

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1945-46

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

	Salaries.	Other Charges.	Total.
	£	£	£
VOTE—SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH—			
<i>Subdivision II.—Research Investigations</i>	5,074	13,191	18,265
„ <i>III.—Dominion Laboratory</i> .. .. .	..	4,000	4,000
„ <i>IV.—Dominion Observatory</i> .. .. .	..	200	200
„ <i>V.—Geological Survey</i> .. .. .	..	105	105
„ <i>VII.—Dominion Physical Laboratory</i> .. .. .	..	Cr. 1,119	Cr. 1,119
„ <i>VIII.—Grants and Miscellaneous Services</i> .. .. .	..	6,361	6,361
„ <i>IX.—Auckland Industrial Development Laboratories</i>	3,800	10,466	14,266
GROSS TOTAL	8,874	32,880	41,754
CREDITS-IN-AID .. .. .	..	6,325	6,325
NET TOTAL	8,874	26,555	35,429

Number of Persons.		£	£	£
1945-46	1944-45	For Services chargeable on the Consolidated Fund— continued		
		ORDINARY REVENUE ACCOUNT—continued		
		VOTE—SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH		
		<i>Subdivision No. II.—Research Investigations</i>		
		<i>Salaries—</i>		
		NON-PERMANENT		
1	..	1 at £1,000 (Director of Building Research), (4 months) ..	333	
		OTHER SALARIES		
22	..	22 (£145 to £800), (additional)	4,741	
23	..		5,074	
		<i>Other Charges for and incidental to—</i>		
		Cost of repairs to Post and Telegraph Department's car ..	(a) 24	
		Expenses of officers overseas (additional)	(b) 815	
		Furniture and fittings, purchase of (additional)	(c) 150	
		Instruments, apparatus, equipment, and laboratory stores, purchase of (additional)	(d) 2,795	
		Maintenance and operating expenses of laboratories, experimental areas, factories, &c. (additional)	(e) 750	
		Motor-vehicles: Purchases, repairs, maintenance, license fees, and running-expenses (additional)	(f) 2,750	
		Office expenses (additional)	(g) 105	
		Overtime and meal allowances (additional)	(h) 75	
		Payments to Post and Telegraph Department (additional)	(i) 30	
		Permanent improvements, including buildings, roading, fencing, &c. (additional)	(j) 5,600	

(a) Repairs to Post and Telegraph Department's car damaged whilst hired by this Department.

(b) During the current year the Director of the Plant Chemistry Laboratory visited the United States of America to study the latest developments in the field of anti-biotics (£610), whilst two officers from the Plant Research Bureau and the Soil Survey Branch are visiting Australia to attend conferences on linen flax and soil problems (£175). Amount on main estimates, £1,770.

(c) A Fats Research Laboratory has been set up for the primary purpose of investigating the composition of New Zealand butter in view of the serious competition expected from margarine on the English market.

(d) £19,431 on main estimates. Additional amount for (i) equipment transferred to the Dairy Research Institute ex the Internal Marketing Division's dried-butterfat plant at Frankton, £700; an equal amount is being recovered from Internal Marketing Division for services rendered by the Institute in the production of dried butterfat; (ii) equipment for the newly established Fats Laboratory, £1,395; (iii) equipment for the refrigerated-gas fruit-store, £300; (iv) equipment for an anti-biotics section to be established within the Plant Chemistry Laboratory, £400.

(e) £15,208 on main estimates. Additional required for Fats Laboratory, £150, and repairs to refrigerated-gas fruit-store, £600.

(f) £2,470 on main estimates. Provision now made for purchase of a mobile drilling rig for use by the Coal Survey Division, which is intensifying its activities.

(g) £7,356 on main estimates. Provision now made for (i) purchase of an orchard in Central Otago for research into stone-fruit problems, £5,000; (ii) additional temporary accommodation for Plant Research Bureau (£300) and Soil Survey Branch (£300).