

59. Goods-service Licenses.—The following schedule shows, in districts, the total number of applications considered by District Licensing Authorities, and the manner in which these applications were disposed of during the year ended 31st March, 1946 :—

District.	Class of Applications dealt with.					Disposal of Applications.					
	New Licenses.	Renewals.	Amendments.	Transfers.	Total.	Granted.	Refused.	Withdrawn.	Reserved.	Adjourned.	Total.
No. 1	199	1,416	144	186	1,945	1,868	50	18	6	3	1,945
No. 2	209	1,225	564	178	2,176	1,868	37	24	71	176	2,176
No. 3	67	519	78	63	727	662	13	10	18	24	727
No. 4	71	508	137	74	790	705	26	36	6	17	790
Totals	546	3,668	923	501	5,638	5,103	126	88	101	220	5,638

60. Appeals.—Two modifications were made in the appeal procedure during the year under review : (1) On representations by the New Zealand Road Transport Alliance, it was agreed by the Appeal Authority to hold oral hearings of appeals in which Government Departments were directly concerned. All parties to the appeal are invited to be present or to be represented at such hearings. (2) The Appeal Authority has directed that, where two or more parties are involved in an appeal, the submissions of each party are to be made available to the other for comment prior to his consideration of the appeal.

During the year ended 31st March, 1946, 149 appeals against the decisions of Licensing Authorities were lodged. Of these, 72 related to goods-services and 77 to passenger services. The following table sets out the detailed position for the year ended 31st March, 1946 :—

District.	On Hand, 31st March, 1945.	Lodged during Year.	Appeals withdrawn.	Licensing Authorities' Decisions upheld.	Decisions modified.	Decisions reversed.	Referred back.	Under Action, 31st March, 1946.
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Goods-services

No. 1 ..	7	37	7	10	1	3	9	7
No. 2 ..	1	7	1	3	3
No. 3	12	1	3	1	5	1	1
No. 4 ..	3	16	..	3	3	10
Totals ..	11	72	9	16	2	8	16	21

Passenger-services

No. 1 ..	2	20	7	1	1	3	..	8
No. 2 ..	..	6	1	1	..	..	2	2
No. 3 ..	1	8	1	2	..	5	..	..
No. 4 ..	..	6	..	6	..	..	..	..
Metropolitan ..	3	37	18	10	..	3	4	2
Totals ..	6	77	27	20	1	11	6	12