

In 1924 and 1925 the revenues and expenditure were—

						Revenue. £	Expenditure. £
31/3/24	..	..	..	..	..	133,917	143,010
31/3/25	..	..	..	..	..	130,915	135,524

The surplus of £14,957 on 31/3/26 includes advances amounting to £6,523, and included in the assets are—

Unallocated Stores Department, Public Works Department, and Engineering	£
Department	37,131
Plant, buildings, and machinery	6,215
	<u>£43,346</u>

It is to be doubted, if these assets are again valued, the full value would amount to the sum of £43,000.

The committee does not overlook the investments of assets in the New Zealand Government and inscribed stock amounting to £56,790. And the committee is also aware of the public debt of the Territory due to New Zealand of over £100,000, for which provision is made in the permanent charges for the gradual liquidation of this debt and the payment of interest thereon.

Special attention is invited to expenditure in the Territory, which is about to be enumerated.

At Vailima (Government House), in addition to the salary of the Administrator,—

	Per Annum. £
Chauffeur	170
Domestic servants (Chinese)	350
Rations	100
Overhead charges	185
	<u>635</u>
Outdoor labour (Chinese)	550
Maintenance Government House grounds	250
Repairs to drive	100
	<u>900</u>
Upkeep of motor-cars and horses	350
Lighting	150
	<u>£2,205</u>

In addition to the above, prisoners are frequently employed at Vailima (see report of Mandate).

The upkeep of Vailima House and grounds may be compared with the labour required to maintain another Government institution—viz., the Casino—where from ten to fifteen Chinese are deemed sufficient for the maintenance and service of this hostel. The cost of these Chinese is estimated at about £800 per annum.

The actual expenditure for year ended 31st March, 1925, at Vailima was—

	£	£
Wages for Chinese staff	1,020	
Rations	140	
Chinese overhead charges	258	
	<u>1,418</u>	
Maintenance of grounds		764
Upkeep of motor-cars and grounds		258
		<u>£2,577</u>

The following comparison of the expenses of the Secretariat is made :—

	Samoa. £	Fiji. £	Tonga. £
Secretary	950	1,000*	750
			48†
			<u>798</u>
Assistant Secretary	505	700‡	405
Also A.D.C.	150		
	<u>£655</u>		

(* Colonial.)

(† House.)

(‡ Chief Clerk.)