

Head 184 — TRANSFERS TO FUNDS

Controlling officer: the Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2017–18 **\$8,850.0m**

Controlling Officer's Report

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Expenditure from this Head is in respect of transfers to the various Funds established by resolution of the Legislative Council under section 29 of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2). The level of transfers to funds is assessed with regard to the commitments of each Fund and its forecast cash flow.

	2015–16 (Actual)	2016–17 (Original)	2016–17 (Revised)	2017–18 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	3,180.0	44,864.0	23,864.0 (–46.8%)	8,850.0 (–62.9%)
				(or –80.3% on 2016–17 Original)

Analysis of Financial Provision

2 Provision for 2017–18 is \$15,014.0 million (62.9%) lower than the revised estimate for 2016–17. This is mainly because there is no need to transfer funds to the Capital Investment Fund and the Innovation and Technology Fund in 2017–18, partly offset by the transfer of fund to the Capital Works Reserve Fund.

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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2015-16	Approved estimate 2016-17	Revised estimate 2016-17	Estimate 2017-18
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Capital Account				
Transfers to Funds				
984	—	25,000,000	—	4,500,000
988	3,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
990	80,000	64,000	64,000	50,000
991	—	—	—	—
	100,000	3,800,000	3,800,000	2,300,000
	—	9,000,000	9,000,000	—
	—	5,000,000	9,000,000	—
	3,180,000	44,864,000	23,864,000	8,850,000
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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2017–18 in respect of transfers to the various Funds established by resolution of the Legislative Council under section 29 of the Public Finance Ordinance is \$8,850 million. This represents a decrease of \$15,014 million against the revised estimate for 2016–17 and an increase of \$5,670 million over the actual expenditure in 2015–16.

Capital Account

Transfers to Funds

2 Provision of \$4,500 million under *Subhead 984 Payment to the Capital Works Reserve Fund* is to enable the Capital Works Reserve Fund to meet estimated expenditure during 2017–18 on the Public Works Programme, land acquisition, capital subventions and major systems and equipment and computerisation.

3 Provision of \$2 billion under *Subhead 988 Payment to the Loan Fund* is to enable the Loan Fund to grant loans or advances mainly for education and health.

4 Provision of \$50 million under *Subhead 990 Payment to the Disaster Relief Fund* is to enable the Disaster Relief Fund to make payment for humanitarian aid in relief of disasters that occur outside Hong Kong.

5 Provision of \$2,300 million under *Subhead 991 Payment to the Civil Service Pension Reserve Fund* is to maintain a balance of not less than the estimated pension expenditure of the budget year. The Fund is established to provide a reserve to meet payment of civil service pension in the unlikely event that the Government cannot meet its liabilities for such payment from the General Revenue Account.