

Head 176 — SUBVENTIONS: MISCELLANEOUS

Controlling officers: expenditure under this Head will be accounted for as follows—

Secretary for Commerce and Industry (Subheads 437, 461, 457 and 420)
Secretary for Security (Subhead 462)
Secretary for Health and Welfare (Subheads 521, 528, 414 and 864)
Director of Social Welfare (Subhead 460)
Secretary for Education and Manpower (Subhead 527)
Secretary for Home Affairs (Subhead 475)
Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Subheads 503, 451, 502 and 863)
Director of Administration (Subheads 446 and 925)

Estimate 2002–03	\$301.2m
Capital Account commitment balance	\$5.9m

These subheads are listed under their respective policy secretaries/controlling officers (in order of Policy Area and size of subvention) to emphasise the relevant accountability in the reports and analysis of financial provision.

Controlling Officers' Reports and Analysis of Financial Provision

This Head provides for subventions to a number of local organisations, and for Hong Kong's participation in a number of international organisations.

Policy Area 6: Commerce and Industry

Secretary for Commerce and Industry

Subhead 437 Hong Kong-Japan Business Co-operation Committee (HKJBCC)

2 Provision of \$3,610,000 is for subventing the HKJBCC, which was formed in 1979 to foster friendship and understanding between the business communities of Hong Kong and Japan and to promote trade, investment and economic co-operation.

3 Since its inception, the HKJBCC and its counterpart, the Japan-Hong Kong Business Co-operation Committee, have been meeting at least once a year alternately in Hong Kong and Japan to update and discuss trade and economic issues. Through its three Working Committees—on trade development, industrial development and communications—the HKJBCC has a regular programme of activities, including:

- commissioning and publication of market surveys;
- organising market exposition seminars in association with the Japan External Trade Organisation;
- arranging study-missions, purchasing-delegations and technology-exchange programmes designed to help Japanese industrialists gain a more comprehensive understanding of Hong Kong's business environment and manufacturing capabilities, and to encourage the transfer of advanced Japanese industrial production technologies to Hong Kong; and
- conducting media campaigns designed to highlight Hong Kong's attractions as a major manufacturing and financial centre in the region.

4 The activities of HKJBCC have played a role in contributing to increased exports to Japan and increased Japanese investment in Hong Kong.

5 The Hong Kong Trade Development Council (see Head 177—Subventions: Non-Departmental Public Bodies *Subhead 444*) will provide an additional \$1,930,000 to the Committee in 2002–03.

Subhead 461 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

6 Provision of \$308,000 is to meet the 2002 annual contribution towards the costs of UNDP's activities benefiting Hong Kong and part of the administrative costs of the UNDP country office which deals with UNDP matters relating to Hong Kong. Hong Kong benefits from the UNDP in terms of overseas training and expert advisory and consultancy services.

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Subhead 457 World Customs Organisation (WCO)

7 Provision of \$260,000 is to pay for Hong Kong's contribution to the 2002–03 WCO budget. The objectives of the WCO are to improve and rationalise customs operations and facilitate international trade.

Subhead 420 Asian and Pacific Development Centre (APDC)

8 Provision of \$88,000 is to meet the annual contribution of US\$11,220 to the APDC. In contributing to APDC, Hong Kong is able to nominate participants to attend the training courses and seminars organised by the Centre, and benefit from the Centre's consultancy and information on development.

Policy Area 9: Internal Security

Secretary for Security

Subhead 462 United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) and World Health Organisation (WHO)

9 Provision of \$228,000 is to meet the annual contribution towards the UNDCP and the WHO in support of their activities to control drug trafficking and substance abuse.

Policy Area 14: Social Welfare

Secretary for Health and Welfare

Subhead 521 Skills centres

10 Provision of \$148,990,000 is for subventing on a deficiency basis five skills centres which provide vocational assessment and training services to people with disabilities over the age of 15. Key performance indicators are:

	<i>Academic Year</i>		
	2000/01 (Actual)	2001/02 (Estimate)	2002/03 (Estimate)
number of vocational assessments made			
comprehensive assessment programme	148	150	150
specific assessment programme	836	800	800
number of training places			
full-time	1 170	1 251	1 251
part-time	360	360	360
number of trainees enrolled			
full-time	1 261	1 252	1 252
part-time	418	360	360
number of trainees completed training			
full-time	325	382	396
part-time	341	300	300

11 The overall performance of the skills centres in the 2001/02 academic year is expected to be satisfactory.

Subhead 528 Guardianship Board

12 Provision of \$4,491,000 is to meet the running expenses of a Guardianship Board for mentally disordered and mentally handicapped persons under the Mental Health Ordinance (Cap. 136).

Subhead 414 Environmental Advisory Service

13 Provision of \$1,523,000 is for subventing on a discretionary basis the Environmental Advisory Service which provides specialist information and advice on ways to improve access facilities to meet the special needs of people with disabilities.

Director of Social Welfare

Subhead 460 United Nations Children's Fund

14 Provision of \$133,000 comprises a donation of \$89,000 towards the United Nations Children's Fund and a contribution of \$44,000 towards the Fund's administrative expenses in 2002–03. The Fund is the largest development organisation in the world that works for the well-being of children.

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Policy Area 16: Education

Secretary for Education and Manpower

Subhead 527 Open University of Hong Kong

15 Provision of \$1,349,000 is for the reimbursement of rates paid by the Open University of Hong Kong.

Policy Area 18: Recreation, Culture, Amenities and Entertainment Licensing

Secretary for Home Affairs

Subhead 475 Outward Bound Trust of Hong Kong

16 Provision of \$1,946,000 is to assist deserving underprivileged or disabled persons and young people at risk, who are unable to meet all or part of the course fees, to take courses at the Outward Bound School. The courses are designed to develop the character, community spirit and leadership qualities of the participants. The key performance measures are:

	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Estimate)
number of deserving underprivileged or disabled persons and young people at risk assisted.....	667	718	778
number of training programme days	5 094	5 009	5 512

Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Subhead 503 Subventions to non-government organisation camps

17 Provision of \$28,547,000 is to assist 25 holiday camps and water sports centres managed by 12 non-government organisations to provide recreational activities for members of the public. The subvention helps towards meeting operating expenses on staff costs, rents and rates, and minor repairs.

18 In 2002–03, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to pay frequent visits to the 25 camps and centres and assist the 12 non-government organisations in maximising the utilisation of these facilities. The department will hold regular meetings with these organisations to exchange information and ideas. The department will also attend meetings of the Co-ordinating Committee on Camps and Hostels of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. Through these channels, the department will maintain close contact with staff of these camps and centres, and will review their facilities, programmes and mode of operation, and recommend changes and improvements where necessary. The key performance measures are:

	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Estimate)
number of non-government organisation camps subvented	25	25	25
average utilisation rate (%).....	59.2	59.9	60.0
number of users	637 944	704 356	704 470

Subhead 451 Hong Kong Life Saving Society

19 Provision of \$557,000 is for subvention to the Hong Kong Life Saving Society to meet part of its administration expenses. The Society promotes interest in life saving work and water safety training in Hong Kong.

Subhead 502 Hong Kong Archaeological Society

20 Provision of \$167,000 is a discretionary grant to the Hong Kong Archaeological Society to meet the expenses incurred in connection with the excavation activities conducted for the study and preservation of Hong Kong's archaeological heritage.

Policy Area 20: Legal Aid

Director of Administration

Subhead 446 Duty Lawyer Service (DLS)

21 Provision of \$98,971,000 is for subventing the DLS in the implementation of three legal assistance schemes to complement the legal aid services provided by the Legal Aid Department. These schemes are the Duty Lawyer Scheme, the Legal Advice Scheme and the Tel-Law Scheme. The DLS, which was known as the Legal Advice and Duty Lawyer Scheme until its incorporation in August 1993, is managed by the Hong Kong Bar Association and the

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Law Society of Hong Kong through a governing council and is administered by an administrator who is a legally qualified person.

22 The Legal Aid Department provides legal representation in both civil and criminal cases heard in the District Court and above under the Legal Aid Ordinance and the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases Rules. To ensure access to justice on matters outside the jurisdiction of the Legal Aid Department, the Duty Lawyer Scheme provides legal representation to any defendant in Magistrates' Courts where the interests of justice require, and without payment by the defendant in any such case if he does not have sufficient means to pay for it. The Scheme also provides, either with the agreement or at the request of the Government, other forms of legal assistance and advice. These at present include assigning lawyers to advise defendants facing extradition, to monitor one-way viewer identification parades, and to represent hawkers upon their appeals to the Municipal Services Appeals Board. With effect from 31 July 2000, the duty lawyer representation has been extended to any person who is at risk of criminal prosecution as a result of giving incriminating evidence in Coroner's inquest.

23 The Legal Advice Scheme provides free legal advice without means testing at nine evening centres at Sha Tin, Tsuen Wan, Wan Chai, Central and Western, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwun Tong, Eastern, Islands and Wong Tai Sin District Offices. In addition, the Scheme provides advice at the offices of the Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres and the Hong Kong Federation of Women. Members of the public can make appointments to see volunteer lawyers through one of the 122 referral agencies which include all district offices and many voluntary agencies. The DLS has generally met its target of arranging a client of the Scheme to see volunteer lawyers at a centre of his choice within two weeks upon confirmation of an appointment.

24 The Tel-Law Scheme is a 24-hour free telephone enquiry service which provides members of the public with basic information on the legal aspects of everyday problems. There are 73 tapes available in Cantonese, English and Putonghua, covering matrimonial, landlord and tenant, criminal, financial, employment and administrative law.

25 The key performance measures of the DLS are:

	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Estimate)
number of persons who received legal advice and representation from the Duty Lawyer Scheme	40 791	43 313	45 067
cost per defendant under the Duty Lawyer Scheme (\$)	2,442.3	2,394.4	2,308.1
number of cases handled by the Legal Advice Scheme	5 945	5 692	6 286
cost per case under the Legal Advice Scheme (\$).....	133.3	140.3	154.4
number of cases handled by the Tel-Law Scheme	63 873	62 300	62 300
cost per call under the Tel-Law Scheme (\$)	0.6	0.5	0.5

26 The Director of Administration will continue to closely monitor the performance of the DLS to ensure a high level of usage of the services while maintaining quality of service and cost-effectiveness.

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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2000-01	Approved estimate 2001-02	Revised estimate 2001-02	Estimate 2002-03	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Recurrent Account					
V — Subventions					
414	Environmental Advisory Service	1,539	1,508	1,508	1,523
420	Asian and Pacific Development Centre.....	80	80	80	88
437	Hong Kong-Japan Business Co-operation Committee	3,610	3,610	3,610	3,610
446	Duty Lawyer Service.....	94,120	99,502	99,502	98,971
451	Hong Kong Life Saving Society	601	577	577	557
457	World Customs Organisation	126	260	260	260
460	United Nations Children's Fund.....	144	138	138	133
461	United Nations Development Programme	279	308	308	308
462	United Nations International Drug Control Programme and World Health Organisation..	238	233	233	228
475	Outward Bound Trust of Hong Kong.....	1,946	1,946	1,946	1,946
502	Hong Kong Archaeological Society.....	173	169	169	167
503	Subventions to non-government organisation camps	28,296	27,786	27,786	28,547
521	Skills centres	141,319	143,717	143,531	148,990
527	Open University of Hong Kong	1,300	1,300	1,349	1,349
528	Guardianship Board	5,222	4,401	4,401	4,491
	Total, Subventions	278,993	285,535	285,398	291,168
	Total, Recurrent Account.....	278,993	285,535	285,398	291,168
Capital Account					
III — Subventions					
863	Non-government organisation camps (block vote).....	—	5,581	5,581	3,779
864	Skills centres (block vote)	1,950	2,212	2,212	5,960
925	Duty Lawyer Service.....	293	—	1,090	248
	Grant to the Open University of Hong Kong for implementation of its Information Technology Development Plan.....	50,000	—	—	—
	Non-government organisation camps.....	1,543	—	—	—
	Total, Subventions	53,786	7,793	8,883	9,987
	Total, Capital Account	53,786	7,793	8,883	9,987
	Total Expenditure.....	332,779	293,328	294,281	301,155

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2002–03 for subventing or subscribing to the various organisations and institutions in and outside Hong Kong under this Head is \$301,155,000. This represents an increase of \$6,874,000 over the revised estimate for 2001–02 and a decrease of \$31,624,000 against actual expenditure in 2000–01. Details of expenditure in respect of subheads where there are significant increases or decreases in provision are described hereunder.

Recurrent Account

Subventions

2 Provision of \$88,000 under *Subhead 420 Asian and Pacific Development Centre (APDC)* represents an increase of \$8,000 (10.0%) over the revised estimate for 2001–02. This is mainly due to a 10% increase in annual contribution to APDC in 2002–03.

Capital Account

Subventions

3 Provision of \$3,779,000 under *Subhead 863 Non-government organisation camps (block vote)* is to assist the subvented camps/centres to undertake major repairs, maintenance and improvement works with the cost of each individual item above \$50,000 but not exceeding \$2,000,000. The decrease of \$1,802,000 (32.3%) against the revised estimate for 2001–02 is mainly due to reduced requirement for repairs and maintenance.

4 Provision of \$5,960,000 under *Subhead 864 Skills centres (block vote)* is for procurement of machinery, equipment and furniture and conversion of one workshop for Hong Chi Pinehill Advanced Training Centre, improvement of facilities for trainees with disabilities and Phase II work of the lift replacement project of Kwun Tong Skills Centre, repair and maintenance works for Pokfulam Skills Centre, inspection and testing of electrical installations of Tuen Mun Skills Centre and Kwun Tong Skills Centre, and replacement of centre bus, repainting and maintenance of Tuen Mun Skills Centre. The increase of \$3,748,000 (169.4%) over the revised estimate for 2001–02 is mainly due to increased requirement for replacement and maintenance of facilities for three skills centres.

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Capital Account

Commitments

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2001	Revised estimated expenditure for 2001-02	Balance
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
925		<i>Duty Lawyer Service</i>				
	085	Renovation of Tsuen Wan Court Liaison Office.....	6,500	292	396	5,812
	089	Redevelopment of the computer systems of the Duty Lawyer Service ..	524	—	446	78
		Total.....	<u>7,024</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>842</u>	<u>5,890</u>