

Public Service Commissioner

1918 – 1973

Other Names: • PSC

Details

The Public Service Commissioner replaced the Public Service Board in 1918. The Commissioner was responsible for the organisation and staffing of government departments. In 1973, a Public Service Board replaced the Public Service Commissioner.

Under the *Public Service Act* 1923, the Public Service Commissioner organised and staffed government departments, supervised the way they worked, and attempted to improve their efficiency by measuring and monitoring their work practices. He also investigated incidents of maladministration. The Act provided for the Public Service Commissioner to become a separate department, which it did in 1924. However, since it was supposed to be non-political, it did not have a minister.

There were only a few constraints on the Public Service Commissioner's authority and these varied over the years. One of them was a Public Service Appeal Board, established in 1958, which enabled public servants to appeal against his decisions.

In 1965, the Commissioner undertook an investigation into the management of Weeroona Girls' Training Centre.

The *Public Service Act* of 1973 abolished the office of Public Service Commissioner.

More info

Chronology

- Civil Service Board of Tasmania (1900 - 1905)
 - Public Service Board (1905 - 1918)
- **Public Service Commissioner (1918 – 1973)**

Related Entries

Related Events

- [Inquiry into the Conditions at Weeroona Girls' Home, Public Service Commissioner, Tasmania \(1965\)](#)

The Public Service Commissioner produced the Report of the Public Service Commissioner into allegations concerning conditions and treatment of inmates at Weeroona Girls' Home and the decision and report of the Public Service Appeal Board (1965)
- [Inquiry into the Control and Management of Ashley Boys' Home, State of Tasmania \(1951 - 1953\)](#)

- [Investigation into Ashley Home for Boys, Public Service Commissioner, Tasmania \(1951\)](#)

Related Legislation

- [Public Service Act 1918, Tasmania \(1918 - 1923\)](#)
The Public Service Act established the position of Public Service Commissioner.
- [Public Service Act 1923, Tasmania \(1923 - 1958\)](#)
The Public Service Act 1923 set out the duties of the Public Service Commissioner.
- [Public Service Act 1973, Tasmania \(1974 - 1984?\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Public Service Appeals Board \(1958 - 1984\)](#)
The Public Service Appeals Board heard appeals against the decisions of the Public Service Commissioner.

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