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Memorandum Note

On 25 January 1995, the Legislative Council established the Civil Service Pension Reserve Fund by Resolution to provide a reserve to meet payment of civil service pensions in the unlikely event that the Government cannot meet its liabilities for such payment from the General Revenue Account. The Resolution provides that—

- (a) the Fund shall be administered by the Financial Secretary who may delegate his power of administration to other public officers;
 - (b) there shall be credited to the Fund—
 - (i) such moneys as may be appropriated for the purpose; and
 - (ii) all sums received by way of interest or dividend on moneys invested under paragraph (e) below;
 - (c) the Financial Secretary may expend moneys from the Fund for the purpose of meeting the liabilities for payment of pensions, gratuities or other allowances under the Pensions Ordinance (Cap. 89), the Pension Benefits Ordinance (Cap. 99) or the Pension Benefits (Judicial Officers) Ordinance (Cap. 401) if, at the end of any month in a financial year, he believes that the balance in the General Revenue Account will be in deficit at the end of that financial year, having taken into account all anticipated receipts and payments;
 - (d) the Director of Accounting Services shall, under the authority of a funds warrant issued by the Financial Secretary, pay from the Fund such sums as may be required to meet expenditures from the Fund; and
 - (e) the Financial Secretary in his discretion may authorise the investment in such manner as he may determine of any moneys held in the Fund at any time.
- 2 On 17 February 1995, the Finance Committee approved an appropriation of \$7 billion for payment to the Fund.
- 3 No payments are expected to be made in 2006–07 and 2007–08.
- 4 Receipts for 2006–07 and 2007–08 are estimated at \$1,479,534,000 and \$1,210,554,000 respectively.

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(Receipts)

Sub-head (Code)	Actual receipts 2005-06	Revised estimate 2006-07	Estimate 2007-08
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Investment income	519,801	1,479,534	1,210,554
Total (Receipts).....	519,801	1,479,534	1,210,554

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Movement of the Account

	Actual				Revised Estimate	Estimate
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Opening Balance	11,746	12,377	14,523	15,256	15,814	17,294
Revenue	631	1,146	771	520	1,480	1,210
Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
Surplus before Transfer from GRA	631	1,146	771	520	1,480	1,210
Transfer from GRA	—	1,000	—	—	—	—
Surplus after Transfer from GRA	631	2,146	771	520	1,480	1,210
Write-back of Provision for Loss in Investments with the Exchange Fund	—	—	(38)ζ	38γ	—	—
Closing Balance	12,377	14,523	15,256	15,814	17,294	18,504

ζ In 2004-05, the amount refers to the provision for the diminution in the market value of investments with the Exchange Fund during the period from 1 January to 31 March 2005.

γ In 2005-06, the amount refers to the write-back of the provision made in 2004-05.

Revenue Analysis

	Actual				Revised Estimate	Estimate
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Investment Income	631	1,146	771	520	1,480	1,210
Total Revenue	631	1,146	771	520	1,480	1,210