

Head 70 — IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

Controlling officer: the Director of Immigration will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2009–10 **\$2,876.8m**

Establishment ceiling 2009–10 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 6 507 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2009 rising by 123 posts to 6 630 posts as at 31 March 2010. **\$2,093.2m**

In addition, there will be an estimated 12 directorate posts as at 31 March 2009 and as at 31 March 2010.

Controlling Officer's Report

Programmes

Programme (1) Pre-entry Control
Programme (2) Control upon Entry
Programme (3) Control after Entry
Programme (4) Personal Documentation
Programme (5) Nationality and Assistance to HKSAR Residents outside Hong Kong

These programmes contribute to Policy Area 10: Immigration Control (Secretary for Security).

Detail

Programme (1): Pre-entry Control

	2007–08 (Actual)	2008–09 (Original)	2008–09 (Revised)	2009–10 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	194.3	195.2	207.5 (+6.3%)	209.9 (+1.2%)
				(or +7.5% on 2008–09 Original)

Aim

2 The aim is to control legal immigration and the entry of foreign workers and undesirable persons through the visa system.

Brief Description

3 The Visa Control (Policies) Division and Visa Control (Operations) Division deal with all aspects of pre-entry immigration control through the visa and entry permit system while the Prosecution and Litigation Division deals with related petitions/appeals/judicial reviews. The work involves:

- adopting liberal immigration schemes to facilitate entry of talent, professionals and investors;
- processing applications for entry to Hong Kong for employment, investment, training, residence and education in accordance with approved policies and procedures;
- facilitating entry of bona-fide tourists and business visitors through the issue of visas, visit permits, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Travel Passes and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Travel Cards;
- processing applications for Taiwan Visit Permits by electronic means (iPermit) to facilitate Taiwan visitors to come to Hong Kong;
- processing applications for Certificates of Entitlement to the right of abode in Hong Kong;
- issuing entry permits to Mainland fisherman deckhands entering Hong Kong on board dual registered vessels for unloading catches in local fish markets under the Mainland Fisherman Deckhand Scheme;
- preventing the entry of undesirable persons who are likely to pose a threat to the security, prosperity and well-being of Hong Kong;
- examining critically the bona fides of foreign visitors seeking to enter Hong Kong; and
- processing petitions/appeals/judicial reviews on visa control and Certificate of Entitlement matters.

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4 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Plan)
average processing time (upon receipt of all supporting documents)				
entry visas and permits for visit within four weeks (%)	100	100	100	100
entry visas and permits for employment within four weeks (%)	90.0	94.7	95.9	96.0
entry permits under the Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals within four weeks (%)	90.0	98.0	98.1	98.0
other entry visas and permits within six weeks (%)	90.0	96.3	97.2	97.0
visit permits for Taiwan residents within two working days (%)	100	99.1	97.9	98.0
change of status within six weeks (%)	90.0	99.4	97.0	97.0

Indicators

	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Estimate)
no. of applications			
entry visa			
received.....	171 156	189 024	189 000
processed Ω	165 135	184 539	189 000
visit visa			
received.....	67 103	65 303	65 300
processed Ω	66 263	65 886	65 300
visit permit for Taiwan residents			
received.....	23 327	15 690	10 900
processed Ω	23 468	15 698	10 900
iPermit			
received.....	343 716	342 039	342 000
processed Ω	343 716	342 039	342 000
APEC Business Travel Card - local applications			
received.....	3 253	4 359	4 400
processed Ω	3 040	3 990	4 400
APEC Business Travel Card - referral applications			
received.....	19 308	28 907	28 900
processed Ω	18 735	28 227	28 900
HKSAR Travel Pass			
received.....	1 102	1 052	1 100
processed Ω	1 128	1 052	1 100
change of status			
received.....	4 881	7 670	7 100
processed Ω	4 840	7 696	7 100
entry permit for Mainland Fisherman Deckhands			
received.....	4 940	5 515	5 700
processed Ω	4 923	5 478	5 700
petition/appeal/judicial review Δ			
received.....	81	78	85
processed Ω	146	135	150
Certificate of Entitlement			
received.....	6 984	6 628	6 600
processed Ω	6 102	6 412	6 600

Ω The number of applications processed includes outstanding applications brought forward from the previous year.

Δ The figures include appeals/judicial reviews on matters relating to Certificates of Entitlement.

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Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2009–10

5 During 2009–10, the Department will:

- provide greater travel convenience for frequent business visitors and tourists from Taiwan;
- continue to provide more immigration facilitation to complement the policy objective of attracting more non-local students to study in our higher educational institutions and facilitate them to stay and work in Hong Kong after graduation;
- implement measures to facilitate the entry of participants of the 2009 East Asian Games in Hong Kong;
- monitor the implementation and system performance of the Application and Investigation Easy System, the Electronic Records Programme and the Data Warehousing Information System; and
- continue to roll out the pilot system for the advance passenger processing as promoted by the APEC for facilitation and security control of passengers. This system will also provide service to Programme (2).

Programme (2): Control upon Entry

	2007–08 (Actual)	2008–09 (Original)	2008–09 (Revised)	2009–10 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	1,330.9	1,491.2	1,514.8 (+1.6%)	1,581.0 (+4.4%)
				(or +6.0% on 2008–09 Original)

Aim

6 The aims are to exercise quantitative and qualitative control over legal immigration, prevent the entry of undesirable persons and the departure of persons wanted for criminal offences, facilitate the movement of bona-fide tourists, business visitors and local residents, and process cross-boundary vehicles.

Brief Description

7 The Border (Rail), Border (Vehicles), Harbour and Airport Divisions are responsible for operations at all control points of entry into and exit from Hong Kong via land, sea or air. The Border (Rail) Division comprises three land boundary control points, serving railway passengers at Lo Wu, Hung Hom and Lok Ma Chau Spur Line. Lo Wu is the busiest land passenger crossing point. The Border (Vehicles) Division comprises four land boundary control points at Lok Ma Chau, Man Kam To, Sha Tau Kok and Shenzhen Bay, serving cross-boundary passengers and vehicles. The Shenzhen Bay Control Point commenced operation on 1 July 2007 and is the first-of-its-kind “Co-location of Boundary Crossing Facilities” for both passengers and vehicles. There is also a clearance centre at San Uk Ling which deals with the processing and repatriation of illegal immigrants from the Mainland. Immigration control over people movements by passenger liners and ferries to and from the Mainland and Macao is carried out at the China Ferry Terminal, the Macau Ferry Terminal and the Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal. Control over other types of sea traffic is usually carried out at the Eastern, Western and Tuen Mun Immigration Anchorages. Operations at the Airport enforce immigration control over passengers and aircrew entering and leaving Hong Kong by air. There are designated detention quarters in the China, Macau and Tuen Mun Ferry Terminals, the Harbour Control Section, the River Trade Terminal, Lok Ma Chau Spur Line and Shenzhen Bay control points and the Airport for detaining passengers and undesirable persons who have been refused entry and pending removal. The work involves:

- examining incoming passengers, crew, vehicles and craft in a courteous and efficient manner to detect illegal immigrants, criminals, and undesirable persons;
- examining outgoing passengers, crew, vehicles and craft in a courteous and efficient manner to detect immigration offenders and persons wanted for criminal offences; and
- repatriating illegal immigrants, individuals refused landing and undesirable persons in an efficient and reasonable manner.

8 The Border (Rail), Border (Vehicles), Harbour and Airport Divisions strive to cope with the growth of passenger traffic at control points, provide efficient immigration clearance, and combat the use of forged travel documents.

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9 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Plan)
clearing passengers/visitors within a 30-minute waiting time				
in the case of travelling by land (%) ..	92.0	98.5	99.3	92.0
in the case of travelling by sea (%)	92.0	99.9	99.9	92.0
clearing passengers/visitors within a 15-minute waiting time in the case of travelling by air (%)	92.0	98.2	98.8	92.0
clearing residents within a 15-minute waiting time				
in the case of travelling by land (%) ..	95.0	99.9	100	95.0
in the case of travelling by sea (%)	95.0	99.9	100	95.0
in the case of travelling by air (%)	95.0	100	100	95.0

Indicators

	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Estimate)
passengers/vehicles/vessels examined			
land	176 358 655	181 362 582	188 963 000
sea	31 901 591	31 628 569	31 629 000
air	30 146 134	30 169 659	31 541 000
passengers/seamen refused entry	39 508	38 324	40 300
secondary examination	432 005	567 764	610 000

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2009–10

10 During 2009–10, the Department will:

- extend self-service clearance to eligible Macao permanent residents and consider extending also to other eligible frequent visitors in addition to those holding HKSAR Travel Passes, APEC Business Travel Cards and Frequent Visitor Cards; and
- continue to implement the complementary immigration measures on non-local pregnant visitors coming to give birth in Hong Kong.

Programme (3): Control after Entry

	2007–08 (Actual)	2008–09 (Original)	2008–09 (Revised)	2009–10 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	496.1	484.7	547.4 (+12.9%)	576.6 (+5.3%)

(or +19.0% on
2008–09 Original)

Aim

11 The aim is to exercise immigration control by granting or refusing extension of stay; investigating and prosecuting offenders under the Immigration, Immigration Service, Registration of Persons, Marriage, Births and Deaths Ordinances, and certain provisions under the Crimes Ordinance; removing or deporting illegal immigrants, overstayers and undesirable persons from Hong Kong; and assessing cases with claims made under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Brief Description

12 The Visa Control (Operations) Division, Enforcement Division and Prosecution and Litigation Division are responsible for post-entry immigration control. The work involves:

- processing and considering applications for extension of stay and change of status from visitors and temporary residents effectively and efficiently;
- taking enforcement action against illegal immigrants and visitors engaged in unlawful employment after entry and/or overstaying, and related employers;

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- maintaining vigilance in extension of stay and change of status applications from doubtful visitors so as to prevent them from prolonging their stay in Hong Kong for illicit purposes;
- arresting overstayers, illegal immigrants, illegal workers and other immigration offenders;
- investigating immigration offences and initiating prosecutions if there is sufficient evidence;
- taking enforcement action against air passengers with forged travel documents, including those in transit, and their aiders and abettors;
- dealing with the immigration offenders arrested by the Police and the Immigration Task Force;
- identifying trends in immigration offences and formulating counter measures;
- removing illegal immigrants, overstayers, immigration offenders and undesirable persons in a reasonable and cost-effective manner;
- issuing and executing removal orders against immigration offenders liable to removal and right of abode claimants who do not benefit from the Court of Final Appeal judgment handed down on 10 January 2002;
- seeking and executing deportation orders against criminals;
- processing petitions/appeals/judicial reviews arising from removing or deporting illegal immigrants, overstayers, immigration offenders and undesirable persons from Hong Kong;
- investigating and exposing the use or manufacture of forged travel documents by individuals or syndicates;
- exchanging intelligence and information with law enforcement counterparts of the Mainland and other places to prevent human smuggling by forged travel documents as well as sea borne means;
- taking proactive actions against the engagement of foreign domestic helpers in non-domestic jobs;
- taking proactive actions against syndicates arranging the entry of underpaid foreign domestic helpers; and
- conducting examination on the status of the Vietnamese illegal arrivals.

13 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Plan)
time required to process extension cases (upon receipt of all supporting documents)				
visitors within one working day (%)..	100	99.4	99.0	99.0
residents within two weeks (%)	100	97.6	97.8	98.0

Indicators

	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Estimate)
no. of applications			
extension of stay	274 262	328 831	319 900
other endorsements	8 272	8 624	8 000
operations conducted by the Immigration Task Force (including investigation of forgery and illegal migration cases conducted at the HK International Airport)	30 795	32 692	34 300
investigations conducted	58 203	52 922	55 600
offenders prosecuted	11 037	10 601	11 130
persons repatriated	14 660	13 493	14 200
appeals/petitions received	575	475	520
deportation/removal orders issued	1 373	1 349	1 420
torture claim cases received	1 583	2 198	2 400

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2009–10

14 During 2009–10, the Department will:

- continue to process claims made under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
- step up enforcement action against visitors from the Mainland seeking entry into Hong Kong under the disguise of marriages with Hong Kong residents;

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- handle the fast increasing judicial reviews lodged by claimants under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; and
- prepare to take up the management and operation of the Castle Peak Bay Immigration Centre from the Correctional Services Department in 2010.

Programme (4): Personal Documentation

	2007–08 (Actual)	2008–09 (Original)	2008–09 (Revised)	2009–10 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	590.3	524.3	537.7 (+2.6%)	491.7 (–8.6%)
				(or –6.2% on 2008–09 Original)

Aim

15 The aims are to counteract illegal immigration and enhance the maintenance of law and order by providing all legal residents with a secure form of identity card and all consequential services related to identity cards; to register births, deaths and marriages and provide all consequential services related to such civil registration; to assess right of abode claims; and to facilitate international travel of Hong Kong residents by providing them with travel documents.

Brief Description

16 The Registration of Persons Division is responsible for the assessment of claims to right of abode, the issue of identity cards and the maintenance of identity card records. The Documents Division receives and processes applications for various types of travel documents. It is also responsible for registering all births, deaths and marriages and providing statistics for planning purposes. The work involves:

- providing identity cards and related services to legal residents;
- operating an accessible and convenient system for births, deaths and marriages registration and providing related services;
- improving customer services to registrants for identity cards, births, deaths or marriages;
- monitoring and reviewing the operation of the Civil Celebrants of Marriages Scheme and its impact on marriage services;
- providing eligible Hong Kong residents with HKSAR passports or other travel documents;
- lobbying foreign countries to grant visa-free access to holders of HKSAR passport;
- enhancing the processing of applications for HKSAR electronic travel documents; and
- assessing claims to right of abode and dealing with related matters.

17 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Plan)
delivery of services related to identity card on the day of applicants' attendance (%).....	100	100	100	100
normal processing time per application/case				
identity card within ten working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
certificate of registered particulars within 25 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
verification of eligibility for permanent identity card within six weeks (%)#	100	98.9	98.9	98.0
certified copy of birth/death/marriage/adoption certificate within nine working days (%).....	100	100	100	100

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	Target	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Plan)
HKSAR passport first application or replacement within ten working days (%)#φ	100	100	100	100
application from children under 11 not holding Hong Kong permanent identity cards within 14 working days (%)#β.....	100	100	100	100
HKSAR document of identity within ten working days (%)#	100	100	100	100
HKSAR seaman's identity book on the day of application (%)#	100	100	100	100
HKSAR re-entry permit on the day of application (%)#.....	100	100	100	100
standard processing time at counter birth/death/adoption registration within 30 minutes (%)	100	99.9	90.0	99.0
marriage notice within 30 minutes (%)	100	99.6	95.3	99.0

The target is applied upon receipt of all necessary documents.

φ The target was revised upward from 15 to ten working days from 5 February 2007 upon the introduction of the HKSAR electronic passport.

β The target is revised from 19 to 14 working days from 16 February 2009.

Indicators

	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Estimate)
identity cards and certificates of registered particulars issued.....	597 868	591 000	594 000
verification of eligibility of permanent identity card application.....	61 428	54 100	50 200
birth/death/adoption registrations	110 530	120 435	130 400
marriage registrations			
processing of notice of intended marriage.....	49 360	49 988	51 900
marriage solemnisation (by Civil Celebrants of Marriages).....	16 728	18 237	19 440
marriage solemnisation (other than by Civil Celebrants of Marriages).....	30 705	28 757	29 160
birth/death/marriage/adoption certificates issued	126 184	142 410	160 400
appointment of Civil Celebrants.....	163	145	150
no. of applications			
HKSAR passport	538 723	504 404	560 000
HKSAR document of identity	35 947	44 049	54 800
HKSAR seaman's identity book.....	19	19	19
HKSAR re-entry permit.....	112 136	109 997	114 430

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2009–10

18 During 2009–10, the Department will continue to promote the Civil Celebrants of Marriages Scheme.

Programme (5): Nationality and Assistance to HKSAR Residents outside Hong Kong

	2007–08 (Actual)	2008–09 (Original)	2008–09 (Revised)	2009–10 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	15.7	14.0	17.4 (+24.3%)	17.6 (+1.1%)

(or +25.7% on
2008–09 Original)

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Aim

19 From 1 July 1997, the Department is authorised by the Central People's Government to deal with Chinese nationality matters in respect of residents in the HKSAR in accordance with the Nationality Law of the People's Republic of China and the 'Explanations' adopted by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress. On 1 February 2000, the Department started to accept applications outside Hong Kong for declaration of change of nationality, naturalisation as a Chinese national, and renunciation and restoration of Chinese nationality through Chinese diplomatic and consular missions. It also provides assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong.

Brief Description

20 The work on nationality related matters and assistance to Hong Kong residents outside Hong Kong involves:

- receiving and processing declarations of change of nationality;
- receiving and processing applications for naturalisation as a Chinese national and for renunciation and restoration of Chinese nationality;
- dealing with enquiries on Chinese nationality matters; and
- providing prompt assistance to Hong Kong residents outside Hong Kong in distress, or have been imprisoned or detained, and their family members in Hong Kong.

21 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Plan)
normal processing time per application/case				
assistance to Hong Kong residents outside Hong Kong on day of request (%)	100	100	100	100
declaration of change of nationality in person on day of application (%)^	100	100	100	100
application for naturalisation as a Chinese national within three months (%)^	80.0	84.5	84.2	80.0
application for renunciation of Chinese nationality within two months (%)^Ψ	80.0	100	94.9	80.0
application for restoration of Chinese nationality within three months (%)^	80	100	100	80

^ The target is applied upon receipt of all necessary documents.

Ψ The target is revised from "100 per cent within three months" to "80 per cent within two months" with effect from 2008.

Indicators

	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Estimate)
applications under the Chinese Nationality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance			
declaration of change of nationality	52	65	70
application for naturalisation as a Chinese national	1 567	1 541	1 510
application for renunciation of Chinese nationality	94	94	100
application for restoration of Chinese nationality	18	8	10
requests for assistance by Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong and by their family members	1 474	2 315	1 800
telephone calls received and made via '1868' hotline	105 313	132 146	115 000

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ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

Programme	2007–08 (Actual) (\$m)	2008–09 (Original) (\$m)	2008–09 (Revised) (\$m)	2009–10 (Estimate) (\$m)
(1) Pre-entry Control	194.3	195.2	207.5	209.9
(2) Control upon Entry	1,330.9	1,491.2	1,514.8	1,581.0
(3) Control after Entry	496.1	484.7	547.4	576.6
(4) Personal Documentation	590.3	524.3	537.7	491.7
(5) Nationality and Assistance to HKSAR Residents outside Hong Kong.....	15.7	14.0	17.4	17.6
	2,627.3	2,709.4	2,824.8 (+4.3%)	2,876.8 (+1.8%)
				(or +6.2% on 2008–09 Original)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Programme (1)

Provision for 2009–10 is \$2.4 million (1.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2008–09. This is mainly due to salary increments for staff, creation of one post and increased operating expenses.

Programme (2)

Provision for 2009–10 is \$66.2 million (4.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2008–09. This is mainly due to salary increments for staff, filling of vacancies and increased operating expenses including the maintenance expenditure on information systems and equipment at control points upon expiry of the free warranty period, partly offset by a net decrease of three posts and reduced requirement for capital account items.

Programme (3)

Provision for 2009–10 is \$29.2 million (5.3%) higher than the revised estimate for 2008–09. This is mainly due to salary increments for staff, full-year effect of vacancies filled in 2008–09, filling of vacancies in 2009–10, creation of 115 posts for the preparatory work and for taking up the management and operation of the Castle Peak Bay Immigration Centre, seven posts for dealing with the drastic increase in the number of torture claims and three posts for implementing the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme, as well as increased operating expenses.

Programme (4)

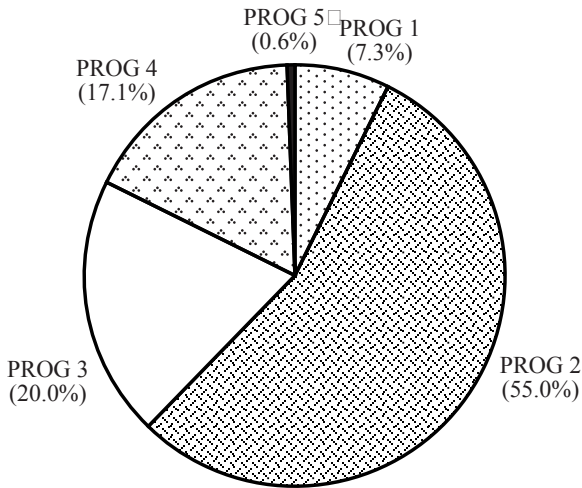
Provision for 2009–10 is \$46.0 million (8.6%) lower than the revised estimate for 2008–09. This is mainly due to reduced requirement for e-passport blanks, partly offset by salary increments for staff and increased operating expenses.

Programme (5)

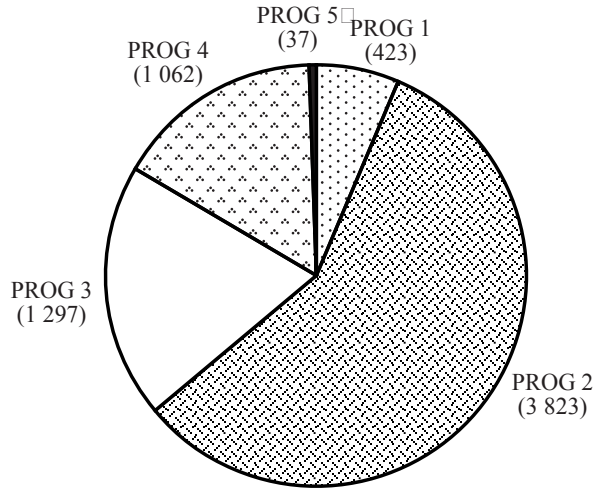
Provision for 2009–10 is \$0.2 million (1.1%) higher than the revised estimate for 2008–09. This slight increase is mainly due to increased operating expenses.

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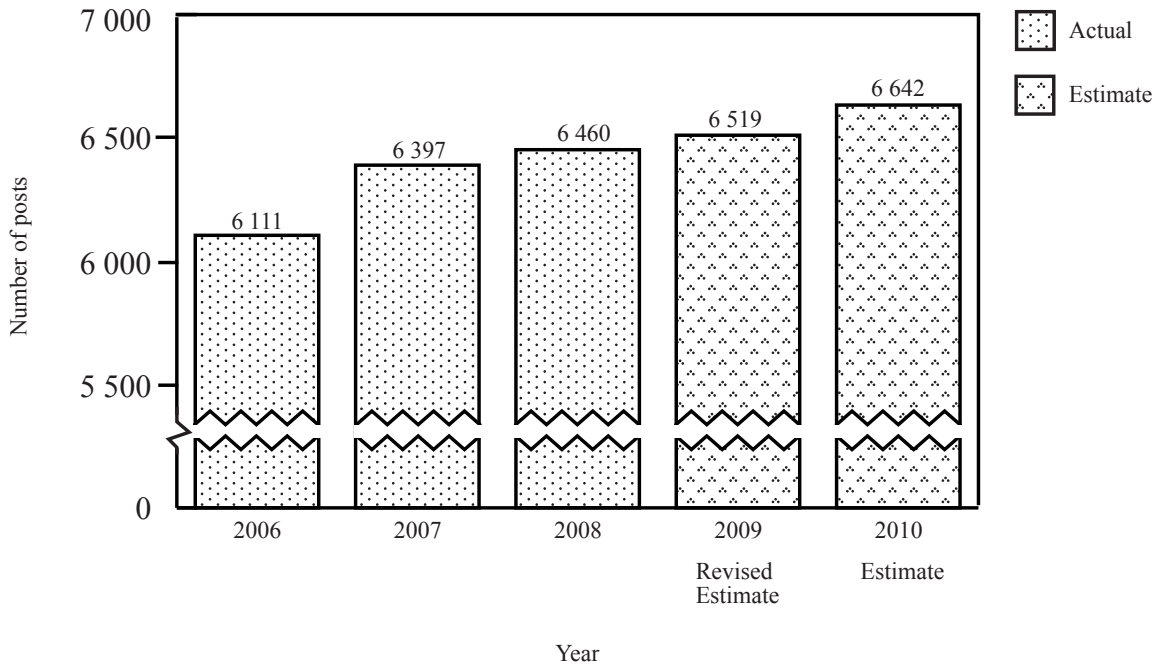
Allocation of provision to programmes (2009-10)



Staff by programme (as at 31 March 2010)



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	Estimate 2009-10
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating Account					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses	2,612,164	2,693,237	2,808,932	2,862,298
202	Repatriation expenses	7,811	8,475	8,461	9,133
	Total, Recurrent.....	<u>2,619,975</u>	<u>2,701,712</u>	<u>2,817,393</u>	<u>2,871,431</u>
	Total, Operating Account	<u>2,619,975</u>	<u>2,701,712</u>	<u>2,817,393</u>	<u>2,871,431</u>
Capital Account					
Plant, Equipment and Works					
661	Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote).....	6,775	7,659	7,449	5,370
	Plant, vehicles and equipment.....	529	—	—	—
	Total, Plant, Equipment and Works.....	<u>7,304</u>	<u>7,659</u>	<u>7,449</u>	<u>5,370</u>
	Total, Capital Account.....	<u>7,304</u>	<u>7,659</u>	<u>7,449</u>	<u>5,370</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u><u>2,627,279</u></u>	<u><u>2,709,371</u></u>	<u><u>2,824,842</u></u>	<u><u>2,876,801</u></u>

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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 Immigration Department is \$2,876,801,000. This represents an increase of \$51,959,000 over the revised estimate for 2008–09 and of \$249,522,000 over actual expenditure in 2007–08.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$2,862,298,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Immigration Department.

3 The establishment as at 31 March 2009 will be 6 519 permanent posts. It is expected that there will be a net increase of 123 posts 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 \$2,093,215,000.

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)	2009–10 (Estimate) (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries	1,985,886	2,064,952	2,156,610	2,201,280
- Allowances	53,274	57,960	52,976	52,085
- Job-related allowances	970	977	1,102	1,109
Personnel Related Expenses				
- Mandatory Provident Fund contribution	5,443	7,190	7,927	8,353
- Civil Service Provident Fund contribution	28,452	34,404	35,632	41,918
Departmental Expenses				
- Data processing	124,767	151,787	164,266	196,500
- Specialist supplies and equipment.....	144,191	124,642	141,071	76,881
- General departmental expenses	265,665	247,723	245,491	280,169
Other Charges				
- Land usage cost	3,241	3,300	3,559	3,700
- Grant to the Immigration Service Welfare Fund	275	302	298	303
	2,612,164	2,693,237	2,808,932	2,862,298

5 Provision of \$9,133,000 under *Subhead 202 Repatriation expenses* is for the repatriation of illegal immigrants, immigration offenders and convicted criminals in accordance with the relevant immigration legislations.

Capital Account

Plant, Equipment and Works

6 Provision of \$5,370,000 under *Subhead 661 Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)* represents a decrease of \$2,079,000 (27.9%) against the revised estimate for 2008–09. This is mainly due to the reduced requirement for new or replacement equipment.