

Head 106 — MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Controlling officers: expenditure under this Head will be accounted for as follows—

Director of Accounting Services (Subheads 163, 188, 190, 192 and 220)
 Secretary for the Treasury (Subheads 182, 251, 281, 284 and 789)
 Secretary for Commerce and Industry (Subhead 262)
 Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Subhead 289)
 Director-General of Trade and Industry (Subhead 296)
 Secretary for the Civil Service (Subheads 769 and 777)
 Secretary for Health and Welfare (Subheads 238 and 778)
 Chief Executive, Hong Kong Monetary Authority (Subheads 795 and 819)
 Director of Housing (Subhead 796)

Estimate 2001–02	\$6,590.3m
Capital Account commitment balance	\$221.8m

Controlling Officers' Report

Aim

Expenditure under this Head are for items which cannot properly be charged to other heads of expenditure. It covers the appointment of financial and management consultants, subscription to the World Trade Organisation, administration fees on air passenger departure tax, compensation for settlement of claims against the Government, payment to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, contribution to the International Textiles and Clothing Bureau, initiatives to inculcate a quality service and customer focused culture in the civil service, expenses of public education on rehabilitation and acceptance of people with disabilities by the community, expenses for purchase of technical aids for civil servants with a disability and contribution to the Asian Development Fund. It also covers write-offs and the transfer to expenditure of irrecoverable advances and losses of cash and stores, losses resulting from the difference in exchange rates, expenditure chargeable to public funds not elsewhere specified, refunds of revenue collected in previous financial years, and the monthly payment of honoraria to Members (other than official members) of the Executive Council.

2 Provision is also made for additional commitments to meet unavoidable expenditure which is expected to be required during the year in excess of the amounts provided under other heads of expenditure, but which cannot at present be determined and allocated with precision.

3 These subheads contribute to the following Policy Areas—

<i>Subhead</i>	<i>Policy Area</i>	<i>Responsible Policy Secretary/ Controlling Officer</i>
163, 182, 188, 190, 192, 220, 251, 281, 284 and 789	25: Revenue Collection and Financial Control	Secretary for the Treasury
262	6: Commerce and Industry	Secretary for Commerce and Industry
289	32: Environmental Hygiene	Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene
296	6: Commerce and Industry	Director-General of Trade and Industry
769 and 777	26: Central Management of the Civil Service	Secretary for the Civil Service
238 and 778	14: Social Welfare	Secretary for Health and Welfare
795 and 819	1: Financial Services	Chief Executive, Hong Kong Monetary Authority
796	22: Buildings, Lands and Planning	Director of Housing

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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	
Recurrent Account					
IV(a)—Other Charges (other than Additional commitments)					
163	Write-offs	94	100	284	100*
182	Expenses for the appointment of financial and management consultants	47,687	64,042	64,000	62,062
188	Difference in exchange	93	5,000	12,000	10,000*
190	Other miscellaneous items	3,356	3,300	3,119	3,119*
192	Refunds of revenue.....	18,365	30,000	30,000	30,000*
220	Honoraria for Members of the Executive Council.....	8,927	8,766	8,542	8,319
238	Public education on rehabilitation.....	—	2,000	2,000	1,986
262	Subscription to the World Trade Organisation..	22,246	26,532	26,532	26,532
281	Air passenger departure tax administration fees	35,496	37,398	39,168	41,693*
284	Compensation.....	36,548	55,113	55,113	54,727*
289	Commonwealth War Graves Commission.....	225	250	228	250
296	Contribution to the International Textiles and Clothing Bureau	557	865	708	818
	Payment to Cross-Harbour Tunnel Company Ltd.....	2,914	2,750	2,500	—
	Expenses of refugees not in Correctional Services institutions	14,394	14,486	7,680	—
	Total, Other Charges (other than Additional commitments).....	190,902	250,602	251,874	239,606
IV(b)—Other Charges (Additional commitments)					
251	Additional commitments	—	2,150,000	—	4,820,000
	Total, Other Charges (Additional commitments).....	—	2,150,000	—	4,820,000
	Total, Recurrent Account	190,902	2,400,602	251,874	5,059,606
Capital Account					
II(a) — Other Non-Recurrent (other than Additional commitments)					
769	Technical aids for civil servants with a disability	145	500	500	500
777	Initiatives to inculcate a quality service and customer focused culture in the civil service	3,968	2,420	3,806	1,236
778	Public education programme to promote acceptance of people with disabilities by the community.....	2,094	2,786	2,400	535
795	Contribution to the sixth replenishment of the Asian Development Fund.....	9,158	14,100	14,100	18,100
796	Grant to Fu Ning Garden.....	—	3,526	3,526	547
819	Contribution to the seventh replenishment of the Asian Development Fund	—	—	—	9,751
	Public education on rehabilitation.....	160	—	—	—
	Grant to Heep Hong Society for Handicapped Children	647	—	—	—
	Outstanding payments for military estate capital and maintenance works.....	3,137	—	—	—

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	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Capital Account—Cont'd.				
II(a) — Other Non-Recurrent (other than Additional commitments)—Cont'd.				
Provision for the maintenance of Kennedy Town Abattoir as a backup facility during the commissioning of Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse.....				
	1,589	—	—	—
Ex-gratia payment to Secretary for Provisional Regional Council.....				
	743	—	—	—
Outstanding expenses for Provisional Regional Council Members.....				
	255	—	—	—
Donation to the Dragon Foundation.....				
	10,000	—	—	—
Outstanding expenses for Provisional Urban Council Members and Secretariat contract staff.....				
	1,020	—	240	—
Payment to the Samaritan Fund.....				
	—	—	8,000	—
	32,916	23,332	32,572	30,669
II(b) — Other Non-Recurrent (Additional commitments)				
789	—	680,000	—	1,500,000
	—	680,000	—	1,500,000
	32,916	703,332	32,572	1,530,669
	223,818	3,103,934	284,446	6,590,275

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2001–02 for miscellaneous expenditure which cannot properly be charged to other heads of expenditure is \$6,590,275,000.

Recurrent Account

Other Charges

2 Provision of \$100,000 under *Subhead 163 Write-offs* is a nominal figure to cover write-offs and the transfer to expenditure of irrecoverable advances and losses of cash and stores. The decrease of \$184,000 (64.8%) against the revised estimate for 2000–01 is due to higher than expected requirement in 2000–01.

3 Provision of \$62,062,000 under *Subhead 182 Expenses for the appointment of financial and management consultants* is for the appointment of financial consultants to carry out various financial appraisals and management consultants associated with departmental business reviews and public sector reform initiatives. The decrease of \$1,938,000 (3.0%) against the revised estimate for 2000–01 is mainly due to reduced requirements under the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

4 Provision of \$10,000,000 under *Subhead 188 Difference in exchange* is to cover losses resulting from movements in exchange rates in respect of transactions involving foreign currencies. The decrease of \$2,000,000 (16.7%) against the revised estimate for 2000–01 is due to higher than expected requirement in 2000–01.

5 Provision of \$3,119,000 under *Subhead 190 Other miscellaneous items* is to meet items of expenditure chargeable to public funds not elsewhere specified. These items include reimbursement of certain staff costs to the Housing Authority, and funeral expenses of civil servants and members of the auxiliary services who die on duty.

6 Provision of \$30,000,000 under *Subhead 192 Refunds of revenue* is for refunds of revenue collected in previous financial years.

7 Provision of \$8,319,000 under *Subhead 220 Honoraria for Members of the Executive Council* is for the monthly payment of honoraria to Members (other than official members) of the Executive Council.

8 Provision of \$1,986,000 under *Subhead 238 Public education on rehabilitation* is to meet the annual expenditure of public education activities for promoting and maintaining the community's acceptance of and support to the integration of people with disabilities into the community.

9 Provision of \$4,820,000,000 under *Subhead 251 Additional commitments* is to meet unavoidable recurrent expenditure which is expected to be required during the year in excess of the amounts provided under other heads and subheads of the Estimates, but which cannot at present be determined and allocated with precision. When, from time to time during the year, additional provision is approved, an equivalent amount under this subhead will be deleted unless savings can be identified elsewhere. Provision for additional commitments in respect of capital items is shown under *Subhead 789*.

10 Provision of \$26,532,000 under *Subhead 262 Subscription to the World Trade Organisation (WTO)* is to meet Hong Kong's contribution to the budget of the WTO for 2002 as a member.

11 Provision of \$41,693,000 under *Subhead 281 Air passenger departure tax administration fees* is for the payment to airlines and the Civil Aviation Department's agent in respect of the collection and the processing of exemption and refund of air passenger departure tax. The increase of \$2,525,000 (6.4%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01 is mainly due to the increase in the amount of administration fees payable to airlines as a result of an estimated increase in the number of passengers who will pay the tax.

12 Provision of \$54,727,000 under *Subhead 284 Compensation* is for settlement of claims (other than compensation connected with land, public works and mail, and for civil servants under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance) and for certain ex-gratia payments.

13 Provision of \$250,000 under *Subhead 289 Commonwealth War Graves Commission* is to meet one-third of the annual expenditure of maintaining the Stanley Military Cemetery in compliance with the terms of a deed signed in January 1957 between the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (formerly the Hong Kong Government) and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (formerly the Imperial War Graves Commission). The increase of \$22,000 (9.6%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01 is mainly due to the increase in hire of services to maintain the cemetery.

14 Provision of \$818,000 under *Subhead 296 Contribution to the International Textiles and Clothing Bureau (ITCB)* is to meet Hong Kong's annual contribution to the budget of ITCB. The increase of \$110,000 (15.5%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01 is mainly due to rising ITCB operating budget.

Capital Account

Other Non-Recurrent

15 Provision of \$1,500,000,000 under *Subhead 789 Additional commitments* is to meet unavoidable capital expenditure which is expected to be required during the year in excess of the amounts provided under other heads and

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subheads of the Estimates, but which cannot at present be determined and allocated with precision. When, from time to time during the year, additional provision is approved, an equivalent amount under this subhead will be deleted unless savings can be identified elsewhere. Provision for additional commitments in respect of recurrent items is shown under *Subhead 251*.

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Capital Account

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
769	565	Purchase of technical aids for civil servants with a disability	4,400	1,800	500	2,100
777	580	Initiatives to inculcate a quality service and customer focused culture in the civil service	10,000	4,958	3,806	1,236
778	581	Public education programme to promote acceptance of people with disabilities by the community	8,000	5,065	2,400	535
795	579	Contribution to the sixth replenishment of the Asian Development Fund	120,500	16,497	14,100	89,903
796	582	Provision of access ramps at Fu Ning Garden	4,600	—	3,526	1,074
819	598	Contribution to the seventh replenishment of the Asian Development Fund	127,000	—	—	127,000
		Total	<u>274,500</u>	<u>28,320</u>	<u>24,332</u>	<u>221,848</u>