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Abbreviations and Usages

CSIR	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, the successor to CSIR
DMC	Development and Migration Commission
HMG	His Majesty's Government of the UK
ITB	Industrial Transference Board
NRF	National Relief Fund
OSC	Oversea Settlement Committee
OSD	Oversea Settlement Department
SOSBW	Society for the Oversea Settlement of British Women
YM(W)CA	Young Men's (Women's) Christian Association

'Australia House' refers to the offices of the Commonwealth in London, wherein was housed the bureaucracy dealing with migration.

'The Commonwealth' refers to the federal government of Australia, established in 1901 with the federation of the six then-existing colonies. The colonies then became known as States and retained extensive powers.

References to money and area remain in contemporary terms. For money these include occasional references to shillings (s.) and pence (d.), as well as pounds (£). There were 12 pennies in one shilling, and 20 shillings in one pound. Appropriate conversions for distance are 1 mile = 1.61 kilometre, and for area, 1 acre = 0.405 hectare.

Various usages define particular categories of assisted migrants. Nominees were those proposed by Australian residents (nominators). 'Selectees' were those recruited in Britain after State governments had specified (technically, requisitioned) desired numbers in particular categories of employment. Quotation marks are used throughout as to 'selectees' and their 'selection'.

The Agreement (capitalised) is the so-called 'Thirty-four Million Pounds Agreement' under which HMG subsidised particular schemes in Australia, more specifically described as 'undertakings'.

'Normal flow' migrants are those who presumably would have gone to Australia by whatever means, independent of the putative impact of the Agreement.

'Labor' is spelled thus only when referring to the pertinent Australian political force.