

10. We have in the limited time available carefully considered many aspects of Government expenditure, and have come to the conclusion that there are numerous economies which could be effected and which would go far towards a balanced Budget. We refer particularly to the curtailment or abolition of services which the State has given to the taxpayer in previous years but can no longer be justified under existing conditions.

11. The expenditure of the State may briefly be divided into two categories :—

(a) Permanent charges.

(b) Annual appropriations.

We have found it desirable to consider first of all the question of permanent charges, as by far the greater part of the national expenditure comes under this category. *The permanent charges do not come under the annual review of Parliament.* They are fixed by various Acts of the Legislature, and, although shown in the annual appropriations, cannot be reviewed in Committee of Supply.

12. The appropriations for the year ending 31st March, 1932, total £24,627,561, made up as follows :—

CONSOLIDATED FUND.

Ordinary Revenue Account.

Permanent appropriations—	£
Civil List	28,361
Interest	8,940,675
Sinking Fund	3,202
Repayment of public debt	1,203,298
Reduction of funded debt	236,796
Transfer to Loans Redemption Account	3,000
Administration and management	35,600
Payment on guaranteed loans	7,200
Under special Acts of the Legislature	7,257,756
	17,715,888
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Annual appropriations—	
Vote, Legislative Department	95,677
.. Prime Minister's Department	15,553
.. Treasury Department	33,986
.. National Provident and Friendly Societies Department	4,670
.. Land and Income Tax Department	68,067
.. Stamp Duties Department	92,722
.. Public Buildings	60,712
.. Maintenance and Repairs to Roads	14,950
.. Maintenance of Irrigation Works, &c.	14,250
.. Native Department	67,725
.. Department of External Affairs	8,097
.. Department of Industries and Commerce, Tourist, and Publicity	130,941
.. Department of Justice	137,591
.. Prisons Department	91,369
.. Crown Law Office	5,266
.. Police Department	424,188
.. Pensions Department	162,849
.. Mines Department	21,679
.. Department of Internal Affairs	197,884
.. Audit Department	25,116
.. Public Service Commissioner's Office	5,859
.. Printing and Stationery Department	174,779
.. Mental Hospitals Department	271,840
.. Department of Health	210,005
.. Naval Defence	394,045
.. Defence Department	215,000
.. Customs Department	89,911
.. Marine Department	104,228
.. Department of Labour	48,867
.. Department of Lands and Survey	181,669
.. Valuation Department	40,732
.. Electoral Department	69,218
.. Department of Agriculture	469,280
.. Department of Education	2,906,728
.. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research	51,463
.. Transport Department	4,757
	6,911,673
Total Ordinary Revenue Account	£24,627,561