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# ACCIDENT INSURANCE BRANCH OF THE STATE FIRE INSURANCE OFFICE

(ANNUAL REPORT ON THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1946

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 22 of the Government  
Accident Insurance Act, 1908*

State Fire Insurance Office, Wellington, 29th March, 1947.

I HAVE the honour to submit the forty-sixth annual report of the Government Accident Insurance Office for the year ended 31st December, 1946, together with the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet.

The following comparison with the previous two years shows the position briefly :—

Income—							
		1944.		1945.		1946.	
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Premiums from all classes of accident insurance .. .. .		298,250		335,690		341,304	
Interest .. .. .		25,427		26,502		26,636	
Profit on realization of securities .. .. .		432		1,825		..	
Transferred from reserve for unearned premiums .. .. .		25,000		..		..	
		<u>349,109</u>		<u>364,017</u>		<u>367,940</u>	
Outgo—							
Bonus and sums accrued under profit-sharing schemes .. .. .		467		14,791		18,672	
Claims .. .. .		202,552		238,459		212,914	
Working-expenses (exclusive of income-tax)		51,808		61,346		70,918	
(Carried to reserve for unearned premiums)		..		..		..	
Income-tax .. .. .		69,174		16,758		28,763	
National and social security tax.. .. .		14,977		2,920		4,823	
		<u>338,978</u>		<u>334,274</u>		<u>336,090</u>	
Surplus, apportioned as follows :—							
Bonus Reserve .. .. .		10,000		10,000		10,000	
Reserve Fund .. .. .		131		19,743		21,850	
		<u>10,131</u>		<u>29,743</u>		<u>31,850</u>	
Total .. .. .		<u>349,109</u>		<u>364,017</u>		<u>367,940</u>	
Reserves and funds as at 31st December .. .. .		<u>675,452</u>		<u>705,195</u>		<u>737,045</u>	
Ratio of claims (all classes of business) to premium income .. .. .				Per Cent.		Per Cent.	
				67·91		71·04	
Ratio of working-expenses (exclusive of income-tax) to premium income.. .. .				17·37		18·27	
Ratio of underwriting surplus to premium income .. .. .				0·72		5·77	
						5·12	

The increase in the premium income, although not as great as in 1945, is £5,614 over that of the previous year, and indicates that the Office continues to make steady progress. The claims ratio (all classes of accident business) to premium income shows a decrease of 8·66 per cent. and working-expenses an increase of 2·51 per cent. The net result of the year's operations can be considered as quite satisfactory.

The staff have again given excellent service throughout the year, and I desire to express my appreciation of their keenness and efficiency.

R. H. NEWBOLD, General Manager.