

EVIDENCE

THURSDAY, October 1, 1964.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a quorum. Would you please come to order.

First of all, I would like to call upon Mr. Mace, the assistant deputy minister, to explain to you certain matters of which he is seized.

Would you proceed at this time, Mr. Mace.

Mr. F. T. MACE (*Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Veterans Affairs*): Mr. Chairman, I would like to explain to you the purpose of the two schedules which have been distributed to you. There are two schedules, schedule A and schedule B.

Schedule A lists on the left hand side the parliamentary votes which appear in the main section of the blue book. The second column represents the subvotes or, in other words, the breakdown of the parliamentary votes into the old votes as they appeared in previous years. To the right of that you will notice I have given the name of the departmental official who normally would answer questions relative to these subvotes. At the extreme right hand side I have indicated the ones which were discussed by the committee last Tuesday. I think this information will be helpful to you in establishing exactly which main vote you might wish to interest yourselves with. For example, if you had an interest in the assistance fund you would note this was a subitem of vote number 10. As you will note, vote number 10 covers the allowances and assistance fund, and this is composed of subvote 45 and subvote 50. This will give you the key in respect of where your interests may lie.

The second schedule, schedule B, which I hope you will find useful, also has been distributed to you. In this schedule we have distributed the votes in accordance with responsibility so far as the departmental officers are concerned. In this way when one of the officials is before you this schedule shows all the items which he will or should deal with, both by parliamentary vote number, which is in the centre column, and the subvote number, which is in the far column.

Gentlemen, are there any questions in respect of how you might use these two schedules? Normally we would work from schedule B because we will call one of the officials and he will deal with the various votes in which he is interested.

If I could, Mr. Chairman, I would like to mention that difficulty was experienced the other day in picking out certain items, as a result of which two items were missed in the votes which we did consider. If you would take a look at schedule B you will note that the first one is 1a, departmental administration. This is a small supplementary estimate for our departmental administration and I think it is in the amount of \$42,000. I would like to present this for your consideration at the present time.

1a Departmental administration,	\$42,000
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Mr. MACE: I do not know if you have any questions in respect of this. The purpose of this was mainly to provide us with a little additional money in our departmental administration vote to pay the fees of management consultants. I think reference was made the other day to the survey we have been subjected to. Because of this we needed a little more money to clean this account up this year.