

application is referred back to the Department for further evidence. There are not a very great number found unsatisfactory, but a regular percentage need the production of further evidence which is incorporated in the explanation. Each case is then dealt with by an officer to whom the Secretary to the Treasury has delegated powers (with approval of the Hon. the Minister of Finance). There are a small number of applications which are rejected, but Departments usually have presented sufficient evidence to satisfy Treasury."

The following payments have been passed by the Audit Office pursuant to orders made under the delegated powers :—

Department and Particulars.	Reason.	Amount.	Total Amount.
<b>Agriculture</b>			
Compensation under the Stock Act, 1908	Acquittances lost .. ..	£ s. d. 10 5 0	£ s. d.
Goods and services .. ..	Acquittance lost .. ..	7 6 8	
Refund of college fees .. ..	Receipt unobtainable .. ..	2 5 0	
Salaries .. ..	Vouchers and acquittances lost ..	251 0 6	
Travelling-expenses .. ..	Receipts not obtained .. ..	6 6 7	
Travelling-expenses of officers travelling overseas	Receipts not obtained .. ..	61 15 4	338 19 1
<b>Air</b>			
Freight charges .. ..	Receipts unobtainable .. ..	2 5 0	
Imprest payments, Fiji .. ..	Vouchers lost .. ..	167 15 6	
Overtime .. ..	Vouchers and acquittances lost ..	75 14 9	
Pay and allowances .. ..	Vouchers lost .. ..	174 11 10	
Pay and allowances of officers overseas	Vouchers lost .. ..	1,118 4 5	
Salaries .. ..	Vouchers and acquittances lost ..	32 3 2	
Travelling-expenses .. ..	Receipts not obtained .. ..	106 7 9	
Travelling-expenses of officers travelling overseas	Receipts not obtained and vouchers lost	575 11 9	2,252 14 2
<b>Army</b>			
Compensation for loss of rifles ..	Acquittances lost .. ..	7 3 9	
Expenses of Polish children .. ..	Receipt unobtainable .. ..	0 15 8	
Medical fees .. ..	Acquittance lost .. ..	1 1 0	
Pay and allowances .. ..	Acquittances lost .. ..	7 11 4	
Repatriation expenses .. ..	Receipts unobtainable .. ..	2 4 6	
Salaries .. ..	Receipt unobtainable .. ..	0 15 2	19 11 5
<b>Customs</b>			
Overtime .. ..	Voucher lost .. ..	1 9 0	
Salaries .. ..	Voucher lost .. ..	7 10 4	
Travelling-expenses .. ..	Receipts not obtained .. ..	7 14 1	
Travelling-expenses of officers travelling overseas	Receipts not obtained .. ..	112 9 4	129 2 9
<b>Education</b>			
Goods and services .. ..	Acquittance lost .. ..	11 14 0	
School requisites .. ..	Acquittance lost .. ..	0 9 8	
Travelling-expenses .. ..	Receipts not obtained .. ..	89 2 0	
Travelling-expenses of officers travelling overseas	Receipts not obtained .. ..	59 18 10	161 4 6
<b>External Affairs</b>			
Air fares, Moscow Legation .. ..	Receipt unobtainable .. ..	30 12 5	
Miscellaneous payments, Washington Legation	Receipts unobtainable .. ..	6 17 2	
Travelling-expenses .. ..	Receipts not obtained .. ..	5 9 9	
Travelling-expenses of officers travelling overseas	Receipts not obtained .. ..	292 11 4	335 10 8