

Auckland in which shall be stored guns required for local defence vessels and for the defensive armament of merchant ships. Arrangements have been made for the supply of the guns and mountings.

The new Reserve of Officers for the New Zealand Division is in existence, the candidates for entry being of a very satisfactory type. The entry of ratings in the Reserves has been slow, but it is hoped that the newly inaugurated Class D will encourage suitable men to join and perform naval training to make them efficient for naval service in case of emergency.

(v.) *Provision of Mobile Defence and Mine-sweeping Organization.*—It is proposed during the current financial year to purchase a trawler for instructional purposes, this vessel being used for training officers and men in gunnery and mine-sweeping.

XIV. SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES, 1925–26.

39. The estimates for the Naval Defence vote for 1925–26 amount to approximately £110,000 in excess of the vote for 1924–25, the increase being principally due to the projected arrival of H.M.S. “Diomedé” on the station.

40. The following table and notes show the difference between the amounts voted in 1924–25 and the estimated expenditure for 1925–26 :—

Item.	Estimates, 1925–26.	Amount voted, 1924–25.	Remarks.
	£	£	
Full pay, wages, allowances, extra pay, &c. . .	194,800	133,500	Due to addition of H.M.S. “Diomedé.”
Administration, Admiralty, on account of payment of allotments, remittances paid in England, sale of British postal orders, British stamps, &c.	400	9,400	Bulk of this item now dealt with by Treasury in a deposit account.
Victualling, clothing, implements, and mess traps	45,060	28,475	Due to addition of H.M.S. “Diomedé.”
Medical services	2,425	1,650	Due to addition of H.M.S. “Diomedé.”
Repairs, alterations, docking, &c.	9,000	11,100	Repairs estimated to be less extensive than anticipated 1924–25.
Fuel and lighting (including freight of coal) ..	73,100	61,170	Due to addition of H.M.S. “Diomedé.”
Stores	54,500	41,000	Due to addition of H.M.S. “Diomedé.”
Works	19,950	26,910	Oil-tanks partially completed and only £10,000 included in current year's estimates.
Reserves	3,350	4,600	Several non-recurring items included in previous year's estimates.
Miscellaneous effective services	31,327	13,337	Passages of officers and men will be higher than last year. £8,500 placed on estimates for purchase of a trawler.
Non-effective services	30,640	26,370	Due to addition of H.M.S. “Diomedé.”
Contingencies, including unforeseen expenditure incidental to other items of vote (part recoverable)	1,000	2,000	Payment of naval prize-money practically completed during last financial year.
Gross totals	465,552	359,512	
Credits	21,337	25,677	Smaller credits anticipated on account of coal supplied to Admiralty.
Net totals	£444,215	£333,835	

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