

Chief Secretary's Department, Colony of Tasmania

1882 – 1901

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Details

The Chief Secretary's Department was established in 1882. It coordinated the administrative business of the Tasmanian government. Between 1896 and 1901, the Neglected Children's Department was a part of the Chief Secretary's Department. In 1901, following Australian federation, Tasmania became a state and the new state government took over the Chief Secretary's Department.

The Under-Secretary was in charge of the Chief Secretary's Department. In this role, he corresponded with children, occasionally visited them, and made decisions about their placements.

According to Wettenhall, a small Immigration Department, which did not have any staff of its own, was located within the Chief Secretary's Department. It was not very active.

Between 1898 and 1901, the Neglected Children's and the Charitable Grants Departments were sub-departments within the Chief Secretary's Department. The close relationship between the three means that there is considerable information about the Neglected Children's and Charitable Grants Departments in the records of the Chief Secretary's Department.

More info

Chronology

- **Chief Secretary's Department, Colony of Tasmania (1882 – 1901)**
 - Chief Secretary's Department, State of Tasmania (1901 - 1914)
 - Chief Secretary's Department and Premier's Office, State of Tasmania (1914 - 1955)
 - Premier's and Chief Secretary's Department, State of Tasmania (1955 - 1976)
 - Premier's Department, State of Tasmania (1976 - 1985)
 - Department of Premier and Cabinet, State of Tasmania (1985 - current)

Related Entries

Related Organisations

- [Charitable Grants Department, Colony of Tasmania \(1873 - 1901\)](#)
- [Neglected Children's Department, Colony of Tasmania \(1896 - 1901\)](#)

The Neglected Children's Department was located within the Chief Secretary's Department.

Records

Records

- [General Correspondence, Chief Secretary's Department \(1897 - 1946\)](#)
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