

Head 145 — GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT: ECONOMIC SERVICES BUREAU

Controlling officer: the Secretary for Economic Services will account for expenditure under this Head.

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| Estimate 2000–01 | \$69.7m |
| Establishment ceiling 2000–01 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 78 non-directorate posts at 31 March 2000 rising by eight posts to 86 posts at 31 March 2001 | \$33.7m |
| In addition there will be an estimated 15 directorate posts at 31 March 2000 and at 31 March 2001. | |
| Capital Account commitment balance | \$4.3m |

Controlling Officer's Report

Programmes

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| Programme (1) Air and Sea Communications | This programme contributes to Policy Area 3: Air and Sea Communications (Secretary for Economic Services). |
| Programme (2) Posts and Power | This programme contributes to Policy Area 4: Posts and Power (Secretary for Economic Services). |
| Programme (3) Public Safety | This programme contributes to Policy Area 7: Public Safety (Secretary for Economic Services). |
| Programme (4) Travel and Tourism | This programme contributes to Policy Area 5: Travel and Tourism (Secretary for Economic Services). |

Detail

Programme (1): Air and Sea Communications

| | 1998–99 (Actual) | 1999–2000 (Approved) | 1999–2000 (Revised) | 2000–01 (Estimate) |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Financial provision (\$m) | 33.4 | 37.8 (+13.2%) | 37.6 (–0.5%) | 33.0 (–12.2%) |

Aim

2 The aim is to maintain and develop further Hong Kong's position as a centre of international and regional aviation by ensuring continued compliance with relevant international obligations and standards, provision of sufficient airport capacity to meet demand, high standard of civil aviation management and facilitating the continued development of safe and reasonably priced air links to a wide range of destinations to meet the needs of the travelling public and shippers; to promote shipping safety and to ensure continued compliance with relevant international standards of ships registered in Hong Kong or registered elsewhere which visit our port; and to ensure that the port of Hong Kong is able to expand so as to simultaneously sustain Hong Kong's economic growth and meet the demands of trade.

Brief Description

3 The Bureau's main responsibility under this programme is to formulate and implement policies on all aspects of civil aviation, shipping and port development.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2000–01

4 During 2000–01, the Bureau will continue to:

- liaise with the Airport Authority to ensure adequate airport capacity and on matters relating to civil aviation;
- maintain an effective civil aviation management system;
- work to ensure that air services meet market demands and further develop Hong Kong as an international and regional aviation centre;
- work to improve efficiency in existing port operations; and
- apply new and revised international maritime standards to Hong Kong.

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Programme (2): Posts and Power

| | 1998–99 (Actual) | 1999–2000 (Approved) | 1999–2000 (Revised) | 2000–01 (Estimate) |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Financial provision (\$m) | 9.1 | 9.3 (+2.2%) | 11.7 (+25.8%) | 12.2 (+4.3%) |

Aim

5 The aim is to promote economic efficiency in the delivery of postal services; to ensure an adequate and reliable supply of energy, at reasonable cost, to the different sectors of the economy; to monitor the operation of the two power companies under the terms of their Schemes of Control and of the town gas supply company under the terms of the Information and Consultation Agreement; and to promote demand side management.

Brief Description

6 The Bureau's main responsibility under this programme is to formulate policies and programmes in relation to postal services and energy supplies.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2000–01

7 During 2000–01, the Bureau will:

- continue to ensure the successful operation of the Post Office Trading Fund and take measures to improve customer services and productivity;
- continue to promote energy saving, especially through demand side management programmes; and
- follow up on the feasibility study of promoting efficient use of generating capacity and encouraging greater competition in the power sector.

Programme (3): Public Safety

| | 1998–99 (Actual) | 1999–2000 (Approved) | 1999–2000 (Revised) | 2000–01 (Estimate) |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Financial provision (\$m) | 2.4 | 2.5 (+4.2%) | 2.6 (+4.0%) | 2.6 (0.0%) |

Aim

8 The aim in the field of electrical and gas safety is to enhance public safety through the introduction and enforcement of safety standards in relation to plant installation, professional competence, fuel storage and transport and product design; and, in the field of weather services, to provide the highest possible standards of weather forecasting for the public and special users such as the aviation and shipping community.

Brief Description

9 The Bureau's main responsibility under this programme is to formulate policies in relation to electrical and gas safety and weather services.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2000–01

10 During 2000–01, the Bureau will:

- prepare new legislation in respect of electricity supply standards; and
- continue to take measures to improve the weather information services.

Programme (4): Travel and Tourism

| | 1998–99 (Actual) | 1999–2000 (Approved) | 1999–2000 (Revised) | 2000–01 (Estimate) |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Financial provision (\$m) | 6.9 | 15.5 (+124.6%) | 15.7 (+1.3%) | 21.9 (+39.5%) |

Aim

11 The aim is to maintain Hong Kong's position as the most popular tourist city in Asia.

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Brief Description

12 The Bureau's main responsibility under this programme is to formulate policies on inbound tourism and to control the annual subvention to the Hong Kong Tourist Association.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2000–01

13 During 2000–01, the Bureau will:

- continue to collaborate with the Hong Kong Tourist Association to pursue initiatives in enhancing existing tourist attractions and developing new ones, to promote heritage and green tourism and to construct an International Wetland Park;
- review the effectiveness of the current public education efforts in promoting a hospitality culture in the community with a view to drawing up a comprehensive public education programme; and
- oversee the implementation of the agreement with The Walt Disney Company in the construction of the Hong Kong Disneyland on Lantau.

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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) Air and Sea Communications | 33.4 | 37.8 | 37.6 | 33.0 |
| (2) Posts and Power | 9.1 | 9.3 | 11.7 | 12.2 |
| (3) Public Safety | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| (4) Travel and Tourism..... | 6.9 | 15.5 | 15.7 | 21.9 |
| Food Supply..... | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.7 | — |
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| | 56.7 | 70.1 (+23.6%) | 72.3 (+3.1%) | 69.7 (–3.6%) |

Note: This head previously included a programme: Food Supply which contributed to Policy Area 2: Food Supply. The Programme aimed to facilitate the development of the agricultural and fisheries industries; to safeguard animal welfare and prevent the spread and introduction of diseases in animals and plants; to conserve endangered species of animals and plants; and to ensure adequate provision and efficient operation of government wholesale marketing facilities for fresh food produce. As the responsibility for Policy Area 2: Food Supply has been transferred to the Secretary for the Environment and Food with effect from 1 January 2000, the programme has also been excluded from this Head. The provision under this programme is now under Head 154—Government Secretariat: Environment and Food Bureau.

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Programme (1)

Provision for 2000–01 is \$4.6 million (12.2%) lower than the revised estimate for 1999–2000. This is mainly due to the completion of the consultancy study on container storage and off-port back-up requirements, the hosting of the APEC transportation working group meeting in Hong Kong in 1999–2000 and the deletion of one post under the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

Programme (2)

Provision for 2000–01 is \$0.5 million (4.3%) higher than the revised estimate for 1999–2000. This is mainly due to increased requirement for the additional activities of this programme.

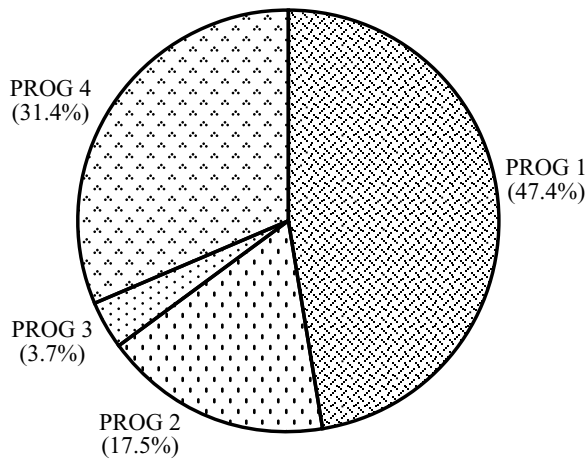
Programme (3)

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

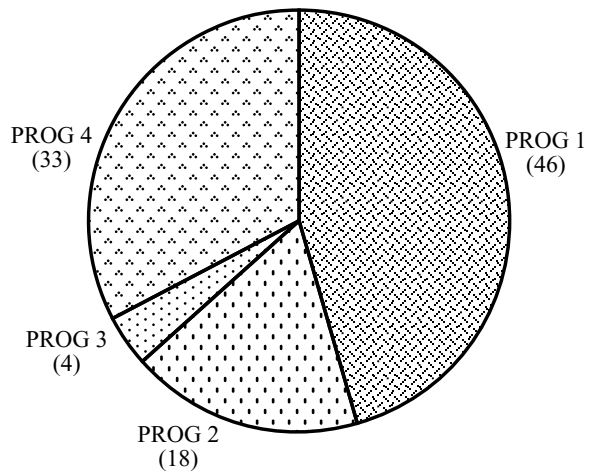
Programme (4)

Provision for 2000–01 is \$6.2 million (39.5%) higher than the revised estimate for 1999–2000. This is mainly due to full-year provision for posts created in 1999–2000, creation of nine posts in 2000–01 to implement the agreement with The Walt Disney Company on the construction of the Hong Kong Disneyland on Lantau and to strengthen the support of Tourism Commission, and additional operating expenses arising from the increasing activities of the Tourism Commission.

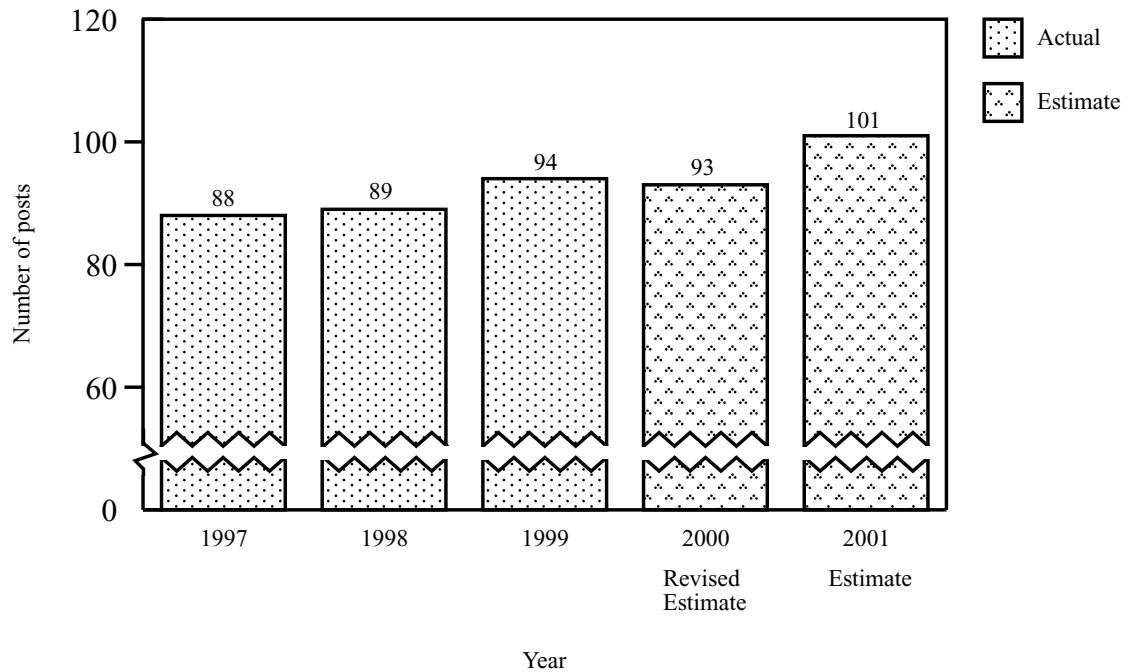
Allocation of provision to programmes (2000-01)



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 | 45,767 | 52,561 | 50,822 | 51,970 |
| 002 | Allowances | 4,197 | 3,575 | 5,327 | 5,193 |
| 007 | Job-related allowances | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 |
| | Total, Personal Emoluments | 49,970 | 56,142 | 56,155 | 57,170 |
| III — Departmental Expenses | | | | | |
| 149 | General departmental expenses | 4,357 | 7,605 | 7,595 | 8,222 |
| | Total, Departmental Expenses | 4,357 | 7,605 | 7,595 | 8,222 |
| | Total, Recurrent Account | 54,327 | 63,747 | 63,750 | 65,392 |
| Capital Account | | | | | |
| II — Other Non-Recurrent | | | | | |
| 700 | General other non-recurrent | 2,337 | 6,402 | 8,531 | 4,279 |
| | Total, Other Non-Recurrent | 2,337 | 6,402 | 8,531 | 4,279 |
| | Total, Capital Account | 2,337 | 6,402 | 8,531 | 4,279 |
| | Total Expenditure | 56,664 | 70,149 | 72,281 | 69,671 |

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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 Economic Services Bureau is \$69,671,000. This represents a decrease of \$2,610,000 against the revised estimate for 1999–2000 and an increase of \$13,007,000 on actual expenditure in 1998–99.

Recurrent Account

Personal Emoluments

2 Provision of \$57,170,000 for personal emoluments represents an increase of \$1,015,000 over the revised estimate for 1999–2000 and takes into account full-year provision for posts created in 1999–2000 and the posts to be created and deleted in 2000–01.

3 The establishment at 31 March 2000 will be 92 permanent posts and one supernumerary post. It is expected that a net eight 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 \$33,720,000.

5 Provision of \$5,193,000 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.

6 Provision of \$7,000 under *Subhead 007 Job-related allowances* is for standard job-related allowances. The increase of \$1,000 (16.7%) over the revised estimate for 1999–2000 is mainly due to adjustment to the rate of hardship allowance.

Departmental Expenses

7 Provision of \$8,222,000 under *Subhead 149 General departmental expenses* represents an increase of \$627,000 (8.3%) over the revised estimate for 1999–2000. This is mainly due to increased provision for the Tourism Commission, partly offset by reduced operating expenditure under the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

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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> | | | | |
| | 009 | 16 th APEC tourism working group meeting cum tourism forum..... | 1,481 | — | 613 | 868 |
| | 010 | Updating of port cargo forecasts..... | 1,261 | — | — | 1,261 |
| | 011 | Campaign to promote Hong Kong as an International Shipping Centre and competitive Container Port..... | 2,150 | — | — | 2,150 |
| | | Total..... | <u>4,892</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>613</u> | <u>4,279</u> |