

Manpower

No intention of embarking on detailed discussion of subject which will be debated at appropriate stage.

Wish to point merely to a few salient facts.

Manpower needs for fiscal year 1942-3 estimated as follows on March 24th: ¹⁹⁴² ~~1943~~ *what year?*

War Industry	100,000
Navy	13,000
Army	90-100,000
Air Force	70- 80,000

Various revisions made from time to time in light of changing needs of war. Army estimates raised because of increased home defence programme. (Unrevised Hansard p.1708)

Actual achievements of 1942 for calendar year:

War Industry	over 300,000
Armed Forces	over 200,000

In other words, the achievements in mobilization of manpower greatly exceeded the goals set in 1942.

In controversy over methods, let us not forget that results are what really count.

Method of course, important.

Government never minimized difficulties.
(See extracts attached from Speech on Address, January 26, 1942 - Unrevised Hansard p.53)