

Head 6 — ROYALTIES AND CONCESSIONS

Details of Revenue

Sub-head (Code)	Actual revenue 2002–03	Original estimate 2003–04	Revised estimate 2003–04	Estimate 2004–05
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
020 Quarries and mining	22,513	25,400	23,200	27,800
030 Bridges and tunnels.....	1,045,444	844,804	1,022,505	16,375
040 Radio broadcasting	10	—	—	—
070 Petrol filling.....	10,101	8,754	8,605	7,434
080 Taxi concessions.....	—	10,000	—	10,000
090 Television broadcasting	—	—	1,237	—
100 Parking.....	411,688	413,723	359,520	335,912
170 Vehicle examination	59,808	61,508	60,718	60,718
201 Slaughterhouse concessions.....	16,500	16,500	16,500	16,500
202 Other royalties and concessions.....	160,125	159,164	161,538	160,448
Total	<u>1,726,189</u>	<u>1,539,853</u>	<u>1,653,823</u>	<u>635,187</u>

Description of Revenue Sources

To this revenue head are credited the royalties payable by franchised companies, revenue arising from government car parks, bridges and tunnels, petrol filling stations, taxi concessions and various other royalties and concessions.

To *Subhead 020 Quarries and mining* are credited royalties from quarry contracts and mining leases.

To *Subhead 030 Bridges and tunnels* are credited royalties from the Tate's Cairn Tunnel and concessions payable by contractors assuming management responsibilities for the Aberdeen Tunnel, Airport Tunnel, Lion Rock Tunnel, Shing Mun Tunnel, Tseung Kwan O Tunnel, the Lantau Link, the Cross-Harbour Tunnel and the Discovery Bay Tunnel, less any revenue required to service securitisation bonds.

To *Subhead 040 Radio broadcasting* are credited royalties payable by Hong Kong Commercial Broadcasting Company Limited and Metro Broadcast Corporation Limited.

To *Subhead 070 Petrol filling* are credited royalties from petrol filling stations of oil companies in Hong Kong.

To *Subhead 080 Taxi concessions* are credited premia generated from the issue of urban, New Territories and Lantau taxi licences.

To *Subhead 090 Television broadcasting* are credited royalties payable by Television Broadcasts Limited, Asia Television Limited and Hong Kong Cable Television Limited.

To *Subhead 100 Parking* are credited concessions payable by contractors who manage and operate government car parks, abandoned vehicle surrender centres, the Austin Road Cross Border Coach Terminus and on-street parking meters.

To *Subhead 170 Vehicle examination* are credited concessions payable by the contractor who manages and operates the New Kowloon Bay Vehicle Examination Centre.

To *Subhead 201 Slaughterhouse concessions* are credited concessions payable by the contractor who manages and operates the Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse.

To *Subhead 202 Other royalties and concessions* are credited miscellaneous royalties and concessions.

Royalties and concessions generated 0.6% of general revenue in 2003–04.

Underlying Changes in Revenue Yield

The 2003–04 revised estimate of \$1,653,823,000 is a net increase of \$113,970,000 (7.4%) over the original estimate.

Under *Subhead 030 Bridges and tunnels* the increase of \$177,701,000 (21.0%) is due to the higher than expected receipt from bridges and tunnels as a result of a deferral in the securitisation of revenue from Government tunnels and bridges to beyond 2003–04.

Under *Subhead 080 Taxi concessions*, taxi licences are issued as and when necessary without a pre-set quota. A nil receipt is included taking into account the fact that no revenue has been collected so far.

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Under *Subhead 090 Television broadcasting*, the revised estimate of \$1,237,000 is the final adjustment of the royalty payments as the royalty scheme for television broadcasting licences was abolished with effect from 7 July 2000.

Under *Subhead 100 Parking* the decrease of \$54,203,000 (13.1%) is mainly due to the lower than expected yields from parking meters and carparks.

The **2004–05** estimate of \$635,187,000 is a net decrease of \$1,018,636,000 (61.6%) against the revised estimate for 2003–04.

Under *Subhead 020 Quarries and mining* the increase of \$4,600,000 (19.8%) is due to the increase in royalty as a result of the increase in imported rocks to Lam Tei Quarry arising from the Route 9 Project.

Under *Subhead 030 Bridges and tunnels* the decrease of \$1,006,130,000 (98.4%) is due to the lesser receipts from Government toll roads as a result of securitisation.

Under *Subhead 070 Petrol filling*, the decrease of \$1,171,000 (13.6%) is due to the expiry of leases of two petrol filling stations.

Under *Subhead 080 Taxi concessions*, since taxi licences are issued as and when necessary without a pre-set quota, a token sum of \$10,000,000 has been adopted for revenue estimate purposes.

Under *Subhead 090 Television broadcasting* a nil receipt is included taking into account the abolition of royalty payments from television broadcasting licensees with effect from 7 July 2000.