

(2) ACTION ON BEHALF OF TENANTS

The following table indicates the extent to which tenants have availed themselves of the services of the Department, which is empowered to act on their behalf:—

Town.	Total Number of Applications.	Agreements on Fair Rent.		Cases where Court Proceedings for Fixation of Fair Rent involved.		Cases where Demand for Increased Rent settled without Reference to Court (other than Agreed Increases).	Tenant represented in Eviction Proceedings or Notices to quit.	
		Approved.	Not approved.	Owner's Application.	Tenant's Application.		Involving Court Proceedings.	Notice to quit withdrawn or abandoned as a Result of Inspector's Intervention.
Auckland ..	2,802	1,207	31	198	95	971	267	33
Wellington ..	2,145	237	45	75	238	934	232	384
Christchurch ..	649	199	18	91	25	230	73	13
Dunedin ..	259	104	22	25	3	71	22	12
Other towns	1,080	495	47	66	23	289	87	73
Totals ..	6,935	2,242	163	455	384	2,495	681	515

The total number of applications has increased by 18·2 per cent. from last year's total (5,868). The most marked increase was in Auckland, where total applications increased by more than a quarter.

(3) STATUTES AMENDMENT ACT, 1945

The provision which authorizes an Inspector of Factories to approve of a fair-rent agreement where the occupier of a dwellinghouse agrees to let any part thereof to a serviceman, and allows the parties to agree that the Fair Rents Act shall not apply to the premises so let, has resulted in the submitting, this year, of 102 agreements, of which 92 were approved and 10 refused.

(4) THE ECONOMIC STABILIZATION EMERGENCY REGULATIONS 1942

Agreements submitted to Inspectors as “authorized persons” in terms of these regulations are summarized below:—

Locality.	Agreements submitted.	
	Approved.	Not approved.
Auckland	613	14
Wellington	144	5
Christchurch	280	24
Dunedin	146	7
Other towns	471	99
Totals	1,654	149

SECTION 13.—ANNUAL HOLIDAYS ACT, 1944

This Act, since its inception on 1st August, 1944, has produced only minor difficulties of administration. No amendment has been made to the Act during the year under review, but two important Court decisions have been recorded. In *Moon v. Kent Bakeries, Ltd.* (46 Awards 770), it was determined by the Court of Appeal that earnings (in addition to the award minimum rate of payment) under the clause of the New Zealand