



# Local Government (Scotland) Act 1929

## 1929 CHAPTER 25

### PART III

#### EXCHEQUER GRANTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL PROVISIONS.

##### *Discontinued Grants.*

#### **52 Discontinuance of grants.**

- (1) The grants set out in the Fifth Schedule to this Act (in this Act referred to as " the discontinued grants ") shall cease to be payable—
  - (a) as regards the grants payable into the Local Taxation (Scotland) Account in respect of any period after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty; and
  - (b) as regards the other grants in respect of any period after the fifteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty.
- (2) As soon as may be after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty, the Local Taxation (Scotland) Account shall be wound up in accordance with such directions as the Treasury may give.
- (3) The provisions set out in the Sixth Schedule to this Act shall, as from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty, have effect with respect to the payments therein mentioned, being payments which immediately before the said day, were payable out of the Local Taxation (Scotland) Account.
- (4) In calculating the amount of sums estimated to be expended and the amount of the sums actually expended in any year from the vote for education in England and Wales for the purposes of paragraph (ii) of subsection (1) of section twenty-one of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1918, no account shall be taken of the sum included in the amounts aforesaid in lieu of the sum of eight hundred and seven thousand two hundred and sixty pounds hitherto paid out of the Local Taxation Account for the purposes of higher education in England.

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*General Exchequer Contributions.*

**53 Payment of General Exchequer Contributions.**

- (1) There shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of the year beginning on the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty, and each subsequent year, an annual contribution towards local government expenses in counties and large burghs to be called the " General Exchequer Contribution."
- (2) The amount of the General Exchequer Contribution shall be periodically revised. The amount first fixed shall be for a period of three years beginning on the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty, the amount fixed on the first revision shall be for a period of four years from the expiration of the first period, the amount fixed on any subsequent revision shall be for a period of five years from the expiration of the previous period, and a period for which the General Exchequer Contribution is so fixed is hereinafter referred to as a " fixed grant period."
- (3) The amount of the General Exchequer Contribution shall be the sum of the following amounts, that is to say :—
  - (a) an amount equal to the total losses on account of rates of all counties and large burghs;
  - (b) an amount equal to the total losses on account of grants of all counties and large burghs;
  - (c) in respect of each year in the first fixed grant period seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds, and in respect of each year of every following fixed grant period such amount as Parliament may hereafter determine with respect to the fixed grant period so, however, that the proportion which the General Exchequer Contribution for any fixed grant period bears to the total amount of rate and grant borne expenditure in the penultimate year of the preceding fixed grant period shall never be less than the proportion which the General Exchequer Contribution for the first fixed grant period bore to the total amount of rate and grant borne expenditure in the first year of that fixed grant period; in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph—
    - (i) " rate and grant borne expenditure " means the local expenditure which fell to be borne by rates and by grants made under this Part of this Act out of the General Exchequer Contribution; and
    - (ii) if as respects any fixed grant period the Secretary of State certifies that the amount of rate and grant borne expenditure in the penultimate year of that fixed grant period was abnormally increased by reason of any emergency involving the issue of a proclamation under the Emergency Powers Act, 1920, there shall be deemed to be substituted for the reference to the penultimate year of the preceding fixed grant period a reference to the last year preceding the said penultimate year in which no such abnormal expenditure was incurred.

**54 Payments out of Road Fund towards General Exchequer Contribution.**

- (1) Towards the General Exchequer Contribution there shall at such times and in such manner as the Treasury may direct be paid out of the Road Fund in respect of the year beginning the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty, and each subsequent year an annual contribution amounting to the sum of the following amounts, that is to say—

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- (a) a sum equal to the certified amount of discontinued road grants for the standard year; and
- (b) in respect of each year in the first fixed grant period, eleven ninety-first parts of the sum of three million pounds, and in respect of each year of each following fixed grant period, such sum as Parliament may hereafter determine with respect to the fixed grant period;

and any sum so payable out of the Road Fund shall, in accordance with regulations made by the Treasury, be applied as an appropriation in aid of the moneys provided by Parliament for the purposes of the General Exchequer Contribution.

- (2) So much of section two of the Roads Act, 1920, as provides for the payment in every year to the Local Taxation (Scotland) Account out of the sum to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund under that section, of the sum of sixty-four thousand and one pounds seventeen shillings, shall as from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty, cease to have effect.

In respect of the years beginning on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight and nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, there shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof and paid thereout to the Road Fund in addition to sums paid into that fund under subsection (3) of the said section two a sum of sixty-four thousand and one pounds seventeen shillings. The provisions of this paragraph shall come into operation on the passing of this Act.

## **55 Apportionment of General Exchequer Contributions.**

- (1) The General Exchequer Contributions shall be apportioned amongst the several counties and large burghs in manner hereinafter following, that is to say :—
  - (a) during the first four fixed grant periods there, shall out of the General Exchequer Contribution for each year be allocated to each county or large burgh an amount equal to the appropriate percentage of the losses on account of rates and grants of the county or burgh;
  - (b) during the first four fixed grant periods the residue, and thereafter the whole, of the General Exchequer Contribution, shall each year be apportioned amongst the several counties and large burghs in proportion to their weighted populations.
- (2) The amount apportioned under this section to a county shall be called " the county apportionment " and the amount so apportioned to a large burgh shall be called " the burgh apportionment."

*Grants to Counties.*

## **56 General Exchequer Grants to counties.**

Out of the county apportionment of every county there shall be set aside such amount as will be sufficient to pay—

- (1) to the councils of small burghs situate within the county; and
- (2) to the county council for behoof of the landward area of the county

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the sums hereinafter directed to be so set aside; and the residue of the county apportionment after such sums as aforesaid have been so set aside shall be paid to the county council and shall be called " the General Exchequer Grant " of that council:

Provided that, if in the case of any county the county apportionment is less than the amount to be so set aside, the deficiency shall be paid out of the moneys provided by Parliament, and the sums so paid shall be treated as part of the county apportionment.

## **57 Additional Exchequer Grants to counties.**

- (1) As respects the first fixed grant period, if in the case of any county the county apportionment falls short of an amount arrived at by adding to the standard sum a sum equivalent to one shilling per head of the estimated population of the county for the standard year, there shall in respect of each year of that fixed grant period be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament to the county council a sum equal to the deficiency.
- (2) As respects each subsequent fixed grant period, if in the case of any county the county apportionment falls short of the standard sum increased by the greater of the two following sums, that is to say—
  - (a) a sum equivalent to one shilling per head of the estimated population of the county for the appropriate year;
  - (b) a sum equivalent to one-third of the excess of the county apportionment for the period in question over what would have been the county apportionment for the period in question had the General Exchequer Contribution for that period been the same as the General Exchequer Contribution for the first fixed grant period;

there shall in respect of each year of the fixed grant period in question be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament to the council of the county a sum equal to the deficiency.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, the standard sum as respects any county shall be the amount of the loss on account of rates and grants of that county, so, however, that—
  - (a) if, for the fixed grant period in question the General Exchequer Contribution is less than the General Exchequer Contribution for the first fixed grant period, the standard sum shall be the said amount reduced proportionately to such diminution in the General Exchequer Contribution;
  - (b) if, for the fixed grant period in question the weighted population of the county is less than the weighted population of the county for the first fixed grant period adjusted as regards unemployment, the standard sum shall be the said amount reduced (or if a reduction therein has been made under paragraph (a) of this subsection, that reduced amount further reduced) proportionately to such diminution in weighted population.
- (4) In this section the expression " adjusted as regards unemployment " means calculated as if the appropriate multiple mentioned in Rule 2 of Part III of the Seventh Schedule to this Act had been the multiple appropriate to the fixed grant period in question, and not the multiple appropriate to the first fixed grant period.
- (5) The sum payable out of moneys provided by Parliament to a county council under this section in respect of any year shall be called the " Additional Exchequer Grant " of that council.

*Grants to Small Burghs, &c.*

**58 General Exchequer Grants to small burghs, &c.**

- (1) The sum to be set aside out of the county apportionment for payments to the councils of small burghs and to the county council for behoof of the landward area shall be such sum as is required to provide for each such burgh within the county, and for the landward area a sum calculated for each fixed grant period in accordance with the rules set out in Part IV of the Seventh Schedule to this Act upon the basis of the estimated population of the burgh or landward area, as the case may be, together with such sums as are under the section of this Act next following required to be so set aside.
- (2) There shall be paid in respect of each year to the council of a small burgh and to the county council for behoof of the landward area the sums so set aside in respect of the burgh or landward area, and the sum so payable to the council of the burgh shall be called the General Exchequer Grant of that council, and the sum so payable to the county council for behoof of the landward area shall be called the Landward General Exchequer Grant.

**59 Compensation for losses on account of special rates.**

- (1) Where in the standard year a special rate is levied in any area within a county, the loss on account of that rate shall be ascertained in accordance with the rules set out in Part I of the Seventh Schedule to this Act, and—
  - (a) the sum to be set aside out of the county apportionment in respect of the landward area and payable to the county council for behoof of the landward area shall in respect of each year during the first four fixed grant periods be increased by a sum equal to the appropriate percentage of the loss on account of the special rate incurred by the area within which the special rate is leviable; and
  - (b) there shall be allocated, to the landward area by the county council out of the General and Additional Exchequer Grants payable to that council in each year during the first and second fixed grant periods a sum equal to twenty-five per cent. of that loss, and thereafter such sum as the county council may determine.
- (2) Any sum paid or allocated under this section shall be applied by the county council to such purposes and in such manner as may be prescribed.

**60 Supplementary Exchequer Grants to counties.**

- (1) For the purpose of adjusting as between separately rated areas in any county any decreases and increases in the poundage of rates (other than special rates) due to the operation of Part I (except section seven) and Parts II and III of this Act during the period of nineteen years beginning on the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty, the following provisions shall have effect during that period—
  - (a) there shall be ascertained in accordance with the rules set out in the Eighth Schedule to this Act as respects every separately rated area in the county whether the operation of Part I (except section seven) and Parts II and III of this Act would, apart from this section, result in a gain or loss to the area and the amount of the gain or loss;

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- (b) in the case of each such area as respects which a loss is disclosed the amount which would otherwise be raised by rates in that area shall be reduced by crediting to the area the following amounts, that is to say, for the year beginning on the said sixteenth day of May and each of the four following years an amount equal to the full amount of the loss and for each of the next succeeding fourteen years an amount less than the amount so added in the preceding year by a sum equal to one-fifteenth of the amount added for the year beginning on the said sixteenth day of May;
  - (c) the deficiency in the revenue resulting in any year to the county council by reason of the provisions of the last foregoing paragraph shall be met—
    - (i) as to one moiety thereof, by payments out of moneys provided by Parliament;
    - (ii) as to the other moiety thereof, by debiting to each area as respects which a gain is disclosed an amount proportionate to the amount of that gain and by increasing by the amount so debited the amount which would otherwise be raised by rates in that area;
  - (d) the Secretary of State shall make regulations for carrying into full effect the provisions of this section in such manner as to effect the objects thereof.
- (2) The sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under this section in respect of any year shall be called the " Supplementary Exchequer Grant " of the county council.

*Grants to Large Burghs.*

**61 General Exchequer Grants to large burghs.**

The whole of every burgh apportionment shall be paid to the council of the large burgh and the sum so paid shall be called the General Exchequer Grant of that council.

**62 Additional Exchequer Grants to large burghs.**

- (1) There shall be ascertained in accordance with the rules set out in the Eighth Schedule to this Act as respects every large burgh, whether the operation of Part I (except section seven) and Parts II and III of this Act would apart from this and the next following section result in a gain or loss to the burgh and the amount of the gain or loss:

Provided that, if a large burgh comprises two or more separately rated areas, the gain or loss of each area shall be so ascertained, and the gain or loss of the burgh as a whole shall be the amount by which the gains exceed the losses or the losses the gains of the several areas.

- (2) Section fifty-seven of this Act shall apply to large burghs as if for references to counties and the county apportionment there were substituted references to large burghs and the burgh apportionment and as if J for the words " the amount of the loss on account of rates and grants of that county " there were substituted the words " an amount equal to the " burgh apportionment for the first fixed grant period " increased by the loss or reduced by the gain of the " burgh as a whole as ascertained under subsection (1) " of section sixty-two of this Act."

### **63 Supplementary Exchequer Grants to large burghs.**

- (1) For the purpose of adjusting as between separately rated areas in any large burgh any decrease and increase of the poundage of rates due to the operation of Part I (except section seven) and Parts II and III of this Act during the period of nineteen years beginning on the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty, the following provisions shall have effect during that period—
- (a) there shall be ascertained in accordance with the rules set out in the Eighth Schedule to this Act as respects every separately rated area in the burgh whether the operation of Part I (except section seven) and Parts II and III of this Act would, apart from this and the last preceding section, result in a gain or loss to the area, and the amount of the gain or loss :
  - (b) if a loss is disclosed as respects any one or more of such areas, and the Additional Exchequer Grant (if any) of the burgh is an amount less than one-half of the aggregate amount of such losses, there shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament to the council of the burgh the following amounts, that is to say :—
    - (i) for the year beginning on the said sixteenth day of May and each of the four following years such sum as together with the amount of the Additional Exchequer Grant (if any) is equal to one-half of the said aggregate amount of such losses;
    - (ii) for each of the next succeeding fourteen years an amount less than the amount payable for the preceding year by a sum equal to one-fifteenth of the amount payable for the year beginning on the said sixteenth day of May.
  - (c) the Secretary of State shall make regulations for securing that the grants under this Part of this Act paid to the council of the large burgh shall be applied towards making good to areas with respect to which a loss is disclosed the amount of such loss or of part thereof in such manner as to effect the objects of this section.
- (2) The sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament to the council of a large burgh under this section in respect of any year shall be called the " Supplementary Exchequer Grant " of that council.

*Contributions of County and Town Councils in  
respect of Welfare of the Blind and Mental Defectives.*

### **64 Contributions to voluntary associations in respect of the welfare of the blind and mental defectives.**

The Central Department may, if -they think proper, make a scheme providing for payment by the county councils and the town councils of large burghs specified in the scheme of contributions of such amount as may be therein stated to—

- (a) any voluntary association which carries on services for the benefit of blind persons resident in the area of the specified councils; or
- (b) any society undertaking the duty of assisting or supervising mental defectives whilst not in institutions who are resident in the area of the specified councils.

Any scheme under this section may be revoked or varied by a subsequent scheme.

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*General.*

**65 Payment of grants.**

The grants under this Part of this Act shall be payable to the county and town councils entitled thereto at such times and in such manner as the Treasury may direct.

**66 Power to reduce grants.**

The Secretary of State may reduce the grant payable in respect of any year under this Part of this Act to any council by such an amount as he thinks just—

- (a) if he is satisfied—
  - (i) that the council have failed to achieve or maintain a reasonable standard of efficiency and progress in the discharge of their functions relating to public health services (including services relating to maternity and child welfare, lunacy and mental deficiency, and the welfare of the blind), regard being had to the standards maintained in any other areas whose financial resources and other relevant circumstances are substantially similar, and that the health or welfare of the inhabitants of the area of the council or some of them has been or is likely to be thereby endangered; or
  - (ii) that the expenditure of the council has been excessive and unreasonable, regard being had to the financial resources and other circumstances of the area; or
- (b) if the Minister of Transport certifies that he is satisfied that the council have failed to maintain their roads or any part thereof in a satisfactory condition:

Provided that the Secretary of State shall not make such a reduction until he has made and caused to be laid before Parliament a report stating the amount of the reduction, and the reasons therefor.

**67 Application of Exchequer Grants to county and town councils.**

Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, all sums received by a county council by way of General or Additional Exchequer Grant shall be applied towards meeting the expenditure of the council (other than any part thereof apportioned and allocated to large burghs in respect of education or police) on all purposes for which the county council exercise functions throughout the whole county including the small burghs therein; and all sums received by the town council of a burgh by way of General or Additional Exchequer Grant shall be applied proportionately towards meeting—

- (a) the expenditure which but for grants under this Part of this Act would be defrayed out of rates payable by owners and occupiers in equal proportions;
- (b) the expenditure which but for such grants would be defrayed out of rates payable wholly by owners; and
- (c) the expenditure which, but for such grants, would be defrayed out of rates payable wholly by occupiers.



**68 Power of Department to pay council's contributions to voluntary association or society out of sums payable as General Exchequer Grant.**

Upon application being made to the Department of Health by the council of any county or large burgh requesting that the contributions of the council towards the expenses of any voluntary association or society having as its object the promotion of public health services (including services relating to maternity and child welfare, lunacy and mental deficiency, and the welfare of the blind) may be paid directly to the association or society out of the amount payable as the General Exchequer Grant of the council, the said Department may pay such contributions accordingly, and any sums so paid shall be deemed to have been paid as part of that grant.

**69 Government property.**

For the purposes of this Part of this Act, any contribution made by the Crown in aid of rates in respect of any lands and heritages owned by the Crown or occupied by or on behalf of the Crown for public purposes shall be treated as money paid as rates, and in the case of agricultural, industrial, and freight transport lands and heritages, the value upon which that contribution would, if this Act had not been passed, have been computed for the year beginning on the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, shall be treated as the unreduced rateable value of the lands and heritages and the value on which that contribution would have been computed for that year if this Act, except section fifty, had been in operation throughout that year shall be treated as the reduced rateable value of the lands and heritages.

**70 Power to make regulations.**

- (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations for giving effect to the provisions of this Part of this Act, and in particular—
- (a) as to the apportionment for the purposes of this Part of this Act of the expenditure of any joint authority amongst the areas liable to contribute to such expenditure, and for the part of the expenditure so apportioned to any area being treated as expenditure of a spending authority for that area for those purposes; and
  - (b) as to the manner in which the amounts of any grants payable under this Part of this Act are to be adjusted if and so far as any such adjustment is required in consequence of any alterations or combinations of authorities or alterations of boundaries made on or after the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty; and
  - (c) as to the manner in which, subject to the express provisions of this Act, any calculation or estimate is to be made for the purposes of this Part of this Act and as to the authority or person by or to whom any information required for the purposes of any such calculation or estimate is to be given, and as to the time at which and the form in which it is to be given; and
  - (d) for prescribing anything which under this Part of this Act or under the Schedules therein referred to is to be prescribed,

and in particular, the regulations as to the manner in which expenditure falling to be borne by rates is to be calculated or estimated may provide for that expenditure being taken in appropriate cases to be the amount of the payments made in any year and may provide for such adjustments as may be necessary to correct any abnormal treatment of income or expenditure in accounts.

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- (2) Where in the standard year a rate is levied in the landward area of a county or in a large burgh by an authority other than the council of the county or burgh, regulations under this section may provide for the ascertainment of the loss on account of the rate so leviable in accordance with the rules set out in Part I of the Seventh Schedule to this Act, and for the payment to the authority by the council—
- (a) in each year during the first four fixed grant periods of a sum equal to the appropriate percentage of such loss; and
  - (b) in each year in the first and second fixed grant periods of a sum equal to twenty-five per cent. of such loss, and thereafter of such sum as the council may determine,
- and any sum so paid by a council to an authority shall be applied to such purposes, and in such manner, as may be prescribed by the regulations.
- (3) Regulations made under paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this section shall make provision for securing that where proposals for the development of institutional treatment in their area were submitted to the Scottish Board of Health by the council of any county or large burgh at such a date that grants in aid of capital expenditure on institutions to be provided thereunder are payable in accordance with the directions of the Treasury, then, if the execution of the proposals was delayed by the directions of the said Board and liabilities in connection with the proposals were incurred by the council with the approval of the said Board before the twelfth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, and in consequence of the delay the amount of any grants paid or payable to the council for the standard year is less than the amount thereof which would otherwise have been so payable, the amount of the grants paid or payable to the council in respect of that year shall be estimated and certified as if they had been increased by such amount as may be prescribed.
- (4) All regulations made under this Part of this Act shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as may be after they are made, and if an Address is presented to His Majesty by either House of Parliament within the next subsequent twenty-eight days on which that House has sat after any such regulations are laid before it, praying that the regulations may be annulled, they shall henceforth be void, but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder or the making of new regulations.

## **71 Method of apportionment between authorities of expenditure and grants for purposes of the Seventh and Eighth Schedules.**

- (1) Where by the rules contained in the Seventh and Eighth Schedules to this Act the expenditure of any authority is required to be apportioned between the several counties or large burghs into which the area of the authority extends, the apportionment shall be made—
- (a) in the case of expenditure in respect of roads, other than loan charges, in proportion to the certified mileage of transferred roads in the parts of the area within the several counties;
  - (b) in the case of any other expenditure of a spending authority, in proportion to the reduced rateable value of the parts of the area within the several counties and burghs.
- (2) Where by the rules contained in the Seventh Schedule to this Act the amounts paid or payable to any authority out of the discontinued grants are required to be apportioned, the apportionment shall be made—

- (a) in the case of grants in respect of roads, in proportion to the certified mileage of roads in respect of which grants were made in the standard year, in the parts of the area within the several counties;
- (b) in the case of grants to any voluntary association which carries on services for the welfare of the blind, in proportion to the number certified as being the estimated number of beneficiaries of the association ordinarily resident within the jurisdiction of the several authorities;
- (c) in the case of any other grants, on such basis as the Secretary of State may by order direct.

## **72 Investigation of working of Rules of Seventh Schedule, Parts III and IV.**

The Secretary of State shall, before the expiration of the second, fixed grant period., in consultation with such associations of local authorities as appear to him to be concerned and with any local authority with whom consultation appears to him to be desirable, cause an investigation to be made into the working of the rules contained in Parts III and IV of the Seventh Schedule to this Act, and shall cause a report of the result of the investigation to be laid before Parliament.

## **73 Interpretation of Part III.**

In this Part of this Act and in the Schedules therein referred to, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say :—

" Appropriate percentage " means as respects the first and second fixed grant periods seventy-five per cent., as respects the third fixed grant period fifty per cent., and as respects the fourth fixed grant period twenty-five per cent. :

" Appropriate year " means as respects the first fixed, grant period the standard year and as respects any subsequent fixed grant period the last year of the preceding fixed grant period:

" Certified " means—

in relation to roads or road grants, certified by the Minister of Transport :

in relation to the number of unemployed insured men or women certified by the Minister of Labour :

in relation to any other matter, certified by the Secretary of State or such person as he may appoint for the purpose :

" County " includes any small burgh situate within the county :

" Estimated population " and " estimated number " of children under five years of age per thousand " of the estimated population " mean in relation to any year, the population or number as estimated by the Registrar-General for Scotland for the calendar year in which the year in question begins :

" Losses on account of grants " means in relation to any county, large burgh, or spending authority, such losses calculated in accordance with the rules set out in Part II of the Seventh Schedule to this Act:

" Losses on account of rates " means in relation to any county, large burgh or- spending authority, such losses calculated in accordance with the rules set out in Part I of the Seventh Schedule to this Act:

" Prescribed " means prescribed by regulations made under this Part of this Act:

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" Reduced rateable value " means in relation to any lands and heritages, the rateable value thereof which would have been entered in the valuation roll for the year beginning on the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, if this Act, except section fifty, had been in operation throughout that year, and' in relation to any area the aggregate of such rateable values of all the lands and heritages in the area :

" Road " means a road maintained by a highway authority and includes a bridge :

" Separately rated area " means—

- (a) as respects a county, a landward parish or the landward part of a parish, so far as within the district of one district council, or a small burgh, except where the burgh is within two or more parishes, in which case each part of the burgh within a separate parish shall be a separately rated area; and
- (b) as respects a large burgh, a burghal parish or the burghal part of a parish:

" Special rate " means a special district rate or a special parish rate and includes a rate levied within a landward area by the rating authority in accordance with the provisions of a local Act for the purpose of meeting a requisition by the Commissioners or other body established under that Act:

" Spending authority " means a county council, town council, district committee, district board of control, education authority or parish council:

" Standard year " means the- year beginning on the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight:

" Transferred functions " means the functions transferred to the county councils of counties and the town councils of large burghs by or under Part I of this Act;

" Unemployed insured men " and " unemployed insured women " mean respectively men and women of or over the age of eighteen years, being insured contributors under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 to 1927, who are for the time being recorded as being unemployed for the purpose of the returns of unemployment made by the Minister of Labour :

" Unreduced rateable value " means in relation to any lands and heritages the rateable value thereof which would have been entered in the valuation roll for the year beginning on the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, if this Act had not been passed, and in relation to any area, the aggregate of such rateable values of all the lands and heritages in the

" Weighted population " means in relation to any county or large burgh, the weighted population calculated in accordance with the rules set out in Part III of the Seventh Schedule to this Act.

#### *Transitory Provisions.*

#### **74 Power to adjust grants in respect of alteration of areas before 16th May 1930.**

Where, after the commencement of the standard year, and before the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty, any alteration of authorities or boundaries affecting any county or burgh, or any separately rated area takes place, the Secretary of State may make such equitable adjustments of the amounts of the grants payable under this Part of this Act as he may deem necessary in consequence of such alteration.

**75 Commencement and grants in respect of period beginning 1st October 1929.**

- (1) Save as otherwise expressly provided, this Part of this Act shall come into operation on the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, and as respects the year beginning on the said day there shall be paid to every authority levying rates a sum equal to the amount estimated and certified as being the difference between the sum receivable by the authority as the proceeds of rates in respect of the said year and the sum which would have been so receivable had the rateable value of the area of the authority been calculated as if this Act had not passed: Provided that, if the Secretary of State is satisfied that the amount in the pound of the rates levied by any such authority in respect of the said year has been abnormally increased by reason of charges not ordinarily falling to be borne by rates having been imposed thereon, the sum payable to the authority under this section shall be such as may be estimated and certified as the sum which would have been so payable if the said amount in the pound had not been so increased as aforesaid.
- (2) The sums required for the payments directed by subsection (1) of this section to be made to authorities levying rates shall be paid, to the extent of four hundred and seventy thousand pounds, out of the Rating Relief Suspense Account, and, to the extent of the balance, out of moneys provided by Parliament.