

The following is a summary of expenditure from the Main Highways Account for the year ended 31st March, 1939 :—

					£	Expenditure. £
Maintenance—						
North Island	..	..	..	..	908,251	
South Island	..	..	..	..	403,089	
Renewals—						1,311,340
North Island	..	..	..	..	146,349	
South Island	..	..	..	..	33,689	
Construction and Improvements—						180,038
North Island	..	..	..	..	1,750,155	
South Island	..	..	..	..	1,128,153	
Administration and general charges	..	..	..	..		2,878,308
Loan charges (including commutation of toll-gate charges and of Hutt Road fees)	..	..	..	..		167,564
Subsidy on rates	..	..	..	..		439,541
						209,012
						<u>£5,185,803</u>

An analysis of the expenditure for 1938-39 by the Board and by local authorities on **maintenance** of main and State highways as distinct from renewals, construction, interest on loans, and other overhead charges is shown in the tabulation below :—

	Board's Contribution.	Local Authorities' Contribution.	Total.	Percentage Board's Contribution to Total.	Percentage Local Authorities' Contribution to Total.
	£	£	£		
North Island	908,251	99,701	1,007,952	90·11	9·89
South Island	403,089	53,029	456,118	88·37	11·63
Total	1,311,340	152,730	1,464,070	89·57	10·43

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 in percentages :—

	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
North Island—										
Maintenance expenditure	62·30	59·23	62·31	62·84	63·80	65·44	64·80	66·82	66·46	69·26
Motor-vehicles ..	63·63	63·84	63·77	63·78	63·94	64·31	64·84	65·30	65·70	65·89
South Island—										
Maintenance expenditure	37·70	40·77	37·69	37·16	36·20	34·56	35·20	33·18	33·54	30·74
Motor-vehicles ..	36·37	36·16	36·23	36·22	36·06	35·69	35·16	34·70	34·30	34·11

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 1938-39 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 Con- tribution to Total.	Percentage of Local Authorities' Contribution to Total.
	£	£	£		
North Island	146,349	16,414	162,763	89·92	10·08
South Island	33,689	2,248	35,937	93·74	6·26
Totals	180,038	18,662	198,700	90·61	9·39