



## PRIME MINISTER

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### PENSION PORTABILITY STATISTICS

The Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, today released figures showing the number of former Australian residents now receiving social security payments overseas. The figures show that at the end of June 1974 a total of 1,429 people were receiving Australian benefits or pensions in Greece, Italy and Yugoslavia. Mr. Whitlam said the Labor Party had promised in the 1972 election campaign to implement a policy of full portability of pension rights for migrants. This would enable migrants, especially old or retired people, to return to their homelands without sacrificing their pension rights.

"It can be seen from the figures prepared by the Immigration Advisory Council that we have fulfilled this pledge in full" Mr. Whitlam said. Attached is a table of portability statistics.

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Age, Invalid, Wife's and Widows Pensions and

Supporting Mothers' Benefits Paid Overseas

By Sex, Paying Office, Type of Pension/Benefit -

Numbers Current at 30.6.74

Paying Office (a)	Males			Females						TOTAL	
	Age	Invalid	Total Males	Age	Invalid	Wives	Widows		Supporting Mothers		Total Females
							Class A	Class B			
London	557	94	651	1,092	39	88	67	256	24	1,566	2,217
Geneva	712	488	1,200	733	168	287	127	225	14	1,554	2,754
Wellington	45	19	64	102	20	9	28	21	14	194	250
New York	41	8	49	134	14	7	11	21	2	189	238
Other	22	7	29	42	2	5	2	11	2	64	93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>3,567</b>	<b>5,560</b>

(a) London Office pays persons residing in the United Kingdom and Ireland

Geneva Office pays persons residing in the Western European and some West Asian countries

Wellington Office pays persons residing in New Zealand.

New York Office pays persons residing in North America.