

Authority to
borrow
£15,000,000.

2. The Treasurer may, from time to time, under the provisions of the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act* 1911-1945, or under the provisions of any Act authorizing the issue of Treasury Bills, borrow moneys not exceeding in the whole the sum of Fifteen million pounds.

Application
of moneys.

3. Moneys borrowed under this Act shall be issued and applied only for the expenses of borrowing and for making advances to the States for the purposes of housing in pursuance of the agreement the execution of which is authorized by the *Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement Act* 1945.

TUBERCULOSIS.

No. 46 of 1945.

An Act to provide Financial Assistance to the States for use in connexion with Tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 11th October, 1945.]

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.** 1. This Act may be cited as the *Tuberculosis Act* 1945.
- Commencement.** 2. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by proclamation.
- Definitions.** 3. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—
 “after-care facilities” means any facilities, clinics or institutions (other than tuberculosis hospitals) which are—
 (a) provided or conducted by the Government of any State or by any authority of any such Government for the purpose of the after-care, restoration to health, and rehabilitation of persons who suffer or have suffered from tuberculosis;
 (b) established after the commencement of this Act; and
 (c) approved by the Minister;

“ diagnostic facilities ” means any facilities, clinics or dispensaries (other than tuberculosis hospitals) which are—

- (a) provided or conducted by the Government of any State or by any authority of any such Government for the purpose of the discovery, diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis in persons ;
- (b) established after the commencement of this Act ; and
- (c) approved by the Minister ;

“ tuberculosis hospital ” means any establishment or part of an establishment which is—

- (a) conducted by the Government of any State or by any authority of any such Government exclusively for the accommodation and treatment as resident in-patients of persons suffering from tuberculosis ;
- (b) established after the commencement of this Act ; and
- (c) approved by the Minister,

and in which no charge is made for accommodation and treatment in public wards ;

“ year ” means financial year.

4.—(1.) An amount determined in accordance with this section shall be payable in every year to each State upon the condition that the amount is applied by the State for the maintenance of diagnostic facilities.

Payments to States in respect of diagnostic and after-care facilities.

(2.) An amount determined in accordance with this section shall be payable in every year to each State upon the condition that the amount is applied by the State for the maintenance of after-care facilities.

(3.) The amounts payable under this section in respect of each year shall be determined by the Minister, but the amounts payable to all States under sub-section (1.) of this section shall not exceed in the aggregate Fifty thousand pounds in any year, and the amounts payable to all States under sub-section (2.) of this section shall not exceed in the aggregate Fifty thousand pounds in any year.

(4.) Any amount paid to a State under this section in any year shall be paid upon condition that an equal amount is made available by the State in the same year and applied by the State for the purposes for which the amount is payable under this section.

5.—(1.) There shall be payable to each State in every year an amount equal to the sum of the amounts arrived at by multiplying the prescribed daily rate in force on each day during the year by the number of the patients in all tuberculosis hospitals in the State on that day.

Payments to States in respect of patients in hospitals.

(2.) In ascertaining the number of patients in a tuberculosis hospital on any day, patients admitted on that day shall be counted, but patients discharged on that day shall not be counted.

Special allowances to sufferers and their dependants.

6.—(1.) In any case in which the Minister, or an officer authorized by the Minister to act under this section, is satisfied that the payment of a special allowance under this section will—

- (a) assist in preventing the spread of tuberculosis; or
- (b) promote the better treatment of tuberculosis,

there shall be payable to or in respect of a sufferer from tuberculosis (other than a sufferer, without dependants, who is a resident in-patient of any tuberculosis hospital or other hospital or institution) or a dependant of any such sufferer a special allowance at such rate (if any) as is determined by the Minister or officer, but not exceeding the prescribed maximum rate applicable to that sufferer or dependant.

(2.) Payments under this section shall be made in such circumstances and on such conditions (if any) as are prescribed.

Payments to be made from National Welfare Fund

7. Payments under this Act shall be made out of the Trust Account established under the *National Welfare Fund Act 1943-1945* and known as the National Welfare Fund.

Regulations.

8. The Governor-General may make regulations not inconsistent with this Act prescribing all matters which are by this Act required or permitted to be prescribed or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act, and in particular for prescribing penalties not exceeding Fifty pounds or imprisonment for three months for offences against the regulations.

HOSPITAL BENEFITS.

No. 47 of 1945.

An Act relating to Hospital Benefits, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 11th October, 1945.]

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

Citation.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Hospital Benefits Act 1945*.

Commencement.

2. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

Execution of agreements relating to hospital benefits.

3. The execution, by or on behalf of the Commonwealth, of agreements with all or any of the States, relating to the provision of hospital benefits, substantially in accordance with the heads of agreement specified in the Schedule to this Act, is hereby authorized.