

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH, 1949

DEPARTMENT OF MAORI AFFAIRS—*continued*

VOTE—MAORI AFFAIRS— <i>continued</i>	1948-49.	1947-48.	
		Voted.	Expended.
	£	£	£
<i>Miscellaneous Services—continued</i>			
CHARGES FOR AND INCIDENTAL TO— <i>continued</i>			
Motor-vehicles—			
Maintenance and repairs of	(a) 10,000	7,500	15,820
Purchase of	(a) 19,300	20,000	4,320
Maori housing and land-settlement: special fees or expenses	200	200	398
Office expenses	3,000	2,350	2,891
Office and field equipment, buildings, land, &c., purchase of	3,500	5,400	3,092
Orata Stream Bridge, contribution towards cost of	(b) 300
Overtime and meal allowances	2,750	1,600	(c) 2,867
Payment for accumulated annual leave due to temporary workmen returned from military service	25	100	61
Payment of monetary equivalent of leave due to deceased officers	100	100	..
Payments to other Departments—			
Agriculture Department—			
Clearing Maori lands of noxious weeds under section 16 of Noxious Weeds Act, 1938	21,000	13,000	15,444
Destruction of rabbits on Maori lands: wages and other expenses	5,000	4,000	3,667
Internal Affairs Department: contribution towards cost of <i>New Zealand Gazette</i>	200	600	600
Lands and Survey Department: supervision of the South Island development schemes	500	1,000	1,000
Post and Telegraph Department	10,000	8,500	9,715
Payment to Special Maori Housing Fund, equivalent to one-third Maori Trust Office profits paid to Consolidated Fund	1,418	1,440	1,440
Printing and stationery (including printing <i>Panuis</i>)	4,500	3,500	4,911
Refund of fees paid in stamps to Maori Land Boards and to Maori Land Courts	20	20	39

- (a) In the 1947-48 estimates provision was made for replacement of a considerable number of over-age vehicles. This programme could not be fulfilled, and as a result maintenance costs rose sharply. It is hoped to replace many vehicles during this year.
- (b) This bridge is being constructed by the Public Works Department and the Department of Maori Affairs is contributing £300 towards the cost.
- (c) Overexpenditure was due to staff deficiencies throughout the Department, with the result that considerable overtime was necessary to cope with current work.