

STATUTORY RULES.

1912. No. 12.

PROVISIONAL REGULATIONS UNDER THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ACT 1905.

I THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby certify that, on account of urgency, the following Regulations under the *Census and Statistics Act 1905* should come into immediate operation, and make the Regulations to come into operation forthwith as Provisional Regulations.

Dated this 17th day of December, One thousand nine hundred and eleven.

DENMAN,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

KING O'MALLEY,
Minister of State for Home Affairs.

LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS (AGENTS AND CORRESPONDENTS) REGULATIONS 1912.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Labour and Industrial Statistics (Agents and Correspondents) Regulations 1912.

2. (1). The Minister may appoint suitable persons to act as Agents and Correspondents to the Labour and Industrial Branch of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics in such places as he thinks fit.

(2) Each Agent and Correspondent shall be appointed to act as such during the pleasure of the Minister, and shall be paid for his services in accordance with rates approved by the Minister.

(3) Such Agents and Correspondents may be appointed to act either generally in connexion with the collection of Labour and Industrial Statistics, or may be appointed for any specified trade or trades.

3. Each Agent and Correspondent shall carry out such duties in connexion with the work of the Labour and Industrial Branch of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics as are assigned to him by the Commonwealth Statistician.

4. Each Agent and Correspondent shall, before his appointment or before he commences duty, make a declaration before a Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner for Affidavits, in the following form:—

CENSUS AND STATISTICS ACT 1905

Declaration by Agent or Correspondent.

I, of do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will faithfully and to the best of my ability execute the duties assigned by the Commonwealth Statistician to me as Agent or Correspondent to the Labour and Industrial Branch of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics; and that I will not desert from my duty, or refuse or wilfully neglect, without just cause, to perform my duty as such Agent or Correspondent, or wilfully alter or sign any

untrue document or form in connexion with my duty; and that I will not divulge any information obtained by me in the capacity of such Agent or Correspondent, otherwise than to an authorized officer of the said Bureau, or as prescribed by Regulations under the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.

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(Signature of Agent or Correspondent.)

Declared at.....this.....

day of.....19.....

Before me—

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(Signature of Justice of the Peace,
or Commissioner for Affidavits.)

5. An Agent or Correspondent under these Regulations who, having taken the prescribed declaration—

- (a) deserts from his duty, or
- (b) refuses or wilfully neglects without just excuse to perform his duty, or
- (c) wilfully alters any form, or signs any untrue document or form in connexion with his duty, or
- (d) divulges, except in accordance with his duty, any information obtained or furnished by him as such Agent or Correspondent,

shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : Twenty pounds.

6. Every person who, without reasonable excuse (proof whereof shall lie upon him) refuses or fails to answer to the best of his knowledge and belief, any question asked him by an Agent or Correspondent appointed under these Regulations, shall be guilty of an offence, if the information asked for is necessary to enable the Agent or Correspondent to obtain any information he is authorized, by writing, under the hand of the Commonwealth Statistician, to obtain, and the Agent or Correspondent has produced to the person his authority to obtain the information.

Penalty : Ten pounds.