

(10) *Statistics.*—As at 31st March the cumulative progress since the inception of the Department is as follows:—

	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.*	1941-42.*	1942-43.*	1943-44.*	1944-45.*	1945-46.
(a) Houses advertised	Units. 3,172	Units. 6,698	Units. 11,071	Units. 14,084	Units. 17,029	Units. 17,443	Units. 20,910	Units. 24,581	Units. 27,845
(b) Contracts let	2,507	6,188	10,353	13,647	16,522	16,799	19,487	22,349	25,331
(c) Houses under construction ..	1,560	2,326	2,847	2,444	2,033	1,209	2,078	3,442	3,253
(d) Houses completed and handed over for occupation— Housing Department ..	399	3,064	6,432	10,337	13,525	14,619	15,475	17,392	20,726
Other Government Departments ..	..	..	27	88	108	273	297	349†	478†
(e) House-unit sections required ..	9,296	13,949	20,421	23,953	28,990	36,613	40,184	42,061	45,838
(f) Towns and localities work conducted in ..	70	106	121	137	141	146	153	184	Towns, &c. 321†
(g) Principal contractors engaged	Contractors. 145	Contractors. 240	Contractors. 291	Contractors. 326	Contractors. 345	Contractors. 346	Contractors. 406	Contractors. 506	Contractors. 634
(h) Payments	£ 298,500	£ 890,600	£ 1,638,900	£ 2,549,100	£ 3,086,400	£ 3,665,500	£ 4,212,300	£ 4,934,000	£ 5,621,000
Land and services	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dwellings-construction— Housing Department ..	1,053,600	4,311,400	8,567,200	13,075,300	16,376,500	17,316,200	18,326,200	21,690,600	25,840,800
Other Government Departments ..	..	..	26,700	128,400	191,400	325,200	523,700	678,600	1,203,500
Joinery-factories, including machinery ..	48,900	50,500	52,600	49,400	45,900	46,700	46,700	45,700	45,700
Vehicles, plant, and equipment ..	2,600	6,200	12,900	17,200	19,100	21,600	23,100	30,600	42,800
Interest during construction ..	6,600	21,000	31,000	52,200	93,500	117,600	154,000	236,200	276,400
Administration	66,200	166,400	281,300	406,400	539,800	685,700	659,100	785,000	985,800
	1,476,400	5,444,100	10,610,600	16,278,000	20,352,600	22,178,500	23,945,100	28,390,700	34,016,000

* Work retarded due to the temporary diversion of contractors and the Department's organization to defence works.

† Includes Rural Housing.