

As regards expenditure under votes, totalling £23,664,000, there is an estimated increase of £2,232,000, made up of " Social services, £1,222,000 " and other votes, £1,010,000. Under " Social services " the principal increases are as follows:—

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Vote, " Health "	193,000
Vote, " Education "	162,000
Vote, " War and other Pensions "	461,000
Transfer to Social Security Fund	400,000
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	£1,216,000
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In connection with other votes where the increase totals £1,010,000, this is spread fairly evenly over the majority of the votes, but the following items are mentioned, representing the larger items:—

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Vote, " Internal Affairs "—		
Cost-of-living bonuses to superannuitants ..	80,000	
Payment to War Expenses Account of part value of Emergency Fire Service equipment ..	32,000	
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Vote, " Island Territories " : Airport at Raratonga ..		81,350
Vote, " Native " : Transfer to Land for Settlements Account (largely for rehabilitation of returned Maori -exservicemen) ..		85,000
Vote, " Rehabilitation " : New vote		129,805
Vote, " Maintenance of Public Works and Services " : Chiefly for purchase of plant and materials		236,000

Summarizing the position, receipts into Consolidated Fund are anticipated to produce £51,500,000 and expenditure to amount to £51,197,000, leaving £303,000 available for supplementary estimates and contingencies.

**Social Security
Fund, 1944-45**

Expenditure out of the Social Security Fund for the current year is estimated at £18,857,000, as compared with £17,634,000 for last year, while revenue into the Fund is expected to amount to £17,875,000. This means that the expenditure is anticipated to exceed the receipts by approximately £1,000,000, but this amount will be met from the cash balance available in the Fund at the beginning of this year. Transfer from the Consolidated Fund is being increased this year from £4,100,000 to £4,500,000. The following summary shows how these figures are made up:—

EXPENDITURE				£
Monetary benefits				13,337,000
Hospital, &c., benefits				4,853,000
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Administration expenses			543,000	
Emergency benefits			124,000	
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				£18,857,000
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REVENUE				£
Social security charge				12,800,000
Registration fee and miscellaneous				575,000
Transfer from Consolidated Fund				4,500,000
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				£17,875,000
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The Government propose to introduce an amendment to the Social Security Act to ensure that New-Zealanders who served in the South African War in units other than with a New Zealand Contingent will be able to obtain the special concession payable to age-beneficiaries in terms of the present legislation.