

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1944.

NATIVE DEPARTMENT—*continued.*

Number of Persons.		VOTE—NATIVE— <i>continued.</i>	1943-44.	1942-43.	
1943-44	1942-43			Voted.	Expended.
		<i>Miscellaneous Services—continued.</i>			
		CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO— <i>continued.</i>	£	£	£
		Clearing Native lands of noxious weeds, under Section 16 of Noxious Weeds Act, 1928	(a) 8,000	8,000	8,000
		Compensation to Natives for Taranaki lands	5,000	5,000	5,000
		Confiscated and other Native lands	5	5	
		Consolidation of Native lands—			
		Administration expenses (including expenses of Native meetings)	600	600	638
		Valuation fees	5	3	
		Contribution towards cost of memorials to representative Maoris	5	5	
		Contribution towards cost of <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> and printing Court and Board <i>Panuis</i>	600	700	671
		Destruction of rabbits on Native lands: Wages and other expenses	(a) 2,000	2,000	1,699
		Fees to Supervisors, Native Interpreters' examination	5	5	
		Freight, cartage, and transport charges	200	200	200
		Fuel, light, power, water, and cleaning	850	900	864
		Law-costs	30	60	12
		Maori Purposes Fund Board—			
		Grant towards administration expenses	350	350	350
		Grant for material and equipment	25	25	25
		Motor-vehicles—			
		Maintenance and repairs of	3,300	3,300	3,259
		Purchase of	10	10	
		Native housing: Special fees or expenses	5	5	
		Office fittings, buildings, &c.—			
		Maintenance and repairs of	300	300	184
		Purchase of	100	200	177
		Overtime and meal allowances	1,200	1,200	909
		Payment to Special Native Housing Fund, equivalent to one-third Native Trust Office profits paid to Consolidated Fund	3,053	2,001	2,001
		Postages, telegrams, rent of boxes, telephones, and bank exchange and charges	6,500	6,500	5,420
		Post and Telegraph Department: Payment for services	850	850	(b) 433
		Printing and stationery	1,100	1,400	(c) 799
		Public Service Superannuation Fund: Native Trustee's contribution towards	67	70	66
		Rehabilitation Committee for Maori ex-servicemen: Expenses of conferences, &c.	50	200	59
		Refund of fees paid in stamps to Maori Land Boards and to Native Land Courts	5	5	2
		Rent	2,000	2,000	2,177
		Services of Lands and Survey Department for supervision of the South Island development schemes	850	850	526
		Transfer to Land for Settlements Account, vote "Native Land Settlement"	(d) 150,000	210,000	(d) 157,500
		Transfer and removal expenses	150	150	249
		Travelling allowances and expenses	11,000	11,500	(e) 11,177
		War-damage insurance on land-development and housing schemes, State's proportion of	(f) 2,500	1,500	1,034
		Water supplied by Ohinemuri County to Native settlements on the banks of the Ohinemuri River	50	50	50
		Contingencies, including unforeseen expenditure incidental to the other items of the vote	50	11	(g) 27

(a) This expenditure is under the control of the Agriculture Department, by which Department the estimate is submitted.

(b) Some claims not received by 31st March.

(c) Economies effected through the use of old papers.

(d) Owing to the shortage of materials and the flow of men into the armed forces, new development works are not now being undertaken.

(e) Number of officers, 183. Travelling-allowances, £5,498; travelling-expenses, £1,862; mileage allowances, £3,619; car hire, £198.

(f) The buildings are covered by schedule policies maturing on 31st March. The full premium did not thus fall in the first year of operation of the War Damage Act.

(g) E.P.S. fire patrol service contribution, £4 12s.; fidelity-guarantee-insurance premiums, £10 10s.; fire-insurance premium on Hawke's Bay flood-relief huts, £7 12s. 9d.; private Maori interpreter's fee, £1 1s.; replacement damaged clothing, £3; total, £26 15s. 9d.