

CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

No. 34 of 1949.

An Act to amend the *Census and Statistics Act* 1905-1946.

[Assented to 12th July, 1949.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

Short title
and citation.

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Census and Statistics Act* 1949.

(2.) The *Census and Statistics Act* 1905-1946* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Census and Statistics Act* 1905-1949.

Commencement.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

3. Section seventeen of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

Forms to be
filled up.

“17.—(1.) For the purpose of enabling the statistics referred to in this Part to be collected, the Statistician may require a person to fill up and supply, in accordance with the instructions contained in or accompanying a form supplied to that person by the Statistician, the particulars specified in that form, and that person shall, to the best of his knowledge, comply with the requirement.

Penalty: Ten pounds.

“(2.) A prosecution for a contravention of this section shall not be instituted without the consent of the Minister.”.

Publication
of statistics.

“4. Section twenty of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

“(3.) This section shall not authorize the publication of any matter the publication of which by the Statistician otherwise than under this section would be a contravention of section twenty-four of this Act.”.

* Act No. 15, 1905, as amended by No. 33, 1920; No. 18, 1930; No. 17, 1938; and No. 74, 1946.

5. Section twenty-four of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead :—

“ 24. The Statistician, an officer, or the occupier of a dwelling, shall not, except as allowed by this Act, divulge the contents of any form filled up, or any information furnished—

**Officers and
occupiers to
observe
secrecy.**

(a) in pursuance of this Act ; or

(b) at the request of the Statistician, for statistical purposes.

Penalty : Fifty pounds.”.
