

EXPENDITURE—continued.

Head of Expenditure.	1929-30.	1930-31.
15. Public Works Department—	£	£
(a) General and maintenance	10,551	9,013
(b) New works	6,454	6,713
16. Engineering and Transport Department	10,065	6,688
Military Police	4,598	..
Miscellaneous	13,907*	..
	150,728	140,288

* This vote has now been absorbed in the remaining votes (with the exception of the other items in Vote 16). the major portion of the expenditure having been incorporated in Votes Nos. 3 and 5. The absorption of the "Miscellaneous" votes by other votes has largely destroyed the possibility of making any useful comparison between the two sets of figures supplied above, save in regard to the totals. It will be seen that there is a considerable reduction in the total expenditure of the year 1930-31 compared with that of the previous year. In the first place, no expenditure appears during the year 1930-31 under the heading of "Military Police"; secondly, the closing-down of certain activities previously carried on by the Engineering and Transport Department, together with the withdrawal of the S.s. "Lady Roberts" from the passenger and mail service to Pago Pago, are matters which largely account for the reduced expenditure. There have been small savings in a number of Departments, and in one or two instances expenditure on services and supplies has been postponed owing to shipments expected to arrive within the financial year having been delayed.

DIRECT NATIVE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The direct revenue derived from Natives is shown in the table hereunder, but the remarks given in the report of last year apply. The amount estimated as paid by Natives as indirect taxation by way of copra export duty (at the rate of £1 10s. per ton) is £15,848. This represents approximately £1 10s. per head of the male adult population, and is less than is paid in personal or head tax in adjacent territories.

(a) Direct Revenue from Natives, 1930-31.

Native taxes (arrears of personal tax, fines, gun and dog taxes, water rates, travel passes, marriage fees, &c.)	£
Court fees and fines (say)	1,837
Licenses and fees (motor-boats, &c.), (say)	350
Postal revenue (say)	703
	500
	£3,390

In addition to the above, the Natives, with other sections of the community, contribute indirectly to the revenue through the purchase of goods on which import duty is charged.

(b) Direct Expenditure on Natives, 1930-31.

(1) Payments directly to Natives:—

Salaries and wages—

Native Affairs Department: Samoan staff and officials—

Upolu	£	£
Savai'i	3,052	
	808	
		3,860

Other Departments: Samoan staff (Police, Education, Harbour, Medical, Justice, &c.) 11,786

Casual labour employed by—

Public Works (say)	4,500
Other Departments (say)	300

20,446

(2) Payments directly on behalf of Natives:—

Native Affairs Department—

Salaries, European staff, Upolu and Savai'i	4,241
Cost printing Native Gazette	106
Fono expenses (Native Parliament)	147
Land and titles (Commission expenses)	209
Travelling-expenses	414
Entertainment of Samoans	145
Uniforms, flags, badges, &c.	7
Printing and stationery, &c.	128

Police and Prisons Department—

Salaries, European staff (part)	1,800
Rations, clothing, and utensils	1,900
Travelling-expenses (part)	200