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NOTES FOR THE PREMIER ON SUBSIDIES FOR AGED CITIZENS CLUBS.

The State Government has contributed \$6,000 towards the cost of the new Clubrooms at Woodville - the maximum possible under existing legislation.

As this stands at present the Government may contribute, on a dollar for dollar basis, with the Local Council concerned, an amount which does not exceed \$6,000 in respect of any one Club or Centre.

The Labor Government is concerned at the lack of social facilities for the aged, and the position is becoming more serious as Local Councils face increasing demands and their capacity to provide Clubrooms for the aged is restricted.

The Government has therefore decided to ease the burden on Local Councils in the provision of these facilities.

Only last week, in fact, new legislation was introduced in Parliament to raise the maximum Government subsidy from \$6,000 to \$10,000 for aged citizens' clubs.

The estimated total cost of the West Croydon project is \$56,000. The Commonwealth contribution is approximately \$18,600 - the State's is \$6,000 and the Corporation's contribution is approximately \$31,000.

This cheque includes the State Government's contribution and the rest of the amount is a part of the Commonwealth's contribution.

About 20 aged citizens' clubs have been completed or are currently under construction and a further 10 are now being planned.