

## 23.—Details of Net General Expenditure of Provincial Governments, Fiscal Years Ended Mar. 31, 1955 and 1956

Function	1955	1956	Function	1955	1956
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000
<b>General Government—</b>			<b>Education—concluded</b>		
Executive and administrative...	50,633	56,671	Universities, colleges and other schools	61,964	70,725
Legislative	4,631	7,654	Education of the handicapped	2,170	4,739
Research, planning and statistics	526	596	Superannuation and pensions	8,072	11,625
Other	—	—	Other	8,200	8,305
<b>Totals, General Government</b>	<b>55,790</b>	<b>64,921</b>	<b>Totals, Education</b>	<b>274,552</b>	<b>332,938</b>
<b>Protection of Persons and Property—</b>			<b>Natural Resources and Primary Industries—</b>		
Law enforcement	19,162	18,066	Fish and game	10,888	12,480
Corrections	18,818	20,247	Forests	32,295	39,992
Police protection	17,465	19,197	Land: settlement and agriculture	46,054	49,302
Other	23,042	24,877	Minerals and mines	8,135	8,771
<b>Totals, Protection of Persons and Property</b>	<b>78,487</b>	<b>82,387</b>	Water resources	5,624	7,313
			Other	3,676	4,291
<b>Transportation and Communications—</b>			<b>Totals, Natural Resources and Primary Industries</b>	<b>106,672</b>	<b>122,149</b>
Highways, roads and bridges	366,626	443,434	<b>Trade and Industrial Development</b>	<b>7,772</b>	<b>8,060</b>
Railways	52	51	<b>Local Government Planning and Development</b>	<b>2,705</b>	<b>3,292</b>
Telephone, telegraph and wireless	25	24	<b>Debt Charges</b>	<b>128,288</b>	<b>138,523</b>
Waterways	4,621	4,307	<b>Contributions to Local Governments—</b>		
Other	15	172	Shared-revenue contributions	15,001	10,031
<b>Totals, Transportation and Communications</b>	<b>371,339</b>	<b>447,988</b>	Subsidies	21,054	25,702
			Other	617	837
<b>Health and Social Welfare—</b>			<b>Totals, Contributions to Local Governments</b>	<b>36,672</b>	<b>36,570</b>
<b>Health—</b>			<b>Contributions to Government Enterprises</b>	<b>9,414</b>	<b>10,108</b>
General	4,928	5,226	<b>Other Expenditure</b>	<b>8,891</b>	<b>12,977</b>
Public health	15,357	18,375	<b>Totals, excluding Non-expenditure and Surplus Payments</b>	<b>1,448,182</b>	<b>1,652,557</b>
Medical, dental and allied services	8,265	9,044	<b>Non-expenditure and Surplus Payments—</b>		
Hospital care	206,351	214,257	Advances charged to revenue	2,975	1,066
<b>Totals, Health</b>	<b>234,901</b>	<b>246,902</b>	Refunds of previous years' revenue	4,079	164
			Other	2,231	5,184
<b>Social Welfare—</b>			<b>Totals, Non-expenditure and Surplus Payments</b>	<b>9,285</b>	<b>6,414</b>
Aid to aged persons	40,165	42,801	<b>Totals, Net General Expenditure</b>	<b>1,457,467</b>	<b>1,658,971</b>
Aid to blind persons	1,730	1,724	<b>Less Debt Retirement included above</b>	<b>71,410</b>	<b>83,706</b>
Aid to unemployed employables and unemployables	19,586	22,057	<b>Totals, Net General Expenditure (excluding debt retirement)</b>	<b>1,386,057</b>	<b>1,575,265</b>
Mothers' allowances	23,004	22,717			
Child welfare	17,168	18,150			
Labour	3,156	3,403			
Other	18,817	23,079			
<b>Totals, Social Welfare</b>	<b>123,626</b>	<b>133,931</b>			
<b>Totals, Health and Social Welfare</b>	<b>358,527</b>	<b>380,833</b>			
<b>Recreational and Cultural Services</b>	<b>9,073</b>	<b>11,811</b>			
<b>Education—</b>					
Schools operated by local authorities	194,146	237,544			