

Head 106 — MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

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

Director of Accounting Services (Subheads 163, 188, 190, 192 and 220)
 Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) (Subheads 182, 251, 281, 284 and 789)
 Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food (Subheads 238, 713, 716, 778 and 820)
 Permanent Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology (Commerce and Industry) (Subhead 262)
 Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Subhead 289)
 Director-General of Trade and Industry (Subhead 296)
 Permanent Secretary for the Civil Service (Subhead 769)
 Chief Executive, Hong Kong Monetary Authority (Subheads 795 and 819)

Estimate 2003–04	\$4,666.1m
Capital Account commitment balance	\$161.7m

Controlling Officers' Report

Aim

Expenditure under this Head is for items which cannot properly be charged to other heads of expenditure. It covers expenses of public education on rehabilitation and acceptance of people with disabilities by the community, expenses for purchase of a vehicle for overseas visitors with disabilities and of technical aids for civil servants with disabilities, grant to the Breakthrough Youth Village for renovation, appointment of financial and management consultants, subscription to the World Trade Organisation, contribution to the International Textiles and Clothing Bureau and the Asian Development Fund, administration fees on air passenger departure tax, compensation for settlement of claims against the Government and payment to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. It also covers write-offs and the transfer to expenditure of irrecoverable advances and losses of cash and stores, losses resulting from the difference in exchange rates, expenditure chargeable to public funds not elsewhere specified, refunds of revenue collected in previous financial years and the monthly payment of honoraria to Members (other than official members) of the Executive Council.

2 Provision is also made for additional commitments to meet unavoidable expenditure which is expected to be required during the year in excess of the amounts provided under other heads of expenditure, but which cannot at present be determined and allocated with precision.

3 These subheads contribute to the following Policy Areas—

<i>Subhead</i>	<i>Policy Area</i>	<i>Responsible Officers</i>
163, 182, 188, 190, 192, 220, 251, 281, 284 and 789	25: Revenue Collection and Financial Control	Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
238, 713, 716, 778 and 820	14: Social Welfare	Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food
262	6: Commerce and Industry	Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology
289	32: Environmental Hygiene	Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene
296	6: Commerce and Industry	Director-General of Trade and Industry
769	26: Central Management of the Civil Service	Secretary for the Civil Service
795 and 819	1: Financial Services	Chief Executive, Hong Kong Monetary Authority

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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2001-02	Approved estimate 2002-03	Revised estimate 2002-03	Estimate 2003-04	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Recurrent Account					
IV(a)—Other Charges (other than Additional commitments)					
163	Write-offs.....	255	260	1,165	1,200*
182	Expenses for the appointment of financial and management consultants.....	45,797	57,600	48,900	53,137
188	Difference in exchange	—	10,000	—	10,000*
190	Other miscellaneous items	2,540	2,436	1,871	2,120*
192	Refunds of revenue	13,230	30,000	30,000	31,000*
220	Honoraria for Members of the Executive Council	7,524	7,383	4,686	3,381
238	Public education on rehabilitation.....	1,849	1,986	1,986	1,950
262	Subscription to the World Trade Organisation .	22,186	26,532	26,843	26,532
281	Air passenger departure tax administration fees	36,898	33,903	35,246	33,293*
284	Compensation	28,776	37,787	37,787	39,200*
289	Commonwealth War Graves Commission.....	247	270	251	270
296	Contribution to the International Textiles and Clothing Bureau	415	738	626	714
	Total, Other Charges (other than Additional commitments).....	159,717	208,895	189,361	202,797
IV(b)—Other Charges (Additional commitments)					
251	Additional commitments.....	—	1,830,000	—	890,000
	Total, Other Charges (Additional commitments).....	—	1,830,000	—	890,000
	Total, Recurrent Account.....	159,717	2,038,895	189,361	1,092,797
Capital Account					
II(a)—Other Non-Recurrent (other than Additional commitments)					
713	A major territory-wide publicity campaign to promote "A Society for All" to arouse public attention and acceptance of people with disabilities by all in the community.....	—	1,500	748	752
716	Capital and initial recurrent costs for the purchase of a vehicle for overseas visitors with disabilities	—	—	1,050	250
769	Technical aids for civil servants with a disability	109	300	1,030	300
778	Public education programme to promote acceptance of people with disabilities by the community.....	305	440	310	141
795	Contribution to the sixth replenishment of the Asian Development Fund.....	18,010	19,900	19,814	19,346
819	Contribution to the seventh replenishment of the Asian Development Fund	9,714	12,872	12,872	19,814
820	Grant to Breakthrough Youth Village for renovation.....	—	—	6,800	2,700
	Grant to Hong Kong Design Centre.....	10,000	—	—	—
	Capital injection into Environment and Conservation Fund	—	—	100,000	—

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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2001-02	Approved estimate 2002-03	Revised estimate 2002-03	Estimate 2003-04
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Capital Account—Cont'd.				
II(a)—Other Non-Recurrent (other than Additional commitments)— <i>Cont'd.</i>				
Grant to the Samaritan Fund	—	—	9,000	—
Initiatives to inculcate a quality service and customer focused culture in the civil service	2,133	234	230	—
Grant to Fu Ning Garden	254	—	—	—
Total, Other Non-Recurrent (other than Additional commitments).....	40,525	35,246	151,854	43,303
II(b)—Other Non-Recurrent (Additional commitments)				
789 Additional commitments.....	—	5,480,000	—	3,530,000
Total, Other Non-Recurrent (Additional commitments)	—	5,480,000	—	3,530,000
Total, Capital Account.....	40,525	5,515,246	151,854	3,573,303
Total Expenditure	<u>200,242</u>	<u>7,554,141</u>	<u>341,215</u>	<u>4,666,100</u>

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2003–04 for miscellaneous expenditure which cannot properly be charged to other heads of expenditure is \$4,666,100,000.

Recurrent Account

Other Charges

2 Provision of \$1,200,000 under *Subhead 163 Write-offs* is a nominal figure to cover write-offs and the transfer to expenditure of irrecoverable advances and losses of cash and stores.

3 Provision of \$53,137,000 under *Subhead 182 Expenses for the appointment of financial and management consultants* is for the appointment of financial consultants to carry out various financial appraisals and management consultants associated with departmental business reviews and public sector reform initiatives. The increase of \$4,237,000 (8.7%) over the revised estimate for 2002–03 is mainly due to the deferral of some financial consultancies to 2003–04.

4 Provision of \$10,000,000 under *Subhead 188 Difference in exchange* is a nominal figure to cover losses resulting from movements in exchange rates in respect of transactions involving foreign currencies.

5 Provision of \$2,120,000 under *Subhead 190 Other miscellaneous items* is to meet items of expenditure chargeable to public funds not elsewhere specified. These items include reimbursement of certain staff costs to the Housing Authority, and funeral expenses of civil servants and members of the auxiliary services who die on duty. The increase of \$249,000 (13.3%) over the revised estimate for 2002–03 is mainly due to the lower than expected requirements in 2002–03.

6 Provision of \$31,000,000 under *Subhead 192 Refunds of revenue* is for refunds of revenue collected in previous financial years.

7 Provision of \$3,381,000 under *Subhead 220 Honoraria for Members of the Executive Council* is for the monthly payment of honoraria to Members (other than official members) of the Executive Council. The decrease of \$1,305,000 (27.8%) against the revised estimate for 2002–03 is mainly due to the full-year effect of reduction in the number of non-official members since 1 July 2002 and the initiative of non-official members to reduce the rate of honorarium by 10% in 2003–04.

8 Provision of \$1,950,000 under *Subhead 238 Public education on rehabilitation* is to meet the annual expenditure of public education activities for promoting and maintaining the community's acceptance of and support to the integration of people with disabilities into the community.

9 Provision of \$890,000,000 under *Subhead 251 Additional commitments* is to meet any unavoidable recurrent expenditure that may arise during the year in excess of the amounts provided under other heads and subheads of the Estimates, but which cannot at present be determined and allocated with precision. When, from time to time during the year, additional provision is approved, an equivalent amount under this subhead will be deleted unless savings can be identified elsewhere. Provision for additional commitments in respect of capital expenditure is shown under *Subhead 789*.

10 Provision of \$26,532,000 under *Subhead 262 Subscription to the World Trade Organisation (WTO)* is to meet Hong Kong's annual contribution to the budget of the WTO for 2004 as a member.

11 Provision of \$33,293,000 under *Subhead 281 Air passenger departure tax administration fees* is for the payment to airlines, helicopter companies and the Civil Aviation Department's agent in respect of the collection of air passenger departure tax and the processing of exemption and refund applications related thereto. The decrease of \$1,953,000 (5.5%) against the revised estimate for 2002–03 is due to a higher than expected passenger volume in 2002–03.

12 Provision of \$39,200,000 under *Subhead 284 Compensation* is for settlement of claims (other than compensation connected with land, public works and mail, and for civil servants under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance) and for certain ex-gratia payments.

13 Provision of \$270,000 under *Subhead 289 Commonwealth War Graves Commission* is to meet one-third of the annual expenditure of maintaining the Stanley Military Cemetery in compliance with the terms of a deed signed in January 1957 between the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (formerly the Hong Kong Government) and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (formerly the Imperial War Graves Commission). The increase of \$19,000 (7.6%) over the revised estimate for 2002–03 is mainly due to an increase in maintenance cost to be incurred by the Stanley Military Cemetery in 2003–04.

14 Provision of \$714,000 under *Subhead 296 Contribution to the International Textiles and Clothing Bureau (ITCB)* is to meet Hong Kong's annual contribution to the budget of ITCB. The increase of \$88,000 (14.1%) over the revised estimate for 2002–03 is mainly due to rising operating budget of ITCB.

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Capital Account

Other Non-Recurrent

15 Provision of \$3,530,000,000 under *Subhead 789 Additional commitments* is to meet partly the forecast expenditure of proposed schemes for matching grants to universities for securing private donations, funding Pearl River Delta-related promotion activities, new employment-related initiatives, extension of temporary jobs and the proposed Second Voluntary Retirement Scheme, and partly any unavoidable capital expenditure that may arise during the year in excess of the amounts provided under other heads and subheads of the Estimates, but which cannot at present be determined and allocated with precision. When, from time to time during the year, additional provision is approved, an equivalent amount under this subhead will be deleted unless savings can be identified elsewhere. Provision for additional commitments in respect of recurrent expenditure is shown under *Subhead 251*.

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Commitments

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2002	Revised estimated expenditure for 2002-03	Balance
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
713	601	A major territory-wide publicity campaign to promote "A Society for All" to arouse public attention and acceptance of people with disabilities by all in the community...	1,500	—	748	752
716	605	Capital and initial recurrent costs for the purchase of a vehicle for overseas visitors with disabilities	1,300	—	1,050	250
769	565	Purchase of technical aids for civil servants with a disability	4,400	2,049	1,030	1,321
778	581	Public education programme to promote acceptance of people with disabilities by the community	8,000	7,549	310	141
795	579	Contribution to the sixth replenishment of the Asian Development Fund	120,500	48,552	19,814	52,134
819	598	Contribution to the seventh replenishment of the Asian Development Fund.....	127,000	9,714	12,872	104,414
820	603	Grant to Breakthrough Youth Village for renovation	9,500	—	6,800	2,700
		Total	<u>272,200</u>	<u>67,864</u>	<u>42,624</u>	<u>161,712</u>