

An analysis of the actual expenditure by the Board on maintenance in each Island, as compared with the number of motor-vehicles in each Island at the 31st March, shows the following comparisons for the last ten years :—

—	1923-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
North Island—										
Maintenance expenditure	66·13	62·30	59·23	62·31	62·84	63·80	65·44	64·80	66·82	66·46
Motor-vehicles ..	63·08	63·63	63·84	63·77	63·78	63·94	64·31	64·84	65·30	65·70
South Island—										
Maintenance expenditure	33·87	37·70	40·77	37·69	37·16	36·20	34·56	35·20	33·18	33·54
Motor-vehicles ..	36·92	36·37	36·16	36·23	36·22	36·06	35·69	35·16	34·70	34·30

NOTE.—Prior to 1936-37 these percentages relate rather to expenditure from the Revenue Fund, but as from 1st April, 1936, true maintenance figures have been recorded.

The following table shows an analysis of expenditure for the year 1937-38 by the Board and by local authorities on **renewals** in respect of main and State highways :—

—	Board's Contribution.	Local Authorities' Contribution.	Total.	Percentage of Board's Contribution to Total.	Percentage of Local Authorities' Contribution to Total.
	£	£	£		
North Island	95,385	10,642	106,027	89·96	10·04
South Island	42,889	2,786	45,675	93·90	6·10
Totals	138,274	13,428	151,702	91·14	8·86

An analysis of the Board's expenditure and the expenditure by local authorities for the year 1937-38 on **improvements and construction** shows the following position in respect of main and state highways :—

—	Board's Contribution.	Local Authorities' Contribution.	Total.	Percentage of Board's Contribution to Total.	Percentage of Local Authorities' Contribution to Total.
	£	£	£		
North Island	1,270,546	70,837	1,341,383	94·72	5·28
South Island	909,781	23,960	933,741	97·43	2·57
Totals	2,180,327	94,797	2,275,124	95·83	4·17

The following tabulation shows the amounts which have been provided by the Board and the local authorities on maintenance, renewals, and construction during the last ten years in respect of the complete highways system :—

—	1923-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Maintenance by Board ..	756,399	1,049,249	872,577	849,734	600,324	674,026	932,675	1,190,179	900,731*	1,074,112*
Maintenance by local authorities	284,526	375,849	317,839	215,568	168,466	187,735	226,554	284,423	196,023*	153,443*
Construction by Board ..	936,148	1,007,957	667,902	361,969	159,223	198,295	325,483	428,084	1,501,261†	2,318,600†
Construction by local authorities	214,155	203,148	150,984	94,973	43,181	55,997	57,975	78,263	103,260†	108,225†
Totals	2,191,228	2,636,203	2,009,302	1,522,244	971,294	1,116,053	1,542,687	1,980,949	2,701,275	3,654,380
Percentages.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Maintenance by Board ..	72·7	73·6	73·3	79·8	78·1	78·2	80·5	80·7	82·1	87·5
Maintenance by local authorities	27·3	26·4	26·7	20·2	21·9	21·8	19·5	19·3	17·9	12·5
Construction by Board ..	81·4	83·3	81·6	79·2	77·6	77·0	84·9	84·5	93·6†	95·5†
Construction by local authorities	18·6	16·7	18·4	20·8	22·4	23·0	15·1	15·5	6·4†	4·5†

* These figures represent true maintenance expenditure, whereas in preceding years expenditure under the Revenue Account was shown.

† These figures and percentages relate to renewals and construction; previously renewals have been absorbed in both maintenance and construction.