

Head 73 — INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

Controlling officer: the Director-General of Industry will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2000–01	\$234.6m
Establishment ceiling 2000–01 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 249 non-directorate posts at 31 March 2000 rising by four posts to 253 posts at 31 March 2001	\$107.4m
In addition there will be an estimated ten directorate posts at 31 March 2000 and at 31 March 2001.	
Capital Account commitment balance	\$234.2m

Controlling Officer's Report

Programmes

<p>Programme (1) Quality Programme (2) Investment Promotion Programme (3) Infrastructure Support Programme (4) Development Support Programme (5) Technology Support</p>	<p>These programmes contribute to Policy Area 6: Trade and Industry (Secretary for Trade and Industry).</p>
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Detail

Programme (1): Quality

	1998–99 (Actual)	1999–2000 (Approved)	1999–2000 (Revised)	2000–01 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	62.2	62.7 (+0.8%)	65.7 (+4.8%)	62.3 (–5.2%)

Aim

2 The aim is to promote the pursuit of excellence in manufacturing and to encourage and support the application of quality assurance amongst local manufacturing and service industries with a view to enhancing the quality of Hong Kong's exports and the competitiveness of Hong Kong companies.

Brief Description

3 The Quality Services Division promotes and supports the application of quality assurance through:

- operation of the Standards and Calibration Laboratory (SCL);
- operation of the Product Standards Information Bureau (PSIB);
- administration of the Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS); and
- pursuit of excellence through the annual Hong Kong Awards for Industry.

4 During 1999–2000, SCL participated in six international comparison of standards projects. PSIB participated in a series of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings in the areas of standards and conformance and organised the 1999 Hong Kong Awards for Industry. The Hong Kong Accreditation Service was formed in November 1998 for processing applications for accreditation under the Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme and the more recently-established Hong Kong Certification Body Accreditation Scheme. A new accreditation service for inspection bodies was launched in December 1999.

5 The key performance measures in respect of quality services are:

Targets

	Target Working days	1998 (Actual)	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Plan)
processing of quotation for calibration services	6	6	6	6
calibration of equipment	20	18	18	20
provision of technical advice in response to oral enquiries on product standards	1	1	1	1
processing of simple written enquiries on product standards	1	1	1	1
processing of complicated written enquiries on product standards	9	9	9	9

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	Target Working days	1998 (Actual)	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Plan)
issue of quotations for documented standards.....	1	1	1	1
processing of orders for photocopies of documented standards	2	2	2	2

Indicators

	1998 (Actual)	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Estimate)
Standards and Calibration Laboratory			
calibrations performed	673	654	660
revenue generated (\$).....	2,528,745	2,240,150	2,260,000
revenue/post (\$)	280,330	297,200	300,000
Product Standards Information Bureau			
technical enquiries	1 876	1 850	1 850
sales and photocopying of documented standards			
enquiries.....	2 222	2 098	2 100
quotations given.....	12 088	10 855	11 000
orders placed.....	1 065	945	1 000
revenue generated (\$).....	682,389	620,430	657,000
revenue/post (\$)	72,595	66,003	70,000
Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme			
accredited laboratories (cumulative).....	79	88	90
assessments conducted.....	60	110	80
reassessments conducted.....	65	71	111
mutual recognition agreements signed with leading overseas laboratory accreditation schemes (cumulative)	24	28	30
Hong Kong Certification Body Accreditation Scheme			
accredited certification bodies (cumulative).....	—	6	7
assessments conducted.....	—	6	1
surveillance conducted.....	—	1	12
Hong Kong Awards for Industry			
entries for the Hong Kong Awards for Industry	200	203	—@
sponsorship secured for the Hong Kong Awards for Industry (\$m).....	4.25	3.65	—@

@ The secretariat duties for running the Hong Kong Awards for Industry has been taken up by Hong Kong Productivity Council in January 2000.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2000–01

6 During 2000–01, the Quality Services Division will:

- participate in the activities of the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation in extending the multilateral mutual recognition arrangements to include more signatories;
- participate in two additional international comparison of standards projects; and
- participate in APEC activities in the areas of standards and conformance.

Programme (2): Investment Promotion

	1998–99 (Actual)	1999–2000 (Approved)	1999–2000 (Revised)	2000–01 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	34.6	37.4 (+8.1%)	35.9 (–4.0%)	35.2 (–1.9%)

Aim

7 The aim is to promote and facilitate inward investment in Hong Kong's manufacturing and service sectors, thereby encouraging transfer of advanced technology and management expertise, to enhance the technology and productivity of local manufacturing industries and to promote the further development of Hong Kong as a regional and global service centre.

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Brief Description

8 The Investment Promotion Division is responsible for promoting inward investment in Hong Kong's manufacturing and service industries. Investment promotion activities are carried out by a network of seven overseas Investment Promotion Units (IPUs) in Hong Kong's overseas Economic and Trade Offices and the One Stop Unit (OSU) of the Industry Department in Hong Kong. The IPUs reach out to potential investors to facilitate their formulation of investment plans in Hong Kong. Promotional activities including company visits, exhibitions and investment seminars are carried out to publicise Hong Kong's attractions as a competitive offshore manufacturing location and a world class service centre. The OSU complements the marketing efforts of the IPUs and provides prospective investors with comprehensive assistance in implementing their investment plans in Hong Kong.

9 During 1999–2000, the Division continued to strengthen its investment promotion effort. It organised two investment missions to Hong Kong in November and December to promote inward investment in the manufacturing and service sectors. The Division participated in APEC meetings and activities organised by APEC in the furtherance of investment facilitation and liberalisation, such as the fifth APEC Investment Symposium held in Shanghai in March 2000. In addition, the Division contributed to a consultancy study commissioned by Trade and Industry Bureau (TIB) to review the promotion of inward investment in Hong Kong.

10 The key performance measures in respect of investment promotion are:

Indicators

	1997 (Actual)	1998 (Actual)
amount of inward investment		
manufacturing industries		
total stock of inward direct investments at historical cost (\$bn)	50.6	—
increase over previous year (%)	5.5	—
non-manufacturing industries		
total stock of inward direct investments at historical cost (\$bn)	681.8	—
increase over previous year (%)	18	—

Note: Figures on inward direct investments for 1998 will not be available until the survey of External Claims, Liabilities and Income conducted by the Census and Statistics Department is completed in April 2000.

	1998 (Actual)	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Estimate)
regional headquarters and offices set up in Hong Kong	2 449	2 490	2 570
number of investment projects completed	85	87	80
number of projects handled	520	482	495
number of company visits made by IPUs and the OSU	1 534	1 567	1 600
number of investment exhibitions and seminars organised by IPUs	39	47	43

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2000–01

11 During 2000–01, the Investment Promotion Division will:

- focus attention in promoting inward investment in technology industries and in regional representation;
- participate in APEC activities relating to facilitation and liberalisation of foreign direct investment; and
- assist TIB in taking forward the accepted recommendations of the consultancy study of investment promotion.

Programme (3): Infrastructure Support

	1998–99 (Actual)	1999–2000 (Approved)	1999–2000 (Revised)	2000–01 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	33.0	64.1 (+94.2%)	46.5 (–27.5%)	85.5 (+83.9%)

Aim

12 The aim is to ensure an adequate supply of land and skilled manpower to support industrial development and to assist manufacturers to comply with various environmental requirements.

Brief Description

13 The Infrastructure Support Division pursues its aims through planning for new infrastructural projects; commissioning relevant consultancy studies; assisting industries to meet the requirements of environmental legislation;

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and participating actively in the formulation and implementation of policies by other government bureaux and departments which impinge on industrial development in Hong Kong. It also participates in the policy formulation processes of various support organisations whose work have a bearing on industrial and technology development. These organisations include the Hong Kong Industrial Estates Corporation (HKIEC), the Hong Kong Industrial Technology Centre Corporation (HKITCC), the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC), the Provisional Hong Kong Science Park Company Limited (PHKSPCL), the Vocational Training Council (VTC) and the Clothing Industry Training Authority.

14 During 1999–2000, the Division was engaged in the implementation of the Science Park project, and the planning for the Applied Science and Technology Research Institute (ASTRI) project, and the Institute of Chinese Medicine. It also worked closely with the HKIEC and the HKITCC on their future plans. Apart from these infrastructural projects, the Division evaluated and planned for the infrastructural requirements of private sector initiatives; took an active part in completing a consultancy study on the feasibility of establishing a business park in Hong Kong; assisted the HKIEC in carrying out a consultancy study to review its role and operation; oversaw the delivery of value-added support services to the manufacturing and service industries by the HKPC; and participated actively in various planning studies and proposals in relation to industrial land and premises. In respect of environmental support, the production of *A Guide to Pollution Control Legislation Affecting Manufacturing Industries* continued to help industries in their efforts to comply with environmental requirements. As for the provision of skilled manpower, the Division continued to assist in monitoring closely the operation of the VTC administered New Technology Training Scheme.

15 The key performance measures in respect of infrastructural support are:

Indicators

	1998 (Actual)	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Estimate)
completed land grants made by HKIEC (ha)	1.3	10.8	8
consultancy studies under monitoring	1	1	—
value of consultancy studies under monitoring (\$m)	5.00	5.00	—

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2000–01

16 During 2000–01, the Infrastructure Support Division will:

- implement recommendations by the Chief Executive's Commission on Innovation and Technology to work towards the vision of making Hong Kong an innovation centre in the region, including the establishment of the ASTRI and assist TIB in taking forward the merging of the Hong Kong Science Park, HKIEC and HKITCC;
- assist the PHKSPCL in establishing the Hong Kong Science Park at Pak Shek Kok;
- assist the HKIEC in taking forward the recommendations of the consultancy study to review the role of industrial estates in Hong Kong's industrial development subject to their acceptance by the Government;
- assist the HKIEC in establishing the Fourth Industrial Estate in Tuen Mun;
- continue to monitor and assess HKPC's activities in promoting productivity excellence and supporting small and medium enterprises (SMEs); and
- continue its support programmes to industry on environmental matters.

Programme (4): Development Support

	1998–99 (Actual)	1999–2000 (Approved)	1999–2000 (Revised)	2000–01 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	41.4	45.2 (+9.2%)	19.6 (-56.6%)	20.7 (+5.6%)

Aim

17 The aim is to facilitate the access to information and services needed by industries for their further development and productivity enhancement; to support the development of SMEs in Hong Kong; and to encourage small enterprises in Hong Kong to undertake research and development activities.

Brief Description

18 The Development Support Division supports the development of Hong Kong's manufacturing and service industries and the development of SMEs. With regard to SMEs, the Division develops and co-ordinates support programmes and disseminates information on facilities and services that are available to SMEs. It also provides secretariat support to the Small and Medium Enterprises Committee (SMEs Committee) and acts on and co-ordinates the implementation of proposals and initiatives of the Committee. On the regional front, it co-ordinates participation in APEC activities with particular regard to SMEs. The Division maintains liaison with trade and industrial organisations in the manufacturing and services sectors and gathers information on the industrial scene in Hong Kong. In addition, it

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promotes collaboration between the business sector, academic institutions and technological institutions; organises and supports general liaison activities with the Mainland; and organises and participates in activities that would promote innovation and technology development in Hong Kong. The Division operates a Small Entrepreneur Research Assistance Programme which provides matching funds to support small enterprises to carry out research and development work.

19 During 1999–2000, the Division has set up a Small and Medium Enterprises Office (SMEO) to strengthen the development and co-ordination of programmes in support of SMEs in Hong Kong. The Small and Medium Enterprises Information Centre and Virtual Small and Medium Enterprises Information Centre on the Internet under the SMEO provided free enquiry service on government licensing requirements as well as information on services and facilities available to SMEs. The Division has drawn up an SME Development Support Plan which sets out the support programmes and services offered by government departments and major industry-support organisations for SMEs. It helped conduct a comprehensive review of the Special Finance Scheme for SMEs. The Scheme was revised in the year to better meet the needs of SMEs. A new Pilot Mentorship Programme for SMEs was launched to help SMEs seek guidance on various business matters. The Division organised an SME Day to encourage exchange on issues pertinent to the development of SMEs and the challenges facing SMEs in the new millennium. The Division also participated in the eighth meeting of the APEC Policy Level Group on SMEs and the sixth meeting of APEC SME Ministers. Besides, it has established a “Directory on Hong Kong Science and Technology Resources” homepage and made available information on Mainland technological resources at the Small and Medium Enterprises Information Centre.

20 The key performance measures in respect of development support are:

Targets

	Target Percentage	1998 (Actual)	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Plan)
Small and Medium Enterprises Information Centre‡ percentage of user satisfaction.....	75	N.A.§	N.A.§	75

Indicators

	1998 (Actual)	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Estimate)
Special Finance Scheme for SMEs amount of government guarantees issued (\$m).....	504†	3,374	2,000
factory visits	8φ	7	8
Mainland visits	1	—	1
Small and Medium Enterprises Information Centre‡ no. of enquiries	7 000#	7 300#	8 500

‡ The Small and Medium Enterprises Information Centre was opened on 30 August 1999.

§ Not applicable.

† The Scheme was launched on 24 August 1998.

φ The figure has been updated after the preparation of the 1999–2000 Estimates to exclude visits to factories in the textiles and clothing sector following an internal re-distribution of duties in March 1999.

The Small and Medium Enterprises Information Centre has incorporated the services of the Business Licence Information Centre (BLIC) since its opening on 30 August 1999. The figures therefore include enquiries handled by the BLIC before then.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2000–01

21 During 2000–01, the Development Support Division will:

- lead a delegation to participate in the Second APEC Youth Science Festival 2000 in Singapore;
- support the development of SMEs and implement initiatives on the advice of the SMEs Committee;
- continue to monitor the Special Finance Scheme for SMEs;
- update the SME Development Support Plan;
- review the Pilot Mentorship Programme;
- continue to develop and strengthen the services of the Small and Medium Enterprises Information Centre and Virtual Small and Medium Enterprises Information Centre on the Internet; and
- continue to administer the Small Entrepreneur Research Assistance Programme and monitor the progress of funded projects.

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Programme (5): Technology Support

	1998-99 (Actual)	1999-2000 (Approved)	1999-2000 (Revised)	2000-01 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	288.4	328.5 (+13.9%)	120.4 (-63.3%)	30.9 (-74.3%)

Aim

22 The aim is to formulate and implement initiatives that promote technology development and the application of new technologies which would benefit the development of Hong Kong's manufacturing and service sectors.

Brief Description

23 The Technology Development Division provides executive and secretariat support to the Industry and Technology Development Council and its seven committees which advise the Government on issues relating to industrial and technology development. The Division also provides executive support to the Applied Research Council that operates the Applied Research Fund, the aim of which is to encourage technology ventures in Hong Kong. To promote innovation and technology upgrading in industries, the Division also administers the various funding programmes under the Innovation and Technology Fund, including, for example, the Teaching Company Scheme, Matching Grant for Joint Research, Industrial Chair Research Scheme and the Patent Application Grant. The Division conducts regular Techno-economic and Market Research Studies (TESs) on the plastics, metals, electronics and textiles and clothing industries to monitor technology and market trends and to identify measures that could facilitate their future development. It also monitors and evaluates the services provided by the Hong Kong Plastics Technology Centre Limited and the Clothing Technology Demonstration Centre Co. Ltd. The Division also represents Hong Kong, China, in the APEC Industrial Science and Technology Working Group and the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) Science and Technology Task Force.

24 During 1999-2000 the Division helped implement the recommendation by the Chief Executive's Commission on Innovation and Technology to set up the Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF). The Division continued to collaborate with the Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau and the Information Technology Services Department in following up the recommendations of the consultancy study on Formulation of Strategies for Promoting the Use of Information Technology in Hong Kong's service sectors. It also commissioned two TESs, one on the plastics industry and the other on the textiles and clothing industries, and announced a roadmap for the development of the Chinese medicine in the next ten years. In addition, the Division took part in and made positive contributions to a number of regional science and technology co-operation projects.

25 The key performance measures in respect of technology support and services support are:

Indicators

	1998 (Actual)	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Estimate)
studies/surveys and special projects on technology development and promotion (cumulative).....	5	4	3
TESs on plastics, metals, electronics and textiles and clothing industries being monitored	2	3	2
processing recommendations of TESs (cumulative)			
1996 TES on the metals and light engineering industries (%)	80	90	100
1998 TES on electronics industry (%)	N.A.§	N.A.§	50
1999 TES on plastics industry (%)	N.A.§	N.A.§	20
Innovation and Technology Fund#			
applications received and processed	N.A.§	322	400
projects funded and monitored (cumulative)	N.A.§	267	370
Applied Research Fund			
new projects funded	8	13	23
Patent Application Grant			
applications received and processed	137	177	180
projects funded.....	67	64	60
factory visits.....	52	69	70

§ Not applicable

The Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF) was established on 30 June 1999, upon which the Industrial Support Fund (ISF) and Services Support Fund (SSF) were subsumed under the ITF. As such, the projected numbers of projects funded and monitored under ITF in 1999 and 2000 include 243 ISF and 24 SSF projects in 1999 and 162 ISF and 15 SSF projects in 2000.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2000-01

26 During 2000-01, the Technology Development Division will:

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- continue to implement recommendations made by the Chief Executive's Commission on Innovation and Technology to work towards the vision of making Hong Kong an innovation centre for the region, especially in regard to the strengthening of our innovation and technological capability, fostering university-industry collaboration and fostering technology entrepreneurship;
- continue to administer the Innovation and Technology Fund and to monitor progress of the funded projects;
- work closely with the venture capital firms appointed to manage the Applied Research Fund to ensure smooth running of the Fund;
- undertake and oversee initiatives which would help the development of the biotechnology, electronics, information technology, metals, plastics and textiles and clothing industries;
- continue to participate in the APEC Industrial Science and Technology Working Group and PECC Science and Technology Task Force, and take part in bilateral or multilateral technology collaboration projects with other governments;
- assist in implementing recommendations arising from the consultancy study on Formulation of Strategies for Promoting the Use of Information Technology in Hong Kong's service sectors;
- implement recommendations arising from the TESs on the electronics and metals and light engineering industries; and
- oversee the TESs on plastics and textiles and clothing industries.

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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) Quality	62.2	62.7	65.7	62.3
(2) Investment Promotion.....	34.6	37.4	35.9	35.2
(3) Infrastructure Support	33.0	64.1	46.5	85.5
(4) Development Support	41.4	45.2	19.6	20.7
(5) Technology Support.....	288.4	328.5	120.4	30.9
	459.6	537.9 (+17.0%)	288.1 (-46.4%)	234.6 (-18.6%)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Programme (1)

Provision for 2000-01 is \$3.4 million (5.2%) lower than the revised estimate for 1999-2000. This is mainly due to reduced cashflow requirement in 2000-01 for two major equipment projects partly offset by the creation of one post for strengthening the administrative support.

Programme (2)

Provision for 2000-01 is \$0.7 million (1.9%) lower than the revised estimate for 1999-2000. This is mainly due to the full-year saving of posts deleted in 1999-2000 under the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

Programme (3)

Provision for 2000-01 is \$39.0 million (83.9%) higher than the revised estimate for 1999-2000. This is mainly due to an increase in cashflow requirement for the Science Park project and provision for three new posts in 2000-01 to support the establishment of the Applied Science and Technology Research Institute.

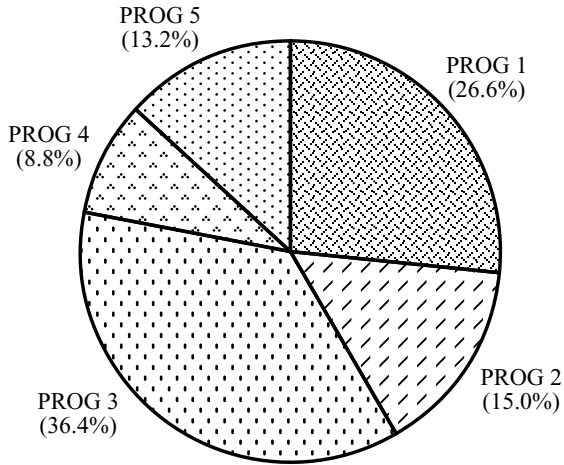
Programme (4)

Provision for 2000-01 is \$1.1 million (5.6%) higher than the revised estimate for 1999-2000. This is mainly due to increased expenses for implementing programmes recommended by the Chief Executive's Commission on Innovation and Technology.

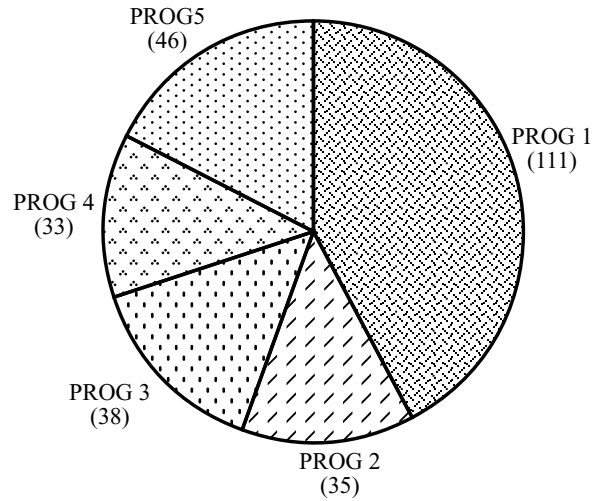
Programme (5)

Provision for 2000-01 is \$89.5 million (74.3%) lower than the revised estimate for 1999-2000. This is mainly due to the disbandment of the Industrial Support Fund and the Services Support Fund in 1999-2000 and the reduced cashflow requirement in 2000-01 for three techno-economic and market research studies.

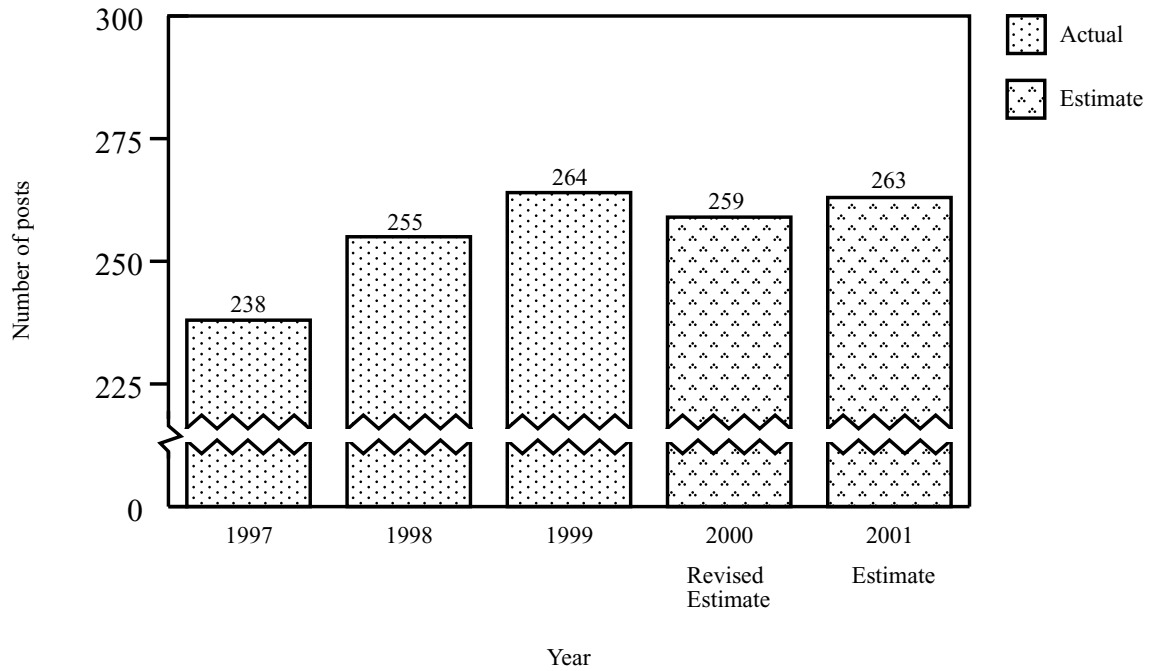
Allocation of provision to programmes (2000-01)



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	
Recurrent Account					
I — Personal Emoluments					
001	Salaries	119,780	128,152	119,326	123,516
002	Allowances	4,256	4,132	4,072	4,072
	Total, Personal Emoluments	<u>124,036</u>	<u>132,284</u>	<u>123,398</u>	<u>127,588</u>
III — Departmental Expenses					
149	General departmental expenses	17,150	20,204	19,471	23,141
	Total, Departmental Expenses	<u>17,150</u>	<u>20,204</u>	<u>19,471</u>	<u>23,141</u>
	Total, Recurrent Account	<u>141,186</u>	<u>152,488</u>	<u>142,869</u>	<u>150,729</u>
Capital Account					
I — Plant, Equipment and Works					
603	Plant, vehicles and equipment	198	359	3,550	577
661	Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)	2,416	3,129	3,129	3,050
	Total, Plant, Equipment and Works	<u>2,614</u>	<u>3,488</u>	<u>6,679</u>	<u>3,627</u>
II — Other Non-Recurrent					
700	General other non-recurrent	41,164	80,362	50,000	68,291
724	Investment promotion (block vote)	10,332	11,950	11,950	12,000
	Industrial support (block vote)	264,164	289,660	76,580	—
	Industrial development research projects (block vote)	100	—	—	—
	Total, Other Non-Recurrent	<u>315,760</u>	<u>381,972</u>	<u>138,530</u>	<u>80,291</u>
	Total, Capital Account	<u>318,374</u>	<u>385,460</u>	<u>145,209</u>	<u>83,918</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u><u>459,560</u></u>	<u><u>537,948</u></u>	<u><u>288,078</u></u>	<u><u>234,647</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 Industry Department is \$234,647,000. This represents a decrease of \$53,431,000 against the revised estimate for 1999–2000 and of \$224,913,000 against actual expenditure in 1998–99.

Recurrent Account

Personal Emoluments

2 Provision of \$127,588,000 for personal emoluments represents an increase of \$4,190,000 over the revised estimate for 1999–2000 and takes into account the full-year provision for posts created and vacancies filled in 1999–2000 and new posts likely to be created in 2000–01.

3 The establishment at 31 March 2000 will be 259 permanent posts. It is expected that four permanent posts will be created 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 \$107,434,000.

5 Provision of \$4,072,000 under *Subhead 002 Allowances* is for standard allowances.

Departmental Expenses

6 Provision of \$23,141,000 under *Subhead 149 General departmental expenses* represents an increase of \$3,670,000 (18.8%) over the revised estimate for 1999–2000. This is mainly due to increased provision for implementing programmes recommended by the Chief Executive's Commission on Innovation and Technology and meeting the recurrent cost of an office automation project.

Capital Account

Other Non-Recurrent

7 Provision of \$12,000,000 under *Subhead 724 Investment promotion (block vote)* is for expenditure incurred on the production of investment promotion publications and audio-visual materials; overseas advertising campaigns; participation in international industrial fairs and exhibitions, organisation of seminars and missions; and on meeting the expenses of the overseas offices and the One Stop Unit arising from their services to potential investors.

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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
603		<i>Plant, vehicles and equipment</i>				
	208	Equipment and associated expenses for the expansion of the laboratory accreditation scheme to cover laboratories testing concrete and concrete reinforcing steel	21,627	19,683	1,110	834
	236	Quantised Hall Effect primary resistance standard system.....	2,720	103	2,440	177
			<u>24,347</u>	<u>19,786</u>	<u>3,550</u>	<u>1,011</u>
700		<i>General other non-recurrent</i>				
	534	Consultancy for advising HOKLAS on accreditation of new test areas.....	500	—	320	180
	548	TES on plastics industry	5,800	—	4,200	1,600
	549	Science Park.....	268,000	14,077	26,618	227,305
	551	Small and Medium Enterprises activities	5,000	—	3,000	2,000
	553	Publicity for industrial and services support funding schemes	800	—	700	100
	554	TES on textiles and clothing industry	6,500	—	4,500	2,000
			<u>286,600</u>	<u>14,077</u>	<u>39,338</u>	<u>233,185</u>
		Total.....	<u><u>310,947</u></u>	<u><u>33,863</u></u>	<u><u>42,888</u></u>	<u><u>234,196</u></u>