Controlling officer: the Secretary General, Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2015–16 \$29.2m

Establishment ceiling 2015–16 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 31 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2015 reducing by two posts to 29 posts as at 31 March 2016....

\$17.2m

In addition, there will be an estimated four directorate posts as at 31 March 2015 and as at 31 March 2016.

Controlling Officer's Report

Programme

Secretariat services for the following advisory bodies—

- Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service
- Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service
- Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service
- Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service
- Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants

This programme contributes to Policy Area 26: Central Management of the Civil Service (Secretary for the Civil Service) and Policy Area 27: Intra-Governmental Services (Director of Administration).

Detail

| | 2013–14 (Actual) | 2014–15 (Original) | 2014–15 (Revised) | 2015–16 (Estimate) |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Financial provision (\$m) | 30.3 | 29.7 | 31.5 (+6.1%) | 29.2 (-7.3%) |
| | | | | (or –1.7% on 2014–15 Original) |

Aim

2 The aim is to assist in maintaining efficient and stable civil and judicial services through the advice of the advisory bodies.

Brief Description

- 3 The five advisory bodies advise the Chief Executive on the following:
- Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service matters relating to the pay and conditions of service of the non-directorate civil service;
- Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service matters relating to the pay and conditions of service of the disciplined services;
- Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service the structure of directorate posts and matters relating to pay and conditions of service;
- Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service the structure of judicial posts and matters relating to pay and conditions of service; and
- Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants the principles and the criteria to be
 adopted in formulating policy and arrangements to control post-service employment, and the applications for
 post-service outside work from directorate officers.

- 4 The four advisory bodies on civil service and judicial salaries and conditions of service take into consideration recommendations from the Government and views of the staff before tendering their advice to the Chief Executive. The Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants takes into consideration assessment and views of parties within the Government before tendering its advice on applications to the decision making authority.
- 5 The effectiveness of the work of the four advisory bodies on civil service and judicial salaries and conditions of service is reflected in the part they play in the formulation of principles and practices governing the grades, ranks, salary structures and conditions of service of the civil and judicial services. The effectiveness of the work of the Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants is reflected in the extent to which the advice tendered assists the decision making authority to ensure that the post-service outside work of directorate civil servants within the periods of restriction would not constitute conflict of interest with their former government duties, cause negative public perception or give rise to reasonable apprehension of deferred reward.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015–16

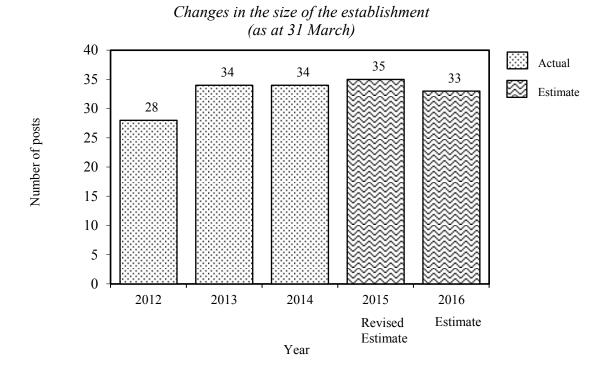
- **6** During 2015–16, the advisory bodies will:
- continue to tender advice to the Government on the civil service and judicial salaries and conditions of service.
- continue to examine and tender advice to the Government on proposals and applications put to them by the Government on matters within their ambits, and
- conduct the Starting Salaries Survey as invited by the Government.

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

| Programme | 2013–14 (Actual) (\$m) | 2014–15 (Original) (\$m) | 2014–15 (Revised) (\$m) | 2015–16 (Estimate) (\$m) |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Secretariat services for the following advisory bodies— Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service Advisory Committee on Post-service | | | | |
| Employment of Civil Servants | 30.3 | 29.7 | 31.5 (+6.1%) | 29.2 (-7.3%) |
| | | | | (or –1.7% on 2014–15 Original) |

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2015–16 is \$2.3 million (7.3%) lower than the revised estimate for 2014–15. This is mainly due to the reduced requirement for general departmental expenses and decreased provision for salaries as a result of the net decrease of two posts in 2015–16, partly offset by increased provisions for allowances.



| Sub- head (Code) | | Actual expenditure 2013–14 | Approved estimate 2014–15 | Revised estimate 2014–15 | Estimate 2015–16 |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$ '000 |
| | Operating Account | | | | |
| | Recurrent | | | | |
| 000 | Operational expenses | 30,251 | 29,704 | 31,538 | 29,191 |
| | Total, Recurrent | 30,251 | 29,704 | 31,538 | 29,191 |
| | Total, Operating Account | 30,251 | 29,704 | 31,538 | 29,191 |
| | Total Expenditure | 30,251 | 29,704 | 31,538 | 29,191 |

Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2015–16 for the salaries and expenses of the Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service (Joint Secretariat) is \$29,191,000. This represents a decrease of \$2,347,000 against the revised estimate for 2014–15 and of \$1,060,000 against the actual expenditure in 2013–14.

Operating Account

Recurrent

- **2** Provision of \$29,191,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Joint Secretariat.
- 3 The establishment as at 31 March 2015 will be 35 permanent posts. It is expected that there will be a net decrease of two posts in 2015–16. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2015–16, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$17,233,000.
 - 4 An analysis of the financial provision under Subhead 000 Operational expenses is as follows:

| | 2013–14 (Actual) (\$'000) | 2014–15 (Original) (\$'000) | 2014–15 (Revised) (\$'000) | 2015–16 (Estimate) (\$'000) |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Personal Emoluments | | | | |
| - Salaries Allowances Personnel Related Expenses | 23,539 1,221 | 23,998 1,277 | 25,881 1,086 | 23,918 1,245 |
| - Mandatory Provident Fund contribution - Civil Service Provident Fund | 8 | 3 | 3 | _ |
| contribution | 464 | 670 | 812 | 887 |
| - General departmental expenses | 5,019 | 3,756 | 3,756 | 3,141 |
| | 30,251 | 29,704 | 31,538 | 29,191 |
| | | | | |