

STATEMENTS of Actual and Estimated Expenditure on the building and completing the Australian Defence Ships, and of the Estimated Annual Cost for Maintenance.

Building and Completing.

Name of Vessel.	Actual Expenditure to 31st March, 1890.	Further Expenditure to complete.	Total Expenditure, actual and estimated.
	£	£	£
"Katoomba"	101,602	238,115	850,000
"Mildura"	101,997		
"Wallaroo"	97,903		
"Tauranga"	113,514		
"Ringarooma"	114,259		
"Boomerang"	41,315		
"Karrakatta"	41,295		

NOTE.—The annual payment to be made by the colonies is 5 per cent. on the total cost, but not to exceed £35,000.

Estimated Annual Cost of Maintenance of Australian Defence Ships.

	In Commission.			In Reserve.		
	Three Cruisers.	One Torpedo Gunboat.	Total.	Two Cruisers.	One Torpedo Gunboat.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages, &c.	35,247	4,878	40,125	5,622	1,540	7,162
Victualling	11,496	1,551	13,047	1,466	401	1,867
Liability in respect of retired pay, &c., of officers	4,827	735	5,562	1,056	325	1,381
Liability in respect of pensions to men ...	9,894	1,540	11,434	1,582	468	2,050
Maintenance of vessels—						
Hull	6,750	1,000	7,750	1,500	333	1,833
Machinery	7,200	1,280	8,480	1,600	426	2,026
Masts, yards, rigging, and stores ...	3,000	1,000	4,000	666	334	1,000
Guns and warlike stores, including torpedoes	342	24	366
Gun-mountings	1,254	61	1,375	278	20	298
Torpedo-carriages and gear	768	80	848	170	27	197
Consumable stores	4,611	618	5,229	255	105	360
Permanent stores	1,165	216	1,381	28	9	37
Coals	11,700	1,650	13,350	210	38	248
Medicines	420	55	475
Relief of crews	5,070	680	5,750
	103,744	15,368	119,112	14,433	4,026	18,459
						119,112
Total estimated annual cost for maintenance under all heads						137,571

NOTE.—The liabilities of the colonies under these heads is limited to £91,000 per annum.

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