

## Head 53 — GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT: HOME AFFAIRS BUREAU

**Controlling officer:** the Secretary for Home Affairs will account for expenditure under this Head.

<b>Estimate 2000–01</b> .....	<b>\$277.7m</b>
<b>Establishment ceiling 2000–01</b> (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 173 permanent non-directorate posts at 31 March 2000 and at 31 March 2001, and an estimated 15 temporary posts at 31 March 2000 rising by 26 posts to 41 posts for varying durations in 2000–01 .....	<b>\$78.0m</b>
In addition there will be an estimated 13 permanent directorate posts at 31 March 2000 and at 31 March 2001, and an estimated one temporary post for six months in 2000–01.	
<b>Capital Account commitment balance</b> .....	<b>\$16.5m</b>

### Controlling Officer's Report

#### Programmes

<p><b>Programme (1) Rights of the Individual</b>  <b>Programme (2) Information Policy</b>  <b>Programme (3) District and Community Relations</b>  <b>Programme (4) Youth Development†</b></p>	<p>These programmes contribute to Policy Area 19: District and Community Relations (Secretary for Home Affairs).</p>
<p><b>Programme (5) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing</b>  <b>Programme (6) Culture</b></p>	<p>These programmes contribute to Policy Area 18: Recreation, Culture, Amenities and Entertainment Licensing (Secretary for Home Affairs).</p>

† New programme as from 2000–01

#### Detail

##### Programme (1): Rights of the Individual

	1998–99 (Actual)	1999–2000 (Approved)	1999–2000 (Revised)	<b>2000–01 (Estimate)</b>
Financial provision (\$m)	45.6	62.7 (+37.5%)	35.9 (–42.7%)	<b>39.8 (+10.9%)</b>

#### Aim

- 2 The aim is to formulate and implement policies on the rights of the individual.

#### Brief Description

3 The bureau is to focus attention on the rights of the individual in respect of privacy protection for personal data, succession, human rights, social and family laws; promotion of equal opportunities on grounds of gender, family status, sexual orientation and race; and promotion of civic education outside schools.

4 In 1999, we submitted to the United Nations (UN) reports under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT). These were the first such reports on the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). In February and November 1999 respectively, we attended the UN hearings of our reports under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the ICCPR.

- 5 The key performance measure is:

#### Indicator

	1998 (Actual)	1999 (Actual)	<b>2000 (Estimate)</b>
civic education projects sponsored under the Community Participation Scheme .....	93	169	<b>170</b>

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

- 6 During 2000–01, the bureau will:
- follow up the recommendations made by an inter-departmental working group to improve the law and administrative measures affecting divorcees and children who live on alimony;

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- review the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance to address difficulties that have been encountered in its operations;
- continue to oversee compliance with human rights treaties which apply to the HKSAR. In this respect, we will submit the report under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD); this will form part of China's Metropolitan report. We will also attend the hearing of the report under the CAT as part of the Chinese delegation;
- continue to promote civic awareness, respect for the rights of the individual, a stronger sense of belonging to Hong Kong as a Special Administrative Region of China and identification with Chinese culture and heritage, and a better understanding of the Basic Law; and
- continue efforts to address the question of racial discrimination and discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation through administrative and educational measures.

### Programme (2): Information Policy

	1998–99 (Actual)	1999–2000 (Approved)	1999–2000 (Revised)	<b>2000–01 (Estimate)</b>
Financial provision (\$m)	8.5	10.1 (+18.8%)	10.0 (–1.0%)	<b>10.0 (0.0%)</b>

#### *Aim*

- 7 The aim is to formulate and develop policy in respect of information.

#### *Brief Description*

8 The responsibilities of the bureau under this programme are to formulate and develop policy in respect of information; focus attention on freedom of information; help bureaux and departments to comply with the Code on Access to Information; promote the use of the Internet for dissemination of government information; and undertake housekeeping functions for the Information Services Department.

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

9 During 2000–01, the bureau will liaise with bureaux and departments with a view to improving their homepages to enhance accessibility by the visually-impaired.

### Programme (3): District and Community Relations

	1998–99 (Actual)	1999–2000 (Approved)	1999–2000 (Revised)	<b>2000–01 (Estimate)</b>
Financial provision (\$m)	40.5	41.6 (+2.7%)	62.1 (+49.3%)	<b>38.4 (–38.2%)</b>

#### *Aim*

10 The aim is to develop policy in respect of the District Administration Scheme, community building programme, building management, licensing, gambling, stamps, and government advisory and statutory bodies.

#### *Brief Description*

11 The responsibilities of the bureau under this programme are to formulate and develop policy in respect of the District Administration Scheme, community building programme, building management, gambling, advisory and statutory bodies, and licensing of hotels, guesthouses, clubs and bedspace apartments; design postage stamps; conduct opinion surveys; administer the trust funds, the trustee for which is Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated; manage Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated properties; and undertake housekeeping functions for the Home Affairs Department.

- 12 The key performance measures in respect of district and community relations are:

#### *Indicators*

	1998 (Actual)	1999 (Actual)	<b>2000 (Estimate)</b>
opinion surveys conducted .....	11	9	<b>9</b>
respondents covered in the surveys .....	19 100	16 600	<b>16 000</b>
opinion surveys conducted in the private sector which require collation of information .....	42	53	<b>70</b>
statutory and charitable funds income (\$m) .....	78.0	72.0	<b>66.0</b>
welfare and education grants from trust funds (\$m) .....	52.0	53.0	<b>60.0</b>

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

13 During 2000–01, the bureau will:

- co-ordinate and organise activities to celebrate the anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, the National Day, and the Millennium; and
- review the Chinese Temples Ordinance to ensure that its provisions meet the changing needs of the community.

### **Programme (4): Youth Development**

	1998–99 (Actual)	1999–2000 (Approved)	1999–2000 (Revised)	2000–01 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	—	—	19.3	70.7 (+266.3%)

#### *Aim*

14 The aim is to formulate and implement policies on youth development.

#### *Brief Description*

15 The responsibilities of the bureau under this programme are to co-ordinate youth development policies by working closely with the Commission on Youth, youth organisations, uniformed organisations and others.

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

16 During 2000–01, the bureau will:

- continue to work closely with the Commission on Youth;
- continue to foster positive values among our young people by encouraging community participation and voluntary work, developing leadership training programmes and expanding the international youth exchange programme;
- continue to enhance understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage amongst young people through study tours to the Mainland; and
- continue to encourage uniformed organisations to plan and provide youth development activities in line with our policy objective.

### **Programme (5): Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing**

	1998–99 (Actual)	1999–2000 (Approved)	1999–2000 (Revised)	2000–01 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	17.5	13.2 (–24.6%)	19.6 (+48.5%)	18.5 (–5.6%)

#### *Aim*

17 The aim is to promote and develop recreation and sport at all levels throughout the community, to formulate and co-ordinate policy on the provision and management of recreational and sports facilities and programmes and to ensure quality and effectiveness in policy formulation, co-ordination and monitoring of policy implementation on entertainment licensing.

#### *Brief Description*

18 The Recreation and Sport Section:

- co-ordinates and oversees policy on the promotion and development of sport and recreation on a territory-wide basis;
- works in co-operation with the Hong Kong Sports Development Board (HKSDB) on the promotion and development of sport and physical recreation;
- formulates and co-ordinates policy on the provision and management of recreational and sports facilities and programmes;
- disburses grants from the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation for the provision of recreational facilities for public use; and
- formulates and oversees policy on entertainment licensing.

19 Good results have been achieved by Hong Kong's athletes in major international games. A total of 108 gold, 68 silver and 56 bronze medals have been won since 1998. The Section will continue to provide additional resources to the HKSDB to enable it to implement the key initiatives in its strategic plan for sports development for 1996–2000, and to

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support the elite training programme at the Hong Kong Sports Institute. Efforts to train our elite athletes for the 2000 Olympic Games will continue.

20 Following the establishment of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on 1 January 2000, the Section has taken up the role of overseeing policy regarding the development and management of recreational and sports venues and programmes by the new department.

21 The agreed recommendations relating to administrative changes to the regulatory frameworks for entertainment licences have been implemented, and efforts will continue to make them more user and business friendly. The recommendations involving legislative amendments are being processed separately.

22 The key performance measures in respect of recreation and sports promotion are:

### *Indicators*

	1998 (Actual)	1999 (Actual)	<b>2000 (Estimate)</b>
number of applications under the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation processed			
non-capital works .....	350	406	<b>410</b>
capital works .....	30	47	<b>50</b>
number of grants under the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation			
non-capital works .....	276	327	<b>330</b>
capital works .....	19	26	<b>30</b>
amount of grants under the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation			
non-capital works (\$m).....	3.8	4.5	<b>4.5</b>
capital works (\$m).....	3.0	3.8	<b>4.0</b>

23 The key performance measure in respect of the provision of recreational and sports facilities and programmes is reflected in the extent to which the executive department has achieved its objectives cost-effectively as measured by targets and performance indicators in respect of its programmes.

24 The key performance measure in respect of entertainment licensing is reflected in the extent to which the policy objectives have been achieved and the progress made in implementing the policy commitments. It is also reflected in the extent to which the executive department has accomplished its programmes efficiently and cost-effectively.

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

25 The Recreation and Sport Section will work closely with the HKSD in the development and promotion of sport and physical recreation in Hong Kong. The Section will continue to help the Board to implement its strategic plan for sports development, and will also continue with the study of strategic sports and recreational venue requirements in Hong Kong, including the need for a major new stadium. A new task for the Section will be to co-ordinate a strategic sports development plan for 2001–05 in consultation with the HKSD, the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and other stakeholders in the sports community.

26 The Section will aim to ensure an adequate provision of recreational and sports activities to meet public demand and promote a wide choice of public recreational and sports venues.

27 In respect of entertainment licensing, the key tasks will include:

- to review the existing licensing arrangements, the roles of the various licensing activities and the purposes of the related legislation, and to design a more rational and cohesive framework for licensing places of entertainment; and
- to put in place a new framework for licensing family entertainment centres and other entertainment centres.

### **Programme (6): Culture**

	1998–99 (Actual)	1999–2000 (Approved)	1999–2000 (Revised)	<b>2000–01 (Estimate)</b>
Financial provision (\$m)	37.0	46.4 (+25.4%)	66.9 (+44.2%)	<b>100.3 (+49.9%)</b>

### *Aim*

28 The aim is to promote and develop the arts and culture in Hong Kong.

### *Brief Description*

29 The bureau's main responsibility under this programme is to formulate policies and programmes on cultural matters and to co-ordinate the delivery of these policies and programmes by the Leisure and Cultural Services

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Department, the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA), the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) and other arts related organisations.

**30** The Culture Section, working in co-operation with the HKADC and the HKAPA, is responsible for promoting and developing the arts and culture in Hong Kong. To this end, it is responsible for administering the recurrent subvention to the HKAPA, which offers professional training in various arts disciplines, and liaising closely with the HKAPA as a degree-awarding institution. It also administers subvention to the HKADC, which is a statutory body established in June 1995 to, inter alia, plan, promote and support the broad development of the arts, including literary, performing, visual and film arts, mainly through the disbursement of funds to established and budding arts groups and individual artists in Hong Kong. In addition, the Culture Section provides secretariat and administrative support to the Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund which offers funding support for music and dance education.

**31** In 1999–2000, the Section has worked very closely with the HKADC on those administrative and financial matters necessary for its smooth running. The year also saw that the Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund continued to award scholarships and grants to talented people and local schools and organisations. The Culture Section will continue to place emphasis on the promotion and development of the arts and culture.

**32** Starting from 2000, the Section takes up the subvention responsibility for the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society (HKAFS) and the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society (HKPS) which are formerly under the subvention of the Provisional Urban Council. The HKAFS's major duty is to present an international arts festival, while the HKPS is to present an annual programme of classical music of an international standard to the public. Both functions will enrich the cultural life of Hong Kong and encourage cross-cultural fertilisation.

**33** The key performance measures in respect of culture promotion are:

### *Indicators*

	1998 (Actual)	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Estimate)
Music and Dance Fund grants and scholarship applications processed.....	300	334	<b>340</b>
Music and Dance Fund grants and scholarships awarded .....	183	168	<b>170</b>
Lord Wilson Heritage Trust awarded .....	3	5	<b>5</b>
no. of performances presented by the HKAFS.....	—	—	<b>133</b>
no. of concerts presented by the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra requiring admission fee .....	—	—	<b>73</b>
no. of free educational and community concerts organised by the HKPS .....	—	—	<b>101</b>

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

**34** During 2000–01, the Culture Section will:

- provide secretariat and administrative support to the Culture and Heritage Commission which advises the Government on the overall cultural policy and on funding priorities for culture and the arts;
- continue to work closely with the HKADC to assist it in implementing its Five-Year Strategic Plan;
- continue to work closely with the HKAPA, the University Grants Committee and the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation (HKCAA) in setting the course for the HKAPA's future development by taking into account the recommendations of the 1996 consultancy study and that offered by the HKCAA on the validation/revalidation of its degree courses; and
- continue to provide secretariat and administrative support to the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust.

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### ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

Programme	1998–99 (Actual) (\$m)	1999–2000 (Approved) (\$m)	1999–2000 (Revised) (\$m)	2000–01 (Estimate) (\$m)
(1) Rights of the Individual .....	45.6	62.7	35.9	<b>39.8</b>
(2) Information Policy .....	8.5	10.1	10.0	<b>10.0</b>
(3) District and Community Relations .....	40.5	41.6	62.1	<b>38.4</b>
(4) Youth Development .....	—	—	19.3	<b>70.7</b>
(5) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing .....	17.5	13.2	19.6	<b>18.5</b>
(6) Culture .....	37.0	46.4	66.9	<b>100.3</b>
	149.1	174.0 (+16.7%)	213.8 (+22.9%)	<b>277.7</b> (+29.9%)

*Note:* Expenses for the new Programme (4) Youth Development have been previously reflected under Programme (7) Young People of Head 170—Social Welfare Department and Programme (1) of this Head.

The actual expenditure in 1998–99 and the approved estimate for 1999–2000 for Programme (1) shown here include previous expenditure on youth activities under this Head.

#### Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

##### Programme (1)

Provision for 2000–01 is \$3.9 million (10.9%) higher than the revised estimate for 1999–2000. This is mainly due to the additional provision for carrying out activities to promote equal opportunities for people of different races and sexual orientation.

##### Programme (2)

Provision for 2000–01 is the same as the revised estimate for 1999–2000.

##### Programme (3)

Provision for 2000–01 is \$23.7 million (38.2%) lower than the revised estimate for 1999–2000. This is mainly due to the reduced cashflow requirements for capital projects. There will be 42 temporary posts created for varying short durations to undertake specific projects during 2000–01.

##### Programme (4)

Provision for 2000–01 is \$51.4 million (266.3%) higher than the revised estimate for 1999–2000. This is mainly due to the transfer of provision from the Social Welfare Department for organising youth development programmes and related activities.

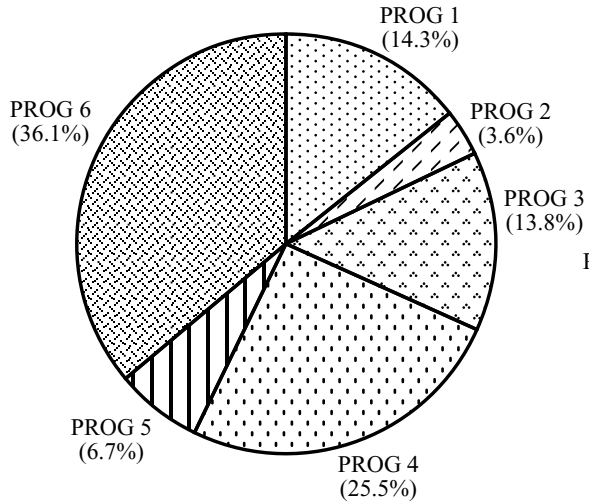
##### Programme (5)

Provision for 2000–01 is \$1.1 million (5.6%) lower than the revised estimate for 1999–2000. This is mainly due to the reduced cashflow requirements for capital projects, partly offset by the taking over of funding responsibility for the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China.

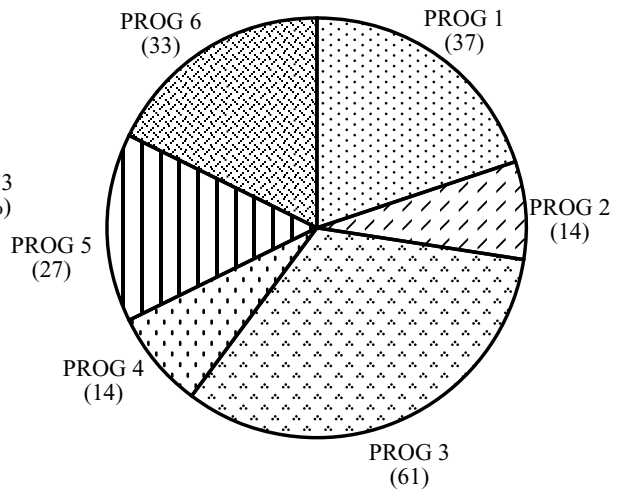
##### Programme (6)

Provision for 2000–01 is \$33.4 million (49.9%) higher than the revised estimate for 1999–2000. This is mainly due to the expanded scope of responsibility under the new institutional framework to deliver cultural services and the taking over of funding responsibility for the HKPS and HKAFS, partly offset by the transfer of the Antiquities and Monuments Office to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

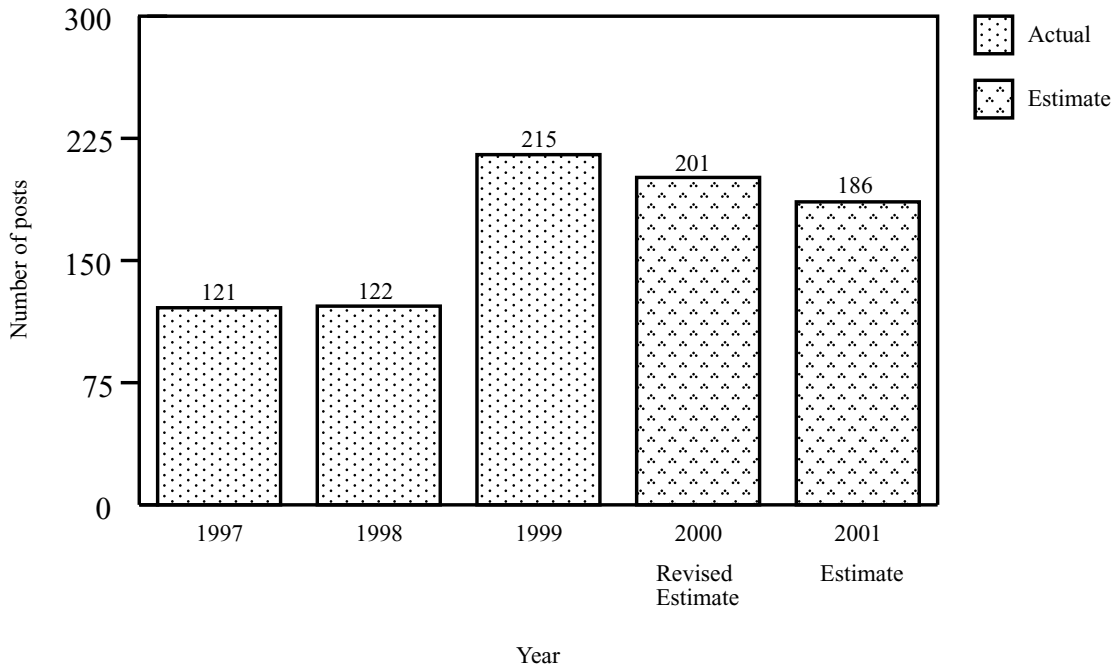
*Allocation of provision to programmes (2000-01)*



*Staff by programme (as at 31 March 2001)*



*Changes in the size of the establishment (as at 31 March)*



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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 .....	82,906	97,575	99,374	<b>88,222</b>
002	Allowances .....	5,726	6,653	5,665	<b>5,455</b>
007	Job-related allowances .....	6	7	6	<b>7</b>
	Total, Personal Emoluments .....	<u>88,638</u>	<u>104,235</u>	<u>105,045</u>	<u><b>93,684</b></u>
III — Departmental Expenses					
149	General departmental expenses .....	13,639	16,052	14,544	<b>13,855</b>
	Total, Departmental Expenses .....	<u>13,639</u>	<u>16,052</u>	<u>14,544</u>	<u><b>13,855</b></u>
IV — Other Charges					
211	International Youth Exchange Programme .....	328	1,600	1,600	<b>1,600</b>
270	Activities to promote equal opportunities† .....	570	600	600	<b>3,100</b>
271	Promotion of civic education outside schools ....	6,848	9,800	9,800	<b>9,800</b>
286	Youth development activities@ .....	920	1,000	1,000	<b>12,200</b>
	Total, Other Charges .....	<u>8,666</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u><b>26,700</b></u>
V — Subventions					
532	Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China .....	—	—	—	<b>3,000</b>
534	Hong Kong Philharmonic Society .....	—	—	16,100	<b>64,600</b>
535	Hong Kong Arts Festival Society .....	—	—	2,600	<b>16,120</b>
536	Uniformed groups and other youth organisations .....	—	—	—	<b>43,181</b>
	Total, Subventions .....	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>18,700</u>	<u><b>126,901</b></u>
	Total, Recurrent Account .....	<u>110,943</u>	<u>133,287</u>	<u>151,289</u>	<u><b>261,140</b></u>
<b>Capital Account</b>					
I — Plant, Equipment and Works					
	Works .....	10,925	8,562	17,861	—\$
	Restoration of monuments (block vote) .....	1,413	1,700	1,700	—\$
	Archaeological excavations (block vote) .....	1,043	1,500	1,500	—\$
	Total, Plant, Equipment and Works .....	<u>13,381</u>	<u>11,762</u>	<u>21,061</u>	<u>—</u>



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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 1998–99	Approved estimate 1999–2000	Revised estimate 1999–2000	<b>Estimate 2000–01</b>	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	<b>\$'000</b>	
<b>Capital Account—Cont'd.</b>					
II — Other Non-Recurrent					
700	General other non-recurrent.....	24,774	28,922	41,496	<b>16,516</b> §
	Total, Other Non-Recurrent.....	<u>24,774</u>	<u>28,922</u>	<u>41,496</u>	<b>16,516</b>
	Total, Capital Account.....	<u>38,155</u>	<u>40,684</u>	<u>62,557</u>	<b>16,516</b>
	Total Expenditure .....	<u><u>149,098</u></u>	<u><u>173,971</u></u>	<u><u>213,846</u></u>	<b>277,656</b>

† Formerly entitled “Activities to promote equal opportunities for women and men”.

@ Formerly entitled “Activities to be organised by the Commission on Youth”.

§ The provisions for the archaeological capital projects will be transferred to Head 95 as a result of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department taking over the responsibility for the Antiquities and Monuments Office.

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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 Home Affairs Bureau is \$277,656,000. This represents an increase of \$63,810,000 over the revised estimate for 1999–2000 and of \$128,558,000 on actual expenditure in 1998–99.

#### Recurrent Account

##### Personal Emoluments

2 Provision of \$93,684,000 for personal emoluments represents a decrease of \$11,361,000 against the revised estimate for 1999–2000 and takes into account the full-year savings for posts deleted in 1999–2000.

3 The establishment at 31 March 2000 will be 186 permanent posts and 15 temporary posts. The number of temporary posts is expected to increase to 42 for varying short durations during 2000–01 for undertaking specific projects. No change in the number of permanent posts is expected 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 \$77,986,000.

5 Provision of \$5,455,000 under *Subhead 002 Allowances* is for standard allowances and the following non-standard allowance—

	Rank	Master Pay Scale point	Rate per month† \$
consolidated overtime allowance for Chauffeur grade	Chauffeur	6	5,570
		7	5,940
		8	6,330
		9	6,740
		10	7,145

† These rates are payable for the first 1–100 hours overtime per month. Overtime performed in excess of 100 hours will be compensated at 1% of the monthly rate per hour.

The decrease of \$210,000 (3.7%) against the revised estimate for 1999–2000 is mainly due to reduced requirement for acting allowance.

6 Provision of \$7,000 under *Subhead 007 Job-related allowances* is for standard job-related allowances.

##### Departmental Expenses

7 Provision of \$13,855,000 under *Subhead 149 General departmental expenses* represents a decrease of \$689,000 (4.7%) against the revised estimate for 1999–2000. This is mainly due to the reduction in operating expenditure under the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

##### Other Charges

8 Provision of \$1,600,000 under *Subhead 211 International Youth Exchange Programme* is to meet expenses for young people to undertake visits to overseas countries and to host such visits to Hong Kong.

9 Provision of \$3,100,000 under *Subhead 270 Activities to promote equal opportunities* is for activities to be undertaken for the promotion of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and for promotion of equal opportunities for people of different races and sexual orientation. The increase of \$2,500,000 (416.7%) over the revised estimate for 1999–2000 is due to additional provision for promotional activities relating to the elimination of discrimination on grounds of race and sexual orientation.

10 Provision of \$9,800,000 under *Subhead 271 Promotion of civic education outside schools* is for grants to community organisations, special projects and other expenses in connection with the promotion of civic education in the community.

11 Provision of \$12,200,000 under *Subhead 286 Youth development activities* is for subsidies to youth organisations for organising study tours for young people to the Mainland, grants to community organisations, special projects and other expenses in connection with the promotion of volunteerism, leadership training and youth development, and expenses on research projects, seminars and other related activities to be carried out on the advice of the Commission on Youth. The increase of \$11,200,000 (1 120.0%) over the revised estimate for 1999–2000 is due to transfer of expenses for youth development activities and for managing subventions to uniformed groups from the Social Welfare Department.

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### Subventions

**12** Provision of \$3,000,000 under *Subhead 532 Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC)* is to help meet the personnel, office and programme expenses of the SF&OC and to assist the Federation in organising seminars and training courses for staff and officials of National Sports Associations. Prior to 2000–01, funds were provided to the SF&OC through the Hong Kong Sports Development Board. Starting from 2000–01, subvention to the SF&OC will be disbursed to the Federation direct.

**13** Provision of \$64,600,000 under *Subhead 534 Hong Kong Philharmonic Society (HKPS)* is to meet the operational expenses of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra which holds regular concerts locally and conducts overseas tours. Prior to 2000, the Provisional Urban Council subvented about 70-80% of the HKPS's budget. Starting from 1 January 2000, funds have been disbursed by the Home Affairs Bureau. The increase of \$48,500,000 (301.2%) over the revised estimate for 1999–2000 is due to the full-year provision for subventing the Society.

**14** Provision of \$16,120,000 under *Subhead 535 Hong Kong Arts Festival Society (HKAFS)* is to meet the funding requirement of the HKAFS to organise an international arts festival annually from February to March, featuring local and visiting artists. Before 2000, the HKAFS received grants mainly from the Provisional Urban Council and the Hong Kong Arts Development Council. The subvention responsibilities are now taken over by the Home Affairs Bureau. The increase of \$13,520,000 (520.0%) over the revised estimate for 1999–2000 is due to the full-year provision for subventing the Society.

**15** Provision of \$43,181,000 under *Subhead 536 Uniformed groups and other youth organisations* is for recurrent subventions including refund of rates to uniformed groups and organisations engaged in youth development previously provided by Social Welfare Department.

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### Capital Account

#### Commitments

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.99	Revised estimated expenditure for 1999–2000	Balance
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
700		<i>General other non-recurrent</i>				
	263	HKAPA–Revalidation of the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree Programme on Dance (Chinese Dance), Film and TV, and Bachelor of Music Degree Programme .....	3,087	—	1,544	1,543
	265	Study tours to the Mainland .....	6,000	—	3,000	3,000
	266	Youth development programmes .....	9,000	—	6,000	3,000
	267	The “Hong Kong, Our Home” Campaign .....	10,000	—	5,000	5,000
	271	Government’s contribution to activities for celebrating the Millennium .....	10,000	—	8,600	1,400
	275	HKAPA–Revalidation for the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree Programme in Drama .....	1,029	—	—	1,029
	648	Course revalidation and institutional review for HKAPA .....	3,610	2,066	—	1,544
		Total .....	<u>42,726</u>	<u>2,066</u>	<u>24,144</u>	<u>16,516</u>