

(b) *Expenditure directly on the Natives, 1926-27.*1) *Payments directly to Natives:—*

Salaries and wages—	£
Native Affairs Department: Samoan staff and officials—Upolu, £5,038; Savai'i, £3,393	8,431
Other departments: Samoan staff—Police, Education, Harbour, Medical, &c.	11,760
Casual labour (approximate) employed by—Public Works Department, £6,500; Engineering Department, £1,500; various (say) £500 ..	8,500

(2) *Payments directly on behalf of Natives:—*

Native Affairs Department—	
Salaries, European staff, Native Affairs Department (Upolu, £2,089; Savai'i, £1,675)	3,764
Cost printing <i>Native Gazette</i>	333
Fono expenses (Native Parliament)	945
Land and Titles Commission expenses	2
Travelling-expenses, Native Department	792
Entertainment of Samoans	126
Dog-collars and dog-tax bonus	40
Clothing, rations, &c., for messengers	216
Stationery, &c.	790
Police and Prisons Department—	
Salaries, European staff (part)	2,000
Rations, clothing, utensils, &c.	953
Medical Department—	
Salaries, European staff (part)	7,000
Samoan Lepers Account (Fiji)	902
Rations for patients	832
Transport and travelling-expenses (say)	800
Dental subsidy	180
Drugs, &c. (say)	2,500
Education Department—	
Salaries, European staff (part)	3,500
Food-supplies, &c.	361
Expenses, vocational classes, &c.	745
Travelling and transport expenses	570
Expenses, Grade II schools	286
Avele Agricultural School expenses	168
Public Works Department—	
New buildings, &c., at Avele	590
School extension, Vaipouli	766
Native water-supplies	13,240
New <i>fales</i> at Mulinuu and hospital	216

£71,308

In addition, considerable payments are made to the Natives for supplies, such as coral for roads, thatches, &c., for *fales*: and charges such as maintenance of roads, bridges, and buildings, part salaries of other Departments not mentioned above, &c., may be considered as applicable to the Natives.

The expenditure of the Agricultural Department is to a great extent for the benefit of Samoans generally.

PUBLIC-WORKS PROGRAMME EX LOAN-MONEY.

Up to the 31st March, 1926, the sum of £120,000 had been borrowed from the New Zealand Government, on a thirty-years loan, at 5 per cent. interest and 1 per cent. sinking fund. This has all been expended on public works; and of the new loan of £48,000, as mentioned in last year's report, £31,000 has been drawn and expended as follows:—

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	£	s.	d.
2. Native water-supplies	13,240	8	2
3. New wharf at Customs	6,104	0	2
4. New roads, Upolu	6,638	13	0
5. New bridges, and buildings, Upolu	2,708	2	0
6. New roads and bridges, Savai'i	1,440	6	7
7. New wharf, "Tivoli"	503	13	11
8. New telephone system	53	17	6
	£30,689	1	4

The balance of £17,000 will probably be called up and expended during 1927-28.