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ROYAL COMMISSION ON NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

TERMS OF REFERENCE.

To enquire into the scheme of National Health Insurance established by the National Health Insurance Acts, 1911-22, and to report what, if any, alterations, extensions or developments should be made in regard to the scope of that scheme and the administrative, financial and medical arrangements set up under it.

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LIST OF WITNESSES.

(The Statements of Evidence on which the oral examination of the Witnesses was based will be found in the separately printed volumes of Appendices.)

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Twenty-Fourth Day.	2nd April, 1925 XL.	Mr. HENRY LESSER, LL.B. ...	President of the National Federation of Employees' Approved Societies.	13,370-13,668	631
		Mr. V. L. BILBEY	Clerk in charge of the Inquiry Room, Ministry of Health.	13,669-13,741	646
		Sir THOMAS MORISON LEGGE, M.D.	Senior Medical Inspector of Factories, Home Office.	13,742-13,953	649
Twenty-Fifth Day.	23rd April, 1925 XLIII.	Mr. T. CHAMBERS, C.B.E. ...	Executive Officer of the National Sailors' and Firemen's Union.	13,954-14,058	661
		Mr. JOHN GRIEVE and	Deputy Chief Shepherd of the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds.	14,059-14,250	668
		Mr. ALFRED J. E. SAUNDERS	General Secretary of the Order.		
		Mr. J. E. HILTON and	Chairman of the Association of Approved Societies.	14,251-14,500	675
		Mr. ROBERT SMITH and	Member of the Executive of the Association.		
		Mr. F. A. GOODWIN	Hon. Secretary of the Association.		
Twenty-Sixth Day.	30th April, 1925 XLVII.	Miss AMY H. CAMERON ... and	Member of the Standing Committee of Scottish Insured Women.	14,501-14,592	687
		Miss MARGARET W. HAMILTON.	Hon. Secretary of the Standing Committee.		
		Dr. R. A. BOLAM, M.D., F.R.C.P., LL.D. and	Chairman of the Council of the British Medical Association.	14,593-15,139	693
		Dr. H. B. BRACKENBURY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. and	Chairman of the Representative Body of the Association.		
		Dr. H. GUY DAIN, M.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. and	Chairman of the Insurance Acts Committee of the Association.		
		Dr. ALFRED COX, O.B.E., M.B., M.S. and	Medical Secretary of the Association.		
		Dr. H. J. CARDALE, M.B., C.M.	Chairman of the London Panel Committee.		
		Dr. R. A. BOLAM, M.D., F.R.C.P., LL.D. and	Chairman of the Council of the British Medical Association.	15,140-15,336	722
		Dr. H. B. BRACKENBURY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. and	Chairman of the Representative Body of the Association.		
		Dr. H. GUY DAIN, M.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. and	Chairman of the Insurance Acts Committee of the Association.		
Twenty-Seventh Day.	7th May, 1925 XLVII.	Dr. ALFRED COX, O.B.E., M.B., M.S. and	Medical Secretary of the Association.		
		Mr. N. BISHOP HARMAN, M.B., F.R.C.S. and	Hon. Treasurer of the Association.		
		Dr. STANLEY HODGSON, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., LL.B. and	Chairman of the Salford Panel Committee.		
		Dr. J. P. WILLIAMS-FREEMAN M.D., M.R.C.S.	Chairman of the Hampshire Panel Committee.		
		Dr. E. A. GREGG, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. and	President of the Medical Practitioners' Union.	15,337-15,744	735
		Dr. GORDON WARD, M.D. ... and	Vice-President of the Union.		
		Dr. A. WELPLY, M.D. ... and	General Secretary of the Union.		
		Mr. CHARLES DAVIS and	Solicitor to the Union ...		
		Mr. S. G. DAVIS	Solicitor to the Union ...		

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		and DR. CHARLES T. COMBER, O.B.E., M.D.	Member of the Council of the Union.	15,990-16,092	766	
		Professor WILLIAM RUSSELL, M.D., LL.D.	President of the Scottish Medical Guild.			
Twenty-Ninth Day.	21st May, 1925. LIII.	DR. FREDERICK PORTER, M.B	Hon. Secretary of the Guild.	16,093-16,193	770	
		DR. HARRY ROBERTS, L.M.S.S.A.	Medical Practitioner ...			
		LII.	Lieut.-Col. W. BICKERTON-EDWARDS, C.B.E., M.B., late R.A.M.C.	Medical Official ...	16,194-16,345	778
Thirtieth Day...	28th May, 1925. LVII.	MR. S. A. SYDDALL ...	Member of the Council of the Friendly Societies' Medical Alliance.	16,346-16,513	784	
		and MR. SAMUEL PRIDE.	Secretary of the Alliance.	16,514-16,706	791	
		DR. D. HOLMES, M.B., M.C., L.R.C.S.	President of the Friendly Societies' Medical Officers' Union.			
		LIV	DR. JOHN H. ROBERTS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Secretary of the Union.	16,707-16,926	798
		and DR. A. HAMILTON, M.B., C.M.	Member of the Union.			
		LV.	MR. WALTER CONWAY ...	Member of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Alliance of Medical Aid Societies.		
Thirty-First Day.	11th June, 1925 LXI.	MR. EVAN PUGH ...	Secretary of the Alliance.	16,927-17,126	807	
		DR. B. A. LYSTER, M.D., Ch.B., B.Sc., D.P.H.	President of the Society of Medical Officers of Health.			
		and DR. J. J. BUCHAN, M.D., D.P.H.	Member of the Society.	17,127-17,285	819	
		MR. H. WADE DEACON, C.B.E.	Chairman of the British Hospitals Association.			
		The Rt. Hon. Viscount HAMBLEDEN	Hon. Treasurer of the Association.			
		LXVIII.	MR. J. COURTNEY BUCHANAN, C.B.E.	Hon. Secretary of the Association.	17,286-17,383	826
			Sir HENRY HADOW, C.B.E., Mus. Doc.	Chairman of the Sheffield Joint Hospitals Council.		
			LIX.	MR. S. R. LAMB, M.B.E. ...	Secretary of the Council.	17,384-17,482
		MR. A. E. WEBB-JOHNSON, C.B.E., D.S.O., F.R.C.S.	Ex-Dean of the Medical School of the Middlesex Hospital.			
		LX.	MR. WALTER KEWLEY ...	Secretary - Superintendent of the Hospital.	17,483-17,617	836
MR. OWEN AVES, F.B.O.A. ...	Chairman of the Institute of Ophthalmic Opticians.					
MR. FRANCIS T. GREGG, M.A.	Secretary of the Institute.		17,618-17,704	847		
and DR. JAMES FORREST, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.	Registrar of the Joint Council of Qualified Opticians.					
MR. F. W. BATEMAN ...	Treasurer of the Council.					
LXII.	DR. MARGARET B. DOBSON, M.D.	Medical Practitioner.	17,705-17,771	855		
	MR. W. B. BARKER, F.B.O.A.	President of the British Optical Association.				
	and MR. J. McHOUL, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.E.	Examiner to the Association.	17,772-17,934	861		
and MR. J. L. MEYNELL, M.D., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.	Examiner to the Association.					
LXIII.	MR. E. TREACHER COLLINS, F.R.C.S.	President of the Council of British Ophthalmologists.				
and MR. J. HERBERT FISHER, F.R.C.S.	Member of the Council.	17,935-18,000	862			
and MR. M. S. MAYOU, F.R.C.S. ...	Member of the Council.					

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Thirty-Second Day.	18th June, 1925 LXV. LXVI. LXVII. LXVIII.	Mr. A. B. MELHUISE... and Mr. G. A. MALLINSON Mr. W. HUNTRODS ... and Mr. A. HUTCHINSON ... and Sir COOPER PERRY, M.D., F.R.C.P. and DR. JAMES B. MENNELL, M.D., B.Ch. Miss A. E. FLETCHER ... and Mr. W. FRANCIS MELLERSH... and Mr. CHARLES DAVIS ... and Mr. H. D. GRANT ... and Mr. JOHN HALL ...	Ex-Chairman of the Retail Pharmacists' Union. Secretary of the Union. President of the Incorporated Society of Pharmacy and Drug Store Proprietors. Senior Vice-President of the Society. Member of the Council of the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics. Member of the Council. Hon. Organiser and Hon. Secretary of the Ivory Cross. Vice-Chairman of the Council of the Ivory Cross. Hon. Solicitor to the Ivory Cross. Chairman of the Appointing Committee. Vice-Chairman of the Appeals Committee. Secretary to the General Council of Panel Chemists (Scotland). Medical Practitioner ...	18,030-18,265 18,266-18,436 18,437-18,518 18,519-18,657	876 888 894 898
Thirty-Third Day.	23rd June, 1925 LXIX. LXX. LXXI.	Mr. J. RUTHERFORD HILL ... and Dr. ALEXANDER ASHER, M.B., C.M. Mr. JAMES C. HENDERSON ...	Secretary to the General Council of Panel Chemists (Scotland). Medical Practitioner ... Member of the Central Executive of the National Farmers Union of Scotland.	18,658-18,892 18,893-19,171 19,172-19,399	905 915 922
Thirty-Fourth Day.	25th June, 1925 LXXII. LXXIII. LXXIV and LXXV. LXXVI.	Miss PETERKIN ... and Mrs. BRUCE RICHMOND and Major H. F. CADELL, W.S. ... Miss J. P. WATT ... and Miss G. BREMNER ... and Miss H. VINEY ... Miss E. DOUBLEDAY ... and Miss M. GILLIGAN ... and Miss J. C. BARKER ... Mr. JOSEPH COHEN ...	General Superintendent of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses. Hon. Secretary of the Institute. Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Scottish Council of the Institute. Member of the Council of the College of Nursing. Member of the Council of the College. Hon. Secretary of the Public Health Section of the College. Member of the Incorporated Midwives Institute. Member of the Institute. Member of the Scottish Midwives Association. Student of Social and Economic Questions.	19,400-19,582 19,583-19,625 19,626-19,793 19,794-19,899	930 940 944 951