

## Head 5 — FINES, FORFEITURES AND PENALTIES

### Details of Revenue

Sub-head (Code)	Actual revenue 2004–05	Original estimate 2005–06	Revised estimate 2005–06	Estimate 2006–07
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
010 Court fines and statutory penalties.....	501,766	507,653	502,239	<b>502,729</b>
020 Forfeitures.....	61,329	42,733	47,448	<b>47,336</b>
030 Fixed penalty system (Traffic Contraventions) .	185,405	180,892	190,687	<b>190,655</b>
040 Fixed penalty system (Criminal Proceedings) ...	197,948	191,768	198,921	<b>198,921</b>
050 Payments by civil servants.....	2,555	1,961	2,891	<b>2,301</b>
Total .....	<u>949,003</u>	<u>925,007</u>	<u>942,186</u>	<u><b>941,942</b></u>

### Description of Revenue Sources

To this revenue head are credited fines imposed by the Courts and penalties imposed by statute, forfeitures resulting from Court orders or from breaches of contracts and agreements with the Government, penalties arising from the fixed penalty system for traffic offences under the Fixed Penalty (Traffic Contraventions) Ordinance (Cap. 237) and the Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240), the fixed penalty ticket system for parking offences in public housing estates and payments by civil servants in respect of disciplinary proceedings and breaches of contract.

Revenue from fines, forfeitures and penalties generated 0.5% of general revenue in 2005–06.

### Underlying Changes in Revenue Yield

The **2005–06** revised estimate of \$942,186,000 is a net increase of \$17,179,000 (1.9%) over the original estimate.

Under *Subhead 020 Forfeitures*, the increase of \$4,715,000 (11.0%) is mainly due to the higher than expected revenue from the sale of confiscated goods.

Under *Subhead 050 Payments by civil servants*, the increase of \$930,000 (47.4%) is mainly due to the higher than expected payment by civil servants resigning from the civil service who choose to pay salary in lieu of observing the prescribed notice period.

The **2006–07** estimate of \$941,942,000 is a net decrease of \$244,000 (0.03%) against the revised estimate for 2005–06.

Under *Subhead 050 Payments by civil servants*, the decrease of \$590,000 (20.4%) is mainly due to an anticipated decrease in payment by civil servants resigning from the civil service who choose to pay salary in lieu of observing the prescribed notice period.