
REPORT
OF THE
AUDITOR-GENERAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH JUNE, 1977

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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, 1977.

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, 1977. 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, 1977. 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 1976-77, the Treasurer estimated that the total receipts to the Consolidated Fund would be \$2,901,832,000. The actual result for the year was a total of \$2,955,619,785 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. 1976-77.	Actual. 1976-77.	Actual. 1975-76.
	\$	\$	\$
State Taxation	996,950,000	1,022,206,837	889,769,840
Other State Sources exc. Railways	367,940,000	393,947,537	332,183,859
Railway Income	169,300,000	163,910,737	146,943,118
Commonwealth Sources exc. Loan Raising	1,130,436,000	1,133,196,591	972,762,124
	2,664,626,000	2,713,261,702	2,341,658,941
Loan Raisings and Repayments	237,206,000	242,358,083	226,537,566
	2,901,832,000	2,955,619,785	2,568,196,507

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. 1976-77.	Actual. 1976-77.	Actual. 1975-76.
	\$	\$	\$
Special Appropriation—Debt Charges, Salaries, Pensions, General Expenses, &c. exc. Railways	457,896,609	468,101,217	386,839,267
Annual Vote—Departmental Services exc. Railways	1,718,929,391	1,728,685,946	1,464,122,441
Railway Operating Expenses	316,445,000	322,988,532	291,142,750
	2,493,271,000	2,519,775,695	2,142,104,458
Special Appropriation—Works and Services Account	408,561,000	435,844,090	426,092,049
	2,901,832,000	2,955,619,785	2,568,196,507

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 \$3,619,054,272. Included in these receipts are amounts to a total of \$887,549,752 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	396,627,754
Health	197,426,997
Housing (including Home Builders)	116,908,371
Road Works	91,100,000
Local Government Grants	35,398,000
Primary Production	22,459,767
Developmental and Other Works	20,312,349
Transport—Urban Public Transport and Research	4,530,197
Other	2,786,317
	887,549,752

Payments from Trust Fund totalled \$3,632,867,012 and may be classified under the following broad headings :—

	\$	\$
Commonwealth		945,611,306
Commonwealth-State		39,596,341
State Funds—		
Compensation and Insurance	14,926,979	
Depreciation	1,298,112	
Social, Health and Welfare	262,433,270	
Superannuation and Pension	3,824,409	
Suspense	1,223,197,954	
Works and Development	642,508,776	
Other	493,381,444	
	<hr/>	2,641,570,944
Bequests, Donations, Deposits and Research		6,088,421
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		3,632,867,012

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, 1976		284,384,373
Receipts—		
Consolidated Fund	2,955,619,785	
Trust Fund	3,619,054,272	
In Reduction of Advances	56,290	
	<hr/>	6,574,730,347
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		6,859,114,720
Payments—		
Consolidated Fund	2,955,619,785	
Trust Fund	3,632,867,012	
	<hr/>	6,588,486,797
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Balance at credit of Public Account 30th June, 1977		270,627,923

The net effect of the year's transactions was a decrease in the balance to the credit of the Public Account of \$13,756,450 brought about mainly by the reduction of \$13,812,740 in the credit balance of the Trust Fund.

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

	\$	\$
Trust Fund Balance		302,394,489
Less Advances from Public Account—		
For Consolidated Revenue Deficits	21,782,281	
For Departmental and Other Purposes	9,984,285	
	<hr/>	31,766,566
		<hr/>
		270,627,923

The balance is represented by—

	\$	\$
Cash at Credit of Public Account	58,862,810	
Fixed Deposit Account	107,500,000	
	<hr/>	166,362,810
Investments—		
Trust Fund	103,746,313	
Public Account	518,800	
	<hr/>	104,265,113
		<hr/>
		270,627,923

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, \$2,955,619,785, exceeded the Budget Estimate of \$2,901,832,000 by \$53,787,785.

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

	\$
Taxation	25,256,837
Interest on Public Account	6,519,482
Loan Repayments	5,152,083

The main shortfall in receipts compared with the Budget Estimate occurred in the item Railway Income, \$5,389,263.

The divergence between the Budget Estimate and the actual receipts from Taxation occurred, mainly, in excesses in the items of Stamp Duty, \$28,775,246, and Tattersall Duty, \$4,842,555, offset by shortfalls in receipts from Pay-roll Tax, \$8,215,130, and Licensing Fund Payment, \$2,206,202.

The actual receipts to the Consolidated Fund exceeded those of the previous year, \$2,568,196,507, by \$387,423,278. Details of the variations between the two years are given at page 9.

Receipts are capable of division into three main categories—

	\$
Sources other than the Commonwealth	1,580,065,110
Commonwealth Sources	1,136,257,914
Loan Raisings and Repayments	239,296,761
	2,955,619,785

Receipts from sources other than the Commonwealth, \$1,580,065,110, were \$211,168,292 higher than the 1975–76 figure of \$1,368,896,818 and constituted 53·46 per cent. of the total receipts compared with 53·30 per cent. in the previous year. Those from Commonwealth sources, \$1,136,257,914, were \$160,100,649 more than in the previous year and represented 38·44 per cent. as against 38·01 per cent. for 1975–76. Loan raisings and repayments yielded \$16,154,337 more than the 1975–76 total of \$223,142,424 and provided 8·10 per cent. of the total receipts compared with 8·69 per cent. in 1975–76.

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

	\$
Duty under Stamps Acts	48,471,913
Payroll Tax	41,895,984
Railway Income	16,967,619
Recoveries of Debt Charges	15,154,537
Tattersall Duty	13,829,201
Licences	13,495,398
Fees and Charges for Departmental Services	13,432,943

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

	1975-76.	1976-77.	+ Increase. - Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$
Personal Income Tax Sharing Entitlement ..	706,389,337	841,700,000	+135,310,663
Schools—Capital and Recurrent Purposes, etc.	102,411,638	119,614,818	+ 17,203,180
Capital Assistance Grant	108,871,000	114,354,000	+ 5,483,000
Pre-School Child Education and Care ..	10,150,134	13,119,315	+ 2,969,181
Sewerage Programme Assistance	30,972,643	13,100,000	- 17,872,643
Urban Public Transport Grants	9,529,224*	11,330,681	+ 1,801,457
Interest—Financial Agreement	4,254,318	4,254,318	..
Community Health	2,338,465	3,922,292	+ 1,583,827
Home Care and Nursing Homes Grants ..	3,059,096	3,741,881	+ 682,785
Repatriation Hospital—Bundoora	2,585,740†	2,890,975	+ 305,235
Tuberculosis Arrangement	4,455,882	2,845,515	- 1,610,367
Deserted Wives—Social Welfare	2,016,280‡	2,824,067	+ 807,787
Water Resources Assessment	849,600	910,412	+ 60,812
Softwood Forestry Agreement	930,073	750,000	- 180,073
Legal Aid Grant	251,662	251,662	..
Urban and Regional Development	581,398	36,197	- 545,201
Other	642,019	611,781	- 30,238
	<u>990,288,509</u>	<u>1,136,257,914</u>	<u>+145,969,405</u>

* In 1975-76, Commonwealth receipts were credited to the State Grants (Urban Public Transport) Trust Fund.

† In 1975-76, Commonwealth receipts were credited to Charges for Departmental Services—Mental Hygiene.

‡ In 1975-76, Commonwealth receipts were credited to Social Welfare Vote—Division 246.

A new basis for apportioning income tax revenues between the Commonwealth and State Governments became effective from 1st July, 1976, following enactment of the Commonwealth's *States (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act 1976*. The new arrangements embodied in the legislation provide for the States to receive an amount equal to 33.6 per cent. of Commonwealth personal income tax collections subject to a guaranteed minimum entitlement of each State, for the first four years, as set out in the Act. Victoria's share of personal income tax collections in terms of the new arrangements was \$833,316,891 which was less than the guaranteed minimum, \$840,723,609. Thus the amount of \$840,723,609 became Victoria's entitlement for 1976-77. Actual receipts from the Commonwealth totalled \$841,700,000. The arrangements provide for the overpayment of \$976,391 to be adjusted in 1977-78.

The Assistance Grant for capital works was \$5.5 million more than that of 1975-76 and contributions by the Commonwealth for capital and recurrent expenditure in schools and for other educational purposes were \$17.2 million higher than for the previous year. Funds made available under the National Sewerage Programme decreased by \$17.9 million.

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

Net receipts of \$239.3 million to the Consolidated Fund from loan raisings and loan repayments (exclusive of Commonwealth contributions) were \$16.2 million more than the comparable figure for 1975-76. The receipts consisted of \$228.7 million, the net proceeds of loans raised under Victoria's share of the works programme approved by the Loan Council, and \$10.6 million repayments in respect of advances made by the State in this and prior years.

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 \$2,955,619,785 and this amount was appropriated in full in the following manner:—

	\$
Special Appropriation—Debt Charges, Pensions, &c.	502,496,567
Special Appropriation—Works and Services Account	435,844,090
Annual Vote—Departmental &c. Services	2,017,279,128
	<u>2,955,619,785</u>

The comparable total for the previous year was \$2,568,196,507 which is \$387,423,278 less than the 1976-77 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 \$1,535,424,479 and represented 51.46 per cent. of the total amount available in the Consolidated Fund. The items included in the expenditure of \$1,535,424,479 were

Education, \$950,526,600, Health and Welfare, \$522,253,553 and Housing and other Social items, \$62,644,326. These amounts exceeded those of the previous year by \$132,325,359 in Education, \$75,968,628 in Health and Welfare, and \$5,075,572 in Housing and other Social items.

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 1976-77 with that of the previous year is given in Statement No. 1 appended to the Report.

Debt charges continue to absorb a substantial portion of the funds available in the Consolidated Fund. The amount paid in 1976-77 under this heading was \$283,323,977 which represents 9.50 per cent. of the total expenditure from the Consolidated Fund and \$32,543,071 more than was required in 1975-76. Debt charges on the Public Debt accounted for \$241,622,694 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. Statement No. 4 appended to this Report shows in detail the year's receipts and payments on account of debt charges.

TRUST FUND—WORKS AND SERVICES ACCOUNT

Appropriations from the Consolidated Fund to this Account throughout the year amounted to \$435,844,090 and, with the balance of \$28,151,190 unexpended from the previous year, brought the total funds available in the Account to \$463,995,280. Expenditure under the year's works and services programme absorbed \$438,439,605 leaving an unexpended balance in the Account at 30th June, 1977, of \$25,555,675. 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 8-14 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 \$387,423,278 for the year.

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Commonwealth Payments to the State		
Personal Income Tax Sharing Entitlement	706,389,337	841,700,000
Schools—Grants for Recurrent Expenditure	53,649,634	70,855,391
Building Grants	45,075,312	45,611,794
National Sewerage Programme—Advances	30,972,643	13,100,000
Capital Assistance Grant	108,871,000	114,354,000
Community Health	2,036,312	3,610,264
Contribution for Interest—Financial Agreement	4,254,318	4,254,318
Tuberculosis Arrangement—Maintenance	4,205,474	2,647,426
Pre-School Child Education and Care	10,150,134	13,119,315
Urban Public Transport Grants .. .. .	..	11,330,681
Other Contributions and Recoups	9,743,696	12,613,402
	975,347,860	1,133,196,591
State Taxes		
Direct	610,225,977	683,287,303
Stamps Acts	233,103,333	281,575,246
Licensing Fund Payment	23,656,765	24,793,798
Tobacco Licences	12,183,722	24,497,984
Other	10,600,043	8,052,506
	889,769,840	1,022,206,837
Recoveries of Debt Charges		
Interest and Exchange	76,747,321	89,338,232
Sinking Fund—Contributions and Special Payments	4,220,882	4,188,227
Loan Conversion Expenses	9,627	15,334
Repayments	9,190,035	11,780,609
	90,167,865	105,322,402
Land Revenue		
Leases, Licences, Miners' Rights, &c.	5,207,604	6,078,589
Royalties—Brown Coal	690,670	748,391
Submerged Lands	42,477,172	46,605,509
	48,375,446	53,432,489
Harbor Revenue		
Contribution—Melbourne Harbor Trust	967,887	1,240,084
Westernport—Wharfage, Tonnage, Towage, &c.	3,277,627	3,602,711
Other	1,665,434	2,084,436
	5,910,948	6,927,231
Fees and Charges for Departmental Services		
Fees—Titles Office, Commissioner for Corporate Affairs, Government Statist, &c.	19,360,938	27,706,386
Departmental Services—		
Government Printer	13,878,356	14,997,872
Public Works Department	11,936,571	13,777,173
Motor Registration Branch	9,341,297	10,855,325
Agriculture Department	6,203,653	7,776,598
Mental Hygiene	7,663,687	7,309,071
Police	4,352,199	4,162,254
Education Department	2,573,865	2,887,834
Health	987,294	1,498,594
Public Trustee	1,308,580	1,402,889
Lands and Survey	981,470	1,386,992
E.D.P. Centre .. .. .	..	1,051,787
Social Welfare	829,766	896,605
Other	3,068,276	2,795,251
	82,485,952	98,504,631
Forests Commission		
Royalties, &c.	13,689,830	16,259,901
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission		
Rates and Charges, Recoups, &c.	27,219,583	33,024,692

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Other Revenue		
Statutory Corporations—Contributions	17,340,000	20,120,000
Fines—Courts and Other Sources	12,569,670	15,246,218
Interest on Public Account	12,574,196	19,519,482
Rents and Hirings	1,448,617	1,770,448
Public Trustee—Surplus Interest	2,270,713	1,463,616
Recoup—Superannuation Charges	4,117,833	5,349,768
Rebate—Workers' Compensation Insurance Premium	3,352,149	6,958,430
State Savings Bank—Half Share of Profit, Savings Bank Department	2,057,676	5,409,427
Gas and Fuel Corporation—Dividends, Preference Shares	302,682	304,181
Sundry	5,714,963	4,334,621
	<u>61,748,499</u>	<u>80,476,191</u>
Railways	<u>146,943,118</u>	<u>163,910,737</u>
Loan Receipts		
Proceeds of Loan Raisings	217,744,000	228,706,000
Loan Repayments	8,793,566	13,652,083
	<u>226,537,566</u>	<u>242,358,083</u>
Total Receipts	<u>2,568,196,507</u>	<u>2,955,619,785</u>

Commonwealth financial assistance and State taxes are dealt with hereunder. Further references to receipts from other sources will be made under appropriate departmental headings.

COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Commonwealth grants for financial assistance to the States and paid into the Consolidated Fund are determined by various Commonwealth Acts. Grants to Victoria during the past three financial years were :—

	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$	\$
Commonwealth and States Financial Agreement (Vict. Act No. 3554)	4,254,318	4,254,318	4,254,318
Personal Income Tax Sharing Entitlement	562,266,286	706,389,337	841,700,000
Grants for specific purposes	54,254,445	77,199,514	102,845,798
Capital Assistance Grants	171,129,769	184,918,955	184,396,475
Debt Charges Assistance	13,914,088	..	..
Total Commonwealth Grants	805,818,906	972,762,124	1,133,196,591

During 1976, the *States (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act 1976* was enacted by the Commonwealth. This Act authorised the arrangements under which revenue from Commonwealth personal income tax collections is to be shared between the Commonwealth and the States. The Act also repealed the *States Grants Act 1973*, the *States Grants Act 1974* and the *States Grants Act 1975*, which had authorised the previous arrangements for Commonwealth financial assistance to the States.

Under Section 6 of the *States (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act 1976*, the Commissioner of Taxation is required to determine within one month after the end of each year the amount that, in his opinion, would have been the amount of the net personal income tax collections for the year if health insurance levy and special surcharges (if any) had not been imposed and if special rebates (if any) had not been provided for.

For the 1976-77 financial year, the amount so determined was \$10,876,844,464. As provided by Section 7 of the Act, 33·6 per cent. of this sum was shared between the States on an adjusted population basis. Victoria's share for 1976-77, calculated on this basis, was \$833,316,891.

However, the *States (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act 1976*, provided, in effect, that, if the "notional amount of assistance" which would have been payable under the repealed Act were greater than the amount of assistance payable under the new Act, then the State was entitled to the greater amount. In fact, the "notional amount of assistance" was \$840,723,609 and this amount was, therefore, the sum to which the State was entitled.

During the year, the State received advance payments under the Act totalling \$841,700,000. Provision is made in the legislation for the overpayment of \$976,391 to be adjusted against the State's share of personal income tax collections for the 1977-78 financial year.

Grants for specific purposes comprised :—

	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$	\$
Community Health	787,413	2,036,312	3,610,264
Home Care Scheme	678,244	1,767,158	2,170,874
Paramedical Services	372,650	232,250	263,254
Pre-School Child Education and Care	5,577,368	10,150,134	13,119,315
Education	39,069,337	55,967,207	72,106,091
Soil Conservation	129,000	..	..
School Dental Scheme	1,605,708	1,365,249	1,911,098
Tuberculosis Arrangement	4,864,543	4,205,474	2,647,426
Water Resources Assessment	762,500	849,600	910,412
Legal Aid	407,682	251,662	251,662
*Deserted Wives .. .. .	..	..	2,824,067
†Repatriation Hospital—Bundoora .. .. .	..	..	2,890,975
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	374,468	140,360
	54,254,445	77,199,514	102,845,798

* In 1974-75 and 1975-76, Commonwealth payments for deserted wives were offset against the expenditure under Vote-Division 246.2.8 of the Social Welfare Department.

† Prior to 1976-77, Commonwealth payments for the Repatriation Hospital at Bundoora were recorded under the receipt heading—Fees and Charges for Departmental Services.

Grants of a capital nature to the State for the past three years were :—

	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$	\$
Capital Assistance Grants	82,505,000	108,871,000	114,354,000
Education	49,523,675	45,075,312	45,611,794
National Sewerage Programme	34,236,094	30,972,643	13,100,000
Grants to assist employment	4,865,000	..	..
Urban Public Transport .. .. .	..	..	11,330,681
	171,129,769	184,918,955	184,396,475

STATE TAXES

Classifications under Receipts, Taxation, in the Treasurer's Accounts are : Direct taxation, revenue under the Stamps Acts, 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, 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	1975-76	1976-77
		\$	\$
Direct	610,225,977	683,287,303
Stamps Acts	233,103,333	281,575,246
Licences	43,848,890	57,344,288
Total Taxation*	<u>887,178,200</u>	<u>1,022,206,837</u>

* In 1975-76, the item of Registrations, &c. \$2,591,640, was included under the receipt heading—Taxation, making total Taxation, as shown in the Treasurer's statement, \$889,769,840. Registrations, etc., during 1976-77 were included under the receipt heading—Fees and Charges for Departmental Services.

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

Direct Taxation

Pay-roll Tax—Collections in 1976-77 under the *Pay-roll Tax Act* 1971 amounted to \$431,784,870 compared with \$389,888,886 in 1975-76, an increase of \$41,895,984. The rise in salaries and wages during the year was the main contributing factor for the increase.

Probate Duty—Collections of Probate Duty in 1976-77 were \$77,479,358, an increase of \$9,104,301 over the 1975-76 figure of \$68,375,057.

Duty amounting to \$75,588,589 was collected by the Commissioner of Probate Duties and \$1,890,769 by the Public Trustee. The aggregate value of new estates assessed increased from \$492 million in 1975-76 to \$545 million in 1976-77. Payments received in advance of the issue of assessments as at 30th June, 1977, amounted to \$13,867,041 whereas at 30th June, 1976, the amount was \$12,519,151.

Land Tax—Receipts from Land Tax in 1976-77 were \$59,981,680 as compared with \$56,252,618 in 1975-76. The *Land Tax Act* 1976 fixed rates and exemption limits for the 1977 assessment year in terms identical with those applicable to the previous assessment year. The rate of collection of Land Tax to the 30th June, 1977, for the assessment year 1977, was comparable with the rate of collection to the 30th June, 1976, for the assessment year 1976.

Motor Car Third-party Insurance Surcharge—In conformity with the requirements of the *Motor Car Act* 1958, an additional fee of \$4 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 1976-77 was \$7,461,184 compared with \$7,317,424 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. During 1976–77, the commission deducted from moneys invested in on-course and off-course totalizators was fifteen per cent. except in respect of off-course miscellaneous totalizators where the commission was seventeen per cent. in the case of off-course doubles and nineteen per cent. in the case of special schemes. In addition, the *Racing (Tabella Totalizators) Act 1977*, which came into operation on 28th April, 1977, empowered the Totalizator Agency Board to conduct tabella totalizators and provided for commission of twenty per cent. to be deducted from moneys invested in such totalizators.

The appropriation of the commission in respect of the various totalizator pools is shown hereunder :—

On-Course Totalizators—

(i) Metropolitan—

Consolidated Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Club Concerned	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Commission	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Win and Place	Doubles, Quinella and Forecast, Trifecta and Trio
%	%
9.75	6.75
5.25	8.25
15.00	15.00

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

Consolidated Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Club Concerned	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Commission	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

%
4.75
10.25
15.00

Off-Course Totalizators—

Consolidated Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Race-courses Development Fund or Greyhound Racing Grounds Development Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totalizator Agency Board	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Commission	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Win and Place

%
6.25
.25
8.50
15.00

Miscellaneous

Consolidated Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Race-courses Development Fund or Greyhound Racing Grounds Development Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Funds into which moneys are paid pursuant to the <i>Youth, Sport and Recreation Act 1972</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totalizator Agency Board	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Commission	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Off-Course Doubles	Special Schemes
%	%
5.25	5.25
1.25	1.25
2.00	4.00
8.50	8.50
17.00	19.00

Tabella Totalizators—

Race-courses Development Fund—	
Racing Division	.. .. .
Trotting Division	.. .. .
Greyhound Racing Grounds Development Fund	.. .. .
Sports and Recreation Fund	.. .. .
Australian Rules Football Fund	.. .. .
Totalizator Agency Board	.. .. .
Commission	.. .. .

%
1.95
.66
.39
9.00
3.00
5.00
20.00

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 1976–77, the sum of \$42,745,364 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 \$202,229.

In addition to the \$42,745,364 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) \$3,319,962, to the Race-courses Development Fund—to meet costs and expenses incurred by the Race-courses Licences Board, to provide financial assistance to racing clubs and to finance the purchase of land for the establishment or extension of a racecourse ;
- (ii) \$582,558 to the Greyhound Racing Grounds Development Fund—to meet costs and expenses of the Greyhound Racing Grounds Development Board, to provide financial assistance to greyhound racing clubs and to finance the purchase of land for the establishment or extension of a greyhound racing ground ;
- (iii) \$4,536,917 to the Sports and Recreation Fund—to be applied towards the promotion of sport and recreation ;
- (iv) \$2,080,000 to the Youth Fund—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 ; and
- (v) \$126,227 to the Australian Rules Football Fund—to be applied towards the encouragement and development of Australian Rules Football.

Tattersall Duty—The trustees of the will and estate of the late George Adams, under licences granted in accordance with the provisions of the *Tattersall Consultation Act 1958*, promote and conduct sweepstakes and have appointed an agent to promote and conduct Soccer Football Pools.

Comparative figures for subscriptions to the various consultations and Soccer Football Pools for the past two years are given below. While subscriptions to the ordinary consultations remained fairly constant, subscriptions to Tattslotto consultations have increased considerably during the year as shown in the following statement :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Ordinary Consultations	16,460,000	16,940,037
Tattslotto Consultations	116,000,932	177,186,246
Soccer Football Pools (Victoria)	5,810,216	4,895,943
Total	138,271,148	199,022,226

Duty on total subscriptions to consultations (31 per cent.) and Soccer Football Pools (30 per cent.) is payable to the Treasurer. Duty amounting to \$60,842,555 was paid into the Consolidated Fund in 1976-77, compared with \$42,089,354 in 1975-76. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, an amount equivalent to the net duty was appropriated from the Consolidated Fund and apportioned as follows :—

	\$
Hospital and Charities Fund	53,965,745
Mental Hospitals Fund	5,894,270
Sports and Recreation Fund	982,540
	60,842,555

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 consultation tickets and coupons in Tasmania by Tattersall amounted to \$929,954 compared with \$466,194 in the previous year.

As at 30th June, 1977, the Tasmanian share of duty for consultations drawn late in May and in June amounted to \$144,701. 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 one year to 30th June, 1978. Payments to the Government of New Zealand during the year amounted to \$205,554 compared with \$256,632 in 1975-76. As at 30th June, 1977, an amount of \$28,211 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 1972-73 amounted to \$457,675 including \$387,794 Tattslotto. In accordance with the Regulations under the Act, this amount, less certain expenses incurred by the promoter in searching for the persons concerned, was paid to the Treasurer in July, 1976, for credit to the Unclaimed Moneys Fund.

The amount paid to the Treasurer in July, 1977, for consultations drawn during 1973-74 was \$952,442, including \$866,149 Tattslotto.

Gift Duty.—Collections under the *Gift Duty Act* 1971 amounted to \$2,992,292 in 1976-77 compared with \$3,016,735 in 1975-76. Payments received in advance of the issue of an assessment at 30th June, 1977 totalled \$6,367. Duty assessed but uncollected at that date amounted to \$590,370.

Stamps Acts.

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

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Other Stamp Duty	180,595,428	217,366,981
Duty on Insurance Business	43,837,484	54,417,643
Duty on Betting Instruments	8,669,313	9,789,593
Receipt Duty	1,108	1,029
Total	233,103,333	281,575,246

As indicated in the preceding statement, revenue from stamp duty increased by \$48,471,913 for the year. 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 :—

	1975-76	1976-77	increase
	\$	\$	\$
(i) duty on real estate dealings	93,210,993	110,554,644	17,343,651
(ii) duty on applications for registration and notices of acquisition of motor cars	31,499,958	40,680,392	9,180,434
(iii) duty on credit and rental business (registered persons)	17,765,025	22,352,288	4,587,263
(iv) duty on cheques	13,381,105	14,354,057	972,952
(v) sale of adhesive duty stamps	11,304,725	13,022,129	1,717,404
(vi) approved vendors (hire purchase)	5,622,436	7,006,885	1,384,449
(vii) duty on sharebrokers' statements and share sales	4,516,113	5,863,994	1,347,881
(viii) mortgages—Section 137M of the <i>Stamps Act</i> 1958	1,730,084	1,836,119	106,035
(ix) approved insurers (life policies)	2,060,123	2,312,502	252,379
(x) powers of attorney, deeds, agreements, settlements and gifts	275,619	323,950	48,331
(xi) duty on promissory notes and bills of exchange	41,409	63,331	21,922

Increases in revenue from Other Stamp Duty resulted mainly from :—

- (i) an increase in the value of real estate dealings ;
- (ii) the effect, over a full year, of an increase in the rate of duty from \$4 to \$5 per \$200 in market value of motor vehicles in respect of registrations and notices of acquisitions, as provided by the *Stamps Act* 1975, effective from 1st December, 1975 ; and
- (iii) a larger volume of turnover on credit and rental business.

Licences

The Licensing Fund Payment—The revenue of the Licensing Fund consisted mainly of fees charged to hotelkeepers, \$14,958,574, wholesale and retail liquor merchants, \$8,163,737, and clubs, \$1,461,580.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Liquor Control Act 1968*, the surplus of receipts over payments for 1976–77 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 :—

	1975–76	1976–77
	\$	\$
Balance 1st July	661,471	661,471
Receipts—		
Licences	24,139,029	25,301,896
Permits	534,603	632,729
Fees and Fines etc.	192,961	234,840
Interest on Investments	15,996	15,996
Total Receipts for the Year	24,882,589	26,185,461
Payments—		
Salaries and Other Administrative Expenses	825,801	942,148
Cost of Policing Act	308,322	375,285
Compensation	91,500	70,000
Balwyn Licensing Poll	199	4,230
Total Payments for the Year	1,225,822	1,391,663
Transfer to the Consolidated Fund	23,656,767	24,793,798
Balance 30th June	661,471	661,471

Compensation was paid in respect of three hotels in 1975–76 and one in 1976–77.

Tobacco Licences—The *Business Franchise (Tobacco) Act 1974* requires every person carrying on the business of tobacco wholesaling or retailing to hold a licence issued under the Act. Fees paid in respect of licences issued in 1976–77 amounted to \$24,497,984 as compared with \$12,183,722 in 1975–76.

The Act was amended, during 1975–76, to increase the fees payable by wholesale tobacco merchants to a rate of \$100 plus 10 per cent. of the value of all tobacco sold in the course of intrastate trade during each twelve months period ending 30th September. The increase of \$12,314,262 in fees received resulted mainly from the full year's operation of this amendment.

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, \$800,313, net collections credited to the Consolidated Fund on account of drivers' and instructors' licence fees, in 1976–77, amounted to \$5,084,178.

COMPARISON WITH BUDGET

The following statement shows the variations of Receipts from the Budget Estimate in 1976-77.

	Budget Estimate	Receipts	+ Excess - Deficiency
	\$	\$	\$
Taxation—			
Pay-roll Tax	440,000,000	431,784,870	- 8,215,130
Probate Duty	77,000,000	77,479,358	+ 479,358
Land Tax	58,000,000	59,981,680	+ 1,981,680
Motor Car Third-party Insurance—Surcharge ..	7,700,000	7,461,184	- 238,816
Totalizator	42,800,000	42,745,364	- 54,636
Tattersall Duty	56,000,000	60,842,555	+ 4,842,555
Gift Duty	3,400,000	2,992,292	- 407,708
Betting and Bookmakers' Turnover Tax ..	9,700,000	9,789,593	+ 89,593
Duty on Insurance Business	50,000,000	54,417,643	+ 4,417,643
Receipt Duty .. .. .	..	1,029	+ 1,029
Other Stamp Duty	193,100,000	217,366,981	+ 24,266,981
Licensing Fund Payment	27,000,000	24,793,798	- 2,206,202
Tobacco and other Licences	32,250,000	32,550,490	+ 300,490
	<u>996,950,000</u>	<u>1,022,206,837</u>	<u>+ 25,256,837</u>
Recoveries of Debt Charges—			
Country Roads Board	2,820,000	2,862,641	+ 42,641
Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria	750,000	69,547	- 680,453
Home Builders' Account	12,010,000	12,020,997	+ 10,997
Housing Commission	35,670,000	35,528,088	- 141,912
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works ..	18,354,000	17,400,322	- 953,678
Rural Finance and Settlement Commission ..	7,525,000	6,709,645	- 815,355
State Electricity Commission	23,377,000	24,019,559	+ 642,559
Water and Sewerage Authorities	2,950,000	3,094,230	+ 144,230
Other	4,014,000	3,617,373	- 396,627
	<u>107,470,000</u>	<u>105,322,402</u>	<u>- 2,147,598</u>
Land Revenue—			
Lands	5,050,000	5,627,750	+ 577,750
Mining	455,000	450,839	- 4,161
Royalties—Brown Coal	735,000	748,391	+ 13,391
Royalties—Submerged Lands	45,000,000	46,605,509	+ 1,605,509
	<u>51,240,000</u>	<u>53,432,489</u>	<u>+ 2,192,489</u>
Harbor Revenue—			
Harbor Trust Contribution	1,100,000	1,240,084	+ 140,084
Westernport	3,700,000	3,602,711	- 97,289
Other	1,890,000	2,084,436	+ 194,436
	<u>6,690,000</u>	<u>6,927,231</u>	<u>+ 237,231</u>
Fees and Charges for Departmental Services—			
Fees—Titles Office, Commissioner for Corporate Affairs, Labour and Industry, &c. ..	25,225,000	27,706,386	+ 2,481,386
Recoups—Departmental Services	69,840,000	70,798,245	+ 958,245
	<u>95,065,000</u>	<u>98,504,631</u>	<u>+ 3,439,631</u>
Forests Commission—			
Royalties, &c.	15,025,000	16,259,901	+ 1,234,901
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—			
Rates and Charges, Recoups, &c.	28,100,000	33,024,692	+ 4,924,692
Miscellaneous Receipts—			
Fines	13,000,000	15,246,218	+ 2,246,218
Interest on Public Account	13,000,000	19,519,482	+ 6,519,482
Rents and Hirings	1,500,000	1,770,448	+ 270,448
Statutory Corporation Payments	19,900,000	20,120,000	+ 220,000
Recoup—Superannuation Charges	3,650,000	5,349,768	+ 1,699,768
Other	13,300,000	18,470,275	+ 5,170,275
	<u>64,350,000</u>	<u>80,476,191</u>	<u>+ 16,126,191</u>

COMPARISON WITH BUDGET—*continued*

	Budget Estimate	Receipts	+ Excess - Deficiency
	\$	\$	\$
Railways	169,300,000	163,910,737	- 5,389,263
Commonwealth Payments to State—			
Commonwealth and States Financial Agreement ..	4,254,000	4,254,318	+ 318
Personal Income Tax Sharing Entitlement ..	852,500,000	841,700,000	- 10,800,000
Tuberculosis Arrangement—Maintenance ..	3,600,000	2,647,426	- 952,574
Water Resources Assessment	891,000	910,412	+ 19,412
Home Care Scheme	2,000,000	2,170,874	+ 170,874
Paramedical Services	255,000	263,254	+ 8,254
Schools—Grants for Recurrent Expenditure ..	68,200,000	70,855,391	+ 2,655,391
Pre-School Child Education and Care	11,700,000	13,119,315	+ 1,419,315
School Dental Scheme	2,600,000	1,911,098	- 688,902
Community Health	4,372,000	3,610,264	- 761,736
Repatriation Hospital-Bundoora	2,900,000	2,890,975	- 9,025
Grants for Technical and Further Education ..	2,000,000	538,000	- 1,462,000
Deserted Wives	2,253,000	2,824,067	+ 571,067
Night Courses Fees Reimbursement	805,000	712,700	- 92,300
Legal Aid Grant	252,000	251,662	- 338
Other .. .. .	..	140,360	+ 140,360
	958,582,000	948,800,116	- 9,781,884
Proceeds of Loans Raisings	228,706,000	228,706,000	..
Loan Repayments	8,500,000	13,652,083	+ 5,152,083
Works Grants—Commonwealth Payments—			
Capital Assistance	114,354,000	114,354,000	..
School Building	44,400,000	45,611,794	+ 1,211,794
National Sewerage Programme	13,100,000	13,100,000	..
Urban Public Transport .. .. .	..	11,330,681	+ 11,330,681
	171,854,000	184,396,475	+ 12,542,475
Total Receipts	2,901,832,000	2,955,619,785	+ 53,787,785

EXPENDITURE

The expenditure from the Consolidated Fund exceeded that for 1975-76 by an amount of \$387,423,278. A comparison of the figures for the two years, separated into special and annual appropriations, is given in the following statement :—

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION			
	1975-76	1976-77	+ Increase - Decrease
	\$	\$	\$
Interest including Exchange	192,104,822	226,451,514	+ 34,346,692
National Debt Sinking Fund	28,473,095	30,584,040	+ 2,110,945
Repayment of Advances—Commonwealth— State Housing and Soldier Settlement ..	6,930,115	7,703,074	+ 772,959
Loan Management, Flotation Expenses, &c.	987,469	1,214,775	+ 227,306
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Hospitals and Charities Fund (Totalizator)	228,495,501	265,953,403	+ 37,457,902
Pensions	38,361,901	42,745,364	+ 4,383,463
Hospitals and Charities and Mental Hospitals Funds (Tattersall)	38,557,409	51,480,400	+ 12,922,991
Endowments and Grants	40,864,085	59,860,015	+ 18,995,930
Payment to Commonwealth of Share of Royalties—Submerged Lands	12,473,867	11,093,335	- 1,380,532
Forestry Fund	13,439,979	14,863,549	+ 1,423,570
Municipalities Assistance Fund	6,116,780	7,631,056	+ 1,514,276
Other	8,529,745	7,974,095	- 555,650
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	386,839,267	468,101,217	+ 81,261,950
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Railways—Debt Charges	14,375,661	17,370,574	+ 2,994,913
Pensions	12,641,756	16,262,890	+ 3,621,134
Other	723,116	761,886	+ 38,770
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	27,740,533	34,395,350	+ 6,654,817
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Works and Services Account	426,092,049	435,844,090	+ 9,752,041
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Total Special Appropriation	840,671,849	938,340,657	+ 97,668,808
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ANNUAL APPROPRIATION			
Education	682,802,732	811,578,727	+128,775,995
Health	217,570,776	304,105,367	+ 86,534,591
Chief Secretary	102,620,216	122,560,357	+ 19,940,141
Treasurer	87,690,223	99,296,333	+ 11,606,110
Social Welfare	110,787,699	70,167,074	- 40,620,625
Public Works	37,431,155	44,606,410	+ 7,175,255
Water Resources	35,156,963	41,400,815	+ 6,243,852
Agriculture	28,637,315	37,344,215	+ 8,706,900
Transport	26,016,285	34,649,242	+ 8,632,957
Attorney-General	27,904,211	32,201,149	+ 4,296,938
Development and Decentralization ..	19,439,004	24,073,850	+ 4,634,846
Arts	16,695,050	20,550,438	+ 3,855,388
Lands and Survey	16,635,547	19,357,315	+ 2,721,768
Conservation	13,362,556	16,302,494	+ 2,939,938
Premier	9,129,143	12,564,598	+ 3,435,455
Forests	8,879,292	9,578,398	+ 699,106
Local Government	6,613,101	7,507,490	+ 894,389
Labour and Industry	5,173,417	5,946,016	+ 772,599
Mines	3,825,749	4,495,390	+ 669,641
Parliament	2,616,072	3,411,132	+ 795,060
Planning	2,131,554	2,890,921	+ 759,367
Housing	967,589	1,243,862	+ 276,273
Youth, Sport and Recreation	886,691	1,035,209	+ 148,518
Fuel and Power	475,441	1,016,694	+ 541,253
Consumer Affairs	447,915	586,661	+ 138,746
Railway Construction	226,745	215,789	- 10,956
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	1,464,122,441	1,728,685,946	+264,563,505
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Railways	263,402,217	288,593,182	+ 25,190,965
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Total Annual Appropriation	1,727,524,658	2,017,279,128	+289,754,470
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Total Expenditure*	2,568,196,507	2,955,619,785	+387,423,278

* 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.

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 1-3.

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	3,162,705	3,100,498	62,207	310,633	3,411,131
Premier	12,230,507	12,027,134	203,373	537,464	12,564,598
Arts	20,232,115	19,912,295	319,820	638,143	20,550,438
Chief Secretary	120,450,572	120,373,146	77,426	2,187,211	122,560,357
Social Welfare	65,628,494	65,425,463	203,031	4,741,611	70,167,074
Youth, Sport and Recreation	1,067,960	1,028,897	39,063	6,312	1,035,209
Labour and Industry	5,907,240	5,902,491	4,749	43,525	5,946,016
Consumer Affairs	595,985	565,506	30,479	21,155	586,661
Education	798,877,713	797,681,631	1,196,082	13,897,096	811,578,727
Attorney-General	31,446,657	31,400,792	45,865	800,357	32,201,149
Treasurer	145,382,215*	93,103,792	52,278,423*	6,192,541	99,296,333
Conservation	16,107,990	15,922,819	185,171	379,675	16,302,494
Lands and Survey	19,048,874	18,972,405	76,469	384,910	19,357,315
Public Works	44,338,964	44,153,009	185,955	453,401	44,606,410
Local Government	7,488,500	7,336,553	151,947	170,937	7,507,490
Planning	2,808,438	2,743,478	64,960	147,443	2,890,921
Mines	4,239,296	4,183,595	55,701	311,795	4,495,390
Agriculture	37,556,165	36,898,818	657,347	445,397	37,344,215
Health	291,960,464	289,767,121	2,193,343	14,338,246	304,105,367
Development and Decentralization	24,538,058	24,018,734	519,324	55,116	24,073,850
Housing	1,216,784	1,208,639	8,145	35,224	1,243,863
Fuel and Power	795,384	795,382	2	221,312	1,016,694
Railway Construction	213,200	212,149	1,051	3,640	215,789
Transport	33,323,813	33,323,181	632	1,326,061	34,649,242
Forests	9,594,034	9,356,576	237,458	221,822	9,578,398
Water Resources	39,372,600	39,302,883	69,717	2,097,932	41,400,815
Railways	288,656,214	288,562,291	93,923	30,891	288,593,182
Total Annual Appropriation	2,026,240,941	1,967,279,278	58,961,663	49,999,850	2,017,279,128
<i>Special Appropriation—</i>					
Debt Charges and Other Services	468,101,217	468,101,217	..	..	468,101,217
Railways (including Debt Charges)	34,395,350	34,395,350	..	..	34,395,350
Works and Services Account ..	435,844,090	435,844,090	..	..	435,844,090
Total Special Appropriation	938,340,657	938,340,657	..	..	938,340,657
Grand Total	2,964,581,598	2,905,619,935	58,961,663	49,999,850	2,955,619,785

* Includes \$50,000,000—Div. 403, Advance to Treasurer.

Section 2 of the *Appropriation (1976-77, No. 1) Act 1976* authorizes the Treasurer to issue out of the Consolidated Fund and apply to the services specified in the Act such amounts as are payable during 1976-77 in respect of increases in salaries and associated expenditure resulting from any Act or determination to the extent that the amounts specified in the Appropriation Act are insufficient to provide for the payment of such salary increases. Amounts so authorized by the Treasurer during the year totalled \$32,038,389.

Certain of the additional salary costs arising from the awards in question were met from savings in the existing appropriations and, in the case of Primary Education, from Division 403, Advance to Treasurer. The amount actually issued out of the Consolidated Fund by virtue of the authority cited was \$24,828,336, and this amount is included in the figure in the statement above for Total Annual Appropriation, \$2,026,240,941.

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 \$6 million) 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 \$50,000,000 was available to the Treasurer in 1976-77, under the authority of the *Appropriation* (1976-77, No. 1) *Act* 1976 (Division 403).

Expenditure incurred by the Treasurer pending Parliamentary sanction thereto at 30th June, 1977, is summarized hereunder—

Authority	\$
Appropriation (1976-77, No. 1) <i>Act</i> 1976	49,999,850
Public Account Act 1958	1,852,170
	51,852,020

On pages 24 to 90 of the Treasurer's Statement, details are given of the amounts included in the total of \$49,999,850 charged to Treasurer's Advance under authority of the *Appropriation* (1976-77, No. 1) *Act* 1976.

The amount of \$1,852,170 was charged to Treasurer's Advance under authority of the *Public Account Act* 1958 pending Parliamentary sanction in relevant Works and Services Acts. Details of this amount are given on pages 110 to 111 of the Treasurer's Statement.

VARIATIONS OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

VARIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 25, AUDIT ACT 1958.

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, 432 transfers were made between items and the amount involved was \$8,882,724.

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 C to this Report.

OTHER VARIATIONS.

Variation of the purposes or services specified in certain items of the *Appropriation* (1976-77, No. 1) *Act* 1976 were authorized by the Treasurer. Details are :—

<i>Division, etc.</i>	<i>Purpose specified in Appropriation Act</i>	<i>Amended purpose authorized by Treasurer</i>
591-3-5 .. \$4,000,000	.. Skim Milk and Casein Production— Contribution towards cost of under- writing sales under joint Commonwealth —State arrangement	Skim Milk and Casein Production Under- writing Trust Account—Contribution towards cost of underwriting sales under joint Commonwealth—State arrange- ment
620-3-31 \$15,000	.. National Heart Foundation—National Blood Pressure Study—Grant	National Heart Foundation (Victorian Division)—Grant
666-3-1 .. \$50,000	.. Ethnic Groups—Grants to assist in the development of community service and welfare projects	Ethnic Groups—Grants to persons, organ- izations and institutions to assist in the development of community service and welfare projects

There does not appear to be legislative authority for variations by the Treasurer of the purposes and services specified in the *Appropriation Act*.

LOAN TRANSACTIONS AND WORKS GRANTS

SYNOPSIS

The State incurred additional loan liability of \$228,723,700 on account of moneys raised for works and associated purposes during the year, compared with \$217,744,000 in the previous year—an increase of \$10,979,700. The sources of the funds were four loans in Australia.

Loan receipts comprising moneys received from the proceeds of loans raised and the repayments of advances totalled \$242,358,083, which, together with the Commonwealth works grants of \$184,396,475, including school building grants, \$45,611,794, advances under the National Sewerage Programme, \$13,100,000, and for Urban Public Transport, \$11,330,681, provided a credit to the Consolidated Fund of \$426,754,558.

Loan transactions and works grants may be summarized as follows:—

	\$
Liability—	
Australian Loans	228,723,700
Less Discounts Capitalized	17,700
	228,706,000
Repayments	13,652,083
	242,358,083
Net Receipts to the Consolidated Fund—Raisings and Repayments	242,358,083
Commonwealth Capital Assistance Grant	114,354,000
School Building Grants	45,611,794
National Sewerage Programme—Advances	13,100,000
Urban Public Transport—Advances	11,330,681
	426,754,558
Total credit to the Consolidated Fund	426,754,558

Appropriations during the year from the Consolidated Fund to the Works and Services Account totalled \$435,844,090, which, together with the balance of \$28,151,190 brought forward from 1975–76, allowed for the implementation through this Account of a programme of works and services to the extent of \$438,439,605. Unexpended appropriations held in the Works and Services Account at 30th June, 1977, amounted to \$25,555,675.

Loan transactions for the year had the effect of increasing the State's liability under the Financial Agreement from \$2,832,187,900 at 30th June, 1976, to \$3,023,970,121 at 30th June, 1977. 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 made to the State for a variety of purposes pursuant to Commonwealth–State agreements and arrangements.

LOAN RAISINGS

Details of the terms and conditions in respect of \$228,723,700, the Victorian proportion of raisings for works and associated purposes, are as follows:—

Rate Per Cent.	Maturity Date	Price of Issue	Loan No. 235	Loan No. 236	Loan No. 237	Loan No. 238	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
8.5	15.8.78	Par.	10,352,000	1,762,000	..	..	12,114,000
9.4	15.5.81	"	21,076,000	..	..	..	21,076,000
9.5	15.2.82	"	..	14,854,000	..	..	14,854,000
9.8	15.11.78	"	..	..	..	34,723,000	34,723,000
9.8	15.11.78	99.9	..	..	17,700,000	..	17,700,000
10	15.7.86	Par.	21,955,000	..	..	..	21,955,000
10	15.2.87	"	..	35,234,000	..	..	35,234,000
10.2	15.11.81	"	..	..	9,518,000	..	9,518,000
10.2	15.2.82	"	..	..	..	17,775,000	17,775,000
10.2	15.11.94	"	3,791,000	..	..	..	3,791,000
10.2	15.10.96	"	..	5,324,000	..	..	5,324,000
10.4	15.2.87	"	..	..	6,508,000	23,744,000	30,252,000
10.5	15.10.96	"	..	..	4,407,700	..	4,407,700
..	..	..	57,174,000	57,174,000	38,133,700	76,242,000	228,723,700

Expenses associated with the raising of loans for works purposes were met from the Consolidated Fund, a total amount of \$155,301 being paid during the year. The expenses in respect of loans Nos. 237 and 238 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 1976-77 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
	\$	\$	\$		\$	
5.4	4,294,865	1,941,765 (b)	2,353,100	A.S. Bonds	Par.	1.2.84
1.7.76						
6	12,128,000	531,000 (a)	6,916,000	8.5	"	15.8.78
15.7.76			8,000	9.4	"	15.5.81
			1,023,000	10	"	15.7.86
			3,650,000	10.2	"	15.11.94
8.1	49,210,400	1,234,400 (a)	37,708,000	8.5	"	15.8.78
15.7.76			7,817,000	9.4	"	15.5.81
			1,483,000	10	"	15.7.86
			968,000	10.2	"	15.11.94
11	33,672,000	9,507,000 (a)	341,000	8.5	"	15.8.78
15.7.76			13,323,000	9.4	"	15.5.81
			8,632,000	10	"	15.7.86
			429,000	10.2	"	15.11.94
			1,440,000	A.S. Bonds	"	1.4.84
5	56,839,000	6,021,180 (a)	441,500	8.5	"	15.8.78
15.10.76			24,425,900	9.5	"	15.2.82
			20,616,000	10	"	15.2.87
			4,132,200	10.2	"	15.10.96
			1,202,220	A.S. Bonds	"	1.6.84
8.3	67,453,000	517,000 (a)	36,585,000	9.8	99.9	15.11.78
15.2.77			15,720,000	10.2	Par.	15.11.81
			7,376,000	10.4	"	15.2.87
			7,255,000	10.5	"	15.10.96
5.4	561,600	270,600 (a)	291,000	A.S. Bonds	"	1.8.84
1.3.77						
8.2	15,161,000	2,029,000 (a)	12,237,000	9.8	"	15.11.78
15.5.77			895,000	10.4	"	15.2.87
8.5	47,099,000	593,300 (a)	7,812,600	9.8	"	15.11.78
15.5.77			16,891,800	10.2	"	15.2.82
			21,801,300	10.4	"	15.2.87
6	6,058,702	2,455,702 (a)	3,603,000	A.S. Bonds	"	1.12.84
1.6.77						
	292,477,567	23,159,182 (a)	267,376,620			
		1,941,765 (b)				

There were no loan proceeds applied to the redemption of securities in 1976-77 other than from Australian Savings Bonds.

Funds for the redemption of Special and Australian Savings Bonds at maturity or on request by the holders were provided from the proceeds of Bonds of later issues and from the National Debt Sinking Fund. Details are:—

Redeemed				Funds Provided by—	
Series	Maturing	Face Value	At Cost of—	Source	Amount
		\$	\$		\$
Special Bonds R ..	1.7.76	1,941,765	2,000,018	Savings Bonds— Series 4 5 6 7 National Debt Sinking Fund	8,667,230 3,863,000 2,839,000 5,866,929 10,120,102
" " S ..	1.3.77	311,900	320,844		
" " T ..	1.6.77	2,985,502	2,996,098		
" " U ..	1.4.78	1,254,800	1,279,896		
" " V ..	1.10.78	1,066,800	1,088,136		
" " W ..	1.8.82	274,000	276,740		
" " X ..	1.10.82	456,900	461,469		
" " Y ..	1.1.83	691,700	698,617		
" " Z ..	1.1.83	374,700	378,414		
" " 2A ..	1.4.81	78,700	79,487		
" " 2B ..	1.4.81	463,500	468,135		
" " 2C ..	1.10.80	5,830,500	5,873,875		
" " 2D ..	1.6.82	3,818,000	3,856,180		
" " 2E ..	1.1.83	1,969,000	1,980,327		
" " 2F ..	1.7.83	4,552,900	4,552,900		
Savings Bonds 2 ..	1.11.83	2,692,025	2,692,025		
" " 3 ..	1.2.84	2,353,100	2,353,100		
		31,115,792	31,356,261		31,356,261

WORKS AND HOUSING PROGRAMME

Expenditure under the works and housing programme in the year 1976-77 amounted to \$536,598,605, compared with \$515,380,112 in 1975-76. Details of this expenditure are shown below:—

	1975-76.	1976-77.
	\$	\$
School Buildings	134,329,783	138,369,691
Country Water and Sewerage Works	33,037,586	44,649,983
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	61,972,643	42,100,000
Railways	32,935,984	41,205,559
Hospitals and Charitable Institutions	28,136,329	29,327,207
Public Buildings	14,299,647	18,675,321
Electricity Commission	14,000,000	14,000,000
Mental Institutions including Alcoholism Services	14,255,810	13,606,986
Forests	8,102,164	10,283,134
Police Buildings and Equipment	7,800,352	9,453,551
Victorian Arts Centre	8,500,000	9,700,000
Cancer Institute	1,900,000	8,000,000
Victorian Development Corporation	5,800,000	5,200,000
Municipal Subsidies	4,360,286	4,917,960
Social Welfare	3,897,502	4,734,052
Crown Lands—Development and Improvements	2,897,269	4,161,775
Court Houses	2,070,644	3,872,510
Teacher Housing Authority	2,300,000	3,800,000
Agriculture	2,805,311	2,659,072
Rural Finance and Settlement Commission—		
Dairy Industry	750,000	1,965,000
Rural Finance including Farm Water Supply	2,510,000	1,685,000
Land Settlement	2,400,000	1,215,000
Canning Fruit Industry	1,705,845	..
Agency Department	450,000	835,000
Beef Industry	209,000	568,000
Dredges, Floating Plant, etc.	1,503,545	1,813,556
National Parks	1,996,000	1,800,000
Pre-School and Pre-Natal Centres	673,357	1,599,880
Elderly Citizens' Subsidies	1,753,901	1,243,787
Foreshore Protection Works	1,057,836	1,145,700
Soil Conservation Authority	1,121,947	1,097,290
Ministry of Transport	658,923	1,095,350
Wharves and Jetties	759,675	1,083,095
Lands Department—Maintenance, Equipment, &c.	826,457	1,069,631
Country Roads Board	545,000	896,000
Bush Nursing Hospitals	849,716	792,555
Parliament House	290,994	782,787
Minus Children Building Project	17,972	780,642
Advances—Sundry	860,729	1,232,050
Other Public Works and Services	12,878,905	7,022,481
Total—Works and Services Account	417,221,112	438,439,605
Commonwealth—State Housing Agreement	98,159,000	98,159,000
	<u>515,380,112</u>	<u>536,598,605</u>

Public Debt under the Financial Agreement

The Public Debt statement in the Treasurer's Finance Statement shows that the total indebtedness at 30th June, 1977, amounted to \$3,031,771,405. Of this, \$3,005,216,109 represented internal and \$26,555,296 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 \$3,023,970,121, an increase of \$191,782,221 for the year. The capital liability was accounted for in the Treasurer's Statement as follows :—

	\$	\$
Total liability apportioned between the various services of the State on account of loan raisings .. .. .	..	3,616,049,904
<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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		3,586,858,752
<i>Less—Equity in National Debt Sinking Fund—Cancelled Securities ..</i>	..	555,087,347
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Total Indebtedness	3,031,771,405
<i>Less—Share of Cash—National Debt Sinking Fund</i>	..	7,801,284
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State's Capital Liability to Commonwealth under the Financial Agreement ..		<hr/>
		3,023,970,121

A summary of transactions for the year ended 30th June, 1977, 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	209,251,268
Loan Management, Flotation and Conversion Expenses and Expenses of Paying Interest	1,215,138
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Total Interest and Expenses (excluding interest on Commonwealth advances for Housing, &c.)	210,466,406
Sinking Fund—State's Contribution to National Debt Sinking Fund.. ..	31,156,288
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Total Debt Charges	241,622,694
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The comparable figure for the previous year was	205,775,436
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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, 1976		1,852,955
Contributions 1976-77—		
Commonwealth	8,003,134	
State	31,156,288	
	39,159,422	
Interest—temporary investment and repurchased securities		30,548
		41,042,925
Securities repurchased and redeemed, \$33,278,518, at a cost of		33,241,641
		7,801,284
Balance of cash in Sinking Fund at 30th June, 1977		

The total amount of securities repurchased or redeemed and cancelled on account of this State since the inception of the scheme is now \$555,087,347, at a cost, including exchange on overseas purchases, of \$577,692,188.

PART IV—TRUST FUND AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Synopsis

Itemized Trust Funds and Special Accounts are included in the Treasurer's 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 1976-77 aggregating \$3,632,867,012 and credits, \$3,619,054,272.

Details of investments held on account of the Trust Fund and included in the balances of the various Funds and Accounts at 30th June, 1977, are shown in the Treasurer's Finance Statement at pages 92 and 100.

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	1976-77		Balance 30th June, 1977
		Debits	Credits	
		\$	\$	\$
Australian Science Education Project Trust Account	To record transactions relative to the printing and sale of learning materials in science prepared under the Australian Science Education Project	16,803	127,920	111,117
Biological Control of Noxious Weeds Account	To record the receipt and disbursement of moneys in connection with research to find methods of controlling noxious weeds other than by the use of chemicals	881	1,000	119
Commonwealth Overseas Aid (Agriculture) Trust Account	To record moneys received from the Australian Development Assistance Bureau to meet the cost of overseas aid projects in India to be carried out in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture	..	360,000	360,000
Commonwealth-State Emergency Service, Victoria Trust Account	To record the receipt of financial assistance from the Commonwealth to the State in connection with the provision of emergency services	15,000	35,750	20,750
Crown Solicitor's Trust Account	To receive moneys held in trust by the Crown Solicitor in excess of current requirements	..	500,000	500,000
Curriculum Development Centre Trust Account	Pursuant to the Commonwealth's <i>Curriculum Development Centre Act 1975</i> to record transactions relative to financial assistance received by the State from the Commonwealth for approved curriculum projects	171,107	172,902	1,795
Education Department Film-Grants and Bequests Trust Account	To account for grants or bequests received by the Education Department for the production of films	13,195	13,512	317
Feral Cat Consultancy Trust Account	To record transactions relative to grants made available to the Department of Crown Lands and Survey from the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service for the purpose of investigating the ecology of feral cats in wilderness areas in Victoria	8,539	12,300	3,761
Health Services Planning and Research Trust Account	To record the receipt and disbursement of grants received by the State from the Commonwealth under the Commonwealth Health Services Planning and Research Grants Program	25,937	42,102	16,165
Matthew Flinders Scholarship Account	To record the financial transactions associated with the administration of the Matthew Flinders Bi-Centenary Scientific Scholarship	3,500	3,500	..
Railway Agency Works Account	To record transactions relative to moneys received in advance by Victorian Railways from persons, bodies and authorities, on whose behalf and at whose cost Victorian Railways carry out works	7,382,529	7,382,529	..
Railway Charges in Suspense Account 1976-77	To record, as an initial charging account, payments in 1976-77 by Victorian Railways which are legally chargeable in 1976-77 to particular appropriations, funds or accounts	245,063,591	245,063,591	..
Railway Manufacturing and Trading and Catering Account	To record transactions relative to the manufacture of articles for stock in Victorian Railways workshops and the operations of the Trading and Catering Branch of the Victorian Railways	6,027,619	6,029,653	2,034

Account or Fund	Purpose for which Established	1976-77		Balance 30th June, 1977
		Debits	Credits	
		\$	\$	\$
Road Safety and Traffic Authority Deferred Payments Scheme Trust Account	To record the receipt and disbursement of funds advanced by municipalities to meet the cost of installation of intersection traffic controls under the Road Safety and Traffic Authority's deferred payments scheme	..	587,111	587,111
Sewerage Treatment Operator Training Trust Account	To record the receipt and disbursement of funds in connection with training courses for sewerage treatment operators conducted by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission in conjunction with the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	1,641	2,520	879
Skim Milk and Casein Production Underwriting Trust Account	To receive contributions from the State towards the cost of underwriting sales of skim milk and casein production	..	4,000,000	4,000,000
State Grants (Nature Conservation) Trust Account	Pursuant to the Commonwealth's <i>States Grants (Nature Conservation) Act 1974</i> to record transactions relative to an agreement between the Commonwealth and the State to establish a State Faunal Reserve at Yellingbo	16,624	360,000	343,376
State Grants (Recurrent Grants to Non-Government Schools) 1977 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 Assistance) Act 1976</i> to meet recurrent expenditure of Non-Government Schools	25,955,616	31,192,176	5,236,560
State Grants (Schools Assistance) 1976 Trust Account	To record transactions relative to moneys received by the State from the Commonwealth pursuant to the Commonwealth's <i>States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1976</i>	2,879,901	6,073,821	3,193,920
State Grants (Technical and Further Education Assistance) Trust Account	To record moneys received by the State from the Commonwealth pursuant to the Commonwealth's <i>States Grants (Technical and Further Education Assistance) Act 1976</i>	6,431,886	7,002,300	570,414
SYETP Trust Account	To receive contributions from the Commonwealth and the State to meet the costs of the Special Youth Employment Training Program	262,133	352,821	90,688
The Western Victorian Bushfires 1977 Relief Account	To record transactions in respect of funds raised by a public appeal for the purpose of providing assistance to victims of the bushfires which occurred in Western Victoria early in 1977	208,351	260,604	52,253
Victorian Art Purchase Fund	To record transactions relative to contributions by Caltex Oil (Australia) Pty. Ltd. and the State to finance the purchase of works of art for recognized regional galleries in Victoria	..	12,000	12,000

Accounts Closed

By direction of the Treasurer under the authority of sub-sections (4) and (5) of Section 8 of the *Public Account Act* 1958, several Trust Accounts, in respect of which appropriate particulars are given hereunder, were closed during the financial year 1976-77.

Account	Balance at date of closing	Remarks
	\$	
Ada Boys Aboriginal Bequest Trust Account	8,264	This Account was established in 1973-74 to record transactions relative to a bequest from the estate of the late Mrs. Ada Octavia Boys to be used for the benefit of the aboriginal people of Swan Hill. In compliance with the objective of the bequest, an amount of \$9,243, representing the original amount lodged in the account, \$8,264, and interest accrued to 15th June, 1977, and charged to the Treasury Vote, \$979, was paid to the Swan Hill Aboriginal Social Club for the benefit of aboriginal people in the area.
Commonwealth Regional Employment Development Trust Account	157,980	This Account was opened in 1974-75 to record the receipt and disbursement of funds made available by the Commonwealth to the State under the Commonwealth Regional Employment Development Scheme. As the Scheme has been wound up, the Account was closed during the year and the balance remaining was returned to the Commonwealth.
Commonwealth-State Urban and Regional Development Trust Account	Nil	This Account was opened in 1974-75 to record funds received by the State from the Commonwealth under an approved program for urban expansion and development. Financial transactions in respect of the assistance program have now been finalized.
Commonwealth Unemployment Relief Funds Trust Account	373	This Account was opened in 1934-35 to record the receipt of financial assistance from the Commonwealth to the State for unemployment purposes. As no transactions have taken place in the Account since 1935-36, the Account was closed and the balance credited to the Consolidated Fund.
Poor Box Contributions Account	1,844	This Account was established in 1918 to receive poor box moneys held by Courts in excess of immediate requirements. Courts now operate poor box accounts and do not remit funds to the Treasury. As no transactions have taken place in the Account since 1936-37, the balance held therein was transferred to the Consolidated Fund.
Queenscliff Market Site Account	500	This Account was established to receive the proceeds of the sale of certain reserved land at Queenscliff under the provisions of the <i>Queenscliff Market Land Act</i> 1901. An amount of \$500, initially specified for Court accommodation at Queenscliff, has remained within the Account since 1908. Following closure of the Account, this amount was transferred to the Consolidated Fund.
Social Education Materials Projects Trust Account	92,474	This Account was opened in 1974-75 to record the receipt and disbursement of funds made available by the Commonwealth to the Education Department for the purpose of sponsoring two developmental teams in a social education materials project. As funds provided by the Commonwealth to the State for approved curriculum development projects are credited to a new account within the Trust Fund entitled "Curriculum Development Centre Trust Account", the Account was closed and the balance transferred to the new account.

Current Funds and Accounts

The Treasurer's form of presentation of the Trust Fund lists the many accounts comprising the Fund in four main categories, namely—

- State Government Funds.
- Joint Commonwealth and State Funds.
- Commonwealth Government Funds.
- Bequests, Deposits, Donations and Research.

In the following paragraphs are discussed certain of the major funds which are included in these categories but which cannot appropriately be commented upon under departmental headings throughout Part V of the Report.

STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDS

The accounts included in this category are those established to receive and expend moneys received under statutory provisions or Parliamentary appropriations, operating accounts for various Authorities, and departmental suspense and clearing accounts.

Comments on certain of the accounts follow.

Adult Education Fund

This Fund is administered by the Council of Adult Education which is a statutory body established under the *Education Act 1958* 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.

The following statement summarizes the Council's financial operations in respect to the Adult Education Fund for the past two years:—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
<i>Source of Funds—</i>		
Balance from Previous Year .. .. .	..	270
<i>Government Contributions—</i>		
Special Appropriation—Act No. 6240	50,000	50,000
Departmental Vote—Education	991,322	1,309,103
<i>Fees and Proceeds—</i>		
Metropolitan Division—Classes and Lectures	579,366	695,860
Special Services Division—Schools, Conferences and Library	50,455	66,340
Country Division—Arts, Discussion Groups and Lectures	87,148	86,882
Miscellaneous	394	588
	1,758,685	2,209,043
<i>Disbursement of Funds—</i>		
Administration—Salaries	596,712	760,429
General Expenses	346,838	447,485
	943,550	1,207,914
Metropolitan Division—Classes and Creative Arts	432,086	510,441
Special Services Division—Schools, Conferences, Library, Publications, &c.	214,699	258,902
Country Division—Arts, Discussion Groups and Lectures	168,080	231,786
Balance 30th June	270	..
	1,758,685	2,209,043

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 1975 and 1976.

1975		1976
\$		\$ \$
	Income—	
100,523	Contributions	106,329
4,964	Other	6,593
<u>105,487</u>		<u>112,922</u>
	Expenditure—	
7,504	Allowances, Board Members	9,403
21,950	Salaries, Office Staff	25,987
31,508	Inspection and Grading	38,370
19,079	General Expenses	25,058
<u>80,041</u>		<u>98,818</u>
<u>25,446</u>	Surplus	<u>14,104</u>

The reduced surplus was due mainly to :—

- (a) the increased cost of inspection and grading, brought about largely by an increase of \$8,093 in the charge fixed by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture for inspections carried out by that body ; and,
- (b) an increase of \$5,979 in general expenses, due mainly to an increase of \$6,974 in the costs associated with prosecutions, which related directly to an unsuccessful appeal by the Board, to the High Court, against the dismissal of a number of prosecutions for illegal trafficking.

At 30th June, 1977, the balance at credit of the Fund in the Treasury amounted to \$179,915 and comprised cash \$90,715 and investments \$89,200 (face value).

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 \$445,880 and claims paid amounted to \$460. The surplus of \$445,420 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.

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

Transactions of the Fund during 1975-76 and 1976-77 are summarized below :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Balance, 1st July	2,111,317	2,254,156
Special Appropriation	4,000	4,000
Income from Investments	138,839	152,971
	<u>2,254,156</u>	<u>2,411,127</u>
Expenditure .. .. .	..	..
Balance, 30th June	2,254,156	2,411,127
Which included Investments of	<u>2,224,000</u>	<u>2,381,000</u>

Application of this Fund is restricted to Government buildings but, under a contract of insurance negotiated by the Insurance Commissioner through the Insurance Council of Australia, 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.

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.

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

	\$
<i>Source of Funds—</i>	
Balance 1st July, 1976	1,444,309
Interest and Repayments of Principal by Societies	16,249,414
Total Funds Available	17,693,723
 <i>Disbursement of Funds—</i>	
Advances to Registry of Co-operative Housing Societies	11,560,375
Commonwealth—Interest and Redemption	5,815,043
State of Victoria—Administrative Cost	272,712
Total Disbursements	17,648,130
Balance 30th June, 1977	45,593
	17,693,723

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 is no longer made available to the Home Builders' Account No. 2 by the State from the Works and Services Account. The only sources of finance are, 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, 1976	..	..	..	..	..	..	718,893
Commonwealth Grant	..	..	..	..	..	..	404,250
Interest and Repayment of Principal by Societies	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,071,261
Total Funds Available	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>4,194,404</u>
<i>Disbursement of Funds—</i>							
Advances to Registry of Co-operative Housing Societies	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,730,000
Interest and Repayments to Treasury <i>re</i> Advances <i>ex</i> Works and Services Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,419,279
State of Victoria—Administrative Cost	..	..	..	..	..	..	54,615
Total Disbursements	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>3,203,894</u>
Balance 30th June, 1977	..	..	..	..	..	..	990,510
							<u>4,194,404</u>

Insurers Guarantee and Compensation Supplementation Fund

This Fund was established under the *Workers Compensation (Amendment) Act 1975* for the purpose of recompensing employers on account of certain increased liabilities incurred under the Act and to meet claims, awards and judgments against employers where an insurer has failed to provide indemnity under an accident insurance policy.

The Fund is financed by means of a surcharge levied on the premium paid in respect of an "employer's policy" under the *Workers Compensation Act 1958*, as amended. The surcharge rate on premium was reduced from 20 per cent. to 10 per cent. as from 1st October, 1976.

The following summary sets out the transactions in the Fund during 1975–76 and 1976–77 :—

				1975–76		1976–77	
				\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, 1st July	..	..	..	..	79,454		35,670,709
<i>Receipts—</i>							
Surcharge Levies	..	..	..	41,653,932		31,374,293	
Interest on Investments	..	..	..	852,473		3,271,891	
				<u>42,506,405</u>		<u>34,646,184</u>	
					42,585,859		70,316,893
<i>Less Payments—</i>							
Claims	..	..	..	6,781,518		10,926,961	
Administrative Costs	..	..	..	81,664		54,258	
Refunds Approved by the Treasurer	..	..	..	51,968		9,018	
				<u>6,915,150</u>		<u>10,990,237</u>	
Balance, 30th June	..	..	..	..	<u>35,670,709</u>		<u>59,326,656</u>
<i>Represented by :—</i>							
Investments	..	..	..	..	34,025,000		59,321,000
Cash	..	..	..	..	1,645,709		5,656
				<u>35,670,709</u>		<u>59,326,656</u>	

At 30th June, 1977, the investments of the Fund comprised Bank Term Deposits, \$56,646,000, and Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock, \$2,675,000.

An audit report on the operations of the Fund for the period from the date of its establishment, 28th May, 1975, to 30th June, 1976, drew attention to several unsatisfactory features including :

- (a) the fact that the legislation does not provide any clear indication as to whether the Treasury or the Insurance Commissioner is responsible for the administration of the Fund ;

- (b) the absence in the legislation of any specific power to examine the records of insurers in relation to the receipt and payment by any administering authority of the surcharge levy ; and
- (c) weaknesses in internal control and associated difficulties in establishing the correctness of amounts receivable and payable from the Fund.

The several matters raised by audit have yet to be resolved.

Mental Hospitals Fund

The *Tattersall Consultations Act 1958* provides for the annual payment from the Consolidated Fund to the Mental Hospitals Fund of amounts determined by the Treasurer from the duty paid by the promoter on Tattersall, Tattslotto and Soccer Football Pool consultations. During 1976-77, duty apportioned to this Fund amounted to \$5,894,270.

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, 1977 :—

	During the Year	Total
	\$	\$
<i>Receipts</i>		
Balance 1st July, 1976	181	..
Special Appropriations— <i>Tattersall Consultations Act 1958</i>	5,894,270	30,140,517
	5,894,451	30,140,517
 <i>Payments</i>		
Capital Works .. .. .	..	622,000
Maintenance Works .. .. .	..	300,000
General Expenditure (State Institutions) .. .. .	..	3,360,216
Maintenance Grants (Other Institutions)	5,635,213	24,674,897
Mental Health Research (University of Melbourne)	20,000	320,000
Capital Grants (Other Institutions) .. .. .	..	624,166
	5,655,213	29,901,279
Balance 30th June, 1977.. .. .	239,238	239,238

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.

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.

Following is a summary of operations in the Fund :—

	1975-76		1976-77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, 1st July		2,278,812		1,053,664
Contribution—Works and Services Account ..		1,000,000		..
Special Appropriation—Act No. 6299.. ..		..		6,500,000
Receipts from Fees—Motor Car Drivers' and Instructors' Licences	2,889,037		2,942,245	
Less Costs of Collection	369,303		441,549	
		<u>2,519,734</u>		<u>2,500,696</u>
		<u>5,798,546</u>		<u>10,054,360</u>
Expenditure—				
Contribution to Country Fire Authority		3,756,015		4,666,062
Contribution to Casual Fire Fighters Compensation Fund .. .. .		..		1,029
Subsidies to Municipalities for Works ..		988,867		995,310
		<u>4,744,882</u>		<u>5,662,401</u>
Balance, 30th June		1,053,664		4,391,959
		<u>5,798,546</u>		<u>10,054,360</u>

The statement shows that an amount of \$6.5m was specially appropriated to the Fund during 1976-77.

This amount is an increase compared with the contributions made to the Fund in the immediately preceding years. The resulting larger balance in the Fund as at 30th June, 1977, \$4,391,959, will be available to meet a higher proportion of the expected commitments on the Fund in the ensuing year.

Police Pensions Fund

Prior to the provisions of the *Superannuation Act* 1963 becoming effective, this Fund was 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 \$1,863,830.

During the year, an amount of \$1,986,100 was paid into the Fund from the Consolidated Fund, pursuant to the provisions of the *Police Regulation Act* 1958, to meet the Fund's increasing financial commitments.

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

		1975-76	1976-77
		\$	\$
<i>Receipts</i>			
Contribution from Consolidated Fund—Vote	.. .. .	..	1,986,100
Deductions from pay	.. .. .	95,208	107,933
Interest on investments	.. .. .	162,167	43,116
Balance in hand—1st July	.. .. .	4,483,600	1,517,817
		4,740,975	3,654,966
<i>Disbursements</i>			
Pensions	.. .. .	1,668,936	1,722,376
Gratuities	.. .. .	10,301	5,140
Deductions refunded—on resignation	.. .. .	37,386	57,762
Pensions Supplementation Fund	.. .. .	1,506,535	1,863,830
		3,223,158	3,649,108
Balance, 30th June	.. .. .	1,517,817	5,858
Represented by :—			
Investments	.. .. .	1,350,000	..
Cash	.. .. .	167,817	5,858
		1,517,817	5,858

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 \$4,326 which comprised the State's contribution of \$4,000, and fines amounting to \$326. Pension payments totalled \$4,561.

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) there is payable to the Port Phillip Pilot Sick and Superannuation Fund, at intervals prescribed by the Governor in Council, six 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 two 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 1975-76 and 1976-77 :—

		1975-76	1976-77
		\$	\$
<i>Receipts</i>			
Deductions from Earnings	.. .. .	255,810	314,409
Interest on Investments	.. .. .	128,103	158,129
Balance, 1st July	.. .. .	1,934,978	2,150,663
		2,318,891	2,623,201
<i>Payments</i>			
Pensions	.. .. .	162,362	162,775
Actuarial and Consulting Fees	.. .. .	5,866	7,964
		168,228	170,739
Balance, 30th June	.. .. .	2,150,663	2,452,462
Represented by :—			
Investments	.. .. .	2,134,520	2,381,020
Cash	.. .. .	16,143	71,442
		2,150,663	2,452,462

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.

Transactions of the Fund for the years 1975-76 and 1976-77 are set out below :—

	1975-76		1976-77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, 1st July	5,437,971		829,537	
Receipts—				
Registration Fees	26,683,736		31,591,994	
	<u> </u>	32,121,707	<u> </u>	32,421,531
Expenditure—				
By Country Roads Board	30,192,191		28,963,388	
Transfer to Traffic Authority Fund	700,000		3,400,000	
Acquisition of Floating Dock	399,979		33,504	
	<u> </u>	31,292,170	<u> </u>	32,396,892
Balance, 30th June		829,537		24,639
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>

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, 1976, was \$28,151,190 and allocations from the Consolidated Fund during 1976-77 amounted to \$435,844,090. Expenditure, including an amount of \$1,852,170 disbursed from Treasurer's Advance pending parliamentary sanction thereto, was \$438,439,605, leaving a balance in the Account at 30th June, 1977, of \$25,555,675.

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

JOINT COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FUNDS

The major accounts classified under this head are the Dartmouth Dam Construction Account and the Victorian Natural Disasters Relief Account. These accounts are the subject of comment under the relevant departmental headings elsewhere in the Report.

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT FUNDS

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 for disbursement by particular public bodies such as the Universities, Hospitals and Charities Commission, Housing Commission, etc. Reference to these accounts is included in Part V of this Report or in my Supplementary Report. Comments follow on other accounts not so included.

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 Hospitals for the Aged 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.

Payments to the State from the Commonwealth in respect of pharmaceutical benefits supplied to patients in public hospitals have been included in contributions by the Commonwealth towards net operating costs of public hospitals in accordance with the cost sharing Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State.

The following statement sets out the transactions of the Account during the years 1975-76 and 1976-77 :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Balance 1st July	9	659,574
Received from Commonwealth during the year	6,985,963	1,046,700
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	6,985,972	1,706,274
Expenditure	6,326,398	1,651,200
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Balance 30th June	659,574	55,074
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Home Builders' Account No. 3

The arrangements between Commonwealth and State in respect to housing finance were altered as from 1st July, 1973 (see reference page 32 of this Report). To facilitate the operation of these altered arrangements, 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 are moneys received from the Commonwealth and repayments by societies, such repayments forming 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>	
Balance—1st July, 1976	4,948,660
Interest and Repayments of Principal by Societies	9,158,656
Advances from Commonwealth	29,448,000
Public Account—Interest Contribution	281,053
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Total Funds Available	43,836,369
<i>Disbursement of Funds—</i>	
Advances to Registry of Co-operative Housing Societies	35,946,100
Commonwealth—Interest and Redemption	4,786,674
State of Victoria—Administrative Cost	189,953
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Total Disbursements	40,922,727
Balance, 30th June, 1977	2,913,642
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	43,836,369
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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 for the past two years :—

	1975-76		1976-77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance—1st July		162,802		76,288
Add Receipts—Commonwealth Grants..		27,941,674		19,529,789
		<hr/>		<hr/>
		28,104,476		19,606,077
<i>Less—Expenditure—</i>				
Victoria Institute of Colleges and affiliated Colleges	28,017,310		19,568,160	
Agriculture Department	10,782		105	
Forests Commission	96			
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		28,028,188		19,568,265
Balance—30th June		76,288		37,812
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State Grants (Advanced Education Recurrent) Trust Account

These amounts were received from the Commonwealth in respect of recurrent expenditure of colleges of advanced education, pursuant to the provisions of the States Grants (Advanced Education) Acts.

The following statement summarizes the transactions for the past two years :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Balance—1st July	1,648	1,648
Add Receipts—Commonwealth Grants	68,245,553	90,891,785
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	68,247,201	90,893,433
Less Expenditure— ..		
Victoria Institute of Colleges and affiliated Colleges ..	68,245,553	90,891,785
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Balance—30th June	1,648	1,648

State Grants (Technical Training) Trust Accounts

The following statement summarizes the transactions for the past two years—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Balance—1st July	39,810	996
Add Receipts—Commonwealth Grants
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	39,810	996
Less Expenditure—Technical, Agricultural and Forestry School buildings and equipment	38,814	846
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Balance—30th June	996	150

These accounts record transactions relating to grants of financial assistance to the State by the Commonwealth pursuant to the provisions of its States Grants (Technical Training) Acts, for buildings and equipment for use in technical training in State Schools as defined by those Acts.

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

The following statement summarizes the transactions for the past two years :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Balance—1st July	55,360	..
Add Receipts—Commonwealth Grants	49,433,225	51,509,405
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	49,488,585	51,509,405
Less Expenditure	49,488,585	51,509,405
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Balance—30th June

These grants were made by the Commonwealth, pursuant to the provisions of its State Grants (Schools) Acts, for recurrent and capital expenditure of the State College of Victoria and its constituent colleges.

State Grants (Recurrent Grants to Non-Government Schools) Trust Accounts

The following statement summarizes the transactions for the past two years :—

	1975-76		1976-77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance—1st July		263,236		1,723,783
Add Receipts—Commonwealth Grants ..	39,913,085		56,594,052	
Less Refunds to Commonwealth	39,913,085	757,827	55,836,225
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		40,176,321		57,560,008
Less Expenditure		38,452,538		52,323,448
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Balance—30th June		1,723,783		5,236,560

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.

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.

The following statement summarizes the transactions for the past two years :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Balance—1st July	461,211	400,522
Add Receipts—Commonwealth grants	3,850,000	1,805,611
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Less Expenditure	3,910,689	2,206,133
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Balance—30th June	400,522	432,038

State Grants (Schools) 1974, 1975 Trust Account, State Grants (Schools) 1976 Trust Account and State Grants (Schools Assistance) 1976 Trust Account

Pursuant to the provisions of its States Grants (Schools) Acts, and its States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act, the Commonwealth provided grants of financial assistance to the State for teacher development and other specified projects.

The following statement summarizes the transactions for the past two years :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Balance—1st July	837,703	1,382,744
Add Receipts	15,370,666	15,041,984
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Less Expenditure	16,208,369	16,424,728
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Balance—30th June	1,382,744	4,141,141

State Grants (Technical and Further Education) Trust Account and State Grants (Technical and Further Education Assistance) Trust Account

Under the provisions of its *States Grants (Technical and Further Education) Act 1974*, and its *States Grants (Technical and Further Education Assistance) Act 1976*, the Commonwealth made available to the State grants of financial assistance to reimburse technical schools for technical training fees no longer being charged, and to finance certain specific projects in those schools.

The following statement summarizes the transactions for the two past years :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Balance—1st July	641,500	694,903
Add Receipts	7,138,000	12,547,342
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Less Expenditure	7,779,500	13,242,245
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Balance—30th June	694,903	1,665,301

MONEYS HELD FOR BEQUESTS, DONATIONS, DEPOSITS AND RESEARCH

The major item included in this category relates to shares of the Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria to a value of \$15,625,648 purchased by the State under the provisions of the *Gas and Fuel Corporation Act 1958*,

PART V — DEPARTMENTS, BRANCHES AND AUTHORITIES

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 \$41,928,738 against which there were departmental receipts of \$8,176,093 resulting in a net outgoing of \$33,752,645, compared with \$26,915,754 for the previous year. Details of the expenditure and receipts for the two years are :—

	1975-76	1976-77
<i>Expenditure</i>	\$	\$
Special Appropriation—Agricultural Colleges	100,000	..
Vote—		
Agriculture—Salaries, Expenses, Other Services	28,637,315	37,344,215
Treasurer—Workers Compensation Insurance, Pay-roll Tax	1,595,945	1,476,838
Public Works—Maintenance and Rent of Buildings	204,259	246,593
Works and Services Account—Acquisition of Properties, Construction of Works, &c.	2,944,624	2,861,092
	33,482,143	41,928,738
<i>Receipts</i>		
Departmental Services	6,203,388	7,776,598
Licences—Dairies, Dairy Farms, Dairy Produce Factories, &c.	139,148	176,948
Other—Rents, Hirings, &c.	223,853	222,547
	6,566,389	8,176,093
Net outgoing (excluding debt charges)	26,915,754	33,752,645

Special financial assistance which had been provided from 10th May, 1976, to farmers and municipal councils throughout Victoria to facilitate the disposal of surplus and unsaleable cattle resulting from depressed market prices and prolonged drought conditions ceased on 30th November, 1976.

To 30th June, 1977, compensation amounting to \$573,205 was paid, at varying rates, between \$5 and \$10 per head, in respect of the destruction of 60,800 head of cattle.

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.

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 1976-77, expenditure for this purpose totalled \$242,071 and was met from the credit balance in the account together with receipts of \$266,366 from the Commonwealth. The unexpended balance at 30th June was \$75,989.

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 1976-77, receipts to the account amounted to \$2,217,978, including \$2,198,958 from the Commonwealth, and expenditure totalled \$2,022,356. A balance of \$402,681 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 dairy produce and on dissemination of information concerning the dairy produce industry. Receipts in 1976-77 amounted to \$197,678 and expenditure was \$160,488. The account had a balance of \$67,456 at 30th June.

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 \$3,230,840.

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 1976-77, receipts of the Swine Compensation Fund amounted to \$118,164 and payments to \$11,709. The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1977, was \$963,428. Receipts of the Cattle Compensation Fund amounted to \$3,082,371 and payments to \$2,896,153. A balance of \$205,188 remained in the Fund at 30th June, 1977.

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 1975-76 and 1976-77 is set out below :—

	Ministry for the Arts Head Office	National Gallery Arts Centre etc	State Library	National Museum and Science Museum	State Film Centre	Total 1976-77	Total 1975-76
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Vote Expenditure—							
Salaries and payments in the nature of salaries	226,743	1,714,726	2,534,635	1,464,027	305,074	6,245,205	5,362,489
Payroll Tax	10,859	85,669	122,518	70,767	14,978	304,791	262,356
Workers Compensation Insurance ..	1,050	8,714	12,175	7,442	1,581	30,962	91,681
General Expenses	32,265	408,000	438,014	306,540	180,367	1,365,186	1,201,325
Rents and maintenance of buildings— Public Works Department	21,609	..	13,738	..	..	35,347	29,292
Grants and subsidies to Free Libraries Grants to Cultural Bodies .. .. .	..	..	9,607,027	..	..	9,607,027	7,601,500
Grants to Country Art Galleries ..	2,877,456	..	..	2,500	..	2,879,956	1,982,376
Contribution to Arts Fund	306,312	..	..	..	..	306,312	267,042
Contribution to Victorian Art Purchases Fund	112,705	..	..	..	..	112,705	280,318
Fees and Expenses—Victorian Film Corporation	28,046	..	..	..	..	28,046	..
Contribution To Victorian Art Purchases Fund	6,000	..	..	..	..	6,000	..
	3,623,045	2,217,109	12,728,107	1,851,276	502,000	20,921,537	17,078,379
Works and Services Account Expen- diture—							
Assistance to country Art Galleries for and towards the cost of approved works and purposes ..	62,299	..	..	..	..	62,299	56,604
Contribution to the Victorian Arts Centre Trust Fund .. .. .	..	9,700,000	..	..	..	9,700,000	8,500,000
Grant and contributions towards approved capital projects for the performing arts	442,148	..	..	..	..	442,148	159,554
Purchase of Works of Art, Exhibits, etc. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	251,610
Library information services for migrants .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	36,733
Payments into the Arts Fund for the purposes of the Victorian Film Corporation	573,938	..	..	..	..	573,938	81,000
Expenditure in connection with the alterations and improvements to buildings, etc.	47,437	147,349	238,219	219,721	..	652,726	430,046
Purchase of Properties for the Promotion of the Arts	687,931	..	..	..	..	687,931	627,897
	1,813,753	9,847,349	238,219	219,721	..	12,119,042	10,143,444
Total	5,436,798	12,064,458	12,966,326	2,070,997	502,000	33,040,579	27,221,823

During the year, the Metropolitan Meat Market, situated on land bounded by Wreckyn, Courtney, Tyrone and Blackwood Streets in North Melbourne was purchased for the sum of \$653,263. This property is to be converted to a Craft Centre which will be administered by the Ministry for the Arts.

ARTS FUND

Under the provisions of the *Ministry for the Arts Act 1972*, the Arts Fund was established within the Trust Fund. Money is appropriated to the Fund and all other moneys received for the purposes of the Act are paid into the Fund.

Details of the receipts and payments for the past two years were as follows :—

1975-76		1976-77
\$	<i>Receipts</i>	\$
64,199	Balance 1st July	142,302
280,318	From Vote	112,705
81,000	„ Works and Services Account	573,938
20,691	Donations, etc., towards Arts Victoria Festivals	10
10,737	Repayment of unspent advance to Agent General on account of Francis Collection .. .. .	..
..	Revenue on Investment <i>re</i> “Devils Playground”	1,800
456,945		830,755
	<i>Payments</i>	
144,621	Arts Victoria Festivals	10,164
44,951	Victorian Tapestry Workshop	83,000
121,270	Towards Production of Feature Films	394,108
3,229	Cultural Development Grants	150
572	Expenditure in respect of the Francis Collection .. .. .	..
142,302	Balance 30th June.. .. .	343,333
456,945		830,755

Victorian Arts Centre Building Committee

The following statement of receipts and payments sets out in summary form the transactions of the Committee for the years ended 30th June, 1976 and 1977.

1975-76		1976-77	
\$	<i>Receipts</i>	\$	\$
194,156	Balance 1st July .. .. .	..	2,917
7,000,000	Grants received from State Treasury	16,200,000*	
1,000,000	Less Repaid to Treasury Trust Fund	6,600,000	
6,000,000		..	9,600,000
5,080,000	Realization of Investments, etc... .. .	..	6,375,000
65,977	Interest on investments .. .. .	..	56,083
141,496	Sundry receipts .. .. .	..	196,317
11,481,629		..	16,230,317
	<i>Payments</i>		
424,480	Administrative Expenses .. .. .	..	483,900
224,472	Gallery Building and Service Area Maintenance .. .. .	..	194,674
6,309,982	Construction Costs .. .. .	..	7,907,169
4,494,000	Purchase of Investments .. .. .	..	7,575,000
25,778	Sundry payments .. .. .	..	31,171
2,917	Balance 30th June .. .. .	..	38,403
11,481,629		..	16,230,317

* Reconciliation with Works and Services Account—

	\$
Grants received by Committee in 1976-77	16,200,000
Less Repaid by the Committee to Treasury Trust Fund on 1st July, 1976	2,800,000
	13,400,000
Less Repaid by the Committee to Treasury Trust Fund on 30th June, 1977	3,800,000
	9,600,000
Add Adjustment of temporary advance from Treasury Trust Fund in 1975-76.. .. .	100,000
Works and Services Account	9,700,000

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 \$122,298,850. 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>		1975-76	1976-77
				\$	\$
Special Appropriation—					
Pensions and Superannuation, &c.	2,977,453	4,237,559
Vote—					
Police—					
Salaries and Allowances	85,643,554	100,656,133
Overtime and Penalty Rates	1,904,016	2,344,535
Payments in lieu of Long Service Leave	1,181,912	1,422,008
General Expenses	9,875,669	11,713,127
Other Services—Police Pensions Fund, &c.	1,987,100
Treasurer—					
Workers Compensation Insurance, Pay-roll Tax	5,706,024	5,539,276
Public Works—					
Maintenance and Rent of Buildings	606,343	692,211
Works and Services Account—					
Police Buildings and Residences, &c.	7,800,352	9,453,551
Expenditure in Connection with Metric Conversion	6,000	2,890
				<u>115,701,323</u>	<u>138,048,390</u>
Receipts					
Departmental Services	1,937,835	2,248,209
Firearms and other licences	71,005	68,636
Recoup of Administrative Expenses—					
Motor Registration Branch	9,341,297	10,855,325
Wildlife Management	111,298	67,763
Learner and Driver Testing Fees, &c.	2,627,816	2,074,407
Miscellaneous	354,313	435,200
				<u>14,443,564</u>	<u>15,749,540</u>
Net cost of police services	<u>101,257,759</u>	<u>122,298,850</u>

An analysis of the expenditure discloses that the increased net cost of police services for the year, \$21,041,091, was caused mainly by increases in :—

		\$
Salaries and allowances and associated expenses	..	16,786,649
Police buildings, computer equipment, &c...	..	1,653,199
Motor vehicles—Purchase and running expenses	..	684,888
Other Services—Police Pensions Fund Contribution	..	1,986,100

Traffic Penalties—Penalties received under the provisions of the Road Traffic (Infringements) Acts, and not included in the above receipts, amounted to \$5,417,618 in 1976-77. These moneys form portion of the Consolidated Fund Receipts item, Fines—Supreme and other Courts.

Trust Account—Moneys totalling \$38,202 were expended from the Commonwealth Apprentices Employment Scheme Trust Account on police activities.

Police Pensions Fund—Specific references to the Fund appear at page 35 of this Report.

Section 55 (5AA) of the *Police Regulation Act* 1958 provides that in the event of there being insufficient moneys in the Fund to pay specified expenditures such moneys as necessary would be paid from the Consolidated Fund. In terms of the legislation \$1,986,100 was paid into the Police Pensions Fund from Police Vote—Other Services.

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 :—

1975-76		1976-77
\$		\$
104,549,116	Fees under the Motor Car Act	122,978,419
137,858,302	Third Party Insurance Premiums	174,952,294
31,499,958	Stamp Duty	40,680,392
<u>273,907,376</u>		<u>338,611,105</u>

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

\$		\$	\$
<i>Country Roads Board Fund—</i>			
58,210,988	Motor Fees and Examiners' Licences	69,165,794	
1,635,943	Drivers' Licence and Motor Driving Instructors' Licence Fees, &c. ..	1,681,735	
<u>59,846,931</u>			<u>70,847,529</u>
<i>Transport Fund—</i>			
6,718,656	Additional Registration Fees		7,478,521
<i>Municipalities Assistance Fund—</i>			
2,889,037	Drivers' Licence Fees and Motor Driving Instructors' Licence Fees ..		2,942,245
<i>Transport Regulation Fund—</i>			
1,397	Omnibus Registration Fees		1,768
<i>Roads (Special Projects) Fund—</i>			
26,683,736	Increase in Registration Fees		31,591,994
<i>Hospitals and Charities Fund—</i>			
Dr. 25	Contributions—Third Party Insurance Premiums		
<i>Consolidated Fund—</i>			
5,778,073	Drivers' Licence and Motor Driving Instructors' Licence Fees ..	5,884,491	
6,857,450	Insurance Surcharges	7,105,740	
31,499,958	Stamp Duty	40,680,392	
97,470	Personalized Number Plates	109,936	
10,092	Recreation Vehicles Fees	8,146	
			<u>53,788,705</u>
<i>Drivers' Licence Suspense Account—</i>			
1,472,700	Drivers' Licence Fees, &c.		1,498,044
<i>Traffic Authority Fund—</i>			
1,051,024	Registration Surcharges		2,615,745
<i>Motor Accidents Board—</i>			
1,901,424	Contributions—Third Party Insurance Premiums and Drivers' Licence Surcharges		1,255,821
<i>Approved Third Party Insurers—</i>			
129,099,453	Net Premiums collected on their behalf		166,590,733
<u>273,907,376</u>			<u>338,611,105</u>

Fees under the Motor Car Act—Fees collected by the Branch under the Motor Car Act increased by \$18,429,303. The higher collections from this source were due, mainly, to the *Motor Car (Fees) Act* 1976, which came into operation on 1st January, 1977. This Act provided for :—

- (i) a general increase in registration fees for motor cars and trailers ;
- (ii) an increase of 25 per cent. in additional registration fees ; and
- (iii) an increase of 400 per cent in the surcharge payable on the registration or renewal of registration of a motor car.

Third Party Insurance—An increase of \$37,093,992 in the total premiums collected on behalf of authorized insurers was attributable to the higher scale of premiums operative from 6th August, 1976, and, also, to an increase in the volume of transactions handled by the Branch in 1976–77.

The provision of the *Motor Accidents Act* 1973 requiring deductions to be made from third party insurance premiums and for the amount thereof to be paid to the Motor Accidents Board ceased to have effect after 11th February, 1977, being the expiry date for such deductions as prescribed in the Act.

Stamp Duty—The substantial increase of \$9,180,434 in collections from this source reflects the operation for a full year of an increase in the rate of stamp duty on applications for registration and notices of acquisition of motor cars and commercial trailers from \$4 to \$5 for every \$200 of the market value of each such car or trailer, effective from 1st December, 1975.

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.

Workers Compensation Board

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, and, pursuant to Sections 5 and 16 of the *Workers Compensation (Amendment) Act* 1975, to meet, in certain circumstances, claims for compensation on the “nominal defendant”. Amounts recovered from uninsured employers are credited to the Fund.

Particulars of the Income and Expenditure of the Fund for the years 1975–76 and 1976–77 are as shown hereunder. Figures for the financial year 1976–77 are subject to audit.

	1975–76	1976–77
	\$	\$
<i>Income</i> —		
Contributions from insurers and others	1,482,575	987,858
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<i>Expenditure</i> —		
Salaries and pay in lieu of long service leave	561,810	594,822
Rent	233,352	285,070
General	107,641	119,179
Claims on uninsured employers paid from the Fund (net) ..	104,818	98,342
Costs of nominal defendant	36,249	83,768
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	1,043,870	1,181,181
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Excess of Expenditure over Income	193,323
Excess of Income over Expenditure	438,705	..
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Expenditure for the year 1976–77 exceeded contributions by \$193,323. This had the effect of reducing the accumulated surplus to \$313,272 at 30th June, 1977.

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.

The receipts and payments of the Common Fund for the years 1975-76 and 1976-77 are summarized below :—

	1975-76.	1976-77.
	\$	\$
Balance forward	35,593,184	37,375,711
Receipts—		
Awards to Beneficiaries	7,294,139	8,399,125
Interest on Investments	2,700,355	2,914,952
	<u>45,587,678</u>	<u>48,689,788</u>
Less Payments	8,211,967	8,782,839
Balance at close of year	<u>37,375,711</u>	<u>39,906,949</u>

Investments, &c., controlled by the Board at 30th June, 1977, are shown hereunder (at face value) :—

Common Fund—	\$
Apollo Bay Sewerage Authority Debentures	200,000
Australian Savings Bonds	100,000
Ballarat Sewerage Authority Debentures	850,000
Ballarat Water Commissioners Debentures	450,000
Bank of New South Wales Special Deposit	952,288
Bank of New South Wales Term Deposit	750,000
B.F.C. Finance Ltd.—Debentures	500,000
Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited Debentures	300,000
C.A.G.A. Ltd.—Debentures	1,000,000
Commonwealth Trading Bank Special Deposit	318,893
Dromana-Rosebud Sewerage Authority Debentures	300,000
Drouin Sewerage Authority Debentures	200,000
Electricity Commission of New South Wales Debentures	2,100,000
Frankston Sewerage Authority Debentures	2,400,000
Gas and Fuel Corporation Debentures	200,000
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust Debentures	3,450,000
Kilmore Sewerage Authority Debentures	200,000
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Debentures	9,150,000
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	12,042,200
State Energy Commission of Western Australia Debentures	250,000
West Moorabool Water Board Debentures	800,000
Mortgage Loans	807,000
	<u>39,970,381</u>
Less Bank balance temporarily overdrawn	63,432
	<u>39,906,949</u>

Road Safety and Traffic Authority

The Authority was established in 1971 pursuant to the provisions of the *Road Traffic (Safety and Traffic) Authority Act 1970*.

The functions of the Authority are to carry out research and investigation into road accident prevention, to promote road accident prevention practices, and to cause the council of any municipality to adopt road accident prevention practices which are specified by the Authority.

Financial operations are recorded in the Traffic Authority Fund, moneys in which may be applied towards the cost of administration and the carrying out of the functions of the Authority, and also for any works or projects calculated to improve road safety or traffic control, including school and pedestrian crossings and the purchase and installation of traffic lights.

Other Branches

The cost to the Consolidated Fund of the remaining sub-departments and branches of the Chief Secretary's Department for 1976-77 compared with the previous year is set out below :—

—	Receipts	Payments *	Net Outgoing 1976-77	Net Outgoing 1975-76
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Government Statist	1,139,852	1,536,359	396,507	392,478
State Emergency Service .. .. .	..	415,703	415,703	350,762
Registrar of Estate Agents, &c.	171,409	164,364	<i>Cr.</i> 7,045	<i>Cr.</i> 23,755
Government Shorthand Writer	138,668	325,647	186,979	169,181
Public Record Office .. .. .	..	264,560	264,560	196,013
Crimes Compensation Tribunal .. .. .	..	801,742	801,742	794,231
Commissions and Boards of Enquiry .. .. .	..	730,678	730,678	740,279
Administrative	96,547	984,761	888,214	755,465
	1,546,476	5,223,814	3,677,338	3,374,654

* These payments were made from Vote. There were no payments from Works and Services Account.

MINISTRY FOR 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 use of the land and living aquatic resources of Victoria.

In pursuance of these objectives, the central administration of the Ministry incurred the following expenditure during the past two years.

1975-76 \$	From the Consolidated Fund— Vote—	1976-77 \$
1,176,327	Salaries and Payments in the Nature of Salary	1,459,849
150,859	General Expenses	232,707
1,887,004	Other Services, mainly environmental studies and grants to public bodies furthering the objects of the Ministry	2,251,582
3,214,190		3,944,138
	Works and Services Account—	
..	Grant to Victoria Conservation Trust	54,538
116,666	Grants to National Trust of Australia	117,666
388,980	Grant to Zoological Board	361,773
40,000	Loan to Zoological Board	40,000
5,117	Metric Conversion Expenses	1,776
	Purchase and Improvement of Crown Land—	
643,099	Mornington	163,551
501,177	Dandenongs	558,040
412,630	Churchill Island .. .. .	..
306,000	Nyerimilang, Gippsland .. .. .	..
227,000	Mount Gellibrand .. .. .	..
..	Sherbrooke	170,000
364,049	Other Properties	452,593
151,034	Subsidy to Healesville Sanctuary	80,000
..	Subsidies <i>re</i> Dairy Farmer Employment Scheme	151,199
3,155,752		2,151,136
	From Trust Funds—The Ministry made expenditure from several Trust Funds, the principal items being as follows :—	
1,286,261	Commonwealth State Urban and Regional Development .. .. .	..
732,009	Commonwealth Regional Employment Development Scheme .. .. .	..
448,603	Commonwealth National Estate Programme	523,552
376,545	Commonwealth Employment Scheme	59,036
250,000	State Grants—Urban Districts Assistance (Western Melbourne) .. .. .	..
..	Special Youth Employment Training Programme	47,355

Other major activities for which the Ministry is responsible are referred to below, showing the figures for 1976-77 and comparative figures for 1975-76.

National Parks Division

This administration is financed from the National Parks Fund which recorded the following transactions :—

1975-76 \$	1976-77 \$
46,037	82,913
	Receipts—
	From the Consolidated Fund—
1,376,560	Vote 1,952,000
1,996,000	Works and Services Account 1,800,000
567,803	Collections of Rentals, Fees &c. 958,638
	4,710,638
3,986,400	4,793,551
	Payments—
3,903,487	Administration and management of parks 4,515,857
82,913	277,694

Environment Protection Authority

The Environment Protection Authority was established by the *Environment Protection Act 1970* and was brought within the administration of the Ministry by the *Ministry for Conservation Act 1972*.

Expenditure from the Consolidated Fund during the past two years is summarised as follows :—

1975-76		1976-77
\$	Vote—	\$
2,065,083	Salaries and Payments in the Nature of Salary	2,364,526
442,493	General Expenses	736,807
1,221,375	Other Services, mainly payments to Protection Agencies for carrying out functions on behalf of the Authority	1,559,429
381,182	Works and Services Account—Environment protection works	170,659
<u>4,110,133</u>		<u>4,831,421</u>

Receipts for the year, consisting of fees received by the Authority in respect of environment protection licences, amounted to \$1,340,105, compared with \$1,209,322 in 1975-76.

Soil Conservation Authority

The Soil Conservation Authority was established pursuant to the *Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act 1958*, and 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 from the Consolidated Fund during the past two years was as follows :—

1975-76		1976-77
\$	From Vote—	\$
1,790,563	Salaries and Payments in the Nature of Salary	2,023,703
347,119	General Expenses	373,981
3,678	Other Services	6,478
<u>2,141,360</u>		<u>2,404,162</u>
	From Works and Services Account—	
901,204	Soil Conservation Works	815,973
146,938	Loans for conservation purposes	247,436
<u>1,048,142</u>		<u>1,063,409</u>

Expenditure from Trust Accounts :—

\$		\$
21,649	Soil Conservation Authority Trust	17,115
80,112	Commonwealth Extension Services (Soil Conservation) Grant	87,570
870,005	Puckapunyal Soil Conservation Project	471,158

Fisheries and Wildlife Division

Under the provisions of the *Ministry for Conservation Act 1972*, the Ministry administers the *Fisheries Act 1968* and the *Game Act 1958* through the Fisheries and Wildlife Division.

Expenditure from the Consolidated Fund during the past two years comprised :—

1975-76		1976-77
\$	Vote—	\$
1,864,960	Salaries and Payments in the Nature of Salary	2,108,023
393,433	General Expenses	495,571
111,994	Other Services	98,062
159,593	Works and Services Account	190,577
<u>2,529,980</u>		<u>2,892,233</u>

The following expenditure was met from Trust Accounts :—

\$		\$
115,169	Fish and Wildlife Research	19,339
267,235	Fisheries Research	421,136
1,077,074	Wildlife Management	880,236

The State Electricity Commission recouped \$11,420 of the Division's expenditure on its Heated Effluent Study, compared with \$200,257 in 1975-76, and the Commonwealth recouped \$82,193 (\$49,952 in 1975-76) administrative expenditure involved in the issue of Commonwealth fishing licences.

Port Phillip Authority

This Authority was created by the *Port Phillip Authority Act 1966* to advise the Minister on methods of co-ordinating development in the Port Phillip Bay area, and preserving and improving the condition of the area. The administration of the Authority became the responsibility of the Ministry under the *Ministry for Conservation Act 1972*.

Expenditure during the past two years was as follows :—

From the Consolidated Fund—			
1975-76	Vote—		1976-77
\$			\$
71,126	Salaries and Payments in the Nature of Salary		56,565
7,886	General Expenses		7,598
<u>79,012</u>			<u>64,163</u>
From Trust Account—			
26,634	Study and Protection of Port Phillip Bay		141,462

Land Conservation Council

This Council was established by the *Land Conservation Act 1970*, chiefly to carry out investigations and to make recommendations to the Minister on the balanced use of public land throughout the State. It became the administrative responsibility of the Ministry under the *Ministry for Conservation Act 1972*.

Expenditure from the Consolidated Fund during the past two years may be summarized as follows—

1975-76			
\$	Vote—		1976-77
			\$
239,882	Salaries and Payments in the Nature of Salary		262,737
140,693	General Expenses		184,677
2,858	Other Services		1,750
<u>383,433</u>			<u>449,164</u>

Archaeological and Aboriginal Relics Preservation Division

The *Archaeological and Aboriginal Relics Preservation Act 1972* created the office of Protector of Relics, charged with the responsibility of recording and protecting archaeological areas and relics, together with research and an educational programme pertaining thereto.

Expenditure during the past two years was—

From the Consolidated Fund—			
1975-76	Vote—		1976-77
\$			\$
41,929	Salaries and Payments in the Nature of Salary		73,205
25,054	General Expenses		53,244
1,678	Other Services .. .. .		..
<u>68,661</u>			<u>126,449</u>
From Trust Account—			
46,413	Archaeological and Aboriginal Relics		54,225

MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs was established under the provisions of the *Ministry of Consumer Affairs Act 1973* with the objects, generally, of protecting and promoting the interests of consumers and to administer the *Consumer Protection Act 1972*.

Expenditure during the last two years from the Consolidated Fund is compared hereunder.

1975-76		1976-77
\$	Vote—	\$
447,914	Ministry of Consumer Affairs—Salaries, General Expenses, etc.	586,661
25,087	Treasurer—Workers Compensation Insurance, Payroll Tax	27,885
48,157	Public Works—Rents	47,250
521,158	Net Cost to the Consolidated Fund was	661,796

Motor Car Traders' Guarantee Fund

During 1976-77, responsibility for the administration of the *Motor Car Traders Act 1973* was transferred from the Chief Secretary's Department to the Ministry. Under this legislation motor car traders are required to pay annual licence fees which are paid to the Motor Car Traders Guarantee Fund at the Treasury. Penalties imposed by the Courts are also paid to this Fund.

Moneys standing to the credit of the Fund may be applied to meeting any loss admitted by the Motor Car Traders Committee to have been incurred by reason of the failure of a motor car trader to comply with any provision of the Act or regulations, and also to meet the costs of administration of the Act.

Particulars of the receipt and disbursement of funds in 1976-77 together with the relative figures for 1975-76 are :—

1975-76		1976-77
\$	Receipts—	\$ \$
154,307	Balance, 1st July	314,401
230,778	Licence Fees	220,691
2,725	Fines, etc.	12,495
387,810		233,186
	<i>Expenditure—</i>	547,587
870	Claims	35,524
72,539	Administration Costs	76,868
73,409		112,392
314,401	Balance, 30th June,	435,195

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 1976-77 were :—

- (i) *Fees under the Motor Car Act*—Receipts for the year under this Act amounted to \$71,345,849 and the costs of collection were \$10,544,478. The comparable figures in 1975-76 were, respectively, \$60,305,927 and \$9,479,097.

The increase in collections, \$11,039,922, was due, mainly, to a general increase in vehicle registration fees imposed by the *Motor Car (Fees) Act 1976*, which operated from 1st January, 1977, and also to the greater number of motor vehicles registered in Victoria—1,856,420 compared with 1,834,509 in 1975-76.

- (ii) *Road Charges—Part II. of Commercial Goods Vehicles Act 1958*—Receipts for the year from these charges, credited to the Roads Maintenance Account within the Fund, amounted to \$9,967,856, compared with \$10,132,146, in 1975-76.

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

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 \$607,929 compared with \$602,256 in 1975-76.

- (iii) *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 1976-77, receipts of these contributions totalled \$2,517,696. In certain circumstances, the required contribution may be reduced or waived, and, for 1976-77, such concessions amounted to \$2,474,671.

- (iv) *Special Contributions from the Works and Services Account*—A total of \$638,000 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 1976-77 provided advances from the Works and Services Account of \$325,000 for the purpose of permanent works as defined in that Act. This sum was expended on State highways construction.

The net liability of the Board at 30th June, 1977, in respect of moneys provided under Loan Application Acts and Works and Services Acts was \$30,228,320.

(c) *Roads (Special Projects) Fund*

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Roads (Special Projects) Act 1965*, the Country Roads Board in 1976-77 spent \$28,963,388 (including \$5,471,306 management and operating expenses) from the Roads (Special Projects) Fund on projects approved by the Governor in Council.

(d) Commonwealth Grants

Under Section 7 of the *Transport (Planning and Research) Act* 1974, Victoria was entitled to receive, in respect of 1976-77, an amount equal to two-thirds of the amount expended on projects approved under Section 6 of the Act, up to a maximum grant of \$1,400,000. By virtue of Section 8 of the Act, the State was also entitled to an amount equal to two-thirds of expenditure in 1976-77 on additional approved projects. Under this Act, the Country Roads Board's allocation in 1976-77 was \$1,225,667, to which were added adjustments from previous years of \$274,395, giving a total available of \$1,500,062, which was fully spent by the Board.

The *National Roads Act* 1974 provided for the payment to Victoria, in respect of 1976-77, of amounts up to a maximum of \$23,800,000, later reduced to \$23,450,000 by an approved transfer, on the construction of National Highways. This Act also provided amounts up to a maximum of \$1,800,000, later increased to \$2,150,000 by an approved transfer, for maintenance of National Highways, and up to a maximum of \$5,200,000 for the construction and maintenance of Export Roads and Major Commercial Roads. The State's allocation for 1976-77 under this Act, \$30,800,000, was fully spent by the Board.

The *Roads Grants Act* 1974 provided for grants to Victoria, in respect of 1976-77, on approved projects in the following categories :—

- (1) Construction of Rural Arterial and Developmental Roads, up to a maximum of \$2,800,000 which was subsequently increased to \$4,300,000 by the *Roads Acts Amendment Act* (No. 2) 1976.
- (2) Construction and Maintenance of Rural Local Roads, up to a maximum of \$4,700,000 which was subsequently increased to \$10,700,000 by the *Roads Acts Amendment Act* (No. 2) 1976.
- (3) Minor Traffic Engineering and Road Safety Improvements, up to a maximum of \$2,600,000 of which the Board's allocation was \$1,045,000.
- (4) Construction of Urban Arterial Roads, up to a maximum of \$38,100,000, subsequently increased to \$39,600,000 by approved transfers of \$1,500,000.
- (5) Construction of Urban Local Roads, up to a maximum of \$4,600,000, subsequently reduced to \$3,100,000 by approved transfers of \$1,500,000.

Overall, the total available to the Board under the *Roads Grants Act* in respect of 1976-77 was \$58,745,000, which, together with \$4,986,435 unspent and brought forward at 1st July, 1976, gave a total sum available during 1976-77 of \$63,731,435, which had been fully spent by the Board at 30th June, 1977.

(e) Commonwealth Traffic and Road Safety Improvement Programme Trust Account

This Account was established in 1973-74 with a grant of \$840,000 from the Commonwealth. The Country Roads Board spent \$146,572 in implementing the programme during 1976-77.

(f) Victorian Natural Disasters Relief Account

A total of \$244,805 was disbursed from this Treasury trust account through the Country Roads Board mainly in the form of recoups to municipalities of expenditure on roads and bridges damaged by floods and bushfires.

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.

1975-76		1976-77
\$		\$ \$
<i>Principal Funds Available</i>		
<i>Country Roads Board Fund—</i>		
616,605	Balance from previous year	3,175,871
50,826,830	Net Fees, Motor Car Act	60,801,371
2,232,860	Municipal Contributions	2,517,696
10,132,146	Road Charges—Commercial Goods Vehicles Act, Part II	9,967,856
1,524,877	General Receipts	1,745,537
427,000	Special Contribution—Works and Services Account ..	638,000
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65,760,318		78,846,331
 <i>Works and Services Account—</i>		
325,000	Act No. 6229	325,000
 <i>Roads (Special Projects) Fund—</i>		
30,192,191	Expenditure on Approved Projects	28,963,388
 <i>Commonwealth Grants—</i>		
<i>Transport (Planning and Research) Act 1974—</i>		
25,623	Adjustments from previous years	274,395
1,790,910	Receipts	1,225,667
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		1,500,062
23,200,000	National Roads Act 1974, Receipts	30,800,000
<i>Roads Grants Act 1974—</i>		
15,000	Balance from previous year	4,986,435
64,810,000	Receipts	58,745,000
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		63,731,435
701,864	Regional Employment Development Scheme
1,500,000	General Employment Grant
 <i>Trust Account—</i>		
129,616	Commonwealth Traffic Engineering and Road Safety Improvement Programme Trust Account	146,572
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188,450,522		204,312,788

Expenditure

1975-76		1976-77
\$		\$
146,920,207	Construction and Maintenance of Roads, (including Special Projects)	169,280,841
1,916,838	Payments to the Consolidated Fund—	2,017,626
803,717	Interest (including exchange)	845,015
72,325	Sinking Fund Contributions and Loan Conversion Expenses	71,258
839,693	Loan Repayments	1,016,536
419,846	Transfer to Tourist Fund	508,268
602,256	Transfer to Traffic Authority Fund	607,929
412,000	Recoup to Transport Regulation Board	484,000
200,000	Contribution to Australian Road Research Board	195,000
28,101,334	Contribution to Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board	28,493,395
180,288,216	General Expenditure, including Administration, Stores and Materials, Planning and Research	203,519,868
8,162,306	Unexpended at 30th June	792,920
<u>188,450,522</u>		<u>204,312,788</u>

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 available to the Board, as described earlier, were :—

	Country Roads Board Fund	Works and Services Account	Roads (Special Projects) Fund	Commonwealth Grants	Traffic and Road Safety Improvement	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Main Roads	23,414,795	..	431,749	8,896,420	28,083	32,771,047
State Highways	20,095,857	325,000	3,720,123	12,165,852	102,042	36,408,874
Freeways	1,986,752	..	19,235,274	34,525,000	..	55,747,026
Tourists' Roads	2,017,040	..	536,009	512,871	..	3,065,920
Forest Roads	1,405,463	..	..	74,817	..	1,480,280
Unclassified Roads	13,983,219	..	Cr. 735,527	24,869,132	16,447	38,133,271
Other	1,369,969	..	304,454	..	..	1,674,423
	<u>64,273,095</u>	<u>325,000</u>	<u>23,492,082</u>	<u>81,044,092</u>	<u>146,572</u>	<u>169,280,841</u>

EDUCATION

The cost of education met from State Funds during 1976-77 was \$1,002,329,660. 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 cost of education to the State for the past two years :—

	1975-76		1976-77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Special Appropriations.. .. .	..	17,874,174	..	23,450,553
Departmental Votes—				
Education	682,802,732		811,578,727	
Treasury	32,708,764		33,220,192	
Public Works	1,887,893		2,127,999	
	717,399,389		846,926,918	
<i>Less—Recoups of Expenditure, &c.</i>	1,942,116	715,457,273	2,123,633	844,803,285
Works and Services Account .. .. .	..	134,399,827	..	138,420,151
		867,731,274		1,006,673,989
<i>Less—Receipts</i> .. .. .	..	6,103,601	..	4,345,329
Net Cost to the Consolidated Fund .. .. .	..	861,627,673	..	1,002,328,660
Trust Fund—Forestry Fund .. .. .	..	1,000	..	1,000
Cost of Education met from State Funds ..		861,628,673		1,002,329,660

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 :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
<i>Expenditure—</i>		
Salaries, &c.—Teaching Service	464,690,334	546,713,166
General Administration and Clerical Assistance ..	30,608,431	35,956,213
Pay-Roll Tax	24,429,569	30,350,450
Allowances to Students in Training	31,466,001	26,276,918
Workers Compensation Insurance	8,279,195	2,869,742
Travelling Expenses and Allowances, &c.	1,782,502	2,348,435
Libraries—Grants and Subsidies	280,378	320,809
School and Office Equipment and Requisites	4,577,361	5,241,920
Text Books, Publications, Examination Expenses, Postage and Telephone Expenses, Incidentals	2,110,379	2,597,788
School Cleaning and Services	25,758,591	25,429,548
Conveyance of Pupils	23,016,167	27,020,976
Bursaries, Scholarships and Maintenance Allowances	5,947,936	3,779,575
Operating Costs—Hostels and Residential Camps	1,326,605	1,312,564
Buildings, Sites, &c.—Capital Works	78,924,508	82,257,028
Maintenance	13,748,458	15,878,952
Grants, &c.	130,211,863	171,404,199
Fees—Universities and Other	2,442,650	3,338,850
Pensions—Retired Teachers and Officers.. .. .	17,638,032	23,198,644
Overseas Teacher Selection Programme—Expenses	493,314	379,212
	<u>867,732,274</u>	<u>1,006,674,989</u>
<i>Receipts (Net)—</i>		
Tuition Fees	132,956	159,937
Rents	44,226	67,292
Board—Students in Training, &c.	460,519	480,447
Broken Bond Debts	286,076	295,562
Recoups from Non-Government Schools—Equipment	15,959	17,039
Recoup Government portion of Superannuation Contributions	2,502,718	2,647,809
Sale of audio-visual aids	90,943	94,544
School Camps	63,910	186,181
Appropriation of former years	2,109,999	101,860
Others	396,295	294,658
	<u>6,103,601</u>	<u>4,345,329</u>
	<u>861,628,673</u>	<u>1,002,329,660</u>

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

Salaries—Teaching Service—Expenditure under this head increased by \$82,022,832. The following factors contributed to the increase :—

- (i) Teachers Tribunal determinations, operative from 23rd May, 15th August and 5th December, 1976, and 10th April and 5th June, 1977 ; and
- (ii) the annual salary increments of teachers and an increase of roundly 2,170 in teacher numbers.

Grants, &c—Expenditure rose from \$130,211,863 to \$171,404,199, an increase of \$41,192,336. Higher grants to State and Non-Government schools and increased education allowances for pupils contributed mainly to the increase in this item.

Conveyance of Pupils—This cost increased by \$4,004,809 during 1976–77. The rise was attributable mainly to :—

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

Appropriation of Former Years.

The apparently significant decrease in revenue for the current year is attributable to receipt in the 1975–76 financial year of \$1,998,911, which unduly inflated that year's receipts. This amount related to a recoup of salaries in respect of teachers in the Child Migrant Education Program for the last quarter of the 1974–75 financial year. It was received on 1st July, 1975, and was, accordingly, credited to Consolidated Fund under the head of Miscellaneous Receipts—Repayments to Appropriations of Former Years.

Broken Bond Debts—Collections on account of these debts during 1976–77 amounted to \$295,562 and, during the same period, debts totalling \$1,324,811 on account of 395 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 1976–77 and prior years.

Properties

(a) 45 Green St.—Prahran

During the year the Department paid \$51,953 for the above property which was purchased for the Prahran College of Advanced Education.

The last request by the Department to the College for reimbursement of the moneys spent was made on the 30th September, 1976, and at the time of preparation of this Report no moneys had been received from the College. The Item of the *Public Works and Services Act 1976*, from which this purchase was made does not provide funds for the purchase of properties on behalf of colleges of advanced education.

(b) 4 Princes Ave.—Caulfield East

An amount of \$51,500 was paid in May, 1977, for the above property which was purchased for the Caulfield Institute of Technology.

At the time of preparation of this Report, no payment had been received from the Institute to reimburse the Department for the purchase made.

The Item of the *Public Works and Services Act 1976*, from which this purchase was made, does not provide funds for the purchase of properties on behalf of colleges of advanced education.

(c) Ardoch—226 Dandenong Road, East St. Kilda

The above property was purchased at auction on 26th May, 1976, for the sum of \$1,325,000. It includes a number of flats for which rentals are being collected by managing agents appointed by the Department.

Contrary to the provisions of Sections 11 and 12 of the *Audit Act 1958*, deductions have been made by the managing agents from gross rentals collected in respect of wages, electricity and gas accounts, cleaning and purchase of carpets and sundry items of equipment.

Gross rentals collected by the agents for the period 26th August, 1976, to 30th June, 1977, amounted to \$56,646 of which the Department received \$30,433.

A detailed audit report covering various aspects of the transaction was forwarded to the Department and the Treasury in December, 1976. A reply had not been received at the time of preparation of this Report.

(d) 83 Argo Street—South Yarra

To accommodate Camberwell High School Annexe, an experimental progressive school, the Department leased the above premises from the Community Welfare Foundation for a period of three years commencing on 1st February, 1975, at an annual rental of \$20,280. The school was closed on 18th December, 1975, and has since been relocated in other leased premises.

The Argo Street premises remained unoccupied until 30th June, 1977. Rental paid by the Public Works Department on behalf of the Education Department in respect of the unoccupied period amounted to roundly \$27,000.

Further, the Department, in June, 1977, contributed \$125,000 towards purchase of the premises by the Prahran City Council. The departmental file indicates that the estimated cost, in May, 1977, of surrendering the leasehold and making necessary repairs to the building to return it to its original condition would not have exceeded \$45,000.

The contribution of \$125,000 to the Prahran City Council was charged against Item 1 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1976*. There appears to be no authority in that Item for such an expenditure.

(e) 35 Spring Street—Melbourne

The Report of the then Auditor-General for the year ended 30th June, 1976, pointed out that accommodation in this building rented by the Public Works Department on behalf of the Education Department had not been occupied for a lengthy period.

In November, 1976, the area was allocated to other tenants, when the Department arranged for alternative accommodation at Nauru House—80 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Over the period of approximately 27 months during which the area was not occupied by the Department, an amount of roundly \$624,000 was expended by way of rental.

(f) 81–119 Cubitt Street, Richmond

The Department on 9th December, 1975, entered into an agreement to lease this property for the purpose of its development as an annexe to the Richmond Technical College. Among other things the lease provided for a term of ten years from 1st February, 1976, with the option of a renewal for a further ten years, and a rental of \$92,000 per annum plus outgoings and maintenance, to be subject to review every two years based on movements in the consumer price index. The rental value assessed by an officer of the Valuer General's Office was \$83,000 per annum but in view of the need for the property the Department agreed to pay the final figure asked, i.e. \$92,000 per annum.

Subsequently it was estimated that the cost of establishing the annexe to conform to user requirements would be in the vicinity of \$2,500,000 and a decision was made in June, 1976, to acquire the property. At the date of preparation of this Report the property had not been acquired and only a small area was in use to store certain equipment belonging to the College.

In accordance with the leasing agreement advice has been received in the Department that the annual rental will increase to \$118,192 from 1st February, 1978.

Departmental Advance Account

The departmental advance has not been reconciled for a number of years. The Department has, however, initiated action to remedy this situation.

Overseas Teacher Selection Programme

The contract expired on 31st December, 1976. The contract was not renegotiated, but in view of an implied contractual arrangement for the recruitment of 231 teachers, an ex-gratia payment of \$15,452 was made to the Director of the Overseas Teacher Selection Programme in the United States of America.

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 1975-76 and 1976-77 for the following purposes :—

	1975-76		1976-77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Universities, Affiliated Residential Colleges —recurrent and capital expenditure ..		121,526,631		148,359,140
Advanced Education— recurrent expenditure		68,245,553		91,039,949
building projects and equipment of a capital nature		27,941,674		19,529,789
Science Laboratories—buildings and equipment		277,581		..
Technical Training—T.A.F.E. Scheme		7,138,000		12,547,342
Teachers Colleges—recurrent and capital expenditure		49,433,225		51,509,405
Teacher Development—recurrent and capital expenditure		13,753,093		14,998,198
Non-Government Schools—recurrent and capital expenditure		43,763,085		57,641,836
Child Migrant Education—salaries of teachers, equipment, &c.		2,782,104		4,140
Employment Scheme (1975), site works &c.		620,000		..
Various—recurrent expenditure ..		1,666,524		606,630
Various State Schools—capital ..	45,075,312		45,611,794	
recurrent ..	55,967,207		70,745,950	
		<u>101,042,519*</u>		<u>116,357,744*</u>
		<u>438,189,989</u>		<u>512,594,173</u>

* These amounts were credited to the Consolidated Fund and expenditure authorized through the Appropriation 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 each of the years 1975-76 and 1976-77 were as follows :—

	1975-76		1976-77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Universities—				
Melbourne	56,436,907		62,541,010	
Monash	43,372,977		52,931,302	
La Trobe	21,196,134		27,114,189	
Deakin	520,613		5,762,956	
	<u>121,526,631</u>		<u>148,349,457</u>	
Advanced Education—				
Recurrent Expenditure	68,245,553		91,039,949	
College Buildings, &c.	28,017,310		19,568,265	
	<u>96,262,863</u>		<u>110,608,214</u>	
Science Laboratories—				
State Schools	213,417		..	
Non-Government Schools	277,581		..	
	<u>490,998</u>		<u>..</u>	
Technical Training—				
School Buildings and Equipment	38,813		..	
T.A.F.E. Scheme	7,084,597		11,576,994	
	<u>7,123,410</u>		<u>..</u>	
Secondary School Libraries—				
State Schools		24,773	..	
Non-Government Schools—				
Recurrent Expenditure	38,452,538		52,323,447	
Capital Expenditure	3,910,689		1,774,095	
	<u>42,363,227</u>		<u>54,097,542</u>	
Child Migrant Education—				
Salaries, Equipment, &c.		2,407,877	924,573	
Teachers Colleges—				
Buildings, Equipment, &c.	49,488,585		51,509,405	
Teacher Development	13,308,052		12,284,800	
	<u>62,796,637</u>		<u>63,794,205</u>	
Employment Scheme (1975)—				
Site works, &c.		620,000	..	
Various—Recurrent Expenditure		1,251,541	1,419,569	
Various State Schools—				
Capital	45,075,312		45,611,794	
Recurrent	55,967,207		70,745,950	
	<u>101,042,519</u>		<u>116,357,744</u>	
		<u>435,910,476</u>		<u>507,128,298</u>

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 1977, totalled \$11,514,778 (\$4,281,013 at 30th June, 1976).

The University of Melbourne

Details of the University's Combined Statement for the calendar years 1975 and 1976 are given hereunder. This Statement shows the total of the various items of income and expenditure for all University funds, with the exception of those listed in the following paragraph. It includes the General Recurrent Grants, which are available to meet the general running costs of the University, and almost two thousand other University funds, each of which is accounted for separately in the University accounting system. Many of these funds relate to donations and grants for specific purposes and may be applied only to those purposes.

Separate statements for the Provident Fund, the Students' Loan Fund, the Student Financial Aid—Special Account, the Melbourne University Press, the Melbourne University Union, the Recreation Grounds Committee, the Sports Union, Medley Hall, International House, the Beaurepaire Centre, the Veterinary Clinic and Hospital, the Staff Housing Account, the Residential Centre, the Graduate School of Business Administration and the Melbourne Theatre Company are shown in the University's published accounts, but are not included in the Combined Statement shown hereunder.

Under broad headings, the following statement summarises the income and expenditure for all University Funds contained in the Combined Statement for the past two years. The figures in respect of 1976 are subject to audit.

Income—	1975		1976	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
State Government Grants—				
Building Purposes	16,307		23,692	
Special Purposes	450,008		729,259	
	466,315		752,951	
Commonwealth Government Grants—				
Recurrent Purposes	46,026,101		53,233,000	
Building Purposes	6,310,759		1,477,141	
Special Purposes	7,615,454		5,607,661	
	59,952,314		60,317,802	
Fees for Continuing Education Courses ..	287,438		403,403	
Fees for General Services	1,103,268		1,330,813	
Donations and Grants (other than Government)	1,742,711		1,788,897	
Charges for Services	1,637,978		3,454,149	
Investment Income	2,023,858		2,363,089	
Other Income	2,094,768		3,355,639	
	69,308,650		73,766,743	
Total Income				
Total Income				
<i>Expenditure—</i>				
Academic Activities	40,069,733		44,579,594	
Academic Services	4,313,109		4,656,944	
Student Services	2,260,020		2,775,758	
General Services	10,743,005		12,456,973	
Public Services	1,059,899		1,005,885	
Independent Operations	1,056,456		1,289,249	
Buildings and Grounds (Capital)	7,550,462		4,515,882	
Interest and Capital Repayments on Loans ..	310,164		293,464	
	67,362,848		71,573,749	
Total Expenditure				
Total Expenditure				
		1975		1976
		\$		\$
<i>* Balances—</i>				
General Recurrent Fund	<i>Deficit</i>	149,064	<i>Surplus</i>	122,548
Building Grants	<i>Surplus</i>	720,273	<i>Deficit</i>	113,206
Special Recurrent Grants	<i>Deficit</i>	93,027	<i>Deficit</i>	27,730
Equipment Grants	<i>Surplus</i>	409,125	<i>Surplus</i>	144,972
Other Funds	<i>Surplus</i>	690,482	<i>Surplus</i>	1,182,371
Trust Funds	<i>Surplus</i>	368,013	<i>Surplus</i>	884,039
		1,945,802		2,192,994
	<i>Net Surplus</i>		<i>Net Surplus</i>	

* Takes into consideration inter-fund transfers.

The accumulated balance of the Funds which are contained in the Combined Statement at 31st December, 1976, was \$18,048,336 and comprised :—

	\$	\$
Unexpended Grants	6,291,393	
Loan Funds	1,134,700	
Trust Funds	14,456,663	
	<hr/>	21,882,756
<i>Less—</i>		
Special Advances	2,801,485	
Overdrawn Building Funds advanced by Loans*	1,032,935	
	<hr/>	3,834,420
Accumulated Balance .. .. .	.. .. .	<hr/><u>18,048,336</u>

* These loans are to be repaid from income producing sources.

The accumulated balance of \$18,048,336 was represented by :—

	\$	\$
Cash on Hand .. .. .	.. .. .	1,000
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments .. .. .	.. .. .	2,828,007
Government Grants Accrued .. .. .	.. .. .	168,000
<i>Investments :—</i>		
Inscribed Stock	5,527,316	
Mortgages	5,025,289	
Company Shares, Debentures and Notes	2,644,836	
Fixed Deposit	5,550,000	
	<hr/>	18,747,441
		<hr/> <u>21,744,448</u>
<i>Less :—</i>		
Bank Overdraft (Net)	1,694,704	
Sundry Creditors and Accrued Salaries	1,863,780	
Income in Advance	62,628	
Deferred Liability	75,000	
	<hr/>	3,696,112
		<hr/> <u>18,048,336</u>

Monash University

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

<i>Income—</i>	1975	1976
State Government Grants—	\$	\$
Special Purposes	6,667	3,017
	6,667	3,017
Commonwealth Government Grants—		
Recurrent Purposes	39,147,998	44,664,000
Building Purposes	3,744,374	2,405,487
Special Purposes	1,469,170	1,435,027
	44,361,542	48,504,514
Students' Fees including Union Fees for Operational Purposes ..	832,503	1,002,954
Union Fees for Union Development	276,960	333,471
Grants and Donations including Public Appeals	2,006,154	1,940,567
Other Income	2,024,442	2,794,410
	5,140,059	6,071,402
Total Income	49,508,268	54,578,933
<i>Expenditure—</i>		
Academic Activities	30,272,015	35,090,319
Academic Services	3,873,154	4,266,518
Student Services	1,069,575	1,061,935
General Services	12,016,642	9,966,966
Other Items	1,827,314	2,661,744
	49,058,700	53,047,482
<i>Result for year—</i>		
Recurrent Funds	<i>Surplus</i> 1,310,936	<i>Deficit</i> 340,392
Capital Funds	<i>Deficit</i> 899,986	<i>Surplus</i> 955,003
Research Funds	<i>Deficit</i> 279,304	<i>Surplus</i> 68,688
Grants and Donations	<i>Surplus</i> 61,193	<i>Surplus</i> 164,579
Other Funds	<i>Surplus</i> 256,729	<i>Surplus</i> 683,573
	<i>Net Surplus</i> 449,568	<i>Net Surplus</i> 1,531,451

In 1975, a surplus of recurrent funds of \$1,310,936 resulted from the University's conservative approach to its spending, arising from the uncertainty existing at the time as to the future level of funding by the Commonwealth. The recurrent fund deficit of \$340,392 in 1976 was caused by the recurrent expenditure of \$45,004,392 exceeding the recurrent grant of \$44,664,000 received from the Commonwealth. This deficit was funded from accumulated recurrent fund surpluses brought forward from previous years.

The surplus of \$955,003 for Capital Funds includes a surplus of \$663,233 in Building Projects Grant Funds, which is mainly due to the non-expenditure in 1976 of grants received for extensions to the Medical School.

The accumulated Funds at 31st December, 1976, showed an overall surplus of \$7,071,542. Details are—

Surpluses—	\$	\$
Recurrent Funds		1,512,989
Capital Funds		1,654,646
Research Funds		359,537
Grants and Donations		914,954
Other Funds		2,629,416
		<u>7,071,542</u>
These funds were represented by—		
Investments—		
Fixed Interest Securities, at lower of cost or par	294,298	
Ordinary Shares, at cost	468,660	
Mortgage Investment Trust Units (at cost)	46,000	808,958
		<u>808,958</u>
Current Assets—		
Cash at Bank and on Hand	23,344	
Cash on Secured Deposits	500,000	
Cash on Term Deposits	9,000,000	
Australian Savings Bonds	100,000	
	<u>9,623,344</u>	
Debtors—		
Accrued Government Grants	402,000	
Other	785,796	
Payments in Advance	19,457	
Stock on Hand, at cost less obsolescence	803,457	11,634,054
		<u>11,634,054</u>
Less—		
Current Liabilities—		
Sundry Creditors and Accrued Expenses	3,723,208	
Students' Fees Received in advance	647,243	
	<u>4,370,451</u>	
Long Term Liabilities—		
Loans on Mortgage	1,001,019	5,371,470
		<u>5,371,470</u>
		<u>7,071,542</u>

La Trobe University

The statement below gives details of the income and expenditure of the University for the calendar years 1975 and 1976. The figures for 1976 are subject to the completion of the audit.

<i>Income—</i>	1975	1976
Commonwealth Government Grants—	\$	\$
Recurrent Purposes	18,209,000	22,695,157
Building and other Capital Purposes	2,090,166	2,065,361
Special Purposes	380,669	459,153
	<u>20,679,835</u>	<u>25,219,671</u>
General Service Fees	591,851	733,197
Grants and Donations	413,256	525,107
Other Income	750,573	924,806
	<u>1,755,680</u>	<u>2,183,110</u>
Total Income	<u>22,435,515</u>	<u>27,402,781</u>

<i>Expenditure—</i>	1975	1976
Academic Activities	12,883,443	15,643,526
Academic Services	2,115,497	2,494,715
Student Services	1,060,589	1,561,461
General Services	4,018,882	3,592,169
Buildings and Grounds—Capital	2,250,684	574,513
Other Services	61,892	2,458,845
	<u>22,390,987</u>	<u>26,325,229</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>22,390,987</u>	<u>26,325,229</u>

<i>Balance*—</i>	1975	1976
	\$	\$
Recurrent Funds	312,600	428,525
Building Funds	346,290	1,092,229
Research Funds	29,619	30,610
Grants and Donations	162,574	9,491
Other Funds	54,737	483,303
	<u>44,528</u>	<u>1,077,552</u>
	<i>Net Surplus</i>	<i>Net Surplus</i>

* Takes into account inter-Fund transfers.

The accumulated Funds at 31st December, 1976, showed an overall net surplus of \$717,865. Details are :—

<i>Surpluses—</i>	\$	\$
Recurrent Funds	1,625,754	
Grants and Donations	311,546	
Research Funds	82,149	
Capital Funds	665,846	
	<u>2,685,295</u>	
<i>Less Deficit—</i>		
Other Funds		1,967,430
Net Accumulated Surplus		<u>717,865</u>

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.

	\$	\$	\$
The Accumulated Surplus of \$717,865 was represented by—			
Current Assets—			
Cash on Hand		4,931	
Payments in Advance		16,440	
Deposits		350	
Debtors—			
Accrued Government Grants	233,001		
Other— <i>Less</i> provision for Doubtful Debts (\$8,569)	466,613		
		<u>699,614</u>	
			721,335
Investments—			
Interest Bearing Term Deposits		4,730,000	
Government and Semi-Government Securities at Cost.. .. .		388,851	
Company Debentures and Notes		200,192	
		<u>5,319,043</u>	
Other Accrued Income			5,675
Stocks, <i>Less</i> provision for Depreciation			259,374
Graduation Gowns			1,172
			<u>6,306,599</u>
<i>Less—</i>			
Current Liabilities—			
Bank Overdraft		895,225	
Sundry Creditors and Accrued Expenses.. .. .		1,145,121	
Income Received in Advance		146,409	
Other		177	
		<u>2,186,932</u>	
Reserves and Provisions		491,617	
Long Term Liabilities—			
Debenture Loans		2,910,185	
		<u>5,588,734</u>	
Net Accumulated Surplus			<u>717,865</u>

Deakin University

Deakin University was established at Geelong under the *Deakin University Act 1974*.

The statement below details the income and expenditure of the University for the calendar years 1975 and 1976.

	1975 \$	1976 \$
<i>Income—</i>		
State Government Grants—		
General Purposes	80,000	..
	80,000	..
Commonwealth Government Grants—		
Recurrent Purposes	169,000	693,000
Building Purposes .. .. .	..	37,000
Special Purposes .. .. .	..	188,000
	169,000	918,000
Private and Indirect Government Research Grants .. .. .	..	17,952
Other Income	1,214	20,809
	1,214	38,761
 Total Income	250,214	956,761
<i>Expenditure—</i>		
Academic Activities .. .. .	..	129,316
Academic Services .. .. .	..	21,000
General Services	163,429	697,355
	163,429	847,671
	1975	1976
	\$	\$
<i>Result for year—</i>		
Recurrent Funds	<i>Surplus</i> 5,571	<i>Surplus</i> 160,961
Building Funds .. .. .	..	<i>Surplus</i> 9,012
Special Funds .. .. .	..	<i>Surplus</i> 168,000
Research Funds .. .. .	..	<i>Surplus</i> 14,394
Grants and Donations	<i>Surplus</i> 80,000	..
Other Funds	<i>Surplus</i> 1,214	<i>Deficit</i> 243,277
	86,785	109,090
	<i>Net Surplus</i>	<i>Net Surplus</i>

The Accumulated Funds at 31st December, 1976, showed an overall net surplus of \$195,875.

Details are :—

	\$	\$
<i>Surpluses—</i>		
Recurrent Funds	166,532	
Building Funds	9,012	
Special Funds	168,000	
Research Funds	14,394	
Grants and Donations	80,000	
	437,938	
<i>Less Deficits—</i>		
Other Funds		242,063
 Net Accumulated Surplus		195,875

The amount of \$242,063 shown as “Deficits—Other Funds” is due to the University’s liability to repay loans used to finance the purchase of land and buildings outside the building programme authorized by the Universities Commission.

The net accumulated surplus of \$195,875 was represented by :—

						\$	\$
Current Assets—							
Cash at Bank and on Hand	..	..	..	..	..	51,735	
Investments—Short Term	..	..	..	..	..	445,000	
Payments in Advance	..	..	..	..	..	2,342	
Commonwealth Grant Accrual	..	..	..	..	..	6,000	
						<hr/>	505,077
<i>Less—</i>							
Current Liabilities—							
Sundry Creditors and Accrued Charges	58,070	
Long Term Liabilities—							
Loans on Mortgage	251,132	
						<hr/>	309,202
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							195,875
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State College of Victoria

The State College of Victoria was established under the provisions of the *State College of Victoria Act 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.

CENTRAL OFFICE

Income and expenditure of the Central Office of the College for the calendar years 1975 and 1976 was—

<i>Income—</i>	1975		1976	
State and Commonwealth Government Grants—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recurrent	513,539	..	446,751	..
Capital	609,000	..	..	..
Other .. .. .	..	1,122,539	..	446,751
		81,563		31,734
		1,204,102		478,485
 <i>Expenditure—</i>				
Administration and General Overhead—				
Salaries	349,178		458,979	
Other administrative expenditure ..	47,181		51,706	
Capital	11,949		..	
		408,308	..	510,685
Buildings and Grounds				
Capital	484,371		118,069	
Recurrent	19,951		38,294	
		504,322	..	156,363
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	70,828		27,692
		983,458		694,740
Surplus (Deficit)		220,644		(216,255)
Balance 1st January—Surplus		30,513		251,157
Unexpended Balance 31st December		251,157		34,902

Accumulated Funds at 31st December, 1976, \$34,902, were represented by :—

	\$	\$
Investments	765,840	
Cash	42,282	
Sundry Debtors	20,435	
	828,557	
<i>Less—Sundry Creditors</i>	14,145	
Recurrent grant received in advance	77,000	
Capital Grants—Constituent Colleges	688,840	
Film Library Trust Fund	13,036	
Help for Needy Students Fund	634	
	793,655	
		34,902

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.

The ten former teachers' colleges of the Education Department, the former Melbourne Kindergarten Teachers College and the Institute of Catholic Education have been admitted as constituent colleges.

Funds for the constituent colleges were provided by the State from the Consolidated Fund and by the Commonwealth mainly under the provisions of its *States Grants (Advanced Education) Act 1972-1976* and its *States Grants (Advanced Education) Act 1976*.

The following statement prepared from accounts of the various constituent colleges shows the sources and disbursement of funds for the year ended 31st December, 1976.

<i>Sources of Funds—</i>	\$	\$
Balance 1st January		8,762,579
Grants— <i>States Grants (Advanced Education) Acts 1972-1976 and 1976</i>		
Recurrent Purposes—Commonwealth	43,382,090	
Capital Purposes—State and Commonwealth	4,271,756	
Special Education Purposes—Commonwealth	595	
Student Residences Purposes—Commonwealth	41,517	
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	47,695,958	
Grants— <i>States Grants (Schools) Act 1976</i>		
Special and Librarian Teacher Training Purposes	260,100	
Interest and Other Income	1,555,444	
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		49,511,502
		<hr/>
		58,274,081
		<hr/>
<i>Disbursement of Funds—</i>		
Recurrent—		
Salaries	37,706,206	
Other Administrative Expenses	1,742,491	
Travelling Expenses	420,211	
Buildings, Premises and Grounds	1,780,375	
Materials and Equipment	4,010,653	
Miscellaneous	299,484	
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		45,959,420
Capital—		
Buildings	4,463,459	
Land and Property	760,280	
Equipment	364,877	
Planning	44,594	
Other Works and Services	268,495	
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		5,901,705
Libraries		70,572
Special Grants—Special Teacher and Library Teacher Training		163,243
Student Residences		142,697
Other		47,595
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		52,285,232
Unexpended Balance, 31st December		<hr/>
		5,988,849
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Victoria Institute of Colleges

The Income and Expenditure of the Institute for the calendar years 1975 and 1976 are detailed below. The College Central Funds held by the Institute are for use on approved educational programmes for the benefit of the Colleges of Advanced Education within the Institute system.

1975					1976		
\$					State Co-ordinating Body	College Central Funds	Total
\$					\$	\$	\$
<i>Income—</i>							
Commonwealth Grants—							
1,031,539	For Recurrent Purposes	..	..	..	900,915	15,302	916,217
777,815	For Capital Purposes	..	..	..	1,467,715	39,245	1,506,960
1,809,354					2,368,630	54,547	2,423,177
3,974	Grants and Donations	..	..	..	1,114	..	1,114
93,537	Other (including Degree Fees)	..	..	..	43,007	28,627	71,634
97,511					44,121	28,627	72,748
1,906,865	Total Income	..	..	..	2,412,751	83,174	2,495,925
<i>Expenditure—</i>							
Administrative and General Overhead—							
660,921	Salaries	..	..	..	594,566	44,842	639,408
228,701	Other Administrative Expenditure	..	..	..	118,912	38,480	157,392
889,622					713,478	83,322	796,800
Libraries—							
9,794	Salaries	..	..	..	12,700	..	12,700
2,179	Books, Publications, &c.	..	..	..	3,084	..	3,084
11,973					15,784	..	15,784
Buildings and Grounds—							
777,815	Capital	..	..	..	1,242,715	67,245	1,309,960
90,411	Recurrent	..	..	..	78,474	14,515	92,989
868,226					1,321,189	81,760	1,402,949
49,779	Miscellaneous	..	..	..	62,412	1,939	64,351
1,819,600	Total Expenditure	..	..	..	2,112,863	167,021	2,279,884
87,265	<i>Surplus</i>	..	..	..	299,888	(83,847)	216,041

Accumulated Funds at 31st December, 1976, amounted to \$538,682 and comprised Recurrent Funds, State Co-ordinating Body, \$264,019 ; Recurrent Funds, College Central Funds, \$27,062 ; Grants and Donations, \$22,601 ; and Capital Funds, State Co-ordinating Body, \$225,000.

These funds were represented by :—

				\$
Investments	..	..	..	351,000
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	..	..	..	106,761
Cash	..	..	..	58,344
Stocks on Hand	..	..	..	18,887
Advance to Education Department for purchase of Wantirna Land	..	..	..	225,000
				759,992
<i>Less Sundry Creditors</i>	..	..	..	221,310
				538,682

COLLEGES OF ADVANCED EDUCATION

Funds are no longer required to be provided from the Consolidated Fund for Colleges of Advanced Education following the introduction of total funding by the Commonwealth under the provisions of its States Grants (Advanced Education) Acts.

The following statement compares the sources and disbursement of funds for the past two calendar years. The figures are subject to the completion of the audit of the accounts of a number of the Colleges. Figures in respect of 1976 for the Colleges administered by the Agriculture Department were not available at the time of preparation of this Report and have, therefore, not been included in the figures for either year.

1975		1976
\$		\$
<i>Sources of Funds—</i>		
Grants—		
58,970,149	For Recurrent Purposes—General	80,502,150
64,749	Halls of Residence	138,368
24,210,999	For Capital Purposes	24,081,341
445,200	For Library Acquisitions .. .. .	..
1,577,736	Other Income	1,815,796
<u>85,268,833</u>	Total Funds Available	<u>106,537,655</u>
 <i>Disbursement of Funds—</i>		
Recurrent—		
41,245,510	Teaching	52,828,318
7,253,358	Administrative and General Overhead	11,697,745
3,374,567	Libraries	4,976,956
237,435	Halls of Residence	508,707
6,102,509	Buildings, Premises and Grounds	9,240,818
3,496,552	Miscellaneous	6,106,610
<u>61,709,931</u>		<u>85,359,154</u>
Capital—		
22,830,990	Buildings	20,083,125
477,755	Land and Property	3,473,321
805,922	Equipment	1,082,312
<u>24,114,667</u>		<u>24,638,758</u>
729,735	Library Acquisitions	288,724
<u>86,554,333</u>	Total Funds Disbursed	<u>110,286,636</u>
<u>1,285,500</u>	Balance Overspent	<u>3,748,981</u>

FORESTS COMMISSION

The expenditure of the Department from the Consolidated Fund for the year was \$33,807,921 against which there were receipts of \$16,331,017, resulting in a net outgoing of \$17,476,904 compared with \$14,428,052 for the previous year. Details of expenditure and receipts for the two years are :—

	<i>Expenditure</i>	1975-76	1976-77
		\$	\$
Special Appropriation—			
Pensions		649,602	792,992
Grants to the Forestry Fund		6,116,780	7,631,056
Debt Charges		4,462,927	5,522,341
		11,229,309	13,946,389
Vote—			
Salaries and Payments in the Nature of Salary		7,094,658	8,124,183
Pay-roll Tax		344,488	393,128
Other Administrative Expenses		167,170	248,260
Utilization of Forest Produce		839,698	667,605
Contribution to the National Sirex Fund		20,300	15,535
Contribution—Timber Promotion Council		108,822	117,437
Sundry		12,250	12,250
Gippsland Softwoods Project Trust Account		291,906	..
		8,879,292	9,578,398
Works and Services Account—			
Plantations		3,479,321	4,328,455
General Operations, &c.		2,558,186	3,404,538
Fire Protection		1,325,283	1,728,352
Extraction Roads		675,532	751,154
Advances—Farm Forestry		63,842	70,635
		8,102,164	10,283,134
Total Expenditure		28,210,765	33,807,921
<i>Receipts</i>			
Royalties		11,994,174	15,023,855
Sale of Forest Produce		891,587	716,665
Rents, &c.		239,386	238,257
Loan Repayments		92,882	71,116
Other		564,684	281,124
		13,782,713	16,331,017
Total Receipts		13,782,713	16,331,017
Net Outgoing		14,428,052	17,476,904

An amount of \$865,909, 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 \$7,346,505 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.

As at 30th June, 1977, \$3,972,403 had been advanced by the Commonwealth on account of the second Agreement.

A further Agreement providing financial assistance by the Commonwealth during the year commencing 1st July, 1976, has been authorized by the Commonwealth's *Softwood Forestry Agreements Act 1976*. Expenditure to 30th June, 1977, under this Agreement amounted to \$3,084,447.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Forestry Fund

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

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Balance 1st July	183,985	666,220
Grants from the Consolidated Fund	6,116,780	7,631,056
	<u>6,300,765</u>	<u>8,297,276</u>
Expenditure—		
Operating and Other Expenses	2,604,954	3,241,060
Forest Protection	504,129	769,442
Silvicultural Works	132,361	197,331
Road Works	900,744	1,594,641
Plantations and Nurseries	291,811	369,632
Forest Recreation	88,484	47,775
Maintenance of Buildings	176,241	218,249
Supervision (Salaries)	851,999	820,938
Contribution—Timber Promotion Council	83,822	87,437
	<u>5,634,545</u>	<u>7,346,505</u>
Balance 30th June	666,220	950,771

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.

Under a new funding arrangement, effective from 30th June, 1974, Victoria became responsible for the collection of contributions and the administration of expenditure relating to survey and control operations. A summary of transactions within the Trust Account for the past two years is given hereunder :—

	1975-76		1976-77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance 1st July		9,779		23,119
Add Contributions—				
National Sirex Fund, Canberra	6,913		..	
States—Victoria	20,300		15,535	
Other States	73,715		50,050	
Private Sector and other Bodies	4,969	105,897	2,003	67,588
		<u>115,676</u>		<u>90,707</u>
Less Expenditure during year		92,557		69,185
Balance 30th June		<u>23,119</u>		<u>21,522</u>

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 connection 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, 1977, was \$440,867.

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 past two years :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Balance 1st July	255,744	309,461
Plant Hire—Renewals and Replacements Component ..	1,123,551	1,345,164
Sale of Plant	383,194	243,889
Contribution from Forestry Fund	250,000
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	1,762,489	2,148,514
 Less Expenditure on Renewals	 1,453,028	 1,297,316
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Balance 30th June	309,461	851,198

The Commission has been requested to seek legal opinion as to whether the transfer of a sum, arbitrarily determined, from the Forestry Fund to the Forests Plant and Machinery Fund comes within the meaning of Section 32 of the *Forests Act 1958*. The situation has not yet been determined.

Forest Equipment Hire Account

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

Credits to the Account during the year amounted to \$1,022,812 and expenditure charged totalled \$1,089,237. At the close of the year, the balance at credit of the Account was \$109,589.

Timber Promotion Committee Trust Account

Amounts paid into the Account included appropriations from the Consolidated Fund of \$117,437 and a contribution from the Forestry Fund of \$87,437. Expenditure in 1976-77 amounted to \$285,004, and at 30th June, 1977, the balance in the Account was \$78,144.

GOVERNMENT PRINTER

From 1st July, 1972, the operations of the Government Printer have been financed through the Government Printing Office Working Account, a Treasury Trust Account with a current working capital of \$2,004,405.

In 1976-77, all revenue of the Printing Office, including that arising from press advertising by departments, was paid to the credit of Charges for Departmental Services, being part of the Consolidated Fund. During the year equivalent amounts have been debited to Treasury Vote 400-3-12 and credited to the Working Account.

General expenses, including press advertising costs, have been met from the Working Account. Salaries and similar payments have been met from the Government Printer's Vote ; but equivalent amounts have been credited to Charges—Recoup Administrative Expenses—Government Printer, and debited to the Working Account, which has thus recorded all receipts and payments of the Printing Office for the year.

The balance of the Working Account at 30th June, 1977, was \$259,331, as shown in the following summary of its transactions in 1976-77.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE WORKING ACCOUNT

	\$	\$
Balance, 1st July, 1976 .. .. .	..	491,433
<i>Receipts—</i>		
Printing, Sales of Publications	10,258,809	
Press Advertising Fees	1,321,521	
	11,580,330	11,580,330
<i>Payments—</i>		
Salaries and Payments in the Nature of Salary	4,739,063	
Overtime	592,685	
Payroll Tax	236,979	
Paper and Material	4,510,020	
Press Advertising for Departments	1,187,492	
Tea Money, Fares	57,841	
Office Requisites and Equipment.. .. .	6,781	
Books and Armed Transport	5,438	
Postage, Telephone	205,053	
Purchase and Maintenance of Vehicles	18,318	
Power, Heating	70,872	
Purchase and Maintenance of Machinery and Equipment	84,563	
Consultant's Fee	15,175	
Cleaning Materials	15,923	
Watching Services	43,096	
Fire Insurance	7,810	
Other	15,323	
	11,812,432	11,812,432
Balance, 30th June, 1977 .. .. .	..	259,331

Plant and Machinery

The total cost of plant and machinery met from loan funds and Works and Services Account to 30th June, 1977, was \$1,884,278.

HEALTH

Total expenditure from the Consolidated Fund upon health services for the year ended 30th June, 1977, excluding that of the Hospitals and Charities Commission, which is discussed later, was :—

1975-76		1976-77	
\$		\$	\$
	Special Appropriation—		
30,717	Salary of Director of Tuberculosis	33,090	
2,816,189	Pensions	4,045,572	
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2,846,906			
	Vote—		
59,041,000	Social Welfare—Contribution to Hospitals and Charities Fund	
217,570,776	Health—Salaries, General Expenses, &c.	304,105,366	
1,603,095	Treasury—Workers Compensation Insurance, Pay-roll Tax	899,760	
1,378,283	Public Works—Maintenance, Rents, &c.	2,271,743	
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279,593,154			
22,162,642	Works and Services Account—Capital Items, &c.	36,649,365
..	Public Account Advances	681,020
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304,602,702			

Receipts totalled \$38,123,128, so that the net cost of health services to the Consolidated Fund was \$310,562,788, an increase of \$39,244,893 compared with the previous year.

The State's contribution to the Hospitals and Charities Fund towards the maintenance of public hospitals and other registered institutions, etc., totalled \$149,553,435. In 1976-77, no additional funds were provided under the votes of the Social Welfare Department, in relation to the provision of free hospital treatment for pensioners, as had been the case in the previous two financial years.

The substantial reduction in expenditure under Treasury vote was due, largely, to a substantial reduction in the net overall premium payable by the Treasury in respect of workers compensation insurance for all State departments.

Major increases in expenditure occurred in :—

	\$	\$
Salaries etc. .. .. .	..	14,303,124
Subsidies—		
Kindergartens, Pre-School Centres etc.	7,064,658	
Elderly Citizens Centres and Home Help Schemes	1,487,906	
General Nurse Training Curriculum	1,147,537	
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Cancer Institute—Grants		
Maintenance	494,299	
Capital	6,100,000	
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Pensions—Government Share	1,229,383
Fluoridation—M.M.B.W. Recoup	1,022,955

Under the provisions of the *Health (Fluoridation) Act 1973*, any water supply authority may, on the recommendation of the Commission of Public Health, be reimbursed the net capital costs and expenses incurred in the installation of the necessary equipment and control measures for adding fluoride to its water supply.

Claims submitted by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works during 1976-77, totalling \$2,505,444, were paid from funds provided under the *Water Supply Works and Services Acts*, making a total so provided at 30th June, 1977, of \$3,987,933.

For the purpose of this Report, departmental finances are dealt with under the branch headings—General Health, Tuberculosis, Maternal and Child Welfare, Pre-School Child Development, Dental Health Services, Mental Hygiene, and Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Services. Central administrative costs of the Department of Health, including the Government portion of pension payments and rental of the offices at 555 Collins Street, 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 people's centres, home help schemes, food standards, safety of buildings, &c.

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

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Special Appropriation and Vote—		
Central Administration	5,020,734	7,312,891
Cancer Institute—Maintenance, &c.	5,274,199	5,768,498
Infectious Diseases	743,624	916,992
Venereal Diseases	281,833	304,005
Inspection of Buildings, Food Supervision, &c.	2,553,739	2,869,834
Miscellaneous Grants	1,370,982	1,554,572
Subsidies—Home Help Scheme, Nurse Training, &c.	7,630,443	11,133,111
Contribution to Hospitals and Charities Fund	149,641,000	149,553,435
Arbo-Encephalitis Project	165,492	33,860
 Works and Services Account—		
Cancer Institute	1,900,000	8,000,000
Bush Nursing Hospitals	838,307	792,555
Elderly Citizens' Centres	1,753,900	1,243,787
Homes for the Aged &c.	75,000	195,000
General Nursing Curriculum	410,289	485,102
Fluoridation—M.M.B.W. Recoup	1,482,489	2,505,444
Other	463,961	473,936
 Public Account Advances*—		
Elderly Citizens' Centres—Capital Subsidies .. .. .	..	681,020
	179,605,992	193,824,042

* Advanced under Section 18 (1) (b) of the *Public Account Act* 1958, pending receipt of Commonwealth funds for the projects concerned.

Receipts in the same period were :—	\$	\$
Registration and other Fees	373,767	515,557
Commonwealth Recoups—		
Home Care Services	1,567,761	1,912,751
Elderly Citizens' Centres (including Welfare Services)	1,491,335	1,829,130
Para-medical Services	232,250	263,254
Community Health Projects	683,976	1,795,657
Other Receipts	66,124	168,606
	4,415,213	6,484,955
The net cost to the Consolidated Fund was	175,190,779	187,339,087

In addition to the above, funds were also provided from the Commonwealth Assistance—Medibank Trust Account for the Cancer Institute, \$5,936,926, Cytology services, \$289,650, and Nursing Curriculum implementation, \$2,822,595. Particulars of the transactions on this Account are given at page 91.

Commonwealth Community Health Programme Trust Account.—In 1976–77, the Commonwealth provided advances totalling \$15,014,496 towards capital and operating costs of certain specifically approved Community Health Centres and allied activities. These advances, together with the balance forward from 1975–76 of \$1,981,581, made a total of \$16,996,077 available for expenditure as follows :—

	\$
Community Health Centres, Day Hospitals, and other allied organisations	12,912,850
Community Mental Health Centres, etc.	1,889,401
Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Services	307,128
	15,109,379

The balance in the Account at 30th June, 1977, was \$1,886,698.

Aboriginal Health Services Trust Account.—During 1976–77, the Commonwealth provided advances totalling \$535,981 for the provision of health services for aboriginals which, together with the balance brought forward of \$2,518, made a total available for this purpose of \$538,499. Expenditure in the year amounted to \$537,328, leaving a balance in the Account at 30th June, 1977, of \$1,171.

Tuberculosis Branch

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

	1975-76	1976-77
Special Appropriation and Vote—	\$	\$
Operation of sanatoria, tuberculosis wards, bureaux, mass X-ray services, &c. 	5,806,005	6,015,422
Works and Services Account—		
State sanatoria and clinics, &c. 	201,238	249,367
	6,007,243	6,264,789
Receipts for the corresponding periods are compared thus :—		
Commonwealth recoup under <i>Health Act</i> 1958	4,455,882	2,845,515
Recoup—Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Services	560,041	750,488
Recoup—Prince Henry's Hospital Unit	155,786	346,554
Other	42,927	51,106
	5,214,636	3,993,663
The net cost to the Consolidated Fund was	792,607	2,271,126

A long standing agreement whereby the Commonwealth has reimbursed expenditure, over and above the level of expenditure in the year 1947-48, in relation to the diagnosis, treatment and control of tuberculosis, and also certain specifically approved capital expenditure, ceased as from 31st December, 1976. A final reimbursement totalling \$1,657,972 was brought to account in July, 1977.

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 and the provision of facilities for pre-school child development.

MATERNAL AND INFANT WELFARE DIVISION

Expenditure from the Consolidated Fund over the past two years was as follows :—

	1975-76	1976-77
Vote—	\$	\$
School Medical Services	1,604,591	1,823,794
Subsidies—Infant Welfare Centres &c.	2,497,517	3,294,177
Health Services for Children in Care of Social Welfare Department	113,508	146,162
Infant Welfare Scholarships	108,079	123,864
Ante-natal and Family Planning Clinics	89,658	90,622
Other—Including Administration	1,085,569	1,210,691
Works and Services Account—		
Buildings and Equipment, &c. 	26,237	583
	5,525,159	6,689,893
Receipts for the corresponding period were:—		
Sales of Publications, Recoups, &c. 	29,213	66,673
The net cost to the Consolidated Fund was	5,495,946	6,623,220

PRE-SCHOOL CHILD DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

This Division is responsible for the operations of kindergartens, pre-school centres, crèches and day nurseries, etc.

Expenditure in the past two years was as follows :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Vote—		
Subsidies—Kindergartens and Pre-school Centres ..	14,540,966	19,479,689
Crèches and Day Nurseries	795,456	1,137,689
Kindergarten Supervision	76,401	80,869
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	15,412,823	20,698,247
Pre-school Teaching Scholarships	345,943	392,245
Knox Pilot Project	204,928	261,378
Pre-School Free Milk Scheme .. ..	..	168,023
Other—including administration	571,438	745,783
Works and Services Account—		
Subsidies—Pre-school centres, &c.	673,357	1,599,880
Grant—Free Kindergarten Union	40,000	..
Other	686	..
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	17,249,175	23,865,556
Receipts for the corresponding period were :—		
Commonwealth payment—Pre-school education and care ..	10,150,134	13,119,315
Other	884	..
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	10,151,018	13,119,315
The net cost to the Consolidated Fund was	<hr/>	<hr/>
	7,098,157	10,746,241

Commonwealth Grant—Pre-School Child Education and Care Trust Account.—During 1976-77, net Commonwealth advances credited to this account totalled \$3,596,435 which sum, together with the balance brought forward from 1975-76 of \$2,823,008, made a total for the year of \$6,419,443 comprising :—

	\$
Balance forward from 1975-76	2,823,008
Amount previously credited to the Consolidated Fund now applied to specific projects	483,456
Advances for specific projects	4,389,679
Advance payment of general recurrent grant for 1977-78	1,050,000
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	8,746,143
Less Advance received in 1975-76 for recurrent expenditure in 1976-77 transferred to the Consolidated Fund in 1976-77	2,326,700
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Total credits to the Fund in 1976-77	6,419,443
Expenditure totalling \$4,066,345 was incurred as follows :—	
	\$
<i>Health Department—</i>	
Kindergartens and Pre-school Centres, etc.—	
Capital	3,471,630
Recurrent	135,641
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	3,607,271
<i>Education Department—</i>	
Establishment of Child Care Courses	130,681
<i>Youth, Sport and Recreation Department—</i>	
School holidays programmes—	
Capital	12,682
Recurrent	250,823
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	263,505
<i>Social Welfare Department—</i>	
St. Kilda Support Unit	38,802
Allambie Child Development Demonstration Unit	12,549
Welfare Aides in Barwon Region	11,149
Children's Services Field Officer	2,388
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	64,888
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	4,066,345
Balance in the fund at 30th June, 1977	<hr/>
	2,353,098

Dental Health Services Branch

Expenditure from the Consolidated Fund in the past two years was :—

	1975-76.	1976-77.
	\$	\$
Vote—		
Salaries, &c.	1,005,346	1,508,520
Dental Centres, Clinics and Mobile Services (including subsidies)	393,819	581,985
Children under the Care of the Social Welfare Department	81,406	104,982
Penal Establishments	23,186	26,904
Training Allowances and Scholarships	82,750	282,389
Dental Therapist Training Schools—Expenses	51,781	211,031
Other	104,440	113,888
Works and Services Account—		
Buildings and Equipment, &c.	20,242	47,362
	1,762,970	2,877,061
Receipts for the year were :—		
Commonwealth Payment—Australian School Dental Programme	1,369,119	1,936,598
Other	771	4,054
	1,369,890	1,940,652
The net cost to the Consolidated Fund was	393,080	936,409

Commonwealth Dental Service Capital Trust Account—This Account was established in 1973–74 to record transactions relative to Commonwealth grants provided for the purpose of the development of an adequate dental service for all school children. No further advances were received in 1976–77, leaving the balance forward from 1975–76, \$1,311,444, available for expenditure in the year. Expenditure for the construction and equipment of a dental therapy school amounted to \$511,558, bringing total expenditure for this purpose to \$5,051,020 at 30th June, 1977. Expenditure in relation to the provision of mobile school dental clinics totalled \$422,441 and the balance in the Account at the close of the year was \$377,445.

Mental Hygiene Branch

Gross expenditure by this Branch from the Consolidated Fund was \$103,263,872, and after taking into consideration receipts of \$12,248,441, the net cost of mental health services was \$91,015,431, as compared with \$78,301,942 in the previous year.

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

Vote—	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Health—Salaries and Payments in the Nature of Salary ..	64,551,610	76,445,754
General Expenses	8,977,885	10,170,655
Child Endowment Transfer	84,919	129,250
Community Health Projects—Operating Expenses ..	1,313,720	1,851,264
Grants	10,309	9,704
	74,938,443	88,606,627
Treasury—Workers Compensation Insurance	1,022,931	362,004
Public Works—Maintenance and Rents	233,661	174,467
Works and Services Account	14,023,952	14,120,774
	90,218,987	103,263,872

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

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Maintenance of patients—principally Commonwealth payments on account of pensioners in excluded wards and repatriation patients	9,321,905	8,838,082*
Accommodation and meals	488,957	573,319
Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Benefits	408,038	761,152
Sales of Produce	19,176	15,749
Commonwealth Recoup—Community Health Projects	1,488,517	1,889,401
Other	190,452	170,738
	11,917,045	12,248,441
The net cost to the Consolidated Fund was	78,301,942	91,015,431

*Commonwealth payments totalling \$1,497,609 were received in July, 1977, in respect of the period to 31st March, 1977.

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

Vote—	<i>Item</i>	1975-76	1976-77
		\$	\$
Salaries		56,714,288	67,772,590
Overtime and penalty rates		6,857,549	7,678,969
Payments in lieu of long service leave		979,773	994,195
		64,551,610	76,445,754
Provisions and extra articles		3,309,181	3,721,292
Clothing, bedding, &c.		496,523	666,098
Stores, &c.		1,203,998	1,324,605
Fuel, light, power and water		1,460,612	1,611,443
Drugs and medicines		949,516	995,552
Repairs, maintenance and rents		233,661	174,467
Boarded-out patients		500,000	600,000
Travelling and subsistence		192,299	215,606
Postal and telephone expenses		394,048	478,259
Community Health Projects—operating expenses		1,313,720	1,851,264
Transfer to Intellectually Handicapped Children's Amenities Account ..		84,919	129,250
Other		1,504,948	929,508
		76,195,035	89,143,098
Works and Services Account—			
Buildings and equipment of State institutions		11,384,261	10,081,028
Minus Children Building Project—Contribution		17,972	762,671
Grants for Capital Works—other institutions		2,621,719	3,277,075
		14,623,952	14,120,774
Total		90,218,987	103,263,872

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				20,000
Non-Government Institutions—Grants for maintenance				5,635,213
				<u>5,655,213</u>

Commonwealth Community Health Programme Trust Account—Funds totalling \$1,889,401 were applied during the year from the Commonwealth Community Health Programme Trust Account towards recouping the Consolidated Fund for the costs of a number of specifically approved mental health projects. Particulars of the receipts and payments of this latter account are shown at page 82.

Hospitals Development Programme (Commonwealth) Trust Account—During 1976–77, the sum of \$527,359 was applied from this account to recoup the Geelong Hospital for capital expenditure on behalf of the Geelong Psychiatric Centre.

Commonwealth Apprentices Employment Scheme Trust Account—During the year the sum of \$106,715 was applied from this fund to meet the cost of additional apprentices employed in the Mental Hygiene Branch.

Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Services Branch

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

	<i>Item</i>	1975-76	1976-77
Vote—		\$	\$
Salaries		2,547,375	3,163,898
Overtime		235,938	305,600
Payments in lieu of Long Service Leave		11,036	15,906
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		2,794,349	3,485,404
Provisions and extra articles		69,345	77,976
Clothing, bedding, &c.		9,086	11,047
Stores, &c.		90,148	115,454
Fuel, light, power and water		50,035	53,715
Drugs and medicines		36,689	45,877
Repairs and maintenance		10,200	916
Hospital Care Unit—Heatherton		560,041	750,488
Community Health Projects—Operating costs		171,673	256,510
Grants—			
Victorian Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency		37,500	45,000
Buoyancy Foundation of Victoria		14,000	15,000
Moreland Hall Alcoholism Rehabilitation Centre		28,000	15,000
Other		109,126	92,741
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		3,980,192	4,965,128
Works and Services Account—			
Buildings and equipment.. .. .		252,984	263,484
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		4,233,176	5,228,612
Receipts of the Branch in the same period were :—			
Commonwealth Recoup—Community Health Projects		165,972	237,234
Accommodation and meals		21,130	27,791
Other		690	4,006
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		187,792	269,031
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The net cost to the Consolidated Fund was		4,045,384	4,959,581

A further sum of \$69,895 was charged directly to the Commonwealth Community Health Programme Trust Account in respect of the following projects :—

	\$	\$
Lifeline.. .. .	19,672	27,206
Palm Lodge	12,822	32,177
St. Vincent's Hospital	5,040	10,512
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	37,534	69,895

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

	\$	\$
Health Education Centre—Drug Dependency	141,982	152,849
Pilot Survey of Drug Use	17,872	1,361
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	159,854	154,210

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.

During 1976-77, the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments entered into an Agreement, pursuant to Section 30 of the Commonwealth's *Health Insurance Act* 1973, which provides for the sharing in equal proportions of the net operating costs of recognized public hospitals. The Agreement also provides for the sharing, in agreed proportions, of the cost of certain central services. The Agreement came into operation on 1st October, 1976, and replaced the cost-sharing Agreement which had operated from 1st August, 1975.

The State's share of the costs of operating those hospitals, specified in the Agreement, is met from the Hospitals and Charities Fund. In addition, payments are made from the Fund to meet the operating costs of other institutions where cost-sharing arrangements with the Commonwealth do not apply.

A supplementary maintenance grant which was made available to hospitals in June, 1975, and the maintenance grant for July, 1975, were subject to special conditions of repayment, either in whole or in part, by the hospitals, in the event of the State entering into an Agreement with the Commonwealth in relation to the provision of hospital services.

Amounts repayable by hospitals in accordance with these special conditions were determined during 1976-77 on the basis of the accumulated surpluses on Maintenance Fund Accounts as at 30th June, 1976. These surpluses resulted from the realization of current assets and payment of liabilities as at 31st July, 1975, and adjustments for pre-cost-sharing transactions during 1975-76. The total amount recoverable from hospitals is \$11,274,247. Repayments during the year amounted to \$7,155,206, leaving a balance outstanding as at 30th June, 1977, of \$4,119,041. Payments by hospitals are generally contingent upon the collection of patients' unpaid fees and, in many cases, provision has been made for repayments by quarterly instalments.

Hospitals and Charities Fund.

Subject to administrative and other costs, a total of \$268,651,129 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	42,745,364
Special Appropriation, Act No. 6390—Tattersall Receipts	53,965,745
Annual Appropriation—Health Department	149,553,435
Repayments by hospitals of surpluses on Maintenance Fund Accounts (Pre-Cost Sharing) as at 30th June, 1976	7,155,206
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	255,019,750
Balance forward from 1975-76	13,631,379
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	268,651,129

Expenditure for 1976-77 was as follows:—

Maintenance—

Hospitals	200,248,605
Hospitals for the Aged	16,933,169
Ambulance Services	4,959,455
Philanthropic Organizations	4,373,264
District Nursing Societies	2,104,200
Training Schools (Nursing, etc.)	1,615,994
Blind, Deaf and Dumb Institutions	1,302,180
Commonwealth Community Health Programme—State Proportion	789,567
Foundling Homes and Refuges	740,610
Hostels for the Aged	689,040
Community Health Centres	458,950
Institutes for Maternal and Infant Welfare	446,114
Other Institutions	554,916
Hospitals Superannuation Board	254,759
Insurance—Composite, Public Liability and Workers Compensation	4,223,855

239,694,678

Less Refund from Commonwealth Blood Transfusion Service

1,355,661

238,339,017

Other—

Costs Associated with Totalizator Receipts	202,229
Training of Officers	59,064
Recruitment and Training of Nurses	165,106
Administration Costs	1,822,052

240,587,468

The balance of the Fund at 30th June, 1977, was \$28,063,661.

Commonwealth Assistance—Medibank Trust Account

This Account was established in 1975–76 to record the receipt and disbursement of funds provided by the Commonwealth under cost sharing arrangements with the State.

During 1976–77, Commonwealth advances totalling \$155,103,000 were received by the State under the cost sharing Agreement which came into operation on 1st October, 1976. Commonwealth assistance under previous funding arrangements up to 30th September, 1976, was advanced to the State in 1975–76. Payments from the Account in respect of hospitals and central services totalled \$205,114,865. An amount of \$5,200,000, over-advanced by the Commonwealth under the initial cost sharing Agreement, was refunded during the year. A summary of transactions for the year is given hereunder :—

	\$	\$
Balance 1st July, 1976 .. .. .	..	56,576,100
Receipts—		
Advances from Commonwealth	155,103,000	
Less Refund to Commonwealth	5,200,000	
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		206,479,100
Expenditure—		
Recognized Hospitals	195,560,905	
Central Services	9,553,960	
	<hr/>	205,114,865
Balance 30th June, 1977.. .. .	..	<hr/>1,364,235

Works and Services Account

In addition to the assistance provided from the Hospitals and Charities Fund and the Commonwealth Assistance-Medibank Trust Account to hospitals and other institutions, payments have been made 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 \$29,327,207. Details of payments from the Works and Services Account to individual institutions are shown in the Treasurer's Finance Statement, pages 134 to 137.

Hospitals Development Program (Commonwealth) Trust Account

In 1976–77, the Commonwealth provided capital assistance totalling \$27,000,000 under the Hospitals Development Program. This amount was expended in full within the year. A summary of the expenditure is shown hereunder :—

	\$
Hospitals	24,250,117
Hospitals for the Aged	2,249,291
Geelong Psychiatric Unit	500,000
Other	592
	<hr/> 27,000,000

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 Minister is responsible for administering the legislation relating to 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 will be 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 *Teacher Housing Act 1970*, 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.

Prior to the 7th December, 1976, moneys appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the Act and other moneys due to the Authority were 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.

On that date, the *Teacher Housing Authority (Amendment) Act 1976* came into operation and under its provisions, all moneys due to the Authority are no longer required to be paid into the Teacher Housing Authority Trust Fund in the Treasury but are to be paid directly into a fund kept by the Authority.

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

RECEIPTS					1975-76	1976-77
					\$	\$
Balance, 1st July	..	..	..	..	5,024	2,988
Treasurer of Victoria—advances under Works and Services Acts	..	..	..	..	2,300,000	3,800,000
Education Department—rent collections	..	..	..	..	680,308	1,240,088
Private Loans	..	..	..	..	600,000	..
Sales of land and houses	..	..	..	..	124,436	163,953
Other	..	..	..	..	9,333	9,719
					3,719,101	5,216,748
PAYMENTS.						
Capital expenditure	..	..	..	..	1,795,897	3,395,790
Maintenance and rates	..	..	..	..	1,744,801	683,998
Administration	..	..	..	..	142,764	215,036
Payments to Consolidated Fund—Interest	..	..	..	..	..	569,704
Repayment	..	..	..	..	..	152,496
Interest on Private Loans	..	..	..	..	26,595	136,172
Redemption of Private Loans	..	..	..	..	..	58,897
Other	..	..	..	..	6,056	..
					3,716,113	5,212,093
Balance, 30th June	..	..	..	..	2,988	4,655

The debt charges due to the Treasurer of Victoria in 1975-76 in respect of the Authority's liability under advances from the Works and Services Account amounting to \$102,778 principal, and \$390,503 interest, were deferred. These are required to be met by three equal annual instalments, and the first of such instalments amounting to \$164,427 was paid in June, 1977, together with debt charges due in 1976-77 of \$558,773.

The large increase in the Education Department rent collections was due to a general increase in rents paid by teachers as fixed by the Teachers Tribunal as from the 24th October, 1976.

Under the provisions of the *Teacher Housing (Amendment) Act* 1976 the power to fix rents was transferred from the Teachers Tribunal to the Authority.

A Revenue Account and Balance Sheet as required by the Act have not yet been prepared for the year ended 30th June, 1977. 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 Sheets as at 30th June, 1975, and 1976 are summarized hereunder. The latter Balance Sheet was not available at the time of presentation of the 1975-76 Report.

	30.6.1975		30.6.1976	
	<i>Liabilities</i>			
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Government of Victoria	12,440,000		14,090,000	
Less Repayments	315,930		418,708	
	12,124,070		13,671,292	
Contribution from Commonwealth Government — <i>States Grants (Schools) Act</i> 1973 ..	600,000		600,000	
Private Loans	500,000		1,100,000	
	13,224,070		15,371,292	
Depreciation Reserve .. .. .	..	410,935		556,510
Current Liabilities—				
Creditors	1,164,774		525,944	
Rents in Advance	2,526		3,882	
	1,167,300		529,826	
		14,802,305		16,457,628
Less Accumulated Deficit		1,878,020		1,810,780
		12,924,285		14,646,848
		<i>Assets</i>		
Fixed Assets—				
Land and Buildings	12,860,541		14,565,692	
Furniture and Fittings	14,626		13,543	
Equipment and Motor Vehicle	9,578		9,020	
	12,884,745		14,588,255	
Current Assets—				
Cash	5,024		3,016	
Debtors	34,003		54,643	
Stock	513		934	
	39,540		58,593	
		12,924,285		14,646,848

Decentralized Industry Housing Authority

The Decentralized Industry Housing Authority was established during 1972-73 under the provisions of the *Decentralized Industry (Housing) Act 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 the past two years in relation to the Authority were :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Balance 1st July	338,461	116,903
Receipts—		
Consolidated Fund—Vote	98,375	82,500
Loans from Banks	700,000	800,000
Interest on Investments	11,938	15,059
Interest and Repayments—Mortgage Loans	361,814	627,908
Sales of Land and Buildings	53,200	14,458
Other	8,255	9,063
	<u>1,572,043</u>	<u>1,665,891</u>
Payments—		
Mortgage Loans to House Purchasers	1,213,674	1,084,012
Land Purchase	2,125	..
Loan Redemption and Interest	154,045	284,597
Interest Subsidy	18,541	6,780
Administration Expenses	65,440	64,763
Other Costs	1,315	4,065
	<u>1,455,140</u>	<u>1,444,217</u>
Balance 30th June	<u>116,903</u>	<u>221,674</u>

A Revenue Account and Balance Sheet of the Authority as required by the Act have not yet been prepared for the year ended 30th June, 1977.

The Balance Sheets as at 30th June, 1975, and 30th June, 1976, are summarized hereunder. The latter Balance Sheet was not available at the time of presentation of the 1975-76 Report.

	1974-75		1975-76	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Loan Liability—				
Treasurer of Victoria	300,000		300,000	
Housing Commission Death Benefit Fund	395,300		392,718	
State Savings Bank	896,000		1,586,652	
	<u>1,591,300</u>		<u>2,279,370</u>	
Current Liabilities—				
Creditors	3,348		21,086	
Payments in advance	324		720	
Accruals	187		782	
	<u>3,859</u>		<u>22,588</u>	
Reserves and Provisions—				
Maintenance Provision	200		300	
Accumulated Surplus	10,688		24,960	
	<u>10,888</u>		<u>25,260</u>	
	<u>1,606,047</u>		<u>2,327,218</u>	
Fixed Assets—				
Land and Buildings	200,035		146,931	
Motor Vehicles	1,927		2,866	
Office Furniture and Equipment	1,368		1,525	
	<u>203,330</u>		<u>151,322</u>	
Deferred Assets—				
First Mortgage Loans	1,055,714		2,039,012	
Current Assets—				
Funds held in Treasury	238,461		91,069	
Sundry debtors and accruals	7,443		18,682	
Short term Investments	100,000		..	
Stock on hand	1,099		1,298	
Cash at Bank .. .. .	..		25,835	
	<u>347,003</u>		<u>136,884</u>	
	<u>1,606,047</u>		<u>2,327,218</u>	

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 factories, shops and other premises. Various Wages Boards, the Apprenticeship Commission, the Industrial Appeals Court and the Industrial Safety Advisory Council are administered within the Department. It is also responsible for policing the regulations relating to lifts and cranes, boilers and pressure vessels, and scaffolding.

Expenditure during the last two years from the Consolidated Fund is compared hereunder.

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Vote—		
Labour and Industry—		
Salaries, etc.	4,209,726	4,708,127
General Expenses	637,565	782,342
Subsidies to Apprentices	295,045	408,000
Other	31,081	47,547
	5,173,417	5,946,016
Treasurer—Workers Compensation Insurance, Payroll Tax ..	272,930	267,140
Public Works—Maintenance and Rent of Buildings ..	406,184	401,067
	5,852,531	6,614,223
Works and Services Account—Metric Conversion	15,422	14,800
	5,867,953	6,629,023
Receipts during the corresponding two years were as follows:—		
	\$	\$
Registration, Inspection and Other Fees—Factories and Shops, Lifts and Cranes, Boilers, etc.	2,845,596	3,103,410
Other	44,710	54,600
	2,890,306	3,158,010
Net Cost to the Consolidated Fund was	2,977,647	3,471,013

Annual Advance

The reports of an Audit Inspector, in respect of the years 1974-75 and 1975-76, brought under notice of the Treasury and the Department that the annual advance to the Labour and Industry Department had not been reconciled since 15th January, 1974. The Department has advised that steps have been taken to remedy the situation, but at the date of preparation of this Report reconciliation had not been effected.

Small Claims Tribunal

The Small Claims Tribunal, which was established under the *Small Claims Tribunal Act* 1973, to deal with claims by consumers arising out of contracts for the supply of goods or the provision of services, in amounts not exceeding \$1,000, is administered within the Ministry. Orders of the Tribunal involving the payment of money may be enforced in a Magistrates' Court.

A fee of \$3 is payable in respect of each claim lodged and is collected by the attachment of adhesive duty stamps to the relevant application forms. Proceeds are, therefore, included in the amount shown in the Treasurer's Finance Statement under the head—Taxation—Stamps Office.

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 \$8,228,460 compared with \$6,631,911 in the previous year. Details are as set out hereunder :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Land Revenue—		
Fees for various licences and leases, &c.	3,966,648	4,836,869
Proceeds of sales of land	811,361	785,038
	<u>4,778,009</u>	<u>5,621,907</u>
Land Revenue for credit to the Mallee Land Account	101,533	99,246
Repayments of principal by settlers under the Closer Settlement Acts ..	63,546	73,095
Interest payments by settlers on Loan Liabilities under the Closer Settlement Acts	61,213	53,607
Repayments of principal—Other Advances	3,346	20,374
Interest on Other Advances	1,784	2,814
Licences to occupy water frontages—for credit to the Rivers and Streams Fund	136,343	157,739
Recoups on account of—the services of survey personnel;	447,373	748,356
—Vermin and Noxious weed services	366,201	473,489
Miscellaneous Receipts including rental Ballarat Guncotton Factory, admission to Buchan Caves, sales of Government and other property and rentals of departmental houses, &c.	284,260	380,681
Survey Fees, &c.	90,343	144,986
Premiums for credit to the Closer Settlement Insurance Fund	10,556	8,853
Moneys for specific purposes including funds made available by Wool and Wheat Research Committees, &c., for credit to Treasury Trust Accounts	195,773	223,102
Collections on account of North West Mallee Water Rates and Wire Netting Cash Sales	3,154	2,667
Road Loading Charges—Improvement Purchase Leases	5,457	6,363
Receipts on account of Assurance Fund	2,149	2,845
Recoup on cost of Regional Employment Development Scheme	80,871	19,521
Botanic Gardens—Kiosk and Herbarium .. .. .	..	188,815
	<u>6,631,911</u>	<u>8,228,460</u>

EXPENDITURE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FUND

The amount provided from the Consolidated Fund to meet departmental administrative costs and expenses and other functional expenditure was \$21,614,101 compared with \$18,913,974 in the previous year. Details are :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Vote—		
Crown Lands Administrative and Other Services	5,297,552	5,938,460
Vermin and Noxious Weeds	7,321,206	8,438,120
Survey	4,027,049	4,689,621
Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium	844,072	1,094,270
	<u>17,489,879</u>	<u>20,160,471</u>
Works and Services—		
Crown Lands Administration and Other Services	855,438	620,653
Vermin and Noxious Weeds	37,815	304,593
Survey	224,878	314,773
Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium	305,964	213,611
	<u>1,424,095</u>	<u>1,453,630</u>
	<u>18,913,974</u>	<u>21,614,101</u>

TRUST FUND EXPENDITURE

Disbursements by the Department from Treasury Trust Funds included—

- (i) \$81,160 from joint Commonwealth and Industry Research Funds, namely, Commonwealth Subsidy Vermin Control, \$36,663 ; Skeleton Weed Research, \$27,092 ; Australian Biological Resources Study, \$8,866 ; and Feral Cat Consultancy, \$8,539;
- (ii) \$13,491 in meeting claims and administrative expenses on account of the Closer Settlement Insurance Fund;
- (iii) \$72,523 expenditure from Commonwealth Regional Employment Development Trust Account;
- (iv) \$95,926 expenditure on Special Youth Employment Training Programme; and
- (v) \$69,685 expenditure from the Commonwealth Apprentice Employment Scheme.

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 \$1,883,225 and the accumulated deficit was, as a result, increased to \$137,804,886.

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	4,963,889	
Administrative costs	130,621	
	<hr/>	5,094,510
<i>Income—</i>		
Interest charged on outstanding liability of settlers	3,178,706	
Sundry items of income	32,579	
	<hr/>	3,211,285
Deficit .. .. .	..	<hr/><u>1,883,225</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, 1976, was \$690,565. Premiums received during the year amounted to \$8,853. Expenditure consisted of Claims, \$2,959, and Administration Expenses, \$10,532. The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1977, was \$685,927.

LAW

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

Attorney-General's Office ;
 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 1976–77 amounted to \$40,507,072. 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 :—

	1975–76		1976–77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Attorney-General's Office		2,285,058		2,627,047
Crown Solicitor's Office		1,714,008		2,078,940
Courts—				
Administration	13,841,155		15,798,916	
Allowances to Witnesses	360,812		413,998	
Payments to Jurors	1,081,198		1,199,990	
Professional Assistance	1,577,499		1,426,993	
Court Reporting	728,034		783,992	
Other Costs, including expenditure of a capital nature	2,728,676		4,374,104	
		<u>20,317,374</u>		<u>23,997,993</u>
Office of the Public Trustee		2,257,856		2,480,177
Titles Office		5,308,145		5,796,762
Corporate Affairs Office		2,138,013		3,191,440
Other		312,291		334,713
		<u>34,332,745</u>		<u>40,507,072</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 1975–76 and 1976–77, with the exception of fees and commissions collected in the Office of the Public Trustee, were :—

	1975–76	1976–77
	\$	\$
Fees, Titles Office	11,747,338	14,725,861
Fees, Commissioner for Corporate Affairs	5,040,945	7,290,911
Fees, Registrar-General	550,177	732,289

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 :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Local Government—		
Salaries and Allowances	726,106	807,578
Overtime and Penalty Rates	11,556	11,708
Travelling (including Motor Vehicles)	28,897	37,531
Fees and Expenses—Boards and Committees	86,266	90,042
Other Administrative Expenses	120,337	163,917
Contribution to Operating Expenses of Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board	2,937,250	3,219,250
Subsidies to Municipalities	618,874	919,945
Works and Services Account—Subsidies to Municipalities, &c.	2,877,667	3,431,724
Total Local Government	7,406,953	8,681,695
Valuer-General—		
Salaries and Allowances	1,372,592	1,486,369
Overtime and Penalty Rates	455	503
Travelling (including Motor Vehicles)	124,244	151,401
Fees and Expenses—Boards and Committees	1,892	1,620
Other Administrative Expenses	140,236	138,538
Total Valuer-General	1,639,419	1,778,431
Weights and Measures—		
Salaries and Allowances	477,905	502,623
Overtime and Penalty Rates	1,318	1,230
Travelling (including Motor Vehicles)	85,633	82,865
Materials and Equipment	2,762	3,794
Other Administrative Expenses	53,198	51,979
Works and Services Account—Equipment, &c.	14,761	72,681
Total Weights and Measures	635,577	715,172
Total Local Government Department	9,681,949	11,175,298

RECEIPTS

The following statement shows departmental receipts in 1975-76 and 1976-77 :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Charges for Departmental Services—		
Municipal Auditors Board Fees, &c.	103,270	102,060
Weights and Measures Branch	314,464	227,669
	417,734	329,729
Property Sales Information, &c.	120,351	175,084
Miscellaneous	6,579	35,476
	544,664	540,289

MILK BOARD

Up to 30th June, 1977, the Milk Board was responsible for administering the supply, sale and distribution of milk in the proclaimed milk districts of the State. In accordance with Section 22 of the *Victorian Dairy Industry Authority Act 1977*, the Board was abolished as from 1st July, 1977, and its powers and functions were transferred to the Victorian Dairy Industry Authority from that date.

The Milk Board's operations in 1976-77 resulted in a revenue surplus of \$807,167, a decrease of \$521,369 on the comparable figure for 1975-76.

A summarized statement of the Board's operations for the year, together with comparative figures for the previous year, is set out hereunder.

1975-76 \$					1976-77 \$	\$
	<i>Revenue</i>					
2,546,916	Milk Trading Revenue	..	..	..	2,652,820	
37,243	Milk Shop Licence Fees	..	..	..	40,779	
<u>2,584,159</u>						<u>2,693,599</u>
	<i>Expenditure</i>					
567,055	Salaries	..	..	..	685,268	
25,839	Pay-roll Tax	..	..	..	32,932	
10,244	Country Office Expenses	..	..	..	11,339	
11,138	Travelling Expenses	..	..	..	14,405	
70,583	General Expenses	..	..	..	88,918	
525,000	Publicity Account—Appropriation	..	..	..	1,000,000	
24,003	Building Maintenance	..	..	..	26,543	
8,074	Depreciation	..	..	..	8,112	
13,687	Motor Vehicles—Maintenance and Operating Costs	..	..	..	18,915	
<u>1,255,623</u>						<u>1,886,432</u>
1,328,536	Surplus for the year	..	..	..		<u>807,167</u>

The item—Publicity Account—Appropriation, \$1,000,000—is the provision from revenue to meet publicity costs incurred in promoting the consumption of milk. Net expenditure for publicity purposes charged to the Account in the year amounted to \$776,245.

The Board's balances as at 30th June, 1976, and 30th June, 1977, were:—

30.6.76 \$					30.6.77 \$	\$
4,748,512	Sundry Creditors—Trade	..	..	..	5,657,802	
32,155	Sundry Creditors—Other	..	..	..	259,991	
17,299	Milk Shop Licences Paid in Advance (Net)	..	..	..	22,433	
70	Accrued Expenses	..	..	..	..
<u>4,798,036</u>						<u>5,940,226</u>
	Accumulated Funds—					
	Accumulation Fund—					
4,473,598	Balance Brought Forward	..	..	..	5,779,157	
22,977	Less Adjustments relating to prior years	..	..	..	426	
<u>4,450,621</u>						<u>5,778,731</u>
1,328,536	Revenue Surplus for the year	..	..	..	807,167	
<u>5,779,157</u>						<u>6,585,898</u>
899,525	Publicity Account	..	..	..	1,123,279	
<u>6,678,682</u>						<u>7,709,177</u>
11,476,718						<u>13,649,403</u>
6,080,581	Milk Board Fund—Balance at Treasury	..	..	..	7,340,928	
4,945,499	Sundry Debtors—Trade	..	..	..	5,868,777	
26,003	Office Equipment, Furniture and Fittings less Depreciation	..	..	..	26,907	
48,888	Motor Vehicles less Depreciation	..	..	..	47,355	
346,315	Land and Buildings at Cost	..	..	..	346,315	
27,825	Publicity Plant and Equipment less Depreciation	..	..	..	17,317	
963	Publishing Stocks on Hand	..	..	..	654	
644	Prepayments	..	..	..	1,150	
<u>11,476,718</u>						<u>13,649,403</u>

Trade debtors and creditors, for the most part, resulted from trading operations for the month of June, 1977.

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—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Land Revenue—		
Royalties—Submerged Lands	42,477,173	46,605,509
Mining Leases, Rents, &c.	258,017	244,037
Extractive Industries, &c.	166,213	205,253
Other	43,186	57,585
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	42,944,589	47,112,384
Boring and Crushing Fees	80,214	8,493
Explosives Licences and Fees	87,797	89,542
Sale of Government Property	15,212	13,386
Repayment of Loans	27,243	2,059
Sundries	18,945	21,045
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Total Receipts	43,174,000	47,246,909
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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 1976-77 amounted to \$46,605,509 making a total of \$228,960,929 paid by them since the first royalty payment on petroleum in May, 1969. Of that total amount, \$72,152,069 has been paid to the Commonwealth, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Negotiations had 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 calculation of well-head value. However, during 1975, as a result of a failure to agree, the Minister notified the licensees of his intention to make a determination under the Act of the well-head value of petroleum. This notification was given in respect of the royalty period ending 30th August, 1975.

Following this notification of the Minister's intention to make a determination, and in accordance with the Commonwealth-State agreement, the Mines Department, acting on behalf of the Designated Authority, initiated consultations with the Commonwealth in respect of a proposed royalty determination and royalty formula. At the time of preparation of this Report, the State is still awaiting an expression of Commonwealth views on the matter.

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 the results of the determination review currently in hand.

EXPENDITURE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FUND

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Special Appropriation—		
Royalty Payments to Commonwealth	13,439,979	14,863,549
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Vote—		
Administration—		
Salaries	2,767,632	3,011,100
Overtime and Penalty Rates	16,723	19,356
Travelling and Subsistence	89,601	116,415
Motor Vehicles—Purchase and Running Expenses	87,925	155,861
Other Administrative Expenses	418,602	330,618
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	3,380,483	3,633,350
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Miscellaneous—		
Maintenance, &c., State Batteries	6,660	7,269
Boring for Water, Coal and Other Minerals, &c.	602,508	700,000
Geological Survey	23,737	32,517
Laboratory Expenses	10,848	13,184
Covering Abandoned Shafts	36,114	18,425
Surveys for Mineral Deposits	27,726	19,814
Contribution—Coal Mine Workers' Pensions Fund	266,002
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	707,593	1,057,211
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Works and Services Account—		
Drilling Plant, &c.	349,326	628,510
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Total Expenditure	17,877,381	20,182,620
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Included in the departmental payments in 1976-77 is expenditure, assessed by the Department to be \$2,630,551, 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 Assessment) Act 1973-1974*, and an amount of \$1,136,000 was received in July, 1977.

PARLIAMENT

The costs of Parliament met by the Consolidated Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1977, compared with the previous year, were as follows :—

	1975-76		1976-77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Vote and Special Appropriations—</i>				
Members' Salaries and Allowances ..	3,811,776		3,879,107	
Contribution to Parliamentary Con- tributory Superannuation Fund ..	2,441,992		2,441,992	
Legislative Council	217,498		252,666	
Legislative Assembly	489,455		548,817	
House Committee	404,078		1,199,335	
Library	174,858		190,488	
Hansard and Debates	1,256,913		1,367,825	
Refreshment Rooms	173,270		228,000	
Parliamentary Committees—Members' Expenses	80,908		106,304	
	9,050,748		10,214,534	
 <i>Works and Services Account—</i>				
Renovations and Painting Parliament House		290,995		782,786
		9,341,743		10,997,320

The large increase in the expenditure of the House Committee, compared with the previous year, was due to the salaries of Members' private secretaries and other staff now being paid direct by the House Committee.

MINISTRY FOR PLANNING

The *Ministry for Planning Act 1973* established the Ministry for Planning and provided for the administration of the *Town and Country Planning Act 1961* to be transferred to the Minister for Planning.

EXPENDITURE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FUND

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

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Ministry for Planning—		
Salaries and Allowances	296,817	413,344
Overtime and Penalty Rates	6,679	7,199
Travelling (including Motor Vehicles)	5,418	13,635
Historic Buildings Preservation Council—Fees	29,818	33,296
Interim Development Order Appeals Board, Minister's Delegates and Town Planning Appeals Tribunal—Fees	173,300	228,496
Other Administrative Expenses	71,471	91,246
Total Ministry for Planning	583,503	787,216
Town and Country Planning Board—		
Salaries and Allowances	1,221,148	1,474,619
Overtime and Penalty Rates	1,868	2,662
Travelling (including Motor Vehicles)	49,387	58,848
Other Administrative Expenses	197,544	218,498
Regional Planning Authorities	176,484	458,185
Total Town and Country Planning Board	1,646,431	2,212,812
Total Planning	2,229,934	3,000,028

RECEIPTS

Receipts for the year amounted to \$4,784, being fees received by the Town and Country Planning Board.

PREMIER'S DEPARTMENT

The functions of the Department are administrative, regulatory, planning, developmental and educational in character and include co-ordinating the implementation of government policy. It acts as a channel of communication with other governments and is also responsible for the administration of, and for governmental contact with, the Victoria Promotion London Committee, the Office of the Agent-General in London and the Victorian Agency in Tokyo.

The various branches of the Premier's Department are as follows :—

Governor's Office and the Executive Council

Expenditure for the last two years from the Consolidated Fund was :—

	1975-76		1976-77	
<i>Vote—</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Governor and Governor's Office—salaries and allowances*	380,707		435,552	
Clerk of the Executive Council—salaries and allowances*	19,904		21,415	
General administration expenses	95,691		101,284	
Allowance to meet expenses for services in connection with Government House	50,000		56,000	
	546,302		614,251	
 <i>Works and Services Account—</i>				
Government House renovations		123,747		112,871
		670,049		727,122

* Including payments from Special Appropriations.

Premier's Office

The various divisions of the Premier's Office are as follows :—

(a) *Research and Policy Division*

The Research and Policy Division was established to provide a general research facility within the Department and to provide a permanent Secretariat and support staff for the State Co-ordination Council, which advises the Premier on major proposals, priorities and specific projects relating to co-ordination of Government agency activities.

(b) *Protocol Division*

This Division is responsible for government ceremonies, functions and hospitality. It organises official visits to Victoria of visiting dignitaries and also arranges overseas travel for Members of Parliament and senior public servants.

(c) *Federal-State Affairs Division*

This Division, while it is administratively a Division of the Premier's Department, constitutes the Ministry for Federal Affairs. It disseminates a wide range of information, particularly from Commonwealth sources, to Victorian Departments and agencies. Commonwealth legislation is examined for its relevance to, and implications for, State functions and responsibilities. It also co-ordinates Victorian Government submissions to the Commonwealth and to other States and undertakes specialised analysis and policy evaluation.

(d) *Projects Division*

The Projects Division was established in 1976. It provides secretarial assistance and other support to a number of committees established or administered by the Premier's Department and provides intermediary support to other branches of the Department such as the Agent General's Office in London, and to the Victorian Agency in Tokyo, the State Artist and State Historian.

Included under the Projects Division is the Community Services Centre which was established in 1975 and is committed to the welfare of all citizens and to assisting every member of the community to develop to his full potential. The Centre has five bureaux :—the Government Information Bureau, the Anti-Discrimination Bureau, the Interpreting Services Bureau, the Women's Advisory Bureau and the Migrant Advisory Bureau.

(e) Secretariat Division

This Division provides services in relation to correspondence received, and liaises with Departments and Government agencies in respect of this correspondence.

(f) General Services Division

This Division provides administrative facilities in relation to finance, personnel and supply matters, to other Divisions and Offices under the control of the Department.

A summary of receipts and payments in respect of the Consolidated Fund in connection with the Premier's Office for the year compared with the previous year is :—

	PAYMENTS			
	1975-76		1976-77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Vote—</i>				
Salaries and allowances	1,910,704		2,779,578	
General administration expenses	620,079		969,934	
Expenses of entertainment for visitors, &c.	142,362		123,635	
Air travel—Members of Parliament and Ministers, &c.	80,424		120,943	
Werribee Park—Operating Expenses	85,998		92,196	
Erskine House, Lorne—Operating Expenses	134,305		211,003	
State Artist	47,651		97,642	
Victoria Promotion .. .. .	..		510,588	
Victorian Representation—Japan .. .. .	..		174,283	
Victorian Garden State Committee .. .. .	..		34,350	
Other Services	131,488		203,312	
		3,153,011		5,317,464
<i>Works and Services—</i>				
Werribee Park	280,382		144,339	
Erskine House, Lorne	5,415		10,797	
Westernport Co-ordination Group .. .. .	..		13,871	
		285,797		169,007
		3,438,808		5,486,471
<i>Receipts</i>				
Werribee Park	5,792		14,512	
Erskine House, Lorne	123,156		204,474	
Community Services Bureau—Sales	4,942		19,613	
Other	4,925		6,544	
		138,815		245,143
Net Cost		3,299,993		5,241,328

Agent General's Office, London

The function of this Office is to act as the Victorian Government's representative in London, promoting the State, and handling the Government's day to day affairs and enquiries from intending British migrants.

Expenditure for the past two years is summarized as follows :—

	1975-76		1976-77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Vote—</i>				
Salaries—Agent General and staff	237,227		257,956	
General administration expenses	76,785		136,102	
Agent General's allowance	15,459		15,300	
Other services	780		22,064	
		330,251		431,422
<i>Works and Services—</i>				
Agent General's flat in London .. .. .	..		79,058	
Renovations Agent General's Office	14,777		..	
		14,777		79,058
		345,028		510,480

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

The Public Service Board is responsible for personnel administration of the Public Service, including organization and recruitment, conditions of employment, training and staff development and the promotion of efficiency in the working of departments.

Expenditure from the Consolidated Fund during the last two years was :—

	1975-76	1976-77
<i>Vote—</i>	\$	\$
Salaries and allowances*	1,956,271	2,356,339
General administration expenses	583,253	671,993
Training course fees and expenses	156,863	227,414
	2,696,387	3,255,746

* Including payments from Special Appropriations.

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING SERVICE BUREAU

The Bureau operates on two computer sites and acts as a service bureau for Government Departments. As from 1st July, 1976, these services have been charged for on a set scale of fees.

The facilities provided are batch processing, on line processing, data entry and program and systems support.

The cost to the Consolidated Fund during the last two years is set out below :—

	1975-76		1976-77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Payments—</i>				
<i>Vote—</i>				
Salaries and allowances	758,894		959,522	
General administration expenses	237,285		309,856	
		996,179		1,269,378
<i>Works and Services—</i>				
Purchase of Computer	51,188		3,932,427	
E.D.P. Data Entry System	249,151		148,005	
Computer System Development .. .. .	..		54,000	
		300,339		4,134,432
		1,296,518		5,403,810
<i>Receipts—</i> .. .. .		..		1,051,787
Net Cost		1,296,518		4,352,023

PROMOTIONS APPEAL BOARD

This Board was established, under the *Public Service Act* 1974, to determine, in certain circumstances, the claims of Second and Third Division officers of the Public Service in respect to vacant positions.

The following is a summary of the cost to the Consolidated Fund of the Board during the last two years :—

Vote—	1975-76		1976-77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Salaries and overtime	64,551		81,307	
General administration expenses	11,693		13,351	
Members' fees	985		2,550	
	77,229		97,208	

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL

The Auditor-General is responsible for the audit and inspection of the accounts of the Treasury and other government departments and also semi-governmental and other bodies as required by law.

Payments made from the Consolidated Fund in carrying out these responsibilities, and the fees received during the last two years were as follows :—

Payments—	1975-76		1976-77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Salaries and allowances and payments for overtime*	1,544,194		1,750,663	
General administration expenses	219,646		227,183	
	1,763,840		1,977,846	
<i>Receipts—</i>				
Audit fees, &c.	391,709		405,107	
Net cost	1,372,131		1,572,739	

* Includes payments from Special Appropriations.

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

The office of Commissioner for Administrative Investigations, called the Ombudsman, was established under the *Ombudsman Act 1973* principally to investigate complaints of any administrative action taken in any Government Department or Public Statutory Body to which the Act applies. Also, the *Ombudsman (Municipalities) Act 1976*, which came into operation on 1st January, 1977, gave the Ombudsman jurisdiction to investigate complaints concerning administrative actions taken in municipalities, limited, however, to administrative actions taken by municipal officers.

The cost to the Consolidated Fund during the last two years was :—

	1975-76	1976-77
<i>Vote—</i>	\$	\$
Salaries and allowances*	229,345	297,054
General expenses*	34,134	48,148
	263,479	345,202

* Includes payments from Special Appropriations.

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—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Public Works Administration—		
Vote—		
Salaries	13,089,446	14,889,097
Overtime and Penalty Rates	126,318	169,840
Travelling and Subsistence	476,120	522,789
Other Expenses	1,588,690	1,646,274
Total Administrative Costs	15,280,574	17,228,000
Works and Buildings, Maintenance, Repairs, &c.	4,387,578	4,970,889
Rents and Allowances	8,053,863	11,323,060
Other Services	2,433,233	2,978,199
	30,155,248	36,500,148
Works and Services Account—Capital Items	13,812,627	14,168,435
	43,967,875	50,668,583
Ports and Harbors Administration—		
Vote—		
Salaries	1,587,539	1,781,699
Overtime and Penalty Rates	25,663	29,046
Travelling and Subsistence	85,398	108,891
Other Administrative Expenses	185,517	191,695
Total Administrative Costs	1,884,117	2,111,331
Wharves and Jetties, Maintenance, Repairs, &c.	679,427	753,938
Dredging and Blasting	2,153,414	2,411,888
Contribution to Portland Harbor Trust	1,384,000	1,220,000
Westernport—Operating Expenses	1,869,924	2,186,988
Other Services	460,211	521,897
	8,431,093	9,206,042
Works and Services Account—Capital Items	4,046,018	4,320,637
	12,477,111	13,526,679
Total Expenditure	56,444,986	64,195,262

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 oncost charges, approved by the Treasury, to cover the departmental expenses involved in the design, supervision and administration of the works. The approved rate was 12 per cent. on works, 2 per cent. on purchase of property (including purchase of side-casting dredger) and 7 per cent. on works expenditure from the Commonwealth Child Migrant Education Trust Account. Recoups to the Consolidated Fund on the basis of these charges amounted to \$13,214,788. The comparable figure for 1975-76 was \$11,768,497.

Expenditure by the Department from the Works and Services Account amounted to \$170,397,153, and from Trust and Special Funds \$13,132,236, a total of \$183,529,389, compared with a total of \$181,208,828 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, &c.	14,067,379	
Metric Conversion Costs.. .. .	101,056	
	<hr/>	14,168,435
<i>Ports and Harbors—</i>		
Public Offices	40,986	
Foreshore Protection, Wharves and Jetties.. .. .	2,128,989	
Vessels for Dredging, Marine Plant	1,825,376	
Westernport Works, &c.	97,403	
Plant	227,883	
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		18,489,072

Public Offices (\$14,067,379)—Major items of expenditure were:—

	\$
Purchase of premises—166 Wellington Parade (Instalment)	760,032
Partitions and furniture—166 Wellington Parade	799,931
Purchase of premises at Laverton (Instalment)	422,410
Adaptation works at Laverton	401,956
Adaptation works for computer—Treasury Reserve.. .. .	1,075,468
Purchase of premises—601 Bourke Street (Instalment)	734,287
Government Exhibition Centre—Showgrounds	1,763,659
Purchase of premises and furniture—Windsor Hotel (Instalment)	1,683,000
Purchase of premises—1 City Road	769,571

Victorian Public Offices Corporation

The Victorian Public Offices Corporation is a statutory body which was constituted pursuant to the *Victorian Public Offices Corporation Act 1974* to provide such public offices as are from time to time required for the government of Victoria.

Fuller reference to the Corporation will be made in my Supplementary 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 \$790,000. 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, 1977, the position of this Account was :—

	\$
Cash funds available—held by Treasury	7,159
Value of stores on hand	546,387
Issues pending recoupment	234,286
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Funds made available by Treasury	787,832
Amount retained by Treasury to meet expenses, &c.	2,168
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Amount authorized by legislation	790,000
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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, 1977, the net balance of the Fund was \$742,154.

Agency Trust Funds

Expenditure on projects financed from Agency Funds amounted to \$3,829,631. Major works carried out by the Department as agent included the following projects :—

	\$
Purchase of Properties for Conservation Program—Mornington Peninsula ..	827,610
Canteen No. 1, 1 MacArthur Street	261,152
Glen Waverley Special School	352,392
Side Casting Dredger	423,361
Building of New Residences—National Parks	206,089

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.

Railway operating expenses in 1976-77, as recorded in the Treasurer's accounts, exceeded railway income by \$159,077,795. The deficit 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	288,661,182*
Contribution to Renewals and Replacements Fund	400,000
Payment to Transport Fund	293,886
Pension Contributions	16,262,890
Debt Charges	17,370,574
Total Expenditure	322,988,532

* Includes advances of \$5,318,956 for Agency Works, subject to recoup.

This was provided by—

Ordinary Income	156,920,354
Appropriations of former years	661,958
Payments by Treasury—	\$
For fare freight and transport concessions	6,254,414
For loss on Kerang-Koondrook line	74,011
	6,328,425
Total Receipts	163,910,737
Deficit for year	159,077,795

To facilitate the closing of the Treasurer's accounts on 30th June, 1977, it was arranged by the Treasury for the Railways Department to furnish estimates of Railways expenditure for the final accounting period of 1976-77 up to 30th June, which were then charged to the various appropriations in the above statement, the Works and Services allocations and various Railway Trust Funds. Subsequent to 30th June, when the final expenditure charges and adjustments for the year 1976-77 became available, these figures were included in the Railways accounts as at 30th June, 1977, but not charged or incorporated into the Treasurer's accounts until 1977-78.

In addition, collections by the Railways on 30th June, on account of Income and other accounts, were included in the Railways result at that date. Collections were remitted to the Treasury on 1st July, 1977, and will, therefore, be included in the Treasurer's accounts for the year 1977-78.

Railway records show a deficit of \$155,447,805. Certain parts of 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 .. .. .	..	159,077,795
Add—		
Decrease during year in Revenue Debtors.. .. .	1,285,312	
Sundry Creditor to Consolidated Fund	293,028	
Balance Working Expenses for 1976-77	1,171,064	
	<u> </u>	2,749,404
		<u>161,827,199</u>
Deduct—		
Advance for Agency Works from Vote—subject to recoup ..	5,318,956	
Net Collections in Transit 30th June, 1977	1,060,438	
	<u> </u>	6,379,394
Deficit, as shown in Railway Accounts .. .. .	..	<u>155,447,805</u>

Railway operating expenses, \$322,988,532, exceeded the Budget estimate of \$316,445,000 and, on a comparable basis, were in excess of the previous year by \$35,051,424.

Operating Expenses

Depreciation.—The depreciation for 1976–77 was assessed at \$13,128,271 but an amount of \$400,000 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 \$12,728,271 depreciation assessed but not charged against operating expenses brought the accumulated sum under-provided in the Railways accounts to \$204,152,173 at 30th June, 1977.

The total amount credited in the year to the Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund from depreciation charges and sales of materials &c., \$1,202,309, was expended in full. There was no balance to the credit of this Fund at 30th June, 1977.

To 30th June, 1977, renewals and replacements to a total of \$131,718,500 have been provided from the Fund and from allocations of loan moneys for rehabilitation works.

Accrued Leave.—Accrued leave increased by 7662 days in 1976–77 and the estimated liability increased from \$17,774,180 as at 30th June, 1976, to \$20,383,540 as at 30th June, 1977. 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 Department 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 \$17,370,574.

Special Funds for Maintenance Expenditure

Expenditure by the Department during 1976–77 of funds amounting to \$375,303 and provided from the following sources has not been included in the Receipts and Expenditure statement :—

Metric Conversion Costs.—Expenditure of \$23,300 was charged to the Public Works and Services Acts in connection with metric conversion costs.

Flood Damage.—Expenditure by the Department of \$111,297 on maintenance works occasioned by flood damage during the Spring of 1975, was charged to the Treasury Trust Account—Victorian Natural Disasters Relief Account.

Transport Projects.—Expenditure of \$240,706 on transport planning and research projects has been charged to the Treasury Trust Account—Commonwealth Transport Planning and Research Account. This amount represents the estimated portion of expenditure by the Department which will be eligible for Commonwealth financial assistance by way of non-repayable grants as provided by Commonwealth legislation, *Transport (Planning and Research) Act* 1974.

The amounts actually recoverable from the Commonwealth in respect of 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.

Railway Income

Collections on account of railway income amounted to \$163,910,737 which was \$5,389,263 less than the Budget estimate but \$16,967,619 more than the result for 1975–76. Collections for 1976–77, when compared with those for the previous year, reflected the increase in passenger fares and freight rates which applied from July, 1976.

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

	1975–76	1976–77
	\$	\$
Passengers	47,979,977	54,166,233
Parcels, &c.	6,406,059	6,699,791
Mails	635,972	627,997
Miscellaneous	110,758	103,870
Goods and livestock, &c.	80,408,778	89,156,624
Rents and general miscellaneous	3,820,962	3,965,552
Dining car and refreshment rooms services	6,116,008	6,890,540
Advertising	298,651	325,665
Bookstalls	1,514,765	1,575,526
Road motor services	94,781	91,673
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	147,386,711	163,603,471

Treasury recoups of \$63,235 in 1975–76 and \$74,011 in 1976–77, 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 Transport Works and Services Acts :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Way and Works	3,993,945*	7,107,000*
Rolling-stock, Equipment, &c.	10,708,325	10,353,000
Construction of New Lines, &c.	1,302,830	1,665,000
Urban Development Projects	14,053,639	21,215,000
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	30,058,739	40,340,000
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* Excludes expenditure on Agency Works subject to recoup.

Rail Tracks, Rolling Stock, &c

Expenditure for 1976-77 was principally in connexion with projects to reconstruct bridges, and to provide additional rolling-stock.

Urban Development Projects

Items provided in the Works and Services Acts for Urban Development Projects include construction of new suburban stations, provision of additional tracks and new suburban trains. In respect of portion of this expenditure, the State of Victoria will be eligible for Commonwealth financial assistance by way of non-repayable grants as provided by Commonwealth legislation, *States Grants (Urban Public Transport) Act 1974*.

The amounts actually recoverable from the Commonwealth in respect of 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

Details of certain transactions affecting the Railways were not recorded in the financial records of the Board in time for inclusion in my predecessor's Report for 1975-76. The transactions were accounted for, however, in the financial statements and explanatory notes which accompanied the Railways Annual Report for that year, tabled in Parliament in December, 1976. Details of these transactions, the accounting for which has required adjustment of figures given on page 106 of my predecessor's Report for 1975-76, are given in the following paragraphs.

The financial statement in the Railways Annual Report for 1975-76 included a revaluation of over-age rolling stock-wagons, suburban and country cars and brake vans—on the principle of current replacement cost less depreciation covering the expired portion of each asset's total expected life. Asset lives have been extended by estimating further life expectancies although the items of over-age stock in question are already considered to be beyond their economic lives.

This revaluation created an Asset Revaluation Reserve of \$40,145,000 which has been included in the Board's accounts for 1976-77 at the same figure as for the previous year. Adjustments have not been made in the accounts to record the financial value of over-age rolling stock removed from service during the year 1976-77 and scrapped.

In addition, for the year 1975-76, historical costs of assets comprised in the trackwork were depreciated by a further sum of \$53,327,000. No further depreciation in respect of these track assets was provided in the accounts for 1976-77.

An abridged statement of the balances in the Railway Accounts as at 30th June, 1976 and 1977 is as under :—

	1976	1977
	\$	\$
Rolling-stock, Plant, &c., at cost less depreciation provided ..	651,603,334	693,104,241
Stores and Materials	9,601,988	10,733,862
Partly-manufactured Articles	2,636,266	2,375,596
Materials in Transit	949,969	949,969
Trading and Catering Services, Stock and Equipment less provision for losses	778,807	1,023,471
Discounts and Expenses on Loans	7,683,893	7,733,817
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 Agency Works Account * .. .. .	..	164,311
Railways Stores Suspense Account *	2,327,044	288,162
Railways Repayment Account *	18,188	11,864
Railway Manufacturing and Trading and Catering Account * ..	..	33,159
Treasury Trust Fund *	10,954,448	10,216,761
Advances held by Agent-General	102,248	107,977
Trust Securities	4,351,755	4,436,101
Cash at Stations and in Transit	1,569,248	804,053
Cash Advances	558,529	1,021,104
Revenue Debtors	11,286,786	11,800,762
Sundry Debtors	6,250,225	8,058,717
Accumulated Loss.. .. .	666,122,026	821,950,052
	1,378,044,754	1,576,063,979

* Including Cash in Transit

Loan Liability*	449,618,816	482,972,806
Funds for—		
Urban Development Projects	24,268,543	26,485,923
Uniform Railway Gauge	30,154,276	30,058,438
Level Crossings	10,888,613	10,888,613
Boom Barriers	474,643	636,737
Transport Fund	2,538,545	4,334,965
Other Special Purposes	13,892,240	13,892,240
Pipeline	949,969	949,969
Asset Revaluation Reserve	40,145,000	40,145,000
National Debt Sinking Fund Reserve	93,798,800	100,351,475
Uniform Railway Gauge Reserve	1,445,724	1,541,561
Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund	200,000	200,000
Advances from the Public Account	7,925,876	1,541,108
Working Capital—Manufacturing and Trading	3,205,643	3,205,643
Sundry Creditors	15,901,098	16,621,266
Trust Securities	4,369,943	4,447,965
Consolidated Fund, &c.	678,267,025	837,790,270†
	1,378,044,754	1,576,063,979

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

† Includes Advances for Agency Works subject to recoup and items in transit at 30th June, 1977.

Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund

The Fund was preserved at the statutory limit of \$200,000 by appropriation from the Consolidated Fund of \$3,095,126 charged against Working Expenses. Expenditure from the Fund for the past two years was :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Damages recovered by non-employees at law	115,733	79,575
Damages paid to non-employees without legal action	1,601	15,209
Compensation for injuries to employees	2,296,276	2,262,785
Compensation for goods lost or damaged	616,522	570,159
Compensation for losses by fires caused by railway operations	7,404	12,387
Losses by fire to railway property	256,034	155,011
	3,293,570	3,095,126

Railway Charges in Suspense Account 1976-77

By determination of the Treasurer, made under authority of Section 8 of the *Public Account Act 1958*, a new trust account, Railway Charges in Suspense Account 1976-77, was established to operate during the period 1st July, 1976, to 30th June, 1977, at which date it was to be closed.

The Treasurer's determination specified the purposes to which the Suspense Account was to be applied. It was only to be used as an initial charging account for salaries and wages payments in 1976-77 which are legally chargeable in that financial year to Railway Annual or Special Appropriations, the Transport Works and Services Act or such other funds and accounts as the Treasurer may specify. All items were cleared from the Railway Charges in Suspense Account 1976-77 by 30th June, 1977, and the Account was then closed.

Total credits and debits to the Account during the year each amounted to \$245,063,591.

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, 1977. The disposition of this amount was as follows :—

	\$	\$
Stock on hand—Railways Department .. .. .	..	10,659,158
Stores Stock Equalization Account .. .. .	..	74,704
		<u>10,733,862</u>
Less Creditors .. .. .	..	2,616,056
		8,117,806
Stores sold and proceeds not collected .. .. .	..	486,055
Advances to the Agent-General, London .. .. .	..	107,977
		<u>8,711,838</u>
Balance held at Treasury .. .. .	..	3,486
Cash in Transit .. .. .	..	284,676
		<u>288,162</u>
		<u>9,000,000</u>

The item, Stock on hand, \$10,733,862, 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 \$74,704 at 30th June, 1977. 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	305,448
Costing adjustments—manufactured items	3,819
Losses on sales of safety footwear	14,695
Sales of materials—losses	6,231
Amount charged to Working Expenses	322,555
Stores invoice adjustments to be absorbed	74,704

Other Trust Accounts

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of the *Public Account Act 1958*, the following additional Trust Accounts were established by the Treasurer within the Trust Fund at the State Treasury.

Railway Agency Works Account

The Account operated from 1st July, 1976, and is to be credited with moneys received in advance by Railways from persons, bodies and authorities on whose behalf and at whose cost Railways carry out works. The account is to be debited with all costs incurred in carrying out such works.

There was no balance in the account at 30th June, 1977.

Total credits and debits to the Account during the year each amounted to \$7,382,529.

Railway Manufacturing and Trading and Catering Account

The Account operated from 1st July, 1976, and the purpose of the Account is to record necessary transactions in respect of the manufacture of articles for stock in Railway workshops and the operations of the Trading and Catering Branch of the Railways.

The Account has been financed by Working Capital of \$3,205,643 provided under the Appropriation Act for 1975-76. A summary of balances held within this Account is as follows :—

	\$	\$
Manufacturing Account—		
Works in Progress .. .. .	..	2,375,596
Catering Services—		
Stocks and Sundry Debtors	1,102,789	
Less—Sundry Creditors and Provision for Losses &c. ..	305,901	
	796,888	
Cash at Treasury—30th June, 1977	2,034	
Cash in Transit.. .. .	31,125	
	33,159	
Working Capital Provided .. .. .	..	3,205,643

Debtors—Revenue and Sundry

The total of \$19,859,479 for these items as shown in the balance-sheet consists of :—

	\$
Revenue	11,800,762
Agency Works (Vote and Works and Services Account)	5,762,077
Sales of general stores	486,055
Sundry sales and services	1,430,088
Sales of land	380,497
	19,859,479

Transport Fund

Consequent upon the amendment of the *Ministry of Transport Act 1958* by the *Ministry of Transport (Transport Fund) Act 1974*, the Victorian Railways Board is required to pay to the Transport Fund “an amount equal to one-fifth of one per centum of the gross revenue of the Board paid to the Treasurer in respect of the financial year then last past”. The Departmental payment to the Fund for the year 1976-77 was \$293,886.

Expenditure from the Transport Fund is to be applied at the Minister’s direction towards the cost of any project or undertaking or research project in relation to the improvement, development and better co-ordination of transport in Victoria.

The amount expended by the Department from the Fund during 1976-77 was \$1,538,810. This 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 \$16,621,266 are :—

	\$
Stores purchased for railways	2,616,056
Stores purchased for refreshment services	227,236
Salaries and wages accrued	6,963,132
Payroll deductions	3,253,695
Accounts for various services	1,277,356
Revenue rebates and refunds	193,442
Payments in advance for revenue services, &c.	1,790,525
Cash accounts overdrawn	6,796
Due to Consolidated Fund	293,028
	16,621,266

The item, “Salaries and wages accrued”, largely comprises pay accrued from 19th to 30th June, 1977. A sum of \$8,864,906 was held in the Trust Account “Salaries and Wages in Suspense” at the State Treasury at 30th June, 1977, towards those salaries and wages and payroll deductions.

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	1976-77 Total	1975-76 Total
Vote—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Salaries and payments in the nature of salary ..	2,130,873	2,871,837	6,738,219	5,346,553	10,436,069	1,216,172	28,739,723	24,379,734
General expenses, office expenses, travelling, fuel, light, power, etc. ..	321,016	393,960	331,741	358,412	619,883	144,977	2,169,989	1,627,037
Stores, provisions, plant, equipment ..	..	..	880,719	765,429	914,824	76,698	2,637,670	2,219,537
Assistance to children, deserted wives and mothers ..	..	..	7,193,515	..	..	..	7,193,515	2,488,534
Grants and subsidies to and expenses in connection with State wards, youth trainees, children in foster homes, institutions and hostels ..	..	598,887	8,068,775	898,917	..	..	9,566,579	8,874,878
Grants etc., to welfare organisations ..	1,167,653	57,016	10,367	..	..	..	1,235,036	734,813
Fare concessions to pensioners ..	5,175,290	..	..	..	..	..	5,175,290	4,395,305
Rate concessions for pensioners ..	12,268,991	..	..	..	..	..	12,268,991	5,984,289
Materials for manufacture or training ..	..	28,319	..	..	456,091	..	484,410	350,448
Allowances to trainees and working prisoners ..	..	..	..	73,582	292,295	..	365,877	364,851
Cadetships and bursaries ..	98,990	..	..	..	..	46,625	145,615	134,007
Workers' Compensation Insurance ..	7,084	11,555	36,146	27,404	51,143	7,430	140,762	399,630
Public Works Department maintenance and rents ..	427,239	93,231	1,994	4,298	17,543	9,136	553,441	555,194
Payroll Tax ..	101,260	132,602	48,196	18,231	469,692	55,307	825,288	735,562
Other ..	11,543	11,770	23,098	5,136	14,632	118,202	184,381	193,266
Contribution to Hospitals and Charities Fund to meet costs to public hospitals and other institutions of treatment and care of persons in receipt of Commonwealth Social Security pensions ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59,041,000
	21,709,939	4,199,177	23,332,770	7,497,962	13,272,172	1,674,547	71,686,567	112,478,085
Works and Services Account— Buildings, equipment, capital grants, etc. ..	749,378	..	1,041,512	1,389,655	1,398,796	186,072	4,765,413	3,931,572
	22,459,317	4,199,177	24,374,282	8,887,617	14,670,968	1,860,619	76,451,980	116,409,657

Significant variations in the costs of welfare services during 1976-77, other than salaries, were—

Assistance to Children, Deserted Wives and Mothers

The increase of \$4,704,981 is explained mainly by the different method of accounting adopted for the Commonwealth contribution. Previously, the contribution was deducted from the assistance payments, showing a net total for the year. In 1976-77, the Commonwealth contribution of \$2,824,067 was not offset against the expenditure under the vote item but shown under the receipt heading "Commonwealth Payments" in the Consolidated Fund. In addition, there was an increase in the number of recipients and an increase in the level of assistance payments.

Rate Concessions for Pensioners

The cost of these concessions increased by \$6,284,702 during the year. This was due mainly to an increase in the rate of assistance extended by the Government to eligible pensioners towards the payment of their municipal, water and sewerage rates.

Workers' Compensation Insurance

The decrease of \$258,868 was mainly due to an adjustment of premiums which had been overpaid in 1975-76.

Contributions to Hospitals and Charities Fund

In 1976-77, the contribution to the Hospitals and Charities Fund by the State (\$149,553,435) was appropriated from the Consolidated Fund wholly under the Health Department's Vote.

Revenue

The revenue of the Department, which consists mainly of proceeds of manufactured goods, Prisons Division, and maintenance charges and child endowment, Family and Youth Welfare Division, amounted to \$1,201,935, an increase of \$263,467.

STATE DEVELOPMENT

This Department, established by the *State Development Act 1970*, is responsible for encouraging and controlling the development of Victoria and, in particular, for the control of State activities in the fields of Industrial Development and Tourism. For purposes of administration, the newly established Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs also comes under the control of this Department.

The overall expenditure of the Department from the Consolidated Fund for the year was \$24,185,547 compared with \$19,567,397 in 1975-76, an increase of \$4,618,150. The major items of expenditure and the comparable figures for the previous year were:—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
<i>State Development (Central Administration)—</i>		
Salaries and payments in the nature of salary	539,028	533,179
General Expenses (including Workers Compensation Insurance and Payroll Tax)	191,916	138,980
Tourist Fund	1,777,194	2,389,277
Historical Projects Fund	613,465	787,459
Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Contribution towards administrative expenses	270,000	291,700
City of Sale—Grant for Oil and Gas Display Centre	14,528	39,472
Miscellaneous Grants and Contributions	32,130	18,393
Small Business Development Corporation—Fees and Expenses .. .. .	..	200,000
<i>Immigration—</i>		
Salaries and payments in the nature of salary	133,645	179,963
General Expenses (including Rent, Workers Compensation Insurance and Payroll Tax)	88,370	123,534
Ethnic Groups—Grants .. .. .	..	49,399
<i>Industrial Development—</i>		
Salaries and payments in the nature of salary	738,391	862,684
General Expenses (including Workers Compensation Insurance and Payroll Tax)	318,057	350,165
Development Committees	35,000	38,000
Industrial Development Fund—Contribution	1,520,000	2,062,000
Incentive payments to Approved Decentralized Secondary Industries	11,645,846	15,059,966
Industrial Design Council	25,000	25,000
Transport Concessions to approved Decentralized Secondary Industries —Payment to Railways Department	962,027	1,035 344

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Decentralized Industry Incentive Payments Act 1972*, the Minister may make incentive payments to certain employers who are carrying on a manufacturing or processing industry at a decentralized or a special establishment, as defined in the Act. The amount charged to Vote in 1976-77 in respect of incentive payments to approved decentralized secondary industries, \$15,059,966, includes payroll tax rebates \$14,837,707, land tax rebates, \$176,681, and \$45,578 on account of refunds of licence fees for commercial goods vehicles.

A sum of \$200,000 was provided from the Consolidated Fund to finance the operations for 1976-77 of the newly established Small Business Development Corporation. This Corporation was established under the *Small Business Development Corporation Act 1976*, for the purpose of encouraging and assisting small business throughout Victoria.

Immigration and Ethnic Affairs

The *Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs Act 1976*, proclaimed to operate from 9th February, 1977, repealed the Sections of the *State Development Act 1970* relating to immigration. Under the terms of the new legislation, there is provision for the appointment of a Director of Immigration who, subject to the general direction of the Minister, is responsible for promoting and facilitating the settlement of migrants in Victoria, for encouraging the establishment of ethnic groups and, generally, for promoting the post-migration after-care and well-being of migrants.

The net cost to the Consolidated Fund for the year in respect of these activities was \$352,896, compared with \$222,015 on immigration in 1975-76. The higher cost was due mainly to increased expenditure on salaries and allowances, publicity and in the provision of grants to ethnic groups.

Industrial Development

The *State Development Act* 1970 created the Industrial Development Fund and provided for its application to assist 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 :—

<i>Credits—</i>		1975-76	1976-77
		\$	\$
	Balance, 1st July	13,543	501
	Contribution from Consolidated Fund—Vote	1,520,000	2,062,000
		<u>1,533,543</u>	<u>2,062,501</u>
 <i>Less Disbursements—</i>			
	Power and Light Subsidies	6,394	177,110
	Freight Subsidies	196,274	282,569
	Removal of Plant, Machinery, Furniture, &c.	857,246	898,039
	Loans to Approved Decentralized Industries—		
	State Electricity Commission, Self Help Scheme	150,090	305,314
	All Other	126,400	305,314
			<u>305,314</u>
	Training Allowances	145,600	141,275
	Portland Wool Shipping Subsidies	14,305	43,198
	Portland Wool Brokers—Rebates	1,934	77,259
	Road and Drainage Works	4,458	46,940
	Miscellaneous Grants and Subsidies	30,341	54,738
		<u>1,533,042</u>	<u>2,026,442</u>
	Balance, 30th June	501	36,059

Of the total amount advanced by way of loan from the Fund, a total of \$755,560 was still to be repaid at 30th June. Arrears of principal and interest at that date amounted to \$55,315 and \$33,399 respectively.

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, an appropriation from the Consolidated Fund under the vote for State Development, a contribution from the Works and Services Account, commissions received from tourist bureau operations 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 :—

1975-76.		1976-77.	
\$	<i>Receipts</i>	\$	\$
284,879	Balance forward .. .. .	..	191,959
839,693	Contributions— From—Country Roads Board Fund	1,016,537	..
1,777,394	Consolidated Fund— State Development Vote	2,394,477	
245,000	Works and Services Account	3,411,014	
17,100	Municipalities—Motor Boating Facilities	382,500	
		4,278	3,797,792
126,386	Commissions, &c. received from Tourist Bureaux operations— Rail	125,155	
364,009	Other	434,498	559,653
902,042	Motor Boat Registration Fees and Fines (Net)	1,015,809	
393,461	Less Costs and Expenses of Collection and Administration	414,243	601,566
19,932	Interest on Loans to certain Bodies .. .. .	..	20,636
30,751	Loan Repayments .. .. .	..	33,670
79,150	Recoup of Costs— Metropolitan Transport Information Centre	82,981	
106,886	Railways Department	134,936	217,917
180,000	Sale of Premises Victorian Government Tourist Bureau, Adelaide .. .. .	..	19,302
337,290	Special Commonwealth Grants .. .. .	..	3,710
<u>4,917,051</u>			<u>5,446,205</u>
<i>Payments</i>			
366,316	Developmental and maintenance works .. .. .	..	363,798
291,000	Sewerage Facilities—Alpine Resorts .. .. .	..	..
93,716	Special grants to approved Bodies* .. .. .	..	219,479
145,594	Grants to Tourist Councils.. .. .	..	204,537
153,157	Publicity (net)— General (excluding Tourist Bureaux advertising, &c.)	204,293	
373,566	Regional	139,916	344,209
20,000	Loans to certain Bodies* .. .. .	..	256,000
563,861	Provision of motor boating facilities.. .. .	..	475,337
386,488	Administrative and other expenses— Head Office	443,647	
2,331,394	Tourist Bureaux	2,484,401	2,928,048
..	Consolidated Fund—Loan Repayment .. .. .	..	10,938
			<u>4,802,346</u>
81,896	Balance at the close of the year— General	406,620	
110,063	Motor Boating	237,239	643,859
<u>4,917,051</u>			<u>5,446,205</u>

* More detailed reference to these Grants and Loans is made in Appendix A-3 to this Report.

In addition to the balance of \$643,859 held at credit of the Fund at 30th June, 1977, unexpended advances to the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the Public Works Department for works amounted to \$46,819 and \$153,680 respectively. Of these sums, \$84,274 was in respect of motor boating.

Motor Boating

Under the provisions of the *Motor Boating Act* 1961, as amended, the net credit in the Tourist Fund in respect of motor boating activities is to be applied for the provision of various services and facilities associated with 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, 1976 (held in Tourist Fund) .. .. .	..	110,063
<i>Add—Receipts—</i>		
Registration Fees (net)	973,856	
Fines	41,953	
Municipalities—Motor boating facilities	4,278	
Loan Instalments—Redemption	2,464	
Interest	2,205	
	1,024,756	
		1,134,819
<i>Less—Expenditure—</i>		
Provision of motor boating facilities and services	475,337	
Loan to Shire	8,000	
Cost of Administration—	\$	
Transport Regulation Board	148,118	
Chief Secretary's Department	245,478	
Purchase of motor boats and equipment (net)	20,647	
	414,243	
		897,580
Credit at 30th June, 1977 (held in Tourist Fund) .. .. .	..	237,239

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 \$1,687,529 compared with \$1,474,963 for the previous year. The cost of salaries and other administrative expenses, rents, maintenance and items of a capital nature was \$2,484,401 against which the bureaux earned commission and other income to a total of \$559,653 and received recoups of \$134,936 from the Railways Department and \$82,981 in respect of the operations of the Metropolitan Transport Information Centre. A sum of \$19,302, being the balance due from the sale of premises previously occupied by the Adelaide Bureau, was received during the year.

In 1976–77, a total of \$7,764,601 was remitted to the Treasury in respect of cash collections from all sources. This amount included \$7,284,620 in respect of tourist bureau business, of which \$1,660,921 was credited to Railway Income and \$5,623,699 to the Tourist Bureaux Trust Account. Collections in the previous year totalled \$7,478,991.

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 1974-77 is given in the table hereunder :—

	Receipts, including Recoups	Payments				Net Outgoing
		General	Debt Charges	Works and Services Account	Total	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1974-75	25,256,746	27,390,496	27,311,534	24,429,571	79,131,601	53,874,855
1975-76	29,740,899	32,711,466	31,128,418	29,968,573	93,808,457	64,067,558
1976-77	35,757,288	38,181,573	35,755,431	38,858,062	112,795,066	77,037,778

REVENUE

A summary of the revenue from rates and charges for the supply of water for the period 1974-77 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		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1974-75	4,671,429	14,048,198	20,111,637	16,735,830	3,375,807
1975-76	5,243,867	15,615,723	24,327,013	19,367,633	4,959,380
1976-77	6,190,960	17,336,101	28,491,003	23,419,960	5,071,043*

* Subject to adjustment in 1977-78

The increase in 1976-77 in the total collectable sum was due, mainly, to increases of approximately 49 per cent. in water sales and miscellaneous revenue in irrigation districts and increases ranging from approximately 7 to 28 per cent. in rates and charges in most other districts.

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.

	1975-76	1976-77
	%	%
Coliban Districts	86	89
Irrigation Districts	71	75
Waterworks Districts	87	91
Rural Districts	82	82
Urban Districts	86	87
Flood Protection Districts	90	93

A dissection of the total collectable sum and the amount thereof owing at 30th June, 1977, is given in the statement hereunder :—

	Total Collectable Sum	Arrears 30.6.77
	\$	\$
Coliban Districts	1,501,395	150,799
Irrigation Districts	15,286,209	3,484,853
Waterworks Districts	3,521,791	321,551
Rural Districts	305,632	47,893
Urban Districts	6,769,403	964,671
Flood Protection Districts	181,112	18,286
Sundries	925,462	82,990
	<u>28,491,004</u>	<u>5,071,043</u>

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

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
From oncost at varying rates to a maximum of 15 per cent. ..	3,460,311	4,358,757
„ repayments on account of works temporarily financed from Consolidated Fund	702,825	1,133,985
„ salary recoups—River Murray Commission and various funds	3,599,792	4,167,120
	<u>7,762,928</u>	<u>9,659,862</u>

PAYMENTS

Payments from the Consolidated Fund in 1976-77 on account of country water supply totalled \$112,795,066 and comprised salaries and payments in the nature of salary, \$20,908,963 debt charges, \$35,755,431 general expenses and other services, \$17,272,610 (including Water Supply Maintenance and Renewals Account, \$124,061,) and Works and Services Account, \$38,858,062.

Expenditure from the Works and Services Account included the sum of \$24,568,458 in respect of works undertaken by the Commission. The main items were :—

	\$
Mornington Peninsula System Installation, enlargement, and extension of main supply works, pipelines and reticulation	6,248,821
Lake Merrimu Construction Project—Stage II	2,788,408
Irrigation Districts Principally the construction of main channels and drainage works	5,288,357
Tarago—Westernport Construction of pipeline	2,736,003

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

	\$
Apprentices Employment Scheme	47,694
Water Resources Measurement	1,255,503
National Sewerage Program	4,439,725

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. There were no cash surpluses in the last preceding financial year.

Water Supply Maintenance and Renewals Account

The main purpose of this Account is to provide moneys for the cost of maintenance and renewal works in urban and rural districts, and the Bellarine Peninsula, Otway, and Mornington Peninsula waterworks 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 districts at the end of the last preceding financial year.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 83A of the *Water Act* 1958, the Auditor-General is required to certify to such cash surpluses. The amount of surpluses so certified in 1976-77 was \$124,061 and this sum was provided from the Consolidated Fund by way of Special Appropriation.

Stores Suspense Account

Up to and inclusive of 30th June, 1977, funds amounting to \$2,812,000 have been made available from the Works and Services Account for the purpose of financing the Stores Suspense Account.

In the Treasurer's Trust Fund statement, the balance at credit of the Water Supply Stores Suspense Account is shown as \$953,541. This amount is represented in the Commission's accounts by :—

	\$
Balance available for purchases of stores, &c.	525,136
Credit Balances of Hire Plant Accounts	428,405
	953,541

The balances of Hire Plant Accounts, which 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, 1977, were :—

	Plant \$	Tools and Stores \$
At Construction Works	120,510	470,532
Stores Suspense Accounts (Depots)	304,645	1,745,353
At Central Plant Workshops (Suspense Accounts)	53,570	291,040
At Central Plant Workshops pending transfer or disposal.. .. .	3,545	127,446

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 \$32,330. The capital liability at 30th June, 1977, in respect of this class of plant and machinery was \$4,015,084.

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, 1977, the balance in the Fund for the replacement of hire plant and machinery was \$1,909,735.

Water Supply Works Depreciation Fund and Account

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the *Water Act* 1958, as amended by the *Water (Amendment) Act* 1975, 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 any flood protection, drainage or waterworks district (other than the Bellarine Peninsula, Otway, and Mornington Peninsula waterworks 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 1976-77 was \$34,485. However, in recent years, no payment has been made to the Fund and, at 30th June, 1977, no balance was held in the Fund. At the same date, the balance of the Account was \$726,523.

Victorian Natural Disasters Relief Account

Expenditure charged to this account by the Commission totalled \$1,159,203 and represented, mainly, grants for flood restoration works to River Improvement Trusts.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

River Murray Commission

The agreement made under the provisions of the *River Murray Waters Act 1915* 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 1976-77 on these works amounting to \$30,284,265, including an amount of \$29,728,282 on the construction of Dartmouth Dam.

In 1976-77, under the authority of Water Supply Works and Services Acts Nos. 8825 and 8905, Victoria contributed \$7,710,535 for the construction of works, bringing the State's total contribution for construction as at 30th June, 1977, to \$31,604,700. 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 connection 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 \$30,172,726 and expenditure to \$29,728,282. The balance in the account at 30th June, 1977, was \$870,989.

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 \$5,000,079 and expenditure to \$3,843,303. The balance in the Account at 30th June, 1977, was \$1,768,829.

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 \$1,150,736, including an amount of \$170,722 to the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust.

In 1976-77, advances to various Trusts by the State amounted to \$3,692,276. Repayments on account of advances amounted to \$166,388, and certain Trusts were relieved of liability to the extent of \$1,680,950. 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 \$1,873,229.

River Improvement Trusts

To 30th June, 1977, twenty-nine 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*.

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 and the amount provided by the State in 1976-77 for this purpose was \$2,111.

Advances by the State in 1976-77 totalled \$1,134,551. Repayments in respect of advances amounted to \$5,485, and certain Trusts were relieved of liability to the extent of \$994,781 which the Governor in Council directed be borne by the State. The net increase in the Trusts' indebtedness for State loans was \$134,285.

Country Sewerage

In addition to its function of administering the Water Act, the Commission exercises general supervision over Sewerage Authorities. With the exception of the Eildon Sewerage Authority, which was constituted under the provisions of the Water Act, 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 1958*. 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 \$4,911,471.

Advances by the State in 1976-77 totalled \$2,330,477. Repayments in respect of advances amounted to \$30,717 and certain Authorities were relieved of liability to the extent of \$1,630,176 which the Governor in Council directed be borne by the State. The net increase in the Authorities' indebtedness for State loans was \$669,584.

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 1976-77 totalled \$21,704 of which \$20,201 or 93·08 per cent. was paid during the year. Costs chargeable to the district amounted to \$18,995 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, 1977, the balance of the Fund was \$30,900.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

The Ministry of Transport was established under the provisions of the *Ministry of Transport Act 1958*. The general objectives of the Ministry are to secure "the improvement, development and better co-ordination of railway, tramway and road transport in Victoria".

The *Ministry of Transport (Amendment) Act 1976*, operative retrospectively from the 1st July, 1974, provided the Ministry with specific powers which include :—

- (a) buying, selling, leasing or hiring vehicles or other equipment or lending or otherwise advancing money to public or private bodies to assist such bodies to provide, improve or co-ordinate transport services in Victoria ; and
- (b) assisting public or private bodies to construct or improve transport facilities in Victoria, and in relation thereto providing any services necessary for or ancillary to such facilities.

In pursuance of these objectives the Ministry incurred the following expenditure for the years 1975-76 and 1976-77.

From the Consolidated Fund—

Vote—	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Salaries and Payments in the nature of Salary	214,724	252,401
General Expenses	322,368	58,644
Payments in respect of Passenger Transport—		
Tramways	22,313,000	27,331,018
Private Bus Services	3,152,013	5,588,982
To Transport Fund—Repayment of amounts received in respect of loans to private bus operators .. .. .	..	99,688*
Freight Subsidy—Railways .. .. .	..	1,304,238
Other Services	14,180	14,270
	26,016,285	34,649,241
Works and Services Account—		
Unsecured loans to Private Bus Operators	658,923	1,095,350
Total	26,675,208	35,744,591

* Refer Ministry of Transport (Amendment) Act 1976.

At 30th June, 1977, amounts totalling \$1,754,273 had been advanced to private bus operators from Works and Services Account. All of these advances were unsecured. Advances to private bus operators were also made from the Transport Fund (for reference, see page 133).

Repayments of principal have amounted to \$78,964. There were no arrears of instalments.

Transport Fund.

This Fund was established pursuant to the *Ministry of Transport (Transport Fund) Act 1974*, which provides that moneys from the following sources are payable into the Fund as soon as practicable after the 1st July in each year :—

- (a) From the Consolidated Fund—an amount equal to one-fifth of 1 per cent. of the gross revenue of the Victorian Railways Board credited to the Consolidated Fund in the last preceding financial year.
- (b) From the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board—an amount equal to one-quarter of 1 per cent. of the gross revenue of the Board in respect of the last preceding financial year, excluding any advances from the Consolidated Fund to cover or reduce any cash deficiency of the Board.
- (c) From the Transport Regulation Board—an amount equal to 10 per cent. of the total fees, including fees for licences, paid into the Transport Regulation Fund pursuant to the *Transport Regulation Act 1958* in respect of the last preceding financial year.
- (d) Moneys received by way of additional registration fees under Section 8 of the *Motor Car Act 1958*, less costs of collection.

Amending legislation, the *Ministry of Transport (Amendment) Act 1976*, which came into operation retrospectively from 1st July, 1974, provides for the Fund to be credited also with moneys received by the Ministry of Transport by way of grants from the Commonwealth, the sale of publications, principal and interest payments on account of loans to private bus operators, payments for services rendered and, generally, any moneys received by way of reimbursement, recoupment or return.

Moneys to the credit of the Fund may be applied towards the improvement, development and better co-ordination of transport in Victoria.

In addition, the *Ministry of Transport (Amendment) Act 1976* specifically authorizes the application of moneys from the Fund for the following purposes :—

- (a) Loans to licencees under the *Transport Regulation Act 1958* on such terms and conditions as the Minister thinks fit.
- (b) Purchase of vehicles, equipment and facilities used in connexion with transport services.
- (c) Sale, lease, hire, loan or other disposal of any vehicles or equipment purchased upon such terms and conditions as the Minister sees fit.

Transactions of the Fund for the years 1975-76 and 1976-77 are set out below :—

Receipts

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Balance, 1st July	3,612,646	4,742,927
Consolidated Fund—Special Appropriation Railways	260,175	293,886
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board	66,732	79,294
Transport Regulation Board	524,139	579,737
Motor Registration Branch—Additional Fees	6,181,990	6,671,964
Bus Operators' Loans—		
Interest .. .. .	..	67,445
Principal Repayment .. .. .	..	201,455
Sale of Government Publications .. .. .	..	16,778
	10,645,682	12,653,486

Payments

	1975-76		1976-77	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ministry of Transport—				
Passenger Interchange	149,247		289,075	
Salaries	172,285		280,274	
Planning and Research	176,917		412,772	
Private Bus Operators' Loans	845,871		103,231	
Consultative Committees	4,052		27,546	
Transport Information	532,632	1,881,004	136,898	1,249,796
Victorian Railways Board		1,891,803		1,538,810
Country Roads Board		1,874,607		4,272,632
Metropolitan Transportation Committee		255,341		..
		5,902,755		7,061,238
Balance, 30th June		4,742,927		5,592,248

At 30th June, 1977, bus operators had received advances from the Transport Fund totalling \$1,294,835 of which \$201,455 has been repaid. There were no instalments in arrears. Advances to private bus operators were also made from the Works and Services Account (for reference, see page 131).

With the exception of a \$38,250 advance on a \$90,000 loan secured by a chattel mortgage on a bus purchased following closure of the Bendigo Sea Lake railway line, all other advances are unsecured.

Funds from Commonwealth Sources

Commonwealth financial assistance for transport projects is being provided by way of non-repayable grants under the Commonwealth's *Urban Public Transport (Planning and Research) Act 1974* and the *States Grants (Urban Public Transport) Act 1974*.

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

Expenditure by the Department charged to the Commonwealth Transport Planning and Research Trust Account in 1976-77 was \$813,988 as compared with \$353,829 in 1975-76.

Expenditure of \$3,134 on approved projects undertaken by the Ministry in 1976-77 has been charged to the Treasury Trust Fund—State Grants (Urban Public Transport), as compared with \$4,033 in 1975-76.

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 Act 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, 1977, was \$1,447,261.

TRANSPORT REGULATION FUND

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

1975-76		1976-77	
\$	<i>Receipts</i>	\$	\$
1,390,581	Balance, 1st July .. .. .	..	1,328,926
4,525,299	Licence Fees and Additional Fees on Licences	5,462,434	
327,229	Licence Transfer Fees	288,308	
885,544	Permits—Goods and Passenger	999,456	
57,897	Drivers' Certificates	57,117	
1,397	Metropolitan Omnibus Registration Fees	1,768	
337,133	Fines	368,313	
64,625	Miscellaneous Receipts	62,213	
7,589,705		7,239,609	8,568,535
	<i>Payments</i>		
5,131,958	Salaries and Overtime	5,838,553	
1,079,738	Other Administrative Expenses	1,375,542	
524,139	Levy to Transport Fund	579,737	
258,258	Capital Expenditure (Net)	83,489	
6,994,093		7,877,321	
	<i>Less—Recoups—</i>	\$	
131,058	Costs of Collection—Motor Boat Registrations ..	148,118	
602,256	Road Charges (Commercial Goods Vehicles Act)	607,929	
6,260,779		756,047	7,121,274
1,328,926	Balance, 30th June .. .. .	..	1,447,261

Total fees collected under the provisions of the *Transport Regulation Act 1958* and Part I. of the *Commercial Goods Vehicles Act 1958* were \$6,807,315, an increase of \$1,011,346 from the previous year.

The *Ministry of Transport (Transport Fund) Act 1974* requires the Board to pay into the Transport Fund ten per cent. of the total fees (including fees relating to licences) paid into the Transport Regulation Fund during the preceding financial year. An amount of \$579,737 was paid into the Transport Fund during 1976-77.

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 1976-77 was \$9,967,856 compared with \$10,132,146 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 fees collected by the Board during 1976–77 amounted to \$974,853, compared with \$854,902 in 1975–76. The costs of collection and administration were recouped to the extent of \$148,118.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

The Treasury, as the central accounting office of the State, is responsible for the administration and control of the State's finances. These responsibilities include the supervision of the accounts of each Department, which are considered as subsidiary to the relevant record in the Treasury, and the preparation of the Treasurer's Annual Statement of the receipts and payments of the Consolidated Fund and the Trust Fund.

Within the Treasury Department, also, are the following Offices and functions :—

Tender Board ;
State Superannuation Board of Victoria Administration ;
Taxation Office ;
Stamp Duties Office ; and
Government Printer.

Treasury

Administration—Costs of administration of the Treasury proper charged to the Consolidated Fund (Division 400) for the past two years were :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Salaries and payments in the nature of salary	1,114,682	1,255,790
General Expenses	112,572	212,046
Workers Compensation Insurance and Pay-roll Tax	73,448	67,853
	1,300,702	1,535,689

Other Services—Charges to Division 400 under the head of Other Services included expenditure for a variety of purposes and are summarised hereunder :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Workers' Compensation Insurance Premiums for Government employees (excluding Railways, State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and Forests Commission)	16,758,184*	11,576,543
Payment to Government Printing Office equivalent to revenue paid to Consolidated Fund	9,576,250	10,258,809
Payment of commission in respect of Tattersall Consultations to New Zealand and Tasmania Governments	722,826	1,135,507
Miscellaneous (including grants and contributions to appeals, social organizations, etc.)	4,760,209	5,905,044
	31,817,469	28,875,903

* A rebate of \$6,958,430 was received in 1976-77.

Payments to the Commonwealth Government on account of Loans and Advances—Payments under this head, for which provision was made under Division 401, represent debt charges due to the Commonwealth on account of loans made to, or through, the State for specific purposes.

Details are :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Housing (Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement (Servicemen) and Commonwealth <i>Housing Assistance Act 1973</i>)	982,213	1,565,346
Shepparton Preserving Company	372,750	1,063,125
Marginal Dairy Farms	335,071	981,588
Dartmouth Dam	260,293	526,052
Rural Reconstruction	2,042,414	2,767,732
Sewerage Programme	3,917,002	6,533,133
	<u>7,909,743</u>	<u>13,436,976</u>

With the exception of Dartmouth Dam, these amounts have been recouped, or are subject to recoup, from the authorities or bodies involved.

Pay-roll Tax—Payments chargeable to Division 406 on account of State Departments amounted, in 1976-77, to \$43,816,402, compared with \$36,171,395 in the previous year.

Tender Board

The main function of the Board is to arrange for the procurement and transport of stores for the Service. Expenses of transport and cartage are provided in the Tender Board Vote.

Expenditure of the Board met from the Consolidated Fund in the past two years was :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
<i>Vote</i> —		
Salaries and payments in the nature of salary	96,244	104,202
General Expenses	11,740	14,043
Transport and cartage	484,550	470,765
Total	<u>592,534</u>	<u>589,010</u>

State Superannuation Board of Victoria

In accordance with the provisions of the *Superannuation Act 1958*, the cost of administration of the Board is met from the Consolidated Fund.

Costs of administering the Board for the past two years are shown hereunder :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
<i>Vote</i> —		
Salaries and payments in the nature of salary	713,303	801,400
General Expenses, etc.	455,337	495,715
Workers Compensation Insurance and Pay-roll Tax	46,284	43,848
Rent of Premises	121,370	121,370
	<u>1,336,294</u>	<u>1,462,333</u>

The operations of the Superannuation Funds administered by the Board will be the subject of comment in my Supplementary Report.

Taxation Office

The responsibilities of this Office include the collection of Probate Duty, Land Tax and Gift Duty. Details of collections from these sources are given earlier in this Report under the general head of Receipts.

Costs of administration of the Office for the past two years were: —

	1975-76	1976-77
<i>Vote—</i>	\$	\$
Salaries and payments in the nature of salary	2,067,259	2,304,783
General Expenses, etc.	250,892	287,709
Workers Compensation Insurance, Pay-roll Tax	138,700	125,627
	<u>2,456,851</u>	<u>2,718,119</u>

Stamp Duties Office

This Office is responsible for the collection of pay-roll tax and stamp duty. Details of collections, accompanied by appropriate comment, are given earlier in this Report under the head of Receipts. Costs of administration of the Office for the past two years are given below:—

	1975-76	1976-77
<i>Vote—</i>	\$	\$
Salaries and payments in the nature of salary	1,712,764	1,917,012
General Expenses	470,168	564,525
Workers Compensation Insurance and Pay-roll Tax	112,750	105,566
	<u>2,295,682</u>	<u>2,587,103</u>

WATER RESOURCES AND WATER SUPPLY

Ministry of Water Resources and Water Supply

The Ministry of Water Resources and Water Supply was established under the provisions of the *Water Resources Act 1975*. The Ministry consists of :—

- (i) the Minister of Water Supply ;
- (ii) the Water Resources Council ; and
- (iii) the Director of Water Resources and such other officers and employees as are necessary to carry out the functions of the Ministry.

Duties of the Minister include the determination of the means by which the water resources of Victoria can be conserved, developed and utilized to best advantage and promotion of the extension and development of sewerage and drainage services.

Functions of the Water Resources Council are to investigate and advise the Minister generally on matters pertaining to the water resources of the State or to water supply, drainage or sewerage throughout the State.

Funds for the purposes of the Ministry were provided in the annual Appropriation Act. Expenditure for the past two years is shown hereunder :—

	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Salaries and Payments in the nature of salary	18,040	91,431
General Expenses	14,664	24,335
Other Services—Drainage Tribunal, Chairman's salary and members' fees ..	..	6,729
	32,704	122,495

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*.

Expenditure charged against the Consolidated Fund related almost solely to the administrative costs of the Department. Expenditure for the past two years is compared hereunder :—

Vote—	1975-76	1976-77
	\$	\$
Youth, Sport and Recreation—		
Salaries and General Expenses	668,711	811,125
Racing Administration	217,980	224,085
Public Works—Rent of Premises	189,120	230,032
Treasurer—Workers Compensation Insurance and Pay-roll Tax ..	45,888	45,269
	1,121,699	1,310,511

TRUST ACCOUNTS

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

Youth Fund

Receipts of the Fund amounted to \$2,080,000 and consisted of the Fund's share of off-course totalizator receipts as determined by the Treasurer in accordance with the relevant provision of the *Racing Act*. Expenditure totalled \$2,108,188, comprising, mainly, grants to youth organizations for buildings, operating expenses and leadership training, and payments in connection with youth and family camps and after-school and school holiday programmes. At 30th June, 1977, the balance of the Fund was \$532,285.

Sports and Recreation Fund

Receipts of the Fund comprised its share of off-course totalizator and Tabella totalizator receipts, \$4,536,917, special appropriations under the *Tattersall Consultations Act*, \$982,540, Commonwealth contributions, \$972,584, and other receipts, \$6,319—a total of \$6,498,360. Payments from the Fund totalled \$5,589,399, representing, primarily, expenditure on community sporting and recreation facilities, \$3,570,930, grants to parent sporting and recreation associations for sports and recreation development, \$365,133, grants to the *National Fitness Council* for operating expenses, \$378,000, expenditure on a campaign to encourage interest in active recreation, \$209,524, and subsidies for the employment of municipal recreation officers, \$142,101. The balance of the Fund at 30th June, 1977, stood at \$5,677,535.

Australian Rules Football Fund

Moneys credited to the Fund during the year amounted to \$126,227, representing its share of off-course totalizator and Tabella totalizator receipts. Expenditure totalled \$135,636, and at 30th June, 1977, the balance of the Fund was \$64,000.

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. 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, 1977, 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
Olympic Park Committee of Management	2,190,000	1,861,250
Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria	1,040,000	224,950
Preston Institute of Technology	80,000	74,388
Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement Authority	175,000	175,000

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

In respect of the Olympic Park Committee of Management additional borrowings of \$2,000,000 were approved in 1976-77 to enable improvements to be made to the No. 2 Ground at Olympic Park. Sums totalling \$800,000 were borrowed in 1976-77 and repayment has been guaranteed by the Government of Victoria.

Set out below are details, as at 30th June, 1977, of cases in which guarantees have been given by the Treasurer under the authority of statute and where there is a contingent liability. Apart from the guarantees to City of Benalla, Shire of Donald, Essendon and District Memorial Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, and Security of Solicitors' Guarantee Fund (Law Institute), 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	206,890,224*	85,722,680*
Co-operative Housing Societies .. .. .	..	238,395,586†
Co-operative Societies	9,346,936	5,918,875
Home Finance Trust	31,464,302	22,265,614
Melbourne Cricket Club	2,550,000	2,225,695
Trustees of the Sisters of Charity of Australia	5,550,000	4,941,696
St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Hospital.. .. .	750,000	300,000
Royal Women's Hospital	2,600,000	2,662,453
Sisters of Mercy Property Association	800,000	443,657
Royal Melbourne Hospital	1,000,000	988,116
Carlton Cricket and Football Social Club	350,000	341,701
Alfred Hospital	1,500,000	1,500,000
Essendon Recreation Reserve Committee Limited	250,000	240,287
City of Benalla	150,000	149,142
Essendon and District Memorial Hospital	200,000	198,443
Security of Solicitors' Guarantee Fund (Law Institute)	2,000,000	2,000,000
Shire of Donald	220,000	216,800
St. Vincent's Hospital	400,000	400,000

* 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.

The Treasurer has, in accordance with sub-section 7 of Section 811B of the *Local Government Act* 1958 as amended by the *Local Government Amendment Act* 1975 (No. 8781) guaranteed the repayment of borrowings approved by the Governor in Council of \$150,000 by the City of Benalla to assist in the establishment of Australian Standard Electrical Transformers Pty. Ltd. at Benalla and \$200,000 by the Shire of Donald to purchase the Donald Meatworks.

The *Hospitals and Charities Act* 1958 as amended by the *Hospitals and Charities (Guarantee) Act* 1973 authorises the Treasurer to execute in favour of any person a guarantee in respect of the repayment of any money raised with the authority of the Governor in Council under Section 67. The Treasurer has, in accordance with these provisions, guaranteed the repayment of loans raised by the Essendon and District Memorial Hospital for the erection of staff accommodation in Eglinton Street, Moonee Ponds, by St. Vincent's Hospital for medical consulting rooms at the hospital, and by the Royal Women's Hospital for staff housing in Cardigan Street, Carlton. The total liability under each guarantee is not to exceed, respectively, \$200,000, \$800,000 and \$1,000,000.

The total liability under guarantees executed in 1975-76 in respect of loans raised for the purchase of the "Chevron Hotel Property" by the Alfred Hospital and for the construction of consulting rooms and a car park in Grattan Street for the Royal Women's Hospital was increased to \$1,500,000 and \$1,000,000, respectively, in 1976-77.

The *Legal Profession Practice (Guarantee Fund) Act* 1976 authorises the Treasurer to guarantee the repayment of moneys borrowed, by way of overdraft, to a maximum of \$2,000,000 on the security of the Solicitors' Guarantee Fund. At 30th June, 1977, four guarantees totalling \$2,000,000 had been executed.

STATE'S DEBTORS

Debts coming within this section are in respect of amounts due to the Consolidated Fund. Details of advances to public bodies and others are also given.

CONSOLIDATED FUND

The statement hereunder details amounts owing to the Consolidated Fund as at 30th June, 1977. Amounts included are debtors as per Departmental records together with cash in transit i.e. cash collected by Departments in 1976-77 but not credited in Treasury until 1977-78.

										30.6.77
										\$
Taxation—										
Gift Duty										601,871
Land										15,545,030
Probate Duty										14,255,004
Railways										12,041,393
Stamps										5,874,548
Water Supply										5,071,043
Forests										2,676,703
Health										2,181,436
Mental Hygiene										2,153,118
Rural Finance and Settlement										1,170,198
Public Works										822,001
Lands										619,358
Courts										482,261
Agriculture										310,320
Ministry of Housing										286,876
Motor Registration										286,853
Government Printer										277,372
Other Departments, &c.										384,808
										65,040,193

ADVANCES TO PUBLIC BODIES, &c.

The State makes advances from the Consolidated Fund 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 various Trust Funds, such as the Industrial Development Fund and from the Tourist Fund. References to these Funds are made under appropriate headings in this Report.

Set out below is a summary of advances, after deduction of amounts of capital transferred to the "Capital Expenditure Borne by the State Account," made during the past two years by means of special items in Works and Services Acts or from Treasurer's Advance.

										1975-76	1976-77
										\$	\$
Waterworks Trusts, Sewerage Authorities, &c										3,375,400	3,119,197
Miscellaneous										530,996	936,999
										3,906,396	4,056,196

In some cases, repayment of advances has not been in accordance with the agreed conditions and, at 30th June, 1977, instalments of redemption and interest charges due and unpaid amounted to \$304,331. Following is a statement of the balances of advances and amounts overdue :—

	Balance of Advances at 30th June, 1977	Overdue at 30th June, 1977		
		Redemption	Interest	Total
		\$	\$	\$
Municipalities	2,069,371	41,097	51,734	92,831
Corporations and Other Bodies	56,819,732	29,969	152,797	182,766
Unemployment Relief Advances	65,312	16,426	..	16,426
Advances to Settlers	3,990	2,930	1,152	4,082
Various	5,384,804	6,704	1,522	8,226
Total	64,343,209	97,126	207,205	304,331

Disallowances and Surcharges

In conformity with the provisions of Section 47 of the *Audit Act* 1958, I furnish hereunder particulars of surcharges issued in respect of the year.

Date	Department, &c.	Amount	Disallowance or Surcharge	Particulars
		\$		
24.3.77	Forests Commission—Maryborough District Office	3,666.64	Surcharge ..	Embezzlement of funds. Surcharge satisfied.
7.7.77	Treasury—Office of the Comptroller of Stamps	13,880.59	Surcharges ..	Failure to account for moneys received and/or adhesive duty stamps. Surcharges of \$8,224 and \$5,656.59 on two officers remain unsatisfied.

There were no disallowances issued during the year.

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 1976–77, the Treasurer has not been acquitted to the extent of \$8,915,783 which includes an amount of \$8,318,084, advances to Departments, &c. not adjusted prior to 30th June, 1977. The figure of \$8,318,084 includes a Special Advance of \$5,734,813, issued under authority of Section 15 of the *Public Account Act* 1958, to provide funds for the payment of salaries and wages applicable to 1st and 2nd July, 1977, which were paid on 27th June, 1977.

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

South Melbourne Police Station—An amount of \$150 lodged for bail was ascertained to be missing. Investigations were undertaken but it was not possible to establish conclusively how the loss occurred or who was responsible. The Treasurer approved that the sum be made good from vote.

CONSERVATION

Mount Buffalo National Park—An audit inspection relating to revenue collections of the park disclosed a deficiency, as far as could be determined, of \$3,038.13. This figure included an amount of \$880.88 not brought to account in the Collections Account at the bank at Bright.

Fisheries and Wildlife Division—An agent of the Ministry, a company in liquidation, owes the Ministry an amount of \$295.70 in respect of the sale of Amateur Fishing Licences. A claim has been lodged with the liquidator.

EDUCATION

Stanley Primary School—Irregular accounting practices in relation to the various school accounts over a period of years are under investigation by the police.

Chadstone Saturday Morning School of Modern Languages—Suspected irregular payments by a teacher were referred to the police for investigation.

FORESTS COMMISSION

Maryborough District Office—By means of fraudulent alteration of the duplicates of certain licence and receipt forms, a clerical assistant omitted to account for amounts totalling \$3,664.64. He appeared at Maryborough Magistrates' Court on charges of embezzlement and theft of that amount and was convicted and placed on probation for three years. He resigned and was surcharged with the deficiency. The amount was recovered from him.

HEALTH

Mental Health—Hobson Park Hospital, Traralgon—An audit inspection disclosed a deficiency of \$853 in relation to the collections of rents from hostels.

HOUSING COMMISSION

At Maidstone District Office an employee substituted personal cheques amounting to \$2,850 for cash and attempted to abscond. He was apprehended, charged with theft by deception, convicted and placed on a good behaviour bond. He subsequently resigned and full restitution was effected.

A resident estate officer at Richmond converted money to his own use by means of theft of a number of receipt forms. Some restitution was made but approximately \$400 was not accounted for. He was suspended and the matter referred to the police.

In connection with irregularities in payments for vehicle repairs, referred to in the last two Reports, a garage proprietor pleaded guilty in the County Court to a number of offences and was fined \$12,000. He made restitution of \$20,787. A former employé of the Housing Commission also pleaded guilty to offences in relation to these irregularities and was fined \$2,000 and placed on a good behaviour bond for two years.

PUBLIC WORKS

A number of unauthorized international telephone calls was detected on silent lines of two Departments. The cost of the calls, \$597.60, was recovered from the offender, an employee of the Public Works Department.

RAILWAYS

Forty-seven officers and employees were found guilty of offences in respect of loss or theft of money or other property. Forty-one cases were heard by the courts, including two by the Children's Courts, and two cases were dealt with by the Railways Board of Discipline. Warrants of apprehension have been issued for the remaining four offenders.

A booking clerk admitted to misappropriating an amount of \$1,402 for which, together with other offences, he was sentenced to a term of imprisonment. Of this amount, \$689 has been recovered.

A station assistant misappropriated amounts totalling \$1,064. Full restitution was made and the offender was charged before the court and placed on two years probation.

Other cash deficiencies were comparatively small.

During the year six armed robberies and twenty-four thefts were carried out at various locations within the Railways. The total loss of stock and cash stolen as a result of these robberies amounted to \$1,564, of which \$110 has been recovered.

According to Departmental records, amounts totalling \$1,350 have been received up to 30th June, 1977, from a former employee previously convicted of the theft of a quantity of timber and ordered to pay the sum of \$7,850 compensation by instalments. Resulting from further legal action in this case, the former employee has been ordered to repay an additional \$3,500 by way of compensation, also by instalments. Legal action was also taken by the Department against other persons considered to be involved with the theft of timber through the actions of this former employee. As a result, amounts totalling \$10,992 were received during 1976-77 as restitution and compensation.

SOCIAL WELFARE

Family Assistance—In respect of family assistance payments, audit and departmental checks have disclosed a number of cases of overpayment involving an amount in total exceeding \$29,000. Action is being taken in each instance to recover and criminal action taken where appropriate. Audit investigation is not complete.

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION

Losses incurred by the State Electricity Commission during the year under review were confined to minor thefts of cash, stores and materials. All cases were investigated and appropriate action taken.

STATE INSURANCE OFFICE

A sum of \$161 was lost from the cashier's box by means of theft. Investigations failed to disclose the person responsible.

TOTALIZATOR AGENCY BOARD

Twenty-five hold ups occurred during the year, the total loss being \$67,046. In ten cases the offenders have not been apprehended.

TREASURY

Comptroller of Stamps—In respect of a deficiency of \$13,880.59 in the stock of adhesive duty stamps, two officers were charged by the police with theft. One officer was surcharged with an amount of \$8,224.00 and the other with an amount of \$5,656.59. Both officers resigned.

UNIVERSITIES

Melbourne—A shortage of \$799.94 occurred at the office of the Melbourne Theatre Company. The officer responsible made good the loss and his resignation was accepted.

Monash—By means of armed robbery, cash amounting to \$3,042 was stolen from the Union Building. The police were informed but the offenders were not apprehended. The loss was made good by the University's insurers.

In three other instances amounts of \$152, \$137.50 and \$59 were stolen from the Union Building. The losses were all made good by the insurers.

OTHER

Minor irregularities occurred at the following locations :—

- Council of Adult Education;
- Agriculture Department—Shepparton, Burnley and Tatura;
- Chief Secretary's Department—Registrar of Estate Agents, Money Lenders and Finance Brokers; Bungaree Police Station; Police Penalty Payments Office, Brunswick; Sebastopol Police Station; State Emergency Service, Ballarat;
- Ministry of Conservation—National Park, Port Campbell;
- Country Roads Board, Geelong;
- Education Department—Minimbah Hostel;
- Forests Commission—Wangaratta District Office;
- Health Department—School Medical Service;
- Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works;
- Premier's Department—Office of Industrial Relations Co-ordination; Community Services Centre Bookshop;
- Social Welfare Department—Turana Youth Training Centre;
- La Trobe University—Indoor Sports Centre; and
- Melbourne University—Student Health Services.

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	Dookie College	10 Lambs	150	} Stolen Reported to Police.
	Plant Research Institute, } Burnley	Vice, Welding Plant	230	
		Power Saw and Drill	220	
	Various locations	Tools, Equipment	883	
Conservation	Wilson's Promontory } National Park	Petrol	60	} Stolen. Stolen. Former maintenance mechanic was charged convicted and fined \$1,000
		Tools, Equipment	2,928	
Country Roads Board	Sherbrooke	Traffic Counter	1,200	} Stolen. Insurance claimed. Stolen. Police notified.
	Hume Highway	Chain Saw	255	
	Watsonia	Chain Saw	280	
	Trawool	Vibro Rammer	210	
	Various locations	Tools, Equipment	1,497	
Forests Commission	Store, Treasury Place	Projector	526	} Insurance claimed. Police notified. Police notified.
	Head Office	Calculator	185	
	Various locations	Equipment	1,855	
Health	Head Office	1,550 Ball Point Pens	62	Lost in transit to new storage.
La Trobe University	Menzies College Tavern	Coffee machine	285	} Stolen. Reported to Police, not insured. Stolen. Not insured. Some cases reported to Police.
	South Building	2 Typewriters	913	
	Teaching areas	Amplifier	120	
	Various locations	2 Projectors	840	
		Equipment	2,012	
Land Tax Office	Assessing and Enquiry } Sections	7 Calculators	141	} Believed stolen.
	Various locations	Tools, Equipment	7,077	
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	Various locations	Tools, Equipment	7,077	Police notified of thefts.
Mental Health Authority.. ..	Sunbury Training Centre	Record Turntable, Amplifier, 3 Microphones	160	Reported to Police.
Monash University	Engineering Department	Calculator	185	} Insurance recovered. Below insurable value. \$40 insurance recovered. \$47 insurance recovered.
	Surgery Department	2 Projectors	350	
	Education Department	Telescope	200	
	Various locations	Engraving File	290	
Police	Various locations	Safe, Revolver, 2 Pistols, Ammunition	120	Stolen and/or misplaced.
Public Works	Public Offices	2 Cedar Chairs	200	} Police advised. Police notified of thefts.
	Port Melbourne Depot	Welding Kit	158	
	Various locations	Tools, Equipment	4,574	
Social Welfare	Turana Youth Training Centre	Clothing	215	} Stolen by former staff member, who made restitution. Storekeeper charged with theft. Police advised of thefts.
		100 packets of cigarettes	54	
	Various locations	Equipment	184	
State College of Victoria, Melbourne	Education Faculty } Film and TV Department	Typewriter	720	} Reported to Police. Not insured.
		Video Cassettes	818	
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	Various locations	Tools, Equipment	1,483	Thefts reported to Police.
University of Melbourne	Prince Phillip Theatre	2 Spot Lamps	300	} Insurance claimed. Police notified of thefts.
	Rifle Club	4 Rifles	654	
	Lecture Theatre	Microphone	110	
		Sound Equipment	1,207	
	Barry Building	Amplifier	130	
	Agriculture School	Slide Projector	190	
	Anatomy Department	4 Microscopes	495	
	Medicine Department	Calculator	200	
	Education Department	Projector	500	
	Geology Department	Transcriber	150	
	Surveying Department	Optical Filters	221	
	Veterinary Science	Microscope	150	
	Psychiatry Department	Projector	300	
	Medley Hall	Television Set	540	
	On overseas flight	3 Table Lamps	193	
		Calculator	500	
	Various locations	Equipment	546	

Internal Audit

In the introduction to this Report, I stated that various aspects of the accounts of departments and authorities have been audited on a test basis, consistent with accepted auditing concepts and practice. In determining the extent of such tests, regard is had to the existing internal financial controls including internal audit. Internal audit provides an invaluable aid to management in the control of financial and other related activities and steps should be taken to extend its use in departments and authorities.

Acknowledgment

I was appointed to the office of Auditor-General in succession to Mr. Bruce Hamilton on 2nd April, 1977.

Mr. Hamilton, who retired after over 40 years of valuable service to the State of Victoria, was thus responsible for the duties of the office for most of the financial year under review.

I record my appreciation of the manner in which Mr. Hamilton performed his duties during that period and express my thanks to Mr. J. W. Woods, the Assistant Auditor-General and other members of the Audit Office for their loyalty and support since my appointment.

I also thank the officers of the Treasury and other Departments for their co-operation.

B. J. WALDRON,
Auditor-General.

Melbourne, 17th November, 1977.

STATEMENT No. 1

A comparison, on a monetary and proportional basis, of expenditure from the Consolidated Fund* in 1976-77 with that in the previous year is given below :—

Nature of Expenditure	1975-76		1976-77	
	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.	1,322,054,920	51·09	1,535,424,479	51·46
†Debt Charges—				
Interest, Sinking Fund, Repayments, (including Housing and Soldier Settlement) ..	250,780,906	9·69	283,323,977	9·50
Transport—				
Railways—				
‡Working Expenses and Expenditure from Works and Services Account	297,755,890	11·51	334,710,534	11·22
Pensions	12,641,756	·49	16,262,890	·54
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board—Advances	22,313,000	·86	27,331,018	·92
Other—Ministry of Transport, Subsidies to Private Bus Operators	4,362,208	·17	8,413,574	·28
Primary Production—				
Agriculture, Lands, Soldier Settlement, Forests, Country Water Supply, &c.	152,109,781	5·88	184,820,928	6·19
Law and Order—				
Law, Police, Prisons, &c... .. .	145,987,441	5·64	174,988,957	5·86
State Electricity Commission—				
Advances	14,000,000	·54	14,000,000	·47
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works—				
Advances	61,972,643	2·40	42,100,000	1·41
Other Public Works and Services—				
Works and Advances	31,998,336	1·24	37,605,729	1·26
Pensions—				
Retired Officers, Officers' Widows, &c., excluding Railways	38,597,722	1·49	51,517,468	1·73
Other Expenditure	204,750,967	7·91	247,715,746	8·30
Total Expenditure	2,559,325,570	98·91	2,958,215,300	99·14
Funds retained in the Works and Services Account	28,151,190	1·09	25,555,675	·86
Total Funds Available	2,587,476,760	100·00	2,983,770,975	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 1976-77

Receipts—

Proceeds of Loans Raised—						\$	\$
For Works, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	228,706,000	
For Redemption	..	..	..	..	..	288,655,517	
Loan Repayments	..	..	..	..	..	13,652,083	
							<u>531,013,600</u>

Disbursements—

Paid to the Consolidated Fund	..	..	..	..	..	242,358,083	
Applied to Redemption	..	..	..	..	..	288,655,517	
							<u>531,013,600</u>

LIABILITY FOR LOANS

						\$	\$
Liability to Commonwealth at 30th June, 1976.	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,834,040,855
Loans raised in 1976-77—							
For Works	..	..	..	..	..	228,723,700	
For Redemption	..	..	..	..	..	288,692,102	
							<u>517,415,802</u>
							<u>3,351,456,657</u>
<i>Deduct—</i>							
Loans Repurchased or Redeemed—							
By Redemption Loans	..	..	..	..	..	288,372,310	
By National Debt Sinking Fund	..	..	..	..	..	33,278,518	
							<u>321,650,828</u>
							<u>3,029,805,829</u>
<i>Add—</i>							
Increase in Public Debt during 1976-77 due to variations in exchange rates for conversion of face value of overseas securities to Australian currency	..	..	..	..	..		<u>1,965,576</u>
Liability to Commonwealth at 30th June, 1977	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>3,031,771,405</u>
Less Cash at credit of National Debt Sinking Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>7,801,284</u>
Net Liability to Commonwealth at 30th June, 1977	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>3,023,970,121</u>
Net Liability to Commonwealth at 30th June, 1976	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>2,832,187,900</u>
Increase in Net Liability for the year	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>191,782,221</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 a variety of 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, 1977, was—

<i>Various funds as per Treasurer's Statement—</i>							\$
Amounts lodged and invested	..	..	..	..	..	..	94,026,413
General Account balances	..	..	..	..	..	..	208,368,076*
							<u>302,394,489</u>
 <i>Represented by :</i>							
<i>Stocks and Securities—</i>							
Bank Term Deposits	..	..	..	..	..	..	68,516,000
Blue Moon Fruit Co-operative Ltd.—Shares	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Camperdown—Glenormiston Dairying Co. Ltd.—Shares	..	..	..	..	..	..	140
Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	11,531,739
Gas and Fuel Corporation Registered Debenture Stock	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,469,600
Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria—Shares	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,625,648
Grain Elevators Board Inscribed Stock	..	..	..	..	..	..	68,000
Kyabram Co-operative Fruit Preserving Co. Ltd.—Shares	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,566
Melbourne Harbor Trust Inscribed Stock	..	..	..	..	..	..	90,000
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Inscribed Stock &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,526,560
Pilot Vessels—Registered Mortgage Debentures	..	..	..	..	..	..	86,000
State Electricity Commission Inscribed Stock &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,132,450
State Savings Bank Deposit Stock	..	..	..	..	..	..	210,390
							<u>104,265,113</u>
<i>Cash Advanced—</i>						\$	
For Deficits incurred to 30th June, 1970	..	..	..	..	..	21,782,281	
For Other Advances	..	..	..	..	..	9,984,285	
							<u>31,766,566</u>
Cash as per Treasurer's Statement	..	..	..	..	..	..	166,362,810
							<u>302,394,489</u>

* Includes balances invested on account of the Treasurer's Investment Account—General, \$9,719,900, and an investment of the Public Account, \$518,800.

DEBT CHARGES ACCOUNT

The following particulars have been compiled from the Treasurer's Statement with the object of indicating the portion of the Receipts which may be regarded as having been available to meet the Debt Charges paid for the year 1976-77.

Receipts		\$	Payments		\$
<i>Paid to the Consolidated Fund on account of Interest,</i>					
<i>Sinking Fund, etc. on Advances from the State—</i>					
State Electricity Commission	24,019,559		Melbourne	207,723,150	
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	11,584,402		Overseas	1,528,118	
Housing Commission	3,492,516				
Country Roads Board	2,862,641		Expenses	209,251,268	
Water, Sewerage, etc. Authorities	2,546,427			1,050,520	210,301,788
Rural Finance and Settlement Commission	2,242,387				
Home Builders	1,419,279				
Victorian Development Corporation	1,184,761				
Land Settlement	878,129		<i>Sinking Fund Contributions</i> .. .. .	.. .. .	31,156,288
Other Authorities	834,629		<i>Loan Conversion Expenses</i> .. .. .	.. .. .	164,618
		51,064,730			
<i>Paid to the Consolidated Fund—Other Interest—</i>					
Interest on Public Account	19,519,482		<i>Debit to the Consolidated Fund on account of Debt Charges on Public Debt</i> .. .. .	.. .. .	241,622,694
Less—Interest paid on Deposits	20,254	19,499,228			
		70,563,958			
<i>Paid to the Consolidated Fund—Recoup of Interest, Principal, &c.—Other Loans.</i>					
Commonwealth—State Housing Agreement—			Commonwealth—State Housing Agreement	42,637,290	
Housing Commission	32,035,572		Commonwealth—Special Assistance Loans for Soldier Settlement	629,339	
Home Builders' Account	10,601,718		National Sewerage Program	6,533,133	
			Rural Reconstruction	2,767,732	
			Shepparton Preserving Company	1,063,125	
		42,637,290	Marginal Dairy Farms	981,588	
Commonwealth—Special Assistance Loans for Soldier Settlement	629,339		Dartmouth Dam	526,052	55,138,259
National Sewerage Program	6,523,785				
Rural Reconstruction	2,767,732				
Shepparton Preserving Company	717,937				
Marginal Dairy Farms	981,588	54,257,671			
<i>Balance—Amount which had to be met from Taxation and other sources</i> .. .. .	.. .. .	171,939,324			
		296,760,953			

STATEMENT No. 5

RAILWAYS

Statement of Railway Receipts and Expenditure, 1976-77

Receipts		Expenditure	
	\$		\$
Ordinary Income	156,920,354	Working Expenses	285,498,056
Recoup Fare Freight and Transport Concessions	6,254,414	Accident Fund	3,095,126
Recoup Kerang-Koondrook Tramway Act	74,011	Renewals and Replacements Fund	400,000
Appropriations of former years	661,958	Transport Fund	293,886
	<u>163,910,737</u>	Pension Contributions	16,262,890
		Board Salaries and Allowances	68,000
			<u>305,617,958</u>
Available from Appropriations to Works and Services Account	40,379,203	Interest	16,760,001
Advances from Public Account (<i>Public Account Act</i> 1958 Section 18 (1) (b))	741,841	Sinking Fund Contribution	572,248
	<u>41,121,044</u>	Exchange on Overseas Interest	38,325
Deficit for year	159,077,795		<u>17,370,574*</u>
			<u>322,988,532</u>
		Way and Works	7,107,000
		Rolling-stock, Equipment, &c.	10,353,000
		Construction of New Lines, &c.	1,665,000
		Urban Development Projects	21,215,000
			<u>40,340,000</u>
		Advances for Agency Works Subject to Recoup	781,044
			<u>41,121,044</u>
Total	<u>364,109,576</u>	Total	<u>364,109,576</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.	1975-76.	1976-77.
	\$	\$
Working Expenses	256,903,005	285,498,056
Board Salaries and Allowances	62,941	68,000
Accident Fund	3,293,570	3,095,126
Renewals and Replacements Fund	400,000	400,000
Transport Fund	260,175	293,886
Pension Contributions	12,641,756	16,262,890
National Debt Sinking Fund	526,905	572,248
Interest	13,791,731	16,760,001
Exchange on Overseas Interest	57,025	38,325
	287,937,108	322,988,532
Deficit	140,993,990	159,077,795
	146,943,118	163,910,737
Receipts		

COUNTRY WATER SUPPLY

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1976-77

Receipts		Payments	
<i>Debt Charges—</i>	\$	<i>Charged to the Consolidated Fund—</i>	\$
Water Trusts and Other Corporations, &c.	.. .. . 2,266,501	Special Appropriation—	
		Pensions	1,709,659
		National Debt Sinking Fund	1,201,690
<i>Rates, &c.—</i>		Interest	34,486,286
Coliban	1,347,795	Exchange	44,613
Irrigation Districts	11,749,366	Loan Conversion Expenses	22,842
Waterworks Districts	3,180,714		<u>37,465,090</u>
Rural Districts	253,673	Maintenance and Renewals Account	124,061
Urban Districts	5,784,694	I.D.M.E.R. Account .. .. .	.. .. .
Flood Protection Districts	162,543		<u>37,589,151</u>
Miscellaneous	1,020,648		
	<u>23,499,433</u>	<i>Vote—</i>	
		Salaries and payments in the nature of salaries..	20,908,963
		General Expenses	6,731,615
		Coliban Districts	462,081
		Irrigation and Drainage Districts	4,923,999
		Waterworks Districts	2,897,675
<i>Recoups of Amounts paid from the Consolidated Fund</i>	<u>9,506,251</u>	Flood Protection Districts	102,568
	33,005,684	Removal of Sand Drift	188,800
		Private Diversions including Headworks	132,152
			<u>36,347,853</u>
<i>Loan Repayments</i> .. .. .	.. .. . 485,103		
		Works and Services Account—	
		Trusts, &c. (for Advances)	5,484,551
		Districts	33,341,181
		Plant and Machinery	32,330
Net Outgoing	<u>77,037,778</u>		<u>38,858,062</u>
	112,795,066		<u>112,795,066</u>

APPENDIX A-1

ENDOWMENTS AND GRANTS

	1975-76	1976-77	+ Increase - Decrease
	\$	\$	\$
Social—			
Alexander Miller Memorial Homes Trust	5,000	5,000	..
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria	25,000	25,000	..
Austcare Appeal	20,000	22,500	+ 2,500
Australia Day Council	6,000	10,000	+ 4,000
Australian Conservation Foundation	5,000	..	- 5,000
Australian Council for Educational Research	58,374	59,616	+ 1,242
Australian Crime Prevention Council	1,000	1,000	..
Australian Group for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency Congress	1,500	..	- 1,500
Australian Institute of Urban Studies .. .. .	..	12,500	+ 12,500
Australian Kidney Foundation	20,000	21,500	+ 1,500
Australian Pre-school Association Congress	5,000	..	- 5,000
Australian Red Cross Society for After-care Treatment of Poliomyelitis Sufferers	21,360	..	- 21,360
Baker Medical Research Institute	35,000	37,500	+ 2,500
Buoyancy Foundation of Victoria	14,000	15,000	+ 1,000
Bush Nursing	475,025	484,375	+ 9,350
Catholic Family Planning Centre	1,000	1,000	..
Co-operative Federation of Victoria	1,000	2,000	+ 1,000
Deafness Foundation (Victoria) .. .. .	..	5,000	+ 5,000
Early Planning for Retirement Association	17,500	..	- 17,500
Environment Studies Association of Victoria	20,000	20,000	..
Family Planning Association of Australia	20,000	20,000	..
First National Mental Health Nursing Congress	2,500	..	- 2,500
Freedom from Hunger Campaign	20,000	20,000	..
Guide Dog Owners and Friends Association	1,500	2,000	+ 500
Herald Parcels for Pensioners Appeal	3,000	3,000	..
Howard Florey Institute of Experimental Physiology and Medicine	100,000	140,000	+ 40,000
Inter-church Trade and Industry Mission (Victoria)	10,800	12,500	+ 1,700
International Association for Accident and Traffic Medicine International Committee on "Alcohol and Traffic Safety and International Association for Accident and Traffic Medicine" .. .. .	..	10,000	+ 10,000
Italian Earthquake Appeal	10,000	..	- 10,000
Moreland Hall Alcoholism Rehabilitation Centre	28,000	15,000	- 13,000
National Heart Foundation—National Blood Pressure Study	15,000	15,000	..
National Neurological Foundation	12,500	12,500	..
National Safety Council	24,000	24,000	..
National Vision Research Institute of Australia .. ..	..	25,000	+ 25,000
Over Fifties Association	2,000	1,500	- 500
Peninsula Ambulance Service	30,000	30,000	..
Prince Henry's Medical Research Institute	30,000	32,500	+ 2,500
Project Child Care Appeal 1975	10,000	..	- 10,000
Royal Australian College of Surgeons—Road Trauma Trust Appeal .. .. .	..	20,000	+ 20,000
Royal Guide Dogs for the Blind	30,000	..	- 30,000
Royal Humane Society of Australasia	1,000	3,500	+ 2,500
St. John Ambulance Brigade	14,000	14,000	..
Science and Technology Careers Bureau	4,020	4,396	+ 376
Specific Learning Difficulties Association of Victoria	9,333	..	- 9,333
State Relief Committee	126,600	125,000	- 1,600
United Nations Association of Australia	2,500	3,000	+ 500
Victorian Association of Occupational Therapists .. ..	..	1,000	+ 1,000
Victoria Conservation Trust	40,000	40,000	..
Victorian Council on the Ageing	6,000	6,500	+ 500
Victorian Cytology (Gynaecological) Service	250,794	271,653	+ 20,859
Victorian Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency	37,500	45,000	+ 7,500
Victorian National Parks Association	5,000	5,000	..
Victorian Nursing Council	22,000	22,000	..
Victorian Parents' Council .. .. .	..	5,000	+ 5,000
Walter and Eliza Hall Research Institute	300,000	325,000	+ 25,000
Young Farmers' Clubs Association	122,101	150,359	+ 28,258

ENDOWMENTS AND GRANTS—*continued*

	1975-76	1976-77	+ Increase — Decrease
	\$	\$	\$
Cultural—			
Art Foundation of Victoria .. .. .	..	410,000	+ 410,000
Children's Free Libraries	10,000	10,000	..
Country Art Galleries	267,042	306,312	+ 39,270
Country Free Libraries	18,000	19,000	+ 1,000
Cultural Development	1,694,433	2,175,193	+ 480,760
Melbourne Symphony Orchestra	100,000	100,000	..
Municipal and Regional Libraries	7,573,500	9,578,027	+2,004,527
Orchestral Concerts	65,180	61,381	— 3,799
Sidney Myer Music Bowl Trust	16,000	16,000	..
State Concert Orchestra	38,000	38,000	..
Victorian Art Purchase Fund—Caltex .. .. .	..	6,000	+ 6,000
Victorian College of the Arts—Drama School .. .. .	..	21,254	+ 21,254
Victorian College of the Arts—School of Dance .. .. .	..	50,000	+ 50,000
Sundry—			
Animal Welfare League	2,000	2,000	..
Australian Fire Protection Association	1,000	1,000	..
Australian Institute of Refrigeration 1976 Federal Conference	6,000	..	— 6,000
Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science .. .. .	..	25,000	+ 25,000
Australian Plague Locust Commission .. .. .	..	50,000	+ 50,000
Australian Sheep Breeders' Association .. .. .	..	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	13,600	15,000	+ 1,400
Chartered Institute of Transport	1,500	1,500	..
City of Sale Oil and Gas Display Centre	14,528	39,472	+ 24,944
City of Wangaratta Film Production	5,000	..	— 5,000
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—Victoria Branch	53,650	62,175	+ 8,525
Conservation Council of Victoria	8,500	9,828	+ 1,328
Corps of Commissionaires (Victoria) .. .. .	..	5,000	+ 5,000
Council for Christian Education in Schools	90,000	100,000	+ 10,000
Decentralization and Development League	1,000	1,000	..
Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs	750	750	..
Field Naturalists Club of Victoria	1,500	1,500	..
Fifth Annual Symposium on Forensic Sciences, Melbourne, 1977 .. .. .	..	1,000	+ 1,000
Fitzroy Adventure Playground .. .. .	..	3,200	+ 3,200
Goulburn Valley Driver Training Complex .. .. .	..	64,300	+ 64,300
Industrial Design Council of Australia	25,000	25,000	..
Keep Australia Beautiful Council	35,000	35,000	..
Kerang Agricultural Research Farm	6,000	1,500	— 4,500
Mansfield Autistic Play School .. .. .	..	20,000	+ 20,000
Matthew Flinders Bi-Centenary Scientific Scholarship .. .. .	..	3,500	+ 3,500
Melbourne to Hobart West Coaster Yacht Committee	5,000	5,000	..
Monash University—Robert Blackwood Hall	50,000	..	— 50,000
Montefiore Homes 77 Survival Appeal .. .. .	..	25,000	+ 25,000
Murray Valley Development League	4,000	4,000	..
National Council of Women of Victoria	10,000	10,000	..
National Trust of Australia (Victoria)	35,000	40,000	+ 5,000
National Resources Conservation League	10,000	10,000	..
1978 Association of Apex Clubs Annual Convention .. .. .	..	5,000	+ 5,000
Nurses Memorial Centre	6,000	6,000	..
Old Colonists' Association of Victoria .. .. .	..	30,000	+ 30,000
150th Anniversary of the First Permanent Settlement at Corinella .. .. .	..	2,000	+ 2,000
Paraplegics and Quadraplegics Association Para-Olympic Games	3,000	..	— 3,000
Peninsula Conservation League	2,000	2,500	+ 500
Peninsula Landholders' Association	2,000	..	— 2,000
Peter Crimmins Cancer Research Fund .. .. .	..	5,000	+ 5,000
Premier Town Contest .. .. .	..	4,000	+ 4,000
Productivity Promotion Council of Australia	1,000	1,000	..
Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal .. .. .	..	250,000	+ 250,000

ENDOWMENTS AND GRANTS—*continued*

	1975-76	1976-77	+ Increase - Decrease
Royal Institute of Public Administration	600	600	..
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	1,500	6,500	+ 5,000
Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices ..	11,500	1,500	- 10,000
Rumanian Earthquake Appeal .. ..	..	5,000	+ 5,000
Standards Association of Australia	11,000	11,000	..
Third International Conference on Coal Research, Sydney 1976	9,000	..	- 9,000
Timber Promotion Committee	25,000	30,000	+ 5,000
Trade Union Clinic and Research Centre Ltd. Safety Poster Competition	500	..	- 500
Trustees, Shrine of Remembrance	9,000	9,000	..
Turkish Disaster Relief Appeal .. ..	..	5,000	+ 5,000
29th International Organization for Motor Trades and Repairs Congress Melbourne 1975	5,000	..	- 5,000
United World Colleges (Australia) Trust	6,500	7,000	+ 500
Victorian Irrigation Research and Promotion .. ..	..	3,000	+ 3,000
Victorian Medical Post-Graduate Foundation	15,000	15,000	..
Victorian Rural Fire Brigades Association	10,000	12,500	+ 2,500
Victorian Urban Fire Brigades Association	4,000	12,500	+ 8,500
Water Research Foundation of Australia Ltd. ..	12,500	15,000	+ 2,500
Working Women's Centre .. ..	..	500	+ 500
Zoological Board of Victoria	260,000	330,000	+ 70,000
Total	12,581,290	16,266,991	+3,685,701

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, 1976-77

	\$
Adelaide Festival Centre Trust (Victoria Opera Co.)	4,000
Alexander Theatre Company	10,700
Ararat Golden Gateway Festival	1,100
Arts and Crafts Society	2,500
Arts Council of Australia (Colac)	500
Arts Council—Victoria	99,000
Astra Chamber Music Society	7,000
Austral Salon of Music	500
Australian Association of Tertiary Art and Design Education	2,000
Australian Ballet	81,350
Australian Dance Theatre	572
Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust	333,000
Australian Musicians' Guild	4,500
Australian National Memorial Theatre	32,500
Australian National Playwrights Conference	920
Australian Opera	110,000
Australian Performing Group	67,500
Australian Science Fiction Foundation Co-op Ltd.	500
Ballarat Begonia Festival	10,000
Ballarat Choral Society	100
Ballarat City Band	1,925
Ballarat Civic Male Choir	200
Ballarat Music Lovers' Club	100
Ballarat Orchestral Association	1,500
Ballet Victoria	200,000
Beechworth Music Group	100
Benalla Memorial Band	1,140
Bendigo Competitions Society	3,000
Bendigo Easter Fair Society	6,000
Bendigo Musical Advancement Society	1,500
Bendigo Music Lovers' Club	200
Benola Choristers	100
Berriwillock Arts and Crafts Group	350
Bogong Cattlemen's Huts	2,000
Boort Fiesta Committee	850
Brighton Municipal Band	1,780
British Music Society of Victoria	900
Butterfield Drawings	1,200
Camberwell City Philharmonic Society	300
Camberwell Music Society	950
Casterton Music Circle	200
Castlemaine Drama Group	800
Castlemaine Festival	10,000
Caulfield Community Arts Centre	5,000
Children's Arena Theatre	36,000
Children's Book Council of Australia	2,000
City of Bendigo	2,160
City of Footscray	3,000
City of Mordialloc	500
Colac City Band	1,010
Colac Music Lovers' Club	300
Colac Players	400
Conabere, Mrs. B. (Wildflowers Collection)	5,000
Contemporary Art Society of Australia—Victoria	600
Craft Association of Victoria	25,000
Creative School Holiday Club	3,800
Daylesford Highland Gathering	1,650
Donald Music, Literature and Art Society	150

APPENDIX A-2—continued

	\$
Doncaster, Templestowe Choral Society	150
Doncaster, Templestowe Youth Eisteddfod	500
Drama Resource Centre	2,023
Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival	750
Echuca Federal Band	2,125
Echuca Music Group	100
Echuca Rich River Festival	2,500
Embroiderers' Guild	400
Ewing East Malvern Combined Choirs	250
Ferntree Gully Arts Society	200
Fitzroy Festival of All Nations	16,000
Footscray Community Arts Centre	5,000
Frankston City Band	640
Frankston Theatre Group	300
Geelong Association of Music and Art	1,500
Geelong Eisteddfod	360
Geelong Society of Operatic and Dramatic Art	750
Golden Square Brass Band	1,260
Greek Festival Week	1,000
Gwen Nisbet Music School Fund	500
Hamilton Apex Club	300
Hamilton Arts Council	1,200
Hamilton Eisteddfod	600
Hartwell Eisteddfod	650
Hawthorn City Band	1,425
Heathcote Musical Society	50
Heidelberg Repertory Group	400
Herald and Weekly Times Ltd.	2,405
Hoopla Productions	6,000
Horsham City Band	1,360
Horsham Music Club	200
Horsham Orchestral Society	50
Joint Committee for Film and Television	150
Kew Philharmonic Society	150
Kolobok Dance Centre	57,000
Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival	800
Library Promotion Committee	1,000
McClelland Gallery	600
Magic Mushroom Mime Troop	14,000
Malvern Artists Society	500
Marist Brothers (Bendigo) Band	950
Maryborough Arts Society	500
Maryborough City Band	480
Maryborough Golden Wattle Festival	2,000
Maribyrnong Valley—Working Committee	1,000
Meanjin Quarterley	4,000
Melba Memorial Conservatorium of Music	10,000
Melbourne Access Video and Media Co-op Ltd.	225
Melbourne Chorale	15,400
Melbourne City Council	93,500
Melbourne Festival of Organ and Harpsichord	3,000
Melbourne Film Festival	7,300
Melbourne Mandolin Orchestra	370
Melbourne Theatre Company	310,500
Melbourne University Gallery	5,500
Melbourne Youth Orchestra	10,000
Mildura Arts Centre	750
Mildura Little Theatre	50
Moe Singers	100
Montsalvat	2,500
Moomba Festival	55,000

APPENDIX A-2—continued

	\$
Moorabbin City Band	845
Moorabbin City Theatre Group	200
Mordialloc Eisteddfod	200
Musica Viva	18,000
National Institute of Dramatic Art	500
National Music Camp	300
National Theatre—Swan Hill	600
Neo Kyma Polyethnic Music	2,900
Nihonga Exhibition	9,750
Northcote Dramatic Society	200
North Eastern Musical Society	100
North Western Victoria Ballet Society	10,000
Olinda Singers	50
Oriana Madrigal Choir	400
Pakenham District Brass Band	1,345
Peninsula Arts Society	100
Peninsula Music Society	200
Photographic Assignments	165
Pilgrim Puppet Theatre Pty. Ltd.	12,000
Portland Council for Encouragement of Music and Art	300
Print Council of Australia	800
Redcliffs C.W.A. and Ballet Group	600
Regional Galleries Association of Victoria	20,100
Ringwood Eisteddfod	200
Rochester Music and Drama Club	100
Royal South Street Society	5,000
Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind	2,000
R.S.L. Military Band	1,000
St. Barnabas' Choir	100
St. Cecilia Singers	500
St. John's Eisteddfod—Ballarat	600
Sale Eisteddfod	700
Saltwater River Festival	500
Sea Lake Little Theatre Group	300
Seymour Music Club	100
Shepparton Musical Advancement Society	600
Shepparton Symphony Orchestra	430
Shepparton Theatre Arts Group	800
Sherbrooke Arts Society	550
South Gippsland Eisteddfod	400
Strathmore Theatrical Arts Society	100
Sunshine Rainbow Workshop	2,000
Swan Hill Apex Club	1,000
Swan Hill City Band	1,430
The 1812 Theatre	500
Theatre Australia	2,000
Town of Stawell	500
Tudor Choristers	2,000
P. Van Praagh	2,000
Victoria State Opera	183,000
Victorian Amateur Cine Society	50
Victorian Artists Society	3,000
Victorian Ballet School	38,600
Victorian Bands League	10,000
Victorian College of the Arts	15,963
Victorian Drama League	4,500
Victorian Fellowship of Australian Writers	2,000
Victorian Highland Pipe Band	25,000
Victorian Police Bands	3,500
Victorian Printmakers Group	1,000
Victorian Tapestry Workshop	24,500

APPENDIX A-2—*continued*

									\$
Victorian Trades Hall Council	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,500
Wangaratta Arts Council	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,500
Wangaratta Eisteddfod	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	200
Wangaratta Players	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
Warracknabeal and District Band	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	975
Warracknabeal Music Club	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
Warrandyte Arts Association	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	400
Warrnambool Music Society	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
Warrnambool Rotary Club	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	300
Welch, Garth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,767
Westside Singers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
Why Not Theatre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,600
Wodonga Citizens Band	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,310
Wodonga Music Club	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
Wolkenberg International (Rental of premises Victorian Ballet School)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,733
Wycheproof Arts Council	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	600
Yallourn Madrigal Singers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100
Yallourn Orchestral and Choral Society	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	350
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>2,175,193</u>

APPENDIX A-3

TOURIST FUND

SPECIAL GRANTS TO APPROVED BODIES—1976-77.

	\$
Phillip Island Koala Reserves Committee of Management	14,000
Melbourne Convention and Visitors' Bureau	35,000
Sun Centre Tourism Co. (Swan Hill)	9,787
Australian Dairy Centre	4,000
Mildura Jaycees	1,000
Victoria Amateur Cine Society	25
Rotary Club of Wangaratta	1,194
Country Roads Board (Mt. Hotham Alpine Road)	30,000
Upper Murray Travel Council	1,000
City of Melbourne—Chinatown	100,000
Dimboola Promotion Committee	250
Association of Apex Clubs.. .. .	5,500
Town of Camperdown	3,000
Town of Stawell	9,000
Shire of Glenelg	150
Puffing Billy Preservation Society	1,864
Shire of Phillip Island (Penguins Reserve)	3,709
	219,479

LOANS TO CERTAIN BODIES—1976-77.

Tourist Fund—General

	\$
Shire of Ballarat	60,000
City of Ballarat	33,000
Falls Creek Committee of Management	70,000
Shire of Orbost	60,000
Shire of Sherbrooke	25,000
	248,000

Tourist Fund—Motor Boating

Shire of Wycheproof	8,000
	256,000

In respect of a total amount of \$961,847 advanced by way of loan from the Tourist Fund, a sum of \$631,144 was still to be repaid at 30th June, 1977.

APPENDIX B

STATEMENT OF STORES HELD FOR ISSUE BY GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENTS AND PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, AS ADVISED PURSUANT TO
REGULATION 138(4) OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND STORES REGULATIONS 1958.

Department or Public Authority.	Nature of Stores.	Value as at 30th June, 1976	Value as at 30th June, 1977
		\$	\$
Departments—			
Agriculture	Machinery and Equipment Parts, Fuel, Seed, Publications	706,118	859,995
Chief Secretary—			
Police	Radio and Vehicle Parts, Clothing, Office Requisites	1,460,172	1,036,292
Conservation—			
Fisheries and Wildlife Division	Publications, Motor Tyres, Field Equipment ..	13,505	49,338
Land Conservation Council	Stationery, Publications	11,341	17,942
Crown Lands and Survey	Implements, Equipment, Plans, Photographic Materials	2,126,353	2,204,745
Education	School and Office Requisites, Books, Equipment	2,404,931	2,832,301
Forests	Vehicle Parts, Tools, Fuel	217,618	175,421
Health	Hardware, Instruments, Drugs	123,650	249,425
Mental Health Authority	Bedding, Hardware, Clothing	905,420	1,036,432
Mines	Bore Casing, Tools, Chemicals	525,262	556,075
Public Works	Mechanical and Electrical Equipment, Spare Parts, Furniture, Building Materials	1,512,348	2,803,573
Railways	Engineering, Refreshment Services, General Stores	12,991,104	14,136,889
Social Welfare	Clothing, Hardware, Materials	745,239	790,213
Treasurer—Government Printer	Paper, Stationery, Publications	2,985,682	3,235,685
Water Supply	Machinery Parts, Tools, General Stores ..	2,781,403	2,634,370
Public Authorities—			
Cancer Institute	Medical, Technical and General Stores ..	149,274	150,074
Council of Adult Education	Theatrical Equipment	33,000	39,700
Country Fire Authority	Fire Appliances, Hose, Spare Parts, Uniforms	196,088	215,723
Country Roads Board	Vehicle Parts and Accessories, Camping Equipment, General Stores	1,854,500	2,103,543
Egg and Egg Pulp Marketing Board	Eggs, Packing Materials, Spare Parts ..	1,229,570	900,784
Gas and Fuel Corporation	Gas Appliances, Fittings, General Stores ..	13,915,026	14,303,906
Geelong Harbor Trust	Engineering and Maintenance Stores ..	66,438	74,819
Housing Commission	Building Materials, Stationery	674,066	695,047
La Trobe University	Stationery, Office Requisites	57,046	69,104
Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board..	Construction Materials, Pipes, Spare Parts ..	8,771	6,207
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	Engineering Stores, Spare Parts, Pipes, Meters	9,456,000	11,639,000
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board	Engineering Stores and Parts, Uniforms, Stationery	1,542,734	1,893,650
Melbourne Harbor Trust	Maintenance and Engineering Stores ..	1,218,126	2,608,740
Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.. .. .	Fire Appliances, Electrical and Engineering Stores, Uniforms	508,000	567,000
Monash University	Building Materials, Stationery, Books ..	1,037,356	1,158,550
Portland Harbor Trust	Maintenance and Engineering Stores ..	93,033	78,354
Rural Finance and Settlement Commission..	Constructional and General Stores	38,804	29,616
State Electricity Commission	Electrical, Maintenance and Constructional Stores	17,623,116	21,247,411
State Relief Committee	Clothing, Bedding, Hardware, Provisions ..	100,061	76,100
Transport Regulation Board	Stationery and Office Requisites	102,360	95,706
University of Melbourne	Building Materials, Stationery	89,999	137,264
	Total	79,503,514	90,708,994

APPENDIX C.—continued.

Particulars	Vote			Parliamentary Appropriation	Appropriation after Variation by Governor in Council	+ Increase — Decrease
	Division	Sub- Division	Item			
ARTS				\$	\$	\$
MINISTRY FOR THE ARTS	150	2	1	8,800	8,850	+ 50
			2	5,550	6,648	+ 1,098
			3	11,500	9,536	- 1,964
			4	2,050	1,750	- 300
			5	3,100	4,216	+ 1,116
		3	1	295,910	306,312	+ 10,402
			2	2,381,000	2,370,598	- 10,402
NATIONAL GALLERY	152	1	2	1,515,620	1,519,225	+ 3,605
			3	175,000	179,474	+ 4,474
			4	10,000	1,921	- 8,079
STATE FILM CENTRE	154	2	3	6,700	8,269	+ 1,569
			4	2,200	2,500	+ 300
			7	151,500	149,631	- 1,869
STATE LIBRARY, NATIONAL MUSEUM AND SCIENCE MUSEUM ADMINISTRATION	157	1	2	647,900	640,684	- 7,216
			3	55,100	57,300	+ 2,200
			4	20,000	25,016	+ 5,016
SCIENCE MUSEUM	159	1	2	243,440	250,098	+ 6,658
			3	2,000	2,158	+ 158
			4	10,000	3,184	- 6,816
						± 36,646
CHIEF SECRETARY						
CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE	160	2	1	5,100	7,444	+ 2,344
			2	17,100	14,246	- 2,854
			5	5,900	6,410	+ 510
		3	2	615,000	669,949	+ 54,949
			3	200	318	+ 118
			7	33,000	20,632	- 12,368
			8	6,000	5,125	- 875
			10	100,000	58,176	- 41,824
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE	165	1	2	128,297	128,420	+ 123
			3	11,700	11,577	- 123
		2	1	16,500	13,000	- 3,500
			2	7,100	6,520	- 580
			3	38,000	34,827	- 3,173
			4	25,400	29,153	+ 3,753
			5	55,900	57,750	+ 1,850
			6	4,800	6,450	+ 1,650
REGISTRAR OF ESTATE AGENTS, MONEY LENDERS AND FINANCE BROKERS	167	1	2	138,841	141,118	+ 2,277
			3	4,500	2,223	- 2,277
GOVERNMENT STATIST	184	1	2	1,300,041	1,305,992	+ 5,951
			3	7,800	4,506	- 3,294
			4	5,000	2,343	- 2,657
		2	1	3,100	3,946	+ 846
			3	10,500	9,654	- 846
POLICE	187	1	2	99,472,192	99,643,870	+ 171,678
			3	2,158,000	2,164,313	+ 6,313
			4	1,600,000	1,422,009	- 177,991
		2	1	1,571,000	1,467,706	- 103,294
			2	893,000	944,317	+ 51,317
			4	2,143,000	2,042,392	- 100,608
			5	3,696,000	3,828,000	+ 132,000
			7	574,000	580,000	+ 6,000
			9	150,000	155,467	+ 5,467
			10	95,000	105,300	+ 10,300
			11	13,000	12,053	- 947
			12	12,000	11,765	- 235
						± 457,446
SOCIAL WELFARE						
SOCIAL WELFARE ADMINISTRATION AND RESEARCH AND STATISTICS	240	1	2	1,936,235	1,938,566	+ 2,331
			3	22,600	20,269	- 2,331
		2	1	10,300	11,314	+ 1,014
			6	25,000	23,986	- 1,014
		3	2	10,000,000	10,082,137	+ 82,137
			3	2,790,000	2,714,873	- 75,127
			7	106,000	98,990	- 7,010
REGIONAL SERVICES	244	1	3	88,770	85,803	- 2,967
			4	10,000	12,967	+ 2,967
		2	1	173,300	156,426	- 16,874
			2	23,850	22,912	- 938
			3	12,050	18,250	+ 6,200
			4	105,200	124,164	+ 18,964
			5	47,500	54,140	+ 6,640
			6	19,600	18,689	- 911
			7	41,400	28,319	- 13,081
		3	1	2,000	1,339	- 661
			2	500	900	+ 400
			3	33,000	21,345	- 11,655
			4	45,100	57,016	+ 11,916

APPENDIX C.—continued.

Particulars	Vote			Parliamentary Appropriation	Appropriation after Variation by Governor in Council	+ Increase — Decrease
	Division	Sub- Division	Item			
ATTORNEY GENERAL				\$	\$	\$
ATTORNEY-GENERAL	350	2	1	24,500	29,199	+ 4,699
			2	33,000	40,245	+ 7,245
			3	98,400	103,802	+ 5,402
			4	15,400	10,400	— 5,000
			8	40,000	35,180	— 4,820
			9	70,000	62,574	— 7,426
			10	1,000	900	— 100
CROWN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE	353	2	2	18,000	20,500	+ 2,500
			4	8,200	5,700	— 2,500
COURTS ADMINISTRATION	356	1	2	11,445,939	11,489,869	+ 43,930
			3	116,000	125,055	+ 9,055
			4	250,000	197,015	— 52,985
		2	1	603,500	603,164	— 336
			2	203,800	204,313	+ 513
			3	106,100	147,025	+ 40,925
			4	654,000	480,709	— 173,291
			8	152,500	152,497	— 3
			9	360,000	408,200	+ 48,200
			10	1,116,000	1,200,000	+ 84,000
			11	784,000	783,992	— 8
REGISTRAR-GENERAL AND REGISTRAR OF TITLES ..	359	1	2	5,110,764	5,118,067	+ 7,303
			3	30,000	27,307	— 2,693
			4	32,000	27,390	— 4,610
		2	1	11,000	7,719	— 3,281
			2	114,000	115,099	+ 1,099
			3	57,000	62,500	+ 5,500
			4	66,000	65,533	— 467
			5	2,500	2,165	— 335
			6	20,500	17,984	— 2,516
CORPORATE AFFAIRS OFFICE	362	1	2	1,837,754	1,837,868	+ 114
			3	3,000	2,886	— 114
		2	1	24,000	22,167	— 1,833
			2	142,600	126,206	— 16,394
			3	26,000	18,650	— 7,350
			5	2,600	5,988	+ 3,388
			7	135,000	157,189	+ 22,189
		3	1	6,000	5,492	— 508
			2	11,500	12,008	+ 508
PUBLIC TRUSTEE	368	1	2	1,948,518	1,951,698	+ 3,180
			3	29,500	26,320	— 3,180
		2	1	4,700	4,548	— 152
			2	35,600	38,788	+ 3,188
			3	28,900	28,873	— 27
			4	52,300	49,710	— 2,590
			7	3,500	3,081	— 419
						± 292,938
TREASURER						
TREASURY	400	2	3	107,500	102,485	— 5,015
			4	48,100	52,965	+ 4,865
			5	1,600	1,750	+ 150
		3	1	5,000	165	— 4,835
			2	12,000	11,071	— 929
			3	250,000	205,554	— 44,446
			4	550,000	608,170	+ 58,170
			6	15,000	14,925	— 75
			7	15,000	20,255	+ 5,255
			8	100,000	65,627	— 34,373
			9	25,300	24,539	— 761
			11	40,000	37,068	— 2,932
			13	8,300	6,241	— 2,059
			14	150,000	160,082	+ 10,082
			15	1,200	1,050	— 150
			16	1,000	305	— 695
			17	70,000	74,011	+ 4,011
			19	5,000	2,273	— 2,727
			20	8,000	13,599	+ 5,599
			21	150,000	161,278	+ 11,278
			22	1,326	1,400	+ 74
			56	3,000	2,513	— 487
PAYMENTS TO THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS AND ADVANCES	401	3	3	699,600	1,063,125	+ 363,525
			7	7,300,000	6,936,475	— 363,525

APPENDIX C.—continued.

Particulars	Vote			Parliamentary Appropriation	Appropriation after Variation by Governor in Council	+ Increase - Decrease
	Division	Sub- Division	Item			
TREASURER—continued.						
TENDER BOARD	412			\$	\$	\$
		1	2	98,207	98,321	+ 114
			3	1,400	1,286	- 114
		2	2	7,400	10,014	+ 2,614
			7	550,000	547,386	- 2,614
STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD	415					
		1	2	734,020	737,786	+ 3,766
			3	49,000	45,234	- 3,766
		2	1	12,700	10,913	- 1,787
			2	39,000	36,923	- 2,077
			3	180,000	188,889	+ 8,889
			5	2,400	3,645	+ 1,245
			7	55,000	48,730	- 6,270
		3	1	11,750	12,322	+ 572
			2	3,400	2,828	- 572
TAXATION OFFICE	421					
		1	2	2,225,860	2,238,288	+ 12,428
			3	20,000	1,602	- 18,398
			4	25,000	30,970	+ 5,970
		2	1	4,000	600	- 3,400
			2	58,000	65,700	+ 7,700
			4	84,000	79,700	- 4,300
STAMP DUTIES	424					
		1	2	1,844,259	1,851,778	+ 7,519
			3	20,500	20,499	- 1
			4	11,000	3,482	- 7,518
		2	1	10,000	7,843	- 2,157
			2	169,000	164,559	- 4,441
			3	25,000	19,938	- 5,062
			7	250,000	261,660	+ 11,660
						± 523,486
CONSERVATION.						
MINISTRY FOR CONSERVATION	435					
		1	2	1,310,221	1,310,673	+ 452
			3	11,800	11,521	- 279
			4	16,000	15,827	- 173
		2	1	27,600	29,598	+ 1,998
			2	21,000	22,399	+ 1,399
			3	102,000	100,645	- 1,355
			4	12,000	11,995	- 5
			8	57,000	54,963	- 2,037
		3	10	1,597,000	1,614,036	+ 17,036
			16	64,000	46,964	- 17,036
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY	437					
		1	2	2,327,864	2,335,666	+ 7,802
			3	26,000	17,946	- 8,054
			4	2,000	2,252	+ 252
		2	1	42,000	41,492	- 508
			2	58,000	58,534	+ 534
			7	443,000	442,975	- 25
			8	50,000	49,999	- 1
		3	1	3,000	2,610	- 390
			3	1,423,000	1,423,316	+ 316
			4	4,500	4,374	- 126
SOIL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	439					
		1	2	1,950,275	1,959,539	+ 9,264
			3	900	699	- 201
			4	12,000	2,937	- 9,063
		2	1	72,000	63,264	- 8,736
			2	17,000	15,918	- 1,082
			3	36,000	30,158	- 5,842
			4	65,000	74,675	+ 9,675
			5	160,000	169,597	+ 9,597
			7	8,000	4,986	- 3,014
			8	5,000	4,402	- 598
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE	441					
		1	3	34,000	33,953	- 47
			4	20,000	20,047	+ 47
		2	1	112,000	112,122	+ 122
			2	23,000	26,500	+ 3,500
			3	31,000	38,500	+ 7,500
			4	52,000	51,986	- 14
			6	23,000	22,933	- 67
			7	53,000	45,469	- 7,531
			8	41,000	37,497	- 3,503
			9	20,000	19,993	- 7
LAND CONSERVATION COUNCIL	443					
		2	4	20,000	19,190	- 810
			6	2,000	2,810	+ 810
VICTORIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY	444					
		2	1	7,000	7,276	+ 276
			2	7,800	7,637	- 163
			3	12,900	12,898	- 2
			7	5,500	5,389	- 111
						± 70,780

APPENDIX C.—continued.

Particulars	Vote			Parliamentary Appropriation	Appropriation after Variation by Governor in Council	+ Increase — Decrease
	Division	Sub- Division	Item			
				\$	\$	\$
LANDS						
CROWN LANDS ADMINISTRATION	450	1	3	65,000	70,296	+ 5,296
			4	110,000	104,704	— 5,296
		2	1	410,000	409,999	— 1
			2	62,300	62,295	— 5
			3	59,000	44,760	— 14,240
			5	17,300	29,619	+ 12,319
			6	7,700	8,741	+ 1,041
			7	1,800	2,686	+ 886
		3	1	7,773,000	7,775,092	+ 2,092
			2	6,000	2,608	— 3,392
			5	22,000	23,300	+ 1,300
SURVEY	456	2	1	347,000	320,283	— 26,717
			2	27,400	29,700	+ 2,300
			3	2,100	2,700	+ 600
			4	3,700	4,450	+ 750
			5	68,500	80,000	+ 11,500
			7	91,800	103,367	+ 11,567
		3	1	400,000	399,908	— 92
			3	800	892	+ 92
BOTANIC AND DOMAIN GARDENS AND NATIONAL HERBARIUM	459	1	2	760,700	751,087	— 9,613
			4	5,000	14,613	+ 9,613
		2	1	6,800	4,800	— 2,000
			2	12,000	9,685	— 2,315
			3	28,200	30,200	+ 2,000
			4	4,500	4,835	+ 335
			6	13,800	15,780	+ 1,980
						± 63,671
PUBLIC WORKS						
PUBLIC WORKS	480	2	1	509,000	522,789	+ 13,789
			2	319,700	294,611	— 25,089
			3	193,500	204,800	+ 11,300
		3	1	4,929,000	4,933,570	+ 4,570
			3	740,000	739,985	— 15
			4	1,450,000	1,448,092	— 1,908
			7	42,100	42,957	+ 857
			8	13,000	9,033	— 3,967
			10	48,000	48,463	+ 463
PORTS AND HARBORS	490	1	2	1,707,685	1,708,320	+ 635
			4	25,000	24,365	— 635
		2	1	99,500	100,249	+ 749
			2	9,200	8,451	— 749
		3	1	747,300	753,939	+ 6,639
			2	206,900	207,856	+ 956
			3	135,100	136,462	+ 1,362
			4	13,000	13,039	+ 39
			5	69,700	76,964	+ 7,264
			6	1,600,000	1,379,787	— 220,213
			7	2,070,000	2,186,989	+ 116,989
			9	2,325,000	2,411,888	+ 86,888
			11	43,400	43,476	+ 76
						± 252,576
LOCAL GOVERNMENT						
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	510	2	1	22,900	20,900	— 2,000
			2	15,800	17,893	+ 2,093
			4	14,000	13,907	— 93
		3	1	9,500	9,250	— 250
			8	3,219,000	3,219,250	+ 250
VALUER-GENERAL	516	1	2	1,463,890	1,483,584	+ 19,694
			4	50,000	30,306	— 19,694
		2	1	130,300	130,286	— 14
			2	39,100	38,867	— 233
			3	6,500	6,755	+ 255
			4	6,000	5,992	— 8
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	519	2	1	54,000	53,000	— 1,000
			7	3,000	4,000	+ 1,000
						± 23,292
PLANNING						
MINISTRY FOR PLANNING	521	2	1	7,600	8,145	+ 545
			2	21,300	20,755	— 545
		3	1	35,000	33,297	— 1,703
			3	198,000	199,703	+ 1,703
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING BOARD	522	2	2	35,200	35,204	+ 4
			4	6,800	6,796	— 4
						± 2,252

APPENDIX C.—continued.

Particulars	Vote			Parliamentary Appropriation	Appropriation after Variation by Governor in Council	+ Increase - Decrease
	Division	Sub- Division	Item			
				\$	\$	\$
MINES						
MINES	540	1	3	17,900	19,356	+ 1,456
			4	50,000	48,544	- 1,456
		2	1	100,000	102,672	+ 2,672
			2	21,100	17,623	- 3,477
			3	75,000	74,228	- 772
			4	14,400	14,392	- 8
			7	10,100	11,685	+ 1,585
		3	1	1,600	1,384	- 216
			2	672,700	700,000	+ 27,300
			3	33,100	32,518	- 582
			4	28,100	18,426	- 9,674
			5	7,700	7,270	- 430
			6	30,000	19,814	- 10,186
			8	10,000		- 10,000
			9	5,320	9,108	+ 3,788
EXPLOSIVES	546	2	3	10,700	7,200	- 3,500
			5	16,100	19,600	+ 3,500
GAS REGULATION	549	1	2	130,300	129,348	- 952
			4	5,000	5,952	+ 952
						± 41,253
AGRICULTURE						
AGRICULTURE ADMINISTRATION	570	1	3	20,200	19,177	- 1,023
			4	50,000	51,023	+ 1,023
		2	1	22,000	25,768	+ 3,768
			2	36,900	32,200	- 4,700
			3	208,400	163,893	- 44,507
			4	311,000	312,772	+ 1,772
			5	220,000	263,810	+ 43,810
			6	11,000	10,875	- 125
			7	1,000	982	- 18
		3	2	37,700	37,843	+ 143
			3	183,400	183,866	+ 466
			4	19,400	20,210	+ 810
			5	16,240	14,821	- 1,419
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION	576	1	2	386,369	386,388	+ 19
			3	1,000	981	- 19
		3	1	1,420,000	1,450,870	+ 30,870
			2	186,100	167,390	- 18,710
			3	340,000	346,009	+ 6,009
			5	22,473	21,419	- 1,054
			6	112,000	94,885	- 17,115
AGRICULTURE	579	1	2	2,748,579	2,769,766	+ 21,187
			4	50,000	28,813	- 21,187
		3	1	329,500	329,541	+ 41
			3	130,500	133,831	+ 3,331
			4	129,100	128,373	- 727
			5	4,300	4,377	+ 77
			6	117,600	122,526	+ 4,926
			7	28,000	25,337	- 2,663
			9	53,300	50,340	- 2,960
			12	30,400	28,375	- 2,025
HORTICULTURE	582	1	3	102,000	108,420	+ 6,420
			4	100,000	93,580	- 6,420
		2	1	141,000	141,655	+ 655
			2	9,700	8,679	- 1,021
			3	42,000	41,837	- 163
			4	4,000	3,931	- 69
			6	4,100	4,735	+ 635
			7	2,900	2,863	- 37
		3	1	35,300	35,682	+ 382
			2	134,500	136,325	+ 1,825
			3	172,300	178,107	+ 5,807
			4	66,200	67,657	+ 1,457
			5	63,000	63,653	+ 653
			6	23,400	23,818	+ 418
			7	34,100	34,308	+ 208
			8	337,000	339,150	+ 2,150
			9	6,290	6,270	- 20
			10	19,100	19,328	+ 228
			11	17,000	17,534	+ 534
			14	34,200	33,982	- 218
			15	62,000	62,881	+ 881
			17	25,000	10,695	- 14,305
ANIMAL HEALTH	585	1	2	6,164,998	6,167,296	+ 2,298
			3	29,000	26,702	- 2,298
		2	1	97,000	98,995	+ 1,995
			8	50,000	48,005	- 1,995
		3	1	119,000	124,695	+ 5,695
			2	83,000	86,965	+ 3,965
			4	78,573	82,431	+ 3,858
			5	159,900	185,245	+ 25,345
			7	21,200	21,268	+ 68
			8	173,000	179,859	+ 6,859
			9	600,000	694,999	+ 94,999
			10	141,000	145,752	+ 4,752
			11	116,000	117,520	+ 1,520
			12	116,000	117,268	+ 1,268
			14	375,000	226,671	- 148,329

APPENDIX C.—continued.

Particulars	Vote			Parliamentary Appropriation	Appropriation after Variation by Governor in Council	+ Increase - Decrease	
	Division	Sub- Division	Item			\$	\$
AGRICULTURE—continued.							
ANIMAL INDUSTRY	588						
		2	1	41,200	41,672	+	472
			3	1,750	1,278	-	472
			1	242,600	243,339	+	739
			4	4,300	4,243	-	57
			5	19,900	19,218	-	682
DAIRYING	591						
		1	3	6,800	5,343	-	1,457
			4	50,000	51,457	+	1,457
		2	1	259,800	261,685	+	1,885
			2	50,400	49,313	-	1,087
			3	29,500	28,706	-	794
			4	4,800	4,796	-	4
		3	1	188,300	188,858	+	558
			4	71,200	70,642	-	558
EXTENSION SERVICES	594						
		2	1	22,500	22,811	+	311
			3	700	656	-	44
			4	620	460	-	160
			6	2,400	2,293	-	107
							± 298,549
HEALTH							
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	620						
		1	3	16,500	26,645	+	10,145
			4	35,000	24,855	-	10,145
		2	1	11,500	12,650	+	1,150
			2	9,500	11,995	+	2,495
			3	29,500	24,337	-	5,163
			4	21,500	24,956	+	3,456
			5	2,100	3,037	+	937
			7	72,900	71,714	-	1,186
			8	12,500	10,811	-	1,689
		3	1	24,400	47,504	+	23,104
			2	138,357,000	139,041,406	+	684,406
			9	261,500	271,653	+	10,153
			11	17,400	20,560	+	3,160
			22	3,617,000	3,617,546	+	546
			24	8,300	8,290	-	10
			32	2,353,000	1,642,181	-	710,819
			34	4,000	120	-	3,880
			35	20,000	849	-	19,151
			36	25,300	37,791	+	12,491
GENERAL HEALTH	626						
		1	2	2,865,123	2,925,080	+	59,957
			4	90,000	30,043	-	59,957
		2	2	13,000	11,163	-	1,837
			3	14,400	16,914	+	2,514
			4	43,000	41,942	-	1,058
			5	23,700	23,988	+	288
			7	15,000	17,000	+	2,000
			10	10,100	10,030	-	70
			11	1,500	1,497	-	3
			12	35,100	35,078	-	22
			13	19,500	19,904	+	404
			14	5,500	3,294	-	2,206
			17	40,800	40,790	-	10
		3	1	915,000	764,908	-	150,092
			2	4,717,000	4,888,271	+	171,271
			4	6,000	5,969	-	31
			5	500	491	-	9
			14	55,000	33,861	-	21,139
TUBERCULOSIS	629						
		1	2	3 071,024	3,085,509	+	14,485
			4	75,000	60,515	-	14,485
		3	1	560,000	567,000	+	7,000
			3	7,000	..	-	7,000
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	630						
		2	1	42,000	38,828	-	3,172
			2	5,000	4,998	-	2
			3	2,000	1,191	-	809
			4	15,000	14,992	-	8
			5	7,300	8,092	+	792
			7	373,000	376,199	+	3,199
		3	1	17,911,000	17,969,039	+	58,039
			2	831,000	1,137,690	+	306,690
			4	81,000	80,869	-	131
			5	267,000	261,379	-	5,621
			7	527,000	168,023	-	358,977
DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	631						
		2	4	700	232	-	468
			5	1,800	1,366	-	434
			7	27,000	26,905	-	95
			8	98,000	98,997	+	997
		3	1	940,000	847,150	-	92,850
			3	2,000	3,500	+	1,500
			5	120,000	211,350	+	91,350

APPENDIX C.—continued.

Particulars	Vote			Parliamentary Appropriation	Appropriation after Variation by Governor in Council	+ Increase - Decrease
	Division	Sub- Division	Item			
HEALTH—continued						
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH	632			\$	\$	\$
		1	2	2,527,200	2,495,970	- 31,230
			4	50,000	81,230	+ 31,230
		2	1	29,300	36,720	+ 7,420
			2	9,000	8,894	- 106
			3	32,600	34,262	+ 1,662
			4	11,300	11,299	- 1
			5	12,000	11,997	- 3
			7	121,000	90,623	- 30,377
			8	214,000	206,360	- 7,640
			9	119,000	140,915	+ 21,915
			10	118,000	123,865	+ 5,865
			11	2,000	3,265	+ 1,265
ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCY SERVICES ..	633					
		1	2	3,084,327	3,088,420	+ 4,093
			4	20,000	15,907	- 4,093
		2	2	28,000	35,000	+ 7,000
			4	26,000	27,000	+ 1,000
			5	19,000	29,000	+ 10,000
			6	62,000	54,000	- 8,000
			7	177,000	167,000	- 10,000
			8	44,000	45,900	+ 1,900
			9	1,000	100	- 900
			10	1,000		- 1,000
		3	2	800,000	793,489	- 6,511
			5	250,000	256,511	+ 6,511
MENTAL HYGIENE	635					
		2	1	256,000	212,670	- 43,330
			2	161,000	173,000	+ 12,000
			3	133,000	106,999	- 26,001
			4	434,000	470,000	+ 36,000
			5	307,000	342,832	+ 35,832
			6	1,552,000	1,540,000	- 12,000
			7	5,102,000	5,162,000	+ 60,000
			8	1,022,000	971,999	- 50,001
			9	40,000	27,500	- 12,500
						± 1,716,222
STATE DEVELOPMENT AND DECENTRALIZATION						
STATE DEVELOPMENT	660					
		2	1	13,600	20,390	+ 6,790
			2	10,500	9,294	- 1,206
			3	72,700	69,731	- 2,969
			4	6,800	4,992	- 1,808
			5	6,700	5,893	- 807
		3	2	2,351,000	2,356,648	+ 5,648
			5	783,000	787,459	+ 4,459
			9	300,000	291,700	- 8,300
			14	2,000	193	- 1,807
IMMIGRATION	666					
		2	1	4,000	3,184	- 816
			2	7,000	6,674	- 326
			3	1,400	2,540	+ 1,140
			4	9,000	8,807	- 193
			5	1,600	930	- 670
			6	1,700	2,241	+ 541
			7	2,000	1,905	- 95
			8	47,000	47,419	+ 419
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	669					
		2	2	18,000	19,093	+ 1,093
			3	57,900	36,463	- 21,437
			5	27,300	48,456	+ 21,156
			6	400	681	+ 281
			8	179,000	177,907	- 1,093
		3	2	1,640,000	2,062,000	+ 422,000
			4	15,800,000	15,378,000	- 422,000
						± 463,527
HOUSING						
MINISTRY OF HOUSING	680					
		2	4	1,700	1,350	- 350
			5	900	1,250	+ 350
		3	2	38,000	515	- 37,485
			3	305,000	342,485	+ 37,485
REGISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETIES AND CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES AND HOME FINANCE ADMINISTRATION	686					
		3	1	7,200	7,204	+ 4
			2	1,000	996	- 4
						± 37,839
FUEL AND POWER						
MINISTRY OF FUEL AND POWER	700					
		1	2	176,284	179,365	+ 3,081
			3	850	1,057	+ 207
			4	13,000	9,712	- 3,288
		2	1	3,600	3,645	+ 45
			4	1,400	831	- 569
			5	1,450	1,974	+ 524
						± 3,857

APPENDIX C.—continued.

Particulars	Vote			Parliamentary Appropriation	Appropriation after Variation by Governor in Council	+ Increase - Decrease
	Division	Sub- Division	Item			
TRANSPORT				\$	\$	\$
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT	720					
		1	2	241,024	246,211	+ 5,187
			3	500	313	- 187
			4	5,000		- 5,000
		2	1	7,700	6,835	- 865
			2	13,800	12,909	- 891
			3	4,500	5,205	+ 705
			4	12,300	12,051	- 249
			5	4,400	5,700	+ 1,300
						± 7,192
WATER RESOURCES						
STATE RIVERS AND WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION ..	740					
		1	2	20,050,000	20,016,568	- 33,432
			3	58,000	41,611	- 16,389
			4	570,000	619,821	+ 49,821
		2	1	284,000	288,523	+ 4,523
			2	137,000	180,729	+ 43,729
			3	299,600	298,755	- 845
			4	157,000	159,499	+ 2,499
			6	40,000	38,683	- 1,317
			7	800,000	872,719	+ 72,719
			8	47,200	52,849	+ 5,649
			9	230,200	86,556	- 143,644
			11	209,100	225,248	+ 16,148
			12	158,000	158,539	+ 539
		3	1	456,600	458,859	+ 2,259
			4	103,900	102,569	- 1,331
			6	134,700	139,700	+ 5,000
			11	22,000	17,000	- 5,000
			13	117,000	116,072	- 928
						± 202,886
RAILWAYS						
RAILWAYS	750					
		1	1	275,285,214	275,598,957	+ 313,743
			2	11,302,000	10,988,257	- 313,743
		3	1	1,800,000	1,802,142	+ 2,142
			2	269,000	266,858	- 2,142
						± 315,885
						± 8,882,724
					TOTAL	

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