

## Head 80 — JUDICIARY

**Controlling officer:** the Judiciary Administrator will account for expenditure under this Head.

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| <b>Estimate 2006–07</b> .....   | <b>\$952.7m</b> |
| <b>Establishment ceiling 2006–07</b> (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 1 414 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2006 reducing by 40 posts to 1 374 posts as at 31 March 2007 ..... | <b>\$367.4m</b> |
| In addition, there will be an estimated 177 directorate posts as at 31 March 2006 and as at 31 March 2007, of which 172 are posts for judges and judicial officers.   |                 |
| <b>Commitment balance</b> .....   | <b>\$8.9m</b>   |

### Controlling Officer's Report

#### Programmes

**Programme (1) Courts and Tribunals**  
**Programme (2) Support Services for Courts' Operation**

These programmes contribute to Policy Area 12: Administration of Justice (Judiciary Administrator).

#### Detail

##### Programme (1): Courts and Tribunals

|                           | 2004–05<br>(Actual) | 2005–06<br>(Original) | 2005–06<br>(Revised) | <b>2006–07<br/>(Estimate)</b>     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Financial provision (\$m) | 657.4               | 704.4                 | 673.5<br>(–4.4%)     | <b>728.4</b><br>(+8.2%)           |
|                           |                     |                       |                      | (or +3.4% on<br>2005–06 Original) |

#### *Aim*

2 The aim is to maintain an independent and competent judicial system which upholds the rule of law, safeguards the rights and freedoms of individuals and commands domestic and international confidence.

#### *Brief Description*

3 Under this programme, different levels of courts and tribunals hear and adjudicate criminal cases and civil disputes. The operational objectives of these courts and tribunals are to:

- ensure just and expeditious disposal of cases;
- enhance professional standards;
- ensure the Judiciary and the courts keep abreast with changing times; and
- develop a bilingual court system in Hong Kong.

4 In 2005, having regard to resources made available and to the matters set out in the Notes below, a number of aspects as reflected by the key indicators have shown an adverse trend. Subject to the above, the aim of the programme was met and the overall performance was satisfactory.

5 The key performance measures in respect of operations of the courts and tribunals are:

#### *Targets*

The waiting time targets have been set in accordance with the recommendations of the Court Users' Committees or are laid down in the respective ordinances or court rules.

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|  | Target  | 2004<br>(Actual) | 2005<br>(Actual) | 2006<br>(Plan) |
|--|---------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <i>Average Waiting Time (days)</i>               |         |                  |                  |                |
| <i>Court of Final Appeal (Note 1)</i>            |         |                  |                  |                |
| application for leave to appeal                  |         |                  |                  |                |
| criminal—from notice of                          |         |                  |                  |                |
| hearing to hearing .....                         | 45      | 44               | 62               | <b>45</b>      |
| civil—from notice of hearing                     |         |                  |                  |                |
| to hearing .....                                 | 35      | 45               | 49               | <b>35</b>      |
| substantive appeal                               |         |                  |                  |                |
| criminal—from notice of                          |         |                  |                  |                |
| hearing to hearing .....                         | 100     | 82               | 61               | <b>100</b>     |
| civil—from notice of hearing                     |         |                  |                  |                |
| to hearing .....                                 | 120     | 86               | 118              | <b>120</b>     |
| <i>Court of Appeal of the High Court</i>         |         |                  |                  |                |
| criminal—from setting down of a                  |         |                  |                  |                |
| case to hearing .....                            | 50      | 37               | 37               | <b>50</b>      |
| civil—from application to fix date               |         |                  |                  |                |
| to hearing .....                                 | 90      | 159              | 93               | <b>90</b>      |
| <i>Court of First Instance of the High Court</i> |         |                  |                  |                |
| Criminal Fixture List—from filing                |         |                  |                  |                |
| of indictment to hearing ( <i>Note 2</i> )...    | 120     | 214              | 193              | <b>180</b>     |
| Criminal Running List—from                       |         |                  |                  |                |
| setting down of a case to hearing...             | 90      | 135              | 69               | <b>90</b>      |
| Civil Fixture List—from application              |         |                  |                  |                |
| to fix date to hearing ( <i>Note 3</i> ) .....   | 180     | 239              | 233              | <b>180</b>     |
| Civil Running List—from setting                  |         |                  |                  |                |
| down of a case to hearing .....                  | 90      | 116              | 54               | <b>90</b>      |
| Appeals from Magistrates' Courts—                |         |                  |                  |                |
| from lodging of notice of appeal                 |         |                  |                  |                |
| to hearing .....                                 | 90      | 72               | 71               | <b>90</b>      |
| <i>District Court</i>                            |         |                  |                  |                |
| criminal—from first appearance of                |         |                  |                  |                |
| defendants in District Court to                  |         |                  |                  |                |
| hearing ( <i>Note 4</i> ) .....                  | 100     | 98               | 112              | <b>100</b>     |
| civil—from date of listing to                    |         |                  |                  |                |
| hearing ( <i>Note 5</i> ) .....                  | 120     | 54               | 120              | <b>120</b>     |
| <i>Family Court</i>                              |         |                  |                  |                |
| dissolution of marriage—from                     |         |                  |                  |                |
| setting down of a case to hearing                |         |                  |                  |                |
| Special Procedure List .....                     | 35      | 68               | 29               | <b>35</b>      |
| Defended List (one day                           |         |                  |                  |                |
| hearing) .....                                   | 110     | 129              | 120              | <b>110</b>     |
| financial applications—from filing               |         |                  |                  |                |
| of summons to hearing .....                      | 110-140 | 113              | 124              | <b>100-140</b> |
| <i>Lands Tribunal—from setting down of a</i>     |         |                  |                  |                |
| <i>case to hearing</i>                           |         |                  |                  |                |
| appeal cases .....                               | 100     | 20               | 54               | <b>50</b>      |
| compensation cases .....                         | 100     | 68               | 90               | <b>80</b>      |
| building management cases .....                  | 100     | 26               | 49               | <b>50</b>      |
| tenancy cases .....                              | 60      | 23               | 31               | <b>50</b>      |
| <i>Magistrates' Courts—from plea to date of</i>  |         |                  |                  |                |
| <i>trial (Note 6)</i>                            |         |                  |                  |                |
| summons .....                                    | 50      | 64               | 94               | <b>50</b>      |
| charge cases—                                    |         |                  |                  |                |
| for defendants in custody .....                  | 30-45   | 34               | 44               | <b>30-45</b>   |
| for defendants on bail .....                     | 45-60   | 49               | 68               | <b>45-60</b>   |
| <i>Coroner's Court—from date of listing to</i>   |         |                  |                  |                |
| <i>hearing (Note 7) .....</i>                    |         |                  |                  |                |
|  | 42      | 46               | 48               | <b>42</b>      |
| <i>Labour Tribunal—</i>                          |         |                  |                  |                |
| from appointment to filing of a case ..          | 30      | 8                | 13               | <b>30</b>      |
| from filing of a case to first hearing...        | 30      | 24               | 25               | <b>30</b>      |
| <i>Small Claims Tribunal—from filing of a</i>    |         |                  |                  |                |
| <i>case to first hearing .....</i>               |         |                  |                  |                |
|  | 60      | 46               | 44               | <b>60</b>      |

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|   | Target | 2004<br>(Actual) | 2005<br>(Actual) | 2006<br>(Plan) |
|---|--------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Obscene Articles Tribunal—                              |        |                  |                  |                |
| from receipt of application to<br>classification .....  | 5      | 2                | 2                | 5              |
| from referral by a magistrate to<br>determination ..... | 21     | 16               | 15               | 21             |
| from receipt of application to<br>review .....          | 35     | 19               | 21               | 35             |
| from receipt of application to<br>reconsideration ..... | 35     | 21               | — <sup>^</sup>   | 35             |

*Note 1:* The waiting time of the Court of Final Appeal is affected by the availability and sitting periods of non-permanent judges and the need to accommodate counsel's diary where practicable.

*Note 2:* More judicial resources have been deployed in the latter part of 2005 with a view to shortening the waiting time for Criminal Fixture List.

*Note 3:* More judicial resources have been deployed in the latter part of 2005 with a view to shortening the waiting time for Civil Fixture List.

*Note 4:* The average waiting time for criminal cases increased in 2005 due to the general increase in the length of trials and the complexity of cases.

*Note 5:* The average waiting time for civil cases increased considerably in 2005, as more cases were listed for trial after the increase in civil jurisdictional limit from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 in December 2003. However, it is still within the target. The general increase in the length of civil trials and the complexity of cases are also causes for the increase in waiting time.

*Note 6:* The waiting time varies among different Magistrates' Courts. The average waiting time is an average of the Magistrates' Courts at seven locations. More judicial resources have been deployed in the latter part of 2005 with a view to shortening the waiting time for Magistrates' Courts.

*Note 7:* The waiting time of the Coroner's Court is affected by the upsurge of guardianship.

<sup>^</sup> As there are no articles for reconsideration filed in 2005, the waiting time is inapplicable.

### Indicators

|   | 2004<br>(Actual) | 2005<br>(Actual) | 2006<br>(Estimate) |
|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Number of Cases</i>                                  |                  |                  |                    |
| Court of Final Appeal                                   |                  |                  |                    |
| application for leave to appeal ( <i>Note 8</i> ) ..... | 91               | 147              | 150                |
| appeal .....  | 37               | 44               | 40                 |
| miscellaneous proceedings .....                         | 2                | 0                | 0                  |
| Court of Appeal of the High Court                       |                  |                  |                    |
| criminal appeals .....                                  | 544              | 541              | 540                |
| civil appeals .....                                     | 406              | 414              | 420                |
| Court of First Instance of the High Court               |                  |                  |                    |
| criminal jurisdiction                                   |                  |                  |                    |
| criminal cases ( <i>Note 9</i> ) .....                  | 377              | 326              | 320                |
| confidential miscellaneous proceedings .....            | 76               | 51               | 50                 |
| appeals from Magistrates' Courts .....                  | 1 285            | 1 254            | 1 250              |
| civil jurisdiction ( <i>Note 10</i> ) .....             | 23 993           | 19 915           | 19 920             |
| probate cases .....                                     | 12 945           | 13 547           | 13 550             |
| District Court  |                  |                  |                    |
| criminal cases .....                                    | 1 408            | 1 349            | 1 350              |
| civil cases ( <i>Note 11</i> ) .....                    | 36 460           | 32 016           | 32 020             |
| divorce jurisdiction .....                              | 16 126           | 16 947           | 16 950             |
| Small Claims Tribunal .....                             | 88 242           | 80 472           | 80 500             |
| Labour Tribunal ( <i>Note 12</i> ) .....                | 8 273            | 6 900            | 6 900              |
| Obscene Articles Tribunal ( <i>Note 13</i> ) .....      | 76 875           | 24 670           | 24 700             |
| Coroner's Court ( <i>Note 14</i> ) .....                | 140              | 191              | 200                |
| Lands Tribunal .....                                    | 6 669            | 6 268            | 6 300              |
| Magistrates' Courts .....                               | 301 147          | 298 887          | 299 410            |

*Note 8:* The caseload of application for leave to appeal increased by over 60% in 2005.

*Note 9:* The caseload of criminal cases in the High Court dropped by about 13% in 2005.

*Note 10:* The caseload of civil cases in High Court dropped by 17% in 2005. It is attributed to the decrease of about 19% in bankruptcy and company winding up cases.

*Note 11:* There was a drop of 12% in the number of civil cases commenced in the District Court in 2005.

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*Note 12:* With the improving economic condition, the caseload of the Labour Tribunal in 2005 decreased by about 16%.

*Note 13:* While the number of articles submitted in 2005 decreased by nearly 68% as compared with that in 2004, the workload of the Obscene Articles Tribunal had not decreased correspondingly or significantly. The reasons include an increasing tendency for a single disc to contain a number of films and for books and magazines to contain more stories and photographs than before.

*Note 14:* There was an increase of about 36% in the caseload in Coroner's Court. This is mainly attributed to the twofold increase in guardianship cases.

6 It should be noted that the number of cases alone is not a true reflection of a court's workload. In recent years, there has been an increasing number of complex cases that have generally taken longer time to conclude. Without compromising the quality of justice, the Judiciary will continue to try to enhance the productivity of the courts through measures such as improving the listing system, pre-trial reviews and appropriate deployment of judicial resources. But it must be noted that there is a limit to which this could be done.

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2006–07*

7 In 2006–07, the Judiciary will:

- continue to monitor the waiting time in the High Court, District Court and Magistrates' Courts upon the deployment of additional judicial resources;
- adopt the new procedure for issuing grants of probate and letters of administration after the abolition of estate duty; and
- cope with the workload in the Small Claims Tribunal through continuous improvements in work processes.

### **Programme (2): Support Services for Courts' Operation**

|                           | 2004–05<br>(Actual) | 2005–06<br>(Original) | 2005–06<br>(Revised) | <b>2006–07<br/>(Estimate)</b>     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Financial provision (\$m) | 223.6               | 240.0                 | 219.4<br>(–8.6%)     | <b>224.3</b><br>(+2.2%)           |
|                           |                     |                       |                      | (or –6.5% on<br>2005–06 Original) |

### *Aim*

8 The aim is to provide efficient and effective services to support the operation of courts.

### *Brief Description*

9 Under this programme, administrative services are provided to support the hearing of cases in courts and tribunals at different levels, and to carry out court orders. The work involves:

- providing effective recording services for court proceedings and producing transcripts for these proceedings;
- ensuring that both the Chinese and English languages can be used in the court system;
- providing efficient bailiff services for enforcement of court orders;
- keeping comprehensive legal reference books and research materials for the use of judges, judicial officers and the legal profession; and
- adopting information technology and other modern management tools to enhance the efficiency of court support services.

10 In 2005, the aim of the programme was generally met and the overall performance of the programme as reflected by the key indicators was satisfactory.

11 The key performance measures in respect of support services for the courts and tribunals are:

### *Indicators*

|                                    | 2004<br>(Actual) | 2005<br>(Actual) | <b>2006<br/>(Estimate)</b> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Reporting and Transcription</i> |                  |                  |                            |
| cases covered                      |                  |                  |                            |
| criminal.....                      | 315 153          | 270 157          | <b>270 000</b>             |
| civil.....                         | 84 597           | 74 040           | <b>74 000</b>              |

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|  | 2004<br>(Actual) | 2005<br>(Actual) | 2006<br>(Estimate)         |
|--|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>cases with transcripts produced as required by judges</i> |                  |                  |                            |
| criminal.....  | 5 400            | 5 702            | <b>5 800</b>               |
| civil.....   | 1 815            | 1 990            | <b>2 000</b>               |
| <br><i>Interpretation and Translation</i>                    |                  |                  |                            |
| <i>pages of certification/translation processed by Court</i> |                  |                  |                            |
| Interpreters .....   | 466 215          | 447 208          | <b>477 000</b>             |
| <br><i>Bailiff Service</i>                                   |                  |                  |                            |
| executions attempted .....                                   | 32 617           | 27 702           | <b>29 000</b>              |
| summons services attempted .....                             | 78 867           | 73 055           | <b>74 000</b>              |
| <br><i>Library</i>   |                  |                  |                            |
| library materials acquired and processed.....                | 35 951           | 34 337           | <b>35 000</b>              |
| attendances at the Library.....                              | 81 005           | 80 185           | <b>80 500</b>              |
| <br><i>Implementation date</i>                               |                  |                  |                            |
|  | 2004             | 2005             | <b>2006<br/>(Estimate)</b> |
| <br><i>Computerisation Projects</i>                          |                  |                  |                            |
| e-Enquiry of Hearing Dates.....                              | May              |                  |                            |
| Revamped Legal Reference System .....                        | September        |                  |                            |
| Bilingual Reference System .....                             |                  | March            |                            |
| Case Management System for Obscene Articles<br>Tribunal..... |                  | March            |                            |
| Small Claims Tribunal System Revamp.....                     |                  | November         |                            |
| Family Court Document Image Management System....            |                  |                  | <b>March</b>               |
| Labour Tribunal System Revamp .....                          |                  |                  | <b>September</b>           |

### ***Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2006–07***

**12** In 2006–07, the Judiciary will continue to:

- enhance support to unrepresented litigants in the High Court and District Court through the Resource Centre for Unrepresented Litigants;
- provide infrastructural and other support to the implementation of the Civil Justice Reform, particularly in respect of legislative amendments and information technology; and
- sustain quality management in the Judiciary Administration.

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### ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

| <b>Programme</b>                                   | 2004–05<br>(Actual)<br>(\$m) | 2005–06<br>(Original)<br>(\$m) | 2005–06<br>(Revised)<br>(\$m) | <b>2006–07<br/>(Estimate)<br/>(\$m)</b>   |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| (1) Courts and Tribunals.....                      | 657.4                        | 704.4                          | 673.5                         | <b>728.4</b>                              |
| (2) Support Services for Courts’<br>Operation..... | 223.6                        | 240.0                          | 219.4                         | <b>224.3</b>                              |
|  | 881.0                        | 944.4                          | 892.9<br>(–5.5%)              | <b>952.7<br/>(+6.7%)</b>                  |
|  |                              |                                |                               | <b>(or +0.9% on<br/>2005–06 Original)</b> |

#### Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

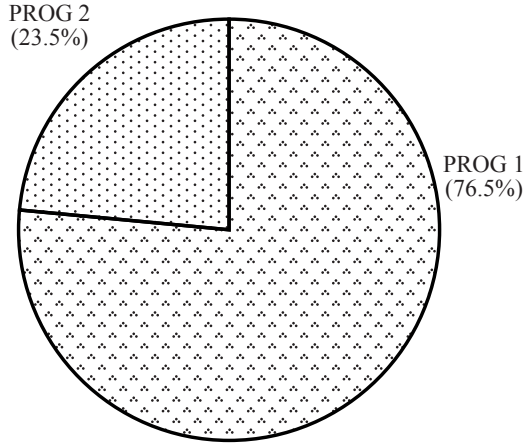
##### Programme (1)

Provision for 2006–07 is \$54.9 million (8.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2005–06. This is mainly due to deployment of more judicial resources with a view to shortening the court waiting time, partly offset by the deletion of 19 posts.

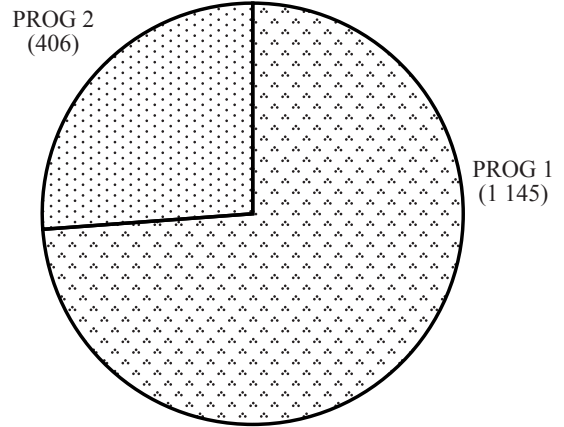
##### Programme (2)

Provision for 2006–07 is \$4.9 million (2.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2005–06. This is mainly due to the additional provision for operating expenses to provide enhanced support services for courts’ operation, partly offset by the deletion of 21 posts.

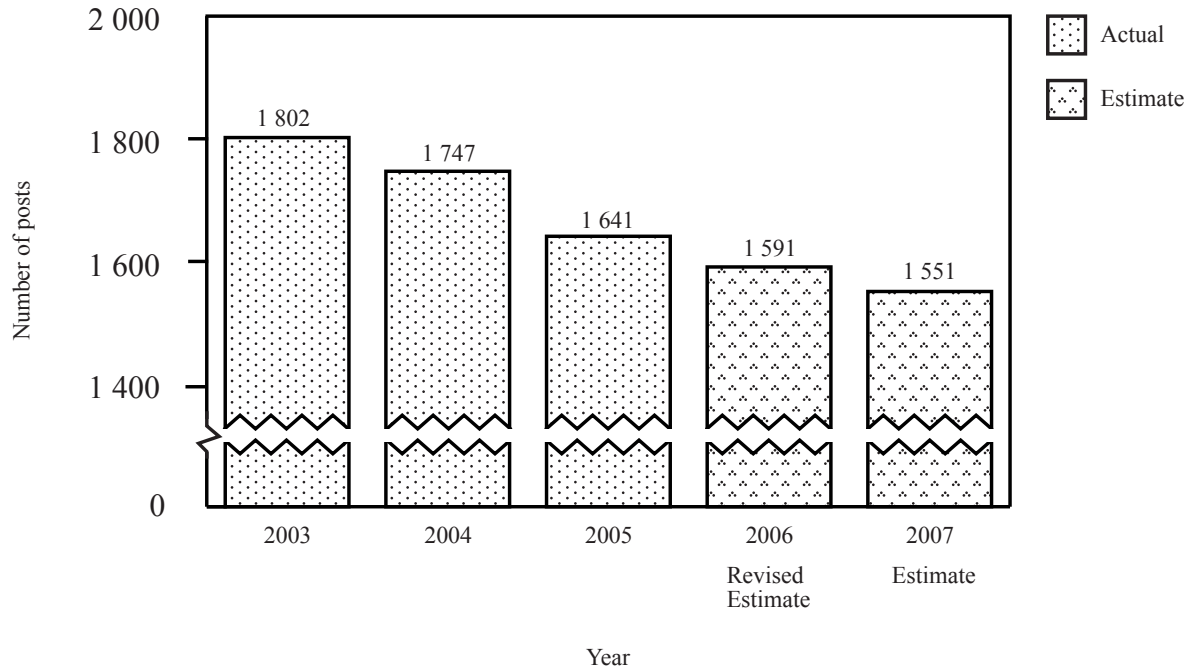
*Allocation of provision to programmes (2006-07)*



*Staff by programme (as at 31 March 2007)*



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



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| Sub-head<br>(Code)         | Actual<br>expenditure<br>2004-05                          | Approved<br>estimate<br>2005-06 | Revised<br>estimate<br>2005-06 | <b>Estimate<br/>2006-07</b> |                              |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                            | \$'000  | \$'000                          | \$'000                         | <b>\$'000</b>               |                              |
| <b>Operating Account</b>   |   |                                 |                                |                             |                              |
| Recurrent                  |   |                                 |                                |                             |                              |
| 000                        | Operational expenses .....                                | 858,200                         | 917,634                        | 868,550                     | <b>925,511</b>               |
| 206                        | Expenses of witnesses and jurors .....                    | 6,416                           | 7,530                          | 6,630                       | <b>7,530</b>                 |
|                            | Total, Recurrent.....                                     | <u>864,616</u>                  | <u>925,164</u>                 | <u>875,180</u>              | <b><u>933,041</u></b>        |
| Non-Recurrent              |   |                                 |                                |                             |                              |
| 700                        | General non-recurrent.....                                | 2,274                           | 4,761                          | 2,599                       | <b>3,622</b>                 |
|                            | Total, Non-Recurrent.....                                 | <u>2,274</u>                    | <u>4,761</u>                   | <u>2,599</u>                | <b><u>3,622</u></b>          |
|                            | Total, Operating Account.....                             | <u>866,890</u>                  | <u>929,925</u>                 | <u>877,779</u>              | <b><u>936,663</u></b>        |
| <b>Capital Account</b>     |   |                                 |                                |                             |                              |
| Plant, Equipment and Works |   |                                 |                                |                             |                              |
| 603                        | Plant, vehicles and equipment .....                       | 516                             | 835                            | 835                         | <b>634</b>                   |
| 613                        | Law library acquisitions (block vote) .....               | 12,292                          | 11,700                         | 14,000                      | <b>14,000</b>                |
| 661                        | Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block<br>vote) ..... | 948                             | 1,854                          | 250                         | <b>1,413</b>                 |
|                            | Works .....   | 361                             | 56                             | 56                          | <b>—</b>                     |
|                            | Total, Plant, Equipment and Works .....                   | <u>14,117</u>                   | <u>14,445</u>                  | <u>15,141</u>               | <b><u>16,047</u></b>         |
|                            | Total, Capital Account .....                              | <u>14,117</u>                   | <u>14,445</u>                  | <u>15,141</u>               | <b><u>16,047</u></b>         |
|                            | Total Expenditure .....                                   | <u><u>881,007</u></u>           | <u><u>944,370</u></u>          | <u><u>892,920</u></u>       | <b><u><u>952,710</u></u></b> |



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### Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2006–07 for the salaries and expenses of the Judiciary is \$952,710,000. This represents an increase of \$59,790,000 over the revised estimate for 2005–06 and of \$71,703,000 over actual expenditure in 2004–05.

#### *Operating Account*

##### Recurrent

**2** Provision of \$925,511,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Judiciary. This includes provision of \$307,500 for a non-accountable entertainment allowance for the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal.

**3** The establishment as at 31 March 2006 will be 1 591 permanent posts. It is expected that 40 posts will be deleted in 2006–07. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2006–07, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$367,364,000.

**4** An analysis of the financial provision under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is as follows:

|   | 2004–05<br>(Actual)<br>(\$'000) | 2005–06<br>(Original)<br>(\$'000) | 2005–06<br>(Revised)<br>(\$'000) | 2006–07<br>(Estimate)<br>(\$'000) |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Personal Emoluments                                   |                                 |                                   |                                  |                                   |
| - Salaries .....                                      | 671,889                         | 681,715                           | 644,900                          | <b>675,208</b>                    |
| - Allowances .....                                    | 14,805                          | 19,560                            | 20,337                           | <b>23,674</b>                     |
| - Job-related allowances .....                        | 796                             | 1,534                             | 603                              | <b>1,089</b>                      |
| Personnel Related Expenses                            |                                 |                                   |                                  |                                   |
| - Cash allowance in lieu of housing<br>benefits ..... | 4,655                           | 5,431                             | 5,691                            | <b>8,719</b>                      |
| - Mandatory Provident Fund<br>contribution .....      | 1,249                           | 1,396                             | 1,132                            | <b>1,227</b>                      |
| Departmental Expenses                                 |                                 |                                   |                                  |                                   |
| - Hire of services and professional fees .....        | 70,757                          | 96,000                            | 90,086                           | <b>99,856</b>                     |
| - General departmental expenses .....                 | 94,048                          | 111,990                           | 105,797                          | <b>115,730</b>                    |
| Other Charges   |                                 |                                   |                                  |                                   |
| - Magistrates poor box .....                          | 1                               | 8                                 | 4                                | <b>8</b>                          |
|   | 858,200                         | 917,634                           | 868,550                          | <b>925,511</b>                    |

**5** Provision of \$7,530,000 under *Subhead 206 Expenses of witnesses and jurors* is for the expenses of witnesses in hearings in criminal cases and in coroners' inquiries, and jurors in both criminal and civil cases and in coroners' inquiries. The increase of \$900,000 (13.6%) over the revised estimate for 2005–06 is mainly due to the anticipated increase in requirement.

#### *Capital Account*

##### Plant, Equipment and Works

**6** Provision of \$14,000,000 under *Subhead 613 Law library acquisitions (block vote)* is for the replenishment of court and tribunal libraries and for subscriptions to legal periodicals and supplements.

**7** Provision of \$1,413,000 under *Subhead 661 Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)* represents an increase of \$1,163,000 (465.2%) over the revised estimate for 2005–06. This is mainly due to replacement of fire services installations in three court buildings.

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### Commitments

| Sub-head<br>(Code)              | Item<br>(Code) | Ambit   | Approved<br>commitment | Accumulated<br>expenditure<br>to 31.3.2005 | Revised<br>estimated<br>expenditure<br>for 2005–06 | Balance             |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---|------------------------|--|--|---------------------|
|                                 |                |   | \$'000                 | \$'000                                     | \$'000   | \$'000              |
| <b><i>Operating Account</i></b> |                |   |                        |  |  |                     |
| 700                             |                | <i>General non-recurrent</i>  |                        |  |  |                     |
|                                 | 520            | Production of videos.....   | 2,800                  | 1,558                                      | 500  | 742                 |
|                                 | 521            | Pilot scheme on family mediation .....  | 7,500                  | 6,160                                      | 699  | 641                 |
|                                 | 522            | Production of videos and brochures on<br>litigants in person in civil litigations.. | 2,500                  | 1,261                                      | 500  | 739                 |
|                                 | 523            | Implementation of the Civil Justice<br>Reform .....                                 | 6,940                  | 1,417                                      | 900  | 4,623               |
|                                 |                |   | <u>19,740</u>          | <u>10,396</u>                              | <u>2,599</u>                                       | <u>6,745</u>        |
| <b><i>Capital Account</i></b>   |                |   |                        |  |  |                     |
| 603                             |                | <i>Plant, vehicles and equipment</i>  |                        |  |  |                     |
|                                 | 217            | Provision of basic office equipment to<br>court buildings .....                     | 2,600                  | 2,211                                      | 320  | 69                  |
|                                 | 218            | Installation of audio-visual presentation<br>system in courtrooms .....             | 5,400                  | 2,816                                      | 515  | 2,069               |
|                                 |                |   | <u>8,000</u>           | <u>5,027</u>                               | <u>835</u>   | <u>2,138</u>        |
|                                 |                | Total .....   | <u><u>27,740</u></u>   | <u><u>15,423</u></u>                       | <u><u>3,434</u></u>                                | <u><u>8,883</u></u> |