

2. Subject to this Act, there shall be payable, for the purposes of financial assistance to the State of Western Australia during the year commencing on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, the sum of Three hundred thousand pounds.

Payment for financial assistance to Western Australia.

3. The amount payable under this Act shall be paid in equal monthly instalments.

Method of payment.

4. Payments in accordance with this Act shall be made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund which is hereby appropriated accordingly.

Appropriation.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE.

No. 21 of 1931.

An Act to amend section fifty-five of the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1930*.

[Assented to 7th August, 1931.]

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.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1931*.

Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1930** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922-1931*.

2. Section fifty-five of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (5.) the words “ a permanent Chairman, who shall be an officer of the Commonwealth Service, and ” and inserting in their stead the words “ a Chairman who ” ; and

Appeal Boards in relation to offences.

(b) by inserting, after sub-section (5.), the following sub-section :—

“ (5A.) Where a person who is not an officer of the Commonwealth Service is appointed Chairman of an Appeal Board he shall hold office during the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners and shall receive such remuneration, by way of fees, as the Board of Commissioners determines ” ; and

(c) by inserting, after sub-section (9.), the following sub-section :—

“(9A.) Where, at any meeting of an Appeal Board, the members present are divided in opinion as to any action to be taken by it under sub-section (4.) of this section, the question shall be decided according to the decision of the majority, if there is a majority, and where the members present are equally divided on any such question, the question shall be postponed to a later meeting of the Board.”.

FEDERAL AID ROADS.

No. 22 of 1931.

An Act to authorize the Execution by the Commonwealth of Agreements between the Commonwealth and the States in relation to the Construction, Re-construction, Maintenance or Repair of Roads, and to make provision for the carrying out thereof.

[Assented to 7th August, 1931.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for financial assistance to the several States for the purpose of the construction, re-construction, maintenance or repair of roads :

BE it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, for the purpose of appropriating the grant originated in the House of Representatives, as follows :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Federal Aid Roads Act* 1931.

Execution of agreements authorized.

2.—(1.) The execution, by or on behalf of the Commonwealth, of agreements in the form contained in the Schedule to this Act, between the Commonwealth and each State of the Commonwealth is hereby authorized.

(2.) The authority conferred by this section shall include authority for the execution of any agreement in the form contained in the Schedule executed before the commencement of this section.

Appropriation of moneys.

3. There shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is hereby appropriated accordingly, into the Trust Account established by section three of the *Federal Aid Roads Act* 1926, such amount as is necessary for the purposes of each agreement executed by the Commonwealth in pursuance of this Act.