

## Head 23 — AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE

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**Controlling officer:** the Chief Staff Officer of the Auxiliary Medical Service will account for expenditure under this Head.

**Estimate 2009–10** ..... **\$70.2m**

**Establishment ceiling 2009–10** (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 92 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2009 and as at 31 March 2010 ..... **\$22.8m**

In addition, there will be an estimated one directorate post as at 31 March 2009 and as at 31 March 2010.

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### Controlling Officer's Report

#### Programme

##### Auxiliary Medical Service

This programme contributes to Policy Area 9: Internal Security (Secretary for Security).

#### Detail

	2007–08 (Actual)	2008–09 (Original)	2008–09 (Revised)	<b>2009–10 (Estimate)</b>
Financial provision (\$m)	59.7	63.6	64.4 (+1.3%)	<b>70.2</b> (+9.0%)
				(or +10.4% on 2008–09 Original)

#### Aim

2 The aim is to augment the existing medical and health services for maintaining the health care and well-being of the territory, especially in times of emergency, having regard to internal security considerations.

#### Brief Description

3 The Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) is responsible for providing a volunteer medical service to assist the regular services of the Department of Health, the Hospital Authority and the Fire Services Department during emergency situations and supplementary volunteer medical services to government departments and outside agencies during peace time. It also provides paramedic training to disciplined services staff and other appropriate civil servants to enhance their operational efficiency and effectiveness.

4 In 2008–09, the Department continued to provide an effective volunteer medical service to assist the regular services of various government departments and outside agencies. During the year, the following services were provided to meet demands:

- provision of non-emergency ambulance transfer service to clients referred by Department of Health clinics, Hospital Authority clinics, Social Welfare Department institutions and private hospitals;
- manning of the first aid posts at public functions and country parks;
- provision of certificate courses on paramedic training and short courses on first aid for civil servants;
- manning 20 methadone clinics for the Department of Health, and providing clinical service to this category of patients (average daily attendance of 6 200 patients);
- provision of life-guard services for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department;
- provision of training for the AMS volunteers in connection with various contingency plans related to internal security; and
- provision of medical/paramedical services during the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events.

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5 The key performance measures are:

### *Targets*

	Target Man-hour	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Plan)
general regular training .....	240 000	238 005	245 614	<b>240 000</b>
recruit training.....	30 000	29 480	29 504	<b>30 000</b>
centralised training .....	35 000	34 132	36 011	<b>35 000</b>
civil service training.....	152 000	153 410	152 480	<b>152 000</b>
supplementary services .....	243 000	240 980	303 840@	<b>300 000#</b>

@ The increase was due to provision of medical/paramedical services during the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events.

# The increase is due to provision of medical/paramedical services for the 2009 East Asian Games.

### *Indicators*

	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Estimate)
emergency services			
no. of man-hours for emergency duties (serious traffic accidents, disastrous fires, typhoons, rainstorms and major epidemics).....	2 160	2 200	<b>2 200</b>
no. of occasions of call-outs/operations in emergency duties .....	9	8	<b>9</b>
members attending regular training.....	4 105	4 132	<b>4 400</b>
new members recruited.....	498	478	<b>500</b>
members attending centralised training .....	3 855	4 174	<b>3 860</b>
civil servants attending paramedic training			
first aid qualifying course.....	4 034	4 010	<b>4 000</b>
other certificate/short courses .....	6 057	6 040	<b>6 000</b>
supplementary services			
response to ambulance calls.....	1 258	1 132	<b>1 200</b>
coverage at public functions.....	2 200	2 637^	<b>2 700Δ</b>
cases treated on country park duty .....	2 073	1 423‡	<b>2 000</b>
response to non-emergency ambulance transfer requests.....	16 451	16 249	<b>16 400</b>

^ The increase was due to provision of additional coverage during the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events.

Δ The increase is due to provision of additional coverage for the 2009 East Asian Games.

‡ The decrease was due to reduced number of casualties reported.

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2009–10*

6 During 2009–10, the Department will:

- provide paramedic training to cope with the increasing demand of first aiders by frontline police officers;
- enhance the infectious disease prevention and control programme for volunteers to maintain their operational efficiency;
- enhance the volunteers' operational efficiency in ambulance services; and
- provide medical and paramedic training to volunteer members with a view to tendering an effective auxiliary medical service for the 2009 East Asian Games.

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### ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

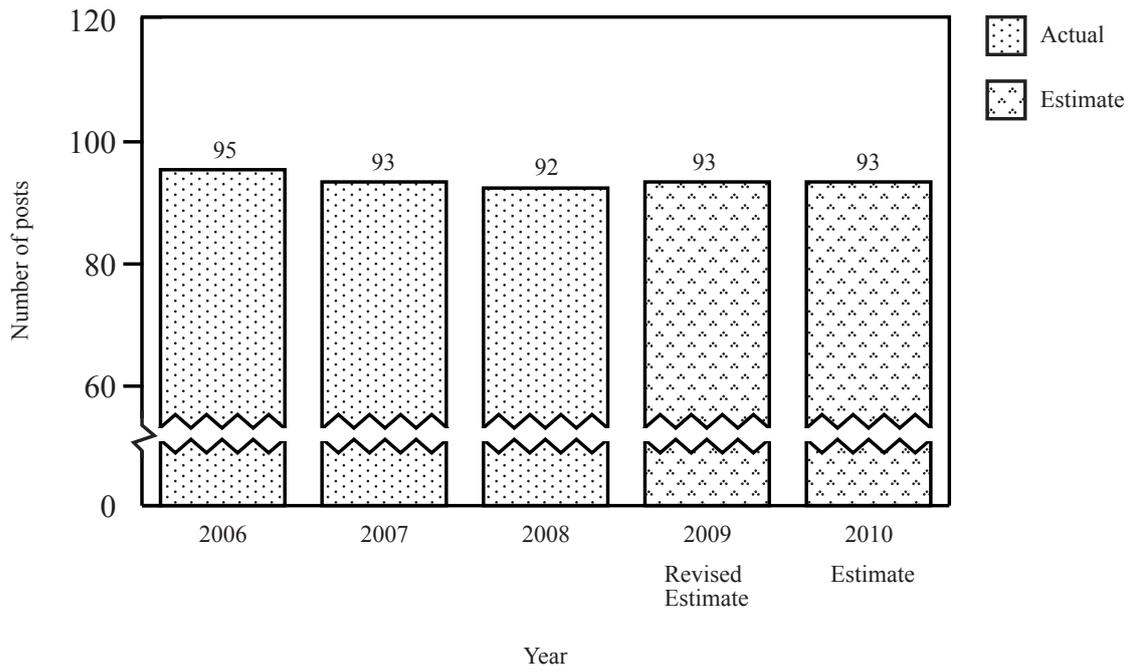
<b>Programme</b>	2007-08 (Actual) (\$m)	2008-09 (Original) (\$m)	2008-09 (Revised) (\$m)	2009-10 (Estimate) (\$m)
Auxiliary Medical Service .....	59.7	63.6	64.4 (+1.3%)	<b>70.2</b> <b>(+9.0%)</b>
				<b>(or +10.4% on 2008-09 Original)</b>

#### Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2009-10 is \$5.8 million (9.0%) higher than the revised estimate for 2008-09. This is mainly due to the net increase in requirement for general departmental expenses and pay and allowances for the auxiliary services in 2009-10 for the 2009 East Asian Games to be held in Hong Kong and provision for the replacement of four town ambulances.

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



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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2007-08	Approved estimate 2008-09	Revised estimate 2008-09	<b>Estimate 2009-10</b>	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	<b>\$'000</b>	
<b>Operating Account</b>					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses .....	59,738	63,633	64,410	<b>67,866</b>
	Total, Recurrent .....	59,738	63,633	64,410	<b>67,866</b>
	Total, Operating Account .....	59,738	63,633	64,410	<b>67,866</b>
<b>Capital Account</b>					
Plant, Equipment and Works					
661	Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote) .....	—	—	—	<b>2,288</b>
	Total, Plant, Equipment and Works .....	—	—	—	<b>2,288</b>
	Total, Capital Account .....	—	—	—	<b>2,288</b>
	Total Expenditure .....	59,738	63,633	64,410	<b>70,154</b>

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### Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2009–10 for the salaries and expenses of the Auxiliary Medical Service is \$70,154,000. This represents an increase of \$5,744,000 over the revised estimate for 2008–09 and of \$10,416,000 over actual expenditure in 2007–08.

#### *Operating Account*

#### Recurrent

**2** Provision of \$67,866,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Auxiliary Medical Service.

**3** The establishment as at 31 March 2009 will be 93 permanent posts. No change in establishment is expected in 2009–10. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2009–10, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$22,765,000.

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

	2007–08 (Actual) (\$'000)	2008–09 (Original) (\$'000)	2008–09 (Revised) (\$'000)	<b>2009–10 (Estimate) (\$'000)</b>
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries .....	26,845	27,215	27,961	<b>28,808</b>
- Allowances .....	142	154	103	<b>161</b>
- Job-related allowances .....	12	26	100	<b>26</b>
Personnel Related Expenses				
- Mandatory Provident Fund contribution .....	—	—	—	<b>10</b>
- Civil Service Provident Fund contribution .....	—	—	8	<b>36</b>
Departmental Expenses				
- General departmental expenses .....	8,877	9,139	9,139	<b>10,989</b>
Other Charges				
- Pay and allowances for the auxiliary services .....	23,095	26,150	26,150	<b>26,995</b>
- Training expenses for the auxiliary services .....	767	949	949	<b>841</b>
	59,738	63,633	64,410	<b>67,866</b>