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Details

P1- This consignment consists of annual reports of the Director of the Infant Welfare Branch and data reports of the Maternal and Child Health Service (Infant Welfare). The reports provide an official record of the service and its operation between 1927 and 1948. They appear to be mostly working drafts of the Director of Infant Welfare and are typed and printed copies with handwritten comments and amendments. There are also speech notes and handwritten data reports. There are multiple copies of some reports (possibly from various stages of drafting).??The data reports provide information about birth notifications, numbers of children enrolled in the Service, numbers of children requiring medical attention, breast feeding and numbers of pregnant women attending the centres. The annual reports provided some analysis of the data and reports on the status of the service in Victoria. Some of the earlier reports were included in the Commission of Public Health Report (to Government). The data and analysis would also have been used to provide advice to Government Ministers and to inform policy directions and service quality improvement.

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