

Provision of funds before passage of the Appropriation
Act for 1967 for services and works not previously
approved by the House

On 18th^{and 24th} January, 1967, the former House by Resolutions approved:

- (a) financial provisions for the carrying on of the ordinary business of Government from the beginning of the financial year 1967/68 until Estimates for the full year have been approved and the Appropriation Act for 1967 has been passed; and
- (b) a special provision (£290,000) for the Development Finance Corporation.

2. The Estimates for 1967/68 now being finalised for presentation to this House provide for certain expenditures which have not previously been approved by the House but which in the opinion of Government are of such a nature that in the public interest they should not be deferred until the Appropriation Act for 1967 has been passed. The House will therefore be invited by Resolution to approve a provision in respect of those expenditures totalling £159,700 as set out in the attached Schedule. The items of expenditure relate to:

- (a) creation of new Ministerial posts and revision of certain pay and allowances;
- (b) expansion of the Police Force;
- (c) certain other miscellaneous services and works.

3. Item (a) is the subject of a separate Ministry Paper.

4. Expansion of the Police Force: The House is aware of the recent increase in the incidence of crime all over the island. To help cope with the situation the Police Force is to be increased by an additional 200 constables immediately. A sum of £42,800 is required to equip and pay salaries to these additional constables up to 31st July.

Miscellaneous Services and Works

5. Head 7A - Ministry of Defence: The sum of £35,000 is to pay for certain equipment.

6. Head 8 - Ministry of External Affairs - Seminar on Human Rights: The sum of £14,000 is to meet expenses on connection with the Human Rights Seminar recently held in Jamaica.

7. Head 46 - Ministry of Development and Welfare - Independence Festival of Jamaica : The greater part of the Independence Festival expenses has to be incurred during June and July.
8. Head 56A - Ministry of Communications and Works (Capital) Subhead 22 - Reclamation Works : Swamp reclamation work in certain areas has been proceeding on the basis of annual programmes. Now that a programme for 1967/68 has been worked out it is desired that work should be started immediately at Chatham, Folly, Boundbrook and Tinson Pen. These are all labour-intensive projects.
9. Head 56A - Ministry of Communications and Works (Capital) Subhead 23 - North Gully Project, Montego Bay : It is necessary to proceed now with land acquisition and preliminary works on a new bridge to be constructed.
10. To summarise, the House is invited to approve a total of £159,700 comprising:

Recurrent provisions and special expenditure	- £69,700
Capital provisions	- £90,000

for the purposes set out above and I will move a Resolution to this effect in due course.

EDWARD SEAGA
Minister of Finance
9th May, 1967

SCHEDULE

<u>Head and Subhead</u>	<u>Estimates 1967/68</u> £	<u>Provision to 31.7.67</u> £
3 - Houses of Parliament	323,896	2,900
7A- Ministry of Defence (Capital)		
1 - Defence	131,320	35,000
8 - Ministry of External Affairs		
31 - Seminar on Human Rights	14,000	14,000
38 - Police		
1 - Personal Emoluments	2,575,529	24,000
5 - Maintenance and equipment, Police Force	121,420	18,800
45 - Ministry of Development and Welfare		
47 - Independence Festival of Jamaica	30,000	10,000
55A- Ministry of Communications and Works (Capital)		
22 - Reclamation Works	200,000	45,000
23 - North Gully Projects, Montego Bay	50,000	10,000
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