

The classification increments provided on the 1st April, 1915, represent £53,229, as against £42,975 for the preceding year. This is accounted for by—

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Increases following Appeal Board decisions	1,027
„ under Regulation 207	3,265
„ under Regulation 108	630
„ owing to regrading	250
„ owing to special increment to junior letter- carriers and messengers	810
„ to additional staff	4,272
	£10,254

In the same period the average salary rose from £135 to £138.

It is estimated, as at the 1st April, 1915, that classified salaries will be under-spent by approximately £85,000 for all Departments, including the Post and Telegraph, owing to the absence of officers at the war; but it will be necessary to set against this an expenditure estimated at £29,000 for permanent and temporary assistance other than that supplied to the Defence Department for its special work. The difference between these two amounts is principally explainable by the fact that the Post and Telegraph Department has been able to fill the places of absent officers by engaging juniors and arranging temporary promotion for others. It may not be possible to continue this.

All of which is humbly submitted for Your Excellency's consideration.

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