

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1949

AIR DEPARTMENT—*continued*

VOTE—AIR— <i>continued</i>	1948-49.	1947-48.	
		Voted.	Expended.
<i>Subdivision No. III—Stores and Equipment</i>	£	£	£
CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—			
Aircraft, purchase of	71,500	410,000	(a) 680,829
Aircraft spares	45,500	89,900	(a) 140,503
Armament stores	(b) 20,000	..	..
General stores and equipment	57,950	54,000	(c) 83,566
Medical and dental stores	3,550	2,466	2,466
Petrol, oil, and lubricants (part recoverable) ..	155,000	210,575	(d) 173,692
Motor vehicles, purchase of .. .. .	..	10,000	(e)
Transfer to Air Defence Fund	(f) 1,000,000	..	..
<i>Total—Subdivision No. III</i>	1,353,500	776,941	1,081,056
<i>Subdivision No. IV—Land, Buildings, and Aerodromes</i>			
CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO—			
Construction of buildings and houses, including cost of land (works expenditure)	(g) 172,000	80,000	(g) 24,400
Maintenance of aerodromes, buildings, and W/T installations (works expenditure), (part recoverable)	(g) 368,000	326,104	(g) 178,534
Conversion of buildings .. .. .	..	3,130	2,880
<i>Total—Subdivision No. IV</i>	540,000	409,234	205,814

(a) Overexpenditure due to uncertainty, when appropriation was taken last year, as to the amount which would come to charge for Mosquito aircraft purchased from the United Kingdom.

(b) Normal armament supplies, together with cost of supply of practice bombs costing £12,600. No provision was taken under this item last year, as sufficient wartime stocks were held.

(c) Substantial purchases overseas of technical equipment were not allowed for in 1947-48 appropriations.

(d) Petrol, oil, and lubricants used dropped substantially with the handover of the internal and Pacific services to the National Airways Corporation.

(e) Appropriation last year was in respect of an approved programme providing for the R.N.Z.A.F. to change over to vehicles of a British type. The programme has been deferred.

(f) This is the first annual amount appropriated to establish a fund for the purchase of modern aircraft when available for the R.N.Z.A.F.

(g) Full programme could not be carried out owing to shortage of materials, labour, &c. Provision has been made this year for amounts which did not come to charge and for additional approved works.