No. 32 of 1971.

AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Child Welfare Ordinance 1957-1969.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL in and over the Commonwealth, of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Ordinance under the Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1970.

Dated this second day of December, 1971.

PAUL HASLUCK Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

RALPH J. HUNT Minister of State for the Interior.

CHILD WELFARE ORDINANCE 1971

- 1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the Child Welfare Short title and citation.
- (2.) The Child Welfare Ordinance 1957-1969† is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.
- (3.) The Principal Ordinance, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Child Welfare Ordinance* 1957-1971.
- 2. This Ordinance shall be deemed to have come into operation commence on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one.
- 3. Section 4 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting Parts. after the words—
- "Part V.—Guardianship, Care and Control of Children and Young Persons (Sections 18-27)."
 - "Part Va.—Payments to Approved Organizations (Sections 27A-27c).".

[†] Ordinance No. 17, 1957, as amended by Ordinances No. 14, 1962; No. 19, 1966; No. 27, 1968; and No. 17, 1969

- 4. After Part V. of the Principal Ordinance the following Part is inserted:—
 - "PART VA.—PAYMENTS TO APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS.

Approved organization.

- "27A. For the purposes of this Part, each of the following bodies corporate is an approved organization:—
 - (a) Dr. Barnardo's;
 - (b) The Trustees of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

Payment to approved organization.

- "27B. Where an approved organization has provided care and accommodation for a child, not being a ward, and—
 - (a) in a case where a person has agreed to pay to the approved organization the cost of that care and accommodation, that person; or
 - (b) in any other case, the person responsible for the maintenance of the child.

has not paid to the approved organization all costs of that care and accommodation, the Minister may authorize the payment to the approved organization of an amount calculated at the rate for the time being applicable under paragraph (c) of sub-section (1.) of section 18 of this Ordinance or, where part but not all of the costs of the care and accommodation provided for a child have been paid to the approved organization, the amount so calculated reduced by an amount equal to the amount so paid.

Recovery of payment.

"27c. Where an amount is paid to an approved organization under the last preceding section, the person who has agreed to pay to the approved organization the cost of the care and accommodation provided for the child or, if no person has agreed to pay that cost, the person responsible for the maintenance of the child is liable to pay to the Commonwealth an amount equal to the amount so paid and that amount is recoverable as a debt due to the Commonwealth."