

# Health and Home Affairs Department

5 December 1935 – 26 September 1963

## Details

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The Health and Home Affairs Department in Brisbane, was created in 1935. It replaced the Home Secretary's Office. The department had administrative control over a number of internal services in Queensland including: Adoption, Children's Services, Epileptic Home, Hospitals, Mental Institutions, State Children and Public Health. In 1963 the Home Affairs Department was abolished and a separate Health Department established.

The Queensland State Archives web site described the function of the Health and Home Affairs Department as follows:

The functions of the Health and Home Affairs Department were divided into two broad jurisdictions: Health and Medical Services Branch and Home Affairs. The Department was under the control of the Secretary for Health and Home Affairs from 5 December 1935 to 12 August 1957, then the Minister for Health and Home Affairs from 12 August 1957 to 26 September 1963.

*In 1963 the role of the Home Affairs Department was split between a number of agencies, and the office was abolished. A separate health Department under a Minister responsible only for Health was established.*

## More info

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### Chronology

- Colonial Secretary (10 December 1859 - 6 August 1896)
  - Home Secretary's Office (6 August 1896 - 5 December 1935)
- **Health and Home Affairs Department (5 December 1935 – 26 September 1963)**
  - Health Department, State Government of Queensland (26 September 1963 - 3 April 2012)
    - Queensland Health (3 April 2012 - current)

### Related Entries

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- [Townsville Receiving Depot \(1934 - 1964\)](#)
- [Willowburn Mental Asylum \(1867 - 1953\)](#)  
Date: 1935 - 1953
- [Willowburn Epileptic Home \(1919 - 1950?\)](#)
- [Goodna Hospital for the Insane \(1898 - c. 1940\)](#)
- [Brisbane Mental Hospital \(c. 1940 - 1963\)](#)

- [Ipswich Hospital for the Insane \(1910 - 1938\)](#)
- [Peel Island Lazaret \(31 May 1907 - 5 August 1959\)](#)
- [Fantome Island Lazaret \(1939 - 1973\)](#)  
Date: 1939 - 1963
- [Fantome Island Lock Hospital \(1928 - 1945\)](#)  
Date: 1935 - 1945
- [Charters Towers Mental Hospital \(1 July 1954 - c. 2001\)](#)
- [Broadhurst Convalescent Home \(1901 - 1942\)](#)
- [Sandgate Maternal and Child Welfare Home \(1944 - 1983\)](#)  
Date: 1944 - 1963
- [Royal Brisbane Hospital \(1867 - 2003\)](#)

## Resources

- [Research Guide to orphanage and children's home records at Queensland State Archives](#), Queensland State Archives website, February 2022
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