

## SECTION 12—FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE

(a) *Vote, "Labour and Employment" (£1,281,299 Net)*

(1) Expenditure by the Department of Labour and Employment 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, "Labour and Employment." This vote is divided into five subdivisions set out below. The figures 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.

(2) *Subdivision I: Administration (£385,066 Net).*—An increase in expenditure of £25,249 recorded under this vote for administration expenses is attributable to the present shortage of cadets and consequent necessity of employing adults at a higher remuneration and a general salary increase of £25 per annum from 1st October, 1947. Expenditure concerned with fitting up accommodation consequent upon the amalgamation, although completed in some instances prior to 31st March, 1948, did not come to charge until last financial year. Additional inspection work undertaken by departmental inspectors, and more numerous and frequent meetings of New Zealand and local Apprenticeship Committees, resulted in increased expenditure compared with those items in the previous year.

(3) *Subdivision II: Employment (£337,831 Net).*—The main items of expenditure under this subdivision were—

(i) Accommodation for workers (camps and hostels, including Public Service but excluding immigration hostels)—

|                                                 | £       | £               |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Capital expenditure .. .. .                     | 228,901 |                 |
| Less capital receipts .. .. .                   | 1,386   |                 |
| Net capital expenditure .. .. .                 |         | 227,515         |
| Operational expenditure .. .. .                 | 126,521 |                 |
| Less board receipts .. .. .                     | 120,399 |                 |
| Cash working surplus .. .. .                    |         | 6,122           |
| Net capital and operational expenditure .. .. . |         | <u>£233,637</u> |

(ii) *Home Aid Service—*

|                                                                             | £      | £             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Capital cost of hostels, including equipment .. .. .                        |        | 378           |
| Hostel-operating costs .. .. .                                              | 2,051  |               |
| Less board receipts .. .. .                                                 | 1,011  |               |
| Cash working deficit .. .. .                                                |        | 1,040         |
| Operating-expenses for Home Aid Service (excluding hostel expenses) .. .. . | 13,892 |               |
| Less payments by householders .. .. .                                       | 9,061  |               |
| Net operation charges (excluding hostels) .. .. .                           |        | 4,831         |
| Net capital and operational expenditure .. .. .                             |        | <u>£6,249</u> |

The excess of £4,831 of operational expenses (excluding hostel costs) over payments by householders for services rendered is accounted for mainly by reductions in charges for necessitous cases.