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**SPECIAL CASH ASSISTANCE:
A REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF TRENDS OVER
THE FOUR YEARS 1977-78—1980-81**

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1. SYNOPSIS

The Department of Youth and Community Services provides emergency financial and material assistance to low income families and individuals. This assistance is means tested and directed towards persons receiving pensions or benefits from the Commonwealth Government. It is used for a variety of purposes including payment of gas and electricity accounts. Financial assistance is made available by way of special cash grants. This report is concerned with the provisions of this type of assistance and trends which have become evident over the last four years.

A survey has been conducted each year for the last four years of all special cash grants (general) and special cash grants (housing) issued over the three month period 1st November to 31st January. The survey format involved collection of data on an office-by-office basis and details four items, viz.; the number of grants issued over the survey period, the number of grants issued to Commonwealth Pensioners and

beneficiaries, the number of grants exceeding \$50 and the total cost of grants. At the same time information was collected on continuing cash grants which will be presented in a separate report.

Table 1 on page 46 provides a summary of the aggregate results of the four surveys. Regional breakdowns are used throughout this report. The main points to emerge are:

- (a) The number of cash grants issued has increased significantly each year. The most recent annual increase indicated by the survey was 61.5 per cent.
- (b) Expenditure significantly increased each year and since the 1979-80 survey has increased by 68.1 per cent. The higher rate of growth in expenditure than grants it accounted for by a 2.2 per cent rise in the average grant issued. The average overall grant is now \$48.77.
- (c) The average amount of each grant has risen by \$3.83 in the last four years, a rise of 8.5 per cent. The average level of grant issued in country regions over the last four years has risen by 34.1 per cent, compared to a reduction of 1.4 per cent in the four metropolitan regions over the same period.
- (d) The average grant issued in a country region is now \$50.77, \$3.12 higher than the average metropolitan regional grant. This is the first year in which country grants have been, on average, higher than metropolitan grants.
- (e) Five out of the six country regions and two out of the four metropolitan regions had average grant levels above the State average. However, the three regions issuing grants below the State average accounted for more than half the total number of grants issued. The survey data suggests a tendency towards an inverse relationship between the number of grants issued and the average amounts of grants; in other words, the fewer grants issued the higher the average amount tended to be.
- (f) The four metropolitan regions account for 64.1 per cent of all grants issued and 62.6 per cent of total expenditure. The six country regions account for 35.9 per cent of grants and 37.4 per cent of expenditure.
- (g) The proportion of grants being issued to persons receiving Commonwealth Pensions and benefits now stands at 92.8 per cent. This is the highest level it has been during the four years. In 1977-78 the proportion was 75.3 per cent.
- (h) Given inflation rates of 8-10 per cent over each of the last four years and a rise of only 8.5 per cent in the average grant level over the same period, the current real value of average grants is now less than what it was four years ago. Grants have diminished in real value more so in the metropolitan regions than the country regions.

The research format for emergency assistance will more than likely be altered to gain more detailed data in the future. Of particular importance are details on postcodes of clients, frequency of assistance, type of pension or benefit, family structure, purpose of assistance and housing costs. Data of this nature would allow for fine tuning of emergency assistance to groups and areas identified as most economically disadvantaged. It would also make easier comparison of survey data with information available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Department of Social Security.

There is much discussion at present concerning the poverty line and the identification of those groups receiving pensions and benefits who are particularly disadvantaged in the current income maintenance arrangements. The Department is extensively involved on a State wide basis in the provision of emergency assistance and it is hoped that with further analysis of expenditure and clientele the Department will be in a stronger position to advocate more forcefully for the interests of these groups.

Assistance from the Field Executive, local Offices and the Management Improvement Unit in the preparation of this report is gratefully appreciated.

2. N.S.W. ANALYSIS 1977-78—1980-81

Table 1

2.1. N.S.W. Summary

	1st November, 1977, to 31st January, 1978	1st November, 1978, to 31st January, 1979	1st November, 1979, to 31st January, 1980	1st November, 1980, to 31st January, 1981
Number of grants issued	5 296	7 426	10 527	17 000
Number of grants issued to persons on Commonwealth income maintenance.	3 985	6 098	8 085	15 770
Percentage of total grants issued to persons on Commonwealth income maintenance.	75.3%	82.1%	76.8%	92.8%
Number of grants issued exceeding \$50	No calculations made—country delegation only \$25.	1 844	2 929	4 776
Percentage of all grants issued exceeding \$50.	No calculations made—country delegation only \$25.	24.8%	27.8%	28.1%
Average amount of each grant ..	\$44.94	\$43.07	\$47.71	\$48.77
Total cost grants issued in survey—period.	\$238,013.04	\$319,894.47	\$493,136.79	\$829,151.25
Percentage increase in expenditure over previous survey period.	N/A	34.40%	54.16%	68.14%

2.2 Grants issued over the survey periods

Grants issued over the survey periods have increased each year. Details are as follows:

Year	Grants issued over the survey period 1st November to 31st January	Projected number of grants issued over full year	Percentage increase in grants compared to previous year
			per cent
1977-78	5 296	21 184	..
1978-79	7 426	29 704	40.2
1979-80	10 527	42 108	41.8
1980-81	17 000	68 000	61.5

If the above projected yearly figures are accurate, the number of grants which will be made in the current financial year will exceed the number made in the 1977-78 financial year by some 47 000, an increase of 221 per cent. In absolute and relative terms this is a considerable increase over the four year period.

The number of grants issued in any year can be taken as a reasonable indicator of staff time spent in this part of the emergency assistance programme. A conservative estimate of staff time involved in the issue of each grant would be thirty minutes. This time includes assessment, writing reports, consultation with delegated officers, giving other referrals and issuing cheques. It averages travelling time spent on home visits against interviews conducted at District Offices.

The most recent survey result suggests that 68 000 grants will be issued over the current financial year. If the average amount of time spent on each grant is 30 minutes then 34 000 man hours or 23 man years can be expected to be allocated to this area of field work in the current year.

It needs also to be borne in mind that Departmental Social Welfare Assistance includes, as well as cash grants, the issue of clothes, blankets, spectacles, surgical aids, transport concessions and rail warrants. The number of issues made in these other areas was not tabulated in the survey results. Staff time involved would not be inconsiderable and would need to be added to the projected staff time for cash grants for an

overall picture of Departmental staff resources allocated to the Social Welfare component of the Emergency Assistance Programme.

2.3 Grants issued to persons on Commonwealth Income Maintenance

Over the four survey periods the following percentages of total grants have been issued to persons in receipt of Commonwealth Pensions and benefits:

Year	Percentage of grants going to Commonwealth clients
	per cent
1977-78	75.25
1978-79	82.12
1979-80	76.80*
1980-81	92.76

The most recent survey result of 92.76 per cent has undoubtedly been influenced by the Commonwealth's assumption of responsibility for all sole parents, a decision which came into effect at the beginning of the last survey period. In previous surveys sole parents for the first six months received Family Assistance from this Department and hence cash grants issued to these clients were not included under the category of grants issued to Commonwealth clients. Given that there were approximately 4 000 Family Assistance clients at the time the change over occurred and bearing in mind that Family Assistance clients were probably proportionally over represented in the number of grants issued, it is reasonable to conclude that a significant component of the recent proportional increase in Commonwealth clients can be attributed to this Department's no longer being responsible for Family Assistance payments.

Two points of particular importance in analysing characteristics of applicants who received assistance are—

- (a) the proportion of grants allocated to the identified target group (in other words, whether grants were made to people thought to be most in need of assistance); and

- (b) the extent to which grants issued reached the entire target group (the proportion of potentially eligible people who actually applied for and received assistance).

In answer to the first point, Administrative Instruction D45 clearly identifies the target group as being persons in receipt of Commonwealth Pensions and benefits. Other low income earners are eligible only in so far as their incomes are equivalent to or less than what they would have received had they been in possession of a full benefit or pension. The survey data indicates that 19 out of 20 grants are issued to persons receiving commonwealth income maintenance and from this perspective it can be seen that the programme is being administered according to policy guidelines and is clearly directed towards the most economically disadvantaged groups in the community.

* The result for 1979-80 probably under-represents grants to pensioners and beneficiaries. One metropolitan office gave a return indicating only 12 per cent of grants were issued to commonwealth clients, against an average of 85-90 per cent for other metropolitan offices. If this return were inaccurate, as appears likely, the overall result needs to be revised, upwards and the true figure for that year could be assumed to be approximately 80 per cent.

The second point is concerned with an overall assessment of need, the number of persons potentially requiring or eligible for assistance and the degree to which the Department has met their needs. These issues are complex and because of insufficient data a precise answer is not able to be given.

As at 13th February, 1981, there were 708 106 persons in New South Wales in receipt of various commonwealth pensions. At the same period it is estimated there were 115 000 persons in New South Wales in receipt of Commonwealth benefits (a precise figure is unavailable for benefits due to industrial action in the Department of Social Security). Combining these one arrives at a figure of some 820 000 persons in this State receiving some form of pension or benefit. Not all these individuals are eligible for emergency assistance since some pensioners receive only a part pension due to other income they may receive. As well, age pensions for persons over 70 years of age are paid free of means test. A more useful statistics for this Department's purposes would be household units relying solely or primarily on a pension or benefit. If data were available in this form it would much more closely approximate the target group eligible for Departmental assistance.

A study at Mt Druitt District Office of 1 888 applications over a two year period between 25th March, 1978 and 25th March, 1980 indicated that families applying for assistance received on average two cash grants in a twelve month period.¹ A similar analysis has not been undertaken at other Offices and reservations should be held about generalising the results beyond Mt Druitt. If, however, it is shown to be a reliable figure, it would indicate that the 68 000 grants expected to be made in the current year will actually reach only 34 000 individuals and families. When this figure is contrasted with the 820 000 persons receiving pensions and benefits one realises that there is still a large number of potentially eligible clients who have not as yet sought assistance from the Department.

The increase in the number of grants made each year would suggest that the Department's emergency assistance is becoming more well known, more acceptable, and, given a variety of social problems such as high unemployment and increasing housing costs, perhaps more necessary. The combination of these three factors would lend weight to the argument that the pressure to continue to expand emergency assistance will be maintained.

2.4 Average amounts of grants

The four year analysis indicates that the average overall level of assistance has increased only marginally and has in fact fallen behind cost of living increases over the same period.

¹ Department of Youth and Community Services: *A Review of Some Aspects of the Social Welfare Program*, June, 1980, p. 37.

Year	Average grant issued in the four metropolitan regions	Average grant issued in the six country regions	Average overall grant
	\$	\$	\$
1977-78	48.33	37.86	44.94
1978-79	44.10	41.09	43.07
1979-80	48.03	44.81	47.71
1980-81	47.65	50.77	48.77

The average overall grant has increased by \$3.83 over four years, an increase of only 8.5 per cent. Metropolitan Offices have remained reasonably consistent in average levels of grants, while Country Officers as a group have increased their average grant each year. The average grant made in a country region increased by \$12.91 over the last four years, a rise of 34.1 per cent.

The increase in the overall average grant level can thus be attributed to Country Offices "catching up" to the average grant levels issued by Offices in the four Metropolitan regions.

Nearly two-thirds of all grants issued are processed by the four metropolitan regions. It is not known why average grant levels have marginally declined in these regions over the four years, nor is it known why average grant levels have increased in the six country regions over the same period. One interpretation could be that, as a region or District Office increases the number of grants issued, there is a corresponsive reluctance to increase the average level of assistance. If this is true, it would appear to be an informal adjustment since, as far as is known, there has not been a great deal of structured feedback to individual offices on their expenditures for emergency assistance.

2.5 Total Expenditures

Expenditures over the four survey periods, each of three months duration, are set out below.

Year	Number of grants	Average amount	Total expenditure
		\$	\$
1977-78	5 296	44.94	238,013.04
1978-79	7 426	43.07	319,894.47
1979-80	10 527	47.71	493,136.79
1980-81	17 000	48.77	829,151.25

Expenditure over the four survey periods has increased by 248 per cent while the number of grants issued has increased by 221 per cent. The higher rate of increase in expenditure is due to the 8.5 per cent in the amount of overall average grant.

Projecting the 1980-81 survey over the full year one could expect an expenditure of some \$3,317,000 for Special Cash Assistance in fiscal year 1980-81. Expenditure on Continuing Cash Grants would need to be added to this figure for total outlays to be calculated.

At the present time Special Cash Assistance outlays (excluding staffing and administrative costs) represent approximately 3 per cent of the total Departmental budget.

3. INTER REGIONAL VARIATIONS—1977-78—1980-81

Over the last three years the three regions issuing the highest number of grants have been, in order: Central/South East Metropolitan; North West Metropolitan and South West Metropolitan. The same ranking holds true for expenditures by regions. The most recent survey indicated that these three regions accounted for 58.8 per cent of all grants issued.

Over the last four years the breakdown in grants issued by the six country and four metropolitan regions has been as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81
Metropolitan Regions ..	per cent 67.65	per cent 65.95	per cent 63.09	per cent 64.11
Country Regions.. ..	32.25	34.05	36.91	35.89

A more detailed presentation of data is contained in Table II below. The 1980-81 regional rankings of average grant levels are set out below.

Region	Average amount \$
1. Hunter	55.57
2. New England	55.31
3. North East Metropolitan	55.25
4. North Coast	50.80
5. North West Metropolitan	49.82
6. Central West/Orana/Far West	49.31
7. Riverina Murray	48.88
8. Illawarra/South Eastern	48.31
9. Central/South East Metropolitan	47.93
10. South West Metropolitan	41.93

The difference between highest and lowest average regional grants was \$13.64. Seven of the ten regions issued average grants above the overall average of \$48.77; however, the three regions issuing below average grants (Illawarra/South East,

Central/South East Metropolitan and South West Metropolitan) accounted for 52.9 per cent of all grants issued. In general, the survey suggested an inverse relationship between regional rankings for grants issued and regional rankings for average amounts of grants (i.e., the fewer grants issued, the higher the average amount tended to be). This point is also discussed in section 2.4. A detailed breakdown over four years is available in Table III on this page.

As perhaps would be expected there is a strong positive correlation between regional rankings of grants issued and regional rankings of expenditure.

The proportion of total expenditure in survey periods incurred by country and metropolitan regions is set out below—

	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81
Metropolitan Regions ..	per cent 72.75	per cent 67.53	per cent 64.68	per cent 62.64
Country Regions.. ..	27.25	32.47	35.32	37.36

It can be seen that country regions have accounted for a consistently increasing proportion of total outlays. They have, however, increased their share of grants issued over the same period by only 3.5 per cent. The difference between increases in grants and expenditure is explained, as mentioned in section 2.4, by the increases in average amounts of grants, something which occurred to a far greater degree in the country than the metropolitan area.

A detailed breakdown of regional expenditure is available in Table IV on page 49.

Table II—1977-78—1980-81 analysis of grants issued

Regions	Number of grants	Percentage of total grants	Ranking	Number of grants	Percentage of total grants	Ranking	Number of grants	Percentage of total	Ranking	Number of grants	Percentage of total grants	Ranking
Central/South East Metropolitan ..	1 420	per cent 26.8	1	1 879	per cent 25.3	1	2 844	per cent 27.0	1	5 011	per cent 29.5	1
South West Metropolitan	602	11.4	5	1 028	13.8	3	1 294	12.3	2	2 412	14.2	3
North East Metropolitan	613	11.6	4	611	8.2	6	883	8.4	6	897	5.3	8
North West Metropolitan	984	17.9	2	1 380	18.6	2	1 620	15.4	2	2 578	15.2	2
Hunter	150	2.8	9	225	3.0	10	410	3.9	10	517	3.0	10
Illawarra South Eastern	620	11.7	3	727	9.8	4	1 005	9.6	4	1 576	9.3	4
Riverina/Murray	135	2.6	10	256	3.5	9	451	4.3	9	522	3.1	9
North Coast	209	4.0	7	410	5.5	7	600	5.7	7	1 318	7.8	5
New England	184	3.5	8	279	3.8	8	507	4.8	8	923	5.4	7
Central West/Orana/Far West ..	415	7.8	6	631	8.5	5	913	8.7	5	1 246	7.3	6
Total 10 Regions	5 296	100.00%		7 426	100.00%		10 527	100.00%		17 000	100.00%	

Table III—1977-78—1980-81 analysis of average grant levels

Regions	Number of grants	Average amount of grant	Total cost of grant	Number of grants	Average amount of grant	Total cost of grants	Number of grants	Average amount of grant	Total cost of grants	Number of grants	Average amount of grant	Total cost of grants
Central/South East Metropolitan	1,420	\$ 48.44	\$ 68,791.62	1 879	\$ 47.25	\$ 88,775.39	2 844	\$ 50.21	\$ 142,783.66	5 001	\$ 47.93	\$ 240,199.90
South West Metropolitan ..	602	45.79	27,564.77	1 028	40.29	41,417.57	1 294	45.93	59,427.69	2 412	41.93	101,145.02
North East Metropolitan ..	613	43.65	26,756.64	611	43.33	26,472.19	883	52.31	46,186.64	897	55.25	49,557.40
North West Metropolitan ..	948	52.79	50,041.19	1 380	43.01	59,357.57	1 620	43.55	70,555.21	2 578	49.82	128,428.10
Hunter	150	36.93	5,539.19	225	40.17	9,037.32	410	43.27	17,740.08	517	55.57	28,729.76
Illawarra/South Eastern ..	620	42.08	26,091.59	727	39.98	29,068.21	1 005	41.18	41,338.89	1 576	48.31	76,129.69
Riverina/Murray	135	30.63	4,135.34	256	48.07	12,304.70	451	43.12	19,444.99	522	48.88	25,516.90
North Coast	209	31.82	6,651.22	410	39.13	16,042.30	600	51.10	30,658.05	1 318	50.80	66,949.96
New England	184	41.31	7,600.66	279	45.53	12,703.04	507	54.06	27,409.00	923	55.31	51,048.24
Central West/Orana/Far West..	415	34.89	14,840.82	631	39.03	24,627.24	913	41.17	37,592.58	1 246	49.31	61,446.28
Total 10 Regions	5,296	47.94	238,013.04	7 425	43.07	319,894.47	10 527	47.71	493,136.79	17 000	48.77	829,151.25

Table IV—1977-78—1980-81 analysis of expenditure

Regions	Cost of grants	Percentage of total expenditure	Ranking	Cost of grants	Percentage of total expenditure	Ranking	Cost of grants	Percentage of total expenditure	Ranking	Cost of grants	Percentage of total expenditure	Ranking
	\$	per cent		\$	per cent		\$	per cent		\$	per cent	
Central/South East Metropolitan	68,791.62	28.9	1	88,775.39	27.8	1	142,783.66	29.0	1	240,199.90	29.0	1
South West Metropolitan	27,564.77	11.6	3	41,417.57	13.0	3	59,427.69	12.1	3	101,145.02	12.2	3
North East Metropolitan	26,756.64	11.2	4	26,472.19	8.3	5	46,186.64	9.4	4	49,557.40	6.0	8
North West Metropolitan	50,041.19	21.0	2	59,357.51	18.6	2	70,555.21	14.3	2	128,428.10	15.5	2
Hunter	5,539.19	2.3	9	9,037.32	2.8	10	17,740.08	3.6	10	28,729.76	3.5	9
Illawarra/South Eastern	26,091.59	11.0	5	29,068.21	9.1	4	41,338.89	8.4	5	76,129.69	9.2	4
Riverina/Murray	4,135.34	1.7	10	12,304.70	3.9	9	19,444.99	3.9	9	25,516.90	3.1	10
North Coast	6,651.22	2.8	8	16,042.30	5.0	7	30,658.05	6.2	7	66,949.96	8.1	5
New England	7,600.66	3.2	7	12,703.04	4.0	8	27,409.00	5.6	8	51,048.24	6.2	7
Central West/Orana/Far West	14,840.82	6.2	6	24,716.24	7.7	6	37,592.58	7.6	6	61,446.28	7.4	6
Total 10 regions	\$238,013.04	100%		\$319,894.47	100%		\$493,136.79	100%		\$829,151.25	100%	

4. INTRA-REGIONAL BREAKDOWNS—1977-78—1980-81

4.1. Central/South East Metropolitan Region—Analysis of 1980-81 Survey

(a) Grants—

Number—5 011.

Proportion of State total—29.5 per cent.

Percentage change from 1979-80—76.2 per cent increase.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—First.

(b) Expenditure—

Amount—\$240,199.90.

Proportion of State total—29.0 per cent.

Percentage change from 1979-80—68.2 per cent increase.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—First.

(c) Average Grant—

Amount—\$47.93.

Percentage change from 1979-80—4.5 per cent decrease.

Variation from State average—\$0.84 less.

Regional Ranking among 10 regions—Ninth.

(d) Grants to Commonwealth Clients—

Number—4 649.

Proportion of Regional total—92.8 per cent.

Region: Central/South East Metropolitan—Nov. 1980—31 Jan. 1981 Survey

Offices	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants in Total Region	Number of Grants to Commonwealth Clients	Number Grants Exceeding \$50.00	Average Amount per Grant	Variation from Average Regional Grant	Total Cost of Grants
		per cent			\$	\$	\$
Bondi Junction	360	7.2	253	107	59.51	+11.58	21,424.90
Burwood	577	4.5	562	254	66.13	+18.20	38,159.52
Hurstville	625	12.5	575	365	50.56	+ 2.63	31,600.82
Leichhardt	750	15.0	735	231	50.37	+ 244	37,778.27
Maroubra Junction	135	2.7	135	66	62.21	+14.21	8,398.40
Stanmore	1 518	30.3	1 496	298	43.72	- 4.21	66,368.88
Sutherland	89	1.8	67	41	71.81	+23.88	6,390.68
Sydney (including Redfern Centre)	957	19.1	827	90	31.43	-16.50	30,078.43
Total—Eight Offices	5 011	100%	4 649	1 452	\$47.93	\$00.00	\$240,199.90

Region: Central/South East Metropolitan—1977-78—1980-81 analysis

Offices	1977-78			1978-79			1979-80			1980-81		
	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$
Bondi Junction*	212	49.82	10,562.39	164	51.64	8,469.45	156	59.38	9,263.52	360	59.51	21,424.90
Burwood	135	58.22	7,860.16	202	54.87	11,082.19	452	54.52	24,642.12	577	66.13	38,159.52
Hurstville	230	43.49	10,002.66	177	50.67	8,969.59	329	67.51	22,211.54	625	50.56	31,600.82
Leichhardt	200	60.96	12,191.61	419	39.70	16,633.00	373	49.11	18,302.14	750	50.37	37,778.27
Maroubra Junction*	82	50.09	4,107.60	64	51.46	3,293.68	60	60.04	3,602.48	135	62.21	8,398.40
Stanmore	305	45.17	13,778.38	475	41.29	19,612.27	919	42.57	39,127.00	1 518	43.72	66,368.88
Sutherland	49	49.38	2,419.54	85	64.19	5,456.21	102	71.30	7,272.39	89	71.81	6,390.68
Sydney (incl. Redfern Centre)	207	38.01	7,869.29	293	52.08	15,259.00	453	40.53	18,362.47	957	31.43	30,078.43
Total 8 Offices	1 420	48.44	\$68,791.62	1 879	47.25	\$88,775.39	2 844	50.21	\$142,783.66	5 011	47.93	\$240,199.90

*Bondi Junction and Maroubra Junction were not open over the surveys 1977-78—1979-80. Figures were available for Kingsford Office for these surveys. As Kingsford covered the area now done by Maroubra and Bondi Junction (excluding some suburbs then done by Sydney Office), grants and expenditure of Kingsford Office were allocated to Bondi Junction and Maroubra Junction in the ratio indicated by the current survey (i.e., 72 per cent to Bondi Junction 28 per cent to Maroubra Junction). This is not completely satisfactory but does allow some comparisons to be made.

4.2. South West Metropolitan Region—Analysis of 1980–81 Survey—

- (a) Grants—
 Number—2 412.
 Proportion of State total—14.2 per cent.
 Percentage change from 1979–80—86.4 per cent increase.
 Regional ranking among 10 regions—Third.
- (b) Expenditure—
 Amount—\$101,145.02.
 Proportion of State total—12.2 per cent.
 Percentage change from 1979–80—70.2 per cent increase.
 Regional ranking among 10 regions—Third.
- (c) Average Grant—
 Amount—\$41.93.
 Percentage change from 1979–80—87 per cent decrease.
 Variation from State average—\$6.68 less.
 Regional ranking among 10 regions—Tenth.
- (d) Grants to Commonwealth Clients—
 Number—2 376.
 Proportion of Regional total—98.5 per cent.

Region: South West Metropolitan—1977–78—1980–81 analysis

Offices	1977–78			1978–79			1979–80			1980–81		
	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$
Bankstown	109	52.61	5,734.63	172	54.55	9,382.63	119	53.56	6,373.23	178	62.88	11,191.77
Camden (14th December, 1980—31st January, 1981)		Not Open			Not Open			Not Open		15	37.15	557.25
Campbelltown	96	35.69	3,425.88	253	24.36	6,164.16	426	33.22	14,150.81	868	30.45	26,429.72
Fairfield	245	51.57	12,634.09	326	43.75	14,263.56	377	50.23	18,938.65	716	45.40	32,509.12
Liverpool	152	37.96	5,770.17	277	41.90	11,607.22	372	53.67	19,965.00	635	47.96	30,457.16
Total (Five Offices)	602	\$45.79	\$27,564.77	1 028	\$40.29	\$41,417.57	1 294	\$45.93	\$59,427.69	2 412	\$41.93	\$101,145.02

Region: South West Metropolitan—1st November, 1980—31st January, 1981—Survey

Offices	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants in Total Region	Number of Grants to Commonwealth Clients	Number of Grants Exceeding \$50.00	Average Amount per Grant	Variation from Average Regional Grant	Total Cost of Grants
		per cent			\$	\$	\$
Bankstown	178	7.4	157	98	62.88 +	20.95	11,191.77
Camden (14–12–80—31–1–81)	15	0.6	14	2	37.15 –	4.78	557.25
Campbelltown	868	36.0	855	100	30.45 –	11.48	26,429.72
Fairfield	716	29.7	716	115	45.40 +	3.47	32,509.12
Liverpool	635	26.3	634	131	47.96 +	6.03	30,457.16
Total—Five Offices	2 412	100 %	2 376	446	\$41.93	\$00.00	\$101,145.02

4.3. North East Metropolitan Region—Analysis of 1980–81 Survey—

- (a) Grants—
 Number—897.
 Proportion of State total—5.3 per cent.
 Percentage change from 1979–80—1.6 per cent increase.
 Regional ranking among 10 regions—Eighth.
- (b) Expenditure—
 Amount—\$49,557.40.
 Proportion of State total—6.0 per cent.
 Percentage change from 1979–80—7.3 per cent increase.
 Regional ranking among 10 regions—Eighth.
- (c) Average Grant—
 Amount—\$55.25.
 Percentage change from 1979–80—5.6 per cent increase.
 Variation from State average—\$6.48 additional.
 Regional ranking among 10 regions—Third.
- (d) Grants to Commonwealth Clients—
 Number—855.
 Proportion of Regional total—95.3 per cent.

Region: North East Metropolitan—1st November, 1980—31st January, 1981—Survey

Offices	Number of Grants	Percentage of Total Grants in Region	Number of Grants to Commonwealth Clients	Number Grants Exceeding \$50.00	Average Amount per Grant	Variation from Average Regional Grant	Total Cost of Grants
		per cent			\$	\$	\$
Chatswood	85	95.0	67	37	66.84	+ 11.59	5,681.36
Dee Why	584	65.1	583	189	52.32	- 2.93	30,552.40
Ryde	103	11.5	89	63	67.44	+ 12.99	6,946.73
Gosford	36	4.0	34	6	44.03	- 11.22	1,585.00
Long Jetty	41	4.6	40	11	50.11	- 5.14	2,054.43
Umina	48	5.4	42	15	57.03	- 1.78	2,737.48
Total—Six Offices	897	100%	855	321	55.25	\$00.00	\$49,557.40

Region: North East Metropolitan—1977-78—1980-81 analysis

Offices	1977-78			1978-79			1979-80			1980-81		
	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$
Chatswood	261	49.85	13,011.35	142	37.92	5,384.86	150	64.03	9,605.14	85	66.84	5,681.36
Dee Why	225	39.41	8,867.36	306	40.92	12,520.69	440	48.14	21,181.52	584	52.32	30,552.40
Ryde	69	51.22	3,534.35	51	85.72	4,371.53	74	54.35	4,022.00	103	67.44	6,946.73
Gosford	15	24.67	370.00	44	35.31	1,553.50	121	53.74	6,503.19	36	44.03	1,583.00
Long Jetty	9	16.33	147.00	22	38.64	850.00	56	36.38	2,037.42	41	50.11	2,054.43
Umina (formerly Woy Woy)	34	24.31	826.58	46	38.95	1,791.61	42	67.56	2,837.37	48	57.03	2,737.48
Total	613	\$43.65	\$26,756.64	611	\$43.33	\$26,472.19	883	\$52.31	\$46,186.64	897	55.25	\$49,557.40

4.4. North West Metropolitan Region—Analysis of 1980-81 Survey—

- (a) Grants—
 Number—2 578.
 Proportion of State total—15.2 per cent.
 Percentage change from 1979-80—59.1 per cent increase.
 Regional ranking among 10 regions—second.
- (b) Expenditure—
 Amount—\$128,428.10.
 Proportion of State Total—15.5 per cent.
 Percentage change from 1979-80—82.0 per cent increase.
- (c) Average Grant—
 Amount—\$49.82.
 Percentage change from 1979-80—14.4 per cent increase.
 Variation from State average—\$1.05 addition.
 Regional ranking among 10 regions—Fifth.
- (d) Grants to Commonwealth Clients—
 Number—2 516.
 Proportion of Regional total—\$97.6 per cent.

Region: North West Metropolitan—1st November, 1980—31st January, 1981—Survey

Offices	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants in Total Region	Number of Grants to Commonwealth Clients	Number of Grants Exceeding \$50.00	Average Amount per Grant	Variation from Average Regional Grant	Total Cost of Grants
		per cent			\$	\$	\$
Blacktown	469	18.2	469	134	53.75	+ 3.93	25,206.80
Mount Druitt	917	35.5	916	174	44.08	- 5.74	40,420.14
Parramatta	614	23.8	598	216	52.61	+ 2.79	32,305.24
Penrith	470	18.2	443	160	56.97	+ 7.15	26,776.84
Katoomba	108	4.2	90	18	34.44	- 15.38	3,719.08
Total—Five Offices	2 578	100%	2 516	702	\$49.82	00.00	\$128,428.10

Region: North West Metropolitan—1977-78—1980-81 analysis

Offices	1977-78			1978-79			1979-80			1980-81		
	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$
Blacktown	183	43.55	7,966.78	147	40.16	5,903.17	172	61.77	10,624.22	469	53.75	25,206.80
Mt Druitt	301	42.75	12,867.22	440	38.57	16,964.93	600	42.02	25,216.47	917	44.08	40,420.14
Parramatta	269	51.09	13,742.32	413	45.50	18,795.02	322	53.77	17,313.22	614	52.61	32,305.24
Penrith	195	79.30	15,464.87	338	47.46	16,041.72	423	50.70	12,447.80	470	56.97	26,776.84
Katoomba		No Return Received		42	39.35	1,652.67	103	48.09	4,953.50	108	34.44	3,719.08
Total	945	\$52.79	\$50,041.19	1 380	\$43.01	\$59,357.51	1 620	\$43.55	\$70,555.21	2 578	\$49.82	\$128,428.10

4.5. Hunter Region—Analysis of 1980-81 Survey—

(a) Grants—

Number—517.

Proportion of State total—3.0 per cent.

Percentage change from 1979-80—26.1 per cent increase.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—Tenth.

(b) Expenditure—

Amount—\$28,729.76.

Proportion of State Total—3.5 per cent.

Percentage change from 1979-80—62.0 per cent increase.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—Ninth.

(c) Average Grant—

Amount—\$55.57.

Percentage change from 1979-80—28.4 per cent increase.

Variation from State average—\$6.80 additional.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—First.

(d) Grants to Commonwealth Clients—

Number—461.

Proportion of Regional total—89.2 per cent.

Region: Hunter—1st November, 1980—31st January, 1981—Survey

Offices	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants in Total Region	Number of Grants to Commonwealth Clients	Number Grants Exceeding \$50.00	Average Amount per Grant	Variation from Average Regional Grant	Total Cost of Grants
		per cent			\$	\$	\$
Newcastle	132	25.5	124	50	41.52	- 14.05	5,481.00
Cardiff	93	18.0	87	36	61.77	+ 6.20	5,744.52
Cessnock	69	13.4	64	27	59.04	+ 3.47	4,074.04
Maitland	53	10.3	50	25	71.60	+16.03	3,794.88
Muswellbrook	31	6.0	24	6	48.44	- 7.13	1,501.69
Raymond Terrace	73	14.1	64	31	61.65	+ 6.08	4,500.20
Singleton	11	2.1	7	4	56.36	- 0.79	620.00
Taree	55	10.6	41	14	54.79	- 0.78	3,013.43
Total—Eight Offices	517	100%	461	193	\$55.57	\$0.00	\$28,729.76

4.6 Illawarra/South Eastern Region—Analysis of 1980-81 Survey—

(a) Grants—

Number—1 576.

Proportion of State total—9.3 per cent.

Percentage change from 1979-80—56.8 per cent.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—Fourth.

(b) Expenditure—

Amount—\$76,129.69.

Proportion of State Total—9.2 per cent.

Percentage change from 1979-80—84.2 per cent increase.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—Fourth.

(c) Average Grant—

Amount—\$48.31.

Percentage change from 1979-80—17.3 per cent increase.

Variation from State average—\$0.46 less.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—Eighth.

(d) Grants to Commonwealth Clients—

Number—1 430.

Proportion of Regional total—90.7 per cent.

Region: Illawarra/South Eastern—1st November, 1980—31st January, 1981—Survey

Offices	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants in Total Region	Number of Grants to Commonwealth Clients	Number of Grants Exceeding \$50.00	Average Amount per Grant	Variation from Average Regional Grant	Total Cost of Grants
		per cent			\$	\$	\$
Batemans Bay	74	4.7	53	5	26.06	- 22.25	1,928.50
Bega	82	5.2	66	10	39.26	- 9.05	3,218.94
Bowral	32	2.0	30	6	39.27	- 9.04	1,256.75
Cooma	20	1.3	14	6	48.57	+ 0.26	971.36
Goulburn	73	4.6	64	33	53.67	+ 5.36	3,918.02
Nowra	174	11.0	174	28	43.49	- 4.82	7,567.27
Queanbeyan	521	33.1	453	99	42.37	- 5.94	22,072.18
Warilla	244	15.5	241	93	65.10	+ 16.79	15,883.52
Wollongong	356	22.5	335	124	54.25	- 5.94	19,313.15
Total—Nine Offices	1 576	100%	1 430	404	\$48.31	\$00.00	\$76,129.69

Region: Illawarra/South Eastern—1977-78—1980-81 analysis

Offices	1977-78			1978-79			1979-80			1980-81		
	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$
Batemans Bay	40	35.97	1,439.00	48	36.29	1,742.15	47	41.72	1,960.93	74	26.06	1,928.50
Bega	27	39.97	1,079.34	59	33.17	1,956.86	55	50.78	2,793.00	82	39.26	3,218.94
Bowral	25	38.12	953.20	28	43.86	1,228.04	23	32.17	739.98	32	39.27	1,256.75
Cooma		Not open			Not open			Not open		20	48.57	971.36
Goulburn	24	38.19	916.50	22	56.59	1,245.07	38	51.84	1,969.92	73	53.67	3,918.02
Nowra	122	36.73	4,481.79	154	33.55	5,167.48	200	34.28	6,855.78	174	43.49	7,567.27
Queanbeyan	181	35.64	6,450.42	242	37.12	8,982.23	371	36.59	13,573.49	521	42.37	22,072.18
Warilla		Not open		72	56.47	4,066.06	108	47.80	5,162.64	244	65.10	15,883.52
Wollongong	201	53.59	10,771.34	102	45.88	4,680.32	163	51.12	8,333.15	356	54.25	19,313.15
Total 9 Offices	620	\$42.08	\$26,091.59	727	\$39.98	\$29,068.21	1 005	\$41.18	\$41,388.89	1 576	\$48.31	\$76,129.69

4.7. Riverina/Murray Region—Analysis of 1980-81 Survey—

(a) Grants—

Number—522.

Proportion of State total—3.1 per cent.

Percentage change from 1979-80—15.7 per cent increase.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—Ninth.

(b) Expenditure—

Amount—\$25,516.90.

Proportion of State total—3.1 per cent.

Percentage change from 1979-80—31.2 per cent increase.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—Tenth.

(c) Average Grant—

Amount—\$48.88.

Percentage change from 1979/80—13.4 per cent increase.

Variation from State average—\$0.11 additional.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—Seventh.

(d) Grants to Commonwealth Clients—

Number—450.

Proportion of Regional total—86.2 per cent.

Region—Riverina/Murray—1st November, 1980—31st January, 1981—Survey

Offices	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants in Total Region	Number of Grants to Commonwealth Clients	Number of Grants Exceeding \$50.00	Average Amount per Grant	Variation from Regional Average Grant	Total Cost of Grants
		per cent			\$	\$	\$
Albury	88	16.9	81	39	54.60	+ 15.72	4,805.07
Cootamundra	31	5.9	27	8	48.39	- 0.49	1,500.00
Dareton	29	5.6	25	4	31.40	- 17.48	910.46
Deniliquin	46	8.8	35	7	38.97	- 9.91	1,792.50
Griffith	92	17.7	87	37	56.66	+ 7.78	5,212.50
Leeton	48	9.2	31	8	35.40	- 13.48	1,699.04
Wagga	104	19.9	104	35	55.45	+ 6.57	5,767.26
Young	84	16.1	60	18	45.60	- 3.28	3,830.07
Total	522	100%	450	156	\$48.88	\$00.00	\$25,516.90

Region: Riverina/Murray—1977-78 to 1980-81 analysis

Offices	1977-78			1978-79			1979-80			1980-81		
	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$
Albury	7	27.26	190.80	38	35.96	1,366.53	78	44.50	3,471.03	88	54.60	4,805.07
Cootamundra	14	42.37	593.16	15	75.88	1,138.20	42	51.11	2,146.50	31	48.39	1,500.00
Dareton	8	17.50	140.00	16	40.81	652.95	9	52.91	476.24	29	31.40	910.46
Deniliquin	12	28.58	343.00	33	37.15	1,226.00	40	55.96	2,238.56	46	38.97	1,792.50
Griffith	49	25.51	1,250.08	39	52.70	2,055.31	74	49.12	3,634.87	92	56.66	5,212.50
Leeton	9	19.81	178.30	9	27.93	251.35	23	27.76	638.40	48	35.40	1,699.04
Wagga	19	44.05	837.00	42	47.86	1,010.19	59	43.11	2,543.61	104	55.45	5,767.26
Young	17	35.47	603.00	64	56.31	3,604.17	126	34.09	4,295.78	84	45.60	3,830.07
Total (Eight Offices)	135	\$30.63	\$4,135.34	256	\$48.07	\$12,304.70	451	\$43.12	\$19,444.99	522	\$48.88	\$25,516.90

4.8. North Coast Region—Analysis of 1980-81 Survey—

(a) Grants—

Number—1 318.

Proportion of State total—7.8 per cent.

Percentage change from 1979-80—11.9 per cent increase.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—Fifth.

(b) Expenditure—

Amount—\$66,949.96.

Proportion of State Total—8.1 per cent.

Percentage change from 1979-80—118.4 per cent increase.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—Fifth.

(c) Average Grant—

Amount—\$50.80.

Percentage change from 1979-80—1.4 per cent increase.

Variation from State average—\$2.03 additional.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—Fourth.

(d) Grants to Commonwealth Clients—

Number—1 139.

Proportion of Regional total—86.4 per cent.

Region: North Coast—1st November, 1980—31st January, 1981—Survey

Offices	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants in Total Region	Number of Grants to Commonwealth Clients	Number of Grants Exceeding \$50.00	Average Amount per Grant	Variation from Average Regional Grant	Total Cost of Grants
Casino	398	per cent 30.3	320	137	\$ 48.79	\$ - 2.01	\$ 19,417.25
Coffs Harbour	45	3.4	41	9	43.47	- 7.33	1,956.05
Grafton	96	7.3	91	27	48.08	- 2.72	4,615.97
Kempsey	78	5.9	68	10	29.41	- 21.39	2,293.99
Lismore	505	38.3	440	122	58.79	+ 7.99	29,691.01
Murwillumbah	103	7.8	99	18	37.35	- 13.45	3,847.19
Port Macquarie	93	7.1	80	44	55.15	+ 4.35	5,128.50
Total—Seven Offices	1 318	100%	1 139	367	\$50.80	\$00.00	\$66,949.96

Region: North Coast—1977-78—1980-81 analysis

Offices	1977-78			1978-79			1979-80			1980-81		
	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$
Casino	36	47.78	1,720.00	106	39.29	4,164.53	192	52.42	10,063.90	398	48.79	19,417.25
Coffs Harbour	19	20.91	397.28	15	34.14	512.12	5	58.56	292.80	45	43.47	1,956.05
Grafton	20	19.75	395.00	19	28.45	540.57	58	36.44	2,113.65	96	48.08	4,615.97
Kempsey	27	27.91	763.50	47	33.89	1,593.00	43	39.23	1,686.79	78	29.41	2,293.99
Lismore	37	23.81	881.00	122	43.48	5,304.58	145	52.13	7,558.39	505	58.79	29,691.01
Murwillumbah	39	36.86	1,437.44	57	32.32	1,842.50	63	36.64	2,308.30	103	37.35	3,847.19
Port Macquarie	31	34.10	1,057.00	44	47.39	2,085.00	94	70.58	6,634.22	93	55.15	5,128.50
Total 7 Offices	209	\$31.82	\$6,651.22	410	\$39.13	\$16,042.30	600	\$51.10	\$30,658.05	1 318	\$50.80	\$66,949.96

4.9. *New England Region—Analysis of 1980–81 Survey—*

- (a) Grants—
Number—923.
Proportion of State total—5.4 per cent.
Percentage change from 1979–80—82.1 per cent increase.
Regional ranking among 10 regions—Seventh.
- (b) Expenditure—
Amount—\$51,048.24.
Proportion of State total—6.2 per cent.

Percentage change from 1979–80—86.3 per cent increase.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—Seventh.

- (c) Average Grant—
Amount \$55.31.
Percentage change from 1979–80—2.3 per cent increase.
Variation from State average—\$6.54 additional.
Regional ranking among 10 regions—Second.
- (d) Grants to Commonwealth Clients—
Number—828.
Proportion of Regional total—89.7 per cent.

Region: New England—1st November, 1980 to 31st January, 1981 Survey

Offices	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants in Total Region	Number of Grants to Commonwealth Clients	Number of Grants Exceeding \$50.00	Average Amount per Grant	Variation from Average Regional Grant	Total Cost of Grants
		per cent			\$	\$	\$
Armidale	149	16.1	115	72	64.01	+18.70	9,536.76
Glen Innes	70	7.5	55	13	36.03	-19.28	2,522.04
Gunnedah	46	5.0	46	24	56.24	+ 0.23	2,586.93
Inverell	151	16.4	151	88	53.42	- 1.89	8,066.63
Moree	187	20.3	186	45	43.39	-11.92	8,114.51
Narrabri	96	10.4	64	30	60.45	+ 5.14	5,803.29
Tamworth	224	24.3	211	101	64.37	+ 9.06	14,418.08
Total—Seven Offices	928	100%	828	373	\$55.31	\$00.00	\$51,048.24

Region: New England—1977–78—1980–81 analysis

Offices	1977–78			1978–79			1979–80			1980–81		
	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost	Number of Grants	Average amount	Total Cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$
Armidale	40	41.55	1,662.00	26	44.24	1,150.38	120	45.76	5,491.21	149	64.01	9,536.76
Glen Innes		Not Open			Not Open			Not Open		70	36.03	2,522.04
Gunnedah	10	33.00	330.00	10	26.50	265.00	27	48.18	1,300.93	46	56.24	2,586.93
Inverell	10	20.00	200.00	7	37.66	263.60	41	44.20	1,812.20	151	53.42	8,066.63
Moree	33	29.56	975.59	92	34.28	3,153.96	150	42.75	6,412.94	187	43.39	8,114.51
Narrabri	32	41.75	1,336.18	45	56.69	2,550.90	51	89.74	4,577.00	96	60.45	5,803.29
Tamworth	59	52.49	3,096.89	99	53.73	5,319.20	118	66.23	7,814.72	224	64.37	14,418.08
Total (Seven Offices)	184	\$41.31	\$7,600.66	279	\$45.53	\$12,703.04	507	\$54.06	\$27,409.00	923	\$55.31	\$51,048.24

4.10. *Central West—Orana—Far West Region—Analysis of 1980–81 Survey—*

- (a) Grants—
Number—1 246.
Proportion of State total—7.3 per cent.
Percentage change from 1979–80—36.5 per cent increase.
Regional ranking among 10 regions—Sixth.
- (b) Expenditure—
Amount—\$61,446.28.
Proportion of State Total—7.4 per cent.

Percentage change from 1979–80—63.5 per cent increase.

Regional ranking among 10 regions—Sixth.

- (c) Average Grant—
Amount—\$49.31.
Percentage change from 1979–80—19.8 per cent increase.
Variation from State average—\$.054 additional.
Regional ranking among 10 regions—Sixth.
- (d) Grants to Commonwealth Clients—
Number—1 065.
Proportion of Regional total—85.5 per cent.

Region: Central West/Orana/Far West—1st November, 1980—31st January, 1981—Survey

Offices	Number of Grants	Percentage of Grants in Total Region	Number of Grants to Commonwealth Clients	Number Grants Exceeding \$50.00	Average Amount per Grant	Variation from Average Regional Grant	Total Cost of Grants
		per cent			\$	\$	\$
Bathurst	36	2.9	34	19	57.78	+ 8.47	2,080.00
Bourke	85	6.8	76	4	26.38	- 22.93	2,242.27
Brewarrina	81	6.5	79	11	39.40	- 9.91	3,191.18
Broken Hill	58	4.7	44	26	54.55	+ 5.24	3,164.07
Cobar	55	4.4	48	11	40.91	- 8.40	2,250.05
Condoblin	63	5.1	45	13	37.57	- 11.74	2,367.21
Coonabarabran	53	4.3	50	11	51.65	+ 2.34	2,737.54
Coonamble	136	10.9	133	54	66.77	+ 17.36	9,080.36
Cowra	48	3.9	29	8	29.02	- 20.29	1,392.94
Dubbo	237	19.0	225	76	49.20	- 0.11	11,660.60
Lithgow	43	3.5	34	19	43.69	- 5.62	1,878.74
Mudgee	76	6.1	58	25	52.92	+ 3.61	4,022.20
Nyngan	11	0.9	10	0	41.82	- 7.49	460.00
Orange	65	5.2	50	16	43.17	- 6.14	2,805.73
Parke	82	6.6	64	30	58.28	+ 8.97	4,778.64
Walgett	49	3.9	28	18	83.32	+ 34.01	4,082.75
Wellington	68	5.5	58	21	47.82	- 1.49	3,252.00
Total—Seventeen Offices	1 246	100%	1 065	362.00	\$49.31	\$00.00	\$61,446.28

Region: Central West/Orana/Far West—1977-78—1980-81 analysis

Offices	1977-78			1978-79			1979-80			1980-81		
	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost	Number of grants	Average amount	Total cost
		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$
Bathurst	10	29.49	294.94	6	48.33	290.00	20	67.00	1,340.00	36	57.78	2,080.00
Bourke	12	40.41	485.00	48	29.66	1,423.90	40	34.59	1,383.66	85	26.38	2,242.27
Brewarrina	26	19.88	517.00	29	96.66	2,803.21	46	38.80	1,785.00	81	39.40	3,191.18
Broken Hill	32	24.09	771.00	34	36.58	1,243.80	36	40.15	1,445.46	58	54.55	3,164.07
Cobar		Not open			Not open			Not open		55	40.91	2,250.05
Condoblin	10	28.95	289.00	19	41.68	791.99	55	36.32	1,997.79	63	37.57	2,367.21
Coonabarabran	12	23.75	285.00	14	65.97	923.64	26	40.90	1,063.48	53	51.65	2,737.54
Coonamble	17	23.82	405.00	47	24.27	1,140.60	103	37.94	3,908.01	136	66.77	9,080.36
Cowra	10	13.10	131.00	38	23.61	897.20	35	21.15	740.20	48	29.02	1,392.94
Dubbo	104	35.14	3,655.40	111	29.54	3,278.99	194	31.79	6,166.96	237	49.20	11,660.60
Lithgow	45	69.00	3,105.00	82	45.54	3,736.04	85	48.12	4,090.46	43	43.69	1,878.74
Mudgee	32	38.78	1,241.08	26	35.88	933.00	44	43.40	1,909.52	76	52.92	4,022.20
Nyngan	5	24.00	120.00	15	43.22	648.37				11	41.82	460.00
Orange	36	21.80	785.00	29	39.14	1,135.00	65	59.33	3,856.40	65	43.17	2,805.73
Parke	35	35.44	1,240.50	64	48.15	3,080.81	96	50.24	4,822.67	82	58.28	4,778.64
Walgett	9	30.75	276.79	7	33.55	234.89	24	41.75	1,001.97	49	83.32	4,082.75
Wellington	20	61.93	1,238.61	62	34.75	2,154.80	44	47.30	2,080.99	68	47.82	3,252.00
Total 17 Offices	415	\$34.89	\$14,840.82	631	\$39.17	\$24,716.24	913	\$41.17	\$37,592.58	1 246	\$49.31	\$61,446.28