

Head 5 — FINES, FORFEITURES AND PENALTIES

Details of Revenue

Sub-head (Code)	Actual revenue 2006–07	Original estimate 2007–08	Revised estimate 2007–08	Estimate 2008–09
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
010 Court fines and statutory penalties	526,340	525,727	483,296	478,453
020 Forfeitures.....	45,454	40,644	39,989	39,936
030 Fixed penalty system (Traffic Contraventions) .	220,021	217,179	231,212	243,004
040 Fixed penalty system (Criminal Proceedings) ...	213,756	206,954	231,054	249,769
050 Payments by civil servants.....	3,127	2,549	2,393	2,315
Total	<u>1,008,698</u>	<u>993,053</u>	<u>987,944</u>	<u>1,013,477</u>

Description of Revenue Sources

To this revenue head are credited fines imposed by the Courts and penalties imposed by statute, forfeitures resulting from Court orders or from breaches of contracts and agreements with the Government, penalties arising from the fixed penalty system for traffic offences under the Fixed Penalty (Traffic Contraventions) Ordinance (Cap. 237) and the Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240), the fixed penalty ticket system for parking offences in public housing estates and payments by civil servants in respect of disciplinary proceedings and breaches of contract.

Revenue from fines, forfeitures and penalties generated 0.4% of total revenue in 2007–08.

Underlying Changes in Revenue Yield

The 2007–08 revised estimate of \$987,944,000 is a net decrease of \$5,109,000 (0.5%) against the original estimate.

Under *Subhead 040 Fixed penalty system (Criminal Proceedings)*, the increase of \$24,100,000 (11.6%) is mainly due to the higher than expected number of fixed penalty tickets issued for traffic offences.

The 2008–09 estimate of \$1,013,477,000 is a net increase of \$25,533,000 (2.6%) over the revised estimate for 2007–08.