

MINISTERS OF STATE.

No. 73 of 1946.

An Act to amend the *Ministers of State Act 1935-1941.*

[Assented to 14th December, 1946.]

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 *Ministers of State Act 1946.*

(2.) The *Ministers of State Act 1935-1941** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Ministers of State Act 1935-1946.*

Commencement.

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

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 Section three of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

Number of Ministers.

“3. The number of Ministers of State shall not exceed nineteen.”

Salaries of Ministers.

4. Section four of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words “Eighteen thousand six hundred pounds” and inserting in their stead the words “Twenty-one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds”.

Special provision during war.

5. Section six of the Principal Act is repealed.

* Act No. 35, 1935, as amended by No. 36, 1935; No. 29, 1936; Nos. 2 and 44, 1938, and No. 24, 1941.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

No. 74 of 1946.

An Act to amend the *Census and Statistics Act 1905-1938.*

[Assented to 14th December, 1946.]

[Date of commencement, 11th January, 1947.]

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 1946.*

(2.) The *Census and Statistics Act 1905-1938**, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Census and Statistics Act 1905-1946*.

2. Section twelve of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905-1938* is amended— Particulars in schedule.

(a) by omitting from paragraph (a) the words "sickness or infirmity,"; and

(b) by omitting from that paragraph the word "education,".

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

QANTAS EMPIRE AIRWAYS AGREEMENT.

No. 75 of 1946.

An Act to authorize the execution of an Agreement for the Purchase by the Commonwealth of certain shares in Qantas Empire Airways Limited, and to appropriate the Moneys necessary for the purchase of those shares.

[Assented to 14th December, 1946.]

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 *Qantas Empire Airways Agreement Act 1946*. Short title.

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

3. The execution on behalf of the Commonwealth is hereby authorized of an agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth and the Government of the United Kingdom and any other necessary party for or in connexion with the purchase by the Commonwealth of the shares held by British Overseas Airways Corporation in Qantas Empire Airways Limited. Authorization of agreement.

4. The agreement authorized by this Act may fix the price for the purchase of the shares or may provide for the determination of the price by arbitration. Price of shares.

5. Any payment by the Commonwealth required by the agreement authorized by this Act shall be made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund which, to the necessary extent, is hereby appropriated accordingly. Appropriation.