for the years 1972-73 and 1973-74 are set out below :—

	1972-73.		1973-74.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, 1st July	11,992,349		17,181,369	
Receipts—				
Registration Fees	16,577,001		17,955,631	
	<u> </u>	28,569,350	<u> </u>	35,137,000
Expenditure—				
By Country Roads Board	5,675,491		7,643,373	
By Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	5,712,490		8,863,879	
Acquisition of Floating Dock .. .. .	..		3,251,158	
	<u> </u>	11,387,981	<u> </u>	19,758,410
Balance, 30th June .. .. .	..	17,181,369	..	15,378,590

Works and Services Account.

This Account, established pursuant to the *Public Account Act 1958*, is financed from the Consolidated Fund by allocations determined by the Treasurer and expenditure therefrom is met only under authority of appropriations by Parliament. For the purpose of presenting many of the statements included in this Report, expenditure of appropriations from the Consolidated Fund through the Works and Services Account has been treated as expenditure from the Consolidated Fund.

The balance of the Account at 1st July, 1973, was \$13,316,141 and allocations from the Consolidated Fund during 1973-74 amounted to \$246,537,135. Expenditure, including an amount of \$5,226,292 disbursed from Treasurer's Advance pending parliamentary sanction thereto, was \$246,859,956, leaving a balance in the Account at 30th June, 1974, of \$12,993,320.

Details of the expenditure met from the Account are given on page 24.

OTHER.*Dried Fruits Fund.*

The Victorian Dried Fruits Board is responsible for the control of the marketing, in Victoria, of dried fruits produced in the State, the registration of packing houses and the establishment and maintenance of standards in the industry. Its operations are financed from the Dried Fruits Fund, and its accounts are based on a calendar year. The revenue of the Fund is derived almost entirely from statutory contributions made annually by packing houses.

The following summary sets out the transactions of the Board for the years 1972 and 1973.

1972.									1973.	
\$									\$	\$
	Income—									
60,507	Contributions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41,108	
4,007	Other	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,354	
<hr/>									<hr/>	45,462
64,514										
	Expenditure—									
5,842	Allowances, Board Members	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,870	
15,428	Salaries, Office Staff	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,317	
20,592	Inspection and Grading	21,015	
11,464	General Expenses	9,890	
<hr/>									<hr/>	52,092
53,326										
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11,188	Surplus								Deficit	6,630
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At 30th June, 1974, the balance at credit of the Fund in the Treasury amounted to \$65,616 and comprised cash \$2,436 and investments \$63,180 (face value).

Reference to other accounts in this group may be found at the pages shown below :—

<i>Account</i>	<i>Page Reference No.</i>
The Licensing Fund	15
Race-courses Development Fund	12, 13
Greyhound Racing Grounds Development Fund	12, 13
Totalizator Agency Board Trust Account	12, 13
Traffic Authority Fund	49, 57
Transport Regulation Fund	113

Securities Lodged with Treasurer.

The major items included in this category relate to shares of the Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria purchased by the State under the provisions of the *Gas and Fuel Corporation Act 1958*, \$15,512,918, and to a Geelong Harbor Trust debenture securing the outstanding balance of an advance, \$67,331.

PART V.—DEPARTMENTS, BRANCHES AND AUTHORITIES.

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS.

The Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs was established for the purpose of promoting the social and economic advancement of aborigines. Moneys appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the Act and other moneys received by the Ministry are paid into the Aboriginal Affairs Fund. The Minister is authorized to apportion, distribute, apply or lend any money in the Fund for the purposes of the Act.

Transactions during 1973-74 in relation to this Fund were :—

	\$	\$
Balance 1st July, 1973		138,783
Receipts—		
The Consolidated Fund—		
Vote	410,000	
Works and Services Account	310,000	
	720,000	
Commonwealth Grants—		
Education, Health, Employment and Special Works	391,000	
Rural Employment	6,744	
	397,744	
Repayment of Loans		29,825
Sale of Property		22,637
Rent and Accommodation Charges		42,496
Donations		1,277
Refund of Housing Grants		6,000
Miscellaneous		4,097
		1,362,859
Payments—		
Assistance to Aborigines	628,130	
Administration, &c., Costs	597,221	
	1,225,351	
Balance 30th June, 1974		137,508
		1,362,859

ABORIGINAL HOUSING (COMMONWEALTH) TRUST ACCOUNT.

In 1973-74, grants totalling \$948,000 were paid to the State by the Commonwealth. Of this amount, \$557,000 was allocated for housing and the balance, \$391,000, for education, health, special works projects and employment. Conditions attaching to the housing grants require that they be paid into a special account, and the Aboriginal Housing (Commonwealth) Trust Account has been established in the Treasury for this purpose. Rents received from dwellings acquired with the assistance of moneys in the Account, less 40 per cent. thereof as a contribution towards administration and maintenance, and the proceeds of sales of any such dwellings are also required to be paid into the Account. Moneys in the Account are available to meet the cost of purchase of residential land for aboriginal housing and the purchase or construction of dwellings and hostel accommodation.

Amounts paid into the Account during the year totalled \$603,206 representing the housing allocation of \$557,000, rent and loan repayments of \$32,065 and house sales \$14,141. Expenditure for the year on the purchase and construction of dwellings amounted to \$720,848. At 30th June, 1974, the balance in the Account was \$121,934.

AGRICULTURE.

The Department of Agriculture is engaged in the administration of legislation relating to primary production, and in research and experimental work, practical farming education and supervision as prescribed by the relevant Acts. In this connexion, information is disseminated and advice, assistance and encouragement given to those engaged in the many branches of the agricultural, horticultural, live stock and dairying industries.

COST TO THE CONSOLIDATED FUND.

The expenditure of the Department from the Consolidated Fund for the year was \$19,941,065, against which there were departmental receipts of \$2,710,907, resulting in a net outgoing of \$17,230,158 compared with \$13,659,054 for the previous year. Details of the expenditure and receipts for the two years are :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
<i>Expenditure.</i>	\$	\$
Special Appropriation—Agricultural Colleges	100,000	100,000
Vote—		
Agriculture—Salaries, Expenses, Other Services	14,185,068	17,183,325
Treasurer—Workers Compensation Insurance, Pay-roll Tax ..	482,001	730,934
Public Works—Maintenance and Rent of Buildings	134,039	181,317
Works and Services Account—Acquisition of Properties, Construction of Works, &c.	1,528,153	1,745,489
	16,429,261	19,941,065
<i>Receipts.</i>		
Departmental Services	2,630,273	2,584,408
Licences—Dairies, Dairy Farms, Dairy Produce Factories, &c. ..	139,934	126,499
	2,770,207	2,710,907
Net outgoing (excluding debt charges)	13,659,054	17,230,158

TRUST ACCOUNTS.

In addition to those activities financed from the Consolidated Fund, various other services and projects are administered through trust accounts the funds for which are, in many instances, provided almost wholly by the Commonwealth. The purposes for which these accounts have been established are such that they may be grouped within the broad classifications of research and experimental, educational, compensation and advisory services. Brief comments in respect of certain of the larger trust accounts are given in the following paragraphs.

Commonwealth Extension Services (Agriculture) Grant Account.

Expenditure from funds provided by the Commonwealth for purposes of expanding extension services, including applied research and farm management advice, is controlled through this account. In 1973-74, receipts to the account amounted to \$1,664,908, including \$1,642,564 from the Commonwealth, and expenditure totalled \$1,614,862. A balance of \$114,687 remained in the account at 30th June.

Commonwealth Dairy Research Grant Account.

Moneys in this account may be expended on the recommendations of the Australian Dairy Produce Board which are based on proposals of the Dairy Produce Research Committee. Such expenditure may be on research in connexion with matters concerned with dairy produce and for the dissemination of information concerning the dairy produce industry. Receipts from the Commonwealth in 1973-74 amounted to \$176,260, other receipts to \$1,014 and expenditure was \$139,076. The account had a balance of \$57,408 at 30th June.

Australian Meat Research Account.

This account meets the costs of cattle and sheep research projects carried out by the Department under the auspices of the Australian Meat Research Committee. In 1973-74, expenditure for this purpose totalled \$259,317 and was met from the credit balance in the account together with receipts of \$251,886 from the Commonwealth. The unexpended balance at 30th June was \$44,348.

Commonwealth—State Eradication of Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Account.

Funds provided towards meeting costs involved in carrying out the State's part in the national campaign for the eradication of brucellosis and tuberculosis in livestock are held in this trust account. Expenditure under the State programme for the year amounted to \$1,669,013.

Cattle Compensation Fund and Swine Compensation Fund.

Receipts to these Funds consist mainly of stamp duty levied on the sales of cattle and swine and the proceeds from the realization of the residual value of animals destroyed. Moneys in the Funds are applied mainly to the payment of claims for compensation to owners of diseased cattle and swine destroyed in accordance with the relevant legislation.

In 1973–74, receipts of the Swine Compensation Fund amounted to \$111,290 and payments to \$677,336, leaving a balance of \$752,839 in the Fund as at 30th June, 1974. Receipts of the Cattle Compensation Fund amounted to \$1,175,930 and payments to \$1,887,363, leaving a balance of \$1,155,438.

Agricultural Colleges and Research Farms.

In various parts of the State, the Department has established and maintains colleges and research farms for the purposes of agricultural education and the development of improved farming methods.

The receipts and payments of some of the larger institutions were :—

	Receipts.	Payments.	Net Outgoing.
	\$	\$	\$
Agricultural College, Dookie	198,705	948,322	749,617
Agricultural College, Longerenong	106,711	587,089	480,378
Dairy College, Glenormiston	92,083	444,710	352,627
Research Farm, Werribee	45,362	343,823	298,461
Horticultural College, Burnley	11,710	271,085	259,375

The above receipts include students' fees, sale of produce, rents, &c., and the payments comprise salaries and wages, maintenance, other working expenses as well as capital expenditure.

Victoria Dock Cool Stores.

In the following statements, the accounting transactions of the Cool Stores are presented on a commercial basis and show that, for the year ended 30th June, 1974, an operating loss of \$52,496 was incurred. This compares with an operating profit of \$45,873 for the previous year. This loss does not include interest on capital, \$145,227. In the opinion of departmental officers, this loss was mainly due to seasonal and economic conditions in the meat and allied industries. The 1973-74 figures are subject to audit.

	1972-73.		1973-74.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Revenue.</i>				
Storage and Shipping Charges, &c.	454,731		295,785	
Rental	98,660		102,527	
		553,391		398,312
<i>Expenditure.</i>				
Salaries and Wages, &c.	296,034		266,481	
Long Service Leave, Superannuation	15,133		11,457	
Pay-roll Tax	10,196		11,915	
Rent of Site	11,688		2,718	
Maintenance	41,805		23,144	
Electrical Energy	58,157		44,086	
Other Charges (net)	10,791		28,376	
Depreciation	63,714		62,631	
		507,518		450,808
Operating Profit		45,873		..
Operating Loss .. .. .		..		52,496
Plus Balance 1st July		1,146,362		1,006,108
Adjustment Former Years		30,706		..
		1,222,941		953,612
Less Interest on Capital	142,790		145,227	
Loss on Realization of Assets	15,763		..	
Provision for Long Service Leave and Retiring Gratuities	58,280		..	
		216,833		145,227
Balance 30th June		1,006,108		808,385

ABRIDGED BALANCE-SHEET.

30.6.73.		30.6.74.
\$		\$
2,521,859	Capital Provided by State	2,535,040
149,392	Contribution by Commonwealth, &c.	149,392
7,533	Sundry Creditors	10,094
5,921	Reserve	5,921
1,569	Accrued Expenses	2,001
66,949	Provision for Long Service Leave, &c.	78,405
1,006,108	Profit and Loss Accumulation Account	808,385
<u>3,759,331</u>		<u>3,589,238</u>
Fixed Assets at Cost Less Depreciation—		
1,379,989	Buildings	1,343,389
315,238	Machinery, Plant, &c.	302,834
23,036	Roads and Railway Sidings	22,590
<u>1,718,263</u>		<u>1,668,813</u>
5,994	Stores on Hand	5,450
116,459	Sundry Debtors	149,061
1,918,615	Excess of payments to the Consolidated Fund over working and other expenses provided therefrom	1,765,914
<u>3,759,331</u>		<u>3,589,238</u>

During the year, capital provided by the State was increased by \$13,181. This amount was expended on equipment.

The interest charge shown in the statement is based on capital which has been provided by the State from loan and revenue sources—principally the former. The balance of receipts to the Consolidated Fund over working and other expenses provided therefrom is not offset against the capital provided by the State in arriving at the notional charge for interest.

ARTS.

The Ministry for the Arts was established pursuant to the provisions of the *Ministry for the Arts Act 1972*. The objects of the Ministry are to develop and improve the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the Arts, to increase their availability and accessibility to the public, and to encourage and assist in the provision of facilities to enable the Arts to be performed or displayed.

The cost to the Consolidated Fund of the various branches and functions of the Ministry for 1973-74 is set out below :—

—	Receipts.	Payments.			Net Outgoing 1973-74.	Net Outgoing 1972-73.
		Vote.	Works and Services Account.	Total.		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
National Gallery, Arts Centre, &c.	..	1,221,376	3,075,000	4,296,376	4,296,376	3,457,069
State Film Centre	3,876	273,815	..	273,815	269,939	218,044
State Library and Grants to Free Libraries	2,670	5,023,037	230,954	5,253,991	5,251,321	5,196,138
Country Art Galleries .. ..	..	107,287	206,448	313,735	313,735	194,393
Grants to Cultural Bodies .. ..	..	1,206,535	10,000	1,216,535	1,216,535	790,403
Administrative .. ..	..	67,310	..	67,310	67,310	1,465
Total	6,546	7,899,360	3,522,402	11,421,762	11,415,216	9,857,512

During 1973-74, responsibility for the administration of the State Library and the provision of free library services was transferred from the Chief Secretary's Department to the Ministry for the Arts.

The sum of \$3,075,000 shown as expended from Works and Services Account during 1973-74 in respect of the National Gallery and Arts Centre includes an amount of \$2,400,000 paid to the Victorian Arts Centre Building Committee by the Treasurer of Victoria on 28th June, 1974. Of this amount, \$2,000,000 was repaid to Treasury on 8th July, 1974, and credited to Treasury Trust Fund.

CHIEF SECRETARY.

The accounts of a number of sub-departments and branches administered by the Chief Secretary are discussed hereunder.

Police.

COST TO THE CONSOLIDATED FUND.

The net cost of police services was \$59,112,315. In the following statement, net cost includes not only the relevant expenditure under the authority of special appropriations and the annual police vote but also, to the extent applicable, the expenditure under the authority of votes of other Departments and expenditure from the Works and Services Account. Expenditure and receipts for the year are compared hereunder with corresponding figures for the previous year :—

				<i>Expenditure.</i>	
				1972-73.	1973-74.
				\$	\$
Special Appropriation—					
Pensions and Superannuation, &c.	..	..	..	1,023,007	1,438,966
Vote—					
Police—					
Salaries and Allowances	..	..	..	40,731,615	50,554,936
Overtime and Penalty Rates	..	..	..	899,997	1,222,406
Payments in lieu of Long Service Leave	..	..	..	616,657	796,455
General Expenses	..	..	..	4,908,263	6,296,966
Treasurer—					
Workers Compensation Insurance, Pay-roll Tax	..	..	..	1,943,433	2,536,277
Public Works—					
Maintenance and Rent of Buildings	..	..	..	31,542	107,213
Works and Services Account—					
Police Buildings and Residences	..	..	..	2,202,505	2,370,170
Expenditure in Connection with Metric Conversion	..	..	..	..	9,275
				52,357,019	65,332,664
 <i>Receipts.</i>					
Departmental Services	..	..	..	1,688,349	1,807,007
Firearms and other licences	..	..	..	64,413	63,698
Recoup of administrative expenses—Motor Registration Branch	..	..	..	3,646,891	4,349,644
				5,399,653	6,220,349
Net cost of police services	..	..	..	46,957,366	59,112,315

The increased net cost of police services for the year, \$12,154,949, was caused mainly by increases in :—

				\$
Salaries and Allowances and associated expenses	..	..	..	11,154,533
Motor Vehicles—Purchase and running expenses	..	..	..	557,217
Radio and Scientific Equipment, &c.	..	..	..	394,827

MOTOR REGISTRATION BRANCH.

Functions of the Branch include matters relating to the registration of motor vehicles, issue of motor drivers' licences and the collection, as agents for authorized insurers, of premiums under third-party policies pursuant to the provisions of the *Motor Car Act* 1958. In addition, the Branch is required to collect surcharges in respect of contracts of third-party insurance and stamp duty payable on the registration or acquisition of a motor car or trailer.

Collections arising from the above functions are shown below :—

1972-73.		1973-74.
\$		\$
64,638,096	Fees under the Motor Car Act	69,584,368
52,944,067	Third Party Insurance Premiums	69,186,590
12,407,007	Stamp Duty	17,309,137
129,989,170		156,080,095

In accordance with statutory direction these collections were credited to :—

\$	<i>Country Roads Board Fund—</i>	\$	\$
36,150,427	Motor Fees and Examiners' Licences	39,131,002	
875,833	Drivers' Licence and Motor Driving Instructors' Licence Fees..	917,502	
2,561,021	Additional Registration Fees	2,726,256	
39,587,281		42,774,760	
	<i>Level Crossings Fund—</i>		
1,280,510	Additional Registration Fees	1,363,128	
	<i>Municipalities Assistance Fund—</i>		
1,747,799	Drivers' Licence Fees and Motor Driving Instructors' Licence Fees	1,829,426	
	<i>Transport Regulation Fund—</i>		
10,465	Omnibus Registration Fees	11,410	
	<i>Roads (Special Projects) Fund—</i>		
16,577,001	Increase in Registration Fees	17,955,631	
	<i>Hospitals and Charities Fund—</i>		
1,896,499	Contributions—Third Party Insurance Premiums	2,045,826	
	<i>Consolidated Fund—</i>		
3,495,622	Drivers' Licence and Motor Driving Instructors' Licence Fees..	3,658,854	
2,691,872	Insurance Surcharges	2,903,380	
12,407,007	Stamp Duty	17,309,137	
131,123	Personalized Number Plates	83,444	
..	Recreation Vehicles Fees	13,896	
		23,968,711	
	<i>Drivers' Licence Suspense Account—</i>		
872,020	Drivers' Licence Fees	911,925	
	<i>Traffic Authority Fund—</i>		
936,275	Registration Surcharges	962,214	
	<i>Motor Accidents Board—</i>		
..	Contributions—Third Party Insurance Premiums and Drivers' Licence Surcharges	563,526	
	<i>Approved Third Party Insurers—</i>		
48,355,696	Net Premiums collected on their behalf	63,693,538	
129,989,170		156,080,095	

Fees under the Motor Car Act.—Fees collected by the Branch under the Motor Car Act increased by \$4,946,272. The higher collections from this source were due, mainly, to the greater number of motor vehicles registered—1,675,296 compared with 1,569,302 in 1972-73.

Third Party Insurance.—An increase of \$16,242,523 in the total premiums collected on behalf of authorized insurers was attributable to the higher premiums charged from 12th February, 1974, and, also, to a further increase in the volume of transactions handled by the Branch in 1973-74.

The *Motor Car (Hospitals and Charities Contributions) Act* 1966 provides that, from each third party insurance premium collected, the sum of \$1.40 or such greater amount as is prescribed by the Governor in Council, not exceeding five per cent. of the total premium paid, shall be deducted and paid to the credit of the Hospitals and Charities Fund. The amount deducted in 1973-74 was at the rate of \$1.40 per premium and the total amount credited to the Fund, including collections by authorized insurers, was \$2,355,830.

Stamp Duty.—The substantial increase of \$4,902,130 in collections from this source was, primarily, the result of an increase in the rate of stamp duty on applications for registration and notices of acquisition of motor cars and commercial trailers from \$3 to \$4 for every \$200 of the market value and also for any fractional part of \$200 of the market value of each such car or trailer, effective from 1st December, 1973.

Costs of Collection.—Costs of collection in respect of fees under the Motor Car Act are apportioned between the participating funds, including the Consolidated Fund, with the exception that, in respect of amounts credited to the Roads (Special Projects) Fund, the relevant costs of collection are borne by the Country Roads Board Fund.

State Accident Insurance Office and State Motor Car Insurance Office.

Final accounts and balance-sheets for these Offices had not been completed in time for inclusion in this Report.

Statements of and comments on the accounts will be included in my Supplementary Report.

Workers Compensation Board.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Workers Compensation Act* 1958, the revenue of the Board consists of contributions by Approved Insurers, the Victorian Railways and employers who operate certified schemes of compensation. All such receipts of the Board are paid into a Trust Fund kept at the Treasury styled the "Workers Compensation Board Fund" from which are met the costs and expenses of the Board. The Fund is also available for the payment of moneys due under awards against uninsured employers. The Insurance Commissioner is empowered to recover any such amounts on behalf of the Fund. Certain costs and expenses of the Insurance Commissioner are met from the Fund.

Particulars of the Income and Expenditure of the Fund for the years 1972-73 and 1973-74 are as shown hereunder.

Amounts in respect of the financial year 1973-74 are submitted subject to audit.

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
<i>Income—</i>		
Contributions from insurers and others	664,765	495,278
<i>Expenditure—</i>		
Salaries and pay in lieu of long service leave	186,538	251,045
Rent	181,605	194,567
General	77,690	68,183
Claims on uninsured employers paid from the Fund (net) ..	39,028	55,389
	484,861	569,184
Excess of Income over Expenditure	179,904	..
Excess of Expenditure over Income .. .. .	..	73,906

Although expenditure for the year exceeded contributions from insurers and others by \$73,906, surplus funds brought forward at 1st July, 1973, together with the income for the year were not fully absorbed by the higher costs. The accumulated surplus at 30th June, 1974, was \$105,821.

All amounts of compensation granted under awards of the Board in cases of death and of minors (other than weekly payments) are payable into the custody of the Board to be invested, applied, or otherwise dealt with, in the Board's discretion, for the benefit of the persons entitled thereto. All moneys in the custody of the Board are invested in a Common Fund. Interest on the investments is apportioned equitably over all the constituent accounts.

Receipts and Payments of the Common Fund for the years 1972-73 and 1973-74 are summarized below :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Receipts	8,794,706	10,292,555
Payments	5,485,622	6,130,370
Excess of receipts over payments	3,309,084	4,162,185
Balance at beginning of year	25,476,817	28,785,901
Balance at close of year	28,785,901	32,948,086

Investments, &c., controlled by the Board at 30th June, 1974, are shown hereunder :—

Common Fund—

	\$
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited—Convertible Certificates of Deposit	950,000
Apollo Bay Sewerage Authority Debentures	200,000
Ballarat Sewerage Authority	450,000
Ballarat Water Commissioners Debentures	450,000
Dromana-Rosebud Sewerage Authority Debentures	300,000
Drouin Sewerage Authority Debentures	200,000
Frankston Sewerage Authority Debentures	2,400,000
Gas and Fuel Corporation Debentures	200,000
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust Debentures	3,400,000
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Debentures	8,650,000
Mornington Sewerage Authority Debentures	850,000
Mount Eliza Sewerage Authority Debentures	100,000
Nathalia Sewerage Authority Debentures	100,000
Numurkah Sewerage Authority Debentures	300,000
Orbost Waterworks Trust Debentures	100,000
Port Fairy Sewerage Authority Debentures	800,000
Queenscliffe Sewerage Authority Debentures	100,000
Shepparton Sewerage Authority Debentures	300,000
State Electricity Commission Debentures	12,500,000
West Moorabool Water Board Debentures	800,000
Temporary Advances	22
	33,150,022
Less Bank balance temporarily overdrawn	201,936
	32,948,086

Other Branches.

The cost to the Consolidated Fund of the remaining sub-departments and branches of the Chief Secretary's Department for 1973-74 compared with the previous year is set out below :—

—	Receipts.	Payments.			Net Outgoing 1973-74.	Net Outgoing 1972-73.
		Vote.	Works and Services Account.	Total.		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
National and Science Museums ..	..	1,046,929	3,835	1,050,764	1,050,764	820,343
Government Statist	605,259	922,378	..	922,378	317,119	248,772
Civil Defence .. .. .	..	103,052	..	103,052	103,052	..
Registrar of Estate Agents, &c. ..	8,317	76,782	..	76,782	68,465	..
Government Shorthand Writer ..	22,347	120,463	..	120,463	98,116	55,467
Public Record Office .. .. .	..	111,723	..	111,723	111,723	..
Archaeological and Aboriginal Relics Preservation	5	50,363	..	50,363	50,358	..
Administrative	32,928	621,317	..	621,317	588,389	487,288
	668,856	3,053,007	3,835	3,056,842	2,387,986	1,611,870

During 1973-74, the administration of the State Library was transferred to the Ministry for the Arts, and the Chief Secretary took over the administration of Civil Defence from the Premier, and the Registrar of Estate Agents and Finance Brokers from the Treasurer.

CONSERVATION.

The Ministry for Conservation was established under the provisions of the *Ministry for Conservation Act 1972*. The objects of the Ministry are the protection and preservation of the environment and the proper management and utilization of the land and living aquatic resources of Victoria.

National Parks.

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Ministry for Conservation Act 1972*, the Ministry is responsible for the administration of the National Parks Fund.

The Fund is credited with any moneys appropriated by Parliament and with any gifts, bequests or other moneys received by the Minister. The Fund is required to meet the costs and expenses of exercising the functions and powers contained in the *National Parks Act 1970* or the *State Development Act 1970*.

A summary of the operations of the National Parks Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1974, is given hereunder :—

	\$	\$
Balance, 1st July, 1973 .. .. .	..	94,041
Receipts—		
From the Consolidated Fund—		
Vote	300,000	
Works and Services Account.. .. .	626,000	
Rentals, Fees, &c.	41,356	
	967,356	967,356
		1,061,397
Payments—		
Grants to Committees of Management of National Parks, Advances for Works to the Public Works Department and Forests Commission and other Miscellaneous Expenditures	762,664	
Administrative Costs	288,730	
	1,051,394	1,051,394
Balance, 30th June, 1974 .. .. .	..	10,003

In addition to the balance of \$10,003 at credit of the Fund, unexpended advances to the Public Works Department and the Forests Commission for works amounted to \$10,449 as at 30th June, 1974.

Environment Protection.

The Environment Protection Authority was established under the *Environment Protection Act 1970* and is within the administration of the Ministry for Conservation in accordance with the *Ministry for Conservation Act 1972*.

Total expenditure for the year was \$2,526,608, of which \$2,190,950 was expended from Vote and \$335,658 from the Works and Services Account. This was an increase of \$1,220,250 in the overall cost of the activity in comparison with 1972-73.

The expenditure consisted of :—

	\$	\$
Vote—		
Salaries	1,159,208	
Laboratory Services and Scientific Assistance	154,816	
Publicity	44,611	
Payments to Protection Agencies for costs of collection of Environment Protection Licences and the carrying out of other Environment Protection functions	620,918	
General Expenses	211,397	
	2,190,950	2,190,950
Works and Services Account—		
Purchase of Buildings, Technical Equipment and Boats .. .. .	..	335,658
		335,658
		2,526,608

Receipts for the year, consisting of fees in respect of environment protection licences, amounted to \$561,339.

Fisheries and Wildlife.

Under the provisions of the *Ministry for Conservation Act 1972*, the Ministry is also responsible for the administration of the Fisheries and Wildlife Division which administers the *Fisheries Act 1968* and the *Game Act 1958*.

The expenditure of the Division from the Consolidated Fund for the year was \$1,986,040 against which there were departmental receipts of \$294,280, resulting in a net outgoing of \$1,691,760 compared with \$1,703,939 for the previous year. Details of the expenditure and receipts for the two years are :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Expenditure—		
Vote—		
Conservation—Salaries, Expenses, Other Services	1,659,529	1,704,950
Treasurer—Workers Compensation Insurance, Pay-roll Tax ..	42,314	61,965
Public Works—Rent of Buildings	14,542	11,303
Works and Services Account.. .. .	236,937	207,822
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Receipts	1,953,322	1,986,040
	249,383	294,280
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Net Outgoing	1,703,939	1,691,760
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Various services and projects of the Division were financed from several Trust Accounts and details of the main accounts are :—

Fisheries and Wildlife Research Trust Account.—This account was established to record various grants made to the Fisheries and Wildlife Division for research purposes.

Grants received during 1973-74 amounted to \$390,646 including \$233,000 for Westernport Bay Environment Pollution Research. The expenditure during the year was \$330,499 leaving a balance of \$146,941 at 30th June, 1974.

Fisheries Research Fund.—This Fund was established under the provisions of Section 19 (1) of the *Fisheries Act 1968*. Transactions during 1973-74 were :—

	\$
Balance, 1st July, 1973	209,732
Receipts—Commercial Fishing Licence Fees	190,078
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Payments—Commercial Fishing Research	176,552
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Balance, 30th June, 1974	223,258
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Wildlife Management Fund.—This Fund was opened in 1972-73 pursuant to the provisions of the *Firearms (Amendment) Act 1972*. The revenue of the Fund consists of fees collected in respect of shooters' licences issued under this Act and in 1973-74 these amounted to \$316,384. The costs of collection were \$56,848 and the expenditure on wildlife research was \$206,539 leaving a balance of \$700,435 in the Fund at 30th June, 1974.

Soil Conservation.

The Soil Conservation Authority established pursuant to the *Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act 1958* is charged with the prevention and mitigation of soil erosion and the promotion of soil conservation.

The Ministry is responsible for the administration of the Authority under the provisions of the *Ministry for Conservation Act 1972*.

Expenditure by the Authority from the Consolidated Fund during the year 1973-74 amounted to \$1,808,007 as follows :—

	\$	\$
Vote—		
Conservation	1,216,857	
Treasurer—Workers Compensation Insurance, Pay-roll Tax ..	59,215	
Public Works—Rent and Repairs of buildings	16,750	
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Works and Services Account..	1,292,822
		515,185
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		1,808,007
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The Authority also met expenditure from various Trust Accounts as follows :—

	\$
Soil Conservation Authority Trust Account	3,679
Commonwealth Extension Services (Conservation) Grant Account	56,827
Puckapunyal Soil Conservation Project Trust Account	234,684

Other Activities.

The net cost to the Consolidated Fund of the remaining activities of the Ministry for 1973-74 is set out below :—

—	Receipts.	Payments from Consolidated Fund—Vote.	Net Outgoing 1973-74.
	\$	\$	\$
Land Conservation Council	11,339	299,665	288,326
Port Phillip Authority.. .. .	..	49,114	49,114
Grants .. .. .	..	1,064,583	1,064,583
Administrative .. .. .	..	458,070	458,070
	11,339	1,871,432	1,860,093

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

The construction and maintenance of State highways, main roads, freeways, forest roads and tourists' roads are carried out by or under the supervision of the Board. In addition, the Board provides a substantial sum each year to assist municipalities to carry out construction and maintenance works on selected unclassified roads under their care and management.

FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD.

(a) *Country Roads Board Fund.*

The principal sources of revenue of the Fund in 1973-74 were :—

- (i) *Fees under the Motor Car Act.*—Receipts for the year under this Act amounted to \$43,340,657 and the costs of collection were \$5,803,183. The comparable figures in 1972-73 were, respectively, \$40,120,998 and \$4,693,227.

The increase in collections, \$3,219,659, was due, mainly, to the greater number of motor vehicles registered in Victoria—1,675,296 compared with 1,569,302 in 1972-73. Costs of collecting fees under the Motor Car Act increased by \$1,109,956 during 1973-74.

In addition to meeting the costs of collection of fees under the Motor Car Act, the Board was required, from the amount received in respect of motor car registration fees, to reimburse the Transport Regulation Board the costs of collecting road charges under Part II. of the *Commercial Goods Vehicles Act* 1958. The amount paid in the year was \$584,684 compared with \$548,173 in 1972-73.

- (ii) *Municipal Contributions.*—Municipalities which have benefited from permanent or maintenance works upon main roads are required to pay to the Board annual contributions in respect of the funds expended. In 1973-74, these contributions totalled \$2,135,534. In certain circumstances, the required contribution may be reduced or waived, and, for 1973-74, such concessions amounted to \$2,039,338.
- (iii) *Road Charges—Commercial Goods Vehicles Act* 1958.—Receipts for the year from these charges, credited to the Roads Maintenance Account within the Fund, amounted to \$10,358,794 compared with \$9,744,729, in 1972-73.

Moneys at credit of this Account are available to finance road maintenance expenditure only.

- (iv) *Special Contributions from the Works and Services Account.*—A total of \$568,162 was provided from the Works and Services Account to the Country Roads Board Fund as non-repayable Special Contributions.

(b) *Works and Services Account.*

Under the authority of Section 31 of the *Country Roads Act* 1958, the Treasurer in 1973-74 provided advances from the Works and Services Account of \$300,000 for the purpose of permanent works as defined in that Act. This sum was expended on permanent works on State highways.

The net liability of the Board at 30th June, 1974, in respect of moneys provided under Loan Application Acts and Works and Services Acts was \$32,177,217.

(c) Commonwealth Aid Roads Act.

By direction of the *Commonwealth Aid Roads Act* 1969, and subject to the conditions therein, the Commonwealth has paid to the States, for the purpose of financial assistance for road construction and maintenance and for road planning and research, annual sums commencing at \$180,000,000 in 1969–70 and increasing to \$310,000,000 in 1973–74, the final year in the statutory table. Victoria's share of the grant of \$310,000,000 for 1973–74 was \$65,720,000 of which \$55,262,478 was allocated to the Country Roads Board and \$10,457,522 to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.

Eligibility for receipt of the full amount of the grant was dependent on State expenditure from its own resources on road works, including road planning and research, being not less than the amount specified opposite its name in the schedule to the Act, adjusted each year according to the number of motor vehicles registered in the State in terms of the Act.

(d) Roads (Special Projects) Fund.

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Roads (Special Projects) Act* 1965, the Country Roads Board in 1973–74 spent \$7,643,373 from the Roads (Special Projects) Fund on sixteen projects approved by the Governor in Council.

AVAILABLE FUNDS AND EXPENDITURE.

The following statement sets out in summary form the funds referred to and the principal items upon which those funds were expended.

1972-73.		1973-74.
\$		\$ \$
	<i>Principal Funds Available.</i>	
	<i>Country Roads Board Fund—</i>	
132,127	Balance from previous year	1,895,804
34,879,598	Net Fees, Motor Car Act	36,952,790
2,182,290	Municipal Contributions	2,135,534
9,744,729	Road Charges—Commercial Goods Vehicles Act ..	10,358,794
702,997	General Receipts	860,433
1,333,000	Special Contributions—Works and Services Account ..	568,162
48,974,741		52,771,517
	<i>Works and Services Account—</i>	
400,000	Act No. 6229—State Highways and Main Roads	300,000
	<i>Commonwealth Aid Roads Act—</i>	
28,715,000	Urban Arterial Roads	32,492,478
4,110,000	Rural Arterial Roads	4,870,000
16,100,000	Rural Roads—Other	16,910,000
860,000	Planning and Research	990,000
49,785,000		55,262,478
	<i>Commonwealth Grant—</i>	
	Traffic and Road Safety Improvement	11,106
	<i>Roads (Special Projects) Fund—</i>	
5,675,491	Expenditure on Approved Projects	7,643,373
104,835,232		115,988,474

Expenditure.

1972-73.		1973-74.
\$		\$
82,663,003	Construction and Maintenance of Roads, (including Special Projects)	91,519,548
	Payments to the Consolidated Fund—	
2,423,408	Interest (including exchange)	1,818,486
112,909	Sinking Fund Contributions and Loan Conversion Expenses	725,756
75,488	Loan Repayments	74,441
685,912	Transfer to Tourist Fund	708,555
342,956	Transfer to Traffic Authority Fund	354,278
263,000	Contribution to Australian Road Research Board ..	300,000
200,000	Contribution to Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board	200,000
16,172,752	General Expenditure, including Administration, Stores and Materials, &c.	19,455,800
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102,939,428		115,156,864
1,895,804	Unexpended at 30th June—Cash at Credit of the Country Roads Board Fund ..	831,610
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104,835,232		115,988,474

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS.

Expenditure by the Board during the year upon the various classes of roads, and the distribution of that expenditure over the funds at its disposal were :—

	Country Roads Board Fund.	Commonwealth Aid Roads Act.	Works and Services Account.	Traffic and Road Safety Improvement.	Roads (Special Projects) Fund.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Main Roads ..	15,198,509	4,943,422	..	953	..	20,142,884
State Highways ..	11,711,519	6,657,848	300,000	2,237	302,369	18,973,973
Freeways ..	4,377,360	18,811,767	..	..	7,201,617	30,390,744
Tourists' Roads ..	1,760,051	99,868	..	..	..	1,859,919
Forest Roads ..	909,867	909,867
Unclassified Roads..	2,945,573	16,149,285	..	7,916	139,387	19,242,161
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	36,902,879	46,662,190*	300,000	11,106	7,643,373	91,519,548

* Excludes Management and Operating Expenditure, \$7,610,288, and expenditure on Planning and Research, \$990,000.

TRANSFER TO TOURIST FUND.

The *State Development Act 1970* requires that an amount equal to 2 per cent. of the amount credited to the Country Roads Board Fund under paragraph (d) of sub-section (1) of Section 38 of the *Country Roads Act 1958* in respect of the previous financial year be paid into the Tourist Fund. The amount so paid in 1973-74 was \$708,555. For particulars of the operation of this Fund see page 105.

TRANSFER TO TRAFFIC AUTHORITY FUND.

The *Road Traffic Act 1958* provides that an amount equal to 1 per cent. of the amount credited to the Country Roads Board Fund pursuant to paragraph (d) of sub-section (1) of Section 38 of the *Country Roads Act 1958* and pursuant to the *Motor Car Act 1958* during the last preceding financial year is to be paid out of the Country Roads Board Fund into the Traffic Authority Fund. The amount transferred in 1973-74 was \$354,278.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

This Committee was established by the *Metropolitan Transportation Committee Act 1963* to advise the Governor in Council on matters relating to the planning, development, co-ordination, &c., of transport facilities within the metropolitan area.

Expenses incurred by the Committee in discharging the above functions are paid initially by the Country Roads Board and are defrayed by contributions from statutory bodies in the manner and proportions determined by the Governor in Council in terms of the Act.

Expenditure for the year by the Committee amounted to \$139,544 of which \$32,917 was apportioned to the Country Roads Board. Unallocated expenses of \$23,149 remained a charge to the Public Account at 30th June, 1974.

EDUCATION.

The cost of education met from State Funds during 1973-74 was \$533,918,586. This figure does not include interest and sinking fund charges on loans ; expenditure and grants in respect of specialized teaching institutions administered by the Forests Commission, Department of Agriculture and certain other departments ; and expenditure on sundry cadetships, bursaries, scholarships and subsidies provided from the votes of departments other than the Education Department and Treasury. The following statement shows the heads of expenditure contributing to the cost of education to the State :—

	\$	\$
Special Appropriations .. .. .	..	10,245,563
Departmental Votes—		
Education	445,244,751	
Treasury	14,926,269	
Public Works	684,215	
	<u>460,855,235</u>	
<i>Less—Recoups of Expenditure, &c.</i>	721,456	
	<u> </u>	460,133,779
Works and Services Account .. .. .	..	66,528,545
		<u>536,907,887</u>
<i>Less—Receipts</i> .. .. .	..	2,990,301
		<u> </u>
Net Cost to the Consolidated Fund .. .. .	..	533,917,586
Trust Fund—Forestry Fund .. .. .	..	1,000
		<u> </u>
Cost of Education met from State Funds .. .. .	..	<u>533,918,586</u>

Receipts and expenditure during 1972-73 and 1973-74 on the preceding basis were :—

	1972-73. \$	1973-74. \$
Consolidated Fund—		
Expenditure	475,202,571	536,907,887
Receipts	1,464,744	2,990,301
	<u>473,737,827</u>	<u>533,917,586</u>
Trust Fund—Forestry Fund	1,000	1,000
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Cost of Education met from State Funds	473,738,827	<u>533,918,586</u>

ANALYSIS OF THE COST OF EDUCATION MET BY THE STATE.

Under broad headings, the principal divisions of expenditure and receipts in the past two years were :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
<i>Expenditure—</i>		
Salaries, &c.—Teaching Service	241,303,718	279,868,774
General Administration and Clerical Assistance ..	6,108,677	10,745,482
Pay-Roll Tax	8,961,634	12,305,272
Allowances to Students in Training	25,604,752	29,888,759
Workers Compensation Insurance	1,561,406	2,620,997
Travelling Expenses and Allowances, &c.	1,224,111	1,189,594
Libraries—Grants and Subsidies	274,999	154,382
School and Office Equipment and Requisites	2,649,515	2,991,424
Text Books, Publications, Examination Expenses, Postage and Telephone Expenses, Incidentals	1,055,325	1,037,961
School Cleaning and Services	12,254,179	14,819,784
Conveyance of Pupils	13,433,145	15,143,296
Bursaries, Scholarships and Maintenance Allowances	3,641,382	4,611,417
International Teaching Fellowships	876,882	469,035
Operating Costs—Hostels and Residential Camps	1,181,213	1,343,009
Buildings, Sites, &c.—Capital Works	40,346,139	41,272,086
Maintenance	6,989,299	6,510,169
Grants, &c.	98,339,957	100,555,655
Fees—Universities and Other	1,424,929	1,331,419
Pensions—Retired Teachers and Officers.. .. .	7,972,309	10,050,372
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	475,203,571	536,908,887
<i>Receipts (Net)—</i>		
Tuition Fees	399,551	461,143
Rents	28,835	23,403
Board—Students in Training, &c.	493,650	362,173
Broken Bond Debts	256,142	192,528
Recoups from Independent Schools—Equipment	24,266	25,977
Miscellaneous	262,300	1,925,077
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	1,464,744	2,990,301
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	473,738,827	533,918,586

A detailed statement providing a comparative analysis of expenditure and receipts, in respect of the various services, is given in Appendix B.

There were marked variations in certain items between the year under review and the previous year. Generally, the increases reflect the growing volume of the Department's activities. Particular reference is made to the following :—

Salaries—Teaching Service.—Expenditure under this head increased by \$38,565,056. The following factors contributed to the increase :—

- (i) Teachers Tribunal determinations, operative from 18th December, 1973 ; and
- (ii) the annual salary increments of teachers and an increase of roundly 1,700 in teacher numbers.

The change to a computer based operation has improved the processing of teachers' salaries but it has not, and cannot of itself, overcome the problem of over and under payments which continue to occur in respect of this large and rather complex payroll. The computer has enabled speed of processing of salaries to be greatly increased without any loss of accuracy where there is no variation from the previous pay period ; but where variations occur, as they do in large numbers, and clerical processes are needed prior to the computer processing, the departmental and school administration continues to have difficulty in coping with the volume of changes and in providing prompt, accurate, correctly calculated and properly controlled information for computer processing.

For several years now, it has been necessary to comment in my Annual Report to the Legislative Assembly on the frequency of incorrect salary payments, and several factors which had a bearing on the production of inaccurate payrolls have been suggested. I have previously mentioned the number of the personnel concerned, the large volume of ever-occurring variations, the complexity of certain determinations affecting salaries and the faulty communication between schools and the Department and between sections of the Department itself. The highly centralized nature of the salary system tends to add to the processing difficulties by causing bottlenecks in the flow of information to and through the processing system. Industrial action by teachers, particularly when it occurs when the payroll is nearing completion, creates additional work for the salaries branch and increases the already heavy pressure on that branch. Audit examination throughout the year has shown that action by the Department to overcome the problems arising from these factors has not been wholly effective as the factors are still present and exerting an influence on the preparation of the payroll.

During the year, an audit test was made of a "Temporary Payroll". This type of payroll is produced for the purpose of processing salary payments which, for various reasons, may not be processed by the computer but need to be prepared and calculated manually. The test showed a high incidence of error in calculations and disclosed a number of duplicate and even triplicate payments of studentship allowances. A report on the audit examination has been provided to the Treasury.

The factors mentioned earlier which have a bearing on the frequency of incorrect payments, such as volume, complexity and faulty communication, are matters that are capable of being overcome by the application of controlled procedures within the framework of a well-designed and, where advisable, decentralized administration. I am of the opinion that for too long the problems that exist in the areas of the Department related to the processing of salaries have been allowed to persist and the need for adverse audit comment each year indicates the necessity for a thorough examination of the Department's administration as related to the expenditure of public funds through the various teaching service payrolls. I suggest such an examination would be most beneficial if the special knowledge and experience available from the organization and methods officers of the Public Service Board were able to be applied in conjunction with Education Department officers.

Allowances to Students in Training.—An increase of \$4,284,007 in students' allowances was due mainly to a Teachers Tribunal determination, operative from 18th December, 1973.

International Teaching Fellowship Scheme.—During 1973-74, the sum of \$469,035 was expended by the Department on the provision of International Teaching Fellowships, bringing total expenditure since the inception of the Scheme in 1970-71 to \$2,480,301. The purpose of the scheme is to attract qualified science and mathematics teachers from Great Britain, Canada and U.S.A., to relieve an acute shortage of qualified teachers in these categories within the Victorian school system. Living and other allowances amounting to approximately \$20,000 over the two-year engagement period are payable in respect of each Fellowship awarded.

Overseas Teacher Selection Programme.—Under this scheme, teachers were recruited from overseas to assist in overcoming a shortage of teachers in this State. Recruitment was undertaken mainly in America and assistance in the administration of the Programme was provided in America by several staff members of the Hayward University, California. Finance was provided through the Education Divisions of the Annual Appropriation.

The scheme of recruitment, however admirable in concept, was, in its financial aspects, loosely controlled and administered by methods which breached the normal requirements of regulations designed for the control of expenditure from public funds. Audit examination showed the following unsatisfactory features of the administration of the Programme.

- (i) The appointment of the American University personnel as full-time temporary teachers under Section 55 of the *Teaching Service Act* 1958 to perform non-teaching duties was, I consider, a wrongful application of the legislation.
- (ii) Properly drawn and legally enforceable agreements of service were not obtained from the recruited teachers.
- (iii) The Crown Law Department was not consulted on legal aspects of the Programme particularly in respect to protection of the State against liability for action under the charter arrangement or for advice concerning any need for particular or additional insurance cover for loss of life or property or in connection with workers compensation.
- (iv) No procedures were established to recover funds expended when teachers returned to America without fulfilling their obligations.
- (v) Processing fees were charged and collected in America. No legislative authority exists for charging such a fee.
- (vi) Processing fees collected in America were retained by the American personnel instead of being accounted for as receipts to the Consolidated Fund.
- (vii) Free air travel was provided between Australia and America to several persons not officially engaged in the operation of the Programme.
- (viii) Tenders were not called for charter flights, but an arrangement was entered into with one operator only.
- (ix) There were numerous instances of reimbursement of administrative costs being made to the American personnel on the basis of inadequate or unsatisfactory documentary evidence of expenditure and, on occasion, without any supporting documentation.
- (x) Generally, the requirements of the Public Accounts and Stores Regulations—designed for the protection of public funds—were not observed.

A comprehensive audit report on the operation of the Programme received the attention of the Treasurer. Steps have now been taken to ensure that the future operation of the Programme will be along lines which conform with statutory provisions and the requirements of the relevant regulations.

Grants, &c.—Expenditure rose from \$98,339,957 to \$100,555,655 an increase of \$2,215,698. Higher grants to the Universities, Colleges of Advanced Education and independent schools contributed mainly to the increase in this item. Included in the expenditure were grants totalling \$8,557,549 made to State primary and secondary schools for disbursement by school committees, councils or appropriate teaching staff. I took up with the Department the necessity for ensuring accountability by the recipient for the proper application of each grant. I have now been advised of the administrative procedures the Department will require to be observed in respect of the grants. Audit examination to test the efficacy of these procedures for the protection of public funds will be undertaken.

Conveyance of Pupils.—This cost increased by \$1,710,151 during 1973–74. The rise was attributable mainly to the following factors :—

- (i) adjustments to school bus contract rates because of increased operating costs ;
and
- (ii) the provision of additional transport services.

Broken Bond Debts.—Collections on account of these debts during 1973–74 amounted to \$192,528 and, during the same period, debts totalling \$2,333,266 on account of 1,090 ex-students were written off with the approval of the Treasurer. The amounts written off were, in the main, owed by students who had failed their courses in 1973–74 and prior years.

Departmental Advance Account.

Some years ago, due to inability at that time to reconcile the departmental advance, the account at the bank was closed, a new account opened, and a fresh start made. In 1973–74 the old advance was finally reconciled but the many adjustments required have not yet been effected and the advance adjusted.

At the time of preparation of this report the new advance had been reconciled to 30th November, 1973, only.

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Funds provided from the Consolidated Fund for technical schools and colleges are augmented by receipts from tuition fees and other forms of revenue. In addition, the Commonwealth makes funds available towards meeting the costs of technical training and towards providing libraries, science laboratories and equipment.

The following statement, to be read in conjunction with Appendix B, combines Treasury, school and college accounts to show the disbursement of the funds available for education in these institutions.

	1973-74.	
	\$	\$
<i>Source of Funds—</i>		
Funds provided by the State—		
The Consolidated Fund .. .. .	..	99,101,678
Funds provided by the Commonwealth—		
Science Laboratories	369,773	
Secondary School Libraries	834,740	
Technical Training	6,674,583	
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Receipts collected by Schools and Colleges—		
Tuition Fees	1,739,174	
Other	587,794	
	<hr/>	2,326,968
Total Available Funds .. .. .	..	<hr/>109,307,742
 <i>Disbursement of Funds—</i>		
Salaries (including pay-roll tax)—		
Teachers and Part-time Instructors	67,452,654	
Administrative and Maintenance Staff	8,055,281	
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Erection and Maintenance of Buildings, &c.	15,731,780
Equipment	4,177,236
General Cost of Classes and Administrative Costs, &c.	9,104,493
Scholarships, Maintenance and Conveyance Allowances to Pupils	4,143,223
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Less Rents, &c., received by Education Department	8,671
	<hr/>	108,655,996
Add Surplus for Year (Maintenance Accounts)	651,746
	<hr/>	109,307,742
Total Funds Disbursed .. .. .	..	<hr/>109,307,742

COMMONWEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATE EDUCATION.

Pursuant to the provisions of the various Commonwealth Acts relating to payments to the States specifically for education, grants were received by Victoria in 1973-74 for the following purposes :—

	\$
Universities, Affiliated Residential Colleges and Teaching Hospitals—recurrent and capital expenditure	67,596,844
Universities—research projects	1,540,790
Advanced Education—recurrent expenditure	24,620,858
building projects and equipment of a capital nature	9,502,558
library materials	758,800
research projects	70,772
Science Laboratories—buildings and equipment	2,759,295
Technical Training—buildings and equipment	5,500,000
reimbursement of fees	1,754,500
Teachers Colleges—recurrent and capital expenditure	17,134,770
Secondary School Libraries—buildings and equipment	3,723,830
Independent Schools—recurrent and capital expenditure	20,631,793
Teacher Development—recurrent and capital expenditure	1,235,290
Child Migrant Education—Salaries of teachers, Equipment, &c.	3,478,877
Pre-School Teachers College—building, &c.	115,765
Rural Employment—site works, &c.	73,423
Metropolitan Employment—site works, &c.	28,296
Various State Schools—Capital	8,551,513
Recurrent.. .. .	10,112,250
	18,663,763*
	179,190,224

* This amount was credited to the Consolidated Fund and expenditure authorised through the appropriations and Works and Services Acts.

Disbursements from these grants and from the balances held in the various State Grants Trust Accounts at the beginning of the year were as follows :—

	\$	\$
Universities—		
Melbourne	27,406,111	
Monash	24,896,740	
La Trobe	15,712,783	
	<hr/>	68,015,634
Advanced Education—		
Recurrent Expenditure.. .. .	24,620,858	
College Buildings, &c.	10,358,717	
Library Materials	776,120	
Other	70,772	
	<hr/>	35,826,467
Science Laboratories—		
State Schools	1,771,714	
Independent Schools	1,109,669	
	<hr/>	2,881,383
Technical Training—		
School Buildings and Equipment	4,927,319	
Reimbursement of fees.. .. .	1,754,500	
	<hr/>	6,681,819
Secondary School Libraries—		
State Schools	3,097,887	
Independent Schools	928,111	
	<hr/>	4,025,998
Independent Schools—		
Recurrent Expenditure	17,727,870	
Capital Expenditure	2,906,000	
	<hr/>	20,633,870
Child Migrant Education—		
Salaries, Equipment, &c. .. .. .	..	3,007,481
Teachers Colleges—		
Buildings, Equipment, &c.	17,815,982	
Teacher Development	718,048	
	<hr/>	18,534,030
Pre-School Teachers College—		
Buildings, &c... .. .	..	115,765
Rural Employment—		
Site Works, &c. .. .. .	..	73,423
Metropolitan Employment—		
Site Works, &c. .. .. .	..	28,296
Various State Schools—		
Capital	8,551,513	
Recurrent	10,112,250	
	<hr/>	18,663,763
		<hr/>
		178,487,929

The above statement excludes certain receipts and payments relating to specialized teaching institutions administered by the Forests Commission and the Department of Agriculture.

The unexpended balances held in the various State Grants Trust Accounts in the Treasury at 30th June, 1974, totalled \$4,743,763.

The University of Melbourne.

Details of the University's income and expenditure for the year 1973 are given below. In addition to the General Fund, the income of which is available to meet the general running costs of the University, there are almost two thousand other University funds each of which must be accounted for separately. Many of these funds have resulted from donations and grants for specific purposes and may be spent only for those purposes.

Under broad headings, the following statement summarises the income and expenditure of these funds and the General Fund for the past two years. The figures in respect of 1973 are subject to the completion of the audit.

	1972.	1973.
	\$	\$
<i>Income—</i>		
State Government Grants—		
General Purposes	10,960,603	14,588,200
Building Purposes	3,198,210	1,369,846
Special Purposes	745,306	1,771,521
	14,904,119	17,729,567
Commonwealth Government Grants—		
General Purposes	8,493,000	10,498,000
Building Purposes	2,954,929	1,545,250
Special Purposes	2,176,787	3,974,301
	13,624,716	16,017,551
Students' Fees	5,782,007	5,033,412
Donations and Bequests	2,215,465	1,761,833
Interest, Dividends, Rents	847,912	1,078,296
Dental Hospital Building—Repayments in respect of Principal and Interest	211,641	211,640
Other Income	2,831,977	3,135,824
	40,417,837	44,968,123
<i>Expenditure—</i>		
Academic Activities	20,759,622	26,630,662
Academic Services	2,300,377	3,447,743
Student Services	1,885,133	1,189,677
General Services	5,626,726	6,960,345
Public Services	277,328	466,438
Independent Operations	1,921,209	2,097,827
Buildings and Grounds (Capital)	6,374,344	2,844,416
Interest and Capital Repayments on Loans	264,402	268,869
	39,409,141	43,905,977
<i>*Balance—</i>		
	1972.	1973.
	\$	\$
General Fund	—	<i>Deficit</i> 31,996
Building Funds	<i>Surplus</i> 427,964	<i>Surplus</i> 265,527
Research Funds	<i>Surplus</i> 94,720	<i>Surplus</i> 59,476
Other Funds	<i>Deficit</i> 152,055	<i>Surplus</i> 218,155
Trust Funds	<i>Surplus</i> 638,067	<i>Surplus</i> 550,984
	<i>Net Surplus</i> 1,008,696	<i>Net Surplus</i> 1,062,146

* Takes into consideration inter-fund transfers.

Expenditure on account of the General Fund in 1973 exceeded income by \$52,987. This sum, together with appropriations of \$23,800 towards Development Fund expenditure in 1974 and 1975 and \$26,300 towards the 1974 expenditure for the new medical curriculum, was partly met by net transfers from the Departmental and Library Vote Appropriation Funds in respect of commitments for outstanding orders. The deficit balance of \$31,996 for the year was transferred to the General Fund Accumulated Deficit resulting in a balance of \$663,111 as at 31st December, 1973.

The balance of \$1,924,334 in the General Account at 31st December, 1973, was represented by:—

	\$	\$
<i>Unexpended Grants (net)—</i>		
Research Funds	1,256,080	
Other Funds	482,745	
Building Funds	848,620	
	2,587,445	
<i>Less Overdrawn Funds (net)—</i>		
General Fund Accumulated Deficit		663,111
		1,924,334

Trust Funds at the same date totalled \$10,300,487.

Monash University.

The particulars hereunder summarize the contents of the University's Statements of Income and Expenditure, excluding Receipts and Payments on Trust Account, for the past two calendar years—

	1972.	1973.
	\$	\$
<i>Income—</i>		
State Government Grants—		
General Purposes	9,898,496	12,752,102
Building Purposes	3,597,694	1,465,834
Special Purposes	242,676	228,833
	13,738,866	14,446,769
Commonwealth Government Grants—		
General Purposes	7,323,000	8,948,000
Building Purposes	3,597,694	1,465,834
Special Purposes	770,457	743,902
	11,691,151	11,157,736
Students' Fees Including Union Fees for Operational Purposes ..	4,110,935	4,250,830
Union Fees for Union Development	145,115	148,379
Grants and Donations including Public Appeals	1,220,705	1,233,692
Book Shop	49,977	32,960
Other Income	765,645	1,104,084
	6,292,377	6,769,945
Total Income	31,722,394	32,374,450
<i>Expenditure—</i>		
Academic Activities	16,330,040	20,637,051
Academic Services	2,083,365	2,459,795
Student Services	815,089	924,000
General Services	6,205,114	7,681,006
Other Items	1,032,226	1,364,865
Total Expenditure	26,465,834	33,066,717
<i>Result for year—</i>		
Recurrent Funds	<i>Surplus</i> 191,087	<i>Deficit</i> 329,309
Capital Funds	<i>Surplus</i> 4,684,815	<i>Deficit</i> 741,061
Research Funds	<i>Deficit</i> 97,244	<i>Deficit</i> 37,932
Grants and Donations	<i>Surplus</i> 60,638	<i>Surplus</i> 58,825
Other Funds	<i>Surplus</i> 417,264	<i>Surplus</i> 357,210
	<i>Net Surplus</i> 5,256,560	<i>Net Deficit</i> 692,267

The accumulated Funds at 31st December, 1973, showed an overall surplus of \$7,223,521. Details are—

								\$
<i>Surpluses—</i>								
Grants and Donations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	783,046
Recurrent Funds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	532,092
Research Funds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,838
Capital Funds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,953,050
Other Funds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	950,495
Total..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>7,223,521</u>

The surplus balance of \$4,953,050 on account of Capital Funds represents the unexpended balance of State and Commonwealth Grants for specified building projects or equipment within various triennia. Delays in the building programme of the University caused the grants to be unexpended.

La Trobe University.

The statement below gives details of the income and expenditure of the University for the calendar years 1972 and 1973.

							1972. \$	1973. \$
<i>Income—</i>								
<i>State Government Grants—</i>								
General Purposes	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,843,895	5,056,000
Building Purposes	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,353,500	2,444,999
Special Purposes ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57,500	28,333
							6,254,895	7,529,332
<i>Commonwealth Government Grants—</i>								
General Purposes	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,714,000	3,496,000
Building Purposes	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,654,500	4,708,000
Special Purposes ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	211,493	279,704
							4,579,993	8,483,704
Students' Fees ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,176,105	1,412,000
Grants and Donations ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	190,351	142,386
Other Income ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	256,226	206,572
Residential Colleges (Net)	..	..	..	..	..	..	Dr.6,833	Dr.34,590
Book Shop (Net)	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,973	Dr.32,286
							1,632,822	1,694,082
Total Income	..	..	..	..	..	..	12,467,710	17,707,118
<i>Expenditure—</i>								
Teaching and Research ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,009,541	6,571,986
Library ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	739,704	866,099
Administration ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,182,532	2,696,964
Buildings and Grounds ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,407,172	7,737,570
Sundry Expenditure ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	178,306	160,580
							13,517,255	18,033,199
Total Expenditure	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,517,255	18,033,199
<i>Balance—</i>								
							1972. \$	1973. \$
Recurrent Funds	..	..	..	..	..	<i>Surplus</i>	192,962	<i>Surplus</i> 198,554
Building Funds	..	..	..	..	..	<i>Deficit</i>	754,777	<i>Deficit</i> 401,888
Research Funds	..	..	..	..	..	<i>Surplus</i>	51,691	<i>Surplus</i> 94,858
Grants and Donations ..	..	..	..	..	..	<i>Surplus</i>	16,914	<i>Deficit</i> 14,038
Other Funds ..	..	..	..	..	..	<i>Deficit</i>	556,335	<i>Deficit</i> 203,567
							1,049,545	326,081
						<i>Net Deficit</i>	1,049,545	<i>Net Deficit</i> 326,081

The accumulated Funds at 31st December, 1973, showed an overall net deficit of \$1,266,734. Details are :—

							\$	\$
<i>Surpluses—</i>								
Recurrent Funds	..	..	..	..	..	..	423,015	
Research Funds	..	..	..	..	..	..	136,104	
Grants and Donations ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	133,368	
							692,487	
<i>Less Deficits—</i>								
Capital Funds ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	382,411	
Other Funds ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,576,810	
							1,959,221	
Net Deficit	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,266,734	1,266,734

The major portion of the accumulated deficit in relation to other Funds is due to the University's liability to repay debenture loans used to finance buildings and additions outside the building programme authorized by the Australian Universities Commission.

State College of Victoria.

The State College of Victoria was established under the provisions of the *State College of Victoria Act 1972* which came into operation on the 19th December, 1972.

The objects of the College are to advance the provision of tertiary education in branches of learning of importance in the preparation of teachers and to provide for the co-ordination of tertiary education in Victoria.

CENTRAL OFFICE.

Income and expenditure of the Central Office of the College for the period 1st July, 1973, to the 31st December, 1973 was :—

	\$	\$
<i>Income—</i>		
State Government Grants—		
Recurrent	60,160	
Capital	804	
	60,964	60,964
Commonwealth Government Grants—		
Recurrent	32,520	
Capital	7,233	
	39,753	39,753
Other—Interest .. .. .	..	992
		101,709
<i>Expenditure—</i>		
Administration and General Overhead—		
Salaries	33,467	
Other administrative expenditure	4,992	
	38,459	38,459
Buildings and Grounds		
Capital	8,037	
Recurrent	1,539	
	9,576	9,576
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	1,193
		49,228
Unexpended Balance.. .. .	..	52,481
Accumulated Funds at 31st December, 1973, \$52,481, were represented by :—		
	\$	\$
Investments	95,000	
Cash	2,876	
Sundry Debtors	11,888	
	109,764	109,764
<i>Less—</i> Sundry Creditors	7,773	
Recurrent grant received in advance	49,510	
	57,283	52,481

Constituent Colleges.

The *State College of Victoria Act 1972* provides that the Senate of the State College of Victoria may, with the consent of the Governor in Council, admit as a constituent college of the State College of Victoria any institution offering or proposing to offer tertiary education in any branch of learning of importance in the preparation of teachers.

During 1973-74 the ten former teachers' colleges of the Education Department and the former Melbourne Kindergarten Teachers College were admitted as constituent colleges.

Funds for these constituent colleges were provided by the State from the Consolidated Fund and augmented by the Commonwealth under the provisions of its *States Grants (Advanced Education) Act 1972-1973* as follows :—

- (i) for recurrent purposes, on the basis of \$1 per every \$1.85 of grants made by the State;
- (ii) for capital purposes, on the basis of \$9 for every \$1 granted by the State ; and
- (iii) for library acquisitions, unmatched grants.

The following statement prepared from accounts of the various constituent colleges shows the sources and disbursement of funds for the period 1st July, 1973, to 31st December, 1973.

	\$	\$
<i>Sources of Funds—</i>		
Grants—		
For Recurrent Purposes		
State	6,342,234	
Commonwealth	3,472,430	
	<hr/>	9,814,664
Tuition Fees		81,762
Other Income		50,482
		<hr/>
Total		9,946,908
 <i>Disbursement of Funds—</i>		
Recurrent—		
Teaching (Salaries and Expenses)	6,974,816	
Administrative and General Overhead	534,161	
Libraries (Salaries, Acquisitions, &c.)	549,021	
Buildings, Premises and Grounds (Salaries, Maintenance Staff, Equipment etc)	481,446	
Miscellaneous	256,688	
	<hr/>	8,796,132
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> 1,150,776

Victoria Institute of Colleges.

The Income and Expenditure of the Institute for the calendar years 1972 and 1973 are detailed below. The College Central Funds held by the Institute are for use on approved educational programmes for the benefit of affiliated colleges.

1972.		State Co-ordin- ating Body.	1973. College Central Funds.	Total.
\$		\$	\$	\$
	<i>Income—</i>			
	State Government Grants—			
262,021	General Purposes	342,548	130,103	472,651
4,080	Special Purposes	8,486	22,000	30,486
266,101		351,034	152,103	503,137
	Commonwealth Government Grants—			
141,633	General Purposes	185,162	70,325	255,487
4,080	Special Purposes	8,485	22,000	30,485
145,713		193,647	92,325	285,972
42,282	Grants and Donations	14,727	..	14,727
9,440	Other (including Degree Fees)	14,039	6,600	20,639
51,722		28,766	6,600	35,366
463,536	Total Income	573,447	251,028	824,475
	<i>Expenditure—</i>			
	Administrative and General Overhead—			
273,908	Salaries	352,212	38,766	390,978
58,323	Other Administrative Expenditure	76,120	36,937	113,057
332,231		428,332	75,703	504,035
	Libraries—			
6,378	Salaries	7,786	..	7,786
2,157	Books, Publications, &c.	1,261	456	1,717
8,535		9,047	456	9,503
	Buildings and Grounds—			
8,160	Capital	16,971	44,000	60,971
59,507	Recurrent	65,669	30,754	96,423
67,667		82,640	74,754	157,394
15,640	Miscellaneous	20,453	6,876	27,329
424,073	Total Expenditure	540,472	157,789	698,261
39,463	<i>Surplus</i>	32,975	93,239	126,214

Accumulated Funds at 31st December, 1973, amounted to \$291,174 and comprised Recurrent Funds, State Co-ordinating Body, \$108,613, Recurrent Funds, College Central Funds, \$110,836, and Grants and Donations, \$71,725.

These funds were represented by :—

	\$
Investments	255,564
Sundry Debtors	71,380
Cash	25,810
	352,754
Less Sundry Creditors	61,580
	291,174

Colleges of Advanced Education.

Funds provided from the Consolidated Fund for Colleges of Advanced Education in relation to 1972 and 1973 were supplemented by receipts from tuition fees and other revenue collected by the Colleges. The Commonwealth also augments these funds under the provisions of its States Grants (Advanced Education) Acts which provide that the Commonwealth will augment funds in the following manner :—

- (i) For recurrent purposes, on the basis of \$1 for every \$1.85 of the total of State contributions plus fees received by the Colleges.
- (ii) In respect of 1972, for capital purposes, on the basis of \$1 for every \$1 contributed by the State. An amendment to the Commonwealth's *States Grants (Advanced Education) Act 1972-1973* which was assented to on 12th December, 1973, reduced the State contribution to a one sixth share of the cost of approved projects for the 1973-1975 triennium. However, in 1973, the State has contributed on the basis of \$1 for \$1. The adjustment of its contribution to the one sixth share will be made over the remainder of the triennium.
- (iii) For Library acquisitions, an unmatched grant.
- (iv) As from 1973, for recurrent purposes, in respect of each student residence, an annual amount of \$5,000. In addition, \$60 is payable for each resident full-time student.

The following statement, prepared from audited accounts of the various Colleges and information supplied by the Forests Department, compares the sources and disbursement of funds for the past two calendar years. Figures for the Colleges administered by the Agriculture Department have not been included, as they were not available at the time of preparation of this Report.

1972.		1973.
\$		\$
	<i>Sources of Funds—</i>	
	<i>Grants—</i>	
19,944,635	For Recurrent Purposes—General	30,672,733
	Halls of Residence	15,280
8,175,570	For Capital Purposes	10,448,925
88,890	For Library Acquisitions	553,850
1,975,705	Tuition Fees	2,005,417
77,624	Other Income	87,050
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30,262,424	Total Funds Available	43,783,255
	<i>Disbursement of Funds—</i>	
	<i>Recurrent—</i>	
14,827,085	Teaching (Salaries and Expenses)	20,953,198
2,802,989	Administrative and General Overhead	3,472,734
1,204,440	Libraries (Salaries, Acquisitions, &c.)	1,581,726
31,128	Halls of Residence (Salaries and Operating Expenses)	41,919
2,837,946	Buildings, Premises and Grounds (Salaries, Maintenance Staff, Equipment, Rent, &c.)	3,213,732
1,301,241	Miscellaneous (Student Services, Salary Ancillary Charges, &c.)	1,842,945
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23,004,829		31,106,254
	<i>Capital—</i>	
5,884,064	Buildings	9,036,279
269,574	Land and Property	518,583
1,174,806	Equipment	551,608
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7,328,444		10,106,470
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73,020	Library Acquisitions	215,320
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30,406,293	Total Funds Disbursed	41,428,044
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143,869	Balance over-expended	2,355,211
..	Balance under-expended	
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An amount of \$1,300,000 in relation to the State's contribution towards Capital expenditure on account of colleges was paid to the Victoria Institute of Colleges on 30th June and was returned to the Treasury on 8th July and paid into Treasury Trust Fund.

FORESTS COMMISSION.

The expenditure of the Department from the Consolidated Fund for the year was \$18,217,170 against which there were receipts of \$8,884,034, resulting in a net outgoing of \$9,333,136 compared with \$8,789,174 for the previous year. Details of expenditure and receipts for the two years are :—

<i>Expenditure.</i>							1972-73.	1973-74.
							\$	\$
Special Appropriation—								
Pensions	..	..	..	..	..	322,817	358,862
Grants to the Forestry Fund	..	..	..	..	..	3,184,922	3,872,309
Debt Charges	..	..	..	..	..	3,121,054	3,348,638
							6,628,793	7,579,809
Vote—								
Salaries and Payments in the nature of Salary	..	..	..	..	..	4,054,453	4,690,373
Pay-roll Tax	..	..	..	..	..	146,582	193,850
School of Forestry	..	..	..	..	..	64,200	20,863
Other Administrative Expenses	..	..	..	..	..	174,590	167,170
Utilization of Forest Produce	..	..	..	..	..	845,029	790,979
Contribution to the National Sirex Fund	..	..	..	..	..	22,500	22,500
Contribution—Timber Promotion Committee	..	..	..	..	..	72,034	71,612
Sundry	..	..	..	..	..	28,349	14,764
							5,407,737	5,972,111
Works and Services Account—								
Plantations	..	..	..	..	..	2,131,921	2,552,940
Extraction Roads	..	..	..	..	..	456,484	550,727
Fire Protection	..	..	..	..	..	878,735	574,592
General Operations, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	689,177	955,787
Advances—Farm Forestry	..	..	..	..	..	93,383	31,204
							4,249,700	4,665,250
Total Expenditure							16,286,230	18,217,170
<i>Receipts.</i>								
Rents, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	160,687	188,427
Royalties	..	..	..	..	..	6,209,156	7,556,192
Sale of Forest Produce	..	..	..	..	..	894,469	819,072
Loan Repayments	..	..	..	..	..	57,906	108,937
Other	..	..	..	..	..	174,838	211,406
							7,497,056	8,884,034
Total Receipts							7,497,056	8,884,034
Net Outgoing							8,789,174	9,333,136

An amount of \$429,606, the sum by which funds provided from Vote were insufficient to meet expenditure of a revenue nature, was charged to the Forestry Fund. The expenditure was part of a total amount of \$3,848,613 charged to the Forestry Fund in the financial year.

The Commonwealth, under its *Softwood Forestry Agreements Act 1967*, may advance money for the purpose of increasing the rate of softwood planting in Australia during the succeeding 35 years. This Act authorized an Agreement to provide financial assistance to the State over a five-year period which terminated on 30th June, 1971. At that date, \$2,204,198 had been so advanced by the Commonwealth.

Pursuant to the Commonwealth's *Softwood Forestry Agreements Act 1972*, a second Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State, retrospective to 1st July, 1971, has been authorized. The Schedule to the Act contains the annual programme of planting by the State over a five year period ending 30th June, 1976, the terms on which the advances are made, the interest payable and the terms of repayment.

To 30th June, 1974, expenditure under the current Agreement, met by the State from the Works and Services Account, amounted to \$5,316,969 and advances received from the Commonwealth totalled \$1,432,990.

TRUST ACCOUNTS.

Forestry Fund.

The following statement sets out in summary form the transactions of the Forestry Fund for the past two years :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Balance 1st July	183,833	75,448
Grants from the Consolidated Fund	3,184,922	3,872,309
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	3,368,755	3,947,757
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Expenditure—		
Forest Protection	443,166	477,773
Silvicultural Works	88,729	85,911
Road Works	425,960	737,424
Plantations and Nurseries	111,164	144,328
Forest Recreation	107,819	162,318
Maintenance of Buildings	51,415	76,207
Supervision (Salaries)	512,690	585,272
Operating and Other Expenses	1,505,330	1,532,768
Contribution—Timber Promotion Committee	47,034	46,612
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	3,293,307	3,848,613
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Balance 30th June	75,448	99,144

Commonwealth—State Sirex Trust Account.

In the financial year 1961-62, a National Sirex Fund was created to which the Commonwealth and the States agreed to contribute on a \$1 for \$1 basis, and, to 30th June, 1974, Victoria had contributed \$421,930 as its share. To the same date, Victoria had received \$2,353,100 from the Fund for credit to its Sirex Trust Account, and had applied \$2,349,561 of this amount towards the control and eradication of the sirex wasp.

Forests Stores Suspense Account.

The terms of operation of the Stores Suspense Account are set out in Section 31 of the *Forests Act 1958*.

The Account is charged with expenditure on stores, fuel and material, on repairs to plant and machinery, and in connexion with the manufacture and repair of articles.

As such stores or manufactured articles are issued for use, the Account is credited with the value of the articles concerned and the appropriate works or other allocation debited.

Costs of repairs to plant and machinery, including motor vehicles, charged to the Account are offset by credits—

- (i) arising from a proportion of the hire charges in respect of plant and machinery ; and
- (ii) from recoups by other funds or appropriations on account of particular repair costs properly chargeable to such funds or appropriations.

The balance at credit of the Forests Stores Suspense Account in the Treasurer's books at 30th June, 1974, was \$90,242.

Forests Plant and Machinery Fund.

Section 32 of the *Forests Act 1958* provides for a Forests Plant and Machinery Fund. Where certain plant specified by the Minister is engaged on the construction or maintenance of any works of the Commission, charges are to be made against the works of such sums as the Minister determines are proper to be charged in the circumstances for—

- (a) renewals and replacements of the plant and machinery ; and
- (b) costs of operating, maintaining and repairing the plant or machinery and other incidental expenses.

Section 32 requires that the sums charged for renewals and replacement be credited to the Forests Plant and Machinery Fund. The other component of the charge for plant hire, that is, the part relating to costs of operation, maintenance and repair, &c., is credited to a Repairs to Plant Account, which is a subdivision of the Stores Suspense Account.

The following statement summarizes operations within the Plant and Machinery Fund for the year :—

								\$
Balance 1st July, 1973	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	560,235
Plant Hire—Renewals and Replacements Component	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	489,392
Sale of Plant ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	243,015
								<u>1,292,642</u>
<i>Less Expenditure on Renewals</i> ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	525,530
Balance 30th June, 1974	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>767,112</u>

Forest Equipment Hire Account.

This Account facilitates accounting when the Forests Commission carries out work for other government departments, public authorities and private individuals.

Credits to the Account during the year amounted to \$206,554 and expenditure charged totalled \$152,028. At the close of the year, the balance at credit of the Account was \$76,028.

Timber Promotion Committee Trust Account.

Amounts paid into the Account included appropriations from the Consolidated Fund of \$71,612 and a contribution from the Forestry Fund of \$46,612. Expenditure in 1973–74 amounted to \$132,392, and at 30th June, 1974, the balance in the Account was \$109,376.

GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

Income from printing, sales of publications, &c., for the year amounted to \$5,583,115 compared with \$4,963,059 in 1972-73.

The statement below shows a loss of \$87,485 on the year's operations. The purpose of the statement is to apply commercial accounting tests to the operations of the Government Printing Office. The basis of its preparation has been consistent from year to year and it indicates trends in costs and turnover. However, the result shown each year is arrived at without regard to the following factors :—

- (i) interest paid applicable to the cost of the undertaking ;
- (ii) depreciation on buildings ;
- (iii) the State's contribution towards pensions ;
- (iv) certain freight and costs of distribution met by the State Tender Board ; and
- (v) the practice of valuing publications on hand at marked selling prices without due allowance for discount on subsequent purchases by agents.

<i>Item.</i>	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Materials	1,589,939	1,638,940
Salaries and Wages (including Pay-roll Tax)	2,566,372	2,990,973
Insurance—Workers Compensation	12,369	20,615
Insurance—Fire	2,733	2,869
Power, Fuel and Light	37,832	41,945
Repairs to Buildings and Plant	38,243	46,973
Sundry Charges	68,498	91,606
Postage and Incidentals	84,213	95,026
Depreciation on Plant and Machinery	56,939	58,567
Work—Other than by Government Printer	427,214	683,086
	4,884,352	5,670,600
Profit	78,707	..
Loss .. .. .	..	87,485
Turnover	4,963,059	5,583,115

The total cost of plant and machinery met from loan funds to 30th June, 1974, was \$1,494,044. The Printing Machinery Depreciation Fund established in connection with this plant had a balance of \$59,724 at 30th June, 1974.

Government Printing Office Working Account.—This trust account was opened at the beginning of the year 1972-73 with an allocation of \$500,000 for working capital. This was increased to \$1,050,000 in 1973-74. In 1972-73, all collections of the Printing Office which hitherto had been paid to the Consolidated Fund were credited to this account, but, in 1973-74 revenue collections which had similarly been credited to the Working Account were transferred to the Consolidated Fund to conform with the requirements of the Audit Act. The working capital was restored by a charge to Treasury Vote.

From 1st July, 1974, collections will be credited to the Consolidated Fund and monthly appropriations will be made to the Working Account for operating purposes.

HEALTH.

Total expenditure from the Consolidated Fund upon health services for the year ended 30th June, 1974, excluding that of the Hospitals and Charities Commission, which is discussed later, was :—

	\$	\$
Special Appropriation—		
Salary of Director of Tuberculosis	24,085	
Pensions	1,432,970	
	<hr/>	1,457,055
Vote—		
Health—Salaries, General Expenses, &c... .. .	172,792,159	
Treasury—Workers Compensation Insurance, Pay roll Tax	505,174	
Public Works—Maintenance, Rents, &c... .. .	242,047	
	<hr/>	173,539,380
Works and Services Account—Capital Items, &c.	10,206,305
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		185,202,740

Receipts, after adjustment to take account of Commonwealth recoups claimed in 1973–74 but not credited at the State Treasury until July, 1974, amounted to \$13,513,482. The net cost to the Consolidated Fund was therefore \$171,689,258, an increase of \$42,859,053 compared with the previous year.

Major increases were in :—

	\$	\$
Contribution to Hospitals and Charities Fund .. .. .	..	27,897,163
Salaries, &c. .. .. .	..	9,396,286
Cancer Institute—		
Maintenance, &c.	1,003,830	
Buildings, Equipment, &c.	1,335,330	
	<hr/>	2,339,160
Infant Welfare and Dental Services—Subsidies .. .. .	..	2,413,233

Particulars of Commonwealth recoups claimed in 1973–74 but not credited at the State Treasury until July, 1974, are :—

	\$
Tuberculosis Arrangement	1,926,216
Home Care Services	214,849
Australian School Dental Programme	549,797
Para-medical Services	130,900
Elderly Citizens' Centres and Welfare Services	102,569
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	2,924,331

For the purpose of this Report, departmental finances are dealt with under the branch headings—General Health, Tuberculosis, Maternal and Child Welfare, Dental Health Services, Mental Hygiene, and Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Services. Central administrative costs of the Department of Health, including the Government proportion of pensions paid, are included under General Health Branch.

Departmental analyses have been used in the preparation of the following statements which have been reconciled in total with the Treasurer's Accounts.

General Health Branch.

The functions of this Branch relate to the prevention, limitation and suppression of disease, to elderly peoples' centres, to home help schemes and to food standards, safety of buildings, &c.

Expenditure for the past two years is shown in the following table :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Special Appropriation and Vote—		
Central Administration	1,750,527	2,109,458
Cancer Institute—Maintenance, &c.	3,739,258	4,743,088
Infectious Diseases	384,287	441,186
Venereal Diseases	126,770	147,600
Inspection of Buildings, Food Supervision, &c.	1,248,274	1,603,012
Miscellaneous Grants	892,145	1,526,959
Subsidies—Home Help Scheme, Centres for Elderly People, &c.	1,574,704	1,697,825
Contribution to Hospitals and Charities Fund	73,477,000	101,374,163
Works and Services Account—		
Cancer Institute	754,998	2,090,328
Bush Nursing Hospitals	437,666	285,034
Elderly Citizens' Centres	366,572	282,960
Homes for the Aged .. .. .	..	181,000
Other	80,371	68,255
	84,832,572	116,550,868
Receipts in the same period were:—		
Rental—Lincoln House	73,632	..
Registration and other Fees	271,181	369,540
Commonwealth Recoups—		
Home Care Services	390,273	369,756
Elderly Citizens' Centres (including Welfare Services) ..	239,373	199,095
Nursing Homes .. .. .	..	512,099
Para-medical Services .. .. .	..	192,055
Other Receipts	31,822	26,458
	1,006,281	1,669,003
The net cost to the Consolidated Fund was.. .. .	83,826,291	114,881,865

I mentioned in my Report for the year 1972-73 that there appeared to be some doubt whether the present occupier of Lincoln House, the recently constituted Lincoln College, would be required to continue the rental payments received previously through the Department. In fact, no rental was received in 1973-74 although the College itself received rental of \$5,675 for portion of the premises concerned.

Commonwealth Community Health Programme Trust Account.—In 1973-74, the Commonwealth provided advances totalling \$3,115,310 to meet capital and operating costs of certain specifically approved Community Health Centres and allied activities. Advances were credited to the Fund and expenditure met therefrom as follows :—

	\$
Mental Health Hostels	1,290,300
Community Health Centres	436,530
Purchase of Private Hospital	472,500
State Day Hospitals	143,159
Other Institutions, &c.	136,202
	2,478,691

The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1974, was \$636,619.

Tuberculosis Branch.

Expenditure of this Branch over the past two years was :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
Special Appropriation and Vote—	\$	\$
Operation of sanatoria, tuberculosis wards, bureaux, mass X-ray services, &c.	3,970,164	4,233,186
Works and Services Account—		
State sanatoria and clinics, &c.	162,741	123,282
	4,132,905	4,356,468

Receipts for the corresponding periods are compared thus :—

Commonwealth recoup under <i>Health Act</i> 1958—Maintenance ..	3,211,047	3,476,809
Capital ..	126,998	151,343
Other	192,603	253,934
	3,530,648	3,882,086
The net cost to the Consolidated Fund was	602,257	474,382

Progress payments to 30th June received from the Commonwealth to recoup 1973-74 maintenance and capital expenditure amounted to \$1,701,936. Of the balance outstanding at 30th June, 1974, \$1,926,216 was received in July, 1974 and a claim for the remainder is in course.

Maternal and Child Welfare Branch.

This Branch is engaged in activities for the welfare of mothers and children, including the operation of the school medical and infant welfare services.

In 1973-74, School Dental Services previously administered by the Maternal and Child Welfare Branch were placed under the new Division of Dental Health Services and, therefore, comparisons with the previous year have been omitted in the following statement :—

Expenditure in 1973-74 from the Consolidated Fund was as follows :—

		1973-74.
Vote—		\$
School Medical Services .. .. .	..	1,102,486
Subsidies—infant welfare centres, kindergartens, pre-school centres, crèches, &c. .. .. .	..	8,611,358
Other (including administration) .. .. .	..	1,229,288
Works and Services Account—		
Subsidies—capital expenditure on pre-school centres, &c. ..	—	145,149
Other	—	39,713
		11,127,994
Receipts for the corresponding period were:—	\$	
Commonwealth payment—Pre-school education and care—Interim programme	1,295,860	
Other	20,419	
	1,316,279	
The net cost to the Consolidated Fund was .. .. .	..	9,811,715

Dental Health Services Branch.

The Dental Health Services Branch was established as a separate Branch of the Health Department in 1973-74. In the previous year, figures relating to the provision of school dental services were incorporated with those of the Maternal and Child Welfare Branch and comparative figures have not therefore been shown in the following statement:—

Expenditure in 1973-74 from the Consolidated Fund was :—

		1973-74.
		\$
Vote—		
Salaries, &c. .. .. .	.. .. .	563,138
Dental Centres, Clinics and Mobile Services (including subsidies) .. .. .	.. .. .	202,028
Children under the Care of the Social Welfare Department .. .. .	.. .. .	62,044
Penal Establishments .. .. .	.. .. .	11,592
Other .. .. .	.. .. .	31,243
Works and Services Account—		
Buildings and Equipment, &c. .. .. .	.. .. .	4,254
Pre-school Dental Clinics .. .. .	.. .. .	3,379
		877,678
Receipts for the year were—		
Commonwealth Payment—Australian School Dental Programme .. .. .	.. .. .	549,797
Other .. .. .	.. .. .	2,302
		552,099
The net cost to the Consolidated Fund was .. .. .	.. .. .	325,579

In 1973-74, the Commonwealth agreed to meet the total cost of the erection of a school for the training of school dental therapists at 448 St. Kilda Road at an estimated cost of \$3,590,217. Advances received and credited to the Commonwealth Dental Services Capital Trust Account totalled \$794,000 and expenditure amounted to \$257,961 leaving a balance in the Account at 30th June, 1974, of \$536,039.

Mental Hygiene Branch.

Gross expenditure by this Branch from the Consolidated Fund was \$50,773,088, and after taking into consideration receipts of \$6,075,736, the net cost of mental health services was \$44,697,352, as compared with \$34,584,738 in the previous year.

The gross expenditure for the two years comprised charges to :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Vote—		
Health—Salaries and Payments in the Nature of Salary	29,887,024	37,396,838
General Expenses	5,740,183	6,209,048
Child Endowment Transfer	102,024	95,403
Mentally Ill Amenities Trust Fund—Payment .. .. .	..	1,660
	35,729,231	43,702,949
Treasury—Workers Compensation Insurance	180,393	268,864
Public Works—Maintenance and Rents	52,550	96,919
Works and Services Account	4,181,303	6,704,356
	40,143,477	50,773,088

Receipts credited to the Branch in the past two years were :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Maintenance of patients—principally Commonwealth payments on account of pensioners in excluded wards and repatriation patients	4,082,525	4,954,564
Commonwealth Contribution—Buildings and equipment for State institutions and grants for capital works to other institutions ..	830,550	237,193
Accommodation and meals	320,181	357,051
Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Benefits	243,943	411,743
Sales of Produce	21,595	27,226
Commonwealth Recoup—Community Mental Health Programme, Administration Costs .. .. .	..	14,074
Other	59,945	73,885
	<u>5,558,739</u>	<u>6,075,736</u>
The net cost to the Consolidated Fund was	<u>34,584,738</u>	<u>44,697,352</u>

As stated in my previous Report, arrangements under the Commonwealth's *States Grants (Mental Health Institutions) Act 1970*, whereby the State was recouped to the extent of one-third of certain expenditure from the Works and Services Account, expired on 30th June, 1973. The sum of \$237,193 received in 1973-74 resulted from the final claim on the Commonwealth to that date.

Particulars of expenditure under classified heads for the same period are:—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
Item.	\$	\$
Vote—		
Salaries	26,029,421	32,406,449
Overtime and penalty rates	3,491,909	4,644,951
Payments in lieu of long service leave	365,694	345,438
	<u>29,887,024</u>	<u>37,396,838</u>
Provisions and extra articles	2,324,378	2,586,330
Clothing, bedding, &c.	408,246	417,776
Stores, &c.	580,070	576,426
Fuel, light, power and water	921,195	924,052
Drugs and medicines	680,903	771,111
Repairs, maintenance and rents	52,550	96,919
Boarded-out patients	270,000	300,000
Other	735,784	902,217
Transfers to Intellectually Handicapped Children's Amenities Account and Mentally Ill Amenities Trust Fund	102,024	97,063
	<u>35,962,174</u>	<u>44,068,732</u>
Works and Services Account—		
Buildings and equipment of State institutions	3,685,421	6,004,356
Grants for Capital Works—Other institutions	495,882	700,000
Total	<u>40,143,477</u>	<u>50,773,088</u>

Expenditure from State sources additional to that from the Consolidated Fund was met from the Mental Hospitals Fund for the following purposes:—

	\$
University of Melbourne—Mental Health Research	14,000
Non-Government Institutions—Grants for maintenance	2,324,485
	<u>2,338,485</u>

Commonwealth Community Mental Health Trust Account.—In 1973–74, the Commonwealth made advances to the State totalling \$850,534 for the purpose of meeting capital and maintenance expenditure on certain specifically approved mental health projects. Advances received were credited to the Commonwealth Community Mental Health Trust Account and expenditure was met therefrom as follows :—

	\$
Out-patient and other Clinics	229,346
Early Treatment Centres	105,007
Community Mental Health Centres	37,228
Grants and Co-ordinated Administrative Services	50,068
	421,649

The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1974, was \$428,885.

Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Services Branch.

The Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Services Branch was established as a separate Branch of the Department of Health in 1972–73. Increased expenditure in 1973–74 reflects the expanding activities of the Branch.

Expenditure of the Branch for the past two years comprised :—

Vote—	<i>Item.</i>	1972–73. \$	1973–74. \$
Salaries		339,743	994,605
Overtime		27,309	73,060
Payments in lieu of Long Service Leave		11,245	7,235
		378,297	1,074,900
Provisions and extra articles		18,968	32,732
Clothing, bedding, &c.		1,572	9,320
Stores, &c.,		12,044	24,893
Fuel, light, power and water		17,069	19,995
Drugs and medicines		953	14,875
Repairs, maintenance and rents		984	803
Boarded-out patients		333	151
Hospital Care Unit—Heatherton	4,467
Grant—Alcoholism Foundation of Victoria		30,000	20,000
Buoyancy Foundation	14,000
Other		8,007	21,913
		468,227	1,238,049
Works and Services Account—			
Buildings and equipment		99,000	278,595
		567,227	1,516,644
Receipts of the Branch in the same period were :—			
Accommodation and meals		7,918	17,357
Other		335	922
		8,253	18,279
Net Cost to the Consolidated Fund was		558,974	1,498,365

In addition to the above, expenditure was met from the Drug Education Programme Trust Account for the following projects :—

	\$
Health Education Centre—Drug Dependency	114,022
Programme Evaluation Research	4,496
Equipment	1,334
	119,852

The balance in the Account at 30th June, 1974, was \$13,704.

HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES COMMISSION.

The Hospitals and Charities Commission, constituted under the *Hospitals and Charities Act* 1958, is responsible for the administration of the Hospitals and Charities Fund out of which subsidies are granted to hospitals, benevolent societies and other institutions in accordance with procedures prescribed in the Act. Also, the Commission is required to supervise the administration and management of subsidized institutions and benevolent societies.

Subject to administrative and other costs, a total of \$144,244,250 was available in the Hospitals and Charities Fund for distribution. This amount was provided by:—

	\$
Special Appropriation, Act No. 6274	1,600,000
Special Appropriation, Act No. 6353—Totalizator Receipts	25,292,345
Special Appropriation, Act No. 6390—Tattersall Receipts	13,203,387
Annual Appropriation, Division 620	101,374,163
Deductions from Premiums—Motor Car Third Party Insurance	2,355,830
	143,825,725
Balance forward from 1972-73	418,525
	144,244,250

Particulars of expenditure for 1972-73 and 1973-74 are shown in the following statement:—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Maintenance—		
Hospitals	94,718,739	125,322,752
Benevolent Homes and Hospitals for the Aged	6,061,879	7,628,060
Ambulance Services	1,755,000	2,310,000
Training Schools (Nursing, &c.)	860,432	1,028,746
Philanthropic Organizations	828,283	1,675,846
District Nursing Societies	644,320	714,268
Foundling Homes and Refuges	643,157	1,024,534
Hostels for the Aged	225,544	321,765
Blind, Deaf and Dumb Institutions	196,010	433,560
Institutes for Maternal and Infant Welfare	161,490	250,650
Community Health Centres	167,722	207,710
Other Institutions	107,901	187,470
Workers Compensation Insurance .. .. .	..	1,000,000
Composite Insurance .. .. .	..	292,989
Public Risk Insurance	183,094	219,467
Hospitals Superannuation Board	120,404	174,076
	106,673,975	142,791,893
<i>Less</i> Refund from Commonwealth Blood Transfusion Service	366,860	505,457
	106,307,115	142,286,436
Other—		
Costs Associated with Totalizator Receipts	99,897	122,923
Training of Officers	63,680	36,137
Recruitment and Training of Nurses	84,439	81,233
Post-graduate Training of Nurses	50,085	41,323
Administration Costs	969,431	1,255,804
	107,574,647	143,823,856

The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1974, was \$420,394.

Details of payments from the Fund to individual institutions are given on pages 95 to 97 of the Treasurer's Finance Statement.

In addition to the assistance provided from the Hospitals and Charities Fund to hospitals and other institutions as shown in the statement of expenditure above, payments have been made to many of these bodies from the Works and Services Account for or towards the erection of public hospitals, the purchase of land and buildings and other items. The amount expended from this source during the year was \$19,981,485. Details of payments from the Works and Services Account to individual institutions are shown in the Treasurer's Finance Statement, pages 127 to 129.

HOUSING.

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Housing Ministry Act* 1972, the Ministry of Housing was established for the better administration of the laws relating to housing in Victoria.

The Ministry is responsible for the administration of the Housing Commission, the Home Finance Trust, the Teacher Housing Authority, the Registry of Co-operative Societies and the Decentralized Industry Housing Authority.

Details relating to the Housing Commission and the Home Finance Trust are given in my Supplementary Report.

Teacher Housing Authority.

The function of this Authority is to provide and maintain adequate and suitable housing for teachers at rentals fixed by the Teachers Tribunal.

Under the provisions of the relevant Act, all land vested in the Minister of Education to provide housing accommodation for teachers, and teachers' houses on Crown land under the control of the Education Department were vested in the Authority as from 30th June, 1971, together with all rights, interests and liabilities in respect thereof.

Moneys appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the Act and all other moneys received by the Authority are required to be paid into the Teacher Housing Authority Fund established under the Act and kept at the Treasury as part of the Trust Fund.

A summary of receipts and payments of the Authority during the past two years is as follows:—

RECEIPTS.						1972-73.	1973-74.
						\$	\$
Balance 1st July	..	..	..	..	..	408,702	99,028
Treasurer of Victoria—advances under Services Acts	..	..	..	..	..	1,186,000	1,686,000
Commonwealth Rural Employment Grant	..	..	..	..	..	..	30,000
Education Department—rent collections	..	..	..	..	..	588,285	601,611
Sales of land and houses	..	..	..	..	..	43,675	61,608
Other	..	..	..	..	..	4,971	3,841
						2,231,633	2,482,088
PAYMENTS.							
Capital Expenditure	..	..	..	..	..	1,031,344	1,123,628
Maintenance of houses	..	..	..	..	..	479,946	624,333
Rates	..	..	..	..	..	172,850	157,928
Administration	..	..	..	..	..	103,740	129,948
Payments to Consolidated Fund—Interest	..	..	..	..	..	267,805	312,942
Repayment	..	..	..	..	..	74,625	81,739
Advance—Housing Commission	..	..	..	..	..	..	50,000
Other	..	..	..	..	..	2,295	1,024
						2,132,605	2,481,542
Balance at 30th June	..	..	..	..	..	99,028	546

A Revenue Account and Balance Sheet as required by the Act have not yet been prepared for the year ended 30th June, 1974. The above statement is included in this Report to show the moneys available to the Authority for the year and the purposes to which the moneys had been applied.

The Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1973, which was not available at the time of presentation of my 1972-73 Report, is summarized below :—

	\$	\$
Source of Funds—		
External—Government of Victoria	10,330,000	
Less Repayments	142,125	
	<hr/>	10,187,875
Internal—Maintenance Provision	173,604	
Depreciation Reserve	186,071	
Accumulated Surplus	2,650	
	<hr/>	362,325
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		10,550,200
Represented by—		
Fixed Assets—		
Land and Buildings	10,694,626	
Furniture and Fittings	10,988	
Equipment	1,310	
	<hr/>	10,706,924
Current Assets—		
Cash	99,011	
Debtors	46,838	
Stock	722	
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		10,853,495
Less Current Liabilities—		
Creditors	303,099	
Rents in Advance	196	
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		10,550,200

Decentralized Industry Housing Authority.

The Decentralized Industry Housing Authority was established during 1972-73 under the provisions of the *Decentralized Industry (Housing) Act 1973*, which came into operation on 19th April, 1973.

The purpose of the Authority is to assist in the provision of adequate housing for persons employed in country industries or in any country public administration.

Moneys appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the Act and all other moneys received by the Authority are paid into the Decentralized Industry Housing Fund. Transactions during 1973-74 in relation to this Fund were :—

	\$
Balance 1st July, 1973	400,000
Receipts—	
Consolidated Fund—Vote	25,000
Loan from State Savings Bank	400,000
Interest on Investments	11,467
Interest and Repayments—Mortgage Loans	13,347
Other	4,367
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	854,181
Payments—	\$
Mortgage Loans to House Purchasers	787,400
Land Purchase	3,400
Loan Redemption	2,276
Loan Interest	25,564
Administration Expenses	24,620
Other Costs	3,253
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	846,513
Balance 30th June, 1974	<hr/>
	7,668

A Revenue Account and Balance Sheet as required by the Act have not yet been prepared for the year ended 30th June, 1974.

LABOUR AND INDUSTRY.

This Department functions under the authority of the *Labour and Industry Act* 1958 and is responsible for the supervision and regulation of lifts and cranes, boilers and pressure vessels, scaffolding, factories, shops and other premises. Various Wages Boards, the Apprenticeship Commission, the Industrial Appeals Court, the Industrial Safety Advisory Council and the Ministry of Consumer Affairs are also administered within the Department.

Expenditure during the last two years from the Consolidated Fund, including rentals and maintenance charges paid by the Public Works Department, is compared hereunder :—

Vote—	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Labour and Industry—Salaries, General Expenses, &c. ..	2,457,993	3,124,308
Treasurer—Workers Compensation Insurance, Pay-roll Tax ..	77,152	125,534
Public Works—Maintenance and Rent of Buildings ..	133,379	149,854
	2,668,524	3,399,696

Receipts during the corresponding two years were as follows :—

Registration and Inspection Fees—	\$	\$
Factories and Shops, Lifts and Cranes, Boilers, &c.	1,470,818	2,316,422
Other	14,913	16,909
	1,485,731	2,333,331
Net Cost to the Consolidated Fund was	1,182,793	1,066,365

LANDS AND SURVEY.

The Department of Crown Lands and Survey is responsible for the occupation of Crown Lands and the administration of various schemes of land settlement and financial assistance to farmers. Other functions include the eradication of vermin and noxious weeds and the control and co-ordination of survey and mapping throughout the State. The collections and expenditure of the Department are reviewed hereunder.

COLLECTIONS.

Collections during the year amounted to \$4,713,124 compared with \$4,396,358 in the previous year. Details are as set out hereunder :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Land Revenue—		
Fees for various licences and leases, &c.	2,540,659	2,743,868
Proceeds of sales of land	505,469	576,888
	<u>3,046,128</u>	<u>3,320,756</u>
Land Revenue for credit to the Mallee Land Account	102,135	97,804
Repayments of principal by settlers under the Closer Settlement Acts	130,740	114,222
Interest payments by settlers on Loan Liabilities under the Closer Settlement Acts	68,143	66,449
Repayments of principal—Other Advances	31,018	11,007
Interest on Other Advances	228	1,787
Licences to occupy water frontages—for credit to the Rivers and Streams Fund	96,680	98,406
Recoups on account of—the services of survey personnel for the Housing Commission ; survey services and costs associated with the administration of the Closer Settlement Insurance Fund	560,312	606,584
Miscellaneous Receipts including rental Ballarat Guncotton Factory, admission to Buchan Caves, sales of Government and other property and rentals of departmental houses, &c.	173,763	184,278
Survey Fees, &c.	60,738	80,471
Premiums for credit to the Closer Settlement Insurance Fund	14,915	13,504
Moneys for specific purposes including funds made available by Wool and Wheat Research Committees, &c., for credit to Treasury Trust Accounts	96,557	97,636
Collections on account of North West Mallee Water Rates and Wire Netting Cash Sales	5,734	4,126
Road Loading Charges—Improvement Purchase Leases	7,893	13,493
Receipts on account of Assurance Fund	1,374	2,601
	<u>4,396,358</u>	<u>4,713,124</u>

EXPENDITURE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FUND.

The amount provided from the Consolidated Fund to meet departmental administrative costs and expenses and part of the functional expenditure of the Vermin and Noxious Weeds Branch was \$11,418,689, compared with \$9,296,566 in the previous year. Details are:—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Vote—		
Lands and Survey—Salaries, Expenses, Other Services	5,087,368	6,141,516
Vermin and Noxious Weeds	411,000	4,446,876
Treasurer—Workers Compensation Insurance, Payroll Tax	295,551	433,801
Public Works—Maintenance, Rent of Buildings	13,687	14,443
Works and Services Account—		
Vermin and Noxious Weeds	3,205,300	7,817
Survey and Other	283,660	374,236
	<u>9,296,566</u>	<u>11,418,689</u>

TRUST FUND EXPENDITURE.

Disbursements by the Department from Treasury Trust Funds included—

- (i) \$54,308 from joint Commonwealth and Industry Research Funds, namely, Vermin (Rabbit) Control, \$29,466 ; Skeleton Weed Control, \$4,362 ; and Fox and Dingo Control, \$20,480.
- (ii) \$14,267 in meeting claims and administrative expenses on account of the Closer Settlement Insurance Fund.
- (iii) \$208,154, expenditure from Commonwealth Grant Rural Employment (1971) Trust Account.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

The Revenue Account of the settlement scheme being carried out under the provisions of the *Closer Settlement Act* 1938, disclosed a deficit for the year of \$2,046,134, and the accumulated deficit was, as a result, increased to \$131,601,302.

Each year, interest is payable by the Treasury on outstanding Works and Services expenditure, but, because of the heavy writing-off of settlers' liabilities in the past, it is recoverable only in part. A summary of the Revenue Account is shown hereunder—

	\$	\$
<i>Expenditure—</i>		
Interest on loans	4,284,972	
Administrative costs	76,671	
	<hr/>	4,361,643
<i>Income—</i>		
Interest charged on outstanding liability of settlers	2,296,799	
Sundry items of income	18,710	
	<hr/>	2,315,509
Deficit .. .. .	..	<hr/><u>2,046,134</u>

Closer Settlement Insurance Fund.

This Fund provides the finance in respect of contracts of insurance covering risks of fire, storm and tempest which must be made, in respect of buildings and improvements, by (i) Closer Settlement lessees, (ii) farmers who have received advances for improvements and (iii) purchasers under contracts of sale. Improvements on vacant land are also covered by the Fund.

The accounts of the Fund are kept on a cash basis. The balance in the Fund as at 1st July, 1973, was \$704,731. Premiums received during the year amounted to \$13,504. Expenditure consisted of Claims, \$5,628, and Administration Expenses, \$8,639. The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1974, was \$703,968.

LAW.

Within this Department, which is administered by the Attorney-General, are grouped the following Offices and functions :—

Crown Law Offices ;
 Crown Solicitor's Office ;
 Courts ;
 Office of the Public Trustee ;
 Titles Office ; and
 Corporate Affairs Office.

EXPENDITURE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FUND.

Expenditure on the several activities of the Department for 1973-74 amounted to \$20,803,901. The necessary funds were provided principally from the votes of the Attorney-General and from special appropriations.

The following statement, under broad headings, compares the expenditure for the past two years :—

	1972-73.		1973-74.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Crown Law Offices and Crown Solicitor's Office ..		2,070,737		2,989,464
Courts—				
Administration	6,457,275		8,242,282	
Allowances to Witnesses	213,712		247,405	
Payments to Jurors	697,337		737,692	
Professional Assistance	399,996		763,347	
Court Reporting	353,548		419,891	
Other Costs, including expenditure of a capital nature	1,055,994		1,439,701	
		<u>9,177,862</u>		<u>11,850,318</u>
Office of the Public Trustee		1,188,437		1,496,982
Titles Office		2,575,802		3,349,152
Corporate Affairs Office		679,809		909,832
Other		149,714		208,153
		<u>15,842,361</u>		<u>20,803,901</u>

RECEIPTS.

Moneys collected by Clerks of Courts throughout the State are paid into the Consolidated Fund or otherwise allocated according to law.

Collections in other branches of the Department include fees due on account of registrations, &c., jurors' fees and, to a lesser extent, receipts in the nature of recoups of costs. Major items of revenue for 1972-73 and 1973-74, with the exception of fees and commissions collected in the Office of the Public Trustee, were :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Fees, Titles Office	4,480,987	7,158,857
Fees, Commissioner for Corporate Affairs	3,334,365	3,955,900
Fees, Registrar-General	248,033	325,251

Statements of account of the Public Trustee, together with comments on the year's transactions, are included in my Supplementary Report.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

This Department was constituted under the provisions of the *Local Government Department Act 1958* for the better administration of the laws relating to local government in this State.

EXPENDITURE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FUND.

The comparative statement hereunder shows the expenditure in the past two years :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Local Government—		
Salaries and Allowances	449,432	522,928
Overtime and Penalty Rates	17,077	16,458
Travelling (including Motor Vehicles)	21,881	21,857
Fees and Expenses—Boards and Committees	113,062	157,169
Other Administrative Expenses	57,663	54,092
Contribution to Operating Expenses of Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board .. .. .	..	889,125
Works and Services Account—Subsidies to Municipalities, &c.	2,994,506	1,593,416
Total Local Government	3,653,621	3,255,045
Town and Country Planning Board—		
Salaries and Allowances	449,534	641,601
Overtime and Penalty Rates	997	2,995
Other Administrative Expenses	70,228	99,782
Total Town and Country Planning Board	520,759	744,378
Weights and Measures—		
Salaries and Allowances	272,703	333,354
Overtime and Penalty Rates .. .. .	..	115
Travelling (including Motor Vehicles)	48,086	55,757
Materials and Equipment	2,312	1,629
Other Administrative Expenses	18,985	25,520
Works and Services Account—Equipment, &c.	11,173	8,355
Total Weights and Measures	353,259	424,730
Valuer-General—		
Salaries and Allowances	657,490	807,754
Overtime and Penalty Rates	798	878
Travelling (including Motor Vehicles)	57,631	73,098
Fees and Expenses—Boards and Committees	1,098	1,059
Other Administrative Expenses	48,673	86,434
Total Valuer-General	765,690	969,223
Total Local Government Department	5,293,329	5,393,376

RECEIPTS.

Receipts for the year amounted to \$387,416 compared with \$267,715 in the previous year. Details are shown in the following statement :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Charges for Departmental Services—		
Municipal Auditors Board Fees, &c.	5,151	27,369
Weights and Measures Branch	148,956	170,213
	154,107	197,582
Property Sales Information	109,136	185,562
Miscellaneous	4,472	4,272
	267,715	387,416

MILK BOARD.

The final accounts and balance-sheet for the Milk Board had not been completed in time for inclusion in this Report.

If the statements of accounts are available at the time of preparation of my Supplementary Report, such statements and my comments will appear therein.

MINES.

The principal functions of the Mines Department include the administration of mining, quarrying and petroleum legislation and supervision of the mining industry including development of mining, safe working of mines, investigational drilling and operation of State gold batteries. The Department is also responsible for the issue of licences for the manufacture, transportation, storage and sale of explosives.

RECEIPTS.

Details of departmental receipts for the past two years are—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Land Revenue—		
Royalties—Submerged Lands	25,205,556	33,977,538
Mining Leases, Rents, &c.	192,630	214,635
Extractive Industries, &c.	118,355	114,050
Other	30,140	34,564
	<u>25,546,681</u>	<u>34,340,787</u>
Boring and Crushing Fees	51,658	27,274
Explosives Licences and Fees	53,862	63,320
Sale of Government Property	19,950	11,144
Repayment of Loans	13,918	892
Sundries	14,232	13,392
	<u>25,700,301</u>	<u>34,456,809</u>
Total Receipts		

Petroleum Royalties—Submerged Lands.

The *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967* provides for the exploration for, and the exploitation of, the petroleum resources of certain submerged lands adjacent to the coasts of the State. Initially, exploration permits were granted to a number of companies. Following the discovery of petroleum in the area, production licences were granted to two companies jointly.

The Act provides that royalty is payable at certain percentages of the value at the well-head of the petroleum recovered. Royalty paid by the two licensees in 1973-74 amounted to \$33,977,538, making a total of \$101,905,849 paid by them since the first royalty payment on petroleum in May, 1969. Of that total amount, \$31,699,459 has been paid to the Commonwealth, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Negotiations have been in course since late 1968 between the two licensees, on the one hand, and the Minister for Mines, who is the Designated Authority in terms of the Act, on the other, in an endeavour to arrive at a basis for agreement on principles to be applied in the future for determination of well-head value.

At present, the broad approach used in establishing well-head value is to deduct the licensees' costs incurred between the point of custody transfer of the petroleum and the well-head from the gross sales values of petroleum at the point of custody transfer. In accounting for the licensees' costs, allowances have been made for their direct operating costs, and depreciation and cost of capital.

The royalties which have already been paid to the State are subject to adjustment depending on further negotiation as to proposals which have been put to the licensees by the Designated Authority concerning the value which it is proposed be the well-head in terms of Section 152 of the Act, and concerning allowances which are to be made for cost of capital employed in the undertaking by the licensees.

The Designated Authority and the licensees have decided that, when final agreement on principles has been reached, and when the value at the well-head for future royalty periods is being calculated, the deductions allowed, costs incurred and revenue received from the time of commencement of the first royalty period will be taken into account.

EXPENDITURE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FUND.

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Special Appropriation—		
Payments to Commonwealth	7,883,979	10,769,463
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Vote—		
Administration—		
Salaries	1,350,203	1,725,293
Overtime and Penalty Rates	5,298	6,145
Travelling and Subsistence	50,235	64,246
Motor Vehicles—Purchase and Running Expenses	42,380	45,139
Other Administrative Expenses	209,397	268,982
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	1,657,513	2,109,805
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Miscellaneous—		
Maintenance, &c., State Batteries	3,499	5,453
Boring for Water, Coal and Other Minerals, &c.	403,621	431,921
Geological Survey	17,627	17,660
Laboratory Expenses	5,723	6,462
Covering Abandoned Shafts	14,976	19,952
Surveys for Mineral Deposits	25,606	1,655
Advances for Gold Mining	2,000
Contribution to Coal Utilization Research	10,000	..
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	481,052	485,103
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Works and Services Account—		
Drilling Plant, &c.	301,159	350,471
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Total Expenditure	10,323,703	13,714,842
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Included in the departmental payments in 1973-74 is expenditure, estimated by the Department to be \$1,487,370, incurred in the investigation and measurement of underground water resources. In respect of this expenditure, the State is eligible for a contribution by the Commonwealth in terms of the *States Grants (Water Resources Measurement) Act 1970*, and an amount of \$762,500 was received in July, 1974.

PUBLIC WORKS.

This Department is the principal design and construction authority for Government Departments other than Railways, Water Supply and Forests. Its functions include the maintenance, fitting and furnishing of buildings and the renting of accommodation. It is also responsible for harbor works and improvements not under the control of harbor trusts or municipalities.

EXPENDITURE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FUND.

Expenditure from the Consolidated Fund under the principal divisions in each of the past two years is set out hereunder—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Public Works Administration—		
Vote—		
Salaries	5,955,450	7,480,267
Overtime and Penalty Rates	146,935	225,999
Travelling and Subsistence	262,799	294,377
Other Expenses	638,399	884,384
Total Administrative Costs	7,003,583	8,885,027
Works and Buildings, Maintenance, Repairs, &c.	1,838,698	2,290,934
Rents and Allowances	2,049,739	3,043,234
Other Services	1,094,141	1,172,403
	11,986,161	15,391,598
Works and Services Account—Buildings, &c.	5,470,489	11,156,224
	17,456,650	26,547,822
Ports and Harbors Administration—		
Vote—		
Salaries	656,180	942,512
Overtime and Penalty Rates	21,562	24,954
Travelling and Subsistence	47,999	58,865
Other Administrative Expenses	34,270	36,273
Total Administrative Costs	760,011	1,062,604
Wharves and Jetties, Maintenance, Repairs, &c.	106,499	473,205
Dredging and Blasting .. .. .	..	1,609,945
Contribution to Portland Harbor Trust	785,000	1,314,000
Westernport—Operating Expenses	820,419	949,462
Other services	157,402	348,998
	2,629,331	5,758,214
Works and Services Account—Capital Items	3,068,044	1,377,637
	5,697,375	7,135,851
Total Expenditure	23,154,025	33,683,673

Works financed from the Works and Services Account or from Trust or Special Funds and carried out under the supervision of the Department were subject to an oncost charge, approved by the Treasury, to cover the departmental expenses involved in the design, supervision and administration of the works. The approved rate was 16·53 per cent. but, in some instances, a lower rate was applied. The use of this lower rate on specific schemes or, as is also the practice, the total exclusion from the oncost calculation of certain projects subject to outside consultants, tends to increase the range of fluctuation, from year to year, in the rate needed to recover, over the remaining works, the incurred costs. Recoups to the Consolidated Fund on the basis of these and other charges amounted to \$8,406,017. The comparable figure for 1972-73 was \$6,882,195 when the rate charged for design, supervision and administration was 13·2 per cent.

Expenditure by the Department from the Works and Services Account amounted to \$79,652,632, and from Trust and Special Funds \$9,667,470, a total of \$89,320,102, compared with a total of \$76,588,266 from the same sources in the previous year. The major part of the expenditure in each year was incurred in the construction of buildings, the carrying out of works and the provision of services for various Departments.

Moneys which were applied from the Works and Services Account to works associated with the activities of the Public Works Department itself were as shown hereunder:—

	\$	\$
<i>Public Works—</i>		
Public Offices	11,032,425	
Metric Conversion Costs.. .. .	123,799	
	<hr/>	11,156,224
<i>Ports and Harbors—</i>		
Public Offices	35,134	..
Foreshore Protection, Wharves and Jetties.. .. .	578,845	..
Vessels for Dredging, Marine Plant	298,401	..
Westernport Works, &c.	266,734	..
Plant	198,523	..
	<hr/>	1,377,637
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		12,533,861
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Public Offices (\$11,032,425).—Major items of expenditure were:—

	\$
Purchase and adaptation of premises—240 Victoria Parade	1,215,777
Purchase and adaptation of premises—49/51 Spring Street	1,047,943
Purchase of premises—Birkdale House and Charmor House	3,045,455
Purchase of premises—250 Victoria Parade	2,284,567
Purchase of premises—City of Knox—Offices	255,092
Adaptation of premises—271 William Street	275,159

Westernport, &c. Works (\$266,734).—In terms of the *Westernport Development Acts* 1967 and 1970, Hematite Petroleum Pty. Ltd., and Esso Exploration and Production Australia, Inc. were to carry out preliminary investigations, jetty construction and dredging at Westernport at the cost of the State not exceeding \$6,050,000. An amount of \$30,228 was expended on jetty construction for this project during 1973–74, bringing the total expenditure on the project, at 30th June, 1974, to \$5,436,213.

TRUST AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS.

As already indicated, various services and projects of the Department were financed from certain Trust and Special Accounts. The major Accounts within this group are:—

State Grants for Technical Training, Advanced Education, &c.

In terms of the Commonwealth legislation, the Public Works Department incurred expenditure as under:—

	\$
(i) Technical Training and Equipment	1,898,967
(ii) Advanced Education	448,162
(iii) Science Laboratories and Equipment	1,581,537
(iv) Teachers' Colleges	609,136
(v) Secondary School Libraries	2,590,869
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	7,128,671
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Particulars of total expenditure from the above Accounts are shown in Part IV. of this Report.

Public Works Stores Suspense Account.

This Account was established under the provisions of Loan Act No. 5240 of 1947. An amount of \$50,000 was provided under that Act, and subsequent authorities increased the amount to \$650,000. The moneys in the Account are used :—

(a) for the purchase of stores, materials, fittings and equipment, and

(b) for defraying the cost of manufacturing articles for stock,

pending allocation to the respective appropriations or funds for the various public works or services in which they are used. The amounts when charged are credited to the Account.

As at 30th June, 1974, the position of this Account was :—

	\$
Cash funds available—held by Treasury	237,905
Value of stores on hand	310,031
Issues pending recoupment	99,896
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Funds made available by Treasury	647,832
Amount retained by Treasury to meet expenses, &c.	2,168
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Amount authorized by Legislation	650,000
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Public Works Plant and Machinery Fund.

This Fund was established under the provisions of Loan Act No. 5199 of 1946. The charges made for the use of certain specified plant and machinery, as authorized by Act No. 5199, are debited to projects on which such plant is used and credited to the Fund.

The Fund is kept in two sections, namely, Renewals and Replacements, and Cost of Operating, Maintenance, &c., to each of which an appropriate allocation of the hire charges is made. At 30th June, 1974, the net balance of the Fund was \$684,109.

Agency Trust Funds.

Expenditure on projects from this source amounted to \$763,106. Major works carried out by the Department as agent included projects for :—

	\$
High School Assembly Halls	56,210
Technical School Assembly Halls	91,038
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RAILWAYS.

Under the provisions of the *Railways (Amendment) Act* 1972, which came into operation on 8th May, 1973, the Victorian Railways Board was incorporated and became the successor of the Victorian Railways Commissioners. Since its appointment, the financial transactions of the Board have continued to be processed through the Public Account.

In the year under review, railway operating expenses exceeded railway income by \$86,086,361.

The *Railways Act* 1958 provides for an account called the Railway Equalization Account to be kept in the Treasury Trust Fund. In any year in which railway income exceeds railway operating expenses, the amount of the excess is to be paid into the Account from the Consolidated Fund. In any year in which railway income falls short of railway operating expenses, railway income is to be supplemented from any moneys standing to the credit of the Account. As there was no balance in the Account, the deficit for 1973-74 was borne by the Consolidated Fund.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

Railway operations for the year, as recorded in the Treasurer's Accounts, are set out in Statement No. 5 appended to this Report and, for the purpose of ready reference, revenue receipts and expenditure are summarized hereunder :—

	\$
Working Expenses	180,181,521
Contribution to Renewals and Replacements Fund	400,000
Pension Contributions	8,324,645
Debt Charges	11,392,161
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Total Expenditure	200,298,327
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This was provided by—	
Ordinary Income	112,257,554
Payments by Treasury—	\$
For fares concessions—pensioners and students	1,915,827
For loss on Kerang-Koondrook line	38,585
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	1,954,412
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Total Receipts	114,211,966
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Deficit for year	86,086,361
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Railway records show a deficit of \$84,570,918. The Department's accounts and the Treasury accounts for railway expenditure are kept on an accrual basis, but the Treasury accounts for income are mainly on a cash basis. The differing net financial results for the year, as recorded in the two accounting systems, are reconciled in the following statement :—

	\$
Deficit, based on Treasury Accounts	86,086,361
Less—Increase during year in Sundry Debtors	1,515,443
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Deficit, as shown in Railway Accounts	84,570,918
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Railway operating expenses, \$200,298,327, exceeded the Budget estimate of \$191,380,000 and, on a comparable basis, were in excess of the previous year by \$33,465,571.

Operating Expenses.

Depreciation.—The depreciation for 1973–74 was assessed at \$8,915,952 but an amount of \$431,470 only was charged to operating expenses and credited to the Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund established under Section 115 of the *Railways Act* 1958. The amount of \$8,484,482 depreciation assessed but not charged against operating expenses brought the accumulated sum under-provided in the Railways accounts to \$120,823,213 at 30th June, 1974.

The total amount credited in the year to the Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund from depreciation charges and sales of materials &c., \$1,582,265, was expended in full. There was no balance to the credit of this Fund at 30th June, 1974.

To 30th June, 1974, renewals and replacements to a total of \$130,145,473 have been provided from the Fund and from allocations of loan moneys for rehabilitation works.

Accrued Leave.—Accrued leave increased by 52,540 days in 1973–74 and the estimated liability increased from \$8,355,014 as at 30th June, 1973 to \$13,042,168 as at 30th June, 1974. There is no provision in the form of a reserve fund to meet the liability. Working Expenses of the year in which the payments are made bear the cost of the annual leave accrued in previous years.

Debt Charges.

The Railways Board is charged with interest, sinking fund payments and exchange only in respect of moneys borrowed by the State for railway purposes from and including 1st July, 1960. The amount chargeable in the year was \$11,392,161.

Management Consultants.

During 1973–74, Management Consultants were engaged by the Department to develop a computer-based freight accounting system. A preliminary systems design has been submitted. The services of the Department's Business Consultant were continued during the year to assist with the implementation of a commercially-orientated responsibility accounting system.

Fees and expenses amounting to \$51,590 were paid during the year and charged to Working Expenses.

Special Funds for Maintenance Expenditure.

Expenditure by the Department during 1973–74 of funds amounting to \$486,799 and provided from the following sources has not been included in the Receipts and Expenditure statement :—

Rural and Metropolitan Employment.—Expenditure of \$439,799 on maintenance works carried out as part of rural and metropolitan employment measures was charged to the Treasury Trust Accounts, Commonwealth Grant Rural Employment (1971), and Metropolitan Employment (1973).

Metric Conversion Costs.—Expenditure of \$47,000 was charged to the Public Works and Services Acts in connexion with metric conversion costs.

Railway Income.

Collections on account of railway income amounted to \$114,211,966 which was \$534,034 less than the Budget estimate but \$3,801,850 more than the result for 1972–73.

The following dissection of earnings, on an accrual basis, illustrates variations under the principal heads in the past two years :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Passengers	36,804,624	39,171,845
Parcels, &c.	3,803,332	4,215,205
Mails	707,495	664,881
Miscellaneous	91,105	154,377
Goods and livestock, &c.	62,029,342	61,973,973
Rents and general miscellaneous	3,177,758	3,499,922
Dining car and refreshment rooms services	3,807,748	4,369,297
Advertising	272,969	300,143
Bookstalls	1,138,653	1,263,134
Road motor services	73,832	76,047
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	111,906,858	115,688,824
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Treasury recoups of \$23,512 in 1972–73 and \$38,585 in 1973–74, received in accordance with the *Kerang and Koondrook Tramway Act* 1951, are not included in the above earnings.

EXPENDITURE—WORKS AND SERVICES ACCOUNT.

The following statement summarizes expenditure under Railway Works and Services Acts :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Way and Works	7,780,146	7,312,738
Rolling-stock, Equipment, &c.	8,135,714	4,973,148
Construction of New Lines, &c.	103,945	127,577
Urban Development Projects	4,030,757
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	16,019,805	16,444,220
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Rail Tracks, Rolling Stock, &c.

Expenditure for 1973-74 included \$6,945,496 in connexion with projects to reconstruct bridges, relay certain rail tracks and to provide additional rolling-stock.

Urban Development Projects.

A new item was provided in the current Works and Services Act for Urban Development Projects such as construction of new suburban stations, provision of additional tracks and new suburban trains.

Portion of the expenditure by the Department on these projects may attract financial assistance from the Commonwealth by way of non-repayable grants. However, the necessary Commonwealth legislation had not been enacted at 30th June, 1974.

Recorded expenditure during the year on these projects, included in the balance-sheet under the heading of Rolling-stock, Plant, &c., amounted to \$9,123,755. Of this sum, \$5,092,997 has been temporarily charged to the Public Account. This latter amount represents an estimate only as at 30th June, 1974, of the anticipated grants due from the Commonwealth.

The amounts actually recoverable from the Commonwealth in respect of 1973-74 expenditure will not be fully determined until audit certified financial statements in respect of the approved projects have been submitted by the Department to the Commonwealth.

BALANCE-SHEET.

An abridged statement of the balances in the Railway Accounts as at 30th June, 1973 and 1974 is as under :—

	1973.	1974.
	\$	\$
Rolling-stock, Plant, &c., at cost less depreciation provided ..	516,076,923	537,862,585
Stores and Materials	8,041,521	7,834,203
Partly-manufactured Articles	961,008	992,280
Refreshment Services, Stock and Equipment less provision for losses	625,657	577,928
Discounts and Expenses on Loans	7,435,319	7,572,445
Deferred Renewals, Replacements, and Maintenance Works ..	1,050,000	1,050,000
Funds at Treasury—		
Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund	200,000	200,000
Railway Charges in Suspense Account	5,259,606	11,417,693
Railways Stores Suspense Account	2,519,749	3,145,304
Railways Repayment Account	11,635	46,596
Advances held by Agent-General	48,515	37,908
Trust Securities	4,154,454	3,368,931
Cash at Stations and in Transit	686,239	840,343
Cash Advances	598,802	1,734,413
Revenue Debtors	7,898,894	9,248,218
Sundry Debtors	1,634,800	4,187,365
Accumulated Loss	313,987,054	399,044,771
	<u>871,190,176</u>	<u>989,160,983</u>
Loan Liability*	401,109,934	411,974,893
Funds for—		
Uniform Railway Gauge	30,441,787	30,345,950
Level Crossings	10,467,302	10,888,613
Boom Barriers	445,037	448,121
Other Special Purposes	13,722,240	13,722,240
National Debt Sinking Fund Reserve	76,336,379	81,871,120
Uniform Railway Gauge Reserve	1,158,213	1,254,050
Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund	200,000	200,000
Advances from the Public Account	1,400,188	6,908,247
Sundry Creditors	9,883,316	19,699,371
Trust Securities	4,166,089	3,415,526
Consolidated Fund, &c.	321,859,691	408,432,852
	<u>871,190,176</u>	<u>989,160,983</u>

* After deduction of the equity in the National Debt Sinking Fund.

Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund.

The Fund was preserved at the statutory limit of \$200,000 by appropriation from the Consolidated Fund of \$2,347,181 charged against Working Expenses. Expenditure from the Fund for the past two years was :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Damages recovered by non-employees at law	172,874	108,053
Damages paid to non-employees without legal action	26,784	2,392
Compensation for injuries to employees	1,031,104	1,645,645
Compensation for goods lost or damaged	377,194	456,197
Compensation for losses by fires caused by railway operations ..	19,156	994
Losses by fire to railway property	179,689	133,900
	<u>1,806,801</u>	<u>2,347,181</u>

Railway Charges in Suspense Account.

This Account operates as a holding account to enable expenditure to be reimbursed by the Treasury prior to the analysis of detailed costs.

As at 30th June, 1974, liabilities incurred and charged against Treasury accounts by journal entry, but not yet paid by the Department were as follows :—

Credits—						\$
Salaries and wages accrued	..	..	..	..	..	3,800,346
Taxation deductions, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	3,927,108
Sundry creditors for various services	..	..	..	..	..	3,030,488
Revenue rebates and refunds due	..	..	..	..	..	3,893,929
Amounts received in advance for works	..	..	..	..	..	333,019
						<u>14,984,890</u>
Debits—						\$
Expenditure on works for other bodies, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	3,186,551
Sundry debtors for sales and services	..	..	..	..	..	189,025
Manufacturing Account—Work in progress pending recoup from Public Account advances	..	..	..	..	..	302,000
						<u>3,677,576</u>
						11,307,314
Add—Amount transferred from income	..	..	..	..	..	110,379
						<u>11,417,693</u>

Railways Stores Suspense Account.

This Account is designed to provide financial control over the purchase and issue of stores and over the stock on hand.

The total allocation from the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of the Account amounted to \$9,000,000 as at 30th June, 1974. The disposition of this amount was as follows :—

						\$	\$
Stock on hand—Railways Department	..	..	..	..	..	7,597,827	
Railway Construction Board	..	..	..	..	..	26,407	
						<u>7,624,234</u>	
Stores Stock Equalization Account	..	..	..	..	..		209,969
							<u>7,834,203</u>
Less Creditors	..	..	..	..	..	—	2,419,465
							<u>5,414,738</u>
Stores sold and proceeds not collected	..	..	..	..	..	..	402,050
Advances to the Agent-General, London	..	..	..	..	..	..	37,908
							<u>5,854,696</u>
Balance held at Treasury	..	..	..	..	..	—	3,145,304
							<u>9,000,000</u>

The item, Stock on hand, \$7,834,203 represents stock financed from the Suspense Account pending issues for works or purposes, the expenditure on which is chargeable to Parliamentary Appropriations.

Within the framework of the authorized account for the purchase and issue of railway stores, the Department has created an account known as the "Stores Stock Equalization Account" which had a balance of \$209,969, at 30th June, 1974. This Equalization Account is used for writing off losses, writing down the recorded values of stores and for absorbing variations arising from the costing of articles manufactured in the departmental workshops.

Details of many of the transactions in this Account are not readily ascertainable but it has been possible to extract the following net figures from the Account :—

						\$
Losses on reduction of values of stores	..	..	..	..	..	64,188
Costing adjustments—manufactured items	..	..	..	..	..	63,883
Losses on sales of safety footwear	..	..	..	..	..	29,814
Sales of materials—losses	..	..	..	..	..	2,759
Amount charged to Working Expenses	..	..	..	..	..	160,644
Stores invoice adjustments to be absorbed	..	..	..	..	..	209,969

Debtors.—Revenue and Sundry.

The total of \$13,435,583 for these items as shown in the balance-sheet consists of :—

	\$
Revenue	9,248,218
Works	3,488,551
Sales of general stores	396,836
Sundry sales and services	189,025
Sales of land	112,953
	13,435,583

Level Crossings Fund.

Moneys in the Fund are applied towards “works calculated to improve the flow of traffic across or to reduce the danger at level crossings”. The relevant legislation—Section 115 of the *Country Roads Act 1958*—does not exempt the Department “from any liability to pay for any such works in so far as moneys are not applied thereto from the said Fund”.

The amount expended by the Department from the Fund, to 30th June, 1974, including \$421,311 in the year 1973–74, is \$10,888,613. This latter amount is included in the balance-sheet as part of the total expenditure on Rolling-stock, &c.

Sundry Creditors.

Items included in the total of \$19,699,371 are :—

	\$
Stores purchased for railways	2,419,465
Stores purchased for refreshment services	165,582
Salaries and wages accrued	3,800,346
Taxation deductions, &c.	3,927,108
Accounts for various services	3,030,488
Revenue rebates and refunds	3,893,929
Payments in advance for works	333,019
Payments in advance for revenue services, &c.	700,481
Cash accounts overdrawn	1,428,953
	19,699,371

The item, “Salaries and wages accrued”, largely comprises pay accrued from 23rd to 30th June, 1974.

SOCIAL WELFARE.

The statement below shows the expenditure from the Consolidated Fund in respect of the Divisions of the Department for the past two years.

	Adminis- tration Research Statistics Regional Services.	Family Welfare.	Youth Welfare.	Prisons.	Training, Probation, Parole.	1973-74 Total.	1972-73 Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Vote—							
Salaries and payments in the nature of salary	1,398,753	3,928,238	2,849,614	5,015,993	733,277	13,925,875	11,023,771
General expenses, office expenses, travelling, fuel, light, power &c. ..	180,908	202,177	175,333	300,557	58,409	917,384	768,737
Stores, provisions, plant, equipment ..	..	543,293	470,669	719,498	..	1,733,460	1,449,165
Assistance to children, deserted wives and mothers .. .. .	..	793,367	..	..	..	793,367	3,382,790
Grants and subsidies to and expenses in connection with State wards, youth trainees, children in foster homes, institutions and hostels	529,952	3,481,420	507,036	..	..	4,518,408	4,090,400
Fare concessions for pensioners	2,467,032	..	..	..	..	2,467,032	1,611,000
Municipal rate concessions for pensioners	139,866	..	..	..	..	139,866	..
Materials for manufacture or training Allowances to trainees and working prisoners	2,455	..	..	335,470	7,305	345,230	292,885
Cadetships and bursaries .. .. .	..	..	54,034	245,949	..	299,983	316,995
Workers Compensation Insurance	74,410	..	..	..	35,563	109,973	99,349
Public Works Department maintenance and rents	9,534	26,676	19,378	33,889	4,935	94,412	64,386
Payroll Tax	50,080	32,298	4,711	4,880	27,623	119,592	103,602
Other	57,722	35,779	11,435	155,699	29,880	290,515	198,643
	18,175	9,183	2,807	65	32,884	63,114	47,786
	4,928,887	9,052,431	4,095,017	6,812,000	929,876	25,818,211	23,449,509
Works and Services Account— Buildings, equipment, capital grants &c.	473,162	380,501	439,315	645,463	337,721	2,276,162	2,417,039
	5,402,049	9,432,932	4,534,332	7,457,463	1,267,597	28,094,373	25,866,548

The Department's expenditure in 1973-74 exceeded that of 1972-73 by \$2,227,825. The most significant variation from the previous year occurred, as may be expected, in the cost of salaries and payments in the nature of salary. These costs moved from \$11,023,771 in 1972-73 to \$13,925,875 in 1973-74. The additional cost of fare concessions for pensioners resulted from an increased payment to the Railways of \$590,827 and the extension of the concessions to privately operated bus services, which cost \$265,205. Welfare payments in respect of State wards, youth trainees, and children in foster homes, institutions and hostels increased from \$4,090,400 in the previous year to \$4,518,408 in 1973-74.

The provision by the Commonwealth of a supporting mothers benefit resulted in a reduction of the Department's expenditure for the item, assistance to children, deserted wives and mothers, from \$3,382,790 in 1972-73 to \$793,367 in 1973-74.

The revenue of the Department which consists mainly of proceeds of manufactured goods, Prisons Division and maintenance collection and child endowment, Family and Youth Welfare Divisions, totalled \$939,996, an increase of \$243,295 for the year.

STATE DEVELOPMENT.

This Department, established in terms of the *State Development Act 1970*, is responsible for the control of State activities in the fields of Tourism, Industrial Development and Immigration.

Tourism.

The State Development Act provides that moneys to the credit of the Tourist Fund established under the *Tourist Act 1969* shall be applied to the administration of the State Development Act in so far as that Act relates to tourism. For this purpose, the Minister may make payments from and apportion, distribute, apply or lend any moneys in the Tourist Fund.

Credits to the Fund include a statutory levy on the Country Roads Board Fund, appropriations from the Consolidated Fund under the votes for State Development and Railways, a contribution from the Works and Services Account and fees and fines under the *Motor Boating Act 1958*.

The receipts and payments of the Tourist Fund for the past two years are summarized below :—

1972-73.		1973-74.	
\$		\$	\$
489,738	Balance forward .. .. .	..	217,538
	Contributions—		
685,912	From—Country Roads Board Fund .. .. .	..	708,555
	Consolidated Fund—		
	Vote—		
622,000	State Development	984,000	
190,000	Railway Working Expenses	190,000	
		1,174,000	
15,246	Works and Services Account	244,500	
	Municipalities—Motor Boating Facilities	22,292	
		1,440,792	
236,631	Commissions, &c. received from Tourist Bureaux operations .. .. .	..	282,588
178,013	Motor Boat Registration Fees and Fines (Net)	430,940	
	Less Costs and Expenses of Collection and Administration	250,800	
		180,140	
17,453	Interest on Loans to certain Bodies .. .. .	..	18,719
21,443	Loan Repayments .. .. .	..	24,467
45,020	Recoup of Costs—Metropolitan Transport Information Centre .. .. .	..	47,636
<u>2,501,456</u>		<u>2,920,435</u>	
	<i>Payments.</i>		
442,770	Developmental and Maintenance works authorized under the Act .. .. .	..	493,679
131,860	Special Grants to approved Bodies .. .. .	..	59,000
25,000	Advances to Public Works Department—Mt. Dandenong Project .. .. .	..	..
114,051	Publicity—net (excluding Tourist Bureaux advertising, &c.) .. .. .	..	394,557
51,080	Loans to certain Bodies .. .. .	..	50,000
247,045	Provision of motor boating facilities .. .. .	..	255,715
43,369	Installation of P.A.B.X. Switchboard .. .. .	..	..
	Administrative expenses—		
122,542	Head Office	153,799	
1,106,201	Tourist Bureaux	1,340,454	
		1,494,253	
		2,747,204	
44,212	Balance at the close of the year—General	48,519	
173,326	Motor Boating	124,712	
		173,231	
<u>2,501,456</u>		<u>2,920,435</u>	

In addition to the balance of \$173,231 held at credit of the Fund at 30th June, 1974, unexpended advances to the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the Public Works Department for works amounted to \$29,856 and \$54,310 respectively. Of these sums, \$64,367 was in respect of motor boating.

Motor Boating.

Under the provisions of the *Motor Boating Act* 1961, the net credit in the Tourist Fund in respect of motor boating activities is to be applied to the provision of facilities for motor boating in Victorian waters. The following statement shows the receipts and payments included in the transactions of the Tourist Fund in respect of motor boating :—

Credit at 1st July, 1973 (held in Tourist Fund)					\$	\$
					..	173,326
<i>Add—Registration Fees</i>						396,748
<i>Fines</i>						34,192
<i>Municipalities—Motor Boating Facilities</i>						22,292
<i>Loan Instalments—Redemption</i>						2,125
<i>Interest</i>						2,544
						<hr/> 457,901
						<hr/> 631,227
 <i>Less—Expenditure—</i>						
<i>Provision of boating facilities—Grants and Subsidies</i> ..						255,715
<i>Cost of Administration—</i>					\$	
<i>Transport Regulation Board</i>						71,409
<i>Chief Secretary's Department</i>						121,909
<i>Purchase of motor boats and equipment (net)</i> ..						57,482
						<hr/> 250,800
						<hr/> 506,515
Credit at 30th June, 1974 (held in Tourist Fund)						<hr/> 124,712

Tourist Bureaux.

The power to operate and administer tourist bureaux in any part of the world as provided in the *Tourist Act* 1969 was continued in the *State Development Act* 1970. Under this authority, five bureaux are operated in Victoria and three in interstate capital cities.

The net cost of operating the bureaux for the year was \$1,010,230 compared with \$824,550 for the previous year. The cost of salaries and other administrative expenses, rents, maintenance and items of a capital nature was \$1,340,454 against which the bureaux earned commission and other income to a total of \$282,588 and received a recoup of \$47,636 in respect of the operations of the Metropolitan Transport Information Centre.

In 1973–74, a total of \$5,619,258 was remitted to the Treasury in respect of cash collections from all sources. This amount included \$5,290,701 in respect of tourist bureau business, of which \$1,586,652 was credited to Railway Income and \$3,704,049 to the Tourist Bureaux Trust Account. Collections in the previous year totalled \$5,053,844.

Industrial Development.

The *State Development Act* 1970 created the Industrial Development Fund and provided for its application towards assisting the establishment and expansion of secondary industries in certain areas of Victoria, outside the metropolis, as specified in the Act.

A statement of credits to and disbursements from the Fund in the last two financial years is set out hereunder :—

Credits—			
1972-73.		1973-74.	
\$		\$	\$
44,190	Balance, 1st July .. .. .	..	29,399
200,000	Contribution from Consolidated Fund—Vote .. .. .	..	390,000
<u>244,190</u>			<u>419,399</u>
Less Disbursements—			
1,961	Power and Light Subsidies .. .. .	..	7,261
166,175	Freight Subsidies .. .. .	..	158,960
30,765	Removal of Plant, Machinery, Furniture, &c. .. .. .	..	106,340
..	Loan to an Approved Decentralized Industry .. .. .	..	2,000
300	Training Allowances .. .. .	..	16,500
15,590	Miscellaneous Grants and Subsidies .. .. .	..	31,804
			<u>322,865</u>
<u>214,791</u>			
29,399	Balance, 30th June .. .. .	..	96,534

Of the total amount advanced from the Fund (previously the Decentralization Fund), a total of \$57,746 was still to be repaid at 30th June. Arrears of interest amounted to \$31,298.

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Decentralized Industry Incentives (Pay-roll Tax Rebates) Act* 1972, proclaimed to operate from 1st July, 1973, the Minister may make incentive payments to certain employers who are registered under Section 12 of the *Pay-roll Tax Act* 1971 and who are carrying on a manufacturing or processing industry at a decentralized or a special establishment, as defined in the Act. In 1973-74, an amount of \$4,019,906 was charged to Vote in respect of incentive payments to approved decentralized industries.

Immigration.

The *State Development Act* 1970 provides for the appointment of a Director of Immigration who, subject to the general direction of the Minister for State Development, is responsible for encouraging migrants to settle in Victoria.

The net cost to the Consolidated Fund for the year in respect of this activity was \$173,852, compared with \$144,895 in 1972-73.

STATE RIVERS AND WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION.

The State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, in its function of administering the Water Act, is responsible for the construction and maintenance of country water supply works. As well as country water supply within the constituted districts, it has other duties such as investigations and research, and the supervision of works for other bodies and persons. It is also a constructing authority for the carrying out of works for the River Murray Commission.

In addition, pursuant to the provisions of the *State Rivers and Water Supply Commission (Special Projects) Act 1969*, the Commission, with the consent of the Governor in Council, may enter into an agreement with any government or developmental agency, including any specialized agency of the United Nations Organization, to assist with, or carry out, developmental works in any country, State or Territory outside Victoria.

CASH SUMMARY.

Details of the cost to the Consolidated Fund in connexion with country water supply are set out in Statement No. 6 appended to this Report. A summary of receipts and payments for the period 1971-74 is given in the table hereunder :—

—	Receipts, including Recoups.	Payments.				Net Outgoing.
		General.	Debt Charges.	Works and Services Account.	Total.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1971-72	18,469,579	15,812,477	22,946,098	17,874,249	56,632,824	38,163,245
1972-73	19,403,812	17,590,163	23,991,402	17,469,931	59,051,496	39,647,684
1973-74	22,033,855	21,986,088	25,167,423	18,053,643	65,207,154	43,173,299

As the summary indicates, there was, in 1973-74, an increase in payments of \$6,155,658 (including an increase of \$1,176,021 in debt charges) offset by an increase in receipts of \$2,630,043. Thus the net increase in the cash outgoing between 1972-73 and 1973-74 was \$3,525,615.

REVENUE.

A summary of the revenue from rates and charges for the supply of water for the period 1971-74 is furnished hereunder :—

—	Amounts Collectable.			Amounts Credited.	Arrears as at 30th June.
	Water Sales and Miscellaneous.	Assessments of Rates and Charges.	Total Collectable Sum Including Arrears.		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1971-72	4,073,975	8,795,193	14,832,309	12,753,182	2,079,127
1972-73	3,744,722	8,948,862	14,772,711	13,246,016	1,526,695
1973-74	2,755,329	11,088,245	15,370,269	13,998,373	*1,371,896

* Subject to adjustment in 1974-75.

For the second successive year there was a substantial decrease in the amount collectable from water sales, especially in relation to the Goulburn-Murray Irrigation District. Rates and charges were raised by approximately 25 per cent. in all districts for 1973-74.

The following statement of the percentage of the total current assessment received during the year indicates the degree of effectiveness of district collections compared with the previous year. Sundry Head Office collections are excluded.

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	%	%
Coliban Districts	93	94
Irrigation Districts	90	94
Waterworks Districts	90	91
Rural Districts	93	82
Urban Districts	85	85
Flood Protection Districts	94	95

A dissection of the total collectable sum and the amount thereof owing at 30th June, 1974, is given in the statement hereunder :—

	Total Collectable Sum.	Arrears 30.6.74.
	\$	\$
Coliban Districts	983,535	58,945
Irrigation Districts	7,653,336	480,914
Waterworks Districts	2,121,163	181,131
Rural Districts	78,782	14,123
Urban Districts	3,807,896	579,250
Flood Protection Districts	119,246	8,828
Sundries	606,311	48,705
	<u>15,370,269</u>	<u>1,371,896</u>

Other receipts are obtained by way of oncost and by direct recoup from other funds. These receipts were obtained as follows :—

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
From oncost at varying rates to a maximum of 12.5 per cent. ..	1,709,621	2,056,869
„ repayments on account of works temporarily financed from Consolidated Fund	447,822	509,742
„ salary recoups—River Murray Commission and various funds	1,781,371	2,245,268
	<u>3,938,814</u>	<u>4,811,879</u>

PAYMENTS.

Payments from the Consolidated Fund in 1973-74 on account of country water supply totalled \$65,207,154 and comprised salaries and payments in the nature of salary, \$12,053,306, debt charges, \$25,167,423, general expenses and other services, \$9,932,782 (including Irrigation Districts Maintenance Equalization and Renewals provision of \$927,135) and Works and Services Account, \$18,053,643.

Expenditure from the Works and Services Account included the sum of \$13,256,207 in respect of works undertaken by the Commission. The main items were :—

	\$
Mornington Peninsula System The extension of pipelines and reticulation ..	2,928,706
Irrigation Districts .. Principally the remodelling and construction of main channels and drainage works ..	2,545,616
Tarago-Westernport .. Construction of pipeline	2,402,189
Otway System The extension of pipelines and reticulation ..	1,037,281

In addition to that shown above, expenditure was incurred on works financed by the Commonwealth as follows :—

	\$
River Murray Salinity	10,310
King River Dam	25,498
Water Resources Measurement	564,353
Millewa Pipelines	800,000
Rural Employment (including \$866,991 by way of re-imburement to Local Authorities)	1,479,258

OTHER FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS.

Irrigation Districts Maintenance Equalization and Renewals Account.

The main purpose of this Account is to provide moneys to defray the cost of maintenance and renewal works in irrigation districts. The Account is credited each year with a sum equivalent to the total of the cash surpluses, if any, as shown by the accounts of the respective irrigation districts at the end of the last preceding financial year. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 68 of the *Water Act 1958*, the Auditor-General is required to certify to such cash surpluses. The amount of surpluses so certified in 1973-74 was \$927,135, and this sum was provided from the Consolidated Fund by way of Special Appropriation.

Stores Suspense Account.

Up to and inclusive of 30th June, 1974, loan moneys amounting to \$2,412,000 have been made available for the purpose of financing this Account.

In the Treasurer's Trust Fund statement, the balance at credit of the Water Supply Stores Suspense Account is shown as \$321,089. This amount is represented in the Commission's accounts by :—

	\$
Balance available for purchases of stores, &c.	127,428
Credit Balances of Hire Plant Accounts	193,661
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	321,089
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The balances of Hire Plant Accounts, which can fluctuate from year to year, result from credits from plant hire charges made against works expenditure authorities, together with amounts from Plant and Machinery Adjustment Account which are cleared within each financial year.

Financial adjustments on account of net deficiencies, losses on realization, unserviceable goods and depreciation are made to the accounts of the respective projects or districts concerned and to the accounts within the Water Supply Stores Suspense Account.

According to Commission records, the book values of plant, tools and general stores at 30th June, 1974, were :—

	Plant.	Tools and Stores.
	\$	\$
At Construction Works	106,245	345,906
Stores Suspense Accounts (Depots)	286,055	1,766,962
At Central Plant Workshops (Suspense Accounts)	50,870	243,497
At Central Plant Workshops pending transfer or disposal	18,653	121,523

NOTE.—The above figures do not include the value of "Hire" Plant and Machinery.

Water Supply Plant and Machinery Depreciation Fund.

Expenditure from the Works and Services Account during the year for the purchase of movable plant and machinery to be engaged on the construction and maintenance of the works of the Commission totalled \$115,687. The capital liability at 30th June, 1974, in respect of this class of plant and machinery was \$3,959,639.

Under the provisions of the Water Act, the cost of this plant and machinery is not charged directly to any district, but, when such plant and machinery is used on construction and maintenance works, a charge for depreciation is made and the amount is paid to the Water Supply Plant and Machinery Depreciation Fund. At 30th June, 1974, the balance in the Fund for the replacement of hire plant and machinery was \$2,213,086.

Water Supply Works Depreciation Fund and Account.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the *Water Act* 1958, the Commission is required to raise moneys, by means of annual rates and charges, to provide for the replacement of any machinery, plant, or perishable structures forming part of the works of the constituted districts with the exception of irrigation districts.

The sums raised for depreciation in the annual rates and charges are to be paid into the Consolidated Fund or, to the extent the Treasurer directs, to the Water Supply Works Depreciation Fund. Also, the sums raised (with interest credited thereon) must be shown in the Commission's books to the credit of the Water Supply Works Depreciation Account.

The amount raised for credit to the Water Supply Works Depreciation Account in 1973-74 was \$241,541. However, in recent years, no payment has been made to the Fund and, at 30th June, 1974, no balance was held in the Fund. At the same date, the balance of the Account was \$7,893,970.

OTHER ACTIVITIES.

River Murray Commission.

The agreement made under the provisions of the River Murray Waters Act (No. 2596) provides for the construction of works on the River Murray and for the appointment of the River Murray Commission to give effect to the agreement. The State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, which is a constructing authority under the terms of the Act, incurred expenditure in 1973-74 on these works amounting to \$8,220,345, including an amount of \$7,959,119 representing expenditure on the construction of Dartmouth Dam.

In 1973-74, under the authority of Water Supply Works and Services Acts Nos. 8362 and 8498, Victoria contributed \$1,254,500 for the construction of works, bringing the State's total contribution for construction as at 30th June, 1974, to \$17,044,790. The contribution from the Consolidated Fund for maintenance and administrative expenses amounted to \$250,000.

The books and accounts of the River Murray Commission are subject to audit by the Commonwealth Auditor-General. In connexion with this audit, revenue received and expenditure incurred by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission on behalf of the River Murray Commission are verified by my officers.

Dartmouth Dam Construction Account.

This Account was established by the Treasurer under the authority of Section 8 of the *Public Account Act* 1958 to record income and expenditure in relation to the construction of Dartmouth Dam. In the year, receipts, representing recoups of expenditure from the River Murray Commission, amounted to \$7,600,000 and expenditure to \$7,959,119. The balance in the account at 30th June, 1974, was \$140,966.

The Agency Trust Account.

This Account was established by the Treasurer under the authority of Section 8 of the *Public Account Act* 1958 to record contributions by other bodies towards the costs of works carried out by the Commission. In the year, contributions amounted to \$840,894 and expenditure, including refunds of contributions, amounted to \$686,533. The balance in the Account at 30th June, 1974, was \$631,362.

Waterworks Trusts.

Supervision of Waterworks Trusts is vested in the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. The accounts of the Trusts are required by Section 169 of the *Water Act* 1958 to be audited by my officers.

Funds for capital works by the Trusts have been provided principally by advances made available by the State. Works have also been financed from the Trusts' own resources and from loans raised under the provisions of the Act. In terms of the Water Act, interest in excess of 3 per cent. on loans raised by the Trusts is recouped by the State. Expenditure under this heading for the year was \$430,182, including an amount of \$111,183 to the Geelong Water and Sewerage Trust.

In 1973-74, advances to various Trusts by the State amounted to \$2,081,493. Repayments on account of advances amounted to \$140,074, and certain Trusts were relieved of liability to the extent of \$1,073,883. This sum, by direction of the Governor in Council, is to be borne by the State. The net increase during the year in the Trusts' indebtedness for State loans was \$947,729.

River Improvement Trusts.

To 30th June, 1974, twenty-eight River Improvement Trusts and four Drainage Trusts had been constituted under the River Improvement Act. The accounts of the Trusts are subject to audit by my officers, as required by the provisions of the *River Improvement Act* 1958 and the *Water Act* 1958.

The Act authorizes the Trusts to borrow money to finance works construction and to raise revenue to meet maintenance and administration costs on similar conditions to those operating for Waterworks Trusts. Interest in excess of 3 per cent. on loans raised by the Trusts is recouped by the State. The amount provided by the State in 1973-74 for this purpose was \$1,289.

Advances by the State in 1973-74 totalled \$660,000. Repayments in respect of advances amounted to \$4,183, and certain Trusts were relieved of liability to the extent of \$909,887 which the Governor in Council directed be borne by the State. The net decrease in the Trusts' indebtedness for State loans was \$254,070.

Country Sewerage.

In addition to its function of administering the Water Act, the Commission exercises general supervision over Sewerage Authorities. The accounts of the Authorities are not subject to my audit.

Funds for capital works by the Authorities have been provided by advances made available by the State. Works have also been financed by the Authorities from private loans raised under the provisions of the Sewerage Districts Act. Interest in excess of 3 per cent. on such loans is recouped to Authorities by the State. Expenditure under this heading for the year was \$2,596,693.

Advances by the State in 1973-74 totalled \$899,999. Repayments in respect of advances amounted to \$28,336, and certain Authorities were relieved of liability to the extent of \$1,241,914 which the Governor in Council directed be borne by the State. The net decrease in the Authorities' indebtedness for State loans was \$370,251.

In addition, the State advanced \$87,171 to the Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board for works for the supply of water and the treatment or disposal of waste.

Eildon Sewerage District.

During the year, the Commission continued to exercise and discharge the powers and duties of the Eildon Sewerage Authority.

Rates and miscellaneous charges levied in 1973-74 totalled \$15,690 of which \$15,661 or 99·8 per cent. was paid during the year. Costs chargeable to the district amounted to \$14,295 plus depreciation, \$1,996. During the year, this amount of \$1,996 was transferred from the Consolidated Fund to the Eildon Sewerage District Depreciation Fund. At 30th June, 1974, the balance of the Fund was \$24,912.

TRANSPORT REGULATION BOARD.

The functions of the Board are to improve and co-ordinate transport and, for these purposes, it has, pursuant to the provisions of the *Transport Regulation Act 1958*, and Part I. of the *Commercial Goods Vehicles Act 1958*, jurisdiction over all commercial goods and passenger vehicles operating within the State. Fees (other than road charges) and fines under those Acts and fees under the Motor Car Acts for the registration of certain omnibuses are paid into the Transport Regulation Fund. Costs of administration and other authorized charges are met therefrom. The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1974, was \$763,381.

TRANSPORT REGULATION FUND.

The receipts and payments of the Fund together with corresponding figures for the previous year are summarized hereunder :—

1972-73.		1973-74.
\$		\$ \$
	<i>Receipts.</i>	
323,666	Balance, 1st July	170,435
819,008	Licence Fees and Additional Fees on Licences	2,065,949
143,883	Licence Transfer Fees	231,689
1,183,556	Permits—Goods and Passenger	1,195,850
62,046	Drivers' Certificates	51,926
10,465	Metropolitan Omnibus Registration Fees	11,410
251,929	Fines	248,419
46,497	Miscellaneous Receipts	49,084
		3,854,327
2,841,050		4,024,762
	<i>Payments.</i>	
2,613,953	Salaries and Overtime	3,241,634
549,534	Other Administrative Expenses	611,340
9,342	Payment for Police Services .. .. .	..
58,560	Contributions towards Bus Shelters, Comfort Stations, Information Centre, &c.	47,308
47,306	Capital Expenditure (Net)	17,192
		3,917,474
3,278,695		
	<i>Less—Recoups—</i>	\$
59,907	Costs of Collection—Motor Boat Registrations ..	71,409
	Road Charges (Commercial Goods Vehicles Act)	584,684
548,173		656,093
2,670,615		3,261,381
170,435	Balance, 30th June	763,381

Total fees collected under the provisions of the Transport Regulation Act and Part I. of the Commercial Goods Vehicles Act were \$3,545,414, an increase of \$1,336,921 from the previous year. Most of this increase was due to variations in licence fees introduced under the provisions of the *Road Transport Act 1973*, effective from 1st February, 1974.

Road Charges.—Part II. of the *Commercial Goods Vehicles Act 1958* requires the owners of commercial goods vehicles with a load capacity in excess of four tons to pay to the Board specified road charges by way of compensation for wear and tear caused by such vehicles to public highways and directs that the moneys received are to be paid into the Country Roads Board Fund to the credit of the Roads Maintenance Account. The amount so paid in 1973-74 was \$10,358,794 compared with \$9,744,729 in the previous year.

Motor Boat Registration Fees.—The *Motor Boating Act 1961* provides for the registration of motor boats by the Board and for the payment of prescribed registration fees. The Act also provides that these fees are to be credited to the Tourist Fund and that the costs of collection and administration are to be recouped from that Fund.

The registration fees collected by the Board during 1973-74 amounted to \$396,866. The costs of collection and administration were recouped to the extent of \$71,409.

YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION.

The objects of this Department, established under the provisions of the *Youth, Sport and Recreation Act 1972*, are stated in the Act as :—

- (i) to assist in the growth of the individuality and character of the youth of Victoria ;
- (ii) to promote the fitness and general health of the people of Victoria ; and
- (iii) to improve the facilities available to the people of Victoria for leisure-time pursuits.

The Department is responsible, also, for the administration of the *Racing Act 1958* and the *National Fitness Council of Victoria Act 1960*.

During 1973–74, expenditure charged against the Consolidated Fund amounted to \$672,764, as under :—

Vote—	\$	\$
Youth, Sport and Recreation—		
Salaries and General Expenses	264,966	
Contribution to Anzac Day Proceeds Fund	167,718	
	432,684	
Racing Administration		130,303
Public Works—Rent of Premises		98,876
Treasurer—Workers Compensation Insurance and Pay-roll Tax		10,901
		672,764

TRUST ACCOUNTS.

The *Youth, Sport and Recreation Act 1972* established in the Treasury, as part of the Trust Fund, three new funds through which various departmental services and projects are administered, including projects partly financed by the Commonwealth. Brief comments on each of the three accounts are given in the following paragraphs.

Youth Fund.

Receipts of the Fund consisted of the Fund's share of off-course totalizator receipts, \$953,919, as determined by the Treasurer in accordance with the relevant provision of the *Racing Act*. Expenditure therefrom totalled \$764,630, comprising, mainly, grants to youth organizations for buildings, operating expenses and leadership training. At 30th June, 1974, the balance of the Fund was \$190,940.

Sports and Recreation Fund.

Receipts of the Fund comprised its share of off-course totalizator receipts, \$1,907,837, special appropriations under the *Tattersall Consultations Act*, \$8,735, Commonwealth contributions, \$467,500, and other receipts, \$6,238—a total of \$2,390,310. Payments from the Fund totalled \$1,672,720, representing, primarily, expenditure on special projects, including the acquisition of the *Brendan Edwards Sports Centre, Sunshine*, and the construction of a synthetic track at *Olympic Park*, \$429,139, and contributions towards the cost of sporting complexes and swimming pools, \$1,084,955. The balance at 30th June, 1974, stood at \$732,682.

Australian Rules Football Fund.

Moneys credited to the Fund during the year amounted to \$873, representing special appropriations under the *Tattersall Consultations Act*. Expenditure totalled \$1,000 and, at 30th June, 1974, the balance of the Fund was \$1,483.

PART VI.—GENERAL.

GUARANTEES.

In certain instances, authorities for guarantees have been provided by specific legislation such as that relating to Co-operative Housing Societies. But, on other occasions, the State has been committed in respect of guaranteed bank overdrafts by the Executive without the specific authority of Parliament.

Particulars are given below of guarantees current at 30th June, 1974, and not authorized by statute, showing the contingent liability of the State under each guarantee at that date.

	Guarantee.	Contingent Liability.
	\$	\$
Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society	7,000	7,000
Ballaarat City Council	50,000	50,000
Bendigo City Council	20,000	20,000
Exhibition Trustees	385,000	100,000
Olympic Park Committee of Management	140,000	95,000
Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria	1,040,000	393,037

The reasons for the guarantees mentioned above have been given in the Reports for previous years.

Set out below are details, as at 30th June, 1974, of cases where guarantees have been given by the Treasurer under the authority of statute and where there is a contingent liability. Details of the cases, including references to the statutory authority, have been given in previous Reports. The statement hereunder does not include instances where Parliament has included in legislation a Government guarantee of the borrowings of State instrumentalities and other bodies.

	Guarantee.	Contingent Liability.
	\$	\$
Co-operative Housing Societies	209,604,000*	93,849,944*
Co-operative Housing Societies .. .. .	..	150,434,545†
Co-operative Societies	6,807,802	3,912,355
Home Finance Trust	28,988,373	23,814,698
Melbourne Cricket Club	2,550,000	2,441,522
Trustees of the Sisters of Charity of Australia	5,550,000	5,417,871
St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Hospital.. .. .	750,000	525,000
Royal Women's Hospital	1,100,000	1,100,000
Sisters of Mercy Property Association	800,000	644,732

* Guarantees and Contingent Liability in relation to loans made by approved bodies to registered Co-operative Housing Societies.

† State's liability to the Commonwealth on account of advances from the Home Builders' Accounts for registered Co-operative Housing Societies.

STATE'S DEBTORS.

Debts coming within this section are of two classes—arrears of revenue and advances to public bodies and others.

ARREARS OF REVENUE.

The statement hereunder gives the position as to the amounts owing at the end of each of the last two financial years in respect of the major State activities.

	1973.	1974.
	\$	\$
Railways	7,872,637	9,388,080
Taxation—		
Gift Duty	33,531	217,524
Land	1,517,057	11,360,517
Probate Duty	3,378,945	5,702,160
Water Supply	1,526,695	1,371,896
Lands Department	222,131	374,330
Rural Finance and Settlement Commission	409,440	331,129
Forests Commission	677,166	935,050
Government Printer (excluding amounts due from State Departments)	200,024	312,864
Other Departments	1,408,507	3,113,980
Victoria Dock Cool Stores	116,473	149,074
Public Trustee (cash in transit) .. .. .	..	827,951
Miscellaneous	319,354	427,084
	<u>17,681,960</u>	<u>34,511,639</u>

The increase of \$9,843,460 in Land Tax owing at 30th June, 1974, compared with 30th June, 1973, was partly due to the late despatch, in the latter half of June, 1974, of many assessments. The rise also reflects increases in rates of tax which had been authorized by the *Land Tax Act 1973* and which were operative from 1st January, 1974.

The amount of \$827,951 in respect of the Public Trustee Office was cash collected at that Office which was received too late at the Treasury to be included in Treasury accounts for the year.

ADVANCES TO PUBLIC BODIES, ETC.

The State makes advances from loan and revenue sources to public bodies and other organizations, and debts due to the State in respect of these advances are shown in the statement below. Amounts made available to major undertakings such as the State Electricity Commission, Housing Commission, Rural Finance and Settlement Commission, &c., are not included here, but are discussed in the relevant sections of my Supplementary Report.

Advances additional to those from the Consolidated Fund have been provided from the Industrial Development (previously Decentralization) Fund, \$899,454, and from the Tourist Fund, \$670,847. To 30th June, 1974, repayments on account of these advances amounted to \$500,251 and \$239,303 respectively. Further references to these Funds are made under appropriate headings in this Report.

Set out below is a summary of advances made during the last two years by means of special items in Works and Services Acts or from Treasurer's Advance. Advances made during these years related mainly to projects associated with water supply and sewerage in country districts.

	1972-73.	1973-74.
	\$	\$
Corporations and other Bodies	3,324,664	748,405
Various	48,948	224,564
Victorian Development Corporation .. .. .	..	5,000,000
Total	<u>3,373,612</u>	<u>5,972,969</u>

In some cases, repayment of advances has not been in accordance with the agreed conditions and, at 30th June, 1974, instalments of redemption and interest charges due and unpaid amounted to \$231,678. Following is a concise statement of the balances of advances and amounts overdue :—

	Balance of advances at 30th June, 1974	Overdue at 30th June, 1974.		
		Redemption	Interest.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Municipalities	2,302,106	..	..	..
Corporations and Other Bodies	48,600,324	24,444	168,255	192,699
Unemployment Relief Advances	132,548	31,471	..	31,471
Advances to Settlers	3,946	3,946	1,312	5,258
Victorian Development Corporation	5,000,000	..	..	..
Various	2,348,740	2,250	..	2,250
Total	58,387,664	62,111	169,567	231,678

Disallowances and Surcharges.

The two surcharges issued during the year, in respect of defalcations at the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission offices at Redcliffs and Maffra, were satisfied in full.

Treasurer's Acquittance.

Sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 34 of the *Audit Act* 1958 require me to acquit the Treasurer, in the form of the Eleventh Schedule to the Act, for the amount of the public moneys spent which has been ascertained by me to have been duly and properly expended. Sub-section (3) of the said section excludes from the acquittance expenditure which is "the subject of query or observation or of show cause action or of disallowance or surcharge".

In respect of moneys disbursed from the Public Account in 1973-74, the Treasurer has not been acquitted to the extent of \$4,652,089 which includes an amount of \$2,990,128, advances to Departments, &c., not adjusted prior to 30th June, 1974.

Computer Processing—Treasury Records.

As from 1st August, 1973, the financial records of the Treasury were computerized by utilizing the service bureau facilities provided by the Public Service Board—E.D.P. Centre. However, the procedure relating to the issue of cheques from the Public Account was not changed and cheques continue to be prepared on the existing accounting equipment.

The system currently in operation is an adaptation of a general system of Financial Recording and Reporting designed and developed by the Public Service Board—E.D.P. Centre to enable departments to receive the benefit of computer processing methods.

In the course of introducing E.D.P. in the Treasury Central System of accounts, regular consultations took place between my officers and Treasury accounting officers on matters relating to the adequacy of internal control. Generally, agreement was reached to settle most of the matters raised by my officers.

However, agreement has not yet been reached on the need to adopt an audit recommendation that all accounts, including supporting documentation, forwarded by departments for payment by Treasury be suitably cancelled by Treasury immediately after the cheques are drawn.

In my opinion, it is essential that all documents supporting disbursements from the Public Account be suitably cancelled in order to :—

- (i) prevent source documents from being removed, fraudulently or otherwise, and re-introduced in the system—a vital control in an E.D.P. installation ; and
- (ii) provide the means for removing the doubt, which is occurring with increased frequency, that all necessary source documents have, in fact, been remitted by departments and received in Treasury.

The question of cancellation of vouchers is still being considered by Treasury.

Defalcations and Irregularities.

As required by Section 47 of the *Audit Act* 1958, particulars of cases in which default has been made in delivering or sending accounts or accounting for public or other moneys or stores, and of relevant proceedings taken are shown hereunder :—

CHIEF SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

Dandenong Police Station.—Cash collections amounting to \$602 disappeared during the period 28th to 31st December, 1973. Investigations failed to establish the person responsible. The approval of the Hon. the Treasurer has been sought to adjust the deficiency.

Ferntree Gully Police Station.—A senior constable failed to account for moneys received totalling \$127. He resigned and subsequently was committed for trial.

Newborough Police Station.—A senior constable misappropriated amounts totalling \$251.70 in respect of warrants. He was convicted and sentenced to a term of imprisonment. Restitution was made.

EDUCATION.

Irregularities were detected in the accounts at nine schools, the most serious being deficiencies of \$1,536.91 at Portland High School, \$375.95 at Campbellfield Heights Primary School and \$279.78 at Seaford-Carrum High School. Suitable disciplinary action was taken in all instances and serious cases reported to the police. Restitution was made in the cases of Portland High School and Campbellfield Heights Primary School.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

An armed hold-up of a payroll car during the year resulted in the theft of \$21,658.99. The loss was made good by the Board's Insurers.

PUBLIC WORKS.

A senior inspector of works was charged under the Public Service Act with offences in connection with the issue of Works Orders and suspended from duty. Following his suspension he submitted his resignation. The matter is being investigated by the police.

RAILWAYS.

Twenty officers and employes were guilty of offences in respect of loss or theft of money or other property. With the exception of three instances involving amounts of \$505, \$250 and \$112, the cash and other deficiencies were comparatively small. Nineteen of the cases were heard by the Courts and one was dealt with by the Railways Board of Discipline.

During the year an armed robbery and a number of thefts by forced entry occurred at stations. The armed robbery took place at the North Eastern Accounting Office, North Melbourne, on 7th February, 1974, when a payroll of \$12,738 was stolen. In connection with this offence two men have been charged and are on bail awaiting trial. The money has not been recovered. In respect of the thefts by forced entry, no recoveries have been made.

SOCIAL WELFARE.

Sale Prison.—Overpayments to the Governor and other officers for the period January, 1971, to March, 1974, were discovered during the year. Some of the amounts involved have been recovered and departmental action is in course in relation to the balance.

Won Wron Prison.—Cash amounting to \$1,010.62 was stolen from the office by means of breaking and entering. The Treasurer approved the writing off of \$770 being that part of the deficiency payable to the Consolidated Fund and authorized a payment of \$240.62 from Vote to make good deficiencies of \$165.62 in the Advance Account and \$75 in the Prisoners' Hobbies Account.

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION.

Losses incurred by the State Electricity Commission during 1973-74 were confined to minor thefts of cash, stores and materials. These were investigated and appropriate action taken.

TOTALIZATOR AGENCY BOARD.

Misappropriations were detected in the accounts of eight agencies and generally involved reprocessing of winning tickets or failure to account for cash. Agreements were terminated in all cases and in three instances criminal proceedings were instituted.

During the year a total of \$38,806.94 was stolen in thirty armed hold-ups. Amounts lost either have been recovered or are in course of recovery from the Board's Insurers.

OTHER.

Minor irregularities occurred at the State Research Farm at Werribee, the Grain Elevators Board, Melbourne University, the Social Welfare Department's Brunswick Unit and a Family Group Home, the Sydney Office of the Tourist Bureau, Bundoora Mental Hospital, Moe Police Station, Prahran Police Station, the Police Traffic Centre, Brunswick, and the Police Central Correspondence Bureau.

LOSSES AND THEFTS OF STORES.

In the year under review, other instances of loss and theft of stores were reported. Particulars of these are furnished below :—

Department or Authority.	Location.	Items Lost or Stolen.	Value.	Remarks.	
			\$		
Agriculture	Scoresby	Tools	600	} Stolen. Police informed.	
	Werribee	Vise	20		
	Windsor Place, Melbourne	Lens and Adaptor ..	300		
	Royal Melbourne Show-grounds	Tarpaulin	33		
	London	Camera, Case, Meter ..	101		
	Bendigo	Camera	100		
	On Rail Transit to South Australia	3 × 44 gallon drums pesticide	170	} Stolen from vehicle. Damaged. Written off.	
Conservation	St. Kilda	2 Power Silt Pumps ..	163	} Police notified.	
		Marine Engine Cover ..	73		
Country Roads Board ..	South Gippsland ..	Water Pump	110	} Stolen. Police informed.	
	Lakes Entrance ..	Chain Saw	240		
	Glenalbyn	Tools	100		
	Yarram	Water Pump	406		
	Bombala	Tape Recorder, Camera ..	47		
	Bacchus Marsh ..	Tools	30		
	Hume Freeway ..	Sludge Pump	56		
	West Footscray ..	12" Electric Fan ..	24		
Environment Protection Authority	Geelong	Wind Speed and Direction Indicator	500	Stolen from vehicle.	
Forests Commission ..	Various Locations ..	Tools and Equipment ..	509	Stolen. Police notified.	
La Trobe University ..	South Building ..	Tools	242	} Stolen. Police notified.	
	North East Annexe ..	Electric Fan	20		
	Union Building ..	4 Bean Bag Chairs ..	128		
		Food	12		
	"The Barns"	Electric Drill	59		
	Social Sciences ..	Electric Typewriter ..	549		
		Refrigerator	118		
	Humanities	3 Pairs Headsets ..	99		
		2 Speakers	108		
		Crockery	33		
		Physics	Paging Receiver ..		100
	Chisholm College ..	Microphone	27		
		Bedding	59		
Glenn College ..	Liquor	61			
Menzies College ..	Painting Reproduction ..	10			
	Food	5			
	Entomology Field Station	26 Longtailed Grass Finches	112		
Law	Footscray Court ..	Numbering Machine, Dymo Kit	20	Police advised.	
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	Various Locations ..	Tools and Equipment ..	6,732	Lost and/or stolen.	
Mental Health Authority ..	Sandhurst Boys' Centre ..	2 Kerosene Heaters ..	30	Police informed.	
Police	City Watch House ..	Automatic Pistol and Holster	50	Stolen. Culprit not known.	
	Highway Patrol, Brunswick	Stop Watch	10	Missing.	
Public Works	Various Locations ..	Tools and Equipment ..	2,706	Lost and/or stolen.	
Railways	Lilydale Refreshment Room	Liquor, Cigarettes, Tobacco	396	Reported to Police.	
Social Welfare	Pentridge Prison ..	14,119 lbs. Cotton Yarn ..	12,284	} Destroyed by fire believed to be deliberately lit by prisoner. Insurance recovered.	
		215 yds. Calico	178		
		25 yds. Blue Denim ..	31		
		48 lbs. Cotton Yarn ..	46		
		Bedding and Clothing ..	40		
	Castlemaine Prison ..	37 lbs. Mutton	6	Destroyed by sabotage. Destroyed by fire set by prisoner. Stolen. Police informed.	
	Beechworth Prison ..	} Escapees' Clothing ..	139	Written off.	
	Morwell River Prison ..				
	Won Wron Prison ..				
	Sale Prison	} Escapees' Clothing ..	20	Written off.	
Acheron Y.T.C.					
	Turana Y.T.C.	Jigsaw and Drill	25	Stolen. Reported to Police.	
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	Various Locations ..	Tools and Equipment ..	1,919	Lost and/or stolen. Police notified of thefts.	

LOSSES AND THEFTS OF STORES (CONT.)

Department or Authority.	Location.	Items Lost or Stolen.	Value.	Remarks.
			\$	
University of Melbourne ..	Priestley Building ..	Dictating Machine ..	45	} Stolen. Police advised.
	Pharmacology ..	Vacuum Cleaner ..	50	
		Floor Polisher ..	180	
	Zoology ..	Camera ..	100	} Insurance claimed. Missing. Written off.
	Fine Arts ..	Camera ..	150	
	Architecture ..	Projector ..	130	
	Anatomy ..	Microscope ..		

Acknowledgment.

New audits acquired during the year added considerably to the extent of my statutory duties and to the already heavy work-load of the audit staff. I acknowledge the willingness of the staff to meet the demands made on them and record my appreciation of their loyal and efficient support.

I also thank the officers of the Treasury and other Departments for their co-operation and I am particularly grateful for the service rendered by the Government Printer.

B. HAMILTON.

Auditor-General.

Melbourne, 25th November, 1974.

STATEMENT No. 1.

A comparison, on a monetary and proportional basis, of expenditure from the Consolidated Fund* in 1973-74 with that in the previous year is given below :—

Nature of Expenditure.	1972-73.		1973-74.	
	Amount.	Percentage of Funds Available.	Amount.	Percentage of Funds Available.
Social—	\$	%	\$	%
Education, Health and the Environment, Housing, Welfare, Payments to Hospitals and Charities Fund, &c.	720,339,980	51·66	800,841,921	49·31
†Debt Charges—				
Interest, Sinking Fund, Repayments, (including Housing and Soldier Settlement)	194,897,902	13·92	208,234,434	12·82
Railways—				
‡Working Expenses and Expenditure from Works and Services Account	165,264,891	11·82	199,164,904	12·26
Pensions	7,307,862	·53	8,324,645	·51
Primary Production—				
Agriculture, Lands, Soldier Settlement, Forests, Country Water Supply, &c.	80,082,353	5·76	93,860,230	5·78
Law and Order—				
Law, Police, Prisons, &c... .. .	66,736,542	4·80	83,419,470	5·14
State Electricity Commission—				
Advances	16,000,000	1·15	16,000,000	·98
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works—				
Advances	22,560,000	1·62	40,675,000	2·50
Other Public Works—				
Works and Advances	15,348,843	1·11	28,573,576	1·76
Pensions—				
Retired Officers, Officers' Widows, &c., excluding Railways	16,788,664	1·21	20,473,726	1·26
Other Expenditure	76,032,326	5·47	111,678,027	6·88
Total Expenditure	1,381,359,363	99·05	1,611,245,933	99·20
Funds retained in the Works and Services Account	13,316,141	·95	12,993,320	·80
Total Funds Available	1,394,675,504	100·00	1,624,239,253	100·00

* Includes expenditure through the Works and Services Account.

† Includes Railway Debt Charges.

‡ Excludes Debt Charges.

STATEMENT No. 2.

ABSTRACT OF LOAN TRANSACTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1973-74.

Receipts—

Proceeds of Loans Raised—					\$	\$
For Works, &c.	..	..	..	..	149,738,000	
For Redemption	..	..	..	..	280,296,302	
Loan Repayments	..	..	..	..	10,741,174	
					<u> </u>	<u>440,775,476</u>

Disbursements—

Paid to the Consolidated Fund	..	..	..	..	160,479,174	
Applied to Redemption	..	..	..	..	280,296,302	
					<u> </u>	<u>440,775,476</u>

LIABILITY FOR LOANS.

					\$	\$
Liability to Commonwealth at 30th June, 1973	..	..	..	..	..	2,626,839,776
Loans raised in 1973-74—						
For Works, &c.	..	..	..	..	149,828,000	
For Redemption	..	..	..	..	280,389,377	
					<u> </u>	<u>430,217,377</u>
						3,057,057,153
<i>Less Loans Repurchased or Redeemed—</i>						
By Redemption Loans	..	..	..	..	279,516,301	
By National Debt Sinking Fund	..	..	..	..	33,016,546	
					<u> </u>	<u>312,532,847</u>
Liability to Commonwealth at 30th June, 1974	..	..	..	..	..	2,744,524,306
<i>Less Cash at credit of National Debt Sinking Fund</i>	..	..	..	..	..	3,892,073
						<u> </u>
Net Liability for Loans at 30th June, 1974	..	..	..	..	..	2,740,632,233
						<u> </u>
Net Liability for Loans at 30th June, 1973	..	..	..	..	..	2,624,651,683
						<u> </u>
Increase in Net Liability for the year	..	..	..	..	..	115,980,550
						<u> </u>

There is additional liability to the Commonwealth in respect of advances for housing purposes under Commonwealth-State Housing Agreements and, also, in respect of advances and loans made to the State for soldier settlement, drought relief and other purposes pursuant to Commonwealth-State agreements and arrangements.

STATEMENT No. 3.

TRUST FUND.

The Treasurer's liability on account of the Trust Fund, at 30th June, 1974, was—

<i>Various funds as per Treasurer's Statement—</i>	\$
Amounts lodged and invested	122,151,887
General Account balances	144,589,537*
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	266,741,424
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 <i>Represented by :</i>	
Stocks and Securities—	
Bank Term Deposits	21,651,480
Blue Moon Fruit Co-operative Ltd.—Shares	20
Camperdown—Glenormiston Dairying Co. Ltd.—Shares	140
City of Footscray	200,000
City of Melbourne Inscribed Stock	484,000
Colonial Gas Holdings Ltd.—Registered Debenture Stock	1,000
Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock, &c.	23,100,369
Gas and Fuel Corporation Registered Debenture Stock	23,279,750
Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria—Shares	15,512,918
Geelong Harbor Trust Debenture	67,331
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust Inscribed Stock	34,000
Grain Elevators Board Inscribed Stock	68,000
Home Finance Trust	290,000
Kyabram Co-operative Fruit Preserving Co. Ltd.—Shares	8,566
Melbourne Harbor Trust Inscribed Stock	1,500,000
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Inscribed Stock	24,515,420
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board Inscribed Stock	1,225,000
National Art Gallery and Cultural Centre Registered Debenture Stock	767,543
Pilot Vessels—Registered Mortgage Debentures	78,500
Shire of Bulla	200,000
State Electricity Commission Inscribed Stock	11,601,550
State Savings Bank Deposit Stock	554,300
Sunbury Sewerage Authority	400,000
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	125,539,887*
 Cash Advanced—	
	\$
For Deficits incurred to 30th June, 1970	21,782,281
For Other Advances	11,083,575
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	32,865,856
Cash as per Treasurer's Statement	108,335,681
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	266,741,424
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* Includes balances invested on account of the Treasurer's Investment Account—General, \$2,888,000, and an Investment of the Public Account, \$500,000.

DEBT CHARGES ACCOUNT.

The following particulars have been compiled from the Treasurer's Statements with the object of indicating the portion of the Receipts, other than Railway Income, which may be regarded as having been available to meet the Debt Charges paid for the year 1973-74.

Receipts.	\$	Payments.	\$
<i>Paid to the Consolidated Fund on account of Interest, Sinking Fund, etc. on Advances from the State—</i>		<i>On Funded Debt—</i>	
State Electricity Commission	18,280,492	Interest—	
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works ..	3,950,142	Melbourne	136,409,870
Housing Commission	3,479,455	Overseas	2,022,410
Country Roads Board	2,544,242		<u>138,432,280</u>
Water, Sewerage, etc. Authorities	2,140,178	Expenses	636,501
Home Builders	1,419,279		<u>139,068,781</u>
Land Settlement	991,174		
Rural Finance and Settlement Commission ..	235,284	<i>Sinking Fund Contributions</i>	26,939,711
Gas and Fuel Corporation	208,642	<i>Loan Conversion Expenses</i>	21,028
Grain Elevators Board	112,215		
Other Authorities	340,703		
	<u>33,701,806</u>	<i>Debit to the Consolidated Fund on account of Debt Charges on Public Debt</i>	166,029,520
<i>Paid to the Consolidated Fund—Other Interest—</i>		<i>Debit to the Consolidated Fund on account of Railways</i>	11,392,160
Interest on Public Account	10,005,270		<u>177,421,680</u>
	<u>81,499</u>	<i>Debit to the Consolidated Fund on account of Interest on the 1969-70 Commonwealth Repayable Grant</i>	650,000
<i>Less—Interest paid on Deposits</i>	9,923,771		
	<u>43,625,577</u>	<i>On Other Loans—</i>	
<i>Paid to the Consolidated Fund—Recoup of Interest, Principal, &c.—Other Loans.</i>		Interest and Principal—	
Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement—		Commonwealth—State Housing Agreement ..	28,686,480
Housing Commission	22,601,807	Commonwealth Special Assistance Loans for Soldier Settlement	629,339
Home Builders' Account	6,084,673	Various	846,935
	<u>28,686,480</u>		<u>30,162,754</u>
Commonwealth—Special Assistance Loans for Soldier Settlement	629,339		
Various	421,799		
	<u>29,737,618</u>		
<i>Portion of Debt Charges met from Commonwealth Debt Charges Assistance Grant</i>	11,131,270		
<i>Portion of Debt Charges met from Railway Income..</i>	11,392,160		
<i>Balance—Amount which had to be met from Taxation and other sources</i>	112,347,809		
	<u>208,234,434</u>		

STATEMENT No. 4—continued.

DEBT CHARGES.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS.

Year.	Loan Liability (Average for each Year).*	Debt Charges Paid in each Year.	Net Amount Available for Payment of Debt Charges.	Amount with which Taxation, &c., was Charged.	Average Debt Charge Rate on Loan Liability— Per Cent.	Rate of Receipts— Per Cent.	Provided by Taxation, &c.— Per Cent.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1964-65 ..	1,579,273,942	85,833,012†	17,639,432	68,193,580	5.4349	1.1169	4.3180
1965-66 ..	1,682,641,760	91,831,091†	20,039,004	71,792,087	5.4575	1.1909	4.2666
1966-67 ..	1,792,718,520	98,028,772‡	23,423,162	74,605,610	5.4680	1.3065	4.1615
1967-68 ..	1,912,095,008	104,939,508‡	22,771,414	82,168,094	5.4882	1.1909	4.2973
1968-69 ..	2,039,681,943	112,807,420‡	24,804,990	88,002,430	5.5306	1.2161	4.3145
1969-70 ..	2,169,882,408	122,930,023‡	27,244,443	95,685,580	5.6653	1.2556	4.4097
1970-71 ..	2,280,987,717	131,236,946‡	31,828,035	99,408,911	5.7535	1.3953	4.3582
1971-72 ..	2,401,442,386	147,203,177‡	38,387,923	108,815,254	6.1298	1.5989	4.5309
1972-73 ..	2,550,591,699	156,327,366‡	46,718,679	109,608,687	6.1290	1.8316	4.2974
1973-74 ..	2,685,682,041	167,104,656‡	54,756,847	112,347,809	6.2220	2.0388	4.1832

* Excludes advances from Commonwealth Government for Housing and certain advances for Soldier Settlement and other specific purposes.

† Excludes \$2,557,054 provided by Railway Income and from Railway Equalization Account and \$596,170 from Mallee Land Account.

‡ Excludes Railway Debt Charges.

COUNTRY WATER SUPPLY.

Year.	Loan Liability (Average for each Year).	Debt Charges on Water Supply Loans.	Net Earnings Available for Payment of Debt Charges.	Amount Provided by Taxation, &c.	Average Debt Charge Rate on Water Supply Loans— Per Cent.	Rate Earned— Per Cent.	Provided by Taxation &c.— Per Cent.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1964-65 ..	302,903,282	14,507,376	2,059,356	12,448,020	4.7894	.6799	4.1095
1965-66 ..	320,477,253	15,616,019	2,805,711	12,810,308	4.8727	.8755	3.9972
1966-67 ..	338,248,720	16,891,366	2,784,302	14,107,064	4.9938	.8232	4.1706
1967-68 ..	356,728,987	17,905,928	2,547,458	15,358,470	5.0195	.7141	4.3054
1968-69 ..	375,105,065	18,901,443	2,683,805	16,217,638	5.0390	.7155	4.3235
1969-70 ..	392,969,625	20,042,364	2,197,777	17,844,587	5.1002	.5593	4.5409
1970-71 ..	410,157,424	21,467,868	2,739,906	18,727,962	5.2340	.6680	4.5660
1971-72 ..	427,345,152	22,946,098	2,657,102	20,288,996	5.3695	.6218	4.7477
1972-73 ..	444,959,271	23,991,403	1,813,650	22,177,753	5.3919	.4076	4.9843
1973-74 ..	453,377,932	25,167,423	47,767	25,119,656	5.5511	.0105	5.5406

STATEMENT No. 5.

RAILWAYS.

Statement of Railway Receipts and Expenditure, 1973-74.

Receipts.	\$	Expenditure.	\$
Ordinary Income	112,257,554	Working Expenses	177,782,143
Recoup Fares Concessions	1,915,827	Accident Fund	2,347,181
Recoup Kerang-Koondrook Tramway Act	38,585	Renewals and Replacements Fund	400,000
	<u>114,211,966</u>	Pension Contributions	8,324,645
		Board Salaries and Allowances	52,197
			<u>188,906,166</u>
Available from Appropriations to Works and Services Account	16,444,220	Interest	10,893,014
Public Account—Section 18 (1) (b)	5,092,997	Sinking Fund Contribution	454,821
		Exchange on Overseas Interest	44,326
			<u>11,392,161*</u>
			<u>200,298,327</u>
Deficit for year	86,086,361	Way and Works	7,312,738
		Rolling-stock, Equipment, &c.	4,973,148
		Construction of New Lines, &c.	127,577
		Urban Development Projects	9,123,754
Total	<u>221,835,544</u>	Total	<u>221,835,544</u>

* Charged in accordance with the *Railways Act 1958* as amended by the *Railways (Funds) Act 1964*.

STATEMENT NO. 5—*continued.*

For purposes of comparison the receipts and expenditure (excluding expenditure through the Works and Services Account) for the past two years are shown in the following statement :—

Expenditure.	1972-73.	Per cent. of Receipts.	1973-74.	Per cent. of Receipts.
	\$		\$	
Working Expenses	146,750,440	} 132·9	177,782,143	} 155·7
Board Salaries and Allowances	61,869		52,197	
Accident Fund	1,806,801	1·6	2,347,181	2·1
Renewals and Replacements Fund	400,000	·4	400,000	·4
Pension Contributions	7,307,862	6·6	8,324,645	7·2
National Debt Sinking Fund	419,291	·4	454,821	·4
Interest	10,020,511	9·1	10,893,014	9·5
Exchange on Overseas Interest	65,982	·1	44,326	·1
	166,832,756	151·1	200,298,327	175·4
Deficit	56,422,640	51·1	86,086,361	75·4
Receipts	110,410,116	100·0	114,211,966	100·0

COUNTRY WATER SUPPLY.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1973-74.

Receipts.		Payments.	
	\$		\$
<i>Debt Charges—</i>		<i>Charged to the Consolidated Fund—</i>	
Water Trusts and Other Corporations, &c.	.. .. 1,994,297	Special Appropriation—	
		Pensions	775,851
<i>Rates, &c.—</i>		National Debt Sinking Fund	1,086,999
Coliban	921,699	Interest	24,014,250
Irrigation Districts	7,164,758	Exchange	55,590
Waterworks Districts	1,922,860	Loan Conversion Expenses	10,584
Rural Districts	63,618		<u>25,943,274</u>
Urban Districts	3,220,993	I.D.M.E.R. Account	927,135
Flood Protection Districts	110,385		<u>26,870,409</u>
Miscellaneous	633,960		
	<u>14,038,273</u>	<i>Note—</i>	
		Salaries and payments in the nature of salaries..	12,053,306
		General Expenses	2,910,343
		Coliban Districts	262,282
		Irrigation and Drainage Districts	3,047,847
		Waterworks Districts	1,735,744
		Flood Protection Districts	70,359
		Removal of Sand Drift	114,583
		Private Diversions including Headworks	88,638
	18,764,761		<u>20,283,102</u>
<i>Recoups of Amounts paid from the Consolidated Fund</i>	4,726,488		
		Works and Services Account—	
<i>Loan Repayments</i> .. ..	.. .. 1,274,797	Trusts, &c. (for Advances)	3,132,717
		Districts	14,805,239
		Plant and Machinery	115,687
			<u>18,053,643</u>
Net Outgoing	<u>43,173,299</u>		
			<u>65,207,154</u>

APPENDIX A-1.

ENDOWMENTS AND GRANTS.

	1972-73.	1973-74.	+ Increase - Decrease
	\$	\$	\$
Social—			
Alcoholism Foundation of Victoria	30,000	20,000	- 10,000
Alexander Miller Memorial Homes Trust	5,000	5,000	..
Australia Day Council	3,500	3,500	..
Australian Council for Educational Research	19,320	36,846	+ 17,526
Australian Kidney Foundation .. .. .	..	15,000	+ 15,000
Australian Red Cross Society for After-care Treatment of Poliomyelitis Sufferers	20,000	20,000	..
Baker Medical Research Institute	20,000	25,000	+ 5,000
Bush Nursing	477,406	478,146	+ 740
Catholic Family Planning Centre	1,000	1,000	..
Co-operative Federation of Victoria .. .. .	..	1,000	+ 1,000
Environment Studies Association of Victoria .. .. .	..	20,000	+ 20,000
Family Planning Association of Australia	10,000	11,500	+ 1,500
Inter-Church Trade & Industry Mission (Victoria)	5,000	6,500	+ 1,500
Moreland Hall Alcoholism Rehabilitation Centre	10,000	..	- 10,000
National Safety Council	14,000	19,000	+ 5,000
Over Fifties Association	800	1,000	+ 200
Peninsula Ambulance Service	7,500	22,500	+ 15,000
Royal Humane Society of Australasia	200	200	..
St. John Ambulance Brigade	11,500	11,500	..
Science and Technology Careers Bureau	3,294	4,086	+ 792
Southern Peninsula Emergency Group .. .. .	..	5,000	+ 5,000
State Relief Committee	79,500	88,500	+ 9,000
United Nations Association of Australia	1,000	2,000	+ 1,000
Victoria Conservation Trust .. .. .	..	10,000	+ 10,000
Victorian Council on the Ageing	5,000	6,000	+ 1,000
Victorian Cytology (Gynaecological) Service	206,000	260,000	+ 54,000
Victorian Nursing Council	22,000	22,000	..
Walter and Eliza Hall Research Institute	110,000	120,000	+ 10,000
Young Farmers' Clubs Association	69,500	85,930	+ 16,430
Cultural—			
Bands	4,800	4,800	..
Children's Free Libraries	10,000	10,000	..
Country Art Galleries	91,100	107,287	+ 16,187
Country Free Libraries	18,000	18,000	..
Cultural Development	638,547	1,000,000	+ 361,453
Melbourne Symphony Orchestra	75,000	100,000	+ 25,000
Municipal and Regional Libraries	2,758,599	3,451,476	+ 692,877
Orchestral Concerts	46,733	54,000	+ 7,267
State Concert Orchestra	3,800	3,800	..
Sundry—			
Animal Welfare League	1,000	1,000	..
Australian Fire Protection Association .. .. .	..	1,000	+ 1,000
Australian Industrial Design Council	15,000	20,000	+ 5,000
Australian Optometrical Association .. .. .	..	5,000	+ 5,000
Australian Society of Cytology .. .. .	..	5,000	+ 5,000
Ballarat Fish Acclimatization Society	2,400	2,400	..
British Commonwealth Day Movement	500	500	..
British Memorial Foundation	200	200	..
Cemeteries, Improvement and Maintenance	13,825	12,160	- 1,665
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—Victoria Branch	31,800	50,900	+ 19,100
Conservation Council of Victoria	2,500	2,500	..
Council for Christian Education in Schools	50,000	60,000	+ 10,000
Field Naturalists Club of Victoria	1,000	1,000	..
Guide Dog Owners and Friends Association	1,000	1,500	+ 500
Keep Australia Beautiful Council	25,000	30,000	+ 5,000
Kerang Agricultural Research Farm	2,000	2,000	..
Melbourne Medical Post-Graduate Committee	15,000	15,000	..
Murray Valley Development League	3,000	3,000	..
National Council of Women of Victoria	3,000	5,500	+ 2,500
National Trust of Australia (Victoria)	12,000	20,000	+ 8,000
Natural Resources Conservation League	10,000	10,000	..

ENDOWMENTS AND GRANTS—*continued.*

	1972-73.	1973-74.	+ Increase - Decrease
<i>Sundry—continued</i>	\$	\$	\$
Nurses Memorial Centre	6,000	6,000	..
Royal Institute of Public Administration	500	500	..
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	1,500	1,500	..
Standards Association of Australia	5,500	8,250	+ 2,750
Timber Promotion Committee	25,000	25,000	..
Trustees, Shrine of Remembrance	6,000	6,000	..
Victorian Field and Game Association	1,200	2,400	+ 1,200
Victorian Piscatorial Council	2,780	3,000	+ 220
Victorian Rural Fire Brigades Association	2,500	3,000	+ 500
Victorian Urban Fire Brigades Association	2,000	2,000	..
Water Research Foundation of Australia Ltd.	12,500	12,500	..
World Conference in Sports Medicine	5,000	..	- 5,000
Zoological Board of Victoria	23,000	70,000	+ 47,000
Total	5,060,804	6,439,381	+1,378,577

In addition to the endowments and grants out of the Consolidated Fund, listed above, grants were made available to various youth and sporting organizations from the Youth Fund and the Sports and Recreation Fund administered by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.

The Arts vote for cultural development is included in total in the above statement. A dissection of the allocations from this vote is given in Appendix A-2.

APPENDIX A-2.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATIONS, 1973-74.

	\$
Alexander Theatre Guild	8,000
All Nations Together Society	100
Ararat Golden Gateway Festival	500
Ararat Music Club	200
Art Promotion Group—Doncaster and Templestowe	250
Arts Council of Australia (Victoria)	50,000
Arts Council of Australia (Colac)	500
Astra Chamber Music Society	5,000
Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust	300,000
Australian Musicians Guild	2,000
Australian National Memorial Theatre Ltd.	30,000
Australian National Playwrights Conference	404
Australian Opera	18,000
Australian Performing Group	21,000
Australian Writers Guild	1,000
Bacchus Marsh Players	100
Ballarat Begonia Festival Committee	4,000
Ballarat Callisthenic College	200
Ballarat Choral Society	100
Ballarat Civic Male Choir	200
Ballarat Fine Art Gallery	2,560
Ballarat Light Opera Company	100
Ballarat Music Lovers' Club	100
Ballarat Orchestral Association	500
Ballet Victoria	58,500
Balmoral Drama Group	50
Beaumaris Players Club	100
Beechworth Music Group	100
Benalla Art Gallery Society	100
Bendigo Competitions Society	2,500
Bendigo Easter Fair Society	5,000
Bendigo Music Lovers' Club	200
Bendigo Music Advancement Society	500
Bendigo Shakespeare Reading and Literary Society	50
Billilia—City of Brighton	5,500
Boort Music, Literature & Art Society	100
British Music Society of Victoria	900
Brunswick City Choral Society	50
Camberwell City Philharmonic Society	200
Camberwell Music Society	700
Camperdown Music Society	300
Carlton Festival	4,000
Carols By Candlelight	1,000
Casterton Music Circle	100
Castlemaine Drama Group	100
Castlemaine Light Opera	100
Charlton Music Club	200
Children's Arena Theatre	25,000
Children's Book Council	1,000
Children's Theatre Guild	1,000
Colac Music Lovers' Club	300
Coleraine Choral Society	100
Contemporary Arts Society	300
Craft Association of Victoria	2,000
Dandenong Festival of Music and Art for Youth	2,750
Debaters Association of Australia	200
Diamond Valley Repertory Group	700
Donald Music, Literature & Art Society	50

APPENDIX A-2—continued.

	\$
Doncaster & Templestowe Repertory Group	50
Dorian Le Gallienne Music Society	2,500
Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival	500
Eltham Little Theatre	150
Entertainment in the Parks	28,663
Fellowship of Australian Writers	1,000
Ferntree Gully Arts Society	200
Ferntree Gully Knox and Mountain District Music and Arts Festival	300
Fitzroy Festival of All Nations.. .. .	136
Frankston Theatre Group	300
Geelong Association of Music and Art	1,500
Geelong Society of Operatic and Dramatic Art	750
Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Victoria	250
Glenelg Players	100
Hamilton Arts Council	600
Hamilton Arts Society.. .. .	250
Hartwell Eisteddfod	300
Heathcote Music Society	50
Heidelberg City Choir	200
Heidelberg Repertory Group	400
Horsham Arts Council	400
Horsham Orchestral Society	50
International Society for Music Education	7,500
Kew Philharmonic Society	150
Korumburra-Leongatha Eisteddfod	100
Kyneton Lions Club Music and Drama Festival	500
La Trobe Light Opera Society	200
Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod	1,500
Learning Exchange	700
Library Promotion Committee	1,000
Light Entertainment Industry Enquiry	3,333
Maroondah Singers	150
Maryborough Arts Society	5,833
Meanjin Quarterly	4,000
Melba Memorial Conservatorium of Music	10,000
Melbourne Autumn Festival of Organ and Harpsichord	1,500
Melbourne Chorale	12,000
Melbourne Festival of Youth Orchestras	5,000
Melbourne Film-Makers Co-operative	2,476
Melbourne Film Festival	5,000
Melbourne Greek Theatre	700
Melbourne Singers	100
Melbourne Theatre Company	125,000
Melbourne Youth Orchestras	15,000
Mentone-Mordialloc Art Group	50
Mildura Little Theatre.. .. .	50
Mitcham Repertory Group	50
Monash Student Theatre	6,000
Montsalvat	1,400
Moomba Festival	30,000
Moorabbin City Theatre Group	200
Mordialloc Choral Society	200
Mordialloc Eisteddfod	150
Mornington Eisteddfod	200
Morwell Art Group	50
Morwell Players	500
Music in the Round	4,945
Musica Viva	4,000
Music Society of Victoria	200
National Film Theatre.. .. .	2,400
National Gallery Integrated Exhibition	116

APPENDIX A-2—*continued.*

	\$
National Gallery Society of Victoria	2,000
National Institute of Dramatic Art	1,500
National Music Camp	950
National Theatre Movement (Ballarat)	600
National Theatre Movement (Swan Hill)	600
National Trust of Australia	1,000
New Music Centre	4,000
Northcote Dramatic Society	200
North Williamstown Community Centre.. .. .	2,000
Northern Theatre Company	100
Oriana Madrigal Choir	100
Outback Press—History of Fitzroy Publication	2,300
Peninsula Arts Society	100
Peninsula Light Operatic Society	200
Peninsula Music Society	100
Peninsula Tourist Promotion Council	2,000
Philharmonia of Melbourne	715
Play Arts Theatre	1,000
Portland Council for the Encouragement of Music and Art	200
Pyalong Music and Dramatic Club	100
Ringwood Arts and Crafts Eisteddfod	100
Rochester Music and Drama Circle	50
Royal South Street Society	3,000
St. John's Eisteddfod, Ballarat	250
St. Martin's Theatre	12,500
St. Mary's Anniversary Festival	4,345
St. Paul's Spring Festival	3,000
Sale Eisteddfod	600
Sale Repertory Group	300
Sandringham Symphony Orchestra	200
Scotch College Orchestra	2,000
Sea Lake Little Theatre	650
Seymour Dramatic Club	100
Seymour Music Club	100
Shepparton Dramatic Society	100
Shepparton Light Music Co.	100
Shepparton Music Advancement Society.. .. .	300
Shepparton Symphony Orchestra	430
Sherbrooke Arts Society	50
Shire of Towong	1,000
South Gippsland Eisteddfod	250
South Melbourne Philharmonic Society	150
Stawell Ballet	300
Stawell Choral Society.. .. .	100
Strathmore Orchestral Society	50
Strathmore Theatrical Arts Group	100
Sunshine Rainbow Workshop Project	800
Swan Hill Festival of School Plays	1,000
Swan Hill Musical Comedy Society	100
Tapestry Workshop Project	1,500
Tarra Festival	400
The 1812 Theatre	500
Thomas—Wheel of Religion	350
Victorian Artists Society	8,370
Victorian College of the Arts	200
Victorian Drama League	3,500
Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association	5,000
Victorian Opera Company	58,214
Wangaratta Arts Council	1,500

APPENDIX A-2—continued.

									\$
Wangaratta Eisteddfod Society ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	200
Wangaratta Players ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
Warracknabeal Music Club ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
Warrandyte Arts Association ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	600
Warrnambool Music Society ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
Wendouree Arts Council ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
Werribee Chorale Society ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
Western Philharmonic Society ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
Western Suburbs Community Art Project		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,500
Why Not Youth Theatre ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,000
Williamstown Little Theatre ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	300
Wodonga Arts Council ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	500
Workplace Entertainment ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75
Wyse Players, Bendigo ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	600
Yallourn Madrigal Singers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
Yallourn Orchestral & Choral Society ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	350
Young Victorian Foundation ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,485
TOTAL ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>1,000,000</u>

APPENDIX B.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Comparative Analysis of Expenditure from the Consolidated Fund, &c.

NOTE:—1973-74 shown in heavy type.
1972-73 shown in light type.

Expenditure	Administration	Teachers Tribunal	Primary Schools	Secondary Schools	Technical Schools	Special Schools and Hostels Attached Thereto	Correspondence Schools	Special Activities (Library, Music, Visual Education, &c.)	Teachers' Colleges	Teachers' Colleges Hostels	Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education	Independent Schools	Miscellaneous	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Salaries—Teaching Service	1,863,535 1,934,694	..	118,880,723 100,037,095	89,989,578 71,089,619	55,167,348 45,974,753	5,849,293 4,535,459	1,184,570 1,024,053	6,843,148 6,583,456	Cr. 3,002 10,108,205	93,581 16,384	..	..	..	279,868,774 241,303,718
Salaries—General Administration and Clerical Assistance	3,284,484 2,536,137	220,771 165,623	1,086,754 239,653	4,045,227 2,265,016	..	41,799 27,455	96,677 75,289	1,222,938 345,914	664,202 389,869	82,630 63,721	..	..	..	10,745,482 6,108,677
Pay-roll Tax	207,724 150,590	9,052 5,831	5,084,858 3,626,350	4,061,233 2,707,200	2,244,897 1,611,345	250,153 166,440	51,667 38,938	333,876 245,480	55,185 406,640	6,627 2,820	..	..	..	12,305,272 8,961,634
Workers Compensation Insurance	40,243 23,831	1,754 923	984,768 574,047	786,790 428,520	434,908 255,150	48,462 26,350	10,009 6,162	64,682 38,857	248,097 207,120	1,284 446	..	..	..	2,420,997 1,561,406
Allowances—Students in Training	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29,888,759 25,604,752	..	..	..	..	29,888,759 25,604,752
Travelling Expenses and Allowances Etc.	112,279 165,180	7,487 2,759	212,278 162,093	348,815 441,043	156,964 125,615	37,016 23,865	4,353 3,293	286,317 251,167	24,085 49,061	..	..	35	..	1,189,594 1,224,111
Libraries—Grants and Subsidies	7,352 6,583	..	99,262 49,645	18,907 13,535	8,025 5,000	10,000 3,000	..	10,836 8,650	188,586	..	..	..	..	154,382 274,999
School and Office Equipment and Requisites	204,882 311,339	4,487 3,311	486,692 409,515	1,574,078 979,421	264,865 55,026	52,587 120,317	25,269 81,200	349,507 308,426	18,801 344,318	..	..	10,256 36,642	..	2,991,424 2,649,515
Text books, Publications, Exam. Expenses, Postage and Telephone Expenses, Incidentals	535,645 472,158	4,212 3,958	291,045 6,990	5,131 10,092	64,956 62,722	7,152 7,748	21,195 15,803	89,831 387,986	17,930 87,790	..	684 65	180 13	..	1,037,961 1,055,325
School Cleaning and Services	4,673 1,275	..	7,268,717 5,822,486	7,099,286 5,577,669	47,079 57,355	248,983 160,655	12,472 11,896	80,812 50,490	57,762 572,353	..	..	..	..	14,819,784 12,254,179
Conveyance of Pupils	..	..	3,167,108 2,914,862	5,316,121 4,812,242	3,196,803 2,741,663	236,546 188,974	..	10,689 10,597	..	..	..	3,216,029 2,764,807	..	15,143,296 13,433,145
Bursaries, Scholarships and Maintenance Allowances	5,712 2,748	..	134,330 2,954	2,056,642 1,559,321	946,420 654,408	4,395 4,882	325 1,513	9,216 2,171	11,501 21,052	..	8,112 17,708	1,434,764 1,374,625	..	4,611,417 3,641,382
International Teaching Fellowships	..	..	..	315,515 621,612	110,620 206,102	..	..	..	42,900 49,168	..	..	..	..	469,035 876,882
Operating Costs—Hostels and Residential Camps	..	..	..	4,300	4,750	38,370 33,343	..	105,196 88,705	..	1,190,393 1,059,165	..	..	..	1,343,009 1,181,213
Buildings, Sites Etc.—Capital Expenditure	59,882 25,131	..	11,757,140 13,738,456	18,306,845 13,575,685	9,001,761 10,734,102	1,486,470 1,244,086	2,122	41,170 268,594	581,482 714,320	35,214 45,765	..	..	..	41,272,086 40,346,139
Buildings, Sites Etc.—Maintenance Expenditure	153,742 13,184	..	2,937,701 3,496,433	1,745,747 2,001,128	861,663 931,906	342,047 9,821	64,044 57,065	226,513 32,539	178,712 327,376	119,947	..	..	..	6,510,169 6,969,239
Grants Etc.	584,188 293,061	..	7,373,703 2,702,696	8,481,852 1,733,596	26,598,045 18,468,665	329,699 52,768	1,250 350	108,584 51,794	340,000	..	42,221,386 64,445,683	14,856,938 10,251,344	..	100,555,855 96,339,957

APPENDIX C.

STATEMENT OF STORES HELD FOR ISSUE BY GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENTS AND PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.

Department or Public Authority.	Nature of Stores.	Value as at 30th June, 1973.	Value as at 30th June, 1974.
		\$	\$
Departments—			
Agriculture	Machinery and Equipment Parts, Fuel, Seed, Publications	275,879	311,102
Chief Secretary—			
Police	Radio and Vehicle Parts, Clothing, Office Requisites	472,114	561,316
Conservation—			
Fisheries and Wildlife Division	Publications, Motor Tyres, Field Equipment ..	13,445	7,814
Crown Lands and Survey	Implements, Equipment, Plans, Photographic Materials	1,649,512	985,379
Education	School and Office Requisites, Books, Equipment	1,009,506	1,653,577
Forests	Vehicle Parts, Tools, Fuel	156,274	147,461
Health	Hardware, Instruments, Drugs	63,781	122,239
Mental Health Authority	Bedding, Hardware, Clothing	931,455	1,167,714
Mines	Bore Casing, Tools, Chemicals	384,772	458,386
Public Works	Mechanical and Electrical Equipment, Spare Parts, Furniture, Building Materials	1,173,793	1,451,224
Railways	Engineering, Refreshment Services, General Stores	9,564,591	9,507,228
Social Welfare	Clothing, Hardware, Materials	374,164	579,388
Treasurer—Government Printer	Paper, Stationery, Publications	1,566,117	1,829,962
Water Supply	Machinery Parts, Tools, General Stores ..	2,387,848	2,477,888
Public Authorities—			
Cancer Institute	Medical, Technical and General Stores ..	87,702	99,609
Council of Adult Education	Theatrical Equipment	16,908	19,500
Country Fire Authority	Fire Appliances, Hose, Spare Parts, Uniforms	131,772	176,415
Country Roads Board	Vehicle Parts and Accessories, Camping Equipment, General Stores	1,054,870	1,412,993
Egg and Egg Pulp Marketing Board	Eggs, Packing Materials, Spare Parts ..	618,445	895,993
Gas and Fuel Corporation	Gas Appliances, Fittings, General Stores ..	4,412,291	7,583,123
Geelong Harbor Trust	Engineering and Maintenance Stores ..	40,776	42,120
Housing Commission	Building Materials, Stationery	365,103	636,434
La Trobe University	Stationery, Office Requisites	23,896	36,846
Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board ..	Construction Materials, Pipes, Spare Parts ..	12,221	11,203
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	Engineering Stores, Spare Parts, Pipes, Meters	3,949,000	4,572,000
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board	Engineering Stores and Parts, Uniforms, Stationery	902,055	1,058,489
Melbourne Harbor Trust	Maintenance and Engineering Stores ..	899,308	918,669
Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board	Fire Appliances, Electrical and Engineering Stores, Uniforms	290,000	365,000
Monash University	Building Materials, Stationery, Books ..	689,235	819,762
Portland Harbor Trust	Maintenance and Engineering Stores ..	60,088	56,798
Rural Finance and Settlement Commission ..	Constructional and General Stores	7,434	13,241
State Electricity Commission	Electrical, Maintenance and Constructional Stores	10,204,232	10,089,417
State Relief Committee	Clothing, Bedding, Hardware, Provisions ..	60,675	83,765
Transport Regulation Board	Stationery and Office Requisites	52,466	55,676
University of Melbourne	Building Materials, Stationery	72,172	73,094
Victorian Inland Meat Authority	Meat, General Stores	1,919,173	86,140
	Total	45,893,073	50,366,965

APPENDIX D.

Statement setting out briefly the effect of the Orders in Council issued under the provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 25 of the *Audit Act* 1958.

Particulars.	Vote.			Parliamentary Appropriation.	Appropriation after Variation by Governor in Council.	+ Increase - Decrease	
	Division.	Sub- Division.	Item.			\$	\$
PARLIAMENT.							
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HOUSE COMMITTEE	102	1	2 3 4	104,700 4,800 5,000	105,193 4,578 4,729	+ - -	493 222 271
PARLIAMENT LIBRARY	106	2	1 3	950 12,500	987 12,463	+ -	37 37
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES	109	1 2	2 3 1 2 3 4	166,700 550 1,500 930 500 20	166,835 415 1,563 1,030 336 21	+ - + + - +	135 135 63 100 164 1
						±	829
PREMIER.							
GVERNOR'S OFFICE	120	2	1 6	1,200 10,800	1,235 10,765	+ -	35 35
PREMIER'S OFFICE	121	1 2	2 4 1 5 7 9	742,200 10,000 32,400 93,000 14,000 15,000	746,543 5,657 32,603 92,870 5,927 23,000	+ - + - - +	4,343 4,343 203 130 8,073 8,000
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD	136	1 2	2 4 1 4	840,770 1,000 11,000 4,500	841,770 - 10,600 4,900	+ - - +	1,000 1,000 400 400
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING SERVICE BUREAU	139	2	1 3	3,000 1,000	3,417 583	+ -	417 417
AUDIT OFFICE	142	2	1 2 3 5	40,000 4,200 1,400 3,500	40,054 3,483 1,363 4,200	+ - - +	54 717 37 700
						±	15,152
ARTS.							
MINISTRY FOR THE ARTS	150	2	1 2 3 5	2,900 3,500 1,000 8,000	2,450 3,950 2,570 6,430	- + + -	450 450 1,570 1,570
NATIONAL GALLERY	152	1	2 3 4	782,990 100,000 5,460	787,121 94,124 7,205	+ - +	4,131 5,876 1,745
STATE FILM CENTRE	154	1 2	3 4 1 2 3 4 5 7	5,000 1,000 1,900 7,800 4,900 2,400 4,000 80,000	5,035 965 2,052 6,090 6,400 2,167 3,645 80,646	+ - + - + - - +	35 35 152 1,710 1,500 233 355 646
STATE LIBRARY	156	1 3	2 3 1 6	1,002,660 56,000 1,500 3,102,000	1,003,166 55,494 907 3,102,593	+ - - +	506 506 593 593
						±	11,328
CHIEF SECRETARY.							
CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE	160	2 3	1 2 3 2 8	3,050 5,000 58,000 60,000 3,000	3,700 9,000 53,350 59,800 3,200	+ + - - +	650 4,000 4,650 200 200
REGISTRAR OF ESTATE AGENTS, MONEY LENDERS AND FINANCE BROKERS	167	1 2	2 3 1 3 4	64,040 2,800 500 1,000 600	64,332 2,508 1,150 250 700	+ - + - +	292 292 650 750 100

APPENDIX D.—continued.

Particulars.	Vote.			Parliamentary Appropriation.	Appropriation after Variation by Governor in Council.	+ Increase — Decrease
	Division.	Sub- Division.	Item.			
				\$	\$	\$
CHIEF SECRETARY.—continued.						
GOVERNMENT STATIST	184	1	2	739,560	744,431	+ 4,871
			3	32,000	26,105	— 5,895
			4	9,920	10,944	+ 1,024
		2	1	4,500	5,700	+ 1,200
			2	55,000	53,800	— 1,200
POLICE	187	1	2	50,914,400	50,855,993	— 58,407
			3	1,164,000	1,222,407	+ 58,407
		2	2	400,000	401,730	+ 1,730
			5	1,837,000	1,838,960	+ 1,960
			7	320,000	319,791	— 209
			8	470,000	471,810	+ 1,810
			10	85,000	75,709	— 9,291
			11	11,000	13,500	+ 2,500
			12	7,000	8,500	+ 1,500
NATIONAL MUSEUM	199	1	2	262,180	263,602	+ 1,422
			4	5,000	3,578	— 1,422
PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE	204	1	2	77,630	77,661	+ 31
			3	5,000	4,969	— 31
ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND ABORIGINAL RELICS PRESERVATION	206	2	1	2,500	2,984	+ 484
			2	1,800	1,388	— 412
			5	600	700	+ 100
			6	400	300	— 100
			7	5,000	4,928	— 72
						± 82,931
SOCIAL WELFARE.						
SOCIAL WELFARE ADMINISTRATION AND RESEARCH AND STATISTICS	240	1	2	616,350	619,188	+ 2,838
			4	5,000	2,162	— 2,838
		2	1	11,100	14,536	+ 3,436
			2	33,000	33,500	+ 500
			3	7,000	6,500	— 500
			4	16,500	15,824	— 676
			5	5,750	2,990	— 2,760
		3	1	520,000	529,953	+ 9,953
			3	1,437,000	1,427,047	— 9,953
REGIONAL SERVICES	244	1	2	710,390	722,134	+ 11,744
			3	22,000	12,256	— 9,744
			4	2,000	2,000	— 2,000
		2	1	55,500	52,343	— 3,157
			2	6,000	5,767	— 233
			4	18,000	22,751	+ 4,751
			5	18,700	18,669	— 31
			6	3,500	3,814	+ 314
			7	4,100	2,456	— 1,644
FAMILY WELFARE	246	1	3	535,000	531,795	— 3,205
			4	11,340	14,545	+ 3,205
		2	7	509,500	543,294	+ 33,794
			8	1,400,000	1,366,206	— 33,794
YOUTH WELFARE.. .. .	249	1	3	488,000	486,314	— 1,686
			4	5,000	6,686	+ 1,686
		2	1	42,500	43,600	+ 1,100
			4	23,000	29,000	+ 6,000
			7	472,000	470,900	— 1,100
			8	525,000	519,000	— 6,000
PRISONS	252	2	1	35,500	35,585	+ 85
			2	4,400	3,557	— 843
			4	26,500	26,138	— 362
			5	59,500	56,981	— 2,519
			6	180,000	177,452	— 2,548
			7	670,000	684,767	+ 14,767
			8	340,000	335,470	— 4,530
			9	250,000	245,950	— 4,050
TRAINING	255	1	3	3,000	2,514	— 486
			4	5,000	5,486	+ 486
						± 94,659
LABOUR AND INDUSTRY.						
LABOUR AND INDUSTRY	280	2	1	100,000	98,975	— 1,025
			2	140,000	147,327	+ 7,327
			3	6,500	6,947	+ 447
			7	30,000	23,989	— 6,011
			8	8,000	7,262	— 738
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	285	2	1	2,500	2,111	— 389
			2	5,000	4,689	— 311
			3	800	2,092	+ 1,292
			4	2,700	2,108	— 592
						± 9,066

APPENDIX D.—continued.

Particulars.	Vote.			Parliamentary Appropriation.	Appropriation after Variation by Governor in Council.	+ Increase - Decrease
	Division.	Sub-Division.	Item.			
				\$	\$	\$
EDUCATION.						
EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION	301	1	3	169,200	225,329	+ 56,129
			4	191,100	134,971	- 56,129
		2	2	260,000	254,525	- 5,475
			3	169,400	171,552	+ 2,152
			5	64,600	36,756	- 27,844
			6	53,640	56,975	+ 3,335
			11	39,540	86,457	+ 46,917
			13	148,000	149,360	+ 1,360
			14	5,000	6,998	+ 1,998
			15	310,000	287,557	- 22,443
		3	1	33,467,080	33,441,734	- 25,346
			15	424,750	445,061	+ 20,311
			20	464,000	469,035	+ 5,035
			27	13,800,000	13,914,554	+ 114,554
			28	500,000	426,000	- 74,000
			29	570,000	529,446	- 40,554
PRIMARY EDUCATION	305	2	7	490,000	485,298	- 4,702
			8	17,880	22,582	+ 4,702
SECONDARY EDUCATION	306	1	3	5,800	3,865	- 1,935
			4	819,300	821,235	+ 1,935
		2	1	430,000	391,581	- 38,419
			3	224,400	158,756	- 65,644
			6	1,459,700	1,274,746	- 184,954
			7	763,000	964,324	+ 201,324
			10	24,000	18,907	- 5,093
			11	5,078,430	5,171,216	+ 92,786
SPECIAL EDUCATION	308	1	2	5,544,500	5,573,089	+ 28,589
			4	54,800	26,211	- 28,589
		2	3	5,000	1,000	- 4,000
			6	31,800	35,800	+ 4,000
			7	70,000	45,670	- 24,330
			8	12,970	17,060	+ 4,090
			9	3,900	4,344	+ 444
			11	169,490	189,286	+ 19,796
TERTIARY EDUCATION	310	3	1	10,414,155	10,455,799	+ 41,644
			3	6,378,000	6,321,356	- 56,644
			4	2,462,891	2,477,891	+ 15,000
TEACHERS TRIBUNAL	320	2	2	5,500	5,469	- 31
			3	2,500	2,531	+ 31
TEACHER REGISTRATION	321	2	1	5,000	7,000	+ 2,000
			2	15,000	13,000	- 2,000
						± 668,132
ATTORNEY-GENERAL.						
ATTORNEY-GENERAL	350	1	2	1,774,126	1,774,849	+ 723
			4	10,000	9,277	- 723
		2	1	23,850	24,265	+ 415
			2	39,000	38,961	- 39
			4	12,940	11,554	- 1,386
			5	1,970	1,730	- 240
			6	6,900	4,905	- 1,995
			8	15,000	17,268	+ 2,268
			9	50,000	52,266	+ 2,266
			10	3,000	1,711	- 1,289
COURTS ADMINISTRATION	356	2	1	231,600	238,305	+ 6,705
			3	96,000	95,933	- 67
			4	195,000	194,913	- 87
			5	5,200	3,795	- 1,405
			6	87,000	85,628	- 1,372
			7	10,000	12,388	+ 2,388
			8	151,000	144,947	- 6,053
			11	420,000	419,891	- 109
REGISTRAR-GENERAL AND REGISTRAR OF TITLES ..	359	2	2	70,000	73,124	+ 3,124
			3	31,000	33,175	+ 2,175
			4	22,000	20,468	- 1,532
			5	1,300	940	- 360
			6	17,000	13,593	- 3,407
REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES	362	1	2	781,210	787,400	+ 6,190
			3	10,000	8,810	- 1,190
			4	5,000	..	- 5,000
		2	1	7,000	5,937	- 1,063
			2	22,000	22,840	+ 840
			3	2,500	2,971	+ 471
			4	13,500	13,173	- 327
			5	400	479	+ 79
		3	1	4,000	3,300	- 700
			2	7,863	8,563	+ 700

APPENDIX D.—continued.

Particulars.	Vote.			Parliamentary Appropriation.	Appropriation after Variation by Governor in Council.	+ Increase — Decrease
	Division.	Sub- Division.	Item.			
MINES.						
MINES	540			\$	\$	\$
		1	2	1,448,100	1,451,680	+ 3,580
			3	5,200	6,145	+ 945
			4	15,000	10,475	— 4,525
		2	1	54,560	59,560	+ 5,000
			3	62,000	56,287	— 5,713
			7	4,500	5,213	+ 713
		3	3	17,650	20,150	+ 2,500
			4	16,000	21,300	+ 5,300
			5	4,430	6,030	+ 1,600
			6	30,000	20,600	— 9,400
EXPLOSIVES	546			\$	\$	\$
		2	1	5,500	5,333	— 167
			2	1,500	1,667	+ 167
						± 19,805
AGRICULTURE.						
AGRICULTURE ADMINISTRATION	570			\$	\$	\$
		2	2	20,000	19,991	— 9
			4	110,000	111,702	+ 1,702
			5	3,000	2,071	— 929
			6	5,000	4,936	— 64
			7	1,000	300	— 700
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION	576			\$	\$	\$
		3	3	211,880	217,362	+ 5,482
			4	79,500	82,216	+ 2,716
			5	83,000	74,802	— 8,198
HORTICULTURE	582			\$	\$	\$
		1	3	93,000	84,921	— 8,079
			4	19,740	27,819	+ 8,079
		3	8	265,300	265,590	+ 290
			10	13,540	13,247	— 293
			12	14,939	14,942	+ 3
ANIMAL HEALTH	585			\$	\$	\$
		2	4	4,200	4,160	— 40
			5	50,000	49,478	— 522
			8	45,000	48,218	+ 3,218
			9	21,000	18,364	— 2,636
			10	110,000	109,980	— 20
		3	4	83,830	87,603	+ 3,773
			9	13,000	9,227	— 3,773
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	588			\$	\$	\$
		3	3	25,510	26,725	+ 1,215
			4	3,000	2,476	— 524
			5	12,710	12,019	— 691
DAIRYING	591			\$	\$	\$
		1	2	1,572,700	1,569,465	— 3,235
			4	14,720	17,955	+ 3,235
						± 29,713
HEALTH.						
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	620			\$	\$	\$
		1	2	496,076	501,076	+ 5,000
			4	5,000		— 5,000
		2	1	7,000	7,200	+ 200
			3	21,600	20,156	— 1,444
			4	6,964	8,408	+ 1,444
			8	7,000	6,800	— 200
		3	1	23,000	19,401	— 3,599
			2	97,647,000	97,661,912	+ 14,912
			11	10,000	11,250	+ 1,250
			15	30,000	17,437	— 12,563
GENERAL HEALTH	626			\$	\$	\$
		1	2	1,541,380	1,563,682	+ 22,302
			3	4,000	4,209	+ 209
			4	30,000	7,489	— 22,511
		2	1	38,860	44,516	+ 5,656
			4	17,000	18,000	+ 1,000
			7	5,800	7,500	+ 1,700
			8	237,010	228,664	— 8,346
			9	28,000	30,690	+ 2,690
			10	4,000	4,300	+ 300
			12	23,000	24,000	+ 1,000
			17	18,000	14,000	— 4,000
		3	2	1,314,000	1,247,890	— 66,110
			5	600	200	— 400
			6	4,628,180	4,696,530	+ 68,350
			8	14,000	12,160	— 1,840
TUBERCULOSIS	629			\$	\$	\$
		3	1	378,190	388,190	+ 10,000
			3	700,000	690,000	— 10,000
DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	631			\$	\$	\$
		2	7	15,200	12,156	— 3,044
			8	59,000	62,044	+ 3,044

APPENDIX D.—continued.

Particulars.	Vote.			Parliamentary Appropriation.	Appropriation after Variation by Governor in Council.	+ Increase - Decrease
	Division.	Sub-Division.	Item.			
HEALTH—continued.						
MATERNAL AND CHILD WELFARE	632			\$	\$	\$
		1	2	1,436,240	1,437,748	+ 1,508
			3	1,300	2,452	+ 1,152
			4	17,000	14,340	- 2,660
		2	1	33,000	39,000	+ 6,000
			2	5,500	6,000	+ 500
			3	19,000	29,000	+ 10,000
			4	9,000	10,500	+ 1,500
			8	123,550	137,050	+ 13,500
			10	303,370	271,870	- 31,500
		3	1	6,170,000	6,333,596	+ 163,596
			2	536,580	469,198	- 67,382
			3	1,240,500	1,157,202	- 83,298
			5	94,900	78,325	- 16,575
			7	49,000	52,659	+ 3,659
ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCY SERVICES ..	633					
		1	2	1,394,030	1,370,969	- 23,061
			3	50,000	73,061	+ 23,061
		2	1	3,000	2,000	- 1,000
			5	2,700	2,200	- 500
			7	48,000	53,000	+ 5,000
			9	1,000	..	- 1,000
			10	2,800	300	- 2,500
MENTAL HYGIENE	635					
		1	3	4,250,000	4,303,189	+ 53,189
			4	390,000	336,811	- 53,189
		2	1	120,000	100,000	- 20,000
			4	200,000	235,000	+ 35,000
			5	101,000	81,000	- 20,000
			6	920,000	900,000	- 20,000
			7	3,500,000	3,455,000	- 45,000
			8	700,000	770,000	+ 70,000
		3	2	1,416,960	1,409,306	- 7,654
			3	35,000	42,654	+ 7,654
						± 534,376
STATE DEVELOPMENT AND DECENTRALIZATION.						
STATE DEVELOPMENT	660					
		2	2	5,200	4,966	- 234
			3	3,000	4,106	+ 1,106
			4	2,740	2,382	- 358
			5	1,900	1,386	- 514
IMMIGRATION	666					
		2	2	1,000	1,190	+ 190
			5	800	610	- 190
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	669					
		1	2	339,080	340,147	+ 1,067
			3	4,200	3,133	- 1,067
		2	1	20,000	17,250	- 2,750
			5	8,500	11,250	+ 2,750
		3	2	250,000	390,000	+ 140,000
			4	6,500,000	6,360,000	- 140,000
						± 145,113
HOUSING.						
MINISTRY OF HOUSING	680					
		1	2	34,870	36,271	+ 1,401
			3	1,700	299	- 1,401
		2	1	1,000	1,450	+ 450
			2	3,500	3,050	- 450
REGISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETIES AND CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES AND HOME FINANCE ADMINISTRATION	686					
		2	1	6,500	4,500	- 2,000
			2	4,900	6,900	+ 2,000
						± 3,851
FUEL AND POWER.						
MINISTRY OF FUEL AND POWER	700					
		1	2	81,440	81,627	+ 187
			3	400	213	- 187
						± 187
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.						
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BOARD	710					
		1	2	101,770	102,244	+ 474
			3	1,100	626	- 474
		2	1	1,000	919	- 81
			8	3,845	3,926	+ 81
						± 555
TRANSPORT.						
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT	720					
		2	3	8,600	7,960	- 640
			4	2,500	3,140	+ 640
						± 640

APPENDIX D.—continued.

Particulars.	Vote.			Parliamentary Appropriation.	Appropriation after Variation by Governor in Council.	+ Increase - Decrease
	Division.	Sub- Division.	Item.			
FORESTS.				\$	\$	\$
FORESTS COMMISSION	730	3	1 7	850,000 2,480	849,965 2,515	- 35 + 35
						± 35
WATER SUPPLY.						
STATE RIVERS AND WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION ..	740	2	1 2 3 4 6 8	195,350 98,000 108,000 83,000 25,000 18,800	195,690 97,977 108,920 82,815 24,662 17,963	+ 340 - 23 + 920 - 185 - 338 - 837
		3	12 1 3 4 5 8 10	115,000 253,630 1,715,460 69,090 110,460 2,700,000 5,000	115,123 262,282 1,735,745 70,360 114,583 2,661,880 8,790	+ 123 + 8,652 + 20,285 + 1,270 + 4,123 - 38,120 + 3,790
						± 39,503
					TOTAL	± 2,140,081

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