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Background

The General Revenue Account (GRA) is the main operating account through which the Government's finances are controlled. The following tables summarise the estimates for 2003–04 and set these estimates in their historical context.

Movement of the Account

	Actual				Revised Estimate	Estimate
	1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
OPENING BALANCE	174,561	145,387	129,934	87,244	20,051	69,243
Expenditure	178,247	188,551	200,687	202,215	208,718	214,005
Revenue♣	157,104	172,734	156,539	144,218	157,924	160,683†
Surplus/(Deficit) before Fund Transfers	(21,143)	(15,817)	(44,148)	(57,997)	(50,794)	(53,322)
Net Transfers (to)/from Funds	(8,031)	2,371	(26)	(9,719)	99,986	21,557
Surplus/(Deficit) after Fund Transfers	(29,174)	(13,446)	(44,174)	(67,716)	49,192	(31,765)
Write-back of provision for loss in investments with the Exchange Fund	—	(2,007)ç	1,484§	523§	—	—
CLOSING BALANCE	145,387	129,934	87,244	20,051	69,243	37,478

♣ Including exceptional receipts from the first tranche of the MTR Corporation Limited share offer of \$10,061 million in 2000–01.

† After Budget revenue measures.

ç In 2000–01 the amount refers to provision for the diminution in the market value of investments with the Exchange Fund during the period from 1 January 2001 to 31 March 2001.

§ In 2001–02 the amount refers to the write-back of the provision made in 2000–01, less the estimated amount required to meet the diminution in the market value of investments with the Exchange Fund in January 2002. In 2002–03, the amount refers to the balance of the provision to be written back.

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Expenditure Analysis

	Actual								Revised Estimate		Estimate	
	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Operating Expenditure												
Recurrent Expenditure												
Personal Emoluments	46,488	26	50,497	27	51,909	26	50,966	25	49,585	24	47,760	23
Personnel Related Expenses	13,289	7	14,497	8	17,769	9	16,937	9	18,742	9	20,523	10
Departmental Expenses	10,184	6	12,934	7	14,366	7	15,563	8	16,291	8	16,987	8
Other Charges	29,590	17	30,355	16	31,328	16	33,655	17	35,209	17	36,969	17
Subventions	74,362	41	76,239	40	80,220	40	80,883	40	80,201	38	79,692	37
Additional Commitments	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,538	1
Total Recurrent Expenditure	173,913	97	184,522	98	195,592	98	198,004	99	200,028	96	203,469	96
Non-Recurrent Expenditure	2,008	1	2,164	1	3,151	2	2,306	1	5,692	3	4,017	2
Additional Commitments	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,014	—	4,714	2
Total Non-Recurrent Expenditure	2,008	1	2,164	1	3,151	2	2,306	1	6,706	3	8,731	4
Total Operating Expenditure	175,921	98	186,686	99	198,743	100	200,310	100	206,734	99	212,200	100
Capital Expenditure												
Plant, Equipment and Works	1,372	1	853	—	984	—	952	—	896	—	836	—
Subventions	954	1	1,012	1	960	—	953	—	1,088	1	826	—
Additional Commitments	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	143	—
Total Capital Expenditure	2,326	2	1,865	1	1,944	—	1,905	—	1,984	1	1,805	—
Total Expenditure	178,247	100	188,551	100	200,687	100	202,215	100	208,718	100	214,005	100
Transfers to Funds	13,031		3,629		26		13,019		34,014		30,943	
Total including Transfers to Funds	191,278		192,180		200,713		215,234		242,732		244,948	

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Revenue Analysis

	Actual								Revised Estimate		Estimate†	
	1999–2000		2000–01		2001–02		2002–03		2003–04		2004–05	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
Operating Revenue												
Internal Revenue												
Earnings and profits tax	66,914	43	73,870	43	77,749	50	73,028	51	78,080	49	82,290	51
Bets and sweeps tax	11,938	8	12,630	7	11,571	7	10,921	8	11,770	8	12,550	8
Hotel accommodation tax	182	—	223	—	203	—	201	—	155	—	200	—
Stamp duties	12,116	7	10,911	7	8,637	6	7,458	5	9,900	6	11,040	7
Air passenger departure tax	499	—	537	—	666	—	884	—	770	1	1,403	1
Cross-Harbour Tunnel passage tax	97	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	91,746	58	98,171	57	98,826	63	92,492	64	100,675	64	107,483	67
Duties	7,377	5	7,293	5	6,981	5	6,620	5	6,539	4	6,751	4
General Rates	7,132	4	14,428	8	12,727	8	8,923	6	11,131	7	12,345	8
Motor Vehicle Taxes	2,613	2	3,025	2	2,676	2	2,510	2	2,712	2	2,896	2
Royalties and Concessions	1,577	1	1,767	1	1,881	1	1,726	1	1,654	1	625	—
Other Revenue	43,363	28	33,955	20	28,208	18	27,784	19	30,847	19	28,471	18
Total Operating Revenue	153,808	98	158,639	93	151,299	97	140,055	97	153,558	97	158,571	99
Capital Revenue												
Internal Revenue												
Estate duty	1,272	1	1,503	—	1,928	1	1,403	1	1,500	1	1,500	1
Taxi Concessions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—
Other Revenue♣	2,024	1	12,592	7	3,312	2	2,760	2	2,866	2	602	—
Total Capital Revenue	3,296	2	14,095	7	5,240	3	4,163	3	4,366	3	2,112	1
Total Revenue	157,104	100	172,734	100	156,539	100	144,218	100	157,924	100	160,683	100
Transfers from Funds	5,000		6,000		—		3,300		134,000		52,500	
Total including Transfers from Funds	162,104		178,734		156,539		147,518		291,924		213,183	

Statistical Analysis of Revenue

	1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Revised Estimate	Estimate†
Operating Revenue as % of Total Revenue	98%	93%	97%	97%	97%	99%
Capital Revenue as % of Total Revenue	2%	7%	3%	3%	3%	1%

† After Budget revenue measures.

♣ Including exceptional receipts from the first tranche of the MTR Corporation Limited share offer of \$10,061 million in 2000–01.