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PAY-ROLL TAX EXPORT INCENTIVE REBATES



The Commonwealth Treasurer, the Rt. Hon. William McMahon, announced to-day that in the three months ended March last, pay-roll tax rebates totalling \$3,016,000 had been allowed to 328 firms which, by increasing their export sales in 1965/66, had qualified for rebates. This brought the number of firms to which rebates had been allowed to date for 1965/66 exports to 738 and the value of rebates to \$8,016,000. A further 361 claims for the 1965/66 financial year, totalling \$4,590,000, were currently being handled by the Taxation Office.

Mr. McMahon said that, in addition to rebates for 1965/66 exports, the Taxation Office in the March quarter had allowed rebates totalling \$1,641,000 for exports of prior years. To the end of March, 1,526 firms had been allowed rebates totalling \$12,972,000 for 1964/65 exports, 1,680 firms had been allowed rebates totalling \$12,540,000 for 1963/64 exports and 1,588 firms had been allowed rebates totalling \$8,999,000 for 1962/63 exports. Rebates totalling \$13,145,000 had been allowed for 1960/61 and 1961/62 exports up to the end of March. Claims totalling \$1,856,000 for 1964/65 and earlier years were currently being handled by the Taxation Office.

Pay-roll tax rebates are part of the taxation incentives for export introduced by the Government in 1961. Rebates are available to firms increasing their exports above the level of their average exports in the two years 1958/59 and 1959/60. If the value of a firm's exports increases by one per cent of its gross business income, the firm is entitled to a rebate of 12.5 per cent of its pay-roll tax liability. This ratio applies proportionately so that when the increase in exports is equal to 8 per cent of the gross receipts of the firm's business, the firm is entitled to a full rebate of pay-roll tax.

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