

Mr. McINTOSH: Yes.

Mr. MACE: You are referring to the expenditure figures?

Mr. McINTOSH: Yes, the total expenditure figures.

Mr. MACE: Of \$652,500?

Mr. McINTOSH: No, down lower than that, to the \$6 million.

Mr. MACE: Might I explain first of all and draw the attention of the committee to the very point which Mr. McIntosh has raised, and it is that the new form of estimates is rather a little confusing having regard to the way we dealt with them in previous years. This increase, in fact, reflects the result of three votes that we used to have before: Departmental administration, on page 498; district services administration, on page 500; and the veterans bureau. So the figure you have referred to is in fact the total expenditure of the three different votes.

Now, there has been a gradual decline, and we would have to go back to each one of these special votes to establish exactly where this decrease has come from. But I suggest to you that this is a very minimal change, and is not caused by anything in particular; there is no particular reason for this expenditure other than the slight adjustments in staff and in the amount of our regular administrative expenses.

Mr. McINTOSH: In the first two, the figure is \$6 million.

Mr. MACE: It is \$6.5 million.

Mr. McINTOSH: And \$6.6 million. But were the items which you now include in item I, included in these figures?

Mr. MACE: Yes.

Mr. McINTOSH: They are added up?

Mr. MACE: Yes, this is the total of the expenditures of these three votes for these particular years, and we have to go back to each one of these votes in 1962-63 in order to see what made it up. I am sorry but I do not think we can tell you that right now.

Mr. McINTOSH: I do not think we want details. I was thinking rather that most of this deals with salaries for administration of the department, I mean most of the \$6 million.

Mr. MACE: Yes; if you look at the details, you will see that the salaries, for example, for administration total \$2,150,000 out of \$2,400,000; and for district administration, \$3,000,000 out of \$3.4 million, roughly.

Mr. McINTOSH: The department had nothing to do with the increase there for the personnel who are here today, or those who worked under them, because it is a civil service decision whether there is an increase. Does it come up each year for those holding positions?

Mr. MACE: Salary increases fall into two categories generally. These are the adjustments we make from time to time as a result of a cyclical review, or a comparison of the civil service with industry salaries; and the other one is the normal annual increase to which people are entitled, and the department has no control over the establishment of salaries of any of the classes.

Mr. McINTOSH: I think this question has been asked today and I know it has been asked on former occasions. In your department do you encounter any difficulty in recruiting the technicians and professional people that you require at the salaries you are able to offer them because of the scale in the civil service?

Mr. PELLETIER: I think I will have to answer that question in a general way.