

Head 91 — LANDS DEPARTMENT

Controlling officer: the Director of Lands will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2001–02	\$1,635.5m
Establishment ceiling 2001–02 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 3 673 non-directorate posts at 31 March 2001 reducing by 45 posts to 3 628 posts at 31 March 2002..	\$1,113.9m
In addition there will be an estimated 52 directorate posts at 31 March 2001 and at 31 March 2002.	
Capital Account commitment balance	\$19.9m

Controlling Officer's Report

Programmes

<p>Programme (1) Land Administration Programme (2) Survey and Mapping Programme (3) Legal Advice</p>	<p>These programmes contribute to Policy Area 21: Transport (Secretary for Transport), Policy Area 22: Buildings, Lands and Planning (Secretary for Planning and Lands) and Policy Area 31: Housing (Secretary for Housing).</p>
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Detail

Programme (1): Land Administration

	1999–2000 (Actual)	2000–01 (Approved)	2000–01 (Revised)	2001–02 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	1,018.4	1,119.4 (+9.9%)	1,071.3 (–4.3%)	1,152.0 (+7.5%)

Aim

2 The aim is to administer land in Hong Kong by disposing of land; acquiring private land and clearing private and Government land required for the implementation of public works and other projects; managing leased and unleased land and certain buildings held by the Administration; regranteeing and modifying leases; and maintaining man-made slopes on unallocated and unleased Government land.

Brief Description

3 The Lands Department disposes of land through the Land Sale and Development Programmes. It also acquires private land and clears private and Government land required for public works projects or other approved schemes. It is responsible for managing Government land that has been leased to ensure that it is used in accordance with the lease conditions; managing Government land to ensure that it is not illegally occupied; managing certain buildings or units in buildings held by the Administration; extending leases; modifying leases; and maintaining man-made slopes on unallocated and unleased Government land.

4 A Land Sale Programme for 2000–01 and a Land Development Programme for 2001–02 to 2004–05 providing information on hectares of land available for disposal for housing and non-housing developments were announced in February 2000. The Land Sale Programme for 2000–01 comprised a timetable of specific sites for auction and tender, and a Reserve List of sites which could be put up for auction or tender upon application. During 2000, 26 lots were disposed of by auction/tender, 24 of which were sold in accordance with the published timetable of specific site sales, and the remaining two sites were taken from the Reserve List as a result of applications from developers. Fewer modification cases were completed due to market sentiment.

5 In 2000, the total area resumed was in response to demand for land for the Public Works Programme projects and other projects. 164 property interests were resumed for five urban renewal projects initiated by the Land Development Corporation (LDC) at Yau Ma Tei, Wan Chai, Kennedy Town, Tsuen Wan and Tsim Sha Tsui. Major clearance work for the West Rail Phase I, including that of the Wah Kai Industrial Centre, was completed. Better than anticipated results were achieved for cleaning up existing environmental black spots in the New Territories due to improved efficiency and identification of more small size black spots. Maintenance and inspection works have commenced for about 17 000 man-made slopes on unallocated and unleased Government land.

6 The key performance measures in respect of land administration are:

Targets

	Target	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Plan)
<i>Land Disposal</i> land disposal (ha).....	133	122	228	124

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	Target	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Plan)
small houses (cases).....	1 200	1 300	1 407	1 200
<i>Lease Modifications (non small house cases)</i>				
issue letter of reply to application within three weeks	100%	100%	100%	100%
issue letter of offer/rejection within 24 weeks from receipt of application.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
issue legal document for execution within 12 weeks from receipt of a binding acceptance of the final basic terms and premium offer.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Land Acquisition</i>				
offers of compensation based on ex-gratia rates made within 4 weeks from the date of gazette notice of resumption of agricultural land in N.T.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
cheques for compensation made available for collection within 4 weeks from receipt of acceptance by the department proof of legal title (for agricultural land cases in N.T.).....	100%	100%	100%	100%
offer of compensation or invitation to claims made within 3 weeks from land reversion.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Indicators				
		1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
<i>Land Disposal</i>				
land sale programme				
land sold (ha).....		18	31⊕	7
no. of flats (auction and tender including Private Sector Participation Scheme).....		7 101	16 334⊕	2 130
private treaty grants				
land granted (ha).....		86	194α	96
no. of flats (including private housing, Home Ownership Scheme (HOS), Sandwich Class Housing and other Hong Kong Housing Society cases)¥.....		15 896	5 779	21 839
land let by short term tenancy (ha).....		92‡	56	50
<i>Lease Variations</i>				
lease modifications and exchanges (no. of cases).....		254	203	336
(no. of flats).....		16 378†	7 537	10 000
processing of applications from indigenous villagers for rent concession (no. of lots/tenements).....		26 766	16 207	22 800
<i>Land Acquisition</i>				
Public Works Programme projects (ha).....		106.3v	19.8	63.3
railway development projects (ha).....		86.3	0.2	17.1
urban renewal projects (no. of property interests).....		—	164	—
Rural Planning and Improvement Strategy/Village Improvement (ha).....				
		24.1	5.0	1.0
total acquisition/clearance costs (\$m).....		2,673	1,581	3,586
<i>Land Management</i>				
lease enforcement cases		450	638	600
rebuilding of temporary domestic structures		140	130	120
Government sites cleared and guarded φ.....		2 356	2 477	2 500
clearance of environmental black spots on private and Government land in the New Territories (no. of cases).....		202	290	190
maintenance of slopes on unallocated and unleased Government land				
man-made slopes to be inspected		1 855	4 066	5 500
man-made slopes to be improved		179	340	1 200
demolition of structures under non-development clearance in the N.T. (no. of structures).....		400	189	200

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	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
<i>Property Management</i>			
properties/units managed	399	374	325
repair orders issued for Government properties	141	110	110
disposal of Government properties	12	11	7
⊕ Include the grant for a site of 2.2 ha (for constructing an estimated 2 100 flats at King Tung Street)			
α Include grants for Hong Kong Disneyland project of 125 ha and Cyberport project of 18 ha			
¥ Exclude no. of flats of the Tenant Purchase Scheme and Buy or Rent Option			
‡ Include two major short-term tenancies, one of 15 ha for storage and parking at Ma On Shan and the other of 15 ha for a golf centre at Kai Tak, Kowloon			
† Include substantial no. of flats from major lease exchanges executed such as sites at Tai Kok Tsui Road, Cheung Shan Wan shipyards etc.			
∨ Include land resumed of 57 ha for river training projects			
⊘ Include no. of black spots cleared as identified by the Clean Hong Kong Campaign Committee			

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001–02

7 During 2001–02, the department will:

- process land disposal by auction, tender or private treaty grant in order to meet the housing demand and other community needs in accordance with Government policy;
- continue to speed up processing of land transactions and oversee all land transactions individually and on a proactive basis with the recently enhanced computerised Case Monitoring System;
- maintain and improve man-made slopes on unallocated and unleased Government land through application of prescriptive improvement measures;
- improve the framework for the management and maintenance of new buildings through adding appropriate lease conditions in new leases;
- continue to review and disclose the slope maintenance responsibility information to the public, upkeep the database of the Slope Maintenance Responsibility Information System, handle appeal cases, and enhance public awareness of slope maintenance responsibility by maintaining and updating the computerised Slope Maintenance Responsibility Information System on the Internet;
- continue with land management work in respect of the MTR Quarry Bay congestion relief works, and with planning, preparatory work, land management and resumption and clearance of land for West Rail (Phase I), Ma On Shan to Tai Wai rail link, the Kowloon-Canton Railway Extension to Tsim Sha Tsui, the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line as well as the MTR Tseung Kwan O Extension and ensure that resumption and clearance are in pace with the requirements of the Public Works Programme;
- process land resumption to make land available for redevelopment by the future Urban Renewal Authority (URA) which will launch a 20-year urban renewal programme consisting of 225 projects;
- resume approximately 19 ha of land for infrastructure to facilitate the development of Hong Kong Disneyland and 20 ha of land for flood control measures in the Northern New Territories;
- continue to administer the temporary use of the Kai Tak airport site pending ultimate re-development; and
- continue to complete necessary land administration works for the School Improvement Programme Phase 4 and the Final Phase according to the works schedule of the Education Department.

Programme (2): Survey and Mapping

	1999–2000 (Actual)	2000–01 (Approved)	2000–01 (Revised)	2001–02 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	410.9	422.2 (+2.8%)	422.5 (+0.1%)	425.2 (+0.6%)

Aim

8 The aim is to formulate and uphold survey and mapping policies, standards, regulations and specifications; to provide and maintain the basic mapping, geodetic and land boundary information databases; to carry out geodetic, mapping and land boundary surveys; and to administer and enforce the Land Survey Ordinance to meet the rapid and dynamic development of Hong Kong.

Brief Description

9 The Survey and Mapping Office (SMO) produces several series of basic maps, all in bilingual and in digital forms, for use by land administrators, developers, professionals and the general public. Besides, the SMO also produces a large

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varieties of map products which include countryside maps, street/place guide maps and a number of thematic maps which are available for sale to the public. The SMO is responsible for the provision and maintenance of the mapping and land boundary record databases which not only form the basis for urban planning, land management, engineering design, administration and security activities, but also provide tremendous potential for the Office and users to develop more new products and applications. The SMO establishes and maintains a geodetic network throughout the territory of Hong Kong which provides the essential reference points for all types of land and engineering survey activities. Survey specifications and geodetic baselines are maintained by the SMO for the use of survey personnel both within and outside Government. The SMO provides land survey and plan preparation services to facilitate land administration activities, including land sales, land grants, lease modifications, land resumption for various land development and railway development projects. It also provides aerial survey services to clients in both the public and private sectors. The Legislation Section of the SMO is responsible for administering the Land Survey Ordinance that provides for the registration and discipline of land surveyors engaged in land boundary surveys, the control of the standards of land boundary surveys, and the establishment of the land boundary records.

10 In general, the SMO met its targets for 2000. A major levelling project involving about 80 benchmarks in Kowloon was completed. To enhance the quality and content of the mapping database, a comprehensive map updating exercise was carried out in 1999–2000 and 100 054 hectares of land were inspected with the help of aerial photographs coupled with site inspections. To implement bilingual mapping, about 3 000 bilingual basic survey sheets were produced. Fewer requests were received for the definition of lot and small house boundaries probably due to reduced activity in the property market. As a result of rapid development of information technology, demand for digital map information has increased considerably. The SMO has implemented a business partnership programme “Community Map on Internet” for the delivery of mapping and other information through the Internet. The two web sites developed by the business partners have been well received by the general public. A number of commercial packages/projects which make use of digital maps supplied by the SMO have been launched or are being developed by customers or value-added-resellers. With the proven applications of the Global Positioning System (GPS) technology for various types of survey work, the SMO has taken the initiative to establish a Territorial Continuous Global Positioning System Array (TCGPSA) for Hong Kong. The contract for the first phase of TCGPSA was awarded in early 2000 which includes the setting up of six GPS permanent reference stations in the north-west New Territories of Hong Kong. The second phase of the project, which includes the setting up of another seven to eight GPS reference stations to cover the rest of the Hong Kong territory, is expected to be implemented in 2001–02. Following completion of a feasibility study in 1999, the Government is now taking forward the proposal for corporatisation of the SMO and will seek Finance Committee’s approval on the necessary arrangements.

11 The key performance measures in respect of survey and mapping are:

Targets

	Target	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Plan)
Setting out of land boundaries within three months from receipt of request.....	100%	90%	91%	100%
Providing mapping and geodetic information within three working days upon request.....	100%	100%	100%	100%
Maintaining large scale plans up-to-date within three months after completion of major infrastructural projects.....	100%	92%	94%	100%

Indicators

	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
<i>Geodetic Survey</i>			
precise horizontal and vertical control points fixed.....	374	583	500
survey monuments and marks built and maintained.....	454	1 051	1 000
<i>Topographical Survey and Map Production</i>			
continuous revision, area surveyed and inspected (ha).....	23 943	100 054	30 000
maps and charts produced.....	1 211	4 019	1 700
reprographic services provided (no. of copies).....	441 039	427 190	450 000
<i>Cadastral Survey</i>			
lots defined or set out	3 328	2 289	2 800
cadastral plans prepared	13 522	13 945	15 000
<i>Aerial Survey</i>			
photographs taken for measurement and record.....	6 519	5 129	6 000
total area of photogrammetric survey conducted (ha).....	12 722	12 831	14 000
<i>Land Survey Ordinance</i>			
total number of lot subdivision plans checked.....	1 460	1 400	1 400

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Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001–02

12 During 2001–02, the department will:

- continue to enhance the quality and content of the digital map database and to exploit the advanced technology for the development of more new products and applications;
- extend the network of GPS reference stations to the north-east and southern areas of the Hong Kong territory for improving the efficiency of surveying and mapping;
- continue to develop and implement a quality management system for SMO to enhance the overall quality of survey and mapping services;
- pursue the implementation of the Office Automation System for improving the efficiency of communication; and
- take forward the corporatisation of the Survey and Mapping Office proposal and seek Finance Committee's approval on the necessary arrangements.

Programme (3): Legal Advice

	1999–2000 (Actual)	2000–01 (Approved)	2000–01 (Revised)	2001–02 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	56.7	63.5 (+12.0%)	57.6 (–9.3%)	58.3 (+1.2%)

Aim

13 The aim is to facilitate Government land transactions by providing legal advice and conveyancing service to the departments and bureaux concerned, and to give consent to sales of units in uncompleted developments.

Brief Description

14 The Legal Advisory and Conveyancing Office (LACO) provides professional legal services within the department in relation to Programme (1) for the issue, renewal and variation of Government leases as well as the drafting and execution of conditions of sale (by auction or tender), grant and exchange. In compulsory acquisition cases, this Office is responsible for approving the legal title of the former private owners and the compensation documents before compensation is released. It also provides conveyancing services to the Financial Secretary Incorporated for assignments when non-renewable Government leases are extended and the Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated when private accommodation is purchased for welfare purposes. The Office also provides conveyancing service to Government departments and policy bureaux in their property transactions.

15 Under the Lands Department Consent Scheme, the Office processes all applications for consent to sell units in uncompleted buildings prior to compliance with lease conditions with a view to affording protection to the purchasers and avoiding speculation in undeveloped land. As a pre-requisite of the consent requirement in respect of commercial and residential developments, Deeds of Mutual Covenant (DMC) setting out the respective rights and obligations of all the owners of the buildings will need to be approved by the Office before consent can be issued and sales of the units can commence.

16 In 2000, the Office maintained its standard of attaining 96% of the target set for Sale and Purchase Agreements notwithstanding the extra time required to process several complicated cases for large developments. Longer time was required for processing a number of DMCs for complex developments with some containing Government and community facilities, which resulted in a drop in approvals of DMC within the target time.

17 An Office Automation System (OAS) has been set up to improve communication amongst officers stationed in the headquarters and in various district offices. This will enhance the quality and efficiency of service delivery.

18 The key performance measures in respect of legal advice are:

Targets

	Target	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Plan)
<i>Consents</i>				
Sale and Purchase Agreement–response time to request in 13 weeks (excluding time for approval of DMC)	100%	95%	96%	100%
DMC–response time to request in 13 weeks	100%	88%	78%	85%

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Indicators

	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
<i>Consents</i>			
Sale and Purchase Agreements approved			
–non-residential developments	12	2	5
–residential developments	39	26	30
Sale of uncompleted residential units (no. of flats).....	29 357	15 893	20 000
DMC approved			
–non-residential developments	5	6	8
–residential developments	56	53	50

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001–02

19 During 2001–02, the department will:

- continue to review and streamline existing procedures and guidelines to expedite the processing of applications for the approval of DMC, including contracting out to private solicitors;
- devise new guidelines for DMCs to focus on the responsibilities for building management and maintenance;
- develop a Case Progress Monitoring System in the OAS through which instructions, land related legal precedents and progress of all cases can be stored and retrieved easily by LACO officers in all offices for reference; and
- pursue the contracting out of title checking and legal work related to payment of compensation in land resumption cases to private solicitor firms.

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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) Land Administration.....	1,018.4	1,119.4	1,071.3	1,152.0
(2) Survey and Mapping.....	410.9	422.2	422.5	425.2
(3) Legal Advice	56.7	63.5	57.6	58.3
	<u>1,486.0</u>	<u>1,605.1</u> (+8.0%)	<u>1,551.4</u> (–3.3%)	<u>1,635.5</u> (+5.4%)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Programme (1)

Provision for 2001–02 is \$80.7 million (7.5%) higher than the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to provision for salary increments for existing staff, maintenance of man-made slopes on unallocated and unleased Government land, and contracting out of land administration works and other requirements for new projects, partly offset by the net deletion of 26 posts mainly arising from the Enhanced Productivity Programme in 2001–02.

Programme (2)

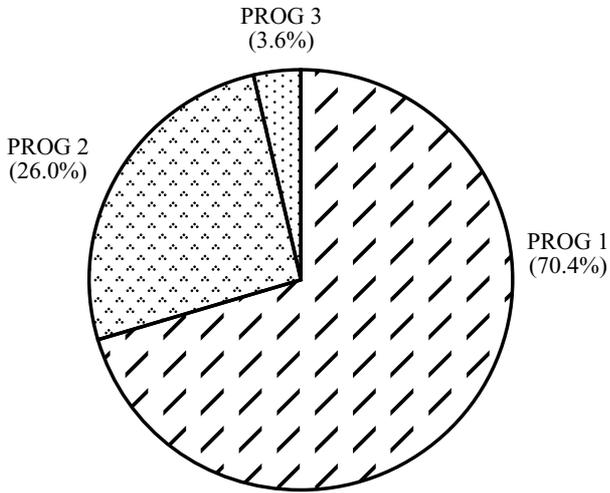
Provision for 2001–02 is \$2.7 million (0.6%) higher than the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to provision for salary increments for existing staff, partly offset by the net deletion of 14 posts mainly under the Enhanced Productivity Programme in 2001–02.

Programme (3)

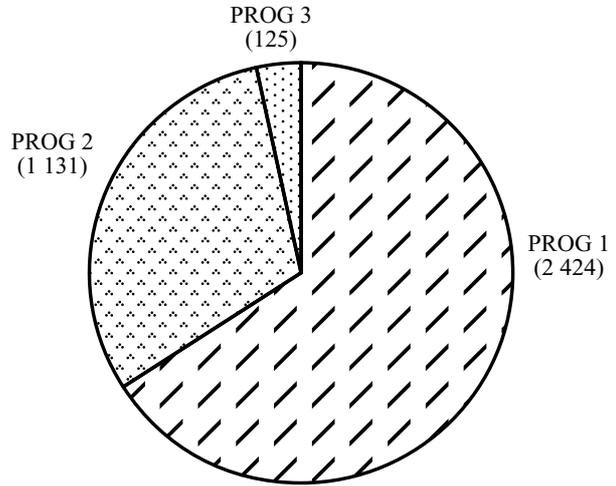
Provision for 2001–02 is \$0.7 million (1.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to provision for salary increments for existing staff and the new computerised office automation system, partly offset by the net deletion of five posts mainly arising from the Enhanced Productivity Programme in 2001–02.

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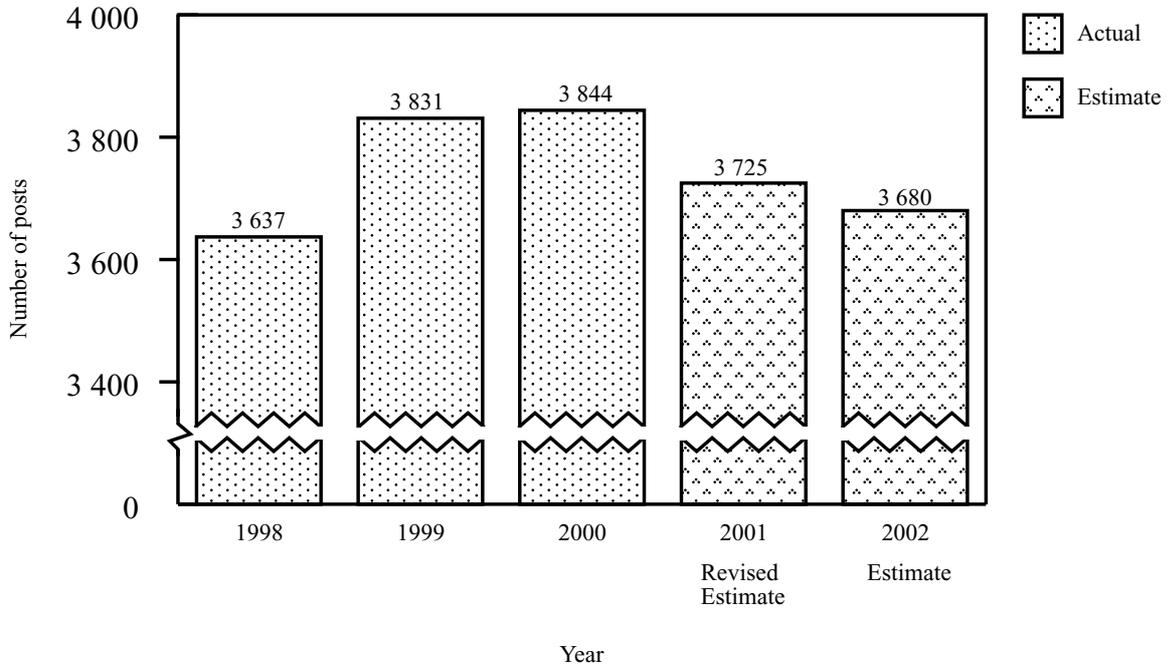
Allocation of provision to programmes (2001-02)



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	\$ 000
Recurrent Account					
I — Personal Emoluments					
001	Salaries.....	1,240,400	1,261,308	1,273,861	1,281,828
002	Allowances.....	25,318	30,960	21,266	20,188
003	Recoverable salaries and allowances 14,775				
	<i>Deduct</i> reimbursements <i>Cr. 14,775</i>	—	—	—	—
007	Job-related allowances.....	2,837	2,994	2,789	2,425
	Total, Personal Emoluments	<u>1,268,555</u>	<u>1,295,262</u>	<u>1,297,916</u>	<u>1,304,441</u>
III — Departmental Expenses					
111	Hire of services and professional fees.....	40,054	54,172	41,837	45,463
121	Contract maintenance.....	75,894	93,200	89,000	129,476
149	General departmental expenses.....	65,582	85,919	72,082	92,421
	Total, Departmental Expenses	<u>181,530</u>	<u>233,291</u>	<u>202,919</u>	<u>267,360</u>
IV — Other Charges					
221	Clearance of Government land— <i>ex-gratia</i> allowances.....	11,678	30,026	19,985	30,026*
279	Financial Secretary Incorporated—suspense account adjustment.....	—	15	15	15
	Total, Other Charges.....	<u>11,678</u>	<u>30,041</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>30,041</u>
	Total, Recurrent Account	<u>1,461,763</u>	<u>1,558,594</u>	<u>1,520,835</u>	<u>1,601,842</u>
Capital Account					
I — Plant, Equipment and Works					
600	Works.....	—	23,900	7,956	7,000
661	Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote).....	5,786	7,519	7,519	9,744
	Total, Plant, Equipment and Works	<u>5,786</u>	<u>31,419</u>	<u>15,475</u>	<u>16,744</u>
II — Other Non-Recurrent					
700	General other non-recurrent.....	404	136	136	451
842	Cleaning up of black spots in NT (block vote)..	18,076	15,000	15,000	16,500
	Total, Other Non-Recurrent.....	<u>18,480</u>	<u>15,136</u>	<u>15,136</u>	<u>16,951</u>
	Total, Capital Account.....	<u>24,266</u>	<u>46,555</u>	<u>30,611</u>	<u>33,695</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u><u>1,486,029</u></u>	<u><u>1,605,149</u></u>	<u><u>1,551,446</u></u>	<u><u>1,635,537</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 Lands Department is \$1,635,537,000. This represents an increase of \$84,091,000 over the revised estimate for 2000–01 and of \$149,508,000 over actual expenditure in 1999–2000.

Recurrent Account

Personal Emoluments

2 Provision of \$1,304,441,000 for personal emoluments represents an increase of \$6,525,000 over the revised estimate for 2000–01.

3 The establishment at 31 March 2001 will be 3 719 permanent posts and six supernumerary posts. It is expected that a net 45 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 \$1,113,885,000.

5 Provision of \$20,188,000 under *Subhead 002 Allowances* is for standard allowances and the following non-standard allowance —

	<i>Rate</i>
post allowance for Survey Officers and Senior Survey Officers in the land and engineering streams	Monthly allowance equals to the officer's next increment.

The decrease of \$1,078,000 (5.1%) against the revised estimate for 2000–01 is mainly due to reduced requirement for acting allowance and savings in overtime allowance under Enhanced Productivity Programme in 2001–02.

6 Gross provision of \$14,775,000 under *Subhead 003 Recoverable salaries and allowances* includes salaries and allowances for a team of 30 staff to manage the clearance activities for the redevelopment programme of the LDC or the future URA. The cost will be fully recovered from the LDC or the future URA.

7 Provision of \$2,425,000 under *Subhead 007 Job-related allowances* is for standard job-related allowances. The decrease of \$364,000 (13.1%) against the revised estimate for 2000–01 is due to the deletion of a number of posts eligible for job-related allowances in 2001–02.

Departmental Expenses

8 Provision of \$45,463,000 under *Subhead 111 Hire of services and professional fees* includes provision for contract services to undertake technical and clerical works for development of projects, hiring security services for guarding sites for sale or development, employing professional parties to assess claims and to assist in the resumption of land, and other services. The increase of \$3,626,000 (8.7%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01 is mainly due to the contracting out services related to the School Improvement Programme and management of road side displays, partly offset by reductions in other hiring services.

9 Provision of \$129,476,000 under *Subhead 121 Contract maintenance* includes provision for maintenance of specialised systems and equipment relating to land administration, demolishing structures, clearance, maintenance and fencing off sites for sale or development, maintenance of registrable man-made slopes on unallocated and unleased Government land, provision of boundary and survey marks, water course management and managing buildings which have reverted to the Government. The increase of \$40,476,000 (45.5%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01 is mainly due to additional requirement for maintenance of registrable man-made slopes on unallocated and unleased Government land and maintenance of new computerisation and other systems implemented in 2000–01.

10 Provision of \$92,421,000 under *Subhead 149 General departmental expenses* represents an increase of \$20,339,000 (28.2%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01. The increase is mainly due to additional requirement for employment of non-civil service contract staff for strengthening of Slope Maintenance Section and other needs relating to slope safety on unallocated and unleased Government land, and the full-year provision for recurrent needs of new computerisation and other systems commissioned in 2000–01, partly offset by savings from reduced operating expenses under Enhanced Productivity Programme.

Other Charges

11 Provision of \$30,026,000 under *Subhead 221 Clearance of Government land—ex-gratia allowances* is for allowances payable to persons cleared from Government land other than in the course of clearances required for public works projects. The increase of \$10,041,000 (50.2%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01 is mainly due to new clearance projects on Government land.

12 Provision of \$15,000 under *Subhead 279 Financial Secretary Incorporated—suspense account adjustment* is for the clearance of deficits arising from management and disposal of properties resumed by the Government and managed by the department on behalf of the Financial Secretary Incorporated.

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Capital Account

Plant, Equipment and Works

13 Provision of \$9,744,000 under *Subhead 661 Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)* represents an increase of \$2,225,000 (29.6%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to an increase in the requirement of survey and mapping equipment to enhance efficiency with more extensive use of the new information technology.

Other Non-Recurrent

14 Provision of \$16,500,000 under *Subhead 842 Cleaning up of black spots in New Territories (block vote)* is for clearance of illegal occupation and dumping on Government land, the necessary landscaping to improve the overall appearance and to prevent further illegal occupation and dumping and for formation of sites for the purpose of relocating operations with an economic function. The increase of \$1,500,000 (10.0%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01 is mainly due to additional requirement for site improvement works.

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Capital Account

Commitments

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2000	Revised estimated expenditure for 2000-01	Balance
			\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000
600		<i>Works</i>				
	253	Demolition of six Temporary Housing Areas	24,400	—	6,480	17,920
	254	Demolition of Fo Tan Cottage Area.....	2,280	—	1,476	804
			<u>26,680</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>7,956</u>	<u>18,724</u>
700		<i>General other non-recurrent</i>				
	511	Improvement of service and working environment of Lands Department Offices	2,100	1,720	136	244
	514	Relocation of DLO/Shatin, DSO/Shatin and LACO/Shatin to Shatin Government Offices	901	—	—	901
			<u>3,001</u>	<u>1,720</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>1,145</u>
		Total	<u><u>29,681</u></u>	<u><u>1,720</u></u>	<u><u>8,092</u></u>	<u><u>19,869</u></u>