

24. FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE

Administration Expenses.—The administration expenses of the National Service Department are subject to annual appropriation by Parliament in terms of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, and provision is accordingly made for this expenditure to be met in the first instance from the Consolidated Fund under vote, “National Service.” This annual appropriation covers expenditure in connection with the administration of the whole of the Department’s activities, including the Industrial Man-power Division. Full details of each year’s expenditure are set out in the estimates for that year.

With the exception of Employment Promotion administration expenses, in respect of which an assessed amount is recovered annually from vote, “Labour,” the net expenditure met from vote “National Service,” is finally recovered from War Expenses Account.

War Expenses Account.—Apart from promotion of employment, all other expenditure of the Department not provided for in the annual appropriation is met direct from “War Expenses Account, Subdivision IV, Civil.” This expenditure is classified under the following headings:—

- (a) *Emergency Fire Service*: Includes members’ pay and transport costs, cost of uniforms, accoutrements, hose, trailer pumps, and other fire-fighting equipment:
- (b) *Emergency Precautions Scheme*: Includes E.P.S. subsidy paid to controlling local authorities, purchase of armlets, respirators, decontamination suits, and other E.P.S. equipment:
- (c) *Home Guard*: Includes initial expenditure in connection with the Home Guard such as armlets, capitation grants, rifle impressment, and reconditioning. This department ceased to meet Home Guard expenditure on 31st July, 1941, when the control was transferred to the Army Department on the 1st August, 1941:
- (d) *Defaulters’ Detention Camps*: Includes the cost of establishing the camps and annual operation. No deduction has been made for value of materials and inmate labour supplied to other Government Departments:
- (e) *Industrial Mobilization*: Includes the payment of fares, transport costs, travelling allowances, separation allowances, and loss of earnings incurred by workers directed to essential work under the Industrial Man-power Emergency Regulations 1942, and also travelling-expenses of members of Man-power Utilization Councils and Committees:
- (f) *Rehabilitation*: Includes the payment of trade training subsidies in respect of discharged ex-servicemen, grants on account of disabled and blinded soldiers, fares and travelling-allowances of ex-servicemen, and capital costs in connection with the establishment of the Vocational Training Centre in Wellington:
- (g) *Women’s Land Service*: Includes the cost of uniforms for members and payment of subsidy to employers in respect of the training of inexperienced girls:
- (h) *Women’s War Service Auxiliary*: Includes the cost of uniforms for members and grants to members who have proceeded overseas.

Promotion of Employment.—As already stated, the employment-promotion schemes are administered by the National Service Department, but provision for the expenditure under the item “Promotion of Employment” is made in vote, “Labour, Subdivision III.” A detailed statement of expenditure is set out in the separate section of this report dealing with promotion of employment.

The following is a summarized statement of expenditure for the last three years:—

	Year ended					
	31st March, 1941.		31st March, 1942.		31st March, 1943.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Administration expenses charged to vote, “National Service,” in first instance—						
Salaries and allowances	94,954		139,847		227,387	
Other charges	79,538		98,897		156,786	
	174,492		238,744		384,173	
Other expenditure charged direct to War Expenses Account—						
Emergency Fire Service			72,022		130,420	
Emergency Precautions Scheme		596	4,339		299,631	
Home Guard		1,748	10,604			
Defaulters’ Detention Camps			12,297		172,813	
Industrial mobilization			584		9,213	
Rehabilitation			262		14,880	
Women’s Land Service			36		1,870	
Women’s War Service Auxiliary			15,482		9,537	
Total	£176,836		£354,370		£1,022,537	
Promotion of employment expenditure met from vote, “Labour”	£2,412,786		£1,288,432		£374,179	