

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1944-45

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—*continued*

Number of Persons.		For Services chargeable on the Consolidated Fund— <i>continued</i>	£	£	£
1944-45	1943-44	ORDINARY REVENUE ACCOUNT— <i>continued</i>			
		VOTE—AGRICULTURE— <i>continued</i>			
		<i>Subdivision No. V.—Fields Division—continued</i>			
		<i>Other Charges for and incidental to—</i>			
		Equipment and expenses incidental to rural development and economies	(a) 500		
		<i>Total—Subdivision No. V</i>		3,620	
		<i>Subdivision No. VI.—Animal Research Division</i>			
		<i>Salaries —</i>			
		OTHER SALARIES			
5	..	5 (£380 to £615)	1,914		
		Cost-of-living allowances	169		
		<i>Other Charges for and incidental to—</i>	(b) 2,083		
		Bicycles and motors, purchase of (additional)	(c) 500		
		Research Station, Ruakura: All farm and general working expenses, &c., including facial-eczema requirements and allowances and expenses of Advisory Committee (additional)	(d) 6,000		
		Transfer and removal expenses (additional)	(e) 700		
			7,200		
48	..	<i>Total—Subdivision No. VI</i>		9,283	
		<i>Subdivision No. VIII. Miscellaneous Services: Advances, Grants, Guarantees, Subsidies, &c.</i>			
		<i>Charges for and incidental to —</i>			
		Advance for co-operative piggery establishment	(f) 6,000		
		Assistance to pig industry (recoverable), (additional)	(g) 1,400		
		Grant: Visit of Professor J. Clunies Ross, of University of Sydney (part recoverable)	(h) 100		
		Subsidy: Destruction of kea (additional)	(i) 500		
		Estimated credits-in-aid under Section 51 of the Public Revenues Act, 1926 (see end of vote) —	£		
		Assistance to pig industry	1,400		
		Visit of Professor J. Clunies Ross	50		
			1,450		
		<i>Total—Subdivision No. VIII</i>		8,000	
		GROSS TOTAL		39,251	
		CREDITS-IN-AID		2,700	
		NET TOTAL			36,551

(a) An agricultural development committee requires considerable data, and much of the necessary information will arise from activities in the realm of rural development and economics.

(b) Return of some officers from military service, Veterinarians from overseas, and certain increases to staff.

(c) £50 provided on main estimates. Cars for research workers—particularly at present in respect to facial eczema.

(d) £24,500 provided in main estimates. This station has great potentialities. The wages required were underestimated and £4,500 further provision is necessary; an extensive programme in connection with artificial insemination of stock requires additional apparatus, &c., expected to cost £500; movement of laboratory equipment from other locations is estimated to cost £1,000.

(e) £200 provided on main estimates. Officers are being moved to Ruakura to facilitate research activities—particularly in laboratory aspects of the work.

(f) The intention is that, up to the amount provided, the Government will share, on a pound-for-pound basis, in the establishment costs of a piggery. The piggery will be run on a co-operative basis and on lines designed to demonstrate the potentialities of proper utilization of cheese-factory by-products for pig-production.

(g) £8,600 provided on main estimates. The National Pig Council recommended an increased grant to each of its nine District Councils to meet expanding activities. Full recovery to vote "Agriculture" is obtained from a deposit account wherein funds drawn from the industry annually are temporarily accumulated.

(h) The Professor, *inter alia*, was able to give valuable advice regarding the proposal to establish a Veterinary School in the Dominion.

(i) £250 provided on main estimates. The kea menace is causing considerable anxiety—particularly in the high country of the South Island. The intention is to double the present 2s. 6d. per beak subsidy.