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and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND (ON BEHALF OF THE STATE
OF SINGAPORE)**

**Agreement concerning the provision of treatment in
Singapore hospitals for Asian residents of Christmas
Island. Signed at Singapore, on 6 June 1963**

Official text: English.

Registered by Australia on 25 July 1963.

**AUSTRALIE
et
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD (AU NOM DE L'ÉTAT
DE SINGAPOUR)**

**Accord relatif à l'accès des habitants asiatiques de l'île
Christmas aux hôpitaux de Singapour. Signé à
Singapour, le 6 juin 1963**

Texte officiel anglais.

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No. 6838. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND (ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF SINGAPORE) CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF TREATMENT IN SINGAPORE HOSPITALS FOR ASIAN RESIDENTS OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND. SIGNED AT SINGAPORE, ON 6 JUNE 1963

Whereas the Government of the State of Singapore (hereinafter referred to as "the Singapore Government") and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia (hereinafter referred to as "the Australian Government") are desirous of concluding an Agreement concerning the provision of treatment in Singapore hospitals for Asian residents of Christmas Island;

And whereas the Singapore Government is a party to this Agreement with the assent of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom :

Now it is hereby agreed as follows :

1. This Agreement shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 1963, and shall thereafter continue to remain in force for a period of twenty-four months from the said date, unless earlier determined by either Government giving to the other three months' notice in writing of its intention to terminate this Agreement :

Provided that at any time when this Agreement is in force, the terms thereof may be modified by the mutual consent of both Governments.

2. In consideration of the payment by the Australian Government to the Singapore Government of a sum of twenty-five thousand Malayan dollars (M\$25,000-) per annum and, subject to the conditions hereinafter mentioned, the Singapore Government agrees to provide treatment in Singapore hospitals for Asian residents of Christmas Island suffering from mental disorder, tuberculosis, leprosy, opium addiction or needing orthopaedic or other surgical treatment (hereinafter referred to as "patients") :

Provided that such treatment shall be subject to the availability of beds in Singapore hospitals and such treatment shall not be available in Christmas Island having regard to the circumstances of each individual patient :

And provided also that, where applicable in the case of any patient, exemption is obtained for his or her entry into Singapore under the provisions of any written law relating to immigration and health.

¹ Came into force on 1 July 1963, in accordance with paragraph 1.

3. The Australian Government undertakes to meet the cost of, and make the necessary arrangements for, passages for all patients travelling from Christmas Island to Singapore and from Singapore to Christmas Island under the terms of this Agreement.

4. The Australian Government agrees to provide the Director of Medical Services, Singapore, with medical and other particulars of all patients who require hospitalisation in Singapore under the terms of this Agreement and, save in cases of urgency, to obtain the prior approval of the Singapore Government before sending patients to Singapore.

5. The Australian Government agrees to abide by the opinion of Singapore Government medical officers as to the desirability or necessity of any particular patient being hospitalised in Singapore, and the provisions of clause 3 of this Agreement shall apply to all patients who, after arrival in Singapore from Christmas Island, are adjudged by the said medical officers to be unsuitable for hospitalisation in Singapore.

6. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars per annum referred to in clause 2 of this Agreement shall be paid by the Australian Government to the Singapore Government quarterly in advance by cheque made in favour of the Accountant-General, Singapore.

7. The Singapore Government and the Australian Government may, from time to time agree, by way of correspondence through the respective nominees of the said Governments or otherwise, on matters of detail for the purpose of ensuring the better working of this Agreement, provided that such matters of detail are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate in Singapore, this 6th day of June, 1963.

For the Government
of the Commonwealth of Australia :

Richard WOOLCOTT

For the Government
of the State of Singapore :

S. T. STEWART