### Appendix 9

**NUMBER OF MINISTERS—STATUTORY VARIATIONS**

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1. This figure refers to Ministers of State in terms of ss. 64–66 of the Constitution—that is, appointed to administer a department of State. In earlier years Executive Councillors were sometimes appointed as ‘Ministers’ who did not administer a department—e.g. ‘Minister without Portfolio’ or ‘Minister in charge of’ certain responsibilities. The Vice-President of the Executive Council did not administer a department until the early 1930s.

2. The number of Ministers had been previously increased to 12 by a regulation under the National Security Act (H.R. Deb. (24.6.41) 322–3). The **Ministers of State Act 1941** increased the number of Ministers to 19 as a special provision during the war; this provision was repealed and the Act amended retaining the number at 19 by the **Ministers of State Act 1946**.

3. The consolidated **Ministers of State Act 1952** retained the number at 20.

4. Ministers designated as Parliamentary Secretaries not to exceed 12 and those not so designated not to exceed 30.