

## Head 70 — IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

**Controlling officer:** the Director of Immigration will account for expenditure under this Head.

<b>Estimate 2001–02</b> .....	<b>\$2,192.9m</b>
<b>Establishment ceiling 2001–02</b> (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 5 599 non-directorate posts at 31 March 2001 rising by 158 posts to 5 757 posts at 31 March 2002 .....	<b>\$1,666.7m</b>
In addition there will be an estimated 12 directorate posts at 31 March 2001 and at 31 March 2002.	
<b>Capital Account commitment balance</b> .....	<b>\$20.9m</b>

### Controlling Officer's Report

#### Programmes

- Programme (1) Pre-entry Control**
- Programme (2) Control upon Entry**
- Programme (3) Control after Entry**
- Programme (4) Vietnamese Migrants**
- Programme (5) Personal Documentation**
- Programme (6) Nationality and Assistance to HKSAR Residents outside Hong Kong**

These Programmes contribute to Policy Area 10: Immigration Control (Secretary for Security).

#### Detail

##### Programme (1): Pre-entry Control

	1999–2000 (Actual)	2000–01 (Approved)	2000–01 (Revised)	<b>2001–02 (Estimate)</b>
Financial provision (\$m)	164.9	182.4 (+10.6%)	173.1 (–5.1%)	<b>195.1 (+12.7%)</b>

#### Aim

**2** The aim is to control legal immigration, and the entry of foreign workers and undesirable persons through the visa system.

#### Brief Description

**3** The Visa Control (Administration) Division and Visa Control (Operations) Division deal with all aspects of pre-entry immigration control through the visa and entry permit system. This work involves:

- processing applications for entry to Hong Kong for employment, investment, training, residence and education in accordance with approved policies and procedures;
- processing applications for Certificates of Entitlement to the right of abode in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR);
- facilitating bona-fide tourists and business visitors through the issue of visas, visit permits, Travel Passes and Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Business Travel Cards;
- processing petitions/appeals on visa control and Certificate of Entitlement matters; and
- preventing the entry of undesirable persons who are likely to pose a threat to the security, prosperity and well-being of Hong Kong.

**4** In 2000, all the targets under this programme were achieved. With our continued effort, performance of some of the activities even exceeds our target by over 20%.

**5** The key performance measures are:

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### Targets

	Target	1999 (Actual) % within target	2000 (Actual) working days/weeks	2001 (Plan)
average processing time per case upon receipt of supporting documents				
entry visas and permits for visit .....	4 weeks	84.7	91.3	<b>93.0</b>
entry visas and permits for employment.....	85% within 4 weeks#	90.5	99.8	<b>85.0</b>
entry visas and permits under the Admission of Talents Scheme .....	3 weeks	N.A.Ω	98.2	<b>100.0</b>
other entry visas and permits.....	85% within 6 weeksφ	92.4	94.0	<b>90.0</b>
visit permits for Taiwan residents .....	5 working days	95.8	95.4	<b>97.0</b>
visit permits for Macau residents .....	5 working days	99.6	100.0	<b>N.A.b</b>
change of status .....	85% within 6 weeksφ	68.1	95.0	<b>93.0</b>

# The target for this item has been revised from '70% within 6 weeks' to '85% within 4 weeks' with effect from 2001.

Ω Not applicable. The Admission of Talents Scheme was implemented on 17 December 1999.

φ The target for these two items has been revised from 70% to 85% within 6 weeks with effect from 2001.

β Not applicable. Since December 1999, the Macau authorities have been issuing new travel documents to Macau residents for visiting HKSAR, thus obviating the need for us to issue entry permits to Macau residents. Accordingly, we have ceased issuing multiple visit permits for Macau residents with effect from 1 April 2000. This item will be deleted with effect from 2001.

### Indicators

	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
entry visa†			
received .....	86 193	105 430	<b>109 100</b>
processed.....	82 832§	107 054§	<b>109 100</b>
visit visa			
received .....	16 055	17 861	<b>21 200</b>
processed.....	15 977§	17 937§	<b>21 200</b>
visit permit for Taiwan residents			
received .....	248 367	263 396	<b>190 400</b>
processed.....	248 639§	261 815§	<b>190 400</b>
visit permit for Macau residents			
received .....	24 151	607	<b>N.A.b</b>
processed.....	24 147§	617§	<b>N.A.b</b>
APEC Business Travel Card - local applications			
received .....	64	39	<b>900</b>
processed.....	222§	47§	<b>900</b>
APEC Business Travel Card - referral applications			
received .....	575	401	<b>2 300</b>
processed.....	575§	402§	<b>2 300</b>
HKSAR Travel Pass			
received .....	475	493	<b>550</b>
processed.....	486§	482§	<b>550</b>
change of status			
received .....	14 606	12 687	<b>10 600</b>
processed.....	17 874§	13 884§	<b>10 600</b>
Mainland Fisherman Deckhands			
received .....	5 549	5 107	<b>5 700</b>
processed.....	5 567§	5 090§	<b>5 700</b>
petition/appealψ			
received .....	204	456	<b>450</b>
processed.....	117§	287§	<b>450</b>
Certificate of Entitlement .....	28 110	28 186§	<b>20 000</b>

† Workload for 2000 and 2001 includes also those arising from implementation of the Admission of Talents Scheme which was implemented on 17 December 1999.

§ The number of applications processed included outstanding applications brought forward from previous year.

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- ψ Workload for 2000 and 2001 includes also appeals on matters relating to Certificate of Entitlement.

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001–02*

- 6 During 2001–02, the department will:
- process speedily applications under the Admission of Talents Scheme;
  - continue to implement the HKSAR Travel Pass Scheme to enhance the mobility of business people and frequent travellers to Hong Kong;
  - continue to issue APEC Business Travel Card to local business people to facilitate their travel within the participating APEC economies;
  - continue to examine critically cases of persons holding passports of convenience;
  - continue to process expeditiously Certificate of Entitlement applications submitted by persons who claim the right of abode in Hong Kong under para. 2(c) of Schedule 1 to the Immigration Ordinance;
  - continue to examine critically cases of foreign nationals seeking to stay in Hong Kong through marriages of convenience;
  - continue to issue entry permits to Mainland fisherman deckhands entering Hong Kong on board dual registered vessels for unloading catches in local fish markets under the Mainland Fisherman Deckhand Scheme; and
  - devote efforts to deal with petition, appeal and judicial review cases.

### **Programme (2): Control upon Entry**

	1999–2000 (Actual)	2000–01 (Approved)	2000–01 (Revised)	2001–02 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	938.8	1,045.0 (+11.3%)	988.4 (–5.4 %)	1,052.1 (+6.4%)

### *Aim*

7 The aim is to exercise quantitative and qualitative control over legal immigration, to prevent the entry of undesirable persons and the departure of persons wanted for criminal offences, to facilitate the movement of bona-fide tourists, business visitors and local residents, and to process cross-border vehicles.

### *Brief Description*

8 The Border, Harbour and Airport Divisions are responsible for operations at all control points of entry into and exit from Hong Kong via land, sea or air. The Border Division comprises five land border control points at Lo Wu, Hung Hom, Man Kam To, Sha Tau Kok and Lok Ma Chau. Lo Wu is the busiest land passenger crossing point while Hung Hom deals with through train passengers. The other three control vehicles as well as passenger movements. There is also a clearance centre at San Uk Ling which deals with the processing and repatriation of illegal immigrants from the Mainland. Immigration control over movements by passenger liners and ferries to and from the Mainland and Macau is effected at the China and Macau Ferry Terminals. Control over other types of sea traffic is usually carried out at the Eastern, Western and Tuen Mun Immigration Anchorages. Operations at the Airport enforce immigration control over passengers and aircrew entering and leaving Hong Kong by air. There are designated detention quarters in the China and Macau Ferry Terminals, the Harbour Control Section, the River Trade Terminal and the Airport for detaining passengers and undesirable persons who have been refused entry and pending removal. This work involves:

- examining incoming passengers, crew, vehicles and craft to detect illegal immigrants, criminals, and undesirable persons in a courteous and efficient manner;
- examining outgoing passengers, crew, vehicles and craft to detect immigration offenders and persons wanted for criminal offences in a courteous and efficient manner; and
- repatriating illegal immigrants, individuals refused landing and undesirable persons in an efficient and humane manner.

9 In 2000, all the control points were able to achieve the targets.

10 The key performance measures are:

### *Targets*

The targets are to clear 92% of passengers within 30-minute waiting time in the case of travelling by land or by sea and 15-minute waiting time in the case of travelling by air.

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	1999 (Actual)			2000 (Actual)			2001 (Plan)		
	Land	Sea	Air	Land	Sea	Air	Land	Sea	Air
percentage of passengers cleared within									
30-minute waiting time .....	98.5	98.6	—	98.5	98.5	—	92.0	92.0	—
15-minute waiting time .....	—	—	98.1	—	—	99.0	—	—	92.0

### Indicators

	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
passengers/vehicles/vessels examined			
land .....	100 604 117	112 942 554	126 271 000
sea.....	20 432 943	23 740 924	25 432 000
air.....	21 328 999	23 033 023	24 585 000
passengers/seamen refused entry .....	16 921	20 791	23 000
secondary examination.....	257 870	312 130	342 000

### Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001–02

11 During 2001–02, the department will:

- cope with the increasing demand for cross-boundary passenger traffic by strengthening the immigration manpower at the Lo Wu Control Point and starting installation works of additional immigration counters at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point;
- cope with the growing volume of air traffic at the Hong Kong International Airport in the wake of the economic recovery and China's expected entry into the World Trade Organisation;
- continue to cope with the increasing demand for cross-boundary vehicular traffic after the construction of ten additional kiosks at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point in December 1999;
- continue its efforts to combat the use of forged travel documents, to prevent the entry of undesirable persons and the departure of persons wanted for criminal offences; and
- enhance front-line defence at all control points to prevent people from neighbouring economies from seeking entry for unapproved employment and other undesirable activities.

### Programme (3): Control after Entry

	1999–2000 (Actual)	2000–01 (Approved)	2000–01 (Revised)	2001–02 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	418.5	385.0 (–8.0%)	389.5 (+1.2%)	421.1 (+8.1%)

### Aim

12 The aim is to exercise immigration control by granting or refusing extension of stay; investigating and prosecuting offenders under the Immigration, Immigration Service, Registration of Persons, Marriage, Births and Deaths Ordinances, and certain provisions under the Crimes Ordinance; and removing or deporting illegal immigrants, overstayers and undesirable persons from Hong Kong.

### Brief Description

13 The Visa Control (Operations) Division and Investigation Division are responsible for post-entry immigration control. This work involves:

- processing and considering extension of stay and re-entry visa applications from visitors and temporary residents effectively and efficiently;
- arresting overstayers, illegal immigrants, illegal workers and other immigration offenders;
- investigating immigration offences and initiating prosecutions if there is sufficient evidence;
- identifying trends in immigration offences and formulating counter measures;
- removing illegal immigrants, overstayers, immigration offenders and undesirable persons in a humane and cost-effective manner; and
- seeking and executing deportation orders against criminals.

14 The targets for this programme were generally achieved in 2000.

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15 The key performance measures are:

### *Targets*

	Target	1999 (Actual) % within target	2000 (Actual) working days/weeks	2001 (Plan)
extension cases processed	Upon receipt of supporting documents			
visitors .....	1 working day	97.6	97.5	<b>98.0</b>
residents .....	2 weeks	98.3	97.5	<b>98.5</b>
re-entry visa .....	1 working day	99.1	98.4	<b>99.0</b>

### *Indicators*

	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
no. of applications			
extension of stay .....	1 199 251	1 340 955	<b>1 486 300</b>
re-entry visa .....	20 453	17 261	<b>17 000</b>
other endorsements .....	12 331	11 857	<b>9 900</b>
total	<u>1 232 035</u>	<u>1 370 073</u>	<u><b>1 513 200</b></u>
operations conducted by the Immigration Task Force .....	3 152	4 255	<b>4 700</b>
investigations conducted .....	72 658	67 866	<b>74 500</b>
offenders prosecuted .....	25 619	22 785	<b>25 000</b>
persons repatriated .....	25 027	23 094	<b>25 500</b>
appeals/petitions received .....	618	2 427	<b>4 000f</b>
deportation/removal orders issued .....	2 691	5 386	<b>6 500f</b>

φ Including the anticipated caseload upon conclusion of the relevant litigation brought by the right of abode claimants.

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001–02*

16 During 2001–02, the department will:

- continue to pay special attention to applications for change of status from doubtful visitors;
- step up enforcement action against visitors engaged in unlawful employment after entry and/or overstaying beyond their limits of stay;
- step up enforcement action against air passengers with forged travel documents, including those in transit, and their aiders and abettors;
- deal with the increasing number of appeal, petition and judicial review cases arising from the removal of right of abode claimants, illegal entrants and overstayers from the Mainland;
- deal with the immigration offenders arrested by the Police and the Immigration Task Force;
- deal with female illegal entrants and visitors from the Mainland coming to Hong Kong to give birth;
- deal with the claims for right of abode from those who claim to be unaffected by the Interpretation made by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on Articles 22(4) and 24(2)(3) of the Basic Law;
- process the issue and execution of removal orders against right of abode claimants which have been held in abeyance pending the results of the relevant litigation;
- continue to investigate and expose the using or manufacturing of forged travel documents by individuals or syndicates;
- expand its intelligence exchange and connection with other law enforcement counterparts of the Mainland and other countries to prevent human smuggling by forged travel documents as well as sea borne means;
- continue to take proactive actions against the engagement of foreign domestic helpers in non-domestic jobs;
- take proactive actions against syndicates arranging the entry of underpaid foreign domestic helpers; and
- implement the improvement measures proposed by the Inter-departmental Working Group on the Law Reform Commission Report on Arrest.

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### Programme (4): Vietnamese Migrants

	1999–2000 (Actual)	2000–01 (Approved)	2000–01 (Revised)	2001–02 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	35.1	27.2 (–22.5%)	23.7 (–12.9%)	<b>17.8</b> (–24.9%)

#### *Aim*

17 The aim is to deal with administrative and operational matters relating to the Vietnamese migrant and Vietnamese illegal immigrant population in Hong Kong and assist in their repatriation where refugee status is denied.

#### *Brief Description*

18 With effect from 9 January 1998, all Vietnamese illegal arrivals have been treated as normal illegal immigrants. They are detained under Section 26 of the Immigration Ordinance for enquiry and Section 32 of the same ordinance pending removal. Removal order will be made if they cannot be removed within two months after arrival. In implementing the government's policy on Vietnamese migrants and Vietnamese illegal immigrants, the Immigration Department works closely with the Security Bureau, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and other law-enforcement departments on the repatriation of non-refugees to Vietnam under the orderly repatriation scheme; repatriation of ex-China Vietnamese (ECVs) to the Mainland; deportation of Vietnamese criminal offenders; and the overseas resettlement of refugees. This work involves:

- conducting examination on the status of the Vietnamese illegal arrivals in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the Immigration Ordinance;
- planning and organising orderly repatriation operations with Security Bureau and other law-enforcement departments;
- seeking deportation orders against Vietnamese criminal offenders and executing the deportation orders by escorting the deportees to Vietnam;
- seeking and executing removal orders against Vietnamese illegal immigrants;
- securing the re-admission of ECVs to the Mainland, and where necessary, providing escorts;
- providing assistance and logistical support to UNHCR and the International Organisation for Migration in the resettlement and departure arrangements for refugees, and arranging the issue and maintenance of Vietnamese refugee cards to refugees staying temporarily in Hong Kong; and
- processing applications under the Widened Local Resettlement Scheme (WLRS) which allows refugees and eligible Vietnamese migrants to apply for settlement in Hong Kong.

19 Repatriation of Vietnamese migrants/illegal immigrants in 2000 was successful with the total number of migrants/illegal immigrants remaining in Hong Kong reduced from some 1 000 persons in January to about 400 persons in December 2000.

20 The key performance measures are:

#### *Targets*

Every effort will be made to expedite the repatriation of Vietnamese illegal immigrants and those Vietnamese migrants determined to be non-refugees and the resettlement of those Vietnamese refugees remaining in Hong Kong. The Orderly Repatriation Programme, which has proved to be a deterrent to new departures from Vietnam, will continue to operate.

#### *Indicators*

	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
Vietnamese illegal immigrants examined .....	937	581	<b>780</b>
Vietnamese migrants/illegal immigrants returned under orderly repatriation.....	826	447	<b>600</b>
Vietnamese criminal offenders deported.....	297	290	<b>200</b>
ECVs repatriated to Mainland.....	—	—	<b>360</b>
resettlement overseas of refugees .....	71	6	<b>5</b>
resettlement under WLRS of refugees .....	N.A.#	875	<b>65W</b>
resettlement under WLRS of Vietnamese migrants .....	N.A.#	436	<b>3W</b>

# Not applicable since WLRS was only introduced in 2000.

Ω Most of the applications under WLRS had been dealt with in 2000.

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### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001–02*

21 During 2001–02, the department will:

- continue to strive for the early repatriation of Vietnamese migrants and Vietnamese illegal immigrants to Vietnam;
- support UNHCR and the International Organisation for Migration on the resettlement of the Vietnamese refugees remaining in Hong Kong;
- deal with deportation and removal orders concerning Vietnamese migrants and Vietnamese illegal immigrants;
- continue to play an active role in the Orderly Repatriation Programme; and
- seek early repatriation of the ECVs to the Mainland.

### **Programme (5): Personal Documentation**

	1999–2000 (Actual)	2000–01 (Approved)	2000–01 (Revised)	<b>2001–02 (Estimate)</b>
Financial provision (\$m)	502.3	499.6 (–0.5%)	477.3 (–4.5%)	<b>499.4 (+4.6%)</b>

### *Aim*

22 The aim is to counteract illegal immigration and enhance the maintenance of law and order by providing all legal residents with a secure form of identity card and all consequential services related to identity cards; to register births, deaths and marriages and provide all consequential services related to such civil registration; to assess right of abode claims; and to facilitate the international travel of Hong Kong residents by providing them with travel documents.

### *Brief Description*

23 The Registration Division is responsible for the assessment of claims to right of abode, the issue of identity cards and the maintenance of identity card records. It is also responsible for registering all births, deaths and marriages and providing basic statistics for planning purposes. The Documents Division receives and processes applications for various types of travel documents. This work involves:

- providing identity cards and related services to legal residents;
- operating an accessible and convenient system for births, deaths and marriages registration and providing related services;
- providing Hong Kong residents with HKSAR passports or other travel documents; and
- assessing claims to right of abode and dealing with related matters.

From 1 July 1997 onwards, HKSAR passports have been issued to Hong Kong permanent residents who are Chinese citizens and permanent identity card holders. In processing applications for HKSAR passports, the department accords priority to applicants who have no travel documents or whose travel documents will expire within 12 months.

24 In 2000, the targets for this programme were generally achieved. Throughout the year, processing of all types of HKSAR passport applications, including both Category A (i.e. from persons without travel documents or whose travel documents are valid for less than 12 months) and Category B (i.e. from persons whose travel documents are valid for more than 12 months) applications, were completed within 15 working days.

25 The key performance measures are:

### *Targets*

	Target	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual) % within target	<b>2001 (Plan)</b>
delivery of services related to identity card on day of applicants' attendance .....	100%#	100	100	<b>100</b>
normal processing time per application/case				
identity card.....	15 working days	100	100	<b>100</b>
certificate of registered particulars .....	25 working days	100	100	<b>100</b>
verification of eligibility for Permanent Identity Card (PIC) .....	6 weeks	68.4	66.1	<b>80.3</b>

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	Target	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual) % within target	2001 (Plan)
certified copy of birth/death/ marriage/adoption certificate .....	9 working days	100	100	<b>100</b>
HKSAR passport application from persons without travel documents or with travel documents with validity of less than 12 months .....	15 working days	100	100	<b>100</b>
application from persons with travel documents which are valid for more than 12 months .....	16-18 weeks	100	100	<b>100</b>
application for HKSAR passport from children under 11 not holding Hong Kong permanent identity cards .....	19 working days	100	100	<b>100</b>
HKSAR document of identity .....	same day	100	100	<b>100</b>
HKSAR seaman's identity book .....	same day	100	100	<b>100</b>
HKSAR re-entry permit .....	same day	100	100	<b>100</b>
standard processing time at counter				
birth/death/adoption registration .....	30 minutes	99.5	99.2	<b>99.5</b>
marriage notice .....	30 minutes	94.5	95.0	<b>96.0</b>

# This target has been revised from 95% to 100% with effect from 2001.

### Indicators

	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
no. of			
identity cards and certificates of registered particulars issued .....	541 566	554 858	<b>559 400</b>
verification of eligibility of PIC application .....	88 961	73 967	<b>85 300</b>
total	630 527	628 825	<b>644 700</b>
increase/decrease on previous year (%) .....	-2.1	-0.3	<b>+2.5</b>
no. of			
birth/death/marriage/adoption registrations .....	115 360	118 806	<b>122 400</b>
birth/death/marriage/adoption certificates issued .....	101 238	100 771	<b>102 800</b>
total	216 598	219 577	<b>225 200</b>
increase/decrease on previous year (%) .....	-3.7	+1.4	<b>+2.6</b>
no. of applications			
HKSAR passport .....	294 826	365 655	<b>402 200</b>
HKSAR document of identity .....	42 393	40 845	<b>38 600</b>
HKSAR seaman's identity book .....	16	8	<b>8</b>
HKSAR re-entry permit .....	94 919	112 753	<b>125 900</b>
total	432 154	519 261	<b>566 708</b>
increase/decrease on previous year (%) .....	-19.4	+20.2	<b>+9.1</b>

### Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001-02

26 During 2001-02, the department will:

- plan and perform the preparatory work required for the introduction of a new generation of identity card in 2003;
- continue lobbying foreign countries to grant visa-free access to holders of HKSAR passport;
- continue to handle applications for HKSAR passports and other HKSAR travel documents;
- provide adequate registration of persons services to Hong Kong residents including those who have newly acquired the right of abode and children under 11 years old who are applying for HKSAR passports; and



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- continue to improve customer services to registrants for identity cards, births, deaths or marriages.

### Programme (6): Nationality and Assistance to HKSAR Residents outside Hong Kong

	1999–2000 (Actual)	2000–01 (Approved)	2000–01 (Revised)	2001–02 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	11.7	10.2 (–12.8%)	7.3 (–28.4%)	7.4 (+1.4%)

#### Aim

27 From 1 July 1997, the department has been authorised by the Central People's Government to deal with Chinese nationality matters in respect of residents in the HKSAR in accordance with the Nationality Law of the People's Republic of China and the 'Explanations' adopted by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress. From 1 February 2000, the department has started to accept overseas applications for declaration of change of nationality, naturalisation as a Chinese national, renunciation and restoration of Chinese nationality through Chinese diplomatic and consular missions. It also provides assistance to HKSAR residents in distress outside Hong Kong.

#### Brief Description

28 From 1 July 1997, the work on nationality related matters and assistance to HKSAR residents outside Hong Kong involves:

- receiving and processing declarations of change of nationality;
- receiving and processing applications for naturalisation as a Chinese national and for renunciation and restoration of Chinese nationality;
- dealing with enquiries on Chinese nationality matters; and
- providing prompt assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong.

29 The targets for this programme were generally achieved in 2000.

30 The key performance measures are:

#### Targets

	Target	1999 (Actual) % within target	2000 (Actual) working days/months	2001 (Plan)
normal processing time per application/case				
assistance to HK residents outside Hong Kong .....	same day	100	100	100
declaration of change of nationality in person .....	95% within the same day $\phi$	100	100	95
application for naturalisation as a Chinese national .....	80% within 3 months	84.0	83.1	80.0
application for renunciation of Chinese nationality .....	90% within 3 months $\Omega$	99	100	90
application for restoration of Chinese nationality .....	80% within 3 months	93.0	85.9	80.0

$\phi$  The target has been revised from 90% to 95% with effect from 2001.

$\Omega$  The target has been revised from 80% to 90% with effect from 2001.

#### Indicators

	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
applications under the Chinese Nationality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance			
declaration of change of nationality .....	67	54	60
application for naturalisation as a Chinese national .....	251	409	450
application for renunciation of Chinese nationality .....	92	83	92
application for restoration of Chinese nationality .....	135	82	91

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	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
requests for assistance by Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong .....	1 006#	622	750

# Including 512 enquiries/requests for assistance received via the telephone hotline service during the Taiwan earthquake in September 1999.

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001-02*

31 During 2001-02, the department will continue to provide services to Hong Kong residents outside Hong Kong who have been imprisoned, detained, or are in distress.

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### ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

Programme	1999–2000 (Actual) (\$m)	2000–01 (Approved) (\$m)	2000–01 (Revised) (\$m)	2001–02 (Estimate) (\$m)
(1) Pre-entry Control.....	164.9	182.4	173.1	<b>195.1</b>
(2) Control upon Entry.....	938.8	1,045.0	988.4	<b>1,052.1</b>
(3) Control after Entry.....	418.5	385.0	389.5	<b>421.1</b>
(4) Vietnamese Migrants.....	35.1	27.2	23.7	<b>17.8</b>
(5) Personal Documentation.....	502.3	499.6	477.3	<b>499.4</b>
(6) Nationality and Assistance to HKSAR Residents outside Hong Kong.....	11.7	10.2	7.3	<b>7.4</b>
	2,071.3	2,149.4 (+3.8%)	2,059.3 (-4.2%)	<b>2,192.9</b> (+6.5%)

#### Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

##### Programme (1)

Provision for 2001–02 is \$22.0 million (12.7%) higher than the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to salary increments for existing staff, full-year provision for posts created and vacancies filled in 2000–01 and the creation of 12 posts in 2001–02 for the Admission of Talents Scheme and upon transfer of resources from the Information Technology Services Department (ITSD) to strengthen information technology (IT) management capability. The increase in expenditure is partly offset by the deletion of four posts in 2001–02 under the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

##### Programme (2)

Provision for 2001–02 is \$63.7 million (6.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to salary increments for existing staff, full-year provision for posts created and vacancies filled in 2000–01, the creation of 129 posts in 2001–02 to strengthen the immigration manpower at Lo Wu Control Point and upon transfer of resources from ITSD to strengthen IT management capability, as well as an increase in the cashflow requirement for replacement of immigration launches. The increase in expenditure is partly offset by the deletion of 12 posts in 2001–02 and savings from reduced operating expenditure under the Enhanced Productivity Programme, as well as the lapse of one time-limited post upon completion of a project.

##### Programme (3)

Provision for 2001–02 is \$31.6 million (8.1%) higher than the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to salary increments for existing staff, full-year provision for posts created and vacancies filled in 2000–01 and the creation of 55 posts in 2001–02 for handling judicial review cases arising from right of abode litigation and upon transfer of resources from ITSD to strengthen IT management capability. The increase in expenditure is partly offset by the deletion of seven posts in 2001–02 under the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

##### Programme (4)

Provision for 2001–02 is \$5.9 million (24.9%) lower than the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to the full-year savings arising from posts deleted in 2000–01 following the scaling down of activities under this programme.

##### Programme (5)

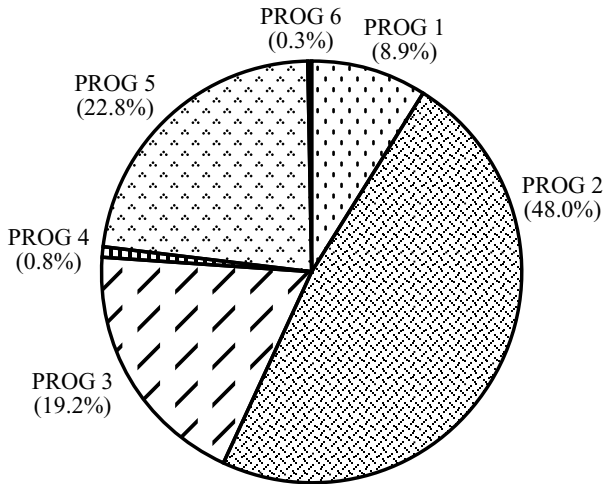
Provision for 2001–02 is \$22.1 million (4.6%) higher than the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to the stock replenishment of blank passport books in 2001–02, the increased requirement for computer consumables, the additional provision for maintenance and software license fees of computer systems and the creation of 17 posts upon transfer of resources from ITSD to strengthen IT management capability. The increase in expenditure is partly offset by the deletion of 31 posts in 2001–02 under the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

##### Programme (6)

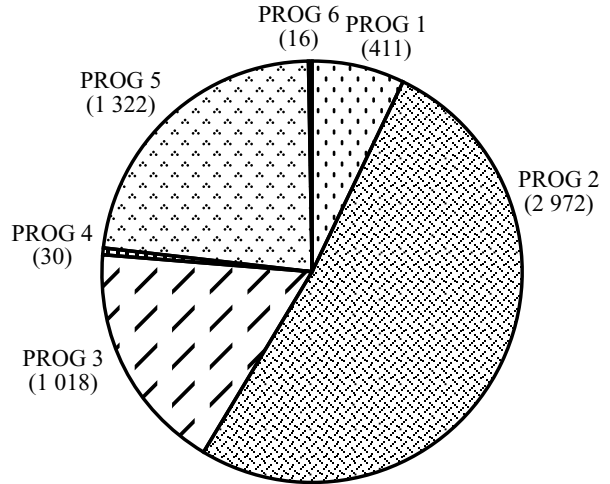
Provision for 2001–02 is \$0.1 million (1.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to salary increments for existing staff.

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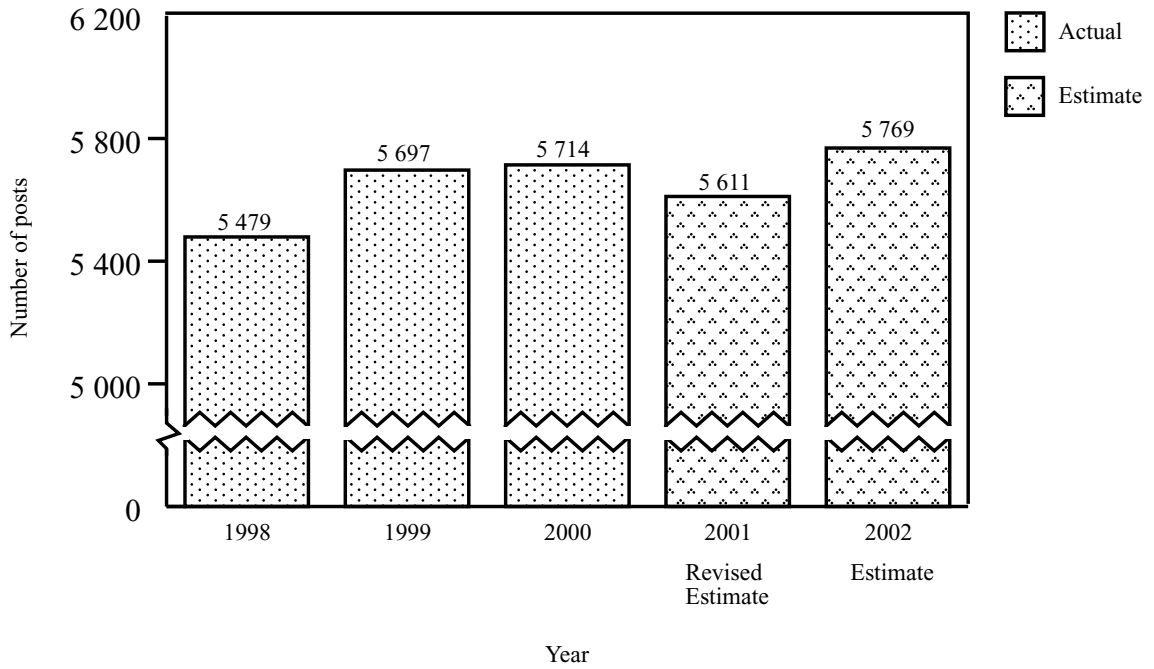
Allocation of provision  
to programmes  
(2001-02)



Staff by programme  
(as at 31 March 2002)



Changes in the size of the establishment  
(as at 31 March)



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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 1999–2000	Approved estimate 2000–01	Revised estimate 2000–01	Estimate 2001–02	
	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$'000	
<b>Recurrent Account</b>					
I — Personal Emoluments					
001	Salaries.....	1,750,506	1,775,379	1,758,984	<b>1,819,912</b>
002	Allowances.....	64,460	67,132	66,212	<b>67,098</b>
007	Job-related allowances.....	506	563	561	<b>746</b>
	Total, Personal Emoluments .....	<u>1,815,472</u>	<u>1,843,074</u>	<u>1,825,757</u>	<b><u>1,887,756</u></b>
III — Departmental Expenses					
117	Data processing.....	55,247	80,842	57,783	<b>74,239</b>
119	Specialist supplies and equipment.....	32,205	37,829	12,223	<b>38,041</b>
149	General departmental expenses.....	131,938	155,752	142,193	<b>155,890</b>
	Total, Departmental Expenses .....	<u>219,390</u>	<u>274,423</u>	<u>212,199</u>	<b><u>268,170</u></b>
IV — Other Charges					
202	Repatriation expenses .....	13,770	13,633	12,842	<b>12,842*</b>
250	Grant to the Immigration Service Welfare Fund .....	237	246	236	<b>237</b>
	Total, Other Charges.....	<u>14,007</u>	<u>13,879</u>	<u>13,078</u>	<b><u>13,079</u></b>
	Total, Recurrent Account .....	<u>2,048,869</u>	<u>2,131,376</u>	<u>2,051,034</u>	<b><u>2,169,005</u></b>
<b>Capital Account</b>					
I — Plant, Equipment and Works					
603	Plant, vehicles and equipment .....	4,589	14,473	5,895	<b>19,566</b>
661	Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote).....	17,823	3,586	2,358	<b>4,372</b>
	Total, Plant, Equipment and Works .....	<u>22,412</u>	<u>18,059</u>	<u>8,253</u>	<b><u>23,938</u></b>
	Total, Capital Account.....	<u>22,412</u>	<u>18,059</u>	<u>8,253</u>	<b><u>23,938</u></b>
	Total Expenditure .....	<u><u>2,071,281</u></u>	<u><u>2,149,435</u></u>	<u><u>2,059,287</u></u>	<b><u><u>2,192,943</u></u></b>

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### Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2001–02 for the salaries and expenses of the Immigration Department is \$2,192,943,000. This represents an increase of \$133,656,000 over the revised estimate for 2000–01 and of \$121,662,000 over actual expenditure in 1999–2000.

#### Recurrent Account

##### Personal Emoluments

2 Provision of \$1,887,756,000 for personal emoluments represents an increase of \$61,999,000 over the revised estimate for 2000–01.

3 The establishment at 31 March 2001 will be 5 610 permanent posts and one supernumerary post. Taking into account the net creation of 212 posts for new and improved immigration services and the deletion of 54 posts under the Enhanced Productivity Programme, it is expected that a net 158 permanent posts will be created in 2001–02.

4 Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated powers create or delete non-directorate posts during 2001–02, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$1,666,747,000 which will be reduced to \$1,666,440,000 upon the deletion of a time-limited post in the course of the year.

5 Provision of \$67,098,000 under *Subhead 002 Allowances* is for standard allowances and the following non-standard allowance —

	Rate	
detective allowance	Chief Immigration Officer	} \$360 per month
	Senior Immigration Officer	
	Immigration Officer	
	Chief Immigration Assistant	} \$180 per month
	Senior Immigration Assistant	
	Immigration Assistant	

6 Provision of \$746,000 under *Subhead 007 Job-related allowances* is for standard job-related allowances. The increase of \$185,000 (33.0%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01 is mainly due to the increased requirement for on-call duty allowance for additional staff transferred from ITSD in 2001–02 to strengthen IT management capability.

##### Departmental Expenses

7 Provision of \$74,239,000 under *Subhead 117 Data processing* includes provision for the maintenance of hardware, software and data preparation facilities for computer systems including the Immigration Control Automation System, the Processing Automation System, the Office Automation System and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Travel Document Information System. The increase of \$16,456,000 (28.5%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01 is mainly due to increased requirement for maintenance and software license fees of computer systems upon expiry of the warranty period and as a result of the system upgrade.

8 Provision of \$38,041,000 under *Subhead 119 Specialist supplies and equipment* includes provision for travel documents, microfilm equipment and consumables, computer equipment and consumables, facsimile equipment and consumables, and photographic equipment and materials. The increase of \$25,818,000 (211.2%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01 is mainly due to the stock replenishment of blank passport books and the increased requirement for computer consumables.

9 Provision of \$155,890,000 under *Subhead 149 General departmental expenses* represents an increase of \$13,697,000 (9.6%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to the increased requirement for contract services upon transfer of resources from ITSD to strengthen IT management capability, the additional provision for contribution to the Mandatory Provident Fund in respect of non-civil service contract staff as well as increased maintenance expenses for additional equipment purchased, partly offset by savings in home-to-office travel subsidy and other operating expenses under the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

##### Other Charges

10 Provision of \$12,842,000 under *Subhead 202 Repatriation expenses* is for the repatriation of Vietnamese migrants, Vietnamese illegal immigrants, ex-China Vietnamese, immigration offenders and convicted criminals in accordance with immigration legislation.

11 Provision of \$237,000 under *Subhead 250 Grant to the Immigration Service Welfare Fund* is for the statutory welfare fund for members of the Immigration Service.

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### *Capital Account*

#### Plant, Equipment and Works

**12** Provision of \$4,372,000 under *Subhead 661 Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)* represents an increase of \$2,014,000 (85.4%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to the increased requirement for replacement of minor equipment in 2001–02.

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#### Commitments

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2000	Revised estimated expenditure for 2000-01	Balance
			\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000
603		<i>Plant, vehicles and equipment</i>				
	288	Replacement of immigration launch IMM 4.....	7,520	—	2,500	5,020
	289	Replacement of immigration launch IMM 3.....	9,520	—	3,166	6,354
	290	Replacement of immigration launch IMM 5.....	9,520	—	—	9,520
		Total.....	<u>26,560</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>5,666</u>	<u>20,894</u>