

## Legislative Council.

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The PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

### QUESTION—PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GOLDFIELDS.

#### *Construction and Maintenance Costs.*

Hon. H. SEDDON asked the Chief Secretary: 1, What amount of money was spent on the construction of public buildings on the goldfields from 1913 to 1933, inclusive? 2, What proportion of the above amount was spent in the Kalgoorlie-Boulder district during the same period? 3, What was the amount spent on maintenance in each of the above cases during the same period? 4, What amount was spent on construction of public buildings in each year ended June, 1934, 1935, and 1936 in the Kalgoorlie district? 5, What amount was spent during each of the same periods in the same district for maintenance? 6, Which public buildings in the Kalgoorlie-Boulder district are maintained by the Public Works Department?

The CHIEF SECRETARY replied: 1, £32,338. (Note.—“Goldfields” is taken to mean all goldfields within the North-East Province.) 2, £30,257. 3, £24,320 and £18,745. 4, Nil. 5, £1,916, £1,846 and £1,551. 6, All State Government buildings, excepting Kalgoorlie Hospital and railway buildings.

### QUESTION—MINING, WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

Hon. H. SEDDON (for Hon. C. G. Elliott) asked the Chief Secretary: 1, What was the amount of premiums collected by the State Insurance Office during the year ended 30th June, 1936, from the mining industry for insurance against liability to pay compensation for mining diseases under the Third Schedule of the

Workers' Compensation Act? 2, What were the total payments made under the Workers' Compensation Act during the year ended 30th June, 1936, as compensation to sufferers from mining diseases?

The CHIEF SECRETARY replied: 1, £111,776 17s. 6d. 2, Actual payments—£26,654 1s. 4d. In addition, there was an amount of £25,000 paid to the Treasury in respect of payments previously made under the Miners' Phthisis Act and which could have been claimed under the Third Schedule of the Workers' Compensation Act. These figures do not show the amount outstanding in regard to claims already admitted, the liability for which is estimated at about £68,000. In addition, the liability on account of claims which are expected during the next twelve months but of which no notification has been received, is estimated at £56,250.

### ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

#### *Federal Senate Vacancy.*

THE CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. J. M. Drew—Central) [4.37]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until to-morrow at 4.15 p.m.

The reason I ask the House to meet at 4.15 to-morrow is to permit of the election of a Senator at a joint sitting of both Houses.

Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 4.38 p.m.*