

DETAILS OF ESTIMATES FOR THE

SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT—continued.

Number of Persons.		VOTE—MEDICAL, HOSPITAL, ETC., BENEFITS—continued.	1943-44.	1942-43.	
1943-44	1942-43			Voted.	Expended.
		<i>Subdivision No. III.—Hospital Benefits.</i>			
		CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—	£	£	£
		Treatment in public hospitals	1,600,000	960,000	1,020,319
		Out-patient treatment	(a) 65,000	100,000	(a) 70,720
		Treatment in private hospitals	150,000	150,000	(b) 191,647
		Treatment in approved institutions	35,000	40,000	38,819
		Contribution to Consolidated Fund—			
		Rotorua Service Convalescent Hospital .. 15,000			
		Value of discontinued maintenance fees (mental hospitals) 185,000			
		Value of reduced maintenance fees (Queen Mary Hospital) 20,000			
		Value of reduced maintenance fees (Rotorua Sanatorium) 6,000			
			226,000	222,000	219,454
		Estimated credits-in-aid under Section 51 of the Public Revenues Act, 1926 (see end of vote)—			
		Miscellaneous (c) 9,000			
		<i>Total—Subdivision No. III</i>	2,076,000	1,472,000	1,540,959
		<i>Subdivision No. IV.—Pharmaceutical Benefits.</i>			
		CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—			
		Drugs, &c., supplied by—			
		Chemists (d) 500,000		360,000	(d) 530,695
		Medical practitioners 7,000		5,000	5,891
		Institutions 30,000		35,000	26,661
		Estimated credits-in-aid under Section 51 of the Public Revenues Act, 1926 (see end of vote) .. £300			
		<i>Total—Subdivision No. IV</i>	537,000	400,000	563,247
		<i>Subdivision No. V.—Supplementary Benefits.</i>			
		CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—			
		Radiological services 100,000		80,000	88,588
		Laboratory services 15,000		15,000	8,836
		Massage services 25,000		20,000	
		Specialists' services (e) 20,000		10,000	
		Estimated credits-in-aid under Section 51 of the Public Revenues Act, 1926 (see end of vote) .. £200			
		<i>Total—Subdivision No. V</i>	160,000	125,000	97,424
		GROSS TOTAL	4,342,000	3,517,000	3,722,907
		CREDITS-IN-AID (f)	10,000	2,400	1,728
		NET TOTAL	4,332,000	3,514,600	3,721,179

(a) Last year's expenditure included commitments brought forward from previous year.
(b) Expenditure last year higher than anticipated on account of the treatment in public hospitals of additional service patients and the consequential additional use by civilians of private hospitals.
(c) Provision for the recovery from War Expenses Account of the amount paid from Social Security Fund on behalf of hospital treatment for returned servicemen.
(d) 1942-43 was first complete year the scheme had been in operation with a full medical scheme and, in addition, the expenditure included a substantial amount carried forward from the previous year.
(e) Provision for the appointment of a neurological surgeon and the possible introduction of other specialists' services during year.

(f) Credits-in-aid—		Salaries.	Other Charges.	Estimated. 1943-44 Total.	Estimated. 1942-43.	Recovered. 1942-43.
		£	£	£	£	£
Subdivision	I ..	..	300	300	600	5
	II ..	..	200	200	100	21
	III ..	..	9,000	9,000	1,000	1,677
	IV ..	..	300	300	600	..
	V ..	..	200	200	100	25
Totals	..	..	10,000	10,000	2,400	1,728