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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

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Year ended 31st March, 1957

Summary. This memorandum announces publication of the summary of hospital costing returns for the year ended 31st March, 1957.

1. The hospital costing returns for the year ended 31st March, 1957, have now been published. These returns have been compiled on the same basis as in the previous year. Two copies of the publication are being sent to each Regional Hospital Board, Hospital Management Committee and Board of Governors and further copies, if required, may be purchased from Her Majesty's Stationery Office or from any bookseller, price £1 2s. 6d.

2. The more informative annual data produced under the new departmental costing systems introduced on the 1st April, 1957, will not be available until the latter part of 1958, though hospital authorities will already have been producing interim cost statements under these arrangements in accordance with paragraph 6 of H.M. (56) 77. In the meantime the Minister asks all hospital authorities to utilise the data contained in the present publication (together with information derived from the interim cost statements for periods since the 1st April, 1957) in the pursuit of increased economy and efficiency in administration which are more than ever essential in existing circumstances.

3. The Minister does not on this occasion ask Boards to submit detailed reports on the action taken on the returns but he is confident that the returns will be carefully studied with the above objects in view, and he would be glad to be informed by Boards by 30th June, 1958, of any specific economy measures introduced as a result (and, where practicable, given an estimate of annual savings expected).

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To: Regional Hospital Boards,
Hospital Management Committees,
Boards of Governors.