

Fire Service activities during 1943. The expenditure of £150,745 shown in the statement below is the net sum brought to charge during 1943-44 after deducting the sum of £41,960 for the sale of trailer pumps and £16,075 for hose surplus to the reduced requirements of the Service.

(c) *Emergency Precautions Scheme*.—The main items of expenditure under this heading were subsidy to E.P.S. organizations, £80,040, and miscellaneous E.P.S. equipment, £76,064. The cost of a considerable quantity of equipment received during 1942-43 but not brought to charge by 31st March, 1943, is included in this latter figure. It will be noted that the expenditure in 1943-44 was £164,422, as against £299,631 in 1942-43, a reduction of £135,209, and in this connection the tapering-off of E.P.S. activities is reflected in the reduction of £104,773 in the amount of subsidy paid to E.P.S. organizations as compared with the previous year's figure of £184,813. During the year the sum of £12,482 was received from the sale of equipment surplus to requirements.

(d) *Home Guard*.—Includes initial expenditure in connection with the Home Guard such as armlets, capitation grants, and 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.

(e) *Industrial Mobilization*.—This item covers payment of travelling-expenses, loss of earnings, separation allowances, and financial assistance to workers directed to essential undertakings under the Industrial Man-power Emergency Regulations 1944, reimbursement of travelling-expenses to members of Man-power Utilization Councils and Committees, and establishment costs of war workers' hostels. The main items of expenditure were travelling-expenses, £9,068, separation allowance, £8,364, and financial assistance, £2,355, paid to directed workers, and £12,402 part capital cost of establishing war workers' hostels.

(f) *Women's Land Service*.—This includes the cost of uniforms to members, travel concessions, uniform-upkeep allowance, travelling-expenses, and subsidies to employers for training inexperienced girls. The main items of expenditure were uniforms and equipment, £41,460; upkeep allowance, £5,920; and subsidy to employers, £2,673.

(g) *Women's War Service Auxiliary*.—The gross expenditure under this item during 1943-44 was only £565, mainly on uniforms, and as against this credits amounting to £1,176 from the sale of uniforms were received, leaving a credit of £611 for the year. The small amount of expenditure in 1943-44 is accounted for partly by the fact that sufficient uniforms had already been manufactured for the Auxiliary and partly for the reason that the organization, which to some extent is self-supporting, had passed the stage where it was necessary to incur establishment charges.

(h) *Rehabilitation*.—Prior to 1st November, 1943, when the Rehabilitation Department was established, the National Service Department controlled expenditure from War Expenses Account, Subdivision V, for rehabilitation purposes, and the total amount spent by this Department up to the 31st October, 1943, was £60,061. Full details of this expenditure will be shown in the annual report of the Rehabilitation Board. The foregoing figure does not include rehabilitation administration expenses, charged in the first instance to vote "National Service."

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

	Years ended				Total.
	31st March, 1941.	31st March, 1942.	31st March, 1943.	31st March, 1944.	
Administration expenses charged to vote "National Service" in the first instance—	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	94,954	139,847	227,387	262,924	725,112
Other charges	79,538	98,897	156,786	143,352	478,573
	174,492	238,744	384,173	406,276	1,203,685
Other expenditure charged direct to War Expenses Account—					
Defaulters' detention camps	..	12,297	172,813	133,246	318,356
Emergency Fire Service	..	72,022	130,420	150,745	353,187
Emergency Precautions Scheme	596	4,339	299,631	164,422	468,988
Home Guard	1,748	10,604	..	..	12,352
Industrial mobilization	..	584	9,213	32,079	41,876
Women's Land Service	..	36	1,870	53,318	55,224
Women's War Service Auxiliary	..	15,482	9,537	Cr. 611	24,408
	176,836	354,108	1,007,657	939,475	2,478,076
Promotion of employment expenditure met from vote "Labour"	2,412,786	1,288,432	374,179	157,253	4,232,650