

Head 2 — GENERAL RATES

Details of Revenue

Sub-head (Code)	Actual revenue 2006–07	Original estimate 2007–08	Revised estimate 2007–08	Estimate 2008–09
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
030 General Rates	15,467,273	11,552,000	9,273,000	7,333,000†
Total.....	<u>15,467,273</u>	<u>11,552,000</u>	<u>9,273,000</u>	<u>7,333,000</u>

† After Budget revenue measures but subject to the passing of the relevant legislation by the Legislative Council.

Description of Revenue Source

To this revenue head is credited the yield from General Rates levied on occupiers of all rateable premises under the Rating Ordinance (Cap. 116).

Revenue from General Rates generated 3.5% of total revenue in 2007–08.

Underlying Changes in Revenue Yield

The **2007–08** revised estimate of \$9,273,000,000 represents a decrease of \$2,279,000,000 (19.7%) against the original estimate. This reflects the effect of the additional concession for the last quarter of 2007–08 as announced in the 2007 Policy Address.

The **2008–09** estimate of \$7,333,000,000 represents a decrease of \$1,940,000,000 (20.9%) against the revised estimate for 2007–08. This mainly reflects the effect of the proposed rates concession in the 2008–09 Budget.