

Head 50 — GOVERNMENT LAND TRANSPORT AGENCY

Controlling officer: the Government Land Transport Administrator will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2001–02..... **\$302.6m**

Establishment ceiling 2001–02 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 171 non-directorate posts at 31 March 2001 reducing by four posts to 167 posts at 31 March 2002..... **\$35.5m**

In addition there will be one directorate post at 31 March 2001 and at 31 March 2002.

Controlling Officer's Report

Programmes

Programme (1) Transport Consultancy and Procurement These programmes contribute to Policy Area 27: Intra-Governmental Services (Secretary for the Treasury).
Programme (2) Transport Operation Services

Detail

Programme (1): Transport Consultancy and Procurement

	1999–2000 (Actual)	2000–01 (Approved)	2000–01 (Revised)	2001–02 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	101.0	184.8 (+83.0%)	161.4 (–12.7%)	256.9 (+59.2%)

Aim

2 The aim is to provide professional advice to departments on all issues relating to transport management and to procure vehicles on behalf of Government at the best value for money.

Brief Description

3 The Agency vets requests for additional and replacement vehicles to ensure that they are justified. It also reviews the efficiency with which departments operate and manage their vehicle fleets. The Agency procures vehicles, other than certain types of specialised vehicles, on behalf of all government departments. It drafts user specifications; plans tendering procedures; tracks, evaluates and monitors tender processes; and manages funding through a block vote.

4 In early 2000, the Agency temporarily redeployed resources for conducting departmental transport reviews to examine the optimal economic life of different types of government vehicle. The departmental transport review programme was subsequently resumed in the beginning of 2001. In order to enable the Government to take a leading role in environmental protection in land transport, the Agency has held discussions with local vehicle suppliers about the availability of vehicles powered by alternative fuels, such as liquefied petroleum gas, to replace diesel vehicles. Regarding those diesel vehicles with no environmentally friendly substitutes, the Agency plans to install passive particulate traps on these vehicles to reduce the majority of particulate emissions. Furthermore, the Government has pioneered the use of ultra low sulphur diesel in its fleet.

5 The key performance measures in respect of transport consultancy and procurement are:

Target

	Target	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Plan)
savings agreed to be delivered by departments as a percentage of savings recommended by the Agency in departmental transport reviews (%).....	85	N.A.§	N.A.§	85

§ Not applicable

Indicators

	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
tender exercises conducted.....	18	20	21

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	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
vehicles procured			
additional.....	140	121	81
replacement.....	652	680	747

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001–02

6 During 2001–02, the Agency will:

- replace all pre-Euro I vehicles;
- continue to explore and introduce environmental control measures in the government fleet; and
- continue to implement measures to streamline the vehicle procurement process.

Programme (2): Transport Operation Services

	1999–2000 (Actual)	2000–01 (Approved)	2000–01 (Revised)	2001–02 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	50.5	51.3 (+1.6%)	46.8 (–8.8%)	45.7 (–2.4%)

Aim

7 The aim is to provide transport services to government departments and to manage the Transport Services and Driver Grades.

Brief Description

8 The Agency operates two transport pools (Hong Kong Pool and Kowloon Bay Pool) which supplement departmental fleets and provide transport services to departments without departmental vehicles. It also arranges the contract hiring of commercial vehicles to cope with seasonal peak demand or short-term transportation needs which do not justify additional vehicle establishment.

9 The Agency is responsible for ensuring that government drivers maintain a high standard of driving and road safety through a series of training and testing programmes. The Agency also manages staff of grades headed by the Government Land Transport Administrator who are on the establishment of other government departments. The Agency's grade management responsibilities include appointment, posting, conditions of service, discipline, training and staff relations.

10 In light of the likely demand for pool vehicles and to ensure the optimal utilisation of pool vehicles, the fleet size will be reduced from 153 in April 2000 to 96 by March 2001.

11 The key performance measures in respect of transport operation services are:

Targets

	Target	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Plan)
transport pool resources utilisation				
% of the drivers tasked daily	88	88	91	91
% of the pool vehicles utilised daily ...	86	70	75	86
% of pool vehicles on assignment				
reporting to users within five minutes of the scheduled time	98	99.9	98.5	98
first time passing rate of trainees attending government driving courses (%).....	95	95	97	95

Indicators

	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
number of blameworthy accidents per 1 000 000 km (cases)..	1.7	1.2	1.2
use of GLTA pool vehicle only (km)	591 856	472 448	252 000
use of GLTA pool driving staff only (hrs).....	11 334	16 872	6 550
use of GLTA pool vehicle with driver (km)	1 687 568	1 339 597	911 200
number of officers attending driving related training courses	119	450	580
number of trainees on driving courses.....	232	250	240

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Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001–02

12 During 2001–02, the Agency will continue to:

- improve the cost-effectiveness of pool transport services;
- adjust the pool fleet size and vehicle mix with a view to further reducing operating costs;
- implement a total quality management programme to ensure that customers enjoy the best possible pool transport services; and
- enhance the training of Transport Services and Driver Grades staff.

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ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

Programme	1999–2000 (Actual) (\$m)	2000–01 (Approved) (\$m)	2000–01 (Revised) (\$m)	2001–02 (Estimate) (\$m)
(1) Transport Consultancy and Procurement	101.0	184.8	161.4	256.9
(2) Transport Operation Services	50.5	51.3	46.8	45.7
	151.5	236.1 (+55.8%)	208.2 (–11.8%)	302.6 (+45.3%)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Programme (1)

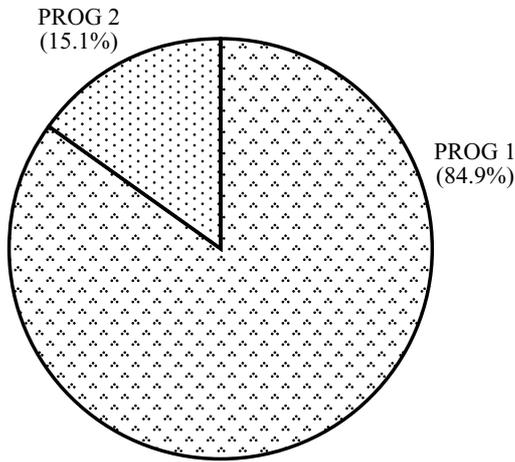
Provision for 2001–02 is \$95.5 million (59.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to anticipated increase in expenditure on procurement of vehicles, mostly for replacement purpose.

Programme (2)

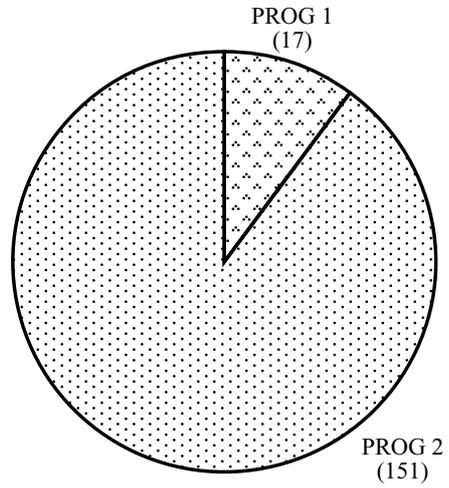
Provision for 2001–02 is \$1.1 million (2.4%) lower than the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to the transfer of two posts to the Judiciary in 2001–02, deletion of two posts in 2001–02 and anticipated reduced requirement for vehicle maintenance arising from reduction of fleet size.

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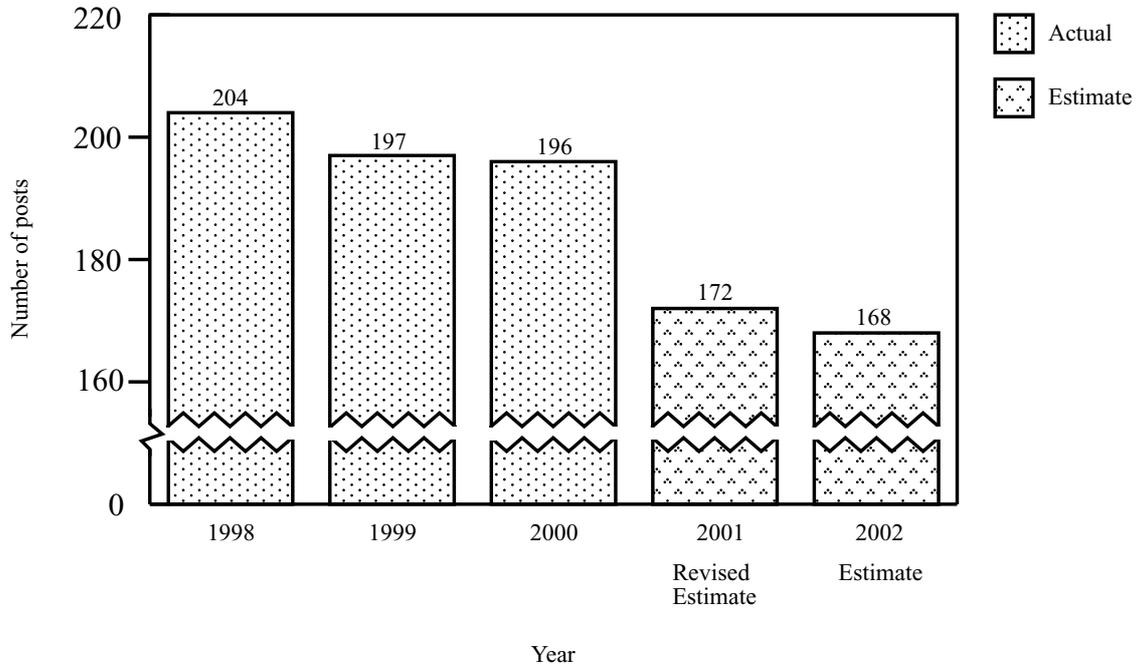
Allocation of provision to programmes (2001-02)



Staff by programme (as at 31 March 2002)



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



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Sub-head (Code)		Actual expenditure 1999–2000	Approved estimate 2000–01	Revised estimate 2000–01	Estimate 2001–02
		\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$'000
Recurrent Account					
I — Personal Emoluments					
001	Salaries.....	41,596	43,474	40,839	39,879
002	Allowances.....	5,889	5,356	4,800	4,413
007	Job-related allowances.....	42	44	41	41
	Total, Personal Emoluments.....	<u>47,527</u>	<u>48,874</u>	<u>45,680</u>	<u>44,333</u>
III — Departmental Expenses					
149	General departmental expenses.....	8,371	9,430	10,180	9,369
	Total, Departmental Expenses.....	<u>8,371</u>	<u>9,430</u>	<u>10,180</u>	<u>9,369</u>
IV — Other Charges					
224	Motor Insurers' Bureau —government contribution.....	91	91	84	84*
225	Traffic accident victims assistance scheme — levies.....	883	890	845	845*
	Total, Other Charges.....	<u>974</u>	<u>981</u>	<u>929</u>	<u>929</u>
	Total, Recurrent Account.....	<u>56,872</u>	<u>59,285</u>	<u>56,789</u>	<u>54,631</u>
Capital Account					
I — Plant, Equipment and Works					
691	General purpose vehicles (block vote).....	90,311	176,849	151,435	248,000
	Total, Plant, Equipment and Works.....	<u>90,311</u>	<u>176,849</u>	<u>151,435</u>	<u>248,000</u>
II — Other Non-Recurrent					
	General other non-recurrent.....	4,330	—	—	—
	Total, Other Non-Recurrent.....	<u>4,330</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
	Total, Capital Account.....	<u>94,641</u>	<u>176,849</u>	<u>151,435</u>	<u>248,000</u>
	Total Expenditure.....	<u><u>151,513</u></u>	<u><u>236,134</u></u>	<u><u>208,224</u></u>	<u><u>302,631</u></u>

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2001–02 for the salaries and expenses of the Government Land Transport Agency is \$302,631,000. This represents an increase of \$94,407,000 over the revised estimate for 2000–01 and of \$151,118,000 over actual expenditure in 1999–2000.

Recurrent Account

Personal Emoluments

2 Provision of \$44,333,000 for personal emoluments represents a decrease of \$ 1,347,000 against the revised estimate for 2000–01.

3 The establishment at 31 March 2001 will be 172 permanent posts. It is expected that four permanent posts will be deleted in 2001–02.

4 Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated powers create or delete non-directorate posts during 2001–02, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$35,502,000.

5 Provision of \$4,413,000 under *Subhead 002 Allowances* is for standard allowances and the following non-standard allowances —

	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Master Pay Scale point</i>	<i>Rate per month† \$</i>
consolidated overtime allowance for Chauffeur grade	Personal	11	7,590
	Chauffeur	12	8,060
	Chauffeur	5	5,240
		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 \$387,000 (8.1%) against the revised estimate for 2000–01 is mainly due to reduced requirement for overtime allowance and acting allowance.

6 Provision of \$41,000 under *Subhead 007 Job-related allowances* is for standard job-related allowances.

Departmental Expenses

7 Provision of \$9,369,000 under *Subhead 149 General departmental expenses* represents a decrease of \$811,000 (8.0%) against the revised estimate for 2000–01. It is mainly due to reduced requirement for vehicle maintenance arising from the reduction in pool fleet size.

Other Charges

8 Provision of \$84,000 under *Subhead 224 Motor Insurers' Bureau—government contribution* is for the Government's contribution towards the scheme to assist victims of road accidents who are unable to claim compensation under third-party insurance.

9 Provision of \$845,000 under *Subhead 225 Traffic accident victims assistance scheme—levies* is for statutory payments under the Traffic Accident Victims (Assistance Fund) Ordinance.

Capital Account

Plant, Equipment and Works

10 Provision of \$248,000,000 under *Subhead 691 General purpose vehicles (block vote)* is for the procurement of government vehicles which are designed and used primarily for the carriage of passengers and/or goods with a unit cost not exceeding \$10,000,000. The increase of \$96,565,000 (63.8%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01 is mainly due to increased expenditure on procurement of replacement vehicles, including the replacement of all pre-Euro I general purpose vehicles.