

DETAILS OF ESTIMATES FOR THE

NATIVE DEPARTMENT—*continued*

Number of Persons.		1945-46.	1944-45.	
1945-46	1944-45		Voted.	Expended.
VOTE—NATIVE— <i>continued</i>				
<i>Miscellaneous Services—continued</i>		£	£	£
CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO— <i>continued</i>				
Clearing Native lands of noxious weeds, under Section 16 of Noxious Weeds Act, 1928		(a) 8,000	8,000	8,000
Compassionate grants to widows or dependants of deceased officers		100	300	294
Confiscated and other Native lands		5	5	..
Consolidation of Native lands—				
Administration expenses (including expenses of Native meetings)		500	600	127
Valuation fees		5	5	..
Contribution towards cost of memorials to representative Maoris		5	5	..
Contribution towards cost of <i>New Zealand Gazette</i>		(b) 200	200	200
Destruction of rabbits on Native lands: Wages and other expenses		(a) 2,750	2,000	2,212
Fees to Supervisors, Native Interpreters' examination		5	5	..
Maori meeting-houses and halls, reconstruction and extension of		(c) 1,000
Maori Purposes Fund Board: Grant for administration expenses, equipment, &c.		375	375	375
Motor-vehicles—				
Maintenance and repairs of		(d) 5,000	3,300	5,476
Purchase of		3,000	2,500	3,781
Native housing and land-settlement: Special fees or expenses		(e) 200	200	22
Office expenses		1,930	1,680	1,918
Office and field equipment, buildings, land, &c., purchase of		(f) 1,000	300	184
Overtime and meal allowances		1,800	1,800	1,556
Payment of monetary equivalent of leave due to deceased officers		100	240	235
Payments to Post and Telegraph Department		6,800	6,423	6,819
Payment to Special Native Housing Fund, equivalent to one-third Native Trust Office profits paid to Consolidated Fund		3,121	2,962	2,962
Printing and stationery (including printing <i>Panui</i> s)		(g) 2,200	1,800	2,234
Public Service Superannuation Fund: Native Trustee's contribution towards		65	65	63
Rehabilitation of Maori ex-servicemen: Expenses of conferences, &c.		25	50	8
Refund of fees paid in stamps to Maori Land Boards and to Native Land Courts		20	20	30
Rent		1,700	2,000	1,654
Roads on Native land, legalization costs of		(h) 50
Services of Lands and Survey Department for supervision of the South Island development schemes		500	850	(i) 250
Transfer to Land for Settlements Account		(j) 200,000	230,000	177,000
Transfer and removal expenses		(k) 500	200	181
Travelling allowances and expenses		(l) 13,000	11,500	(m) 11,916

(a) This expenditure is under the control of the Department of Agriculture, by which Department the estimate is submitted.

(b) This amount is paid to the Internal Affairs Department to cover the departmental announcements.

(c) This item is to provide grants directed towards the preservation of Maori arts and the encouragement of memorials to deceased Maori soldiers.

(d) With few replacements of worn-out motor-vehicles maintenance-costs are heavy. The item covers running-costs also.

(e) To meet expenses in connection with reports and/or investigations by special advisers.

(f) Increased provision to provide equipment arising principally out of the establishment of a departmental building organization.

(g) Includes provision for expenditure previously charged to item "Contribution towards cost of *New Zealand Gazette* and printing Court and Board *Panui*s."

(h) The Department has been hampered in its administration through the lack of an item to enable completion of roads in certain circumstances.

(i) Some claims not received by 31st March.

(j) To meet labour subsidies on marginal land being developed both for ordinary Maori settlement and settlement of discharged Maori ex-servicemen. Last year's estimate underspent through shortage of man-power and materials, but extra provision is made to meet possible expansion through the return of men from overseas.

(k) More changes are anticipated through the return of officers from overseas.

(l) Increased provision to cope with additional travelling arising out of the establishment of a building organization and a Maori welfare organization.

(m) Number of officers, 150. Travelling-allowances, £7,121; travelling-expenses, £1,413; mileage-allowances, £3,227; car hire, £155.