

1926-7.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

## STATES GRANTS BILL 1926.

MEMORANDUM SHOWING THE ALTERATIONS  
PROPOSED TO BE MADE IN THE BILL BY THE  
AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO BE MOVED BY  
THE TREASURER.

*(Circulated by the Treasurer, the Hon. Earle Page.)*

The words printed in italics are words proposed to be omitted from the Bill.

The words printed in black type are words proposed to be added to the Bill.

1. This Act may be cited as the States Grants Act 1926 ~~1927~~.
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 Sections four, five, six and seven of the Surplus Revenue Act 1910 are repealed as from the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and *twenty-six* ~~twenty-seven~~.
3. *There shall be payable in equal monthly instalments, during the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, to the States specified in the Schedule to this Act, the sums specified in that Schedule opposite the respective names of those States.*
- 4.—(1.) *In addition to the payments made under the last preceding section to the State of Western Australia, there shall be payable to that State **the State of Western Australia**, in equal monthly instalments, during the period of five years commencing on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, the sum of Three hundred thousand pounds per annum.*

Short title  
and citation.

Repeal of  
sections 4-7  
of the Surplus  
Revenue Act  
1910.

Payments to  
States.

Additional  
payments to  
Western  
Australia.

(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 period.

Additional  
payments to  
Tasmania.

5. *In addition to the payments made under section three of this Act to the State of Tasmania*, there shall be payable to *that State* **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.

Payment of  
Surplus  
Revenue.

6.—(1.) In addition to any payments made under the last *three* 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 *each financial year* **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.

(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.

Advances by  
Treasurer.

7. *The Treasurer may advance to any State, in anticipation of the collection of revenue by that State, such amounts as he thinks fit.*

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.

(2.) *Any advance made under this section may be made free of interest, and shall be made on the condition that it shall be repaid not later than the thirtieth day of June in the financial year in which it is made.*

Appropriation.

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

Repeal of  
Tasmania Grant  
Act 1924.

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

**THE SCHEDULE.**

<i>Queensland</i>	..	..	..	£289,000
<i>South Australia</i>	..	..	..	23,000
<i>Western Australia</i>	..	..	..	152,000
<i>Tasmania</i>	..	..	..	136,000

**THE SCHEDULE.**

<b>New South Wales</b>	..	..	..	<b>£2,973,343</b>
<b>Victoria</b>	..	..	..	<b>2,152,615</b>
<b>Queensland</b>	..	..	..	<b>1,181,646</b>
<b>South Australia</b>	..	..	..	<b>721,269</b>
<b>Western Australia</b>	..	..	..	<b>483,750</b>
<b>Tasmania</b>	..	..	..	<b>267,367</b>
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				<b>£7,734,900</b>

