

CHAPTER XIV

General Administration

I.—DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMMES

579. While main emphasis is given in the Plan to economically productive projects, it is necessary at the same time to improve and expand facilities for general administration. The capital expenditure requirements are mainly for additional office accommodation and other public buildings to meet government's increasing responsibilities. The programme of \$33.6 million for government buildings in Malaya will provide, *inter alia*, for new office buildings for several ministries and departments. Sums of \$12.5 million and \$6.1 million have also been allocated for Sabah and Sarawak respectively.

580. Other development expenditures included under the category of General Administration are described briefly in the following paragraphs.

581. *Judicial*.—The programme for 1966-70, amounting to \$5.7 million, will provide for the replacement of some 32 courthouses in various parts of Malaya and construction of a new courthouse in Jesselton to accommodate both the High Court and the Magistrate's Court.

582. *Customs and Excise*.—The \$5.2 million which has been allocated will provide for additional staff quarters and offices, expansion of the Customs Training College in Malacca and the purchase of additional launches and equipment to strengthen the facilities for anti-smuggling work.

583. *Chemistry*.—With the allocation of \$0.7 million, a more comprehensive regional laboratory service will be established. Branch laboratories will be set up in Kuala Trengganu and Kluang in addition to the existing ones in Petaling Jaya and Penang.

584. *Printing*.—During the last Plan, the Printing Department expanded its facilities to cater for printing in the National Language in addition to English. In the current Plan continued improvement will be effected through an expansion of the headquarters unit, provision of a new printing office at Johore Bahru and replacement of machinery and equipment at Alor Star

and Kuala Trengganu. A sum of \$1.2 million has been provided for these projects.

585. In Sarawak improvements will be carried out to the building of the Government Printing Department in Kuching and additional printing equipment will be provided at a total cost of \$0.4 million.

586. *Prisons.*—The programme for Malaya, amounting to \$16.6 million, will provide for additional staff quarters and improvement to existing prison buildings. Of the total, \$8 million has been earmarked for a new prison and headquarters office in Kajang. The present prison buildings, which stand on valuable property in the heart of the Federal Capital, will be vacated to make way for development of the area. The programme for the Borneo States, amounting to \$4.1 million, will provide for a number of prisons and staff quarters to be constructed.

587. *Ministry of External Affairs.*—The programme of \$12.5 million will provide largely for the expansion of existing chanceries and official residences. The construction and purchase of new mission buildings will be necessary in some countries, particularly with the establishment of more foreign missions in Asia and Africa.

588. *Labour and Industrial Relations.*—A sum of \$0.4 million has been provided for the renovation and replacement of several labour offices. New labour offices at Petaling Jaya and Ipoh will be completed. In addition, \$1.5 million has been allocated for the expansion of vocational training on a national basis, as described in Chapter XI.

589. *Survey.*—An allocation of \$2.4 million has been provided in Malaya for the construction of a number of new labour lines, completion of the building programme of survey offices at Kuala Lumpur, Kemaman, Kuantan and in Kedah and purchase of additional machines for printing and mapping.

590. A sum of \$2.5 million has been allocated to Sarawak to enable the topographic mapping of the State to be completed.

591. For Sabah, \$7.6 million has been provided for lands and surveys. Topographical surveys and map production in Sabah will be expanded and equipment facilities for survey work will be further improved. It is proposed also to provide a number of prefabricated type of quarters and offices for survey teams working on land settlements and other development schemes.

592. With the growth of towns and the marked shortage of state land in Sabah, it is proposed to acquire privately-owned land to provide for new roads, road widening and other projects in urban and suburban areas. In addition, substantial reclamation of land will be undertaken in the major towns. While the Borneo Development Corporation Ltd. and other development corporations will be encouraged to carry out reclamation and

development, the government will on its own undertake a certain amount of reclamation work which would not ordinarily be handled by such corporations.

593. *Consultant Services—Sabah.*—In view of the limited technical capacity in Sabah, a sum of \$4 million has been allocated in the Plan to meet the cost of consultant services for a number of major development projects.

594. *Prime Minister's Department.*—Provision has been made in the Plan to complete a land capability classification of Malaya. This project will provide information on natural resource potentials, including mineral potentiality, soil suitability, forest productivity and water resources in alienated and unalienated areas. This information will be related to the existing land use pattern, thus enabling sound land utilisation policies to be formulated. A sum of \$1.5 million has been allocated in the Plan for this project. In addition, the Canadian Government has agreed to make available assistance under the Colombo Plan of a sum of about \$3.8 million to cover the cost of an aerial photographic survey of Malaya and the provision of technical personnel.

595. The remainder of \$0.5 million provided is to meet the costs of freight charges for shipment of various kinds of capital equipment donated by Canada under the Colombo Plan.

596. *Statistics.*—Efforts will be made to widen the range and improve the quality of statistics for government administration, policy formulation and planning. In particular, the statistical services in Sabah and Sarawak will be improved in order to bring various statistical series to a comparable level with those produced for Malaya and to provide statistics on a pan-Malaysian basis. In Malaya statistical facilities will be further improved by the installation of an electronic computer. A number of sample surveys in new statistical fields will be conducted. The decennial Census of Population and the Census of Agriculture will also be undertaken in 1970. A sum of \$6 million has been allocated for the statistics programme.

597. *Game.*—During 1966-70, the Taman Negara (national park) in Pahang will be provided with improved internal transport and more and better tourist accommodation in keeping with its growing status as a tourist attraction. Some replacement of labour lines will also be undertaken. A sum of \$0.7 million will be expended to carry out the above projects. In addition, \$0.2 million has been allocated to the Department for new offices and quarters in Kelantan and Negri Sembilan.

598. *Tourism.*—Malaysia is being visited by more and more tourists from abroad. This is a healthy trend, which helps Malaysia to become better known to the world at large and promotes closer ties with other countries.

At the same time an increasing amount of foreign exchange is being earned from tourism. In the coming years, the government will make greater efforts, in association with private enterprise, to facilitate and promote tourist travel to and within Malaysia through the provision of better facilities. For this purpose a sum of \$2 million has been allocated. Tourist information centres in Kuala Lumpur and Port Swettenham will be improved and more recreational facilities will be made available in the Kuala Lumpur area. The potential of the tourist industry in Malaya and the Borneo States will be carefully appraised to serve as a basis for further promotional and development work.

II.—SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE ALLOCATIONS

599. A summary of General Administration expenditure allocations under the Plan is shown in Table 14-1.

TABLE 14-1

MALAYSIA: DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, 1966-70

				(\$ millions)			
				<i>Malaya</i>	<i>Sabah</i>	<i>Sarawak</i>	<i>Malaysia</i>
Government buildings	...	...	...	33.6	12.5	6.1	52.2
Judicial	...	...	...	4.4	1.3	—	5.7
Customs and Excise	...	...	...	5.2	—	—	5.2
Chemistry	...	...	...	0.7	—	—	0.7
Printing	...	...	...	1.2	—	0.4	1.6
Prisons	...	...	...	16.6	1.5	2.6	20.7
Ministry of External Affairs	...	...	...	12.5	—	—	12.5
Labour and Industrial Relations	...	...	...	0.4	—	—	0.4
Survey	...	...	...	2.4	7.6	2.5	12.5
Consultant services	...	...	...	—	4.0	—	4.0
Prime Minister's Department	...	...	...	2.0	—	—	2.0
Statistics	...	...	...	6.0	—	—	6.0
Game	...	...	...	0.9	—	—	0.9
Tourism	...	...	...	2.0	—	—	2.0
TOTAL				87.9	26.9	11.6	126.4