CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

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**3.** Section seventeen of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—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

**5.** Section twenty-four of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

**Officers and occupiers to observe secrecy.**

“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—

(*a*) in pursuance of this Act; or

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

Penalty: Fifty pounds.”.