

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1944.

MINES DEPARTMENT—continued.

Number of Persons.		VOTE—MINES—continued.	1943-44.	1942-43.	
1943-44	1942-43			Voted.	Expended.
		<i>Subdivision No. III.—Assistance towards Mining—continued.</i>	£	£	£
		OTHER CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—continued.			
		Postage, telegrams, and rent of boxes	25	100	9
		Printing and stationery	20	50	1
		Purchase of miners' tools and general stores (recoverable) ..	10,000	10,000	7,593
		Purchase of plant and machinery	250	4,200	4,391
		Rents	40	40	33
		Refunds of revenue due to Social Security Fund	10	40	1
		Restoration of dredged lands (recoverable)	100	100	
		Search for and production of gold and other minerals— £			
		Subsidies to prospectors	500		
		Subsidies, loans, and other forms of financial assistance to companies and individuals engaged in prospecting and/or mining for gold, coal, and other minerals, and assistance to cover flood damage (partly recoverable) ..	40,000		
		Surveys, prospecting, mining, and development work in selected areas (including erection of treatment plants)	5,000		
		Stores and equipment supplied to subsidized prospectors (partly recoverable)	250		
			45,750	47,400	47,635
		Schools of Mines	3,900	3,900	3,695
		Social amenities in mining townships	1,500	1,500	715
		Telephone services	50	100	26
		Travelling allowances and expenses	350	500	(a) 225
		Transportation expenses of National Check Inspector ..	100	100	66
		Estimated credits-in-aid under Section 51 of the Public Revenues Act, 1926 (see end of vote)— £			
		Drilling-expenses	200		
		Maintenance and construction of roads and works	100		
		Prospecting and search for minerals	4,000		
		Restoration of dredged lands	1,500		
		Sale of tools and general stores to miners	10,000		
		Stores supplied to prospectors, &c.	200		
		Schools of Mines	50		
		Miscellaneous	1,400		
			17,450		
			81,170	81,455	73,105
		<i>Total—Subdivision No. III</i>	85,162	86,277	77,331
		<i>Subdivision No. IV.—Miscellaneous Services.</i>			
		CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—			
		Advertising, photographs, books, newspapers, and other publications	100	100	65
		Aerial surveys of coal and gold fields	400	650	(b) 267
		Coal-mines Council: Fees and expenses of members and incidentals	1,200	1,000	(c) 1,705
		Collecting goldfields revenue (partly recoverable)	150	200	105
		Examinations, Mining and Coal-mines Acts	150	150	123
		Fire-watching expenses and E.P.S. equipment	10	20	9
		Freight, cartage, and transport charges	40	20	72
		Fuel, light, water, and cleaning	(d) 160	120	134
		Instruments and apparatus	100	100	22

(a) Number of officers, 7. Travelling-allowances, £113; travelling-expenses, £101; motor hire, £11.

(b) Proposed surveys not all carried out.

(c) Overexpenditure due to the number of meetings held and the amount of travelling done.

(d) Additional accommodation in Head Office necessary, together with more night work.