

*Department of Agriculture.*

	Samoa. £	Fiji. £	Tonga. £
Director .. .. .	680	(Vacant)	460*
Produce Inspector .. .. .	420	300	..
Chief Clerk .. .. .	400	300	..
Inspectors .. .. .	710(2)	900(4)	384†
Native Staff .. .. .	418	..	..
Other charges .. .. .	622	495	822
Entomologist .. .. .	..	600	..
Chemist .. .. .	..	525	..
Veterinary Officer .. .. .	..	500	..
Mycelologist .. .. .	..	575	..
	<u>£3,250</u>	<u>£4,195</u>	<u>£1,666</u>

\* House allowance.

† Not known how many.

*Chinese Department.*

	Samoa. £	Fiji. £
Commissioner .. .. .	590	500†
Interpreter .. .. .	360*	..
Clerk .. .. .	300	220†
Police .. .. .	320	..
Other charges .. .. .	220	..
	<u>£1,790</u>	<u>£720</u>

£1,790 for coolies.

\* A Chinese.

† Indian section.

The number of coolies in Samoa is 890 (Chinese); in Fiji the coolies number 969 (Chinese); Indian coolies, 68,136: total, 69,105 (Indian and Chinese).

*Post Office and Telegraph and Telephone.*

	Samoa. £	Fiji. £
Postmaster.. .. .	515	700
Superintendent of Telegraphs .. .. .	..	600
Clerk .. .. .	410	400
Clerk .. .. .	400	300
Lineman .. .. .	400	250
Sub-Postmasters .. .. .	100	658 (Provincial).
Overtime .. .. .	50	286
Samoa Staff .. .. .	644	..
Other charges .. .. .	1,101	7,470 (includes radio and telephone).
Postmaster.. .. .	..	300 (Levuka).
Radio .. .. .	4,450	280 (Lautoka—free quarters).
		250 (Ba—free quarters).
	<u>£8,050</u>	<u>£11,494</u>

Tonga: The duties are performed by the Customs Department.

The Postmaster and clerks perform the duties in connection with telegraphs and telephone.

The committee consider that no further economy is required in Samoa in connection with these Departments. The officials have responsible duties to perform.

*Public Works Department.*

	£	s.	d.
The total salaries paid in this Department amount to .. .. .	4,622	0	0
Transport and travelling allowance .. .. .	340	0	0
	<u>4,962</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
The appropriations as per estimates, 1926-27, for public improvements are .. .. .	9,398	0	0
Printing, &c. .. .. .	40	0	0
	<u>£14,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

From this it appears that a maintenance and improvement account of £9,398 (estimated) requires an expenditure in salaries for the administration of the Public Works Department of £4,962, or approximately about half the estimated sum of maintenance and improvements. The Engineer in Charge of the Public Works Department receives also the sum of £220 per annum as Chief Surveyor and Commissioner of Lands in the Lands and Survey Department. The cost of this Department to the administration of the mandate is £2,400. The committee believe this to be a necessary expenditure in the islands.