

# Health and Home Affairs Department, State Children Department, State Government of Queensland

5 December 1935 – 26 December 1963

## Details

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The Health and Home Affairs Department, within the State Children's Department, was established in 1935 to provide care, management and control of orphaned, abandoned and convicted children and their property. Previously, it was known as the Home Secretary's Office, State Children Department. The Department ran Toowoomba Mental Hospital and Farm Home for Boys, Westbrook. Responsibility for State children passed to the Labour and Industry Department in 1963.

### Administrative Structure:

The State was divided into 3 Districts: the Southern District (Southern Queensland from Bundaberg to the NSW Border) with a head office in Brisbane; Central District (Mackay to Miriam Vale on the Coast and West along the Central Line) with a district office at Rockhampton; Northern District (North Queensland from the north and West of Townsville) with a district office at Townsville. Each office had inspectors and administrative staff.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Public Instruction Department, Orphanages Branch, State Government of Queensland (2 October 1879 - 1 December 1911)
- Home Secretary's Office, State Children Department, State Government of Queensland (1 December 1911 - 5 December 1935)
- **Health and Home Affairs Department, State Children Department, State Government of Queensland (5 December 1935 – 26 December 1963)**
  - Labour and Industry Department, State Children Department, State Government of Queensland (26 September 1963 - 1 August 1966)
  - Children's Services Department, State Government of Queensland (1 August 1966 - 6 June 1987)
    - Family and Youth Services Department, State Government of Queensland (9 June 1987 - 14 December 1987)
    - Family Services Department, State Government of Queensland (14 December 1987 - 7 December 1989)
    - Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs Department, State Government of Queensland (7 December 1989 - 25 January 1996)

### Related Entries

## Ran

- [Farm Home for Boys, Westbrook \(30 October 1919 - 26 May 1966\)](#)
- [Toowoomba Mental Hospital \(1953 - 1968\)](#)
- [Diamantina Receiving Depot and Infants' Home \(1910 - 1962\)](#)
- [Diamantina Receiving Home \(1962 - 1964\)](#)

Date: 1962 - 1963

## Related Legislation

- [State Children Act 1911, Queensland \(1911 - 1966\)](#)  
Health and Home Affairs Department, State Children Department administered the State Children Act 1911.
  - [Infant Life Protection Act 1905, Queensland \(1905 - 1966\)](#)  
Health and Home Affairs Department, State Children Department administered the Infant Life Protection Act 1905
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