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NEW ZEALAND.

LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES

(RETURN OF).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 12th July, 1898.

Ordered, " That there be laid before this House a Return showing what is the average cost per day of the sitting of Parliament in respect of messengers, lighting, and all other services and items of cost the amount of which depends on the duration of the session, and including any fixed expenses, such as the honorarium of members, statutory, annual, or sessional payment of officers of either House."—(Mr. MASSEY.)

RETURN showing Average Cost per Day of the Sitting of Parliament in respect of the Items of Cost the Amount of which depends upon the Duration of the Session, and including Fixed Expenses.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Legislative Council :—						
Messengers	2	4	0			
Other services, depending on length of session...	1	14	0			
Fixed expenses, including statutory, annual, or sessional payments of officers, and payment of members	25	1	8			
				28	19	8
House of Representatives :—						
Extra clerks	8	10	0			
Extra messengers ...	11	14	8			
Charwomen	2	18	8			
	23	3	4			
General :—						
Fuel	1	10	0			
Gas	0	16	8			
Electric light	6	13	0			
Police (wages and victualling)	1	4	0			
Washing ...	0	8	8			
Other services, dependent on the length of the session ...	2	8	0			
Fixed expenses, including statutory, annual, or sessional payment of officers, *Hansard* staff, Library officials, and payment of members; also travelling-expenses of members	70	0	0			
				106	3	8
				£135	3	4

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