

## PART II

## REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS, 1947-48

## SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES 1947-48

1. It is estimated that total taxation revenue for the fiscal year 1947-48 will be \$2,542,031,000, a decrease of only \$5,830,000 from the previous year. Taking into account non-tax revenues and special receipts and credits (which were substantially lower than in the two previous fiscal years), total revenues were \$2,869,409,000, approximately 5% lower than the previous fiscal year.

2. Expenditures, on the other hand, declined by \$434,776,000. Ordinary expenditures show an increase of \$146,310,000, but this was more than offset by a further substantial drop in expenditures attributable to the war and its aftermath.

3. The net result was a budgetary surplus, or decrease in net debt, of \$669,958,000.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES<sup>(1)</sup>

(Thousands of Dollars)

	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47	Esti- mated <sup>(2)</sup> 1947-48
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ordinary revenues.....	2,570,094	2,300,097	2,363,162	2,588,531	2,630,219
Capital refunds.....	93	728	376	110	62
Special receipts and other credits.....	194,831	386,509	649,647	419,235	239,128
<b>Total revenues.....</b>	<b>2,765,018</b>	<b>2,687,334</b>	<b>3,013,185</b>	<b>3,007,876</b>	<b>2,869,409</b>
Ordinary expenditures.....	630,381	767,376	1,061,902	1,236,235	1,382,545
Capital expenditures.....	2,622	3,164	4,508	11,200	16,461
War and Demobilization expenditures....	4,587,023	4,418,446	4,002,949	1,314,798	634,668
Special expenditures.....	37,496	7,506	17,358	31,926	63,540
Government Owned Enterprises.....	1,307	1,358	1,334	10,682	18,697
Other charges.....	63,425	47,762	48,177	29,386	83,540
<b>Total expenditures.....</b>	<b>5,322,254</b>	<b>5,245,612</b>	<b>5,136,228</b>	<b>2,634,227</b>	<b>2,199,451</b>
Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).....	-2,557,236	-2,558,278	-2,123,043	+ 373,649	+ 669,958

(<sup>1</sup>) For the usual detailed tables comparing revenues and expenditures as estimated for the fiscal year 1947-48 with actual revenues and expenditures for the preceding four fiscal years, see pages

(<sup>2</sup>) The Government's fiscal year ends on March 31 but the books remain open for some time thereafter in order to record expenditures made to April 30 (as provided for by section 32 of the Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act) and to provide for adjusting entries. Final figures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1948, are not yet available, and the figures relating thereto appearing in this Part must be regarded as preliminary.

## ANALYSIS OF REVENUES, 1947-48

4. Although the final figures are not yet available, it is estimated that grand total revenues for the fiscal year 1947-48 will reach \$2,869,409,000. This indicates a decline of \$138,467,000 from the previous year. The overall revenue total in recent years has included varying but substantial amounts of special receipts and credits arising out of bookkeeping adjustments of war and other expenditures and reflecting also the sale of war assets. These special receipts and credits, which are largely non-recurring, showed a sharp decline in 1947-48, which more than accounted for the decline in grand total revenues. Ordinary revenues, which reflect more accurately the Government's cash revenue, amounted to \$2,630,219,000, an increase of \$11,488,000 over the previous year.

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