

**Head 154 — GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT:
ENVIRONMENT AND FOOD BUREAU**

Controlling officer: the Secretary for the Environment and Food will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2001–02	\$60.6m
Establishment ceiling 2001–02 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 68 non-directorate posts at 31 March 2001 rising by one post to 69 posts at 31 March 2002	\$31.3m
In addition there will be an estimated 11 directorate posts at 31 March 2001 and at 31 March 2002.	
Capital Account commitment balance	\$2.5m

Controlling Officer's Report

Programmes

Programme (1) Food Supply and Food Safety	This programme contributes to Policy Area 2: Food Supply and Food Safety (Secretary for the Environment and Food).
Programme (2) Environmental Hygiene	This programme contributes to Policy Area 32: Environmental Hygiene (Secretary for the Environment and Food).
Programme (3) Environmental Protection and Conservation	This programme contributes to Policy Area 23: Environmental Protection and Conservation (Secretary for the Environment and Food).

Detail

Programme (1): Food Supply and Food Safety

	1999–2000 (Actual)#	2000–01 (Approved)	2000–01 (Revised)	2001–02 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	3.7	17.4 (+370.3%)	15.3 (–12.1%)	16.9 (+10.5%)

The actual expenditure for 1999–2000 represents the expenditure for the three months from 1 January 2000 to 31 March 2000.

Aim

2 The aim is to formulate and oversee implementation of policies to ensure that the food available for human consumption is safe; to respond to food incidents promptly and effectively; to facilitate the development of the agricultural and fisheries industries; to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases in animals and plants; and to ensure adequate provision and efficient operation of government wholesale marketing facilities for fresh food produce.

Brief Description

3 The bureau's main responsibility under this programme is to formulate and to keep under review policies relating to food supply and food safety.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001–02

4 During 2001–02, the bureau will:

- take forward the labelling of genetically modified food and mandatory food recall;
- continue to oversee formulation of implementation plans to conserve fisheries resources in Hong Kong waters;
- introduce legislative amendments to extend import control to animal products and feeds to prevent animal diseases; and
- introduce legislative amendments to enhance pesticides control.

Programme (2): Environmental Hygiene

	1999–2000 (Actual)#	2000–01 (Approved)	2000–01 (Revised)	2001–02 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	5.9	16.1 (+172.9%)	14.3 (–11.2%)	14.0 (–2.1%)

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Aim

5 The aim is to ensure a high standard of environmental hygiene in all parts of the territory; to minimise the risks and threats caused to public health by pest and other nuisances; to monitor the operation of slaughtering facilities; and to promote public awareness of, and involvement in, the upkeep of personal and environmental hygiene standards.

Brief Description

6 The bureau's main responsibility under this programme is to formulate and co-ordinate policies and programmes relating to the above activities.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001–02

7 During 2001–02, the bureau will:

- bring about noticeable improvements in environmental hygiene conditions through the Clean Hong Kong programme;
- take forward legislative amendments aimed at strengthening control on unlicensed and unhygienic food premises; and
- review the policy on the construction and management of public markets.

Programme (3): Environmental Protection and Conservation

	1999–2000 (Actual)#	2000–01 (Approved)	2000–01 (Revised)	2001–02 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	4.7	24.4 (+419.1%)	23.3 (–4.5%)	29.7 (+27.5%)

The actual expenditure for 1999–2000 represents the expenditure for the three months from 1 January 2000 to 31 March 2000.

Aim

8 The aim is to improve our urban, rural and marine environment, conserve our natural heritage and optimise the use of resources and goods so as to reduce pollution and waste; and to promote health and the enjoyment of our living environment.

Brief Description

9 The bureau's main responsibility under this programme is to formulate policies and to co-ordinate and oversee the implementation of programmes on environmental protection and conservation.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001–02

10 During 2001–02, the bureau will:

- co-ordinate inter-departmental efforts to achieve the targets of reducing total emissions of respirable particulates from vehicles by 80% and nitrogen oxide by 30% by the end of 2005;
- co-ordinate the formulation of action programmes on waste avoidance and separation, and recovery of municipal waste, for implementation by the departments concerned;
- co-ordinate action programmes on the prevention, reuse and recycling of construction and demolition materials;
- consult the public on a policy to preserve our natural heritage;
- strengthen existing conservation programmes through extending country parks and designating more marine parks;
- co-ordinate energy efficiency programmes, including use of renewable energy in buildings and wider adoption of Water-cooled Air Conditioning Systems;
- provide advice on the environmental and ecological aspects of sustainable development;
- continue to work towards introducing landfill charges and revising other environmental charges to provide economic incentive to avoid pollution;
- consider new initiatives to reduce construction and road traffic noise;

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- monitor progress of Stage 1 of the Strategic Sewage Disposal Scheme (known as Harbour Area Treatment Scheme with effect from 1 March 2001) and review later stages taking account of the findings of an international review panel;
- increase co-operation with the Guangdong authorities in areas of mutual concern, including cross-boundary air pollution, forestry conservation, protection of Chinese White Dolphins, water quality and environmental assessment;
- promote public hygiene and environmental improvement by focusing on the close association between public health and the environment; and
- improve the co-ordination of government greening work and consider new initiatives to promote greening.

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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) Food Supply and Food Safety	3.7	17.4	15.3	16.9
(2) Environmental Hygiene	5.9	16.1	14.3	14.0
(3) Environmental Protection and Conservation.....	4.7	24.4	23.3	29.7
	14.3	57.9 (+304.9%)	52.9 (–8.6%)	60.6 (+14.6%)

The actual expenditure for 1999–2000 represents the expenditure for the three months from 1 January 2000 to 31 March 2000.

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Programme (1)

Provision for 2001–02 is \$1.6 million (10.5%) higher than the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to salary increments for existing staff and increase in operating expenses.

Programme (2)

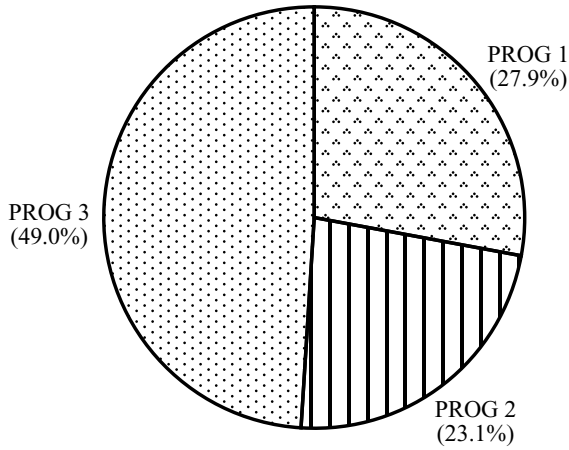
Provision for 2001–02 is \$0.3 million (2.1%) lower than the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to reduced requirement for capital expenditure upon completion of the second phase of the Healthy Living into the 21st Century Campaign in 2000–01, partly offset by salary increments for existing staff and increase in operating expenses.

Programme (3)

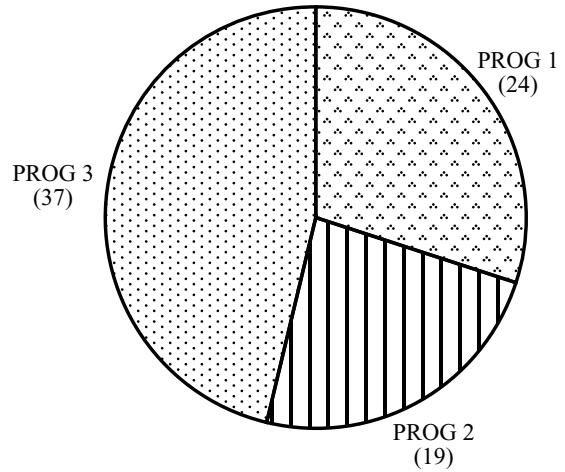
Provision for 2001–02 is \$6.4 million (27.5%) higher than the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to salary increments for existing staff, increase in operating expenses and capital expenditure, full-year provision for posts created in 2000–01 and the creation of one post in 2001–02 to strengthen the support services for this programme.

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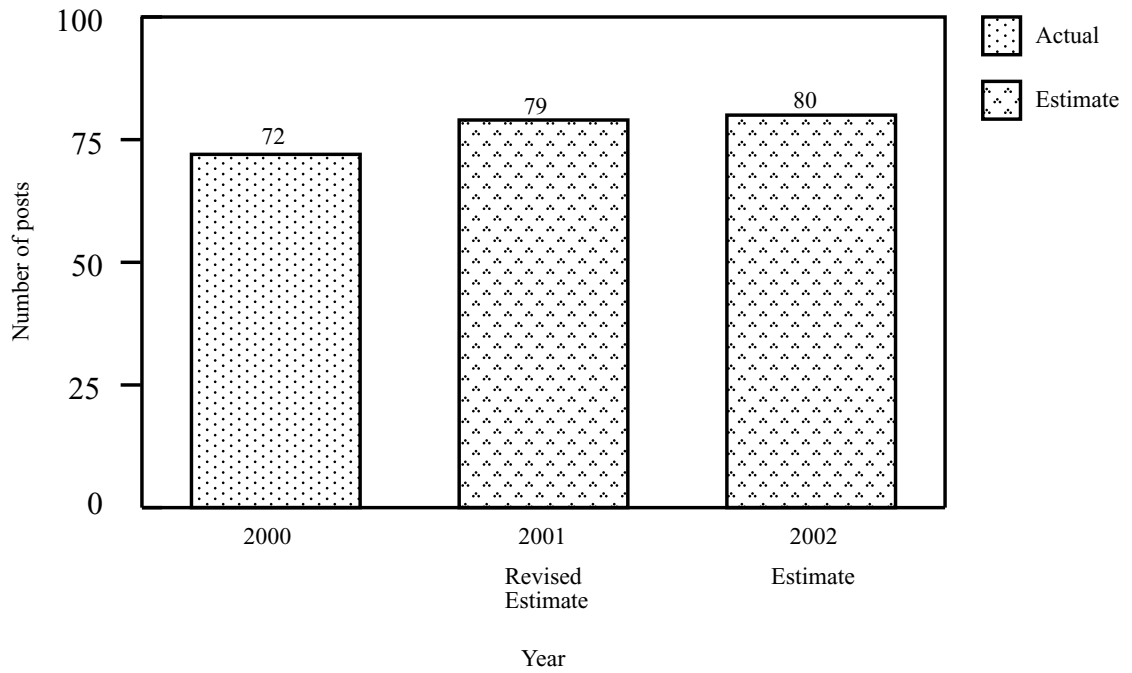
*Allocation of provision
to programmes
(2001-02)*



*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.....	9,779	47,273	42,518	46,737
002	Allowances.....	823	2,087	3,300	3,364
007	Job-related allowances.....	7	90	28	28
	Total, Personal Emoluments.....	<u>10,609</u>	<u>49,450</u>	<u>45,846</u>	<u>50,129</u>
III — Departmental Expenses					
149	General departmental expenses.....	573	6,840	5,508	7,933
	Total, Departmental Expenses.....	<u>573</u>	<u>6,840</u>	<u>5,508</u>	<u>7,933</u>
	Total, Recurrent Account.....	11,182	56,290	51,354	58,062
Capital Account					
II — Other Non-Recurrent					
700	General other non-recurrent.....	3,106	1,571	1,571	2,500
	Total, Other Non-Recurrent.....	<u>3,106</u>	<u>1,571</u>	<u>1,571</u>	<u>2,500</u>
	Total, Capital Account.....	3,106	1,571	1,571	2,500
	Total Expenditure.....	<u><u>14,288</u></u>	<u><u>57,861</u></u>	<u><u>52,925</u></u>	<u><u>60,562</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 Environment and Food Bureau is \$60,562,000. This represents an increase of \$7,637,000 over the revised estimate for 2000–01 and of \$46,274,000 over actual expenditure in 1999–2000.

Recurrent Account

Personal Emoluments

2 Provision of \$50,129,000 for personal emoluments represents an increase of \$4,283,000 over the revised estimate for 2000–01.

3 The establishment at 31 March 2001 will be 78 permanent posts and one supernumerary post. It is expected that one permanent post will be created 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 \$31,273,000.

5 Provision of \$3,364,000 under *Subhead 002 Allowances* is for standard allowances and the following non-standard allowance —

	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Master Pay Scale point</i>	<i>Rate per month† \$</i>
consolidated overtime allowance for Chauffeur grade	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.

6 Provision of \$28,000 under *Subhead 007 Job-related allowances* is for standard job-related allowances.

Departmental Expenses

7 Provision of \$7,933,000 under *Subhead 149 General departmental expenses* represents an increase of \$2,425,000 (44.0%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to the requirement for maintenance of the administrative computer system and audio-visual equipment, maintenance and operating expenses in respect of the indoor air quality programme at the new office.

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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
700		<i>General other non-recurrent</i>				
	010	Green research and testing programme...	2,500	—	—	2,500
		Total.....	2,500	—	—	2,500