

27.—Details of Net General Expenditure of Provincial Governments, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1956 and 1957

Function	1956	1957	Function	1956	1957
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000
<b>General Government—</b>			<b>Education—concluded</b>		
Executive and administrative...	56,671	60,489	Universities, colleges and other schools	70,725	67,289
Legislative	7,654	8,788	Education of the handicapped	4,739	3,798
Research, planning and statistics	596	552	Superannuation and pensions	11,625	11,584
<b>Totals, General Government</b>	<b>64,921</b>	<b>69,829</b>	Other	8,305	7,749
			<b>Totals, Education</b>	<b>332,938</b>	<b>362,960</b>
<b>Protection of Persons and Property—</b>			<b>Natural Resources and Primary Industries—</b>		
Law enforcement	18,066	18,712	Fish and game	12,480	13,469
Corrections	20,247	22,266	Forests	39,992	41,923
Police protection	19,197	23,756	Lands: settlement and agriculture	49,302	54,129
Other	24,877	26,859	Minerals and mines	8,771	9,511
<b>Totals, Protection of Persons and Property</b>	<b>82,387</b>	<b>91,593</b>	Water resources	7,313	6,924
			Other	4,291	6,621
			<b>Totals, Natural Resources and Primary Industries</b>	<b>122,149</b>	<b>132,577</b>
<b>Transportation and Communications—</b>			<b>Trade and Industrial Development</b>	<b>8,060</b>	<b>9,444</b>
Highways, roads and bridges	443,434	556,831	<b>Local Government Planning and Development</b>	<b>3,292</b>	<b>3,718</b>
Railways	51	56	<b>Debt Charges</b>	<b>138,523</b>	<b>166,102</b>
Telephone, telegraph and wireless	24	21	<b>Contributions to Local Governments—</b>		
Waterways	4,307	4,542	Shared-revenue contributions	10,031	11,015
Other	172	32	Subsidies	25,702	28,985
<b>Totals, Transportation and Communications</b>	<b>447,988</b>	<b>561,482</b>	Other	837	864
			<b>Totals, Contributions to Local Governments</b>	<b>36,570</b>	<b>40,864</b>
<b>Health and Social Welfare—</b>			<b>Contributions to Government Enterprises</b>	<b>10,108</b>	<b>7,928</b>
<b>Health—</b>			<b>Other Expenditure</b>	<b>12,977</b>	<b>9,575</b>
General	5,226	5,678	<b>Totals, excluding Non-expense and Surplus Payments</b>	<b>1,652,557</b>	<b>1,878,104</b>
Public health	18,375	17,840	<b>Non-expense and Surplus Payments—</b>		
Medical, dental and allied services	9,044	9,760	Advances charged to revenue	1,066	1,244
Hospital care	214,257	228,261	Refunds of previous years' revenue	164	373
<b>Totals, Health</b>	<b>246,902</b>	<b>261,539</b>	Other	5,184	4,891
			<b>Totals, Non-expense and Surplus Payments</b>	<b>6,414</b>	<b>6,508</b>
<b>Social Welfare—</b>			<b>Totals, Net General Expenditure</b>	<b>1,658,971</b>	<b>1,884,612</b>
Aid to aged persons	42,801	47,180	<b>Less Debt Retirement included above</b>	<b>83,706</b>	<b>110,794</b>
Aid to blind persons	1,724	1,808	<b>Totals, Net General Expenditure Excluding Debt Retirement</b>	<b>1,575,265</b>	<b>1,773,818</b>
Aid to unemployed employables and unemployables	22,057	24,446			
Mothers' allowances	22,717	22,758			
Child welfare	18,150	17,956			
Labour	3,403	3,726			
Other	23,079	25,460			
<b>Totals, Social Welfare</b>	<b>133,931</b>	<b>143,334</b>			
<b>Totals, Health and Social Welfare</b>	<b>380,833</b>	<b>404,873</b>			
<b>Recreational and Cultural Services</b>	<b>11,811</b>	<b>17,159</b>			
<b>Education—</b>					
Schools operated by local authorities	237,544	272,540			