

WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT (WATER SUPPLY).

No. 52 of 1948.

An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of making a Grant to the State of Western Australia for the purpose of Water Supply Development.

[Assented to 25th November, 1948.]

BE it 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:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Western Australia Grant (Water Supply) Act 1948*. Short title.

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

3. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears— Definitions.
 - “the scheme” means the Agricultural Areas, Great Southern Towns, and Goldfields Water Supply Scheme referred to in the State Act;
 - “the State” means the State of Western Australia;
 - “the State Act” means the Act of the State known as the *Agricultural Areas, Great Southern Towns, and Goldfields Water Supply Act, 1947*.

4. Subject to this Act, there shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is hereby appropriated accordingly, the amounts required to make payments in accordance with this Act, but not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of Two million one hundred and fifty thousand pounds, for the purpose of financial assistance to the State. Appropriation of amount not exceeding £2,150,000.

5. Each payment to the State under this Act shall be of such amount, and shall be payable at such time, as the Treasurer determines but no payment shall be made of such an amount that the aggregate of the amounts of that payment and of the payments Basis of payments.

previously made would exceed one-half of the sum which the Auditor-General for the State certifies has been expended by the State upon so much of the scheme as comprises—

- (a) reticulating water for towns, stock and domestic purposes to certain of the Mixed Farming (Cereal and Sheep) Districts of the State situate within the area described in the Schedule to the State Act, and to towns along the Great Southern Railway of the State from and including Beverley to and including Katanning; and
- (b) increasing the supply to the Eastern Goldfields Areas of the State, but not including alterations of the Mundaring Weir or the Wellington Dam.

Questions to be decided by Treasurer.

6. Any questions arising as to the amount of any payment proposed to be made under this Act or as to the time of payment of any such amount, shall be determined by the Treasurer and his decision shall be final.

WAR GRATUITY APPROPRIATION.

No. 53 of 1948.

An Act to establish a War Gratuity Trust Account, to provide for the Payment of Moneys to the credit of that Account, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 25th November, 1948.]

[Date of commencement, 23rd December, 1948.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Import Procurement Suspense Trust Account, the Marine War Risks Insurance Trust Account, the Overseas Shipping Trust Account and the War Damage Fund are Trust Accounts within the meaning of section sixty-two A of the *Audit Act* 1901-1947 :

AND WHEREAS the moneys standing to the credit of the said Accounts are more than sufficient to meet the purposes for which those Accounts were established :

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the moneys in excess of the requirements of the said Accounts shall be made available for the purpose of the payment of war gratuities under the *War Gratuity Act* 1945-1947 :

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to establish a Trust Account to which the said moneys may be credited and from which the said war gratuities may be paid :