

54. The following table summarizes the activities of the Service for the twelve months ended 31st March, 1947 :—

Activities of the Home Aid Service for the Year ended 31st March, 1947

Month.					Number of Aids employed.	Details of Cases serviced during Period.			
						Maternity.	Sickness.	Other.	Total.
1946									
April	..	..	..	..	47	64	81	17	162
May	..	..	..	..	64	83	86	21	190
June	..	..	..	..	63	143	163	15	321
July	..	..	..	..	63	247	304	33	584
August	..	..	..	..	57	231	274	27	532
September	..	..	..	..	67	220	195	41	456
October	..	..	..	..	62	191	137	16	344
November	..	..	..	..	63	180	143	8	331
December	..	..	..	..	59	162	104	3	269
1947									
January	..	..	..	..	57	131	107	22	260
February	..	..	..	..	57	115	130	28	273
March	..	..	..	..	57	118	143	13	274
Totals					..	1,885	1,867	244	3,996

The duration of the individual engagement of Aids for the 3,996 cases set out in the above table was as follows :—

Under one week	..	..	..	..	3,420
One week and under two weeks	..	..	..	..	263
Two weeks and under three weeks	..	..	..	..	153
Three weeks and over	..	..	..	..	160
Total	..	..	..	..	3,996

SECTION IX.—ADVISORY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

55. The Employment Act, 1945, provides for the establishment of Advisory Councils and Committees to assist the Department in the effective administration of its Employment Service. Through these Councils and Committees the Department is able to secure the co-operation of workers' and employers' organizations in dealing with the employment problems of important industries. Permanently constituted local Employment Advisory Committees, consisting of workers' and employers' representatives, under the chairmanship of the District Employment Officer, have been set up in a number of industries. Where appropriate, representatives of other Government Departments have been co-opted as members of these Committees. National Employment Advisory Committees (similarly constituted on a national basis, and under the chairmanship of the Director of Employment) have also been set up in some industries where employment problems have important nation-wide ramifications.

56. The main functions of the Advisory Councils and Committees may be summarized as follows :—

- (a) To watch over and advise on employment trends in industry.
- (b) To assist the Department in a study of local employment information and forecasts and in any action arising out of these.
- (c) To help the Department to secure workers for and to maintain an adequate labour force in the industry. (Immigration is, of course, an important factor in this respect.)
- (d) To assist in the placement of disabled ex-servicemen and other persons requiring special consideration in the industry.
- (e) To advance liaison between local employers and all agencies available to assist the industry in improving industrial welfare and efficiency, training, vocational guidance, &c.
- (f) To bring matters to the notice of the Director of Employment where such action is appropriate.