Estimate 2005–06	\$3,889.9m
Establishment ceiling 2005–06 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 11 667 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2005 reducing by 618 posts to 11 049 posts as at 31 March 2006	\$2,093.5m
In addition, there will be an estimated 13 directorate posts as at 31 March 2005 and as at 31 March 2006.	
Commitment balance	\$372.0m

Controlling Officer's Report

Programmes

Programme (1) Food Safety and Public This programme contributes to Policy Area 2: Agriculture, Health Fisheries and Food Safety (Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food). Programme (2) Environmental Hygiene These programmes contribute to Policy Area 32: Environmental Hygiene (Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food). and Related Services Programme (3) Market Management and **Hawker Control** Programme (4) Public Education and This programme contributes to Policy Area 2: Agriculture,

Fisheries and Food Safety (Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food) and Policy Area 32: Environmental Hygiene (Secretary **Community Involvement**

for Health, Welfare and Food).

Detail

Programme (1): Food Safety and Public Health

	2003–04	2004–05	2004–05	2005–06
	(Actual)	(Original)	(Revised)	(Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	448.5	442.0	485.4 (+9.8%)	494.7 (+1.9%)

(or +11.9% on2004–05 Original)

Aim

2 The aim is to ensure that food available for human consumption is wholesome, hygienic and safe; and to safeguard public health through testing and control of live food animals and effective pest control.

- 3 The work involves:
- conducting food surveillance at various points of the food chain and taking enforcement actions;
- ensuring pre-packaged food for sale is properly labelled;
- promoting Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) approach to the trade and the adoption of the HACCP-based food safety plan;
- conducting risk assessment on food and providing timely information to the public;
- investigating and managing food incidents;
- exercising import control on high-risk food and issuing health certificates for food exports;
- exercising import control on live food animals;
- conducting inspections and tests on live food animals at licensed slaughterhouses and wholesale markets;

- providing meat inspection services at licensed slaughterhouses;
- conducting risk assessment on pests affecting public health;
- taking control measures to prevent vector-borne diseases; and
- investigating incidents of vector-borne diseases.
- 4 Most of the performance targets set for 2004 were achieved.
- **5** The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2003 (Actual)	2004 (Actual)	2005 (Plan)
applications for import of game, meat and	C	, ,	, ,	, ,
poultry to be processed within five working days (%)applications for import of milk and milk	98	100	100	98
products to be processed within 13 working days (%)applications for import of frozen	98	100	100	98
confections to be processed within 13 working days (%)	98	100	100	98
health certificates to be processed within 13 working days (%)inspecting vehicles carrying vegetables at	98	100	100	98
Man Kam To Food Control Office (% of vehicles)	98	100	99	98
samples (no. of food samples tested per 1 000 population per year)initiating investigation of reports of food	8	8	8	8
unfit for human consumption within 24 hours (%)	100	100	100	100
about food labelling within three working days (%)issuing veterinary health certificates for exported food containing animal	100	100	100	100
products within three working days (%) inspecting vehicles carrying poultry at	98	100	100	98
Man Kam To (% of vehicles)#testing pigs for beta-agonists (% of lots)conducting inspections of farms exporting	100 98	100 100	100 100	100 98
food animals to Hong Kong (no. of farms)initiating pest control measures within 24	20	20	43	20
hours upon receiving report of vector- borne diseases (%)dealing with complaints on pest control	100	100	100	100
matters within seven working days (%).	100	100	99	100

[#] The target has been raised from 98% to 100% with effect from 2005.

Indicators

	2003 (Actual)	2004 (Actual)	2005 (Estimate)
applications for import of game, meat and poultry	3 274	3 381	3 400
applications for import of milk and milk products	159	135	140
applications for import of frozen confections	179	166	170
export/re-export food health certificates issued	143	139	140
vehicles carrying vegetables inspected at Man Kam To Food			
Control Office	48 394	41 658	42 000
food samples taken for testing	54 451	61 181	61 000

	2003 (Actual)	2004 (Actual)	2005 (Estimate)
labels checked	55 866	55 202	56 000
HACCP seminars/workshops	27	29	28
veterinary health certificates for exported food containing			
animal products issued	63	89	90
vehicles carrying poultry inspected at Man Kam To	12 991	5 239	6 300
blood samples taken from poultry for testing of avian			
influenza H5 antibodies	235 620	98 091	115 000
samples taken from food animals for testing of veterinary			
drug residues	68 142	69 802	70 000
poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks	63 739	51 140	52 000
no. of trappings	2 424	2 920	2 900
mosquito breeding places eliminated	48 496	55 037	55 000
pest control surveys conducted	3 671	5 236	4 600

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2005-06

- **6** During 2005–06, the Department will:
- review the effectiveness of the voluntary Code of Practice for the trading of coral reef fish to see if a mandatory scheme is necessary; and
- consider introducing legislative amendments to prohibit the abstraction of seawater from specified areas adjacent to the coast for keeping live seafood.

Programme (2): Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

	2003–04 (Actual)	2004–05 (Original)	2004–05 (Revised)	2005–06 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	2,352.3	2,092.2	2,105.6 (+0.6%)	2,071.3 (-1.6%)
				(or -1.0% on 2004–05 Original)

Aim

7 The aim is to provide quality environmental hygiene services and facilities; and to safeguard public health through licensing and regulation of licensed food premises.

- **8** The work involves:
- providing efficient and effective public cleansing services including street cleansing, household waste collection and management of public cleansing facilities such as public toilets and refuse collection points;
- licensing and inspecting food premises, and taking law enforcement actions against unlicensed and unhygienic food premises;
- processing liquor licence applications and providing administrative support to the Liquor Licensing Board;
- licensing private swimming pools, commercial bathhouses, places of public entertainment, funeral parlours, karaoke establishment in restaurant and offensive trades; and taking law enforcement action in relation to these activities;
- · managing cremation and burial facilities including public cemeteries, crematoria and columbaria; and
- abating environmental nuisances relating to dripping air-conditioners, water seepage and environmental hygiene blackspots.
- **9** The performance targets set for 2004 were achieved.
- 10 The key performance measures are:

Targets				
	Target	2003 (Actual)	2004 (Actual)	2005 (Plan)
Cleansing				
main roads with 1st round street sweeping services completed before 9:00 a.m. (%)	98	100	99	98
cases where Letters of Requirements for restaurant licences will be issued during Application Vetting Panel meeting (%) cases where food business licences	98	100	100	98
will be issued within seven working days upon confirmation of compliance (%) cases where provisional licences for restaurant and other food	98	99	99	98
premises will be issued within seven working days upon receipt of acceptable Certificate of Compliance (%)	98	100	100	98
within five working days of approval by Liquor Licensing Board (%) Licensing of funeral parlours, private swimming pools, commercial bathhouses, offensive trades, places of	98	100	100	98
public entertainment cases where Letters of Requirements will be issued within seven working days upon clearance with concerned departments (%) cases where licences will be issued	98	99	99	98
within seven working days upon confirmation of compliance (%) Cemeteries and crematoria cases where an applicant may book	98	99	99	98
a cremation session within 15 days (%) cases where burial spaces may be allocated on the day of receipt of	98	100	100	98
application (%)	98	100	100	98
Indicators				
		2003 (Actual)	2004 (Actual)	2005 (Estimate)
refuse collected (tonnes)		2 153 180	2 018 925	2 020 000
recurrent expenditure per tonne of refuse collec	ted (\$)#	182	171	165
sludge collected by gully emptiers (tonnes)		9 705	9 084	9 100
restaurant licencesother food-related licences (e.g. liquor, food fac		9 862	10 207	10 200
bakery)		13 684	14 024	14 000
restricted food permits (e.g. sushi and milk)		5 277	5 584	5 600
applications for food business licencesapplications for restricted food permits		2 437 864	2 587 1 149	2 500 1 100
inspections to food premises		304 966	276 103	260 000
raids against illegal slaughtering		454	402	310
prosecutions against food premises licensed		3 897	3 296	3 300
unlicensed		1 493	1 558	1 500
food business licences suspended/cancelled courses/seminars for Hygiene Supervisors		191 240	167 223	170 120

2003 (Actual)	2004 (Actual)	2005 (Estimate)
82	91	90
14 301	14 201	14 200
1 679 782	1 728 759	1 730 760
30 161 4 074	31 332 4 915	31 400 4 920 7 000
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[#] The figure for 2003 (Actual) and that for 2004 (Actual) represent the actual unit expenditure for the financial years ending 31 March 2003 and 31 March 2004 respectively. The figure for 2005 (Estimate) represents the estimated unit expenditure for the financial year ending 31 March 2005.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2005-06

- 11 During 2005–06, the Department will:
- maintain the overall standard of cleanliness in public areas, busy thoroughfares and public toilets;
- continue to take enforcement actions against littering;
- implement the Hygiene Manager/Supervisor Scheme;
- continue to take stringent enforcement actions against unlicensed food premises and food premises which pose
 immediate health hazards;
- continue to strengthen the control of sale of live and chilled poultry, food eaten raw and chilled meat for food safety purpose;
- follow up the regularisation of "private kitchens"; and
- · convert designated aqua privies into flushing toilets by phases.

Programme (3): Market Management and Hawker Control

	2003–04 (Actual)	2004–05 (Original)	2004–05 (Revised)	2005–06 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	1,385.5	1,385.7	1,317.2 (-4.9%)	1,296.4 (-1.6%)
				(or -6.4% on

Aim

12 The aim is to maintain a clean and hygienic environment in public markets and to control on-street hawking activities.

- 13 The work involves:
- managing and maintaining public markets;
- inspecting markets to ensure cleanliness and compliance with tenancy requirements and conditions;
- controlling and containing on-street hawking activities and obstruction caused by shop extensions;
- · managing licensed hawker pitches, hawker permitted places and hawkers bazaars; and
- taking enforcement actions.
- 14 Most of the performance targets set for 2004 were achieved. The stall let-out rate fell below target owing to increasing competition from supermarkets and other retail outlets in the vicinity of public markets and the changing shopping habit of the public.

15 The key performance measures are:

Target

	Target	2003 (Actual)	2004 (Actual)	2005 (Plan)
markets with common parts cleansed at least three times a day (%)stalls let (%)#dealing with complaints of illegal	100 80	100 77	100 76	100 77
hawking in built-up areas within 30 minutes (%)	95	97	98	95

[#] In calculating the letting percentage, the number of stalls set aside for designated purposes has been included in the total number of stalls for letting.

Indicators

	2003 (Actual)	2004 (Actual)	2005 (Estimate)
licensed hawkers			
fixed pitch hawkers	7 412	7 261	7 100
itinerant hawkers	858	787	700
estimated number of unlicensed hawkers	3 411	3 413	3 400
raids by Hawker Control Teams	90 503	82 796	83 000
joint operations against illegal hawking with other			
departments	1 194	1 056	1 100
hawker blackspots	71	64	64

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2005-06

- **16** During 2005–06, the Department will:
- consult the Legislative Council on the proposed alignment of the market rental adjustment mechanism;
- enhance the facilities and management of public markets, inter alia, by undertaking improvement works and conducting market promotion; and
- conduct overall review of various initiatives relating to market management, such as Market Manager Scheme and the Contracting-out of Market Management in Kowloon City District.

Programme (4): Public Education and Community Involvement

	2003–04 (Actual)	2004–05 (Original)	2004–05 (Revised)	2005–06 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	27.8	38.9	26.7 (-31.4%)	27.5 (+3.0%)
				(or -29.3% on 2004–05 Original)

Aim

17 The aim is to promote food safety and the maintenance of a hygienic environment through partnership with the community and a multi-media publicity campaign.

- **18** The work involves:
- enhancing public awareness of the importance of food safety and empowering consumers to make informed choices;
- educating the public on their responsibility in maintaining a clean and hygienic living environment; and
- organising targeted public education and publicity programmes to mobilise community involvement and support for activities in keeping the environment clean.

19 The performance targets set for 2004 were achieved. New publicity drives, including TV/Radio Announcements in the Public Interest, advertisements at certain tunnel portals, bus shelters and railway stations, banners/posters and pamphlets were launched to disseminate keep clean messages. Funding was provided for organising cleansing activities/campaigns by District Councils and local organisations. In addition, talks and support to cleaning campaign/work conducted by District Councils, non-government organisations, community groups and schools were given.

20 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2003 (Actual)	2004 (Actual)	2005 (Plan)
schools approached for talks (%)#response to requests for information/talks on food safety and environmental	100	_	100	100
hygiene (% within one week)publicity campaign	100	100	100	100 3

[#] As from 2004, the target has been changed from number of schools approached to percentage of schools approached.

Indicators

	2003 (Actual)	2004 (Actual)	2005 (Estimate)
seminars for general public	1 537	1 475	1 400
outreaching programmes targeted at schools	21	20	20
school talks	965	1 242	1 200
series of TV Announcements in the Public Interest	5	6	4
series of Radio Announcements in the Public Interest	8	5	4

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2005-06

- 21 During 2005–06, the Department will:
- educate the public on their role in and responsibility for ensuring food safety;
- educate the public to take appropriate measures to guard against mosquito breeding;
- continue to support community involvement activities to disseminate public cleanliness messages and to arouse public awareness of maintaining a clean and hygienic living environment;
- launch and sustain targeted multi-media publicity programmes and activities to promote environmental hygiene across different sectors of the community; and
- promote health education to students, elderly and new arrivals through talks and outreaching activities.

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

Pro	gramme	2003–04 (Actual) (\$m)	2004–05 (Original) (\$m)	2004–05 (Revised) (\$m)	2005–06 (Estimate) (\$m)
(1) (2)	Food Safety and Public Health Environmental Hygiene and	448.5	442.0	485.4	494.7
(3)	Related Services	2,352.3	2,092.2	2,105.6	2,071.3
(4)	ControlPublic Education and Community	1,385.5	1,385.7	1,317.2	1,296.4
` /	Involvement	27.8	38.9	26.7	27.5
		4,214.1	3,958.8	3,934.9 (-0.6%)	3,889.9 (-1.1%)

(or -1.7% on 2004–05 Original)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Programme (1)

Provision for 2005–06 is \$9.3 million (1.9%) higher than the revised estimate for 2004–05. This is mainly due to additional provision for strengthening pest control, partly offset by the effect of the 2005 civil service pay cut and deletion of ten posts.

Programme (2)

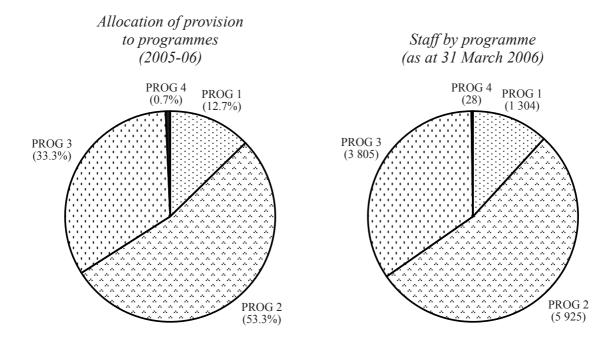
Provision for 2005–06 is \$34.3 million (1.6%) lower than the revised estimate for 2004–05. This is mainly due to the effect of the 2005 civil service pay cut, deletion of 515 posts and decreased requirement for making ex-gratia payment to live poultry retailers surrendering their licences with endorsement to sell live poultry, partly offset by the funding requirement for managing new facilities and provision of cleansing services to newly developed areas.

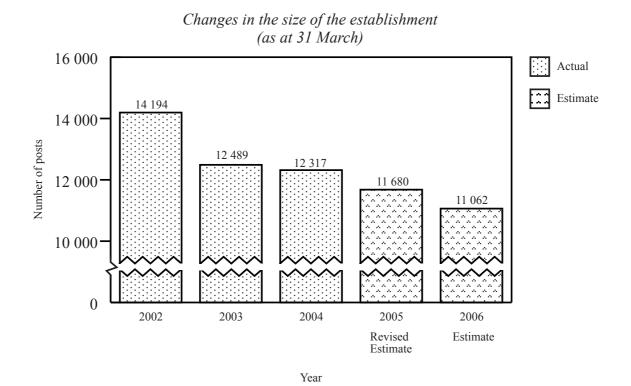
Programme (3)

Provision for 2005–06 is \$20.8 million (1.6%) lower than the revised estimate for 2004–05. This is mainly due to the effect of the 2005 civil service pay cut, deletion of 93 posts and decreased requirement for making ex-gratia payment to live poultry retailers surrendering their public market tenancies, partly offset by the funding requirement for managing new public markets.

Programme (4)

Provision for 2005–06 is \$0.8 million (3.0%) higher than the revised estimate for 2004–05. This is mainly due to the funding requirement for procuring a publicity van, partly offset by the effect of the 2005 civil service pay cut.





Sub- head (Code)		Actual expenditure 2003–04	Approved estimate 2004–05	Revised estimate 2004–05	Estimate 2005–06
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	*'000
	Operating Account				
	Recurrent				
000	Operational expenses	3,954,507	3,848,879	3,546,545	3,722,867
	Total, Recurrent	3,954,507	3,848,879	3,546,545	3,722,867
	Non-Recurrent				
700	General non-recurrent	250,441	106,094	384,346	158,535
	Total, Non-Recurrent	250,441	106,094	384,346	158,535
	Total, Operating Account	4,204,948	3,954,973	3,930,891	3,881,402
	Capital Account				
	Plant, Equipment and Works				
603 661	Plant, vehicles and equipment	2,600	_	180	1,870
001	Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)	6,579	3,796	3,796	6,583
	Total, Plant, Equipment and Works	9,179	3,796	3,976	8,453
	Total, Capital Account	9,179	3,796	3,976	8,453
	Total Expenditure	4,214,127	3,958,769	3,934,867	3,889,855

Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2005–06 for the salaries and expenses of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is \$3,889,855,000. This represents a decrease of \$45,012,000 against the revised estimate for 2004–05 and of \$324,272,000 against actual expenditure in 2003–04.

Operating Account

Recurrent

- **2** Provision of \$3,722,867,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.
- **3** The establishment as at 31 March 2005 will be 11 680 permanent posts. It is expected that 618 permanent posts will be deleted in 2005–06. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2005–06, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$2,093,501,000.
 - 4 An analysis of the financial provision under Subhead 000 Operational expenses is as follows:

	2003–04 (Actual) (\$'000)	2004–05 (Original) (\$'000)	2004–05 (Revised) (\$'000)	2005–06 (Estimate) (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries	2,459,959	2,321,000	2,251,445	2,136,741
- Allowances	24,926	26,500	26,500	26,300
- Job-related allowances	80,161	78,500	78,500	76,734
Personnel Related Expenses				,
- Mandatory Provident Fund				
contribution	820	870	858	832
Departmental Expenses				
- General departmental expenses	1,388,641	1,421,739	1,188,972	1,481,855
Other Charges	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,
- Commonwealth War Graves				
Commission	_	270	270	405
	3,954,507	3,848,879	3,546,545	3,722,867

Capital Account

Plant, Equipment and Works

5 Provision of \$6,583,000 under *Subhead 661 Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)* represents an increase of \$2,787,000 (73.4%) over the revised estimate for 2004–05. This is mainly due to increased requirement for replacement of minor plant and equipment.

Commitments

Sub- head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2004	Revised estimated expenditure for 2004–05	Balance
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Opera	ting A	ccount				
700		General non-recurrent				
	001	Ex-gratia payments to cooked food hawker licencees	9,960	1,260	600	8,100
	002	Ex-gratia payment under Itinerant Hawker Licence Compulsory Deletion Policy	19,200	3,630	660	14,910
	008	Promotion of health education on public hygiene and food safety	7,136	4,963	230	1,943
	009	Ex-gratia payment to stallholders affected by the redevelopment of Central Market site	23,321	21,500	205	1,616
	011	Extension of ex-gratia payment to the Itinerant Hawker Licence holders of the New Territories	9,990	3,420	1,500	5,070
	013	Special improvement in environmental hygiene	635,000	236,120	291,230	107,650
	436	Ex-gratia payment to live poultry retailers surrendering their licences with endorsement to sell live poultry or public market tenancies	236,428	_	78,298	158,130
	437	Re-training and one-off grants to assist affected live poultry retail workers	83,028	_	10,338	72,690
			1,024,063	270,893	383,061	370,109
Capit	al Acco	unt				
603		Plant, vehicles and equipment				
	016	Procurement of a publicity van for the promotion of environmental hygiene and food safety	2,050	_	180	1,870
		Total	1,026,113	270,893	383,241	371,979