

SECOND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FIRST SESSION

1957

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of Finance Committee of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution)(Temporary Provisions) Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956, held in the Chamber of the Legislature, at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

FRIDAY, 27TH DECEMBER, 1957.

PRESENT:

Hon. Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex - Chairman.
 Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry - Dr. C.B. Jagan.
 Hon. Minister of Community Development and Education - Mr. B.H. Benn.
 Hon. Minister of Natural Resources - Mr. E.B. Beharry.
 Hon. Minister of Labour, Health and Housing - Mrs. Janet Jagan.
 Hon. Minister of Communications and Works - Mr. Ram Karan.
 Mr. F. Bowman.
 Mr. S.M. Saffee
 Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
 Mr. L.F.S. Burnham
 Mr. S. Campbell
 Mr. A.L. Jackson
 Mr. Jai Narine Singh
 Mr. R.C. Tello
 Mr. R.E. Davis
 Mr. A.M. Fredericks
 Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard
 Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

with Mr. E.V. Viapree, Assistant Clerk of the Legislature, Clerk to the Committee, and Mr. E.D. Ford, Assistant Secretary, Finance Secretariat.

Mr. B.S. Rai
 Mr. Ajodha Singh - on leave.
 Mr. R.B. Gajraj.

AGENDA.

1. Consideration of Schedule of Additional Provision on the Recurrent Estimates for December, 1957, (Supplementary).
 2. Consideration of Schedule of Additional Provision on the Development Estimates for December, 1957.
1. Consideration of Schedule of Additional Provision on the Recurrent Estimates for December 1957 (Supplementary) \$21 :-

Committee considered the Schedule of Additional Provision on the Recurrent Estimates for December, 1957 (Supplementary) and passed it as presented at \$213,703 - (attached).

(As passed) 7/35

SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL PROVISION

to meet expenditure in excess of the provision made in the
RECURRENT ESTIMATES for the year 1957.

DECEMBER, 1957

1. HEAD I. - GOVERNOR

Subhead 5. Electric Current

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 3,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	700.00	700.00

Effect of installation of 2 air conditioners on the consumption of current underestimated. Also a 1956 account for \$221 had to be met from the 1957 vote.

2. HEAD II. - LEGISLATURE

Subhead 5. Miscellaneous

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 800.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	200.00	200.00

To cover the cost of embellishing the Speaker's Robe and providing tea at meetings of Council held on 2nd and 3rd May and 24th June.

3. HEAD II. - LEGISLATURE

Subhead 5A. Leave & passage allowance for
Sir Eustace Woolford

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 3,230.00	
Previous additional provision	240.00	
Additional provision now sought		240.00

To enable payment of house allowance to Sir Eustace Woolford in respect of the period of leave granted him.

4. HEAD IV. - ANALYST

Subhead 4. Gas & Electrical Heating

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 1,250.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	104.00	104.00

Effect of installation of air conditioning in the Physics -
Chemical Laboratory underestimated.

Carried Forward \$ 1,344.00
~~1,244.00~~

Brought Forward

\$ 1,344.00
~~1,244.00~~

5. HEAD VI. - CENTRAL HOUSING & PLANNING AUTHORITY

Subhead 2. Travelling Expenses

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 4,500.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	1,865.00	1,865.00

Necessary to adjust charges for travelling incorrectly debited to the Development Housing Vote in 1955.

6. HEAD VI. - CENTRAL HOUSING & PLANNING AUTHORITY

Subhead 3. Stationery, Books & Equipment

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 2,500.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	1,000.00	1,000.00

For purchase of Rent Pass Books, Forms & other items of stationery.

7. HEAD VI. - CENTRAL HOUSING & PLANNING AUTHORITY

Subhead 5. Maintenance of Campbellville

Amount provided in Estimates	\$19,008.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	5,992.00	5,992.00

Provision underestimated. Necessary for proper maintenance of the roads, drains etc. of the old Campbellville area.

8. HEAD VII. - CENTRAL SECRETARIAT - CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Subhead 1. Personal Emoluments

Amount provided in Estimates	\$73,104.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	3,500.00	3,500.00

To provide for the acting allowances payable while the Chief Secretary was Officer Administering the Government and during the absence on leave of the Deputy Chief Secretary.

9. HEAD VIIA. - CENTRAL SECRETARIAT - DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIATS

Subhead 3. Miscellaneous

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 4,200.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	550.00	550.00

To meet additional expenses caused by increased activity in the Ministries & the purchase of registers for office records and books and other publications for the Statistical Bureau. Offsetting savings available on Subhead 2 Transport & Travelling.

Carried Forward

\$ 14,251.00
~~14,151.00~~

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Brought Forward \$ ^{14,257.00}
14,151.00

10. HEAD VIIB. - CENTRAL SECRETARIAT - ESTABLISHMENT DEPARTMENT

Subhead 1. Personal Emoluments

Amount provided in Estimates	\$135,188.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	2,500.00	2,500.00

To provide for the acting allowances payable to officers in the Establishment Dept. in consequence of the Chief Establishment Officer acting as Deputy Chief Secretary & of the other vacancies in the Establishment Dept. itself.

11. HEAD XI. - DRAINAGE & IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT

Subhead 1. Personal Emoluments

(40) Responsibility Allowances \$ 1.00

Amount provided in Estimates	412,622.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	1.00	1.00

Token provision. To enable payment of responsibility allowances at the rate of \$360 p.a. to Superintendents of Works called upon to carry some of the responsibilities of District Engineers while the latter posts are vacant.

12. HEAD XIV. - FINANCE DEPARTMENT - FINANCE SECRETARIAT

Subhead 3. Miscellaneous

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 350.00	
Previous additional provision	50.00	
Additional provision now sought	96.00	96.00

Supplementary provision underestimated.

13. HEAD XV. - FINANCE DEPARTMENT - LICENCE REVENUE

Subhead 3. Miscellaneous

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 580.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	40.00	40.00

Provision underestimated.

Carried Forward \$ ^{16,888.00}
16,788.00

741
741
16,888.00
~~16,788.00~~

Brought Forward

14. HEAD XVB. - FINANCE DEPARTMENT - LICENCE REVENUE

Subhead 5. Licence Labels

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 10,700.00	
Previous additional provision	3,905.00	
Additional provision now sought	128.00	128.00

To meet increased freight charges on last shipment of cycle licence labels.

15. HEAD XVB. FINANCE DEPARTMENT - LICENCE REVENUE

Subhead 7. Books & Registers

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 800.00	
Previous additional provision	115.00	
Additional provision now sought	60.00	60.00

For purchase of additional registers for Motor Vehicle Division of Department.

16. HEAD XX. - LABOUR

Subhead 12. Public Utility Undertakings & Public Health Service Arbitration Ordinance

Previous additional provision	\$ 1,000.00	
Additional provision now sought	1,500.00	1,500.00

Required to meet the cost of the Tribunal appointed to enquire, for the purposes of settlement, into the dispute between the Man Power Citizens' Association and the Demerara Electric Co. Ltd.

17. HEAD XXI. - LANDS & MINES DEPARTMENT

Subhead 5. Labour and Rationing of Labour

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 49,500.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	15,000.00	15,000.00

/the long spell of
An increased survey programme has been possible this year because of/dry weather and the opportunity was taken to carry out the surveys entailed by increased applications for land as well surveys required by the Land Settlement, Local Government and Interior Departments.

18. HEAD XXI. - LANDS & MINES DEPARTMENT

Subhead 9. Land Surveyors Examinations

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 1,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	200.00	200.00

Increased cost of examiners' fees for setting & marking papers, stationery etc. in consequence of there having been a greater number of candidates than anticipated. Revenue from lecture & examination fees amounts to \$1,550.

Carried Forward

~~33,696.00~~
33,776.00

Brought Forward \$ 33,776.00
33,676.00

19. HEAD XXII. - LAND SETTLEMENT

Subhead 4. Miscellaneous

Amount provided in Estimates \$ 1,800.00
Previous additional provision
Additional provision now sought 200.00 200.00

Excess caused by necessity to employ a private individual to colour maps & plans required for report "Some Population and Land Aspects' of British Guiana" by Dr. S.K. Fitzgerald, I.C.A. Rural Socio-Economic Specialist, because the Department's post of Tracer is vacant. Covering savings available on Personal Emoluments.

20. HEAD XXII. - LAND SETTLEMENT

Operation & Maintenance of Schemes & Estates

Subhead 9. Vergenoegen Land Settlement

Amount provided in Estimates \$42,000.00
Previous additional provision
Additional provision now sought 4,175.00 4,175.00

Emergency expenditure of \$4,175 had to be incurred on paal-offs to check deterioration of the garage foundations & of the Vergenoegen irrigation dam and on replacement of a check sluice. It is necessary in consequence to supplement the vote to this extent so that essential drainage & irrigation maintenance works may be done this year.

21. HEAD XXII. - LAND SETTLEMENT

Operation & Maintenance of Agricultural Machinery

Subhead 15. Vergenoegen Land Settlement

Amount provided in Estimates \$36,864.00
Previous additional provision
Additional provision now sought 10,180.00 10,180.00

Required to pay 1956 account for overhaul of a Caterpillar Tractor and to meet expenditure incurred on clearing new ricelands for which provision had not been made.

22. HEAD XXV. - MAGISTRATES

Subhead 2. Travelling Expenses

Amount provided in Estimates \$28,000.00
Previous additional provision
Additional provision now sought 4,150.00 4,150.00

Excess caused by more frequent sittings of courts and by payment of local allowances to Magistrates in country districts for whom houses are not available.

Carried Forward \$ 52,381.00
52,481.00

53,481.00
52,381.00

Brought Forward

23. HEAD XXV. - MAGISTRATES

Subhead 5. Crown Witnesses Expenses

Amount provided in Estimates	\$86,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	1,100.00	1,100.00

Expenditure depends on number of witnesses entitled to payment. The excess is partly caused by an upward revision in the fees paid to witnesses who are Rural Constables.

24. HEAD XXV. - MAGISTRATES

Subhead 7. Miscellaneous

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 8,025.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	850.00	850.00

Increased cost of miscellaneous services, expenses on repairs of typewriters not provided for and increased wages to Caretaker and Cleaners employed at Courts at Whim, No. 51 and Springlands.

25. HEAD XXVII - MEDICAL - BACTERIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

Subhead 4. Electric Current

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 3,600.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	1,347.00	1,347.00

Increased consumption of current due to increase in the volume of work done in the Laboratory and the use of more electrical apparatus.

26. HEAD XXVII. - MEDICAL BACTERIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

Subhead 7. Research Fund

Amount provided in Estimates	\$1,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	1,000.00	1,000.00

The original vote was used up on research on Poliomyelitis in the first half of the year. Supplementary provision is necessary to cover the cost of the normal research programme.

Carried Forward \$

56,778.00
56,678.00

Brought Forward

\$

56,778.00
~~56,618.10~~

27. HEAD XXIX. - MEDICAL HOSPITALS & DISPENSARIES

Subhead 3. Dietary

Amount provided in Estimates	\$848,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	31,000.00	31,000.00

Due to increase in the price of certain foodstuffs and increased number of patients in the Suddie Hospital and Mental Hospital.

28. HEAD XXIX. - MEDICAL HOSPITALS & DISPENSARIES

Subhead 4. Tobacco & Extras

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 7,100.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	2,000.00	2,000.00

Increased number of working patients at the Mental Hospital.

29. HEAD XXIX. - MEDICAL HOSPITALS & DISPENSARIES

Subhead 8. Sanitary Fuel and light

Amount provided in Estimates	\$160,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	16,950.00	16,950.00

Increased price of fuel oil since estimate was prepared. Excess also caused by necessity to reimburse Public Works Dept. for operation of the water plant at Best Hospital (\$9,912).

30. HEAD XXIX. - MEDICAL HOSPITALS & DISPENSARIES

Subhead 21. Medical treatment for pauper patients at Mackenzie Hospital

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 200.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	175.00	175.00

Increase number of pauper patients receiving treatment.

31. HEAD XXIX. - MEDICAL HOSPITALS & DISPENSARIES

Subhead 28. Travelling Facilities - Social Diseases Clinic

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 1,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	400.00	400.00

Increase in number of patients seeking treatment at the Clinic.

Carried Forward

\$

107,303.00
~~107,203.00~~

Brought Forward \$ 107,303.00
107,203.00

32. HEAD XXIX. - MEDICAL HOSPITALS & DISPENSARIES

Subhead 29. Medical Facilities, Old Age Pensioners & Paupers

Amount provided in Estimates \$ 3,352.00
Previous additional provision
Additional provision now sought 1,180.00 1,180.00

Number of persons seeking medical treatment underestimated, despite increase of \$1,252 provided between 1956 and 1957.

33. HEAD XXIX. - MEDICAL HOSPITALS & DISPENSARIES

Subhead 36. Purchase of Equipment

Amount provided in Estimates \$ 14,727.00
Previous additional provision
Additional provision now sought 1,127.00 1,127.00

To cover increases in the cost of/refrigerator for P.H.G., shadowless lamp for Suddie Hospital, Maternity bed for Bartica Hospital, Spray painting set and disinfectant and cups for Best Hospital over the 1956 figures on which the estimate was based.

34. HEAD XXX. MISCELLANEOUS

Subhead 2. Public Printing Regulated by Contract

Amount provided in Estimates \$265,000.00
Previous additional provision 114,741.00
Additional provision now sought 31,000.00 31,000.00

The effect of the increase in rates for printing under the new contract which came into effect as from 1st April 1957 was underestimated.

35. HEAD XXX. - MISCELLANEOUS

Subhead 10. Repatriation

Amount provided in Estimates \$ 2,000.00
Previous additional provision
Additional provision now sought 2,000.00 2,000.00

Provision underestimated.

Carried Forward \$ 142,610.00
142,510.00

Brought Forward \$ ~~142,510.00~~ 142,610.00

36. HEAD XXX. - MISCELLANEOUS

Subhead 22. Relief Messengers

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 4,500.00	
Previous additional provision	4,000.00	
Additional provision now sought	1,000.00	1,000.00

Original provision and previous supplementary provision inadequate in view of increase in the leave granted messengers.

37. HEAD XXX. - MISCELLANEOUS

Subhead 25. Leave Passages Public Officers

Amount provided in Estimates	\$200,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	70,000.00	70,000.00

Provision underestimated.

38. HEAD XXIX. MEDICAL - HOSPITALS & DISPENSARIES

Subhead 7. Drugs & Medical Appliances

Amount provided in Estimates	\$475,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	15,000.00	15,000.00

Provision underestimated. More sulfa drugs than estimated for were ordered against increased demands due to influenza, and more anti-tuberculin drugs were required for Best Hospital. \$1660 was spent on respirators as a result of the Polio outbreak.

39. HEAD XXX. - MISCELLANEOUS

Subhead 64. (New) U.C.W.I. Students Caribbean Tour

Provision sought	\$ 1,404.00	1,404.00
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The cost of the tour of U.C.W.I. Students is being met by West Indian Governments on the basis of which they contribute to the University College expenses, this Government's share is \$804. The additional \$600 is the cost of entertaining the touring students locally.

40. HEAD XXXI. - MISCELLANEOUS - SUBVENTIONS ETC. MUNICIPAL

Subhead 8. Supply of water to all Public Institutions
(New Amsterdam)

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 3,500.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	741.00	741.00

Carried Forward \$ ~~230,655.00~~ 230,755.00

Brought Forward \$ 230,755.00
230,655.00

To meet a claim by the Town Council in respect of the supply of water to Government Buildings in 1955 and 1956. Offsetting savings will be available on subhead 7 - Rates on Government Properties (New Amsterdam).

41. HEAD XXXII. - MISCELLANEOUS - SUBVENTIONS ETC. OTHER THAN MUNICIPAL

Subhead 6. Fishing Industry Development

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 20,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	15,000.00	15,000.00

Provision underestimated. The vote is to provide for refund to fishermen of duty on their purchases of fishing gear and materials from merchants.

42. HEAD XXXII. - MISCELLANEOUS - SUBVENTIONS ETC. OTHER THAN MUNICIPAL

Subhead 26. Grant to Infant Welfare & Maternity League

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 49,800.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	3,630.00	3,630.00

To provide for adjustment of an Interim payment of revised salary made to League Midwives and Secretary in December 1954 and to meet the cost of the increases in salary effective from 1st January 1957.

43. HEAD XXXV. - POLICE

Subhead 22. Rent of Quarters

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 5,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	2,500.00	2,500.00

Increase in number of Commissioned Officers not accommodated in Government quarters and consequently entitled to rent aid.

44. HEAD XXXV. - POLICE

Subhead 21. First Aid

Amount provided in Estimates	200.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	120.00	120.00

A 1956 account had to be met from the 1957 vote. \$82 lapsed at 31st December, 1956.

Carried Forward \$ 252,005.00
254,905.00

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Brought Forward \$ 252,005.00
 \$ 251,905.00

45. HEAD XXXV. - POLICE

Subhead 39. Wireless Intercommunication System etc.

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 14,040.00	
Previous additional provision	9,600.00	
Additional provision now sought	900.00	900.00

It was necessary to order certain items of equipment without precise information as to price. The estimated cost has proved to be \$900 too low.

46. HEAD XXXVI. - POST OFFICE

Subhead 2. Transport & Travelling

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 17,437.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	2,400.00	2,400.00

Provision inadequate on account of late arrival of 50 Govt. cycles pending which cycle allowances had to be paid to Postal Apprentices. Also because of decision to pay 'Home to Office' travelling allowances to junior postal staff unable to obtain accommodation in the districts to which they are posted.

47. HEAD XXXVI. - POST OFFICE

Subhead 11. Miscellaneous

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 18,500.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	3,000.00	3,000.00

Increase in cost of lighting G.P.O. and District Post Offices due to rise in cost of fuel.

48. HEAD XXXVII. - POST OFFICE - TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS' BRANCH

Subhead 9. Maintenance & Operation of Electrical Plants

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 63,446.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	5,350.00	5,350.00

Excess caused by necessity to pay \$2,350 in respect of outstanding ¹⁹⁵⁶ accounts in 1957 and to meet the cost of operating plants in Leguan and Wakenaam put into use during 1957. \$12,379 lapsed in 1956.

Carried Forward \$ 263,655.00
 \$ 263,555.00

Brought Forward \$ ^{263,655.00}
263,555.00

49. HEAD XXXVI. - POST OFFICE

Subhead 7. Cost of Printing Inland Postal Orders

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 8,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	5,475.00	5,475.00

Revote of \$4,716 to pay for Postal Orders ordered in 1956 but not received until 1957 and new provision of \$759 to pay for additional requirements of \$5.00 orders over the amount estimated for.

50. HEAD XL. - PUBLIC DEBT

Subhead 7. Interest on deposits, purchase of debentures

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 20,000.00	
Previous additional provision	14,000.00	
Additional provision now sought	2,300.00	2,300.00

Further provision necessary for payment of interest to the Post Office Savings Bank on balances in excess of reserve held for investment in the next local loan issues.

51. HEAD XLII. - PUBLIC WORKS & SEA DEFENCES - ANNUALLY RECURRENT

Subhead 3. Artesian Wells

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 48,500.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	10,000.00	10,000.00

Increased cost of maintenance of pipelines due to damage sustained when roads are widened by the taking in of parapets also due to a certain amount of wilful damage to pipelines by persons trying to obtain water for ricefields and pastures during the drought.

52. HEAD XLIV. - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Subhead 4. Dietary

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 79,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	4,500.00	4,500.00

Increase in the contract prices of certain foodstuffs subsequent to preparation of the estimates.

Carried Forward ^{285,930.00}
285,830.00

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Brought Forward \$ ~~287,830.00~~ 285,930.00

53. HEAD XLIV. - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Subhead 7. Fuel, Light & Sanitation

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 7,800.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	1,200.00	1,200.00

There were two increases in the price of firewood taking it from \$6 to \$8 per ton. There has also been increased use of cleaning material and disinfectants due to the large number of infirmity cases in the Institution.

54. HEAD XLIV. - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Subhead 10. Meals for Nurses

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 12,200.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	1,500.00	1,500.00

Increase in the contract prices of certain foodstuffs subsequent to preparation of the Estimates.

55. HEAD XLIV. - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Subhead 12. For the support of the destitute

Amount provided in Estimates	\$310,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	9,000.00	9,000.00

Estimated amount required to meet needs of deserving applicants to end of year.

56. HEAD XLV. - SUPREME COURT

Subhead 1. Personal Emoluments

Amount provided in Estimates	\$238,023.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	12,000.00	12,000.00

To cover the cost of continuation of the services of the Temporary Judge provided for at Subhead 1 x to the 6th of June and to provide for the acting allowances payable to the acting Judges/appointed during the absence on leave of the Chief Justice and two other Judges.

Carried Forward ~~309,530.00~~ 311,530.00
309,630.00

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Brought Forward

~~309,530.00~~
 311,530.00
 309,630.00

57. HEAD XLV. - SUPREME COURT

Subhead 3. Travelling & subsistence expenses of court

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 7,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	1,000.00	1,000.00

Anticipated provision necessary in the light of expenditure to 31st October and the current sittings of the Annual Court being held in Demerara, Essequibo and Berbice. Expenditure depends on the length of sittings in the latter two countries and the visits of Judges and Juries to the scenes of crimes.

58. HEAD XLV. - SUPREME COURT

Subhead 6. Fees to Counsel

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 4,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	1,200.00	1,200.00

Expenditure is not controllable depending on the number of cases in which counsel are assigned by the Crown for the defence of pauper prisoners charged with murder. Expenditure in one case - Queen vs. Surujpal and four others charged with murder of P.C. Allen - came to \$2,347.

59. HEAD XLV. - SUPREME COURT

Subhead 9. Expenses in connection with West Indian Court of Appeal

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 3,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	255.00	255.00

The 1957 vote was \$1,800 more than the 1956 provision because it was clear that the West Indian Court of Appeal had been meeting more frequently in recent years. The recent meeting held in British Guiana will cause this increased provision to be inadequate by some \$255.

60. HEAD XLIX. - POST OFFICE EXTRAORDINARY

Subhead 1. New Lines, Materials etc. for extending existing services.

Amount provided in estimates	\$ 20,400.00	
Previous additional provision	31,000.00	
Additional provision now sought	2,692.00	2,692.00

Revote of lapsed 1956 provision to pay for materials ordered in 1956 but not received until 1957.

Carried Forward

314,777.00
~~314,677.00~~
 316,677.00

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Brought Forward	\$	314,677.00
		316,677.00
		<u>314,777.00</u>

61. HEAD XXXIII. - OFFICIAL RECEIVER

Subhead 1. Personal Emoluments

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 25,248.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	297.00	297.00

To provide for payment of acting allowance to the officer acting as Official Receiver during the pre-retirement leave of the substantive Official Receiver.

62. HEAD XIII. - EDUCATION

Subhead 9. Salaries of Teachers

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 3,800,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	300,000.00	300,000.00

Provision underestimated because of revision of teachers' salaries in 1956 and the necessity to employ more additional interim teachers in 1957 than had been anticipated.

\$	614,974.00
	616,974.00
	<u>615,074.00</u>

SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL PROVISION

to meet expenditure in excess of the provision made in the
RECURRENT ESTIMATES for the year 1957.

DECEMBER, 1957

(Supplementary)

1. HEAD III. - AGRICULTURE

Subhead 9. Purchase, production & distribution of seeds & plants

Amount provided in Estimates	\$37,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

To meet the cost of maintenance of citrus nurseries provided for before 1957 in the Development Estimates.

2. HEAD III. - AGRICULTURE (Miscellaneous Services)

Subhead 38. Purchase of equipment

Amount provided in Estimates	\$22,600 00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	4,500.00	4,500.00

To meet the cost of rewiring the Processing Factory necessitated by the installation of new feed mixing machinery.

3. HEAD VI. - CENTRAL HOUSING & PLANNING AUTHORITY

Subhead 4. Miscellaneous

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 500.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	480.00	480.00

To enable payment of costs awarded to Barclays Bank by the Supreme Court in an appeal against the Central Housing & Planning Authority ruling regarding extensions to their premises at Camp & Regent Streets.

4. HEAD X. - CUSTOMS & EXCISE

Subhead 2. Transport & Travelling

Amount provided in Estimates	\$17,884.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	1,400.00	1,400.00

Excess caused by intensified inspections of rumshops and distilleries and the necessity for officers to travel to outlying districts to conduct prosecutions.

Carried Forward \$ 16,380.00

Brought Forward \$ 16,380.00

5. HEAD XI. - DRAINAGE & IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT

Subhead 2. Travelling expenses

Amount provided in Estimates	\$57,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	9,000.00	9,000.00

Travelling provision inadequate because of the fact that 4 Drainage and Irrigation engineers have been recruited during the year.

6. HEAD XI. - DRAINAGE & IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT

Subhead 11. (New) Purchase of furniture & equipment

Provision sought	\$ 2,000.00	2,000.00
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Revote. To meet the cost of furniture purchased for district offices and stores.

7. HEAD XIA. - DRAINAGE & IRRIGATION - ANNUALLY RECURRENT

Subhead 4. Maintenance & operation of machinery for Agriculture Hire Pool

Amount provided in Estimates	\$160,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	45,000.00	45,000.00

To meet operating expenses of the Pool. The Revenue, originally estimated at \$100,000 is expected to show an increase of \$50,000.

8. HEAD XIII. - EDUCATION - SCHOOLS INSTITUTIONS ETC.
(Primary Schools)

Subhead 10. Grants to Schools

Amount provided in Estimates	\$175,000.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	14,000.00	14,000.00

Revote of \$7,242 to pay grants for the latter half of 1956 which were not claimed by 2 denominations until 1957. Also to meet grants to 8 new schools and 90 former Regulation 95 schools which have become fully aided.

Carried Forward \$ 86,380.00

Brought Forward \$ 86,380.00

9. HEAD XIII. - EDUCATION - SCHOOLS INSTITUTIONS ETC.
(Primary Schools)

Subhead 16. Examinations

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 9,400.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	1,550.00	1,550.00

Excess caused by considerable increase in number of candidates writing all local examinations, especially Teachers' Certificate, Primary School Certificate and Government County Scholarship.

10. HEAD XIII. - EDUCATION - SCHOOLS INSTITUTIONS ETC.
(Carnegie Trade School)

Subhead 35. Power and Lighting

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 1,200.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	200.00	200.00

Increase in the numbers of classes, both day and evening, held at the School.

11. HEAD XXII. - LAND SETTLEMENT

Subhead 2. Transport & Travelling

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 8,500.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	300.00	300.00

Provision inadequate. The Director has had to do considerable travelling on land inspection visits in recent months.

12. HEAD XX. - LABOUR

Subhead 9. Transport & Travelling (Employment Exchange)

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 1,200.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	300.00	300.00

Excess caused by necessity to follow up placings of Juveniles in employment. Offsetting savings will occur on the Labour Dept's travelling vote.

13. HEAD XXIII. - LAW OFFICERS

Subhead 1. Personal Emoluments

Amount provided in Estimates	\$80,258.00	
Previous additional provision		
Additional provision now sought	2,422.00	2,422.00

Carried Forward 91,152.00

Brought Forward \$ 91,152.00

To provide for payment of fees to Counsel retained to act in respect of petitions for leave to appeal to the Privy Council.

14. HEAD XXIII. - LAW OFFICERS

Subhead 5. Purchase of books for Attorney General's Library

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 1,300.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	170.00	170.00

Charges to be met in respect of Standing Orders for certain annual publications and supplements underestimated.

15. HEAD XXVI. - MEDICAL

Subhead 9. Miscellaneous

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 1,650.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	250.00	250.00

Increased consumption of electricity.

16. HEAD XXVII. - MEDICAL - BACTERIOLOGICAL DEPT.

Subhead 2. Transport & Travelling

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 2,000.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	300.00	300.00

Excess due to frequent necessity for Bacteriologist and Pathologist to give evidence in the Magistrates and Supreme Courts.

17. HEAD XXVIII. - MEDICAL - X-RAY DEPARTMENT

Subhead 3. Electric Current

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 300.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	600.00	600.00

Excess caused by X-Ray machines put into use during the last three months following assumption of Diagnostic Radiologist.

18. HEAD XXX. - MISCELLANEOUS

Subhead 21. Expenses of Officers on transfer & new appointments

Amount provided in Estimates	\$40,000.00	
Previous additional provision	20,000.00	
Additional provision now sought	30,000.00	30,000.00

Carried Forward \$ 122,472.00

Brought Forward \$122,472.00

Provision underestimated. There has been an increase of 50% in the number of vacancies filled from overseas over the 1956 figure.

19. HEAD XXXV. - POLICE

Subhead 2. Transport & Travelling

Amount provided in Estimates	\$175,000.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	5,200.00	5,200.00

Increased incidence of crime in outlying districts has necessitated more frequent air trips to them.

20. HEAD XXXV. - POLICE

Subhead 6. Lighting

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 25,000.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	7,000.00	7,000.00

Due to the increased number of VHF Installations brought into use.

21. HEAD XXXV. - POLICE

Subhead 16. Rural Constables

Amount provided in Estimates	\$10,000.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	9,500.00	9,500.00

Increase due to revision in the rates of pay for Rural Constables and to frequent employment of Rural Constables to guard hospitalised prisoners.

22. HEAD XXXIX. - PRISONS

Subhead 5. Sanitary Fuel & Lighting

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 6,800.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	1,500.00	1,500.00

Mainly due to increased consumption of electricity caused by use of brighter lights at New Amsterdam Prison as recommended by Fairn Report also by use of additional lights for security purposes.

Carried Forward \$145,672.00

Brought Forward \$ 145,672.00

23. HEAD XXXIX. - PRISONS

Subhead 3. Dietary

Amount provided in Estimates	\$70,000.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	1,000.00	1,000.00

Increase in contract prices of certain foodstuffs subsequent to making of the estimate.

24. HEAD XXXIX. - PRISONS

Subhead 9. Bakery

Amount provided in Estimates	\$48,000.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	1,000.00	1,000.00

Excess mainly caused by a breakdown in the oven at the Georgetown Prison during which time bread had to be baked elsewhere. This vote bears the cost of bread supplied the Hospitals in Georgetown and the Palms.

25. HEAD XXXIX. PRISONS

Subhead 16. Maintenance of Lorry & Launch

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 3,500.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	500.00	500.00

Unforeseen major repairs to the Prisons lorry and launch, costing \$1,050 have had to be undertaken in 1957.

26. HEAD XLII. - PUBLIC WORKS & SEA DEFENCES - ANNUALLY RECURRENT

Subhead 17. Lorry Establishment

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 2,000.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	14,000.00	14,000.00

On the basis of the current operating charges for lorries a deficit of \$2,000 on anticipated expenditure of \$300,000 was budgeted for. Because of increased maintenance costs the deficit is expected to be \$16,000.

27. HEAD XLII. PUBLIC WORKS & SEA DEFENCES - ANNUALLY RECURRENT

Subhead 18. Atkinson Field Maintenance of

Amount provided in Estimates	\$186,424.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	12,728.00	12,728.00

Excess caused by increase in the price of fuel oil used in the Power Plant.

Carried Forward \$ 174,900.00

Brought Forward \$ 174,900.00

28. HEAD XLII. - PUBLIC WORKS & SEA DEFENCES - ANNUALLY RECURRENT

Subhead 20. Maintenance of River Defences, West Bank Demerara

Amount provided in Estimates	\$10,000.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	1,000.00	1,000.00

Required to repair permanently a breach made in the river defences at Bagotville during the last high spring tide.

29. HEAD XLV. - SUPREME COURT

Subhead 4. Expenses of Jurors

Amount provided in Estimates	\$28,000.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	28,000.00	28,000.00

Expenditure underestimated. All the Criminal Sessions have been much more lengthy than in previous years.

30. HEAD XLV. - SUPREME COURT

Subhead 11. Miscellaneous

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 3,400.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	500.00	500.00

Expenditure underestimated. It has been necessary to provide three more Marshals with uniforms than in previous years.

31. HEAD XLVII. - VOLUNTEER FORCE

Subhead 1. Personal Emoluments

Amount provided in Estimates	\$76,673.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	6,785.00	6,785.00

To provide for pay and ration allowances for additional personnel attending the Annual Training Camp. Part of the excess is also due to the award of War Service Credits to Volunteer Force Personnel.

32. HEAD XLVII. - VOLUNTEER FORCE

Subhead 6. Maintenance - Transport

Amount provided in Estimates	\$ 1,000.00	
Previous additional provision	-	
Additional provision now sought	250.00	250.00

Provision for maintenance of the Forces eight vehicles underestimated.

Carried Forward \$ 211,435.00

Brought Forward \$ 211,435.00

33. HEAD L. - PUBLIC WORKS - EXTRAORDINARY

Subhead 3. Removal of differential between rates paid to Contractors in Rural & Urban Areas.

Provision sought \$ 2,268.00 2,268.00

Additional provision required to meet the cost of removing the 10% differential in the P.W.D. Contract rates paid in the country districts and those paid in Georgetown and New Amsterdam.

Total \$ 213,703.00

REVOTES:	\$ 9,242
NEW PROVISION	<u>204,461</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 213,703</u>

DEVELOPMENT ESTIMATESDecember, 1957S U M M A R Y

HEAD	Colonial Development & Welfare	Other Sources	Total
	\$	\$	\$
III. AGRICULTURE	232,028	58,007	290,035
X. LANDS & MINES	40,000	-	40,000
XIII. PUBLIC WORKS	10,000	10,000	20,000
TOTAL	282,028	68,007	350,035

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION

Scheme	Colonial Development & Welfare	Other Sources	Total
	\$	\$	\$
7. Central Agricultural Station (D.1931 & D.1931A)	232,028	58,007	290,035

Details of ExpenditureCapital

(1) Housing	\$ 65,709
(3) Electricity	18,024
(4) Farm Buildings	50,487
(5) Equipment & livestock	13,825
(6) Tractors, Transport & Implements	33,719
(7) Land preparation & crop establishment	2,365
(8) Contingencies	41,094
(9) Water Supply	13,665
(10) Roads & Bridges	51,147
	<u>\$290,035</u>

NOTE:

It has been possible as a result of favourable weather conditions to make better progress with capital works at the Central Agricultural Station (farm buildings, roads, bridges and land preparation water and electricity supplies, staff housing will be completed this year) than had been anticipated and supplementary provision/in consequence necessary.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION

Scheme	Colonial Development & Welfare	Other Sources	Total
2. Aerial Photography of British Guiana, Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis	40,000	-	40,000

NOTE:

REVOTE. Under Colonial Development and Welfare Schemes D.2493 and D.2493A, \$288,000 was provided to carry out aerial surveys in British Guiana and certain West Indian Islands in 1955/56. The full amount was made available in the 1956 Estimates but only \$213,840.27 was actually spent. No provision was made in this year's estimates. There are, however, certain outstanding accounts which have only now been received and the amount required is to meet these liabilities.

HEAD XIII. - PUBLIC WORKSDEVELOPMENTSUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION

Scheme	Colonial Development & Welfare	Other Sources	Total
	\$	\$	\$
6. Potaro/Lethem Road (D.3192)	10,000	10,000	20,000

NOTE:

Scheme D.3192 provides for expenditure of \$336,000 on preliminary location surveys for a road linking Mahdia, at the end of the Bartica/Potaro Road, and Lethem. \$100,000 was included in the 1957 Estimates but more work has been undertaken this year than had been anticipated and a further \$20,000 is required this year. Colonial Development and Welfare Funds meet 50% of the cost of the Suveys.