

## Head 23 — AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE

**Controlling officer:** the Chief Staff Officer of the Auxiliary Medical Service will account for expenditure under this Head.

**Estimate 2000–01** ..... **\$62.9m**

**Establishment ceiling 2000–01** (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 102 non-directorate posts at 31 March 2000 reducing by one post to 101 posts at 31 March 2001 ..... **\$23.0m**

In addition there will be one directorate post at 31 March 2000 and at 31 March 2001.

### Controlling Officer's Report

#### Programme

##### Auxiliary Medical Service

This programme contributes to Policy Area 9: Internal Security (Secretary for Security).

#### Detail

	1998–99 (Actual)	1999–2000 (Approved)	1999–2000 (Revised)	2000–01 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	58.7	63.4 (+8.0%)	63.5 (+0.2%)	<b>62.9</b> <b>(–0.9%)</b>

#### Aim

2 The aim is to augment the existing medical and health services for maintaining the health care and well-being of the territory, especially in times of emergency, having regard to internal security considerations.

#### Brief Description

3 The Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) is responsible for providing a volunteer medical service to assist the regular services of the Department of Health, the Hospital Authority and the Fire Services Department during emergency situations and supplementary medical services to government departments and outside agencies during peace time. It also provides paramedic training to disciplined services staff and other appropriate civil servants to enhance their operational efficiency and effectiveness.

4 In 1999–2000, the AMS continued to provide an effective volunteer medical service to assist the regular services of various government departments and outside agencies. During the year, the following services were provided to meet demands:

- provision of non-emergency ambulance transfer service to clients referred by Department of Health clinics, Social Welfare Department institutions and private hospitals;
- provision of life-guard services on gazetted urban beaches;
- manning of the first aid posts at public functions and country parks;
- provision of certificate courses on paramedic training and short courses on cardiopulmonary resuscitation for civil servants;
- manning 21 methadone clinics for the Department of Health, and providing clinical service to this category of patients (average daily attendance 6 771 patients); and
- provision of training for AMS volunteers in connection with various contingency plans related to internal security.

5 The key performance measures are:

#### Targets

	Target Man-hour	1998 (Actual)	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Plan)
general regular training.....	240 000	229 500	234 900	<b>242 000</b>
recruit training.....	60 000	59 600	59 960	<b>60 000</b>
centralised training .....	58 000	57 200	58 100	<b>58 000</b>
civil service training.....	152 000	152 000	152 000	<b>152 000</b>
supplementary services.....	260 000	280 700	280 300	<b>260 000</b>

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### *Indicators*

	1998 (Actual)	1999 (Actual)	<b>2000 (Estimate)</b>
members attending regular training .....	4 665	4 650	<b>4 600</b>
new members recruited.....	550	552	<b>570</b>
members attending centralised training .....	3 050	3 130	<b>3 500</b>
civil servants attending paramedic training			
first aid qualifying course .....	3 750	3 750	<b>3 750</b>
other certificate/short courses .....	8 000	8 000	<b>8 000</b>
supplementary services			
response to ambulance calls .....	1 200	1 180	<b>1 200</b>
coverage at public functions.....	1 800	2 160	<b>2 100</b>
cases treated on country park duty .....	1 800	1 890	<b>2 000</b>
response to non-emergency ambulance transfer requests .....	13 344	14 400	<b>14 400</b>

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2000–01*

**6** During 2000–01, the department will:

- continue to provide first aid training to cope with the demand of first aiders arising from the implementation of the Occupational Safety and Health Regulation; and
- continue to run the disaster management training programme for volunteers to enhance their operational efficiency.

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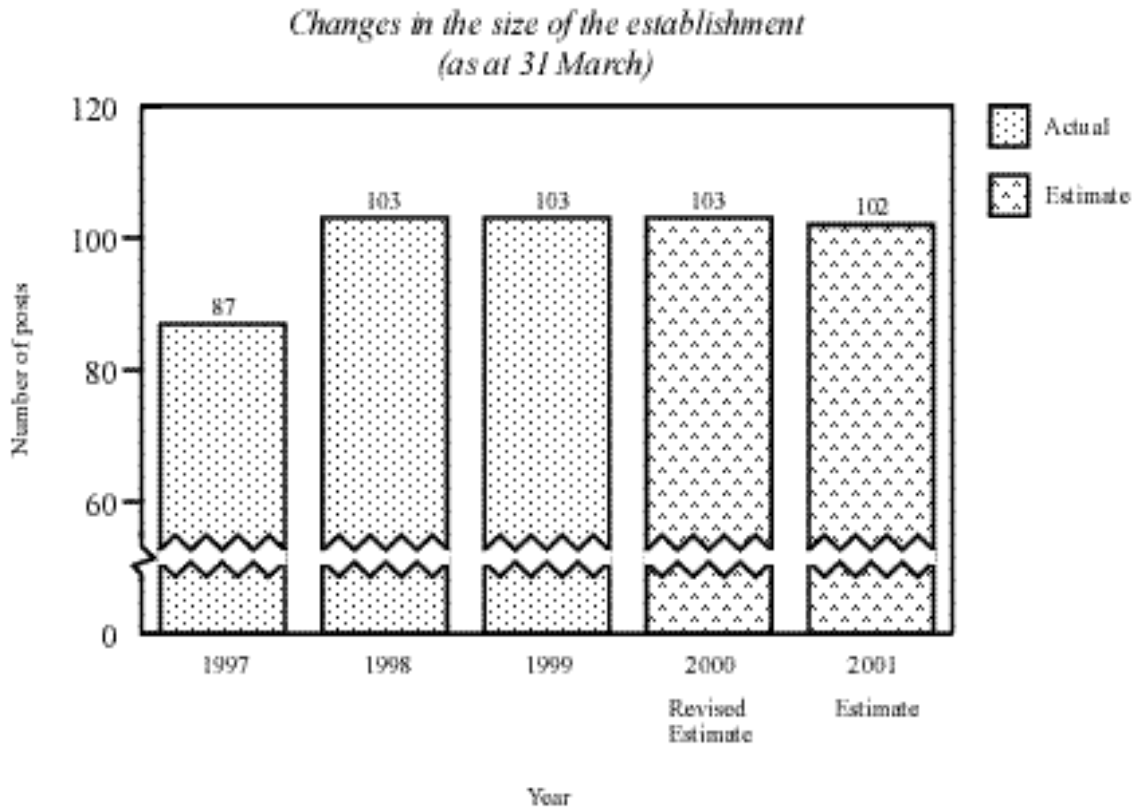
### ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

<b>Programme</b>	1998–99 (Actual) (\$m)	1999–2000 (Approved) (\$m)	1999–2000 (Revised) (\$m)	<b>2000–01 (Estimate) (\$m)</b>
Auxiliary Medical Service .....	58.7	63.4 (+8.0%)	63.5 (+0.2%)	<b>62.9 (–0.9%)</b>

#### Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2000–01 is \$0.6 million (0.9%) lower than the revised estimate for 1999–2000. The decrease is mainly due to the reorganisation of the work and shift arrangement of the Operations and Training Division resulting in the deletion of one post and reduced overtime requirement; reduction of pay and allowances for the auxiliary services arising from the streamlining of deployment of volunteer members for supplementary services; and reduced cashflow upon completion of the review of the existing radio network system in 1999–2000.

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Sub-head (Code)		Actual expenditure 1998-99	Approved estimate 1999-2000	Revised estimate 1999-2000	Estimate 2000-01
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Recurrent Account</b>					
I — Personal Emoluments					
001	Salaries.....	24,818	24,992	25,296	<b>25,159</b>
002	Allowances.....	612	775	775	<b>545</b>
007	Job-related allowances.....	46	48	48	<b>48</b>
	Total, Personal Emoluments .....	<u>25,476</u>	<u>25,815</u>	<u>26,119</u>	<u><b>25,752</b></u>
III — Departmental Expenses					
149	General departmental expenses.....	7,096	8,276	8,194	<b>8,430</b>
	Total, Departmental Expenses .....	<u>7,096</u>	<u>8,276</u>	<u>8,194</u>	<u><b>8,430</b></u>
IV — Other Charges					
245	Pay and allowances for the auxiliary services ...	25,182	27,940	27,940	<b>27,843</b>
246	Training expenses for the auxiliary services .....	956	1,038	909	<b>902</b>
	Total, Other Charges.....	<u>26,138</u>	<u>28,978</u>	<u>28,849</u>	<u><b>28,745</b></u>
	Total, Recurrent Account .....	<u>58,710</u>	<u>63,069</u>	<u>63,162</u>	<u><b>62,927</b></u>
<b>Capital Account</b>					
II — Other Non-Recurrent					
	General other non-recurrent.....	—	340	340	—
	Total, Other Non-Recurrent.....	<u>—</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>—</u>
	Total, Capital Account.....	<u>—</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>—</u>
	Total Expenditure .....	<u><u>58,710</u></u>	<u><u>63,409</u></u>	<u><u>63,502</u></u>	<u><u><b>62,927</b></u></u>

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### Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2000–01 for the salaries and expenses of the Auxiliary Medical Service is \$62,927,000. This represents a decrease of \$575,000 against the revised estimate for 1999–2000 and an increase of \$4,217,000 on actual expenditure in 1998–99.

#### *Recurrent Account*

##### Personal Emoluments

**2** Provision of \$25,752,000 for personal emoluments represents a decrease of \$367,000 against the revised estimate for 1999–2000 and takes into account the deletion of one post during 2000–01.

**3** The establishment at 31 March 2000 will be 103 permanent posts. It is expected that one permanent post will be deleted in 2000–01.

**4** Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated powers create or delete non-directorate posts during 2000–01, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$22,962,000.

**5** Provision of \$545,000 under *Subhead 002 Allowances* is for standard allowances. The decrease of \$230,000 (29.7%) against the revised estimate for 1999–2000 is mainly due to reduced requirement for overtime allowance.

**6** Provision of \$48,000 under *Subhead 007 Job-related allowances* is for standard job-related allowances.

##### Other Charges

**7** Provision of \$27,843,000 under *Subhead 245 Pay and allowances for the auxiliary services* is for the remuneration of volunteer members.

**8** Provision of \$902,000 under *Subhead 246 Training expenses for the auxiliary services* is for the purchase of training aids and equipment, instructors' fees and the hiring of premises for training purposes.