

TABLE 18.—AVERAGE COST OF MAINTAINING INMATES IN INSTITUTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CHILD WELFARE ACT, FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1928.

	£	s.	d.
Gross cost of maintaining inmates	129,829	0	10
Add excess of liabilities at 31st March, 1928, over those of 31st March, 1927 ..	1,676	8	11
	131,505	9	9
Less—			
Direct expenditure on service inmates	3,479	5	7
Issues from institutions and stores	3,142	0	8
Salaries of Child Welfare Officers, Infant-life Protection Agents, and proportion of Managers and office staffs of institutions ..	11,898	3	5
Travelling-expenses of Child Welfare Officers, Infant-life Protection Agents, &c. (estimated at two-thirds of expenditure, £6,944 9s. 2d.)	4,629	12	9
Refund of inmates' earnings	48	8	8
Rent, office requisites, &c. (two-thirds of expenditure, £1,929 7s. 2d.)	1,286	4	9
Law costs	69	1	2
	24,552	17	0
Gross cost of inmates a charge on the State	£106,952	12	9

Number of inmates maintained (including inmates in residence at Government schools, boarded out, hospitals, convalescent homes, &c.) 2,516

Average cost per week per inmate—

	£	s.	d.
Gross	0	16	4
Recoveries	0	4	0
Net	£0	12	4

The net cost to the State of maintaining children under the Child Welfare system is therefore 12s. 4d. per head per week.

TABLE 19.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PRIVATE (ROMAN CATHOLIC) SCHOOLS, 1927–28.

For the maintenance of State wards who are inmates of the four private institutions recognized under the Child Welfare Act, 1925, the Department pays capitation at the rate of 10s. a week each. The following table indicates the expenditure under this heading:—

	£	s.	d.
St. Mary's, Auckland	325	14	2
St. Joseph's, Upper Hutt	580	18	6
St. Mary's, Nelson	221	7	1
St. Vincent de Paul's, Dunedin	153	3	8
	£1,281	3	5

TABLE 19A.—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON THE MAINTENANCE OF INMATES SENT TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS, 1927–28.

	£	s.	d.
Salvation Army Home, Auckland	14	15	6
Mount Magdala Home, Christchurch	12	7	0
Salvation Army Home, Christchurch	6	6	0
Essex Home, Christchurch	11	17	10
Redroofs Maternity Home, Dunedin	10	10	0
St. Joseph's, Invercargill	0	4	8
	£56	1	0

TABLE 19B.—GROSS RECOVERIES FROM PARENTS AND OTHERS.

	1926–27.			1927–28.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Child Welfare	21,976	3	4	19,872	19	2
Special Schools	2,404	2	5	2,600	8	4
Charitable Aid Board (Special Schools) ..	1,650	18	5	1,856	10	8
	£26,031	4	2	£24,329	18	2