

57. Such Employment Committees are already functioning in the following industries: baking trades, freezing industry, laundries (Auckland), motor trades, road transport, and tramways.

58. The Department has also set up a Dominion Advisory Immigration Council to assist it in correlating the needs of different industries and districts (preferably after these have been studied and reported on by local Employment Committees) and generally helping to implement a well-balanced immigration scheme.

SECTION X.—FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE

(i) Vote, "National Employment Service" (£583,250) Net

59. Expenditure by the National Employment Service is subject to annual appropriation by Parliament in terms of the Public Revenues Act, 1926, and provision is made for this expenditure to be met from the Consolidated Fund under vote, "National Employment Service." This vote is divided into the three subdivisions, set out below. The figure shown against the total vote above and the amount against each subdivision is the net expenditure in each case after the sums received by the Department under the Treasury revenue item "Departmental receipts" have been deducted.

60. **Subdivision I: Administration (£232,598 Net).**—As this is the first complete year's administration expenses recorded under this vote, the net expenditure of £232,598 can be compared only with the net amount of £297,277, incurred in 1945–46 under vote, "National Service." This latter vote was operated by the National Service Department, the forerunner of the National Employment Service. It will be noted that a reduction of £64,679 was effected.

61. **Subdivision II: Employment (£337,211 Net).**—The main items of expenditure under this subdivision were—

(a) Accommodation for Workers (Camps and Hostels, including Public Service Hostels)

						£
Capital expenditure	..	..	..	..	..	226,603
					£	
Operational expenditure	..	..	..	..	76,076	
Less board receipts	..	..	..	..	74,815	
Cash working deficit	..	..	..	..	..	1,261
Net capital and operational expenditure	..	..	..	..	£227,864	

Recoveries by War Expenses Account from the Consolidated Fund for the capital value of hostels and camps now in use for peacetime purposes are responsible for the greater portion of the capital expenditure under this item.

(b) Home Aid Service—

						£
Capital costs of hostels, including equipment	..	..	..	..	..	5,843
					£	
Hostel operating costs	..	..	..	..	..	251
Less board receipts	..	..	..	..	..	101
Cash working deficit	..	..	..	..	..	150
Uniforms for Home Aids	..	..	..	..	..	1,052
Operating expenses for Home Aid Service (excluding hostel expenses)	..	..	..	..	..	11,752
Less payments by Householders	..	..	..	..	..	7,778
Net operational charges (excluding hostels)	..	..	..	..	..	3,974
Net capital and operational expenditure	..	..	..	..	..	£11,019

The excess of £3,974 of operational expenses (excluding hostel costs) over payments by householders for services rendered is accounted for in the main by the reduction of charges in necessitous cases.

(c) *Promotion of Employment.*—Details of employment promotion expenditure are shown in the first table at the end of this section. It will be noted that the net expenditure in 1946–47 was £98,328, as compared with £106,630 in the previous year, a reduction of £8,302.