

In this case the machines remain the Pool, but are shown as being on loan to a firm. The proceeds of rent are paid to Consolidated Revenue.

On 12th February 1941 (Agendum 63/1941 - Minute No.777) War Cabinet approved of Finance Authority No.22, under cover of which was detailed the Eastern Group Supply Conference proposals for capital expenditure of £4,000,000 in providing manufacturing capacity for a production programme to be available for the purposes of the Eastern Group Supply Council in theatres of war in the Middle and Far East. As the details will be found in the section of this narrative concerned with "Orders for Munitions received from other Governments", I will merely record the fact here.

Other commitments for capital expenditure recommended by the Director-General of Munitions during the first half of 1941 were -

7th March 1941 Further extensions and additional factories and annexes for manufacture of ammunition for guns and small arms.

	<u>£</u>	
Small Arms Ammunition Factory, Hendon, S.A.	30,000	
Explosives Factories, Maribyrnong, Vic.	160,000	
Explosives Factories, Salisbury, S.A.	1,000,000	
Shell and Bomb Production, Ordnance Factory, Maribyrnong.	100,000	
Armament Annexes, all States.	<u>500,000</u>	1,790,000

7th March 1941 Additional amount for purchase of Machine Tools for stockpiling, mainly fuze manufacturing machines.

500,000

67/12/306 /320	3rd April 1941	Additional buildings and plant for gun manufacture at Maribyrnong Government Factory. ORDNANCE	290,000
267/12/320	8th April 1941	Extensions and additional factories for the manufacture of small-arms ammunition in Victoria and Western Australia.	500,000
67/12/307	1st May 1941	A second Ordnance factory to be built and equipped at Bendigo, Victoria.	750,000
267/12/308	6th May 1941	Three new factories in New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania for manufacture of brass cartridges cases for gun ammunition.	1,380,000
67/12/399	30th June 1941	Additional amount for purchase of Machine tools for stock-piling, including Shipbuilding.	2,000,000
267/12/380	30th June 1941	Additional amounts required for -	
		Armament Annexes. 1,177,766	
		Laboratories and Respirator manufacture. 59,960	
		Shell & Bomb manufacture at Ordnance factory. <u>156,802</u>	1,394,528

The foregoing were endorsed subsequently by War Cabinet, Agendum 68/1941, Supplements 1 to 4, Minutes 867 of 9th May, 1,154 of 2nd July, and 1,353 of 3rd September 1941.

At this point, as it is the time of the close of the Financial Year 1940-1941, and of the close of the first year of office of Mr. Essington Lewis as Director-General of Munitions, it will be appropriate to include some particulars of the expenditure of a capital nature in relation to the Munitions Production Programme. As shown elsewhere, there had been in operation, prior to the advent of Mr. Lewis, a