

DETAILS OF ESTIMATES FOR THE

MINES DEPARTMENT—continued

VOTE—MINES—continued	1946-47.	1945-46.	
		Voted.	Expended.
<i>Subdivision No. III—Assistance towards Mining</i> (Number of officers : 1946-47, 3 ; 1945-46, 4)			
SALARIES—	£	£	£
OTHER SALARIES			
3 (£330 to £1,000)	1,320	1,775	1,475
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OTHER CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—			
Diamond and other drills and equipment, purchase of	6,500	8,000	1,797
Diamond and other drills: maintenance of equipment (partly recoverable)	2,500	3,000	1,850
Expenses of delegates, coal conferences, &c... ..	300	400	259
Extinguishing fires in coal-seams	25	25	..
Filling in old mine-shafts	(a) 50	..	..
Glenorchy scheelite-mining	(b) 500	..	..
Grants: libraries in mining townships	50	50	25
Maintenance and construction of roads and works (partly recoverable)	7,500	7,500	4,603
Motor-vehicles: maintenance and running expenses	650	350	603
Purchase of miners' tools and general stores (recoverable)	200	1,000	138
Purchase of plant and machinery	100	100	..
Refunds of revenue due to Social Security Fund	10	10	..
Rents	250	50	..
Restoration of dredged lands (recoverable) ..	100	100	..
Search for and production of gold and other minerals—			
Subsidies, loans, and other forms of financial assistance to com- panies and individuals engaged in prospecting and/or mining for gold, coal, and other minerals, and assistance to cover flood damage (partly recoverable)	£ 32,000		
Surveys, prospecting, mining, and development work in selected areas (including wages and expenses of drilling crews) (partly recoverable)	16,500		
	48,500	48,000	35,791

(a) Provision for filling in of abandoned mine-shafts which may present danger.

(b) Previously provided out of War Expenses Account.