

Post and Telegraph Department.

90. The classified staff on the following dates was,

				Number.	Amount. £
1st April, 1913	..	..	..	5,372	708,165
„ 1914	..	..	..	5,633	761,365
„ 1915	..	..	..	5,958	824,242
„ 1916	..	..	..	6,441	885,927
„ 1917	..	..	..	6,956	970,641
„ 1918	..	..	..	6,965	1,008,186

91. The average salary for the year ending 31st March, 1919, for adult male officers is £149·75, for female officers £108·6; and for the whole staff, including 808 message boys and girls at £40 per annum each, and excluding the Administrative Division, is £144·75.

92. The classification increments provided on the 1st April, 1918, represent £58,742, as against £57,547 for the preceding year.

93. It is estimated, as at 1st April, 1918, that classified salaries will be under-spent by approximately £385,000 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 £235,000 for permanent and temporary assistance other than that supplied to the Defence Department for its special work.

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

D. ROBERTSON, Commissioner.

A. D. THOMSON, Assistant Commissioner.

Office of the Public Service Commissioner,
Wellington, 31st July, 1918.

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