

one year ago. This fact is not reflected from the figures contained in the book of Estimates, which does not include a Supplementary Vote. From the evidence submitted to the Committee, the anticipated additional expenditure does not in itself appear to be disproportionate to the increase in the work-load of the department. We would point out, however, that over the year period, the actual expenditure for 1958-59 increased by 10.4% over the preceding year; and it therefore follows that in the consideration of the estimates it is significant to relate actual expenditures of the year previous to the anticipated disbursements for the current year. In this respect, it is recommended, in order to facilitate such a comparison, that the actual expenditure of the preceding year should be shown in relation to the detailed Vote for the department.

2. Patent Office

The Committee was informed that the Patent Office was a revenue producing office prior to the printing of patents in 1949. The department recovers 50 cents per copy in the sale of these patents; however, it is noteworthy that the office has incurred a deficit of \$584,000 in the past year.

While the Committee would not like to see any deterrent placed in the way of an individual wishing to acquire a patent, it is nevertheless our view that some effort should be made to close the gap between the cost of this printing service and the amount realized from the sale of the copies. It is therefore recommended that the department increase the price per copy to a minimum of \$1.00, thus permitting the department to recover annually a substantial portion of the cost of providing this service.

3. Patent, Trade Marks and Copyright Branch Accommodation

Some concern was expressed by the Committee members with respect to the accommodation presently occupied by the Patent, Trade Marks and Copyright Branch of the department. The present accommodation, in the opinion of the Committee, offers little or no protection against fire loss; consequently, there exists an unnecessary risk to the many valuable documents and records held by this Branch. It is therefore recommended that immediate attention be given to providing adequate and secure accommodation for these offices.

4. Amalgamation of Votes

In an opening statement to the Committee, the Secretary of State suggested that consideration should be given to the amalgamation of the three Votes for the Patent and Copyright Offices (being items 376, 377, and 378). The Minister stated that such a move would serve as an administrative convenience. This opinion was later supported by the Under-Secretary of State, who advocated this action on the basis that it would provide a little more leeway in the administration of the department.

The Committee, however, is unconvinced that there is any particular advantage to be gained from such an amalgamation. We further submit that as each of the Votes represents a separate administrative responsibility peculiar unto itself, a division of the respective Votes should be continued in the "Estimates" of the department, thereby providing an accurate and itemized accounting of the expenditures contemplated.

5. Translation Bureau Accounting

It was drawn to the attention of the Committee that the Translation Bureau is responsible for the translation work performed within the Government service, and that the resulting expenses are reflected in the estimates of the Bureau. Your Committee considers that the departments serviced by the Bureau should be charged proportionately for the translation service rendered to them. While it is recognized that this recommendation contains little more