

It is proposed to introduce a Bill consolidating the present legislation relating to tuberculosis, and to make additional provision for the effective control of the disease.

The merging of the Mental Hospitals and Health Departments will also be the subject of legislation.

In the field of education my Government's activities will be devoted to consolidating advances made in recent years and to providing additional teachers, buildings, equipment, and special services necessary for carrying out the Government's policy of giving full and free education to every child. Two consultative committees have reported in recent months—the Committee on Pre-School Educational Services, and the Committee on Adult Education.

Last year a Royal Commission on Licensing completed its task, and presented a most comprehensive report in which the social and economic aspects of the licensing laws are closely and critically examined. It recommended many reforms in the law relating to the manufacture, importation, and distribution of intoxicating liquors. Parliament will be given an opportunity to examine and discuss the report and its proposals.

With the termination of wartime activities my Advisers have deemed it necessary to review all war regulations, and appropriate measures for dealing with them will be placed before Parliament.

It is also proposed to lay before you legislation to consolidate the laws relating respectively to the sale of food and drugs, and to Magistrates' Courts. Legislation will also be formulated to provide for social security reciprocity with Australia and for better protection against forest and rural fires.

I commend all these matters to your careful consideration, and I pray for Divine guidance in your deliberations.