Memorandum Note

The Capital Works Reserve Fund was established with effect from 1 April 1982 by Resolution of the Legislative Council on 20 January 1982 for the purpose of financing the Public Works Programme and the acquisition of land. The first Resolution was subsequently replaced by a second Resolution on 27 July 1983. For the purpose of giving effect to arrangements for implementing paragraph 6 of Annex III to the Joint Declaration of the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the People's Republic of China signed in Beijing on 19 December 1984, the 1983 Resolution was replaced by a third Resolution passed by the Legislative Council on 15 May 1985. On 13 January 1988, the Legislative Council passed an amendment to section (i) of the Resolution which effected the transfer of the financing of capital subventions and major systems and equipment from the General Revenue Account to the Fund with effect from 1 April 1988. On 6 November 1991, the Legislative Council passed an amendment to the Resolution to include provisions for Government borrowings to be credited to the Fund and for repayments, and payment of interest and expenses relating to such borrowings, to be made from the Fund. As consequential amendments to the New Territories Land Exchange Entitlements (Redemption) Ordinance enacted on 12 December 1996, the Resolution was amended to include provisions for the payment of redemption money payable in respect of land exchange entitlements and of interest payable thereon under the New Territories Land Exchange Entitlements (Redemption) Ordinance. These amendments took effect when the Ordinance came into operation on 27 June 1997. Following resumption by China of the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong on 1 July 1997, the Resolution was amended by the Provisional Legislative Council on 17 December 1997 to remove provisions concerning the sharing of land premium under paragraph 6 of Annex III to the Joint Declaration as these provisions had become obsolete after the handover. The amended Resolution came into effect on 1 January 1998.

- **2** The Resolution provides that—
 - (*a*) the Fund be administered by the Financial Secretary, who may delegate his power of administration to other public officers;
 - (b) there be credited to the Fund—
 - (i) premium income received from land transactions;
 - (ii) all moneys received arising from works or commitments entered into for the purposes of the Fund;
 - (iii) unclaimed deposits in respect of moneys referred to in sub-paragraph (ii) which have been unpaid for 5 years;
 - (iv) such appropriations from general revenue as may be approved by the Provisional Legislative Council or Legislative Council;
 - (v) sums borrowed under section 3 of the Loans Ordinance (Cap. 61) where the resolution of the Provisional Legislative Council or Legislative Council approving the borrowing so stipulates;
 - (vi) all moneys received by way of interest or dividends earned in respect of moneys held in the Fund; and
 - (vii) such donations and other moneys as may be received for the purposes of the Fund;
 - (c) the Financial Secretary may expend moneys from the Fund for-
 - (i) the purposes of the Government's public works programme;
 - (ii) the purchase and installation of equipment consequential on implementing the public works programme;
 - (iii) the development, purchase and installation of major systems and equipment used by the Government;
 - (iv) capital subventions;
 - (v) the acquisition of land; and
 - (vi) the payment of redemption money payable in respect of land exchange entitlements and of interest payable thereon under the New Territories Land Exchange Entitlements (Redemption) Ordinance (Cap. 495);

in accordance with such conditions, exceptions and limitations as may be specified by the Finance Committee;

- (d) the Financial Secretary may—
 - (i) transfer from the Fund to the general revenue any balance in the Fund which is not required for the purposes of the Fund;
 - (ii) repay the principal, interest thereon and expenses incurred in relation to sums borrowed under section 3 of the Loans Ordinance (Cap. 61) where such sums have been credited to the Fund; and
 - (iii) in his discretion, authorise the investment in such manner as he may determine of any moneys held in the Fund at any time;
- (e) the Director of Accounting Services shall, under the authority of a funds warrant issued by the Financial Secretary, pay from the Fund such sums as may be required to meet expenditure from the Fund;

- (f) this resolution shall come into operation on a date to be appointed by the Financial Secretary by notice in the Gazette;
- (g) on the coming into operation of paragraphs (a) to (f), the suspense account, works account and reserve account of the Fund shall be cancelled and any moneys remaining in those accounts shall be carried forward in their entirety in the Fund; and
- (*h*) paragraphs (*a*) to (*n*) of the resolution made and passed by the Legislative Council on 15 May 1985, and published in the Gazette as Legal Notice No. 131 of 1985, and any subsequent amendments made to those paragraphs shall cease to apply.

3 In accordance with the terms of the resolution, all revenue from land transactions has been paid into the Fund from 1 January 1998.

4 Expenditure from the Fund is limited in respect of each subhead by the allocation shown under the column headed 'Estimate 2000–01' in the Fund estimates, and this may not be exceeded in 2000–01 without the prior approval of the Financial Secretary. For all Category A projects, the approved project estimate of each project was that approved by the Finance Committee of the legislature or amended under delegated powers. Approvals up to 7 January 2000 are included. The total commitment incurred may not exceed the approved project estimate, and the estimate may not be altered without the prior approval of the Finance Committee or the Financial Secretary acting under delegated powers. For block allocations under the various expenditure heads, overcommitment of any amount in excess of the approved allocation requires the approval of the Financial Secretary.

5 The balance available in the Fund at 1 April 2000 is estimated to be \$32,688 million. During 2000–01, it is estimated that \$42,350 million will be paid into the Fund from premium income received from land transactions. In addition, \$2,457 million is expected to accrue to the Fund from investment income on its balances during 2000–01; \$22 million from donations and from contributions towards joint venture projects; \$72 million to be recovered from the Mass Transit Railway Corporation for entrustment works; \$103 million to be recovered from the Post Office Trading Fund; and \$7 million from other miscellaneous items. The Fund will thus have receipts of \$45,011 million in 2000–01 which taken together with the opening balance and the transfer of \$10,000 million to general revenue will have available \$67,699 million to meet estimated payments of \$34,878 million during 2000–01. The Fund will have an estimated balance of \$32,821 million at 31 March 2001.

Land Acquisition (Head 701) and the Public Works Programme (Heads 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 709 and 711)

6 In respect of land acquisition and the Public Works Programme (i.e. excluding Head 708—Capital Subventions and Major Systems and Equipment and Head 710—Computerisation), the estimate of the amount required in 2000–01 for expenditure on projects in Category A and on those projects which it has been agreed will be upgraded to Category A during the year, together with studies and minor works of a non-recurrent nature funded from block allocations, is \$27,527 million. This figure includes all donations and contributions to joint venture projects, and the estimated expenditure arising from projects originally undertaken by the Provisional Regional and Urban Councils. Subsequent to the enactment of the Provision of Municipal Services (Re-organisation) Ordinance, the two Provisional Municipal Councils were dissolved on 31 December 1999. As from 1 January 2000, all financial commitments entered into by the two Provisional Municipal Councils will be honoured by Government.

7 The outstanding commitment in respect of projects in hand in Category A of the Public Works Programme (excluding block allocations) and land acquisition (excluding block allocations) on 1 April 1999 was \$95,861 million. This was adjusted by the injection of new projects and increases in approved project estimates during 1999–2000 by \$26,237 million giving a total outstanding commitment of \$122,098 million. The revised estimate of expenditure for all Category A projects during 1999–2000 is \$18,491 million, and so the outstanding commitment as at 31 March 2000 will be about \$103,607 million.

8 During 2000–01 work will start on new projects currently in Category B of the Public Works Programme with a total value of about \$71,719 million. After allowing for estimated expenditure for these projects in 2000–01 of \$20,205 million, the outstanding commitment on all Category A projects at 31 March 2001 will be about \$155,121 million.

Capital Subventions and Major Systems and Equipment (Head 708)

9 Subheads under Head 708 were originally financed from the General Revenue Account. They were transferred to the Fund to form a new expenditure head—Head 708—with effect from 1 April 1988. Starting from the legislative session in 1996–97, capital subvention works projects have been subject to examination by the Public Works Subcommittee, in the same way as other projects under the Public Works Programme, prior to submission to the Finance Committee. Major systems and equipment items, which do not form part of the Public Works Programme, continue to follow the procedures which govern items funded under the General Revenue Account. Capital subventions subheads make provision for expenditure on new buildings, extensions and reprovisioning of existing facilities, and provide funding for refurbishment costing more than \$2 million. Major systems and equipment subheads provide funding for non-administrative computer systems, communication systems and mechanised systems each costing more than \$2 million.

10 The total approved project estimates for existing projects (excluding block allocations) is \$38,737 million. The actual expenditure up to 31 March 1999 was \$19,358 million. The revised estimate for 1999–2000 for existing projects is \$4,538 million. Projects still to be approved in 1999–2000 amount to \$2,177 million. During 2000-01 a total value

of \$3,288 million will be committed on new projects. After allowing for estimated expenditure for both existing and new projects in 2000–01 of \$4,920 million, the outstanding commitment at 31 March 2001 will be \$15,386 million.

Computerisation (Head 710)

11 The creation of Head 710—Computerisation was approved by Finance Committee on 14 December 1990 to meet expenditure on administrative computer systems and consultancies for feasibility studies and system development costing \$100,000 or more with effect from 1 April 1991. Items under Head 710 do not form part of the Public Works Programme and are administered according to procedures similar to those governing non-works items under Head 708.

Head 701—Land Acquisition

12 The Financial Secretary has delegated to the Director of Lands the power to authorise expenditure from Head 701 of the Fund.

13 The estimate of the allocation required in 2000–01 for expenditure on compensation and *ex-gratia* allowances for the acquisition and associated clearance of all land and property reverting to the Government, *ex-gratia* allowances for clearance of government land for projects in the Public Works Programme and redemption money payable in respect of land exchange entitlements and interest payable thereon under the New Territories Land Exchange Entitlements (Redemption) Ordinance is \$2,814,400,000. *Ex-gratia* allowances for clearance of government land not required for projects in the Public Works Programme are charged to Head 91—Lands Department.

14 The allocation of \$10,000 for *Subhead 1001CA—Compensation for surrenders and resumptions: street widening: urban area* is for payment of compensation for the surrender of land to make way for street widening.

15 The allocation of \$30,780,000 for Subhead 1002CA—Compensation for surrenders and resumptions: urban improvement districts: Yau Ma Tei, Wan Chai and Western is for payment of compensation for the acquisition of properties and for payment of *ex-gratia* compensation to owners within urban improvement districts. It also provides for the acceptance of voluntary surrenders of properties frozen under outline zoning plans. The cost of properties resumed in connection with the Hong Kong Housing Society's urban improvement schemes will continue to be borne by the Society.

16 The allocation of \$200,000,000 for Subhead 1004CA—Compensation for surrenders and resumptions: miscellaneous is a block allocation for payment of compensation (including *ex-gratia* allowances) for the acquisition, surrender and clearance of all land and property reverting to the Government, including the costs of resuming and clearing sites in connection with the implementation of statutory outline zoning plans, for projects to be undertaken by non-government or quasi-government bodies, including the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Hong Kong Housing Authority, and for projects undertaken under the Foreshore and Sea-bed (Reclamations) Ordinance and not covered by any other funding arrangements.

17 The allocation of \$10,000 for *Subhead 1006CA—Mass Transit Railway: land acquisition* is for expenditure on land acquisition for the Modified Initial System, the Tsuen Wan Extension and the Island Line not directly recoverable from the Mass Transit Railway Corporation (i.e. expenditure to be incurred on acquiring sites, and on making them available for granting permanently to the Corporation or for temporary use as works areas for which rentals will be charged). The Corporation pays licence fees or rentals in respect of land granted or leased to it. These are credited to general revenue. All expenditure on land acquisition which is directly reimbursable by the Corporation has been charged to an advance account with effect from 1 April 1980. Expenditure on land acquisition in respect of the Island Line was previously charged to a separate subhead. Accounts for the two subheads were combined with effect from 1 April 1985.

18 The allocation of \$100,000 for *Subhead 1007CA—Mass Transit Railway: route protection* is for government contributions to development costs for sites lying along Mass Transit Railway routes (including some along the Island Line and the East Kowloon Line) which have not yet been agreed, but in respect of which special foundation works are required in anticipation of possible future railway extensions. With effect from 1 April 1985, accounts for this subhead were combined with those for the subhead for Mass Transit Island Line: route protection.

19 The allocation of \$1,500,000 for *Subhead 1032CA* is for the special *ex-gratia* payments in relation to the Regulation of the Shenzhen River—stage I works.

20 The allocation of \$1,000,000 for *Subhead 1033CA* is for redemption money payable in respect of land exchange entitlements and interest payable thereon under the New Territories Land Exchange Entitlements (Redemption) Ordinance.

21 The allocation of \$25,000,000 for Subhead 1034CA—Special compensation payments for former residents of the Tiu Keng Leng Cottage Area is payment for court judgements to compensate eligible former residents of Tiu Keng Leng Cottage Area.

22 The allocation of \$2,556,000,000 for *Subhead 1100CA—Compensation and ex-gratia allowances in respect of projects in the Public Works Programme* is to meet all land acquisition costs other than direct works costs and all *ex-gratia* allowances in respect of projects in the Public Works Programme.

Head 702—Port and Airport Development

23 The Financial Secretary has delegated to the following officers, among others, the power to authorise expenditure from Head 702 of the Fund—

Officers	In respect of subheads under sub-programme areas
Director of Architectural Services	Intra-governmental services
Director of Civil Engineering	Port works
Director of Highways	Roads
Director of Territory Development	Sewerage and sewage treatment, land development, roads, bridges and tunnels
Director of Water Supplies	Combined fresh/salt water supply
Secretary for Works	Support

24 The estimate of the amount required in 2000–01 for expenditure on PADS related projects is \$891,500,000.

25 A total of \$361,000 for *Subheads 2002AX, 2003AX and 2005AX* is for consultants' fees and charges for feasibility studies and site investigations for PADS related projects.

26 The Finance Committee has delegated to the following officers, among others, the power to authorise expenditure from block allocations under Head 702—

Officers	Subheads
Director of Highways	2002AX
Director of Territory Development	2003AX
Director of Water Supplies	2005AX

The scope and justification of any proposed consultancies/investigations costing more than \$15 million each undertaken under these subheads will require the approval of the Finance Committee on the recommendation of the Public Works Subcommittee, and those costing \$15 million or less each will require the approval of the Secretary for the Treasury.

Head 703—Buildings

27 The Financial Secretary has delegated to the Director of Architectural Services the power to authorise expenditure from Head 703 of the Fund.

28 The estimate of the amount required in 2000–01 for expenditure on government building projects is \$9,904,881,000. This includes an allowance of \$1,944,190,000 to meet the expenditure of on-going and new projects related to municipal services, but does not include provision for building items related to public housing and new towns.

29 Significant building projects scheduled to start in 2000–01 include 6GB—Expansion of kiosks and other facilities at Lok Ma Chau boundary crossing - remaining works, and 234LP—Redevelopment of Police Headquarters, Arsenal Street, Wanchai (Arsenal Yard Phase 3 development) - stage 2.

30 The allocation of \$1,139,500,000 for Subhead 3004GX—Refurbishment of government buildings for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme is for works estimated to cost \$15 million or less each for the refurbishment of government buildings.

31 The allocation of \$74,000,000 for Subhead 3100GX—Project feasibility studies, minor investigations and consultants' fees for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme is for minor investigations, including site investigations, subject to a maximum ceiling of expenditure of not more than \$15 million per Category D item. Items may also be included in Category D to cover the costs of preliminary feasibility studies and investigations to enable new building projects to be included in Category C of the Public Works Programme, and consultants' fees and charges for feasibility investigations and design (including preparation of tender documents) of building works items in Category B or (subject to the Secretary for the Treasury's approval) Category C of the Public Works Programme. Urgent payments in respect of minor outstanding works to a value not exceeding \$100,000 on any building projects that have been substantially completed and for which there is no subhead in the Fund estimates may also be charged to this subhead. Approval will be sought from the Financial Secretary to reinstate such projects in the Fund estimates during the year and, once this approval has been obtained, expenditure will be transferred to the original project.

32 The allocation of \$891,000,000 for *Subhead 3101GX—Minor building works for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme* is for minor building works, fitting out works and minor alterations, additions and improvement works including furniture and equipment replacement incidental to such works, and slope inspections and minor slope improvement works, subject to a maximum ceiling of expenditure of not more than \$15 million per item.

Head 704—Drainage

33 The Financial Secretary has delegated to the Director of Drainage Services the power to authorise expenditure from Head 704 of the Fund.

34 The estimate of the amount required in 2000–01 for expenditure on drainage projects is \$2,254,204,000.

35 Significant drainage projects scheduled to start in 2000–01 include 59CD—West Kowloon drainage improvement, stage 2 phase 2 and stage 3, and 204DS—Wan Chai East and North Point sewerage, stage 2 works.

36 The allocation of \$81,000,000 for *Subhead 4100DX—Drainage works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme* is for minor works including slope inspections and minor slope improvement works, feasibility studies and site investigations in respect of drainage projects, subject to a maximum ceiling of expenditure of not more than \$15 million per Category D item. Items may also be included in Category D to cover the costs of preliminary feasibility studies and investigations to enable drainage projects to be included in Category C of the Public Works Programme, and consultants' fees and charges for feasibility investigations and design (including preparation of tender documents) of drainage projects in Category B or (subject to the Secretary for the Treasury's approval) Category C of the Public Works Programme. Urgent payments in respect of minor outstanding works up to a value not exceeding \$100,000 on any drainage projects that have been substantially completed and for which there is no subhead in the Fund estimates may also be charged to this subhead. Approval will be sought from the Financial Secretary to reinstate such projects in the Fund estimates during the year and, once this approval has been obtained, expenditure will be transferred to the original project.

Head 705—Civil Engineering

37 The Financial Secretary has delegated to the Director of Civil Engineering and the Director of Environmental Protection the power to authorise expenditure from Head 705 of the Fund.

38 The estimate of the amount required in 2000–01 for expenditure on civil engineering and environmental projects is \$2,886,131,000.

39 One significant civil engineering project scheduled to start in 2000–01 is 662CL—Reclamation of Penny's Bay Stage 1 works, design of site formation at Yam O and design of associated infrastructure and government, institution and community facilities for the development of Hong Kong Disneyland Phase 1 on Lantau Island.

40 The allocation of \$925,000,000 for *Subhead 5001BX—Landslip preventive measures* is for landslip preventive works and related studies (other than those directly related to specific development projects in the Public Works Programme).

41 The allocation of \$92,000,000 for *Subhead 5101CX—Civil engineering works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme* is for minor works, feasibility studies and site investigations in respect of civil engineering works, including slope inspections and minor slope improvement works, subject to a maximum ceiling of expenditure of not more than \$15 million per Category D item. Items may also be included in Category D to cover the costs of preliminary feasibility studies and investigations to enable civil engineering projects to be included in Category C of the Public Works Programme, and consultants' fees and charges for feasibility investigations and design (including preparation of tender documents) of civil engineering projects in Category B or (subject to the Secretary for the Treasury's approval) Category C of the Public Works Programme. Urgent payments in respect of minor outstanding works to a value not exceeding \$100,000 on any civil engineering projects that have been substantially completed and for which there is no subhead in the Fund estimates may also be charged to this subhead. Approval will be sought from the Financial Secretary to reinstate such projects in the Fund estimates during the year and, once this approval has been obtained, expenditure will be transferred to the original project.

42 The allocation of \$77,000,000 for *Subhead 5101DX—Environmental works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme* is for minor works, feasibility studies and site investigation in respect of waste management and environmental works, subject to a maximum ceiling of expenditure of not more than \$15 million per Category D item. Items may also be included in Category D to cover the costs of preliminary feasibility studies and investigations to enable waste management and environmental projects to be included in Category C of the Public Works Programme, and consultants' fees and charges for feasibility investigations and design (including preparation of tender documents) of waste management and environmental projects in Category B or (subject to the Secretary for the Treasury's approval) Category C of the Public Works Programme. Urgent payments in respect of minor outstanding works up to a value not exceeding \$100,000 on any waste management and environmental projects in the Fund estimates may also be charged to this subhead. Approval will be sought from the Financial Secretary to reinstate such projects in the Fund estimates during the year and, once this approval has been obtained, expenditure will be transferred to the original project.

Head 706—Highways

43 The Financial Secretary has delegated to the Director of Highways the power to authorise expenditure from Head 706 of the Fund.

44 The estimate of the amount required in 2000–01 for expenditure on highways projects is \$2,478,148,000.

45 One significant highways project scheduled to start in 2000–01 is 365TH—Castle Peak Road improvement between area 2 and Sham Tseng, Tsuen Wan.

46 The allocation of \$650,000,000 for Subhead 6100TX—Highway works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme is for expenditure on highway, footpath, public transport and railway works of a capital expenditure nature, subject to a maximum ceiling of expenditure of not more than \$15 million per Category D item. These would include but not be restricted to works covering highways, railways and railway development, bridges, subways and other structures, footways, vehicle parking, street lighting, roadside slopes, road resurfacing (including joint replacement), road reconstruction and rehabilitation, traffic engineering, as well as feasibility studies and site investigations in respect of highway projects. Items may also be included in Category D to cover the costs of preliminary feasibility studies and investigations to enable highway projects to be included in

Category C of the Public Works Programme, and consultants' fees and charges for feasibility investigations and design (including preparation of tender documents) of highway projects in Category B or (subject to the Secretary for the Treasury's approval) Category C of the Public Works Programme. Urgent payments in respect of minor outstanding works to a value not exceeding \$100,000 on any highway projects that have been substantially completed and for which there is no subhead in the Fund estimates may also be charged to this subhead. Approval will be sought from the Financial Secretary to reinstate such projects in the Fund estimates during the year and, once this approval has been obtained, expenditure will be transferred to the original project.

Head 707-New Towns and Urban Area Development

47 The Financial Secretary has delegated to the Director of Territory Development the power to authorise expenditure from Head 707 of the Fund, with the exception of subheads under sub-programme areas of Sewerage and sewage treatment, Roads and rural housing improvement under the territory-wide category and Subheads 7014CX and 7015CX under block allocations, for which the Director of Home Affairs has the delegated power to authorise expenditure.

48 The estimate of the amount required in 2000–01 for expenditure on new towns and urban area development is \$2,781,243,000. Of this amount, \$256,974,000 is for territory-wide works such as improvement to rural and urban fringe areas, \$536,950,000 for Hong Kong Island and Islands development, \$216,500,000 for Kowloon development, \$1,008,950,000 for New Territories North development, \$379,480,000 for New Territories East development, \$150,570,000 for New Territories West development and \$231,819,000 for block allocations. Of the allocation of \$2,549,424,000 for territory-wide works, new towns, rural townships and urban area (i.e. excluding block allocations), \$2,107,420,000 is for civil engineering, \$205,551,000 for transport, \$50,940,000 for waterworks, \$15,668,000 for environmental protection and \$169,845,000 for housing, community and other projects.

49 Significant territory development projects scheduled to start in 2000–01 include 667CL and 668CL, namely, engineering works for North Lantau phase 3 development in Tung Chung and Tai Ho respectively.

50 The allocation of \$100,000,000 for *Subhead 7014CX—Rural Public Works Programme* is for small scale works projects costing up to \$15 million each to upgrade the infrastructure and improve the living environment of rural areas in the New Territories.

51 The allocation of \$35,000,000 for Subhead 7015CX—Urban Minor Works Programme is for district-based works projects up to \$15 million each to improve local facilities, living environment and hygienic conditions of the urban areas, including improvement to local roads, walkways and trails, backlanes and hygiene blackspots, and provision of recreational and leisure facilities, amenity planting, and construction of rainshelters. Projects previously funded under block allocation Subhead 7013CX—District-based urban environmental improvements for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme are subsumed under this block allocation.

52 The allocation of \$96,819,000 for Subhead 7100CX—New towns and urban area works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme is for minor works, minor landscaping, feasibility studies and site investigations in respect of new towns and urban area development projects, subject to a maximum ceiling of expenditure of not more than \$15 million per Category D item. Items may also be included in Category D to cover the costs of preliminary feasibility studies and investigations to enable new towns and urban area development projects to be included in Category C of the Public Works Programme, and consultants' fees and charges for feasibility investigations and design (including preparation of tender documents) of works projects in Category B or (subject to the Secretary for the Treasury's approval) Category C of the Public Works Programme. Urgent payments in respect of minor outstanding works to a value not exceeding \$100,000 on any new town and urban area development projects in the Fund estimates may also be charged to this subhead. Approval will be sought from the Financial Secretary to reinstate such projects in the Fund estimates during the year and, once this approval has been obtained, expenditure will be transferred to the original project. Residual payments arising from existing projects previously funded under Subhead 7009WX—fresh and salt water distribution systems contingent upon new towns and urban area development works, will continue to be funded from this block allocation.

Head 708—Capital Subventions and Major Systems and Equipment

53 The Financial Secretary has delegated to the following officers, among others, the power to authorise expenditure from Head 708 of the Fund—

Officers	In respect of subheads under
Director of Education	Capital Subventions—Education Subventions
Secretary-General, University Grants Committee	Capital Subventions—Universities
Secretary for Education and Manpower	Capital Subventions—Technical Education and Industrial Training
Director of Architectural Services	Capital Subventions—Medical Subventions
Secretary for Trade and Industry	Capital Subventions—Miscellaneous
Secretary for Economic Services	Capital Subventions—Miscellaneous

CAPITAL WORKS RESERVE FUND

Officers

Secretary for Home Affairs Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Private Secretary, Chief Executive's Office Director of Architectural Services

Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Director of Lands Commissioner for Census and Statistics

Government Property Administrator

Director of Civil Aviation

Director of Civil Engineering

Commissioner of Correctional Services

Director of Drainage Services

Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Environmental Protection

Director of Fire Services

Director of Administration

Director of Highways

Director of Immigration

Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Judiciary Administrator Commissioner for Labour Director of Marine Commissioner of Police Government Printer

Director of Broadcasting

Director of the Hong Kong Observatory Director of Social Welfare

Commissioner for Transport Director of Water Supplies

Director of Health

In respect of subheads under

Capital Subventions-Miscellaneous

- Major Systems and Equipment—Leisure and Cultural Services Department
- Major Systems and Equipment-Chief Executive's Office
- Major Systems and Equipment—Architectural Services Department
- Major Systems and Equipment—Auxiliary Medical Service
- Major Systems and Equipment-Lands Department
- Major Systems and Equipment—Census and Statistics Department
- Major Systems and Equipment—Government Property Agency

Major Systems and Equipment—Civil Aviation Department

Major Systems and Equipment—Civil Engineering Department

- Major Systems and Equipment—Correctional Services Department
- Major Systems and Equipment—Drainage Services Department
- Major Systems and Equipment—Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
- Major Systems and Equipment—Environmental Protection Department

Major Systems and Equipment—Fire Services Department

Major Systems and Equipment—Government Secretariat : Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary

- Major Systems and Equipment-Highways Department
- Major Systems and Equipment-Immigration Department
- Major Systems and Equipment—Independent Commission Against Corruption
- Major Systems and Equipment—Inland Revenue Department

Major Systems and Equipment-Judiciary

- Major Systems and Equipment-Labour Department
- Major Systems and Equipment—Marine Department
- Major Systems and Equipment-Hong Kong Police Force
- Major Systems and Equipment-Printing Department
- Major Systems and Equipment—Radio Television Hong Kong

Major Systems and Equipment—Hong Kong Observatory

Major Systems and Equipment—Social Welfare Department

Major Systems and Equipment—Transport Department

Major Systems and Equipment—Water Supplies Department

Major Systems and Equipment-Department of Health

CAPITAL WORKS RESERVE FUND

Officers	In respect of subheads under
Director of Planning	Major Systems and Equipment—Planning Department
Director of Fire Services	Equipment Consequential on Major Capital Projects—Fire Services Department

54 The estimate of the amount required in 2000–01 for expenditure on capital subventions and major systems and equipment is \$5,791,700,000.

55 The allocation of \$9,463,000 for *Subhead* 8100BX—*Slope-related capital works for subvented organisations other than education and medical subventions* is for slope inspections and minor slope improvement works for subvented organisations other than those covered by education subventions and medical subventions to the Hospital Authority, subject to a maximum ceiling of expenditure of not more than \$15 million for each project. The Financial Secretary has delegated to the Director of Architectural Services the power to authorise expenditure under this subhead.

56 The allocation of \$294,500,000 for *Subhead 8100EX*—*Alterations, additions, repairs and improvements to the campuses of the UGC-funded institutions* is for alterations, additions, repairs and improvements including slope inspections and minor slope improvement works to the campuses of the University Grants Committee (UGC) funded institutions requiring a subsidy of not more than \$15 million each and for studies for proposed UGC funded building projects, including consultants' design fees and charges, preparation of tender documents, site investigation costs and major in-house investigations costing up to \$15 million for each project. The Financial Secretary has delegated to the Secretary-General, University Grants Committee the power to authorise expenditure under this subhead.

57 The allocation of \$162,000,000 for *Subhead 8100MX—Hospital Authority—improvement works, feasibility studies, investigations and pre-contract consultancy services for building projects* is for improvement and investigation works including slope inspections and minor slope improvement works to all public hospitals, for project preliminary feasibility studies, pre-contract consultancy services including design and preparation of tender documents for building projects, subject to a maximum ceiling of expenditure not more than \$15 million per item. The Financial Secretary has delegated to the Director of Architectural Services the power to authorise expenditure under this subhead.

58 The allocation of \$380,861,000 for *Subhead 8100QX—Alterations, additions, repairs and improvements to education subvented buildings* is for alterations, additions, repairs and improvements including slope inspections and minor slope improvement works to education subvented buildings (other than those funded through the University Grants Committee) requiring a subsidy of not more than \$15 million each and for studies for proposed education subvented building projects, including consultant's design fees and charges, preparation of tender documents and site investigation costs and major in-house investigations costing up to \$15 million for each project. The Financial Secretary has delegated to the Secretary for Education and Manpower the power to authorise expenditure under this subhead.

59 The allocation of \$25,200,000 for *Subhead 8001SX*—*Reprovisioning of welfare facilities* is for reprovisioning of welfare facilities affected by the Housing Authority's Comprehensive Redevelopment Programme, subject to a ceiling of \$15 million for each project. The Financial Secretary has delegated to the Director of Social Welfare the power to authorise expenditure under this subhead.

Head 709—Waterworks

60 The Financial Secretary has delegated to the Director of Water Supplies the power to authorise expenditure from Head 709 of the Fund.

61 The estimate of the amount required in 2000–01 for expenditure on waterworks projects is \$859,350,000.

62 Significant waterworks projects scheduled to start in 2000–01 include 224WF—Mainlaying between Sham Tseng and Yau Kom Tau, and 225WF—Extension of fresh water supply to Tuen Mun East.

63 The allocation of \$350,000,000 for Subhead 9100WX—Waterworks, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme is for minor works including slope inspections and minor slope improvement works, feasibility studies and site investigations in respect of waterworks items, subject to a maximum ceiling of expenditure of not more than \$15 million per Category D item. Items may also be included in Category D to cover the costs of preliminary feasibility studies and investigations to enable waterworks projects to be included in Category C of the Public Works Programme, and consultants' fees and charges for feasibility investigations and design (including preparation of tender documents) of waterworks projects in Category B or (subject to the Secretary for the Treasury's approval) Category C of the Public Works Programme. Urgent payments in respect of minor outstanding works to a value not exceeding \$100,000 on any waterworks projects that have been substantially completed and for which there is no subhead in the Fund estimates may also be charged to this subhead. Approval will be sought from the Financial Secretary to reinstate such projects in the Fund estimates during the year and, once this approval has been obtained, expenditure will be transferred to the original project. New projects previously funded under Head 707 Subhead 7009WX—fresh and salt water distribution systems contingent upon new towns and urban areas development works, will also be funded under this block allocation.

Head 710—Computerisation

64 The Financial Secretary has delegated to the following officers, among others, the power to authorise expenditure from Head 710 of the Fund—

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Officers	In respect of subheads under
Director of Leisure and Cultural Services	Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Director of Architectural Services	Architectural Services Department
Director of Lands	Lands Department
Commissioner for Census and Statistics	Census and Statistics Department
Commissioner of Customs and Excise	Customs and Excise Department
Director of Information Technology Services	Information Technology Services Department
Secretary for Trade and Industry	Government Secretariat: Trade and Industry Bureau
Secretary for Health and Welfare	Government Secretariat: Health and Welfare Bureau
Secretary for Information Technology and Broadcasting	Government Secretariat: Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau
Director of Government Supplies	Government Supplies Department
Director of Highways	Highways Department
Director of Immigration	Immigration Department
Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption	Independent Commission Against Corruption
Director of Information Services	Information Services Department
Judiciary Administrator	Judiciary
Commissioner for Labour	Labour Department
Director of Administration and Development, Department of Justice	Department of Justice
Director of Legal Aid	Legal Aid Department
Commissioner of Police	Hong Kong Police Force
Director of Social Welfare	Social Welfare Department
Director of Health	Department of Health
Director of Planning	Planning Department
Chief Electoral Officer	Registration and Electoral Office

65 The estimate of the amount required in 2000–01 for expenditure on computerisation is \$1,295,069,000.

66 Allocation of \$560,000,000 for *Subhead A007GX—New administrative computer systems* is a block allocation for administrative computer systems and consultancies for feasibility studies and system development each costing between \$100,000 and \$10 million. The Financial Secretary has delegated to the Secretary for Information Technology and Broadcasting and the Director of Information Technology Services the power to authorise expenditure under this subhead.

Head 711—Housing

67 The Financial Secretary has delegated to the following officers, among others, the power to authorise expenditure from Head 711 of the Fund—

Officers	In respect of subheads under
Secretary for Housing	Block allocations
Director of Architectural Services	Building works
Director of Civil Engineering	Civil engineering works
Director of Highways	Transport works
Director of Territory Development	Territorial development works
Director of Water Supplies	Water supplies works

68 The estimate of the amount required in 2000–01 for expenditure on housing-related infrastructure is \$2,657,013,000.

69 Significant projects scheduled to start in 2000–01 include is 642TH—Improvement to Island Eastern Corridor - section between North Point Interchange and Sai Wan Ho, and 643TH—Trunk Road T7 in Ma On Shan.

70 The allocation of \$54,000,000 for Subhead B100HX—Minor housing development related works, studies and investigations for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme is for minor works, feasibility studies and site investigations in respect of housing related works, subject to a maximum ceiling of expenditure of not more than \$15 million per Category D item. Items may also be included in Category D to cover the costs of preliminary feasibility studies and investigations to enable housing related projects to be included in Category C of the Public Works Programme, and consultants' fees and charges for feasibility investigations and design (including preparation of tender documents) of housing related projects in Category B or (subject to the Secretary for the Treasury's approval) Category C of the Public Works Programme.

Additional Commitments

71 Additional commitments are for unforeseen increases in expenditure under existing subheads and for new requirements that may be identified during the course of the year.

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