

Head 106 — MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Controlling officers: expenditure under this Head will be accounted for as follows—

Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) (Subheads 251, 284, 689 and 789)

Chief Executive, Hong Kong Monetary Authority (Subhead 821)

Estimate 2008–09	\$40,888.0m
Commitment balance	\$109.3m

Controlling Officers' Report

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Expenditure under this Head is for items which cannot properly be charged to other heads of expenditure. It covers compensation for settlement of claims against the Government and certain ex-gratia payments, and contribution to the Asian Development Fund.

2 Provision is also made for additional commitments to meet unavoidable expenditure that may arise during the year in excess of the amounts provided under other heads of expenditure, but which cannot at present be determined and allocated with precision.

3 These subheads contribute to the following Policy Areas—

<i>Subhead</i>	<i>Policy Area</i>	<i>Responsible Officers</i>
251, 284, 689 and 789	25: Revenue Collection and Financial Control	Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
821	1: Financial Services	Chief Executive, Hong Kong Monetary Authority

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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2006-07	Approved estimate 2007-08	Revised estimate 2007-08	Estimate 2008-09
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating Account				
Recurrent				
251	Additional commitments	—	4,199,873	—
284	Compensation	60,176	70,000	65,000
	Write-offs#	114	1,200	360
	Difference in exchange#	—	10,000	6,000
	Other miscellaneous items#	54	500	120
	Refunds of revenue#	15,115	30,500	—
	Total, Recurrent	<u>75,459</u>	<u>4,312,073</u>	<u>93,980</u>
Non-Recurrent				
789	Additional commitments	—	5,196,905	—
821	Contribution to the eighth replenishment of the Asian Development Fund	11,670	17,815	17,815
	Contribution to the sixth replenishment of the Asian Development Fund	5,134	1,561	1,561
	Contribution to the seventh replenishment of the Asian Development Fund	23,893	11,116	11,299
	Total, Non-Recurrent	<u>40,697</u>	<u>5,227,397</u>	<u>30,675</u>
	Total, Operating Account	<u>116,156</u>	<u>9,539,470</u>	<u>124,655</u>
Capital Account				
Plant, Equipment and Works				
689	Additional commitments	—	85,972	—
	Total, Plant, Equipment and Works	<u>—</u>	<u>85,972</u>	<u>—</u>
	Total, Capital Account	<u>—</u>	<u>85,972</u>	<u>—</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u><u>116,156</u></u>	<u><u>9,625,442</u></u>	<u><u>124,655</u></u>

For greater financial accountability and to streamline the accounting arrangement, the provisions for these subheads under Head 106—Miscellaneous Services will be re-distributed to individual heads of expenditure with effect from 2008-09. The actual expenditure in 2006-07 and revised estimate for 2007-08 are shown here for completeness.

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2008–09 for miscellaneous expenditure which cannot properly be charged to other heads of expenditure is \$40,887,954,000.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$3,958,181,000 under *Subhead 251 Additional commitments* is to meet funding for initiatives under planning, which may include extraordinary payments under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme, and transport supplement for eligible persons with disabilities. The provision is also for meeting any unavoidable recurrent expenditure that may arise during the year in excess of the amounts provided under other heads and subheads of the Estimates, but which cannot at present be determined and allocated with precision. When, from time to time during the year, additional provision chargeable to other heads of expenditure is approved, an equivalent amount will be deducted/drawn from this subhead unless savings can be identified elsewhere. Provision for additional commitments in respect of non-recurrent and capital expenditure is shown under *Subhead 789* and *Subhead 689* respectively.

3 Provision of \$70,000,000 under *Subhead 284 Compensation* is for settlement of claims (other than compensation connected with land, public works and mail, and for civil servants under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance) and for certain ex-gratia payments.

Non-Recurrent

4 Provision of \$36,829,923,000 under *Subhead 789 Additional commitments* is to meet funding for initiatives under planning, which may include setting up a research endowment fund for financing research of the University Grants Committee-funded institutions, one-off grant to eligible accounts maintained under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance and the Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance, extraordinary payments for subsidising household electricity expenditure, waiver of public housing rental, injection to the Samaritan Fund, financial assistance to elderly for carrying out repairs and maintenance to their buildings and improving their home safety, health care vouchers for elderly, child development and contingent health prevention or relief measures. The provision is also for meeting any unavoidable non-recurrent expenditure that may arise during the year in excess of the amounts provided under other heads and subheads of the Estimates.

Capital Account

Plant, Equipment and Works

5 Provision of \$9,594,000 under *Subhead 689 Additional commitments* is to meet forecast capital expenditure, subvention payments, and any unavoidable capital expenditure that may arise during the year in excess of the amounts provided under other heads and subheads of the Estimates.

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Commitments

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2007	Revised estimated expenditure for 2007-08	Balance
			<u>\$'000</u>	<u>\$'000</u>	<u>\$'000</u>	<u>\$'000</u>
<i>Operating Account</i>						
821	471	Contribution to the eighth replenishment of the Asian Development Fund	149,700	22,601	17,815	109,284
		Total	<u>149,700</u>	<u>22,601</u>	<u>17,815</u>	<u>109,284</u>