

## Head 176 — SUBVENTIONS: MISCELLANEOUS

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**Controlling officers:** expenditure under this Head will be accounted for as follows—

- Secretary for Commerce and Industry (Subheads 437, 461, 457 and 420)
- Secretary for Security (Subhead 462)
- Secretary for Health and Welfare (Subheads 521, 528, 414 and 864)
- Director of Social Welfare (Subhead 460)
- Secretary for Education and Manpower (Subhead 527)
- Secretary for Home Affairs (Subhead 475)
- Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Subheads 503, 451, 502 and 863)
- Director of Administration (Subhead 446)

**Estimate 2001–02**..... **\$293.3m**

These subheads are listed under their respective policy secretaries/controlling officers (in order of Policy Area and size of subvention) to emphasise the relevant accountability in the reports and analysis of financial provision.

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### Controlling Officers' Reports and Analysis of Financial Provision

This Head provides for subventions to a number of local organisations, and for Hong Kong's participation in a number of international organisations.

#### Policy Area 6: Commerce and Industry

##### Secretary for Commerce and Industry

###### *Subhead 437 Hong Kong-Japan Business Co-operation Committee (HKJBCC)*

**2** Provision of \$3,610,000 is for subventing the HKJBCC, which was formed in 1979 to foster friendship and understanding between the business communities of Hong Kong and Japan and to promote trade, investment and economic co-operation.

**3** Since its inception, the HKJBCC and its counterpart, the Japan-Hong Kong Business Co-operation Committee, have been meeting at least once a year alternately in Hong Kong and Japan to update and discuss trade and economic issues. Through its three Working Committees—on trade development, industrial development and communications—the HKJBCC has a regular programme of activities, including:

- commissioning and publication of market surveys;
- organising market exposition seminars in association with the Japan External Trade Organisation;
- arranging study-missions, purchasing-delegations and technology-exchange programmes designed to help Japanese industrialists gain a more comprehensive understanding of Hong Kong's business environment and manufacturing capabilities, and to encourage the transfer of advanced Japanese industrial production technologies to Hong Kong; and
- conducting media campaigns designed to highlight Hong Kong's attractions as a major manufacturing and financial centre in the region.

**4** The activities of HKJBCC have played a role in contributing to increased exports to Japan and increased Japanese investment in Hong Kong.

**5** The Hong Kong Trade Development Council (see Head 177—Subventions: Non-Departmental Public Bodies *Subhead 444*) will provide an additional \$1,941,000 to the Committee in 2001–02.

###### *Subhead 461 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*

**6** Provision of \$308,000 is to meet the annual contribution for the 2001 calendar year towards the costs of UNDP's activities benefiting Hong Kong and part of the administrative costs of the UNDP field office which deals with UNDP matters relating to Hong Kong. Hong Kong benefits from the UNDP in terms of overseas training and expert advisory and consultancy services.

###### *Subhead 457 World Customs Organisation (WCO)*

**7** Provision of \$260,000 is to pay for Hong Kong's contribution to the 2001–02 WCO budget. The objectives of the WCO are to improve and rationalise customs operations and facilitate international trade.

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### *Subhead 420 Asian and Pacific Development Centre (APDC)*

8 Provision of \$80,000 is to meet the annual contribution of US\$10,200 to the APDC. In contributing to APDC, Hong Kong is able to nominate participants to attend the training courses and seminars organised by the Centre, and benefit from the Centre's consultancy and information on development.

### **Policy Area 9: Internal Security**

#### **Secretary for Security**

### *Subhead 462 United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) and World Health Organisation (WHO)*

9 Provision of \$233,000 is to meet the annual contribution towards the UNDCP and the WHO in support of their activities to control drug trafficking and substance abuse.

### **Policy Area 14: Social Welfare**

#### **Secretary for Health and Welfare**

### *Subhead 521 Skills centres*

10 Provision of \$143,717,000 is for subventing on a deficiency basis five skills centres which provide vocational assessment and training services to people with disabilities over the age of 15. Key performance indicators are:

	<i>Academic Year</i>		
	1999/2000 (Actual)	2000/01 (Estimate)	2001/02 (Estimate)
number of vocational assessments made			
comprehensive assessment programme .....	180	150	150
specific assessment programme .....	1 003	1 120	800
number of training places			
full-time .....	1 121	1 184	1 264
part-time .....	360	360	360
number of trainees enrolled			
full-time .....	1 140	1 174	1 264
part-time .....	365	360	360
number of trainees completed training			
full-time .....	343	392	430
part-time .....	308	300	300

11 The overall performance of the skills centres in the 2000/01 academic year is expected to be satisfactory. The number of full-time training places provided in 2000/01 is projected to increase by 63 (5.6%) over that in 1999/2000. The increase is mainly due to the phased implementation of the Caritas Lok Mo Skills Centre reprovisioning project.

### *Subhead 528 Guardianship Board*

12 Provision of \$4,401,000 is to meet the running expenses of a Guardianship Board for mentally disordered and mentally handicapped persons under the Mental Health Ordinance (Cap. 136).

### *Subhead 414 Environmental Advisory Service*

13 Provision of \$1,508,000 is for subventing on a discretionary basis the Environmental Advisory Service which provides specialist information and advice on ways to improve access facilities to meet the special needs of people with disabilities.

### **Director of Social Welfare**

### *Subhead 460 United Nations Children's Fund*

14 Provision of \$138,000 comprises a donation of \$92,000 towards the United Nations Children's Fund and a contribution of \$46,000 towards the Fund's administrative expenses in 2001-02. The Fund is the largest development organisation in the world that works for the well-being of children.

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### Policy Area 16: Education

#### Secretary for Education and Manpower

##### *Subhead 527 Open University of Hong Kong*

15 Provision of \$1,300,000 is for the reimbursement of rates paid by the Open University of Hong Kong.

### Policy Area 18: Recreation, Culture, Amenities and Entertainment Licensing

#### Secretary for Home Affairs

##### *Subhead 475 Outward Bound Trust of Hong Kong*

16 Provision of \$1,946,000 is to assist deserving underprivileged or disabled persons and young people at risk, who are unable to meet all or part of the course fees, to take courses at the Outward Bound School. The courses are designed to develop the character, community spirit and leadership qualities of the participants. The key performance measures are:

	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
number of deserving underprivileged or disabled persons and young people at risk assisted .....	548	667	759
number of training programme days .....	4 929	5 094	5 279

#### Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

##### *Subhead 503 Subventions to non-government organisation camps*

17 Provision of \$27,786,000 is to assist 25 holiday camps and water sports centres managed by 12 non-government organisations to provide recreational activities for members of the public. The subvention helps towards meeting operating expenses on staff costs, rents and rates, and minor repairs.

18 In 2001-02, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to pay frequent visits to the 25 camps and centres and assist the 12 non-government organisations in maximising the utilisation of these facilities. The department will hold regular meetings with these organisations to exchange information and ideas. The department will also attend meetings of the Co-ordinating Committee on Camps and Hostels of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. Through these channels, the department will maintain close contact with staff of these camps and centres, and will review their facilities, programmes and mode of operation, and recommend changes and improvements where necessary. The key performance measures are:

	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
number of non-government organisation camps subvented ....	25	25	25
average utilisation rate (%) .....	55.0	59.2	59.5
number of users .....	626 456	637 944	640 960

##### *Subhead 451 Hong Kong Life Saving Society*

19 Provision of \$577,000 is for subvention to the Hong Kong Life Saving Society to meet part of its administration expenses. The Society promotes interest in life saving work and water safety training in Hong Kong.

##### *Subhead 502 Hong Kong Archaeological Society*

20 Provision of \$169,000 is a discretionary grant to the Hong Kong Archaeological Society to meet the expenses incurred in connection with the excavation activities conducted for the study and preservation of Hong Kong's archaeological heritage.

### Policy Area 20: Legal Aid

#### Director of Administration

##### *Subhead 446 Duty Lawyer Service (DLS)*

21 Provision of \$99,502,000 is for subventing the DLS in the implementation of three legal assistance schemes to complement the legal aid services provided by the Legal Aid Department. These schemes are the Duty Lawyer Scheme, the Legal Advice Scheme and the Tel-Law Scheme. The DLS, which was known as the Legal Advice and Duty Lawyer Scheme until its incorporation in August 1993, is managed by the Hong Kong Bar Association and the Law Society of Hong Kong through a governing council and is administered by an administrator who is a legally qualified person.

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22 The Legal Aid Department provides legal representation in both civil and criminal cases heard in the District Court and above under the Legal Aid Ordinance and the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases Rules. To ensure access to justice on matters outside the jurisdiction of the Legal Aid Department, the Duty Lawyer Scheme provides legal representation to any defendant in Magistrates' Courts where the interests of justice require, and without payment by the defendant in any such case if he does not have sufficient means to pay for it. The Scheme also provides, either with the agreement or at the request of the Government, other forms of legal assistance and advice. These at present include assigning lawyers to advise defendants facing extradition, to monitor one-way viewer identification parades, to provide legal representation to Vietnamese asylum seekers to appeal to the Refugee Status Review Board concerning decisions on the determination of their refugee status and to represent hawkers upon their appeals to the Municipal Services Appeals Board. With effect from 31 July 2000, the duty lawyer representation has been extended to any person who is at risk of criminal prosecution as a result of giving incriminating evidence in Coroner's inquest.

23 The Legal Advice Scheme provides free legal advice without means testing at seven evening centres at Sha Tin, Tsuen Wan, Wan Chai, Central and Western, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwun Tong and Islands District Offices. In addition, the Scheme provides advice at the offices of the Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres and the Hong Kong Federation of Women. Members of the public can make appointments to see volunteer lawyers through one of the 122 referral agencies which include all district offices and many voluntary agencies. The DLS has generally met its target of arranging a client of the Scheme to see volunteer lawyers at a centre of his choice within two weeks upon confirmation of an appointment.

24 The Tel-Law Scheme is a 24-hour free telephone enquiry service which provides members of the public with basic information on the legal aspects of everyday problems. There are 73 tapes available in Cantonese, English and Putonghua, covering matrimonial, landlord and tenant, criminal, financial, employment and administrative law.

25 The key performance measures of DLS are:

	1999 (Actual)	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimate)
number of persons who received legal advice and representation from the Duty Lawyer Scheme .....	38 111	40 791	<b>42 856</b>
cost per defendant under the Duty Lawyer Scheme (\$).....	2,527.1	2,422.3	<b>2,351.3</b>
number of cases handled by the Legal Advice Scheme .....	5 901	5 945	<b>6 034</b>
cost per case under the Legal Advice Scheme (\$).....	141.8	133.3	<b>136.7</b>
number of cases handled by the Tel-Law Scheme .....	78 953	63 873	<b>63 873</b>
cost per call under the Tel-Law Scheme (\$).....	0.7	0.6	<b>0.9</b>

26 The Director of Administration will continue to closely monitor the performance of DLS to ensure a high level of usage of the services while maintaining quality of service and cost-effectiveness.

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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	
<b>Recurrent Account</b>					
V — Subventions					
414	Environmental Advisory Service .....	1,555	1,539	1,539	<b>1,508</b>
420	Asian and Pacific Development Centre .....	79	80	80	<b>80</b>
437	Hong Kong-Japan Business Co-operation Committee .....	3,610	3,610	3,610	<b>3,610</b>
446	Duty Lawyer Service .....	96,078	104,988	98,456	<b>99,502</b>
451	Hong Kong Life Saving Society .....	610	601	601	<b>577</b>
457	World Customs Organisation .....	146	260	260	<b>260</b>
460	United Nations Children's Fund .....	146	144	144	<b>138</b>
461	United Nations Development Programme .....	329	377	300	<b>308</b>
462	United Nations International Drug Control Programme and World Health Organisation.	240	238	238	<b>233</b>
475	Outward Bound Trust of Hong Kong .....	1,956	1,946	1,946	<b>1,946</b>
502	Hong Kong Archaeological Society .....	172	173	173	<b>169</b>
503	Subventions to non-government organisation camps .....	28,415	27,800	27,800	<b>27,786</b>
521	Skills centres .....	139,812	142,175	140,859	<b>143,717</b>
527	Open University of Hong Kong .....	958	1,100	1,300	<b>1,300</b>
528	Guardianship Board .....	4,528	5,480	5,330	<b>4,401</b>
	Action Committee Against Narcotics .....	4,254	—	—	—
	Total, Subventions .....	282,888	290,511	282,636	<b>285,535</b>
	Total, Recurrent Account .....	282,888	290,511	282,636	<b>285,535</b>
<b>Capital Account</b>					
III — Subventions					
863	Non-government organisation camps (block vote) .....	—	—	—	<b>5,581</b>
864	Skills centres (block vote) .....	5,169	1,950	1,950	<b>2,212</b>
	Duty Lawyer Service .....	229	2,250	1,002	—
	Non-government organisation camps .....	4,404	9,792	6,998	—
	Grant to the Open University of Hong Kong for implementation of its Information Technology Development Plan .....	—	—	50,000	—
	One-off grant to the Open University of Hong Kong for the establishment of a Regional Learning Centre .....	50,000	—	—	—
	Enhancement programmes for the Occupational Safety and Health Gallery at the Hong Kong Science Museum .....	2,000	—	—	—
	Fitting-out the office of the Guardianship Board .....	55	—	—	—
	Total, Subventions .....	61,857	13,992	59,950	<b>7,793</b>
	Total, Capital Account .....	61,857	13,992	59,950	<b>7,793</b>
	Total Expenditure .....	344,745	304,503	342,586	<b>293,328</b>

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### Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2001–02 for subventing or subscribing to the various organisations and institutions in Hong Kong and overseas under this Head is \$293,328,000. This represents a decrease of \$49,258,000 against the revised estimate for 2000–01 and of \$51,417,000 against actual expenditure in 1999–2000. Details of expenditure in respect of subheads where there are significant increases or decreases in provision are described hereunder.

#### *Recurrent Account*

##### Subventions

**2** Provision of \$577,000 under *Subhead 451 Hong Kong Life Saving Society* represents a decrease of \$24,000 (4.0%) against the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to general price decrease and reduced operating expenses under the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

**3** Provision of \$138,000 under *Subhead 460 United Nations Children's Fund* represents a decrease of \$6,000 (4.2%) against the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to general price decrease and reduced contribution.

**4** Provision of \$4,401,000 under *Subhead 528 Guardianship Board* represents a decrease of \$929,000 (17.4%) against the revised estimate for 2000–01. This is mainly due to the payment of an end-of-contract gratuity for the Chairperson in 2000–01 and reduced requirement for remuneration of the Chairperson in 2001–02, partly offset by inclusion of end-of-contract gratuities for staff of the Guardianship Board.

#### *Capital Account*

##### Subventions

**5** Provision of \$5,581,000 under *Subhead 863 Non-government organisation camps (block vote)* is to assist the subvented camps/centres to undertake major repairs, maintenance and improvement works with the cost of each individual item above \$50,000 but not exceeding \$2,000,000.

**6** Provision of \$2,212,000 under *Subhead 864 Skills centres (block vote)* is for conversion of an electronic workshop into a packaging service workshop, modernisation of a printing workshop and Phase I work of the lift replacement project of Kwun Tong Skills Centre, and procurement of a colour printing machine for Caritas Lok Mo Skills Centre. The increase of \$262,000 (13.4%) over the revised estimate for 2000–01 is mainly due to procurement of machines and equipment for training purpose.