

THIS Bill originated in the House of Representatives; and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Senate for its concurrence.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 14th March, 1927.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT

To amend the *Surplus Revenue Act* 1910, to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund sums for the purposes of Financial Assistance to States, and for other purposes.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the *States Grants Act* 1927. Short title and citation.
- 5 2. Sections four, five, six and seven of the *Surplus Revenue Act* 1910 are repealed as from the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven. Repeal of sections 4-7 of the *Surplus Revenue Act* 1910.
- 3.—(1.) There shall be payable to the State of Western Australia, in equal monthly instalments during the period of five years Additional payments to Western Australia.
 - 10 commencing on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, the sum of Three hundred thousand pounds per annum.
 - 15 (2.) All sums paid to the State of Western Australia, during the period from the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six to the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, in pursuance of section five of the *Surplus Revenue Act* 1910, shall be deemed to have been payments made to that State in fulfilment of the obligations of the Commonwealth to that State under sub-section (1.) of this section in respect of that
 - 20 period.

Additional
payments to
Tasmania.

4. There shall be payable to the State of Tasmania, in equal monthly instalments, during the period of two years commencing on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, the sum of Three hundred and seventy-eight thousand pounds per annum.

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Payment of
surplus
revenue.

5.—(1.) In addition to any payments made under the last two preceding sections, the Treasurer shall pay to the several States of the Commonwealth, in proportion to the number of their people, any surplus revenue in his hands at the close of the financial year commencing on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and at the close of each financial year thereafter.

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(2.) For the purposes of this section, the number of the people of a State shall be deemed to be the number as ascertained according to the laws of the Commonwealth by the Commonwealth Statistician as at the thirty-first day of December in the financial year in respect of which a payment under this section is to be made to that State.

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Payments to
States.

6. Subject to the terms of any agreement made between the Commonwealth and all the States, and adopted by the Parliament, the Treasurer shall, during the financial year commencing on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, make payments to each State, in equal monthly instalments, to the amount specified in the Schedule, opposite to the name of that State.

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Appropriation.

7. All payments made under this Act shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is, to the necessary extent, hereby appropriated accordingly.

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Repeal of
*Tasmania Grant
Act 1924.*

8. The *Tasmania Grant Act 1924* is hereby repealed as from the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

THE SCHEDULE.

New South Wales	£2,978,343
Victoria	2,152,615
Queensland	1,131,646
South Australia	721,269
Western Australia	483,750
Tasmania	267,367
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