## The Basic Law

## Article 107

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- The Basic Law (Article 107) requires the Government to "follow the principle of keeping expenditure within the limits of revenues in drawing up its budget, and strive to achieve a fiscal balance, avoid deficits and keep the budget commensurate with the growth rate of its gross domestic product."
- These constitutional provisions for financial prudence are integral to maintaining the confidence of the international financial community, as well as local and overseas investors in Hong Kong.