

RETURN—*continued.*

(f.) The total amount spent on the old Parliament Buildings since the fire, exclusive of ordinary maintenance charges since the fire	£10,841
(g.) The amount spent on the old Parliament Buildings after deducting the amounts referred to under headings (a), (b), (e), and (f)	..
(h.) The probable annual rental that would have to be paid in Wellington for the accommodation at present used in the old Parliament Buildings as Committee-rooms and departmental offices	£2,000
3. (a.) The total cost of alterations and additions to the present Parliament Buildings; the cost of the new Legislative Council Chamber and the tube to be shown separately—	
Legislative Council Chamber	£3,423
The tube	£560
Main building and furniture	£10,447
(b.) The cost of furnishings and fittings in the present Parliament Buildings (included in 3 (a))	£4,981
(c.) The total amount spent on present Parliament Buildings exclusive of furniture, fittings, and the ordinary maintenance charges (including painting and repairing) (not including the tube)	£8,889
(d.) The estimated annual rental that would have to be paid for suitable temporary accommodation for Parliament, and the total amount that would have had to be paid since the fire in December, 1907—	
Suitable accommodation was unobtainable, but if obtainable, the annual rental would probably have been from	£5,000 to £7,000
The total amount that would have been paid since the fire (probably)	£35,000
4. (a.) The estimated cost of acquiring Quinton's corner, widening Bowen and Charlotte Streets, and the construction of new Museum Street, including the raising of a portion of Sydney Street, and also the footpath from Sydney Street to Hill Street	£15,500
5. (a.) The estimated cost of the first portion of the new Parliament Buildings to be erected, sent in by the Government Architect along with the prize competitive design for the Parliament Buildings, including foundations and alterations to the grounds. (The Government Architect's estimate included normal foundations only (to a depth of 3 ft.) and did not include alterations to grounds)	£109,807
(b.) The total quantity of concrete and excavation in the foundation for the first portion of the building to be erected, also the estimated quantity—	
(i.) Of concrete	5,707 cub. yd.
(ii.) Of excavation when finished	14,392 cub. yd.
(iii.) The cost of reinforcing-steel used in this portion of the foundation	£97
(c.) The estimated cost of alterations to the grounds, including roading within the grounds	£16,500
(d.) Any estimate submitted by the Government Architect subsequent to the estimate sent in with his competitive design and showing the total cost of the section of the Parliament Buildings proposed to be erected at present, including cost of foundations and alterations to grounds, and the cost of widening and forming streets. (The Government Architect's estimate does not include the foundation, nor alteration to grounds or streets)	£110,500 to £130,500, according to the stone used.
(e.) The value of land required by the Government in Sydney Street and old Museum Street	£8,500
6. (a.) The total expenditure on new Government House	£57,846
(b.) The cost and valuation of land acquired by the Government for the Government House site (including cost of road through College ground constructed in lieu of paying compensation for land taken)—	
Cost	£10,393
Valuation	£9,250
(c.) The cost of furnishing Government House and other buildings connected therewith	£6,222
(d.) The cost of other buildings connected with Government House	£2,444
(e.) The cost of Government House, exclusive of the items (a), (b), and (c) under heading 6	..

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