

EXPENDITURE, 1949-50

The net expenditure for the year amounted to £877,987. The following was the expenditure incurred in the various branches of the Department:—

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Head Office	51,259
Research investigations.. .. .	313,071
Dominion Laboratory	119,121
Geological Survey	92,661
Observatories	40,892
Dominion Physical Laboratory	173,446
Grants to University and Agricultural Colleges	38,887
Grants to Research Associations	27,662
Grants, statutory and miscellaneous	4,786
Grants to allied institutions in the United Kingdom	7,530
Information Bureau, Scientific Liaison Services, and miscellaneous services	63,049
Auckland Industrial Development Laboratories	26,386
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	958,750
Less recoveries	80,763
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Net expenditure	<u>£877,987</u>

STAFF

The number of staff of the Department and its disposition at the 31st March, 1950, was as follows:—

Agronomy, Botany, Entomology, Grasslands, and Plant Diseases Divisions	173	Fats Research Laboratory	21
Auckland Industrial Development Laboratories	29	Geological Survey	75
Dominion Laboratory and district Branches	151	Head Office (including Information Bureau and district offices)	133
Dominion Physical Laboratory	198	Observatories	42
		Soil Bureau	74
		Miscellaneous	86

Total staff, including clerical officers, typists, technicians, and professional officers: 982 (945 permanent and 37 temporary). These comprise; professional 381; clerical, 163; technical, 438.

CONCLUSION

A particularly valuable and encouraging feature of the work is the very close and cordial relationships which exist between the Department and other Government Departments, the University of New Zealand and its constituent colleges, the Cawthron Institute, other research organizations, and industry generally.

The continued loyal and efficient service rendered by all members of the Department is sincerely appreciated.

F. R. CALLAGHAN, Secretary.