

DETAILS OF ESTIMATES FOR THE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—*continued*

VOTE—AGRICULTURE— <i>continued</i>		1945-46.	
<i>Subdivision No. X—Milk Marketing Division—continued</i>		Voted.	Expended.
OTHER CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—		£	£
Bicycles and motors : maintenance and running-costs and State Fire accident-indemnification costs	550	..	..
Bicycles and motors, purchase of	..	300	208
Emergency Milk Supplies, cost of, in drought areas	(a) 19,000	..	..
Milk Balancing Station at Hamilton, temporary establishment of	(b) 3,500	..	..
Office expenses	150	400	87
Office fittings and requisites	500	500	487
Overtime and meal allowances	60	60	27
Payments to Post and Telegraph Department	500	500	454
Printing and stationery	300	100	190
Purchase and erection of treating houses : acquisition of vending interests and expenses incidental thereto (partly recoverable) ..	(c) 450,250	..	..
Reimbursement to milk-vendors of amounts paid to local authorities by way of levy on milk	(d) 17,700	15,000	..
Rent	350	285	383
Services of consulting officers	500	500	475
Travelling allowances and expenses (including members of milk councils)	1,750	1,750	(e) 1,540
Contingencies	25	25	(f) 18
	495,135	19,420	3,869
<i>Total—Subdivision No. X</i>	499,511	24,000	7,994
GROSS TOTAL	1,760,749	1,557,951	1,495,063
CREDITS-IN-AID	(g)	498,805	427,600
NET TOTAL	1,760,749	1,059,146	1,067,463

(a) Expenditure necessary owing to fall in production of milk for town supply in certain areas owing to drought conditions. Additional costs incurred in obtaining supplies from further afield.

(b) Expenditure necessary to convert existing building into a suitable receiving and distributing centre for raw milk.

(c) Establishment of Milk Treatment Corporations. Proposal is to acquire existing concerns or build new treating-houses where necessary and hand to Milk Treatment Corporations to operate. It is estimated that at least 75 per cent. of the expenditure will be recoverable.

(d) No claims received last financial year as local authorities were not sufficiently advanced in formation to operate under this scheme.

(e) Officers travelling frequently, 9. Allowances, £1,000 : expenses, £400 : motor hire, £140.

(f) Purchases : dried milk, £14 6s. 9d. ; cream, £3 11s. 9d. : total, £17 18s. 6d.

(g) Now included in Public Accounts as "Departmental Receipts." Anticipated receipts, 1946-47, £969,175.