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**Controlling officer:** the Chief Electoral Officer will account for expenditure under this Head.

**Estimate 2006–07** ..... **\$174.1m**

**Establishment ceiling 2006–07** (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 112 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2006 rising by 35 posts to 147 posts as at 31 March 2007 ... **\$54.1m**

In addition, there will be an estimated one directorate post as at 31 March 2006 and as at 31 March 2007.

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### Controlling Officer's Report

#### Programme

##### Electoral Services

This programme contributes to Policy Area 28: Constitutional Affairs (Secretary for Constitutional Affairs).

#### Detail

	2004–05 (Actual)	2005–06 (Original)	2005–06 (Revised)	2006–07 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	269.3	73.8	70.0 (–5.1%)	174.1 (+148.7%)
				(or +135.9% on 2005–06 Original)

#### Aim

2 The aim is to provide the Electoral Affairs Commission with administrative support in the effective discharge of its statutory functions under the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance to ensure that elections are conducted openly, honestly and fairly.

#### Brief Description

3 The Registration and Electoral Office will, under the direction of the Electoral Affairs Commission, implement the decisions of the Commission in relation to:

- the review and delineation of geographical constituencies for the Legislative Council and District Council constituencies;
- the registration of electors; and
- the conduct and supervision of elections.

4 During 2005–06, the Registration and Electoral Office provided the Electoral Affairs Commission with administrative support to accomplish a number of major tasks, including:

- the conduct of an annual voter registration exercise;
- the publication of registers of electors for geographical constituencies, functional constituencies and Election Committee subsectors;
- the issuing of guidelines for the conduct of the Chief Executive elections and the Election Committee subsector elections;
- the conduct and supervision of the 2005 Chief Executive election and the Election Committee subsector by-elections, and one District Council by-election;
- the supervision of the conduct of two Village Representative by-elections;
- the submission of reports to the Chief Executive on the 2005 Chief Executive election and the Election Committee subsector by-elections, four District Council by-elections and one Village Representative by-election; and
- the registration of specified particulars relating to candidates on ballot papers for use in the Legislative Council elections.

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5 The key performance measures are:

### *Targets*

	2004 (Actual)	2005 (Actual)	2006 (Plan)
to conduct annual exercise for			
voter registration.....	1	1	1
updating records of the registered electors.....	1	1	1
to organise election(s) for			
Chief Executive.....	—	1	—
Election Committee subsector.....	—	1§	1
Legislative Council.....	1	—	<b>as and when necessary§</b>
District Councils.....	1§	4§	<b>as and when necessary§</b>
to issue notification of election arrangements to electors ten days before the poll.....	100%	100%	<b>100%</b>
to respond to telephone enquiries on election arrangements on polling days within two minutes.....	100%	100%	<b>100%</b>
to process complaints on elections within 14 days.....	100%	100%	<b>100%</b>
to submit recommendations to the Chief Executive on the demarcation of constituencies for 2007 District Council election.....	—	—	<b>on or before 22 Nov</b>
to submit to the Chief Executive a report on matters relating to			
an ordinary election of the District Councils.....	on 21 Feb	—	—
a general election of the Legislative Council.....	on 8 Nov (interim report) on 11 Dec (final report)	—	—
the Village Representative by-elections.....	on 21 May	on 25 Feb & on 22 Jun	<b>on or before 8 Apr</b>
by-elections of the Southern District Council			
Tin Wan Constituency.....	—	on 17 Feb	—
Ap Lei Chau North Constituency.....	—	on 13 Jun	—
a by-election of the Sham Shui Po District Council			
Nam Cheong Central Constituency.....	—	on 1 Jun	—
a by-election of the Eastern District Council			
Fort Street Constituency.....	—	on 1 Jun	—
the Chief Executive election and the Election Committee subsector by-elections.....	—	on 14 Sep	—
a by-election of the Kwun Tong District Council			
King Tin Constituency.....	—	—	<b>on or before 21 Jan</b>

§ by-election

### *Indicators*

	2004 (Actual)	2005 (Actual)	2006 (Estimate)
no. of new electors registered.....	392 608	30 901	<b>35 000</b>
no. of elector records updated.....	613 566	472 991	<b>440 000</b>

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2006–07*

6 During 2006–07, the Registration and Electoral Office will continue to provide the Electoral Affairs Commission with administrative support in connection with its work, which includes:

- the promotion and conduct of a voter registration exercise to prepare for the 2006 Election Committee subsector elections;
- the updating of the registers of electors;
- the making of subsidiary legislation on electoral arrangements and guidelines for the Election Committee subsector elections, the Chief Executive elections and the Village Representative elections;

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- the conduct and supervision of the 2006 Election Committee subsector elections and the 2007 Chief Executive election;
- the supervision of the conduct of a Village Representative by-election and the 2007 Village Representative elections;
- the submission of recommendations to the Chief Executive on the delineation of constituencies for the 2007 District Council election;
- the preparatory work for the conduct of the 2007 District Council election;
- the registration of specified particulars relating to candidates on ballot papers for use in the Legislative Council elections; and
- the conduct and supervision of by-elections to the Legislative Council and District Councils, if any.

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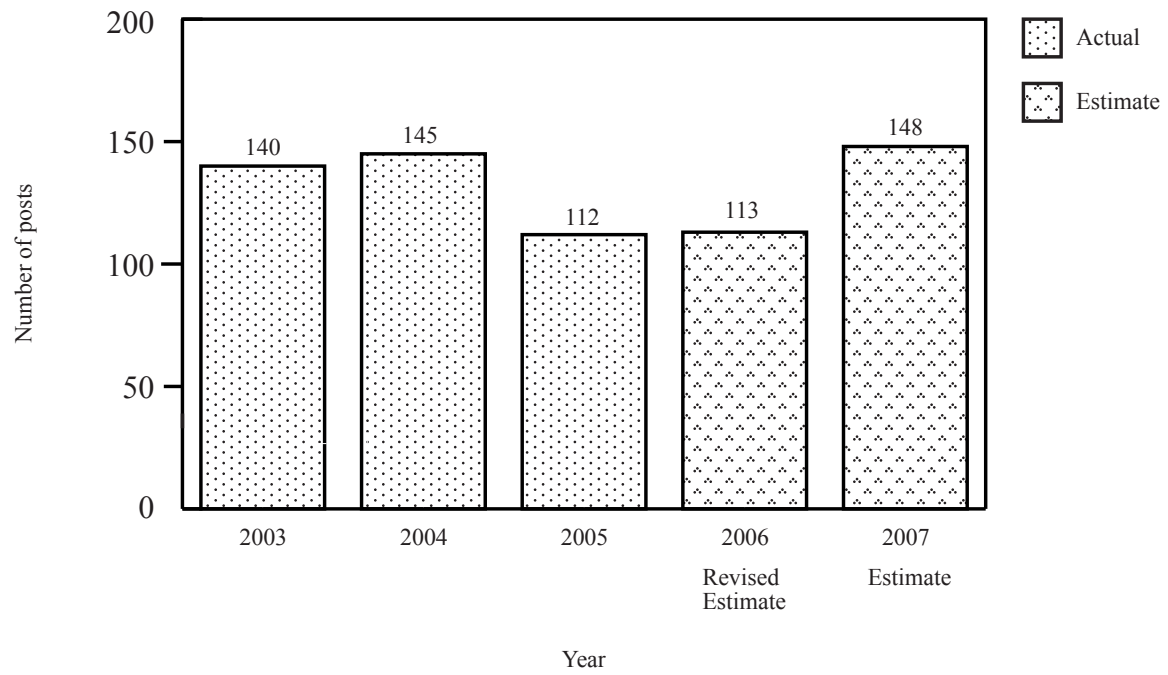
### ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

<b>Programme</b>	<b>2004-05 (Actual) (\$m)</b>	<b>2005-06 (Original) (\$m)</b>	<b>2005-06 (Revised) (\$m)</b>	<b>2006-07 (Estimate) (\$m)</b>
Electoral Services.....	269.3	73.8	70.0 (-5.1%)	<b>174.1</b> <b>(+148.7%)</b>
				<b>(or +135.9% on 2005-06 Original)</b>

#### Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2006-07 is \$104.1 million (148.7%) higher than the revised estimate for 2005-06. This is mainly due to increased requirements for the conduct and supervision of the 2006 Election Committee subsector elections and the 2007 Chief Executive election, the supervision of the 2007 Village Representative elections and the preparation for the 2007 District Council election. There will also be a net creation of 34 temporary posts for undertaking election-related duties and one permanent post for strengthening the Information Technology Management Unit.

*Changes in the size of the establishment  
(as at 31 March)*



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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2004-05	Approved estimate 2005-06	Revised estimate 2005-06	<b>Estimate 2006-07</b>	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	<b>\$'000</b>	
<b>Operating Account</b>					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses .....	269,299	73,791	70,031	<b>174,083</b>
	Total, Recurrent.....	269,299	73,791	70,031	<b>174,083</b>
	Total, Operating Account.....	269,299	73,791	70,031	<b>174,083</b>
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	Total Expenditure .....	269,299	73,791	70,031	<b>174,083</b>

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### Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2006–07 for the salaries and expenses of the Registration and Electoral Office is \$174,083,000. This represents an increase of \$104,052,000 over the revised estimate for 2005–06 and a decrease of \$95,216,000 against actual expenditure in 2004–05.

#### *Operating Account*

#### Recurrent

**2** Provision of \$174,083,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Registration and Electoral Office. This represents an increase of \$104,052,000 (148.6%) over the revised estimate for 2005–06. This is mainly due to increased requirements for the conduct and supervision of the 2006 Election Committee subsector elections and the 2007 Chief Executive election, the supervision of the 2007 Village Representative elections and the preparation for the 2007 District Council election.

**3** The establishment as at 31 March 2006 will be 113 posts. It is expected that there will be a net creation of 35 posts in 2006–07. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2006–07, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$54,136,000.

**4** An analysis of the financial provision under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is as follows:

	2004–05 (Actual) (\$'000)	2005–06 (Original) (\$'000)	2005–06 (Revised) (\$'000)	<b>2006–07 (Estimate) (\$'000)</b>
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries .....	44,003	31,795	35,301	<b>57,832</b>
- Allowances .....	885	738	589	<b>925</b>
Personnel Related Expenses				
- Mandatory Provident Fund contribution .....	55	36	43	<b>30</b>
Departmental Expenses				
- Honoraria for members of committees.....	476	480	480	<b>480</b>
- General departmental expenses .....	13,310	15,048	14,748	<b>14,979</b>
Other Charges				
- Election expenses .....	210,570	25,694	18,870	<b>99,837</b>
	269,299	73,791	70,031	<b>174,083</b>