

Head 181 — TRADE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

Controlling officer: the Director-General of Trade and Industry will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2008–09 **\$454.4m**

Establishment ceiling 2008–09 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 501 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2008 and as at 31 March 2009 **\$170.4m**

In addition, there will be an estimated 11 directorate posts as at 31 March 2008 and as at 31 March 2009.

Commitment balance **\$13,017.8m**

Controlling Officer's Report

Programmes

Programme (1) Commercial Relations
Programme (2) Trade Support and Facilitation
Programme (3) Support for Small and Medium Enterprises and Industries

These programmes contribute to Policy Area 6: Commerce and Industry (Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development).

Detail

Programme (1): Commercial Relations

	2006–07 (Actual)	2007–08 (Original)	2007–08 (Revised)	2008–09 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	66.1	80.3	82.4 (+2.6%)	85.2 (+3.4%)
				(or +6.1% on 2007–08 Original)

Aim

2 The aim is to secure and preserve maximum access and fair treatment for exports from Hong Kong to international markets.

Brief Description

3 The Department is responsible for the commercial relations of Hong Kong and to protect Hong Kong's rights and trade interests. It also promotes Hong Kong's status as a separate customs territory and a model for international free trade. Hong Kong relies on the multilateral trading system under the auspices of the World Trade Organization (WTO) as the cornerstone of its external trade policy. Being a founding Member of the WTO since its establishment in 1995, Hong Kong has continued its separate membership on the WTO since 1 July 1997 under the name "Hong Kong, China".

4 The Department continues to participate actively in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum whose goal is to achieve free and open trade and investment among its member economies, which account for some 80 per cent of Hong Kong's total external trade.

5 The Department has helped achieve significant results on the commercial relations front. Hong Kong was ranked the 11th largest trading economy in merchandise trade and the 17th in services trade in the world in 2006 by the WTO. It came first in the 2008 Index of Economic Freedom published by the Heritage Foundation of the United States (US) in January 2008.

6 In 2007, the Department's key activities included the following:

- active participation in the WTO fora to—
 - monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Uruguay Round agreements, and work programmes adopted at the WTO Ministerial Conferences;
 - contribute positively in the new round of multilateral trade negotiations, i.e. the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) negotiations, particularly in the negotiations on trade in services; and
 - monitor the implementation of accession commitments by recently acceded WTO Members (RAMs) and negotiations for accession to the WTO by important trading partners, and keep the trade and industry community informed of changes in the trade and investment laws and regulations of major RAMs;

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- active participation in various APEC activities, including—
 - taking part in the Economic Leaders' Meeting, Ministerial Meetings and Senior Officials' Meetings, and serving as the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Trade and Investment;
 - hosting of the APEC Symposium on Trade Facilitation in June 2007 as a contribution to the second APEC Trade Facilitation Action Plan, and contributing to discussion in other areas including regional economic integration, economic and technical co-operation etc.; and
 - providing secretariat support for Hong Kong, China's representatives to the APEC Business Advisory Council;
- active participation in regional bodies, including the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC);
- discussion with interested trading partners to enhance bilateral economic co-operation. The Department concluded an Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (IPPA) with Finland, and agreed with the US on the implementation of a Secure Freight Initiative pilot scheme in Hong Kong to further co-operation with the US on port security contributing towards a safe environment for international maritime trade;
- advising local companies on importing economies' anti-dumping legislation and procedures, and making timely representations against any unfair and unjustifiable allegations and practices in anti-dumping cases. These included representations to India on its anti-dumping actions against recordable compact discs, Vitamin B12 and recordable digital versatile discs from Hong Kong, and representations to New Zealand on its anti-dumping action against imports of diaries originating from Hong Kong. Following the Department's intervention, New Zealand terminated its anti-dumping investigation against Hong Kong in respect of diaries, and India in respect of Vitamin B12; and
- close monitoring of, and giving prompt advice to local traders and manufacturers on, changes in the import regulations of our trading partners.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2008–09

7 During 2008–09, the Department will:

- in the WTO fora—
 - monitor the implications of the various WTO agreements for Hong Kong and implementation of these agreements by trading partners; and
 - participate actively in the negotiations on the DDA. We will continue to work closely and constructively with the Director General of the WTO and all WTO Members towards a timely and successful conclusion of the negotiations;
- participate actively in the APEC, PECC and other regional bodies, and contribute particularly to APEC's work on the implementation of the second APEC Trade Facilitation Action Plan, and greater regional economic integration;
- monitor the development of regional economic integration and assess their impact on Hong Kong, and explore with interested trading partners possible means of enhancing economic co-operation;
- safeguard Hong Kong's trade interests through—
 - monitoring the institutional reforms related to future enlargement of the European Union (EU) to ensure that Hong Kong's trade interests and market access to the enlarged EU will not be adversely affected; and
 - responding to anti-dumping and other trade protection actions, monitoring changes in major trading partners' trade laws and legislation, and giving prompt advice to local traders and manufacturers.

Programme (2): Trade Support and Facilitation

	2006–07 (Actual)	2007–08 (Original)	2007–08 (Revised)	2008–09 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	113.7	125.8	117.5 (–6.6%)	129.0 (+9.8%)
				(or +2.5% on 2007–08 Original)

Aim

8 The aim is to optimise the benefits to Hong Kong flowing from international and bilateral trade agreements, including the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), to fulfil Hong Kong's obligations under such agreements by way of providing certifications and licensing services and to enhance Hong Kong's role as a regional trading and distribution centre.

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Brief Description

9 The Department provides various licensing and certification services for commodities (such as textiles and clothing, strategic commodities, rough diamonds and rice) in fulfillment of Hong Kong's international and bilateral obligations, and to meet other public safety and security requirements.

10 The Department continues to maintain a textiles control system to provide greater facilitation to the trade while maintaining necessary control to safeguard the interests of Hong Kong's textiles exports. The textiles control system, along with vigorous enforcement actions by the Customs and Excise Department, has served as an effective deterrence against textiles-related malpractices.

11 The Department continues to maintain a robust control system on strategic commodities, and to participate actively in international co-operation of strategic trade controls. In 2007, the Department launched a new trade facilitation scheme, the "Approval-in-Principle Arrangement for Bulk Users of Strategic Commodities Licensing Service", with a view to further streamlining licensing procedures and expediting processing time for certain frequent and qualified users of licensing service for strategic commodities.

12 The Department also continues to implement the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme which aims at stopping trade in "conflict diamonds" from fuelling armed conflicts, activities of rebel movements and illicit proliferation of armament.

13 Since the conclusion of the CEPA in 2003, the Department has engaged in the on-going discussions with the Mainland on further CEPA liberalisation measures and various issues related to the implementation of the CEPA. In June 2007, a Supplement IV to CEPA was signed between Hong Kong and the Mainland, encompassing 40 liberalisation measures in 28 service areas. Apart from operating a one-stop Hong Kong Service Supplier (HKSS) Certification Scheme for all CEPA service areas and handling enquiries on all CEPA matters, the Department actively organises and participates in various promotional and publicity activities, and handles requests for assistance from Hong Kong service suppliers who have encountered difficulties in making use of CEPA benefits in the Mainland.

14 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target@	2006 (Actual)@	2007 (Actual)@	2008 (Plan)@
consignment-specific textiles licence				
import (issued within two working days) (%)	100	100	100	100
export (issued within two working days) (%)Δ	100	100	100	100
amendment and cancellation of consignment-specific textiles licence (completed within two working days) (%)	100	100	100	100
expeditious issue of consignment-specific textiles licence (issued within 24 hrs) (%)	100	100	100	100
comprehensive licence (textiles) (30 per cent completed within three working days and 70 per cent within six working days) (%)β	100	N.A.	N.A.	100
amendment of comprehensive licence (textiles) (completed within two working days) (%)β	100	N.A.	N.A.	100
certificate of registration for Textiles Trader Registration (issued within three working days) (%)	100	100	100	100
amendment of textiles notification under the Textiles Trader Registration Scheme (TTRS) (completed within two working days) (%)	100	100	100	100
certificate of Hong Kong origin, certificate of origin-processing and certificate of Hong Kong origin-CEPA (CO(CEPA)) (issued within 1.5 working days) (%)	100	100	100	100
certificate of origin (Form A) (issued within 1.5 working days) (%)	100	100	100	100
expeditious issue of certificate of Hong Kong origin/Form A/CO(CEPA) (issued within 24 hrs) (%)	100	100	100	100

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	Target@	2006 (Actual)@	2007 (Actual)@	2008 (Plan)@
enquiry on CO(CEPA), CEPA rules of origin				
simple enquiry (replied within three working days) (%)	100	100	100	100
complicated enquiry (replied within ten working days) (%).....	100	100	100	100
production notification for cut and sewn garments (PN) (issued within 1.5 working days) (%)	100	100	100	100
enquiry on PN : permissible limits for component parts or classification enquiry				
simple enquiry (replied within one working day) (%)	100	100	100	100
complicated enquiry (replied within four working days) (%).....	100	100	100	100
application for factory registration (completed processing within 14 working days) (%)	100	100	100	100
amendment of factory registration particulars				
if factory inspection is necessary (completed processing within 14 working days) (%)	100	100	100	100
if factory inspection is not necessary (completed processing within three working days) (%)	100	100	100	100
local sub-contracting arrangement (LSA) registration (completed processing within one working day) (%)	100	100	100	100
outward processing arrangement (OPA) registration (completed processing within one working day) (%)#	100	100	100	100
combined annual renewal of factory registration and OPA registration (completed processing within one working day) (%).....	100	100	100	100
enquiry on OPA : manufacturing processes allowed to be subcontracted outside Hong Kong				
simple enquiry (completed processing within one working day) (%)	100	100	100	100
complicated enquiry (completed processing within four working days) (%)	100	100	100	100
import and export licence for reserved commodities (issued within one working day) (%)	100	100	100	100
import and export licence for ozone depleting substances (issued within two working days) (%).....	100	100	100	100
import and export licence for strategic commodities (issued within 2.5 working days) (%)Ω	100	100	100	100
pre-classification service on strategic commodities (completed within two working days) (%).....	100	100	100	100
import licence for radioactive substances and irradiating apparatus (issued within one working day)	100	100§	N.A.§	N.A.§
Kimberley Process Certificate (Import) for rough diamonds (issued within 20 mins) (%)	100	100	100	100
Kimberley Process Certificate (Export) for rough diamonds (issued within 24 hrs) (%).....	100	100	100	100

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	Target@	2006 (Actual)@	2007 (Actual)@	2008 (Plan)@
registration for rough diamond traders (completed within one working day) (%).....	100	100	100	100
certified true copy (issued within one working day) (%).....	100	100	100	100
registration for Transshipment Cargo Exemption Scheme (completed within 14 working days) (%).....	100	100	100	100
HKSS certificate fresh application (completed within 14 working days) (%).....	100	100	100	100
amendment, replacement, cancellation and renewal (issued within five working days) (%).....	100	100	100	100
other written enquiries (replied within ten working days) (%).....	100	100	100	100

@ The figure reflects the actual performance of the Department in terms of attainment percentage as opposed to the target processing time adopted in previous Controlling Officer's Reports.

Δ The licence covers both domestic exports and re-exports and the same target processing time is applicable.

β New target processing time introduced as from 1 January 2008. The processing time for the issue of comprehensive licence (textiles) may be longer during the peak seasons of annual registration in the first and fourth quarters.

New target processing time reduced from two days to one day as from 1 January 2008. The performance in 2006 and 2007 is based on the target processing time of 3 days and 2 days respectively.

Ω The processing time may be longer for imports of certain sensitive products or exports to certain destinations.

§ The licensing duties of radioactive substances and irradiating apparatus were transferred to the Department of Health as from 10 July 2006.

Indicators

	2006 (Actual)	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Plan)
<i>Licence issued</i>			
consignment-specific textiles import licence.....	32 007	29 228	26 000
consignment-specific textiles export licence.....	30 001	27 496	25 000
comprehensive import licence (textiles).....	565 920	561 033	556 000
comprehensive export licence (textiles).....	1 860 434	1 650 604	1 464 000Δ
exports notification I.....	790 946	628 823	471 000¶
exports notification II.....	2 765 631	2 758 813	2 750 000
import notification.....	2 419 101	2 225 576	1 875 000¶
transshipment notification.....	506 599	481 317	457 000
textiles trader registration.....	18 718	18 332	17 950
certificate of Hong Kong origin and certificate of origin - processing.....	1 163	1 240	990¶
certificate of origin (Form A).....	0	0	0
CO(CEPA).....	583	1 241	1 290
factory registration.....	2 520	1 967φ	1 730φ
OPA registration.....	1 135	822φ	720φ
LSA registration.....	1 017	824φ	730φ
PN.....	112 442	96 082	81 670¶
statutory declarations of antique.....	2	4	4
reserved commodities licence.....	7 693	8 571	9 548
registration of reserved commodity stockholder.....	93	96	96
ozone depleting substances licence.....	246	204	186v
strategic commodities licence.....	81 041	109 984	109 980
delivery verification certificate.....	19	11	10
international import certificate.....	87	86	90
other non-textiles licence.....	1 653α	30α	35α
Kimberley Process Certificate.....	5 607	5 537	5 366
registration of rough diamond traders.....	114Ψ	252Ψ	114Ψ
HKSS certificate.....	575^	518^	518^
permit under the Chemical Weapons (Convention) Ordinance.....	0	0	3

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	2006 (Actual)	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Plan)
<i>CEPA</i>			
enquiries.....	13 403	10 231	10 231
visitors to the Department's CEPA website.....	143 322	159 068	159 068

- λ The reduction in the number of comprehensive export licence (textiles) for 2008 is expected due to the on-going relocation of textiles production outside Hong Kong.
- ¶ With the EU's abolition of its quantitative restrictions on the Mainland's textiles and clothing products with effect from 2008 which may induce further relocation of textiles production outside Hong Kong, decrease in the 2008 projected figures are expected.
- φ The decrease in number of factory registrations in 2007 was mainly due to the decrease in textiles and clothing registrants. The same reason accounted for decrease in numbers of OPA and LSA registrations.
- ν The projected figure for ozone depleting substances licence in 2008 is adjusted downwards to reflect the decreasing trend in the actual number of licences recorded in 2007.
- α With the transfer of the licensing duties for radioactive substances and irradiating apparatus to the Department of Health as from 10 July 2006, the number of non-textiles licences issued dropped to a significantly lower level in 2007.
- Ψ Under the biennial registration system introduced in January 2003, most traders were registered in 2003 and takes place every two years thereafter, which explains the cyclical fluctuation between years.
- ^ The figures include fresh applications as well as certificates for amendment, replacement, cancellation, renewal and certified true copy.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2008–09

15 During 2008–09, the Department will:

- continue to review and make necessary adjustments to the textiles control system taking into account development of the textiles trade regime in overseas markets, the extent of safeguard measures invoked by other economies, and the local manufacturing scene;
- continue to promote understanding on CEPA liberalisation and implementation through the provision of user-friendly enquiry hotline, organisation of or participation in various promotional and publicity activities, and timely dissemination of information to the trade;
- continue discussion with the Mainland authorities on further trade liberalisation and facilitation measures and other implementation matters under the CEPA, and consult the local trade and reflect their views to the Mainland in the process; and
- strengthen liaison with the Mainland authorities and the local trade on various issues of interest with significant impact on the local trade, particularly the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

Programme (3): Support for Small and Medium Enterprises and Industries

	2006–07 (Actual)	2007–08 (Original)	2007–08 (Revised)	2008–09 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	260.9	284.5	230.0 (–19.2%)	240.2 (+4.4%)
				(or –15.6% on 2007–08 Original)

Aim

16 The aim is to support and facilitate the development of Hong Kong's SMEs and industries.

Brief Description

17 The Department contributes to policy initiatives and implements programmes to enhance the competitiveness of SMEs and their long-term development. It provides information and advisory services for SMEs through its Support and Consultation Centre for SMEs (SUCCESS) which also organises seminars, workshops and other activities to help broaden SMEs' business knowledge and enhance their entrepreneurial skills.

18 The Department administers the SME Funding Schemes: the SME Loan Guarantee Scheme, the SME Export Marketing Fund, and the SME Development Fund. It also provides secretariat support for the Small and Medium Enterprises Committee, a body which advises government on issues affecting the development of SMEs in Hong Kong.

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19 The Department maintains liaison with local industries and trade and industrial organisations. It also provides input to the formulation and implementation of policies by other government bureaux and departments which impinge on industrial development in Hong Kong. It provides support to the organisation of the Hong Kong Awards for Industries.

20 On the regional front, the Department participates in APEC SME Working Group meetings, APEC SME Ministers and related meetings, and seminars/fora organised by other APEC economies.

21 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2006 (Actual)	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Plan)
SUCCESS				
confirmation of consultation meeting with applicants of Business Advisory Service (BAS) within ten working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
replies to simple enquiries on licensing requirements within one working day (%).....	100	100	100	100
replies to complicated enquiries on licensing requirements within three working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
replies to simple enquiries on SME support services and facilities within one working day (%).....	100	100	100	100
replies to complicated enquiries on SME support services and facilities within three working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
SME Loan Guarantee Scheme processing applications for guarantee within three working days (after receipt of complete applications from participating lending institutions)(%)	100	99.7	99.6	100
SME Development Fund processing applications for grant within 70 working days(%)∇	100	100	100	100
SME Export Marketing Fund processing applications for grant within 30 working days (%).....	100	97.2	97.2	100

∇ The processing time refers to the time taken by the Secretariat of the SME Development Fund to conduct initial assessments on applications and submit recommendations to the Vetting Committee for decision.

Indicators

	2006 (Actual)	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Plan)
SUCCESS			
enquiries.....	22 113	21 707	22 000
visitors to SUCCESS	39 519	36 270	37 000
visits to SUCCESS website.....	304 578β	997 904	1 000 000
visitors to Virtual SME Information Centre.....	215 610Δ	N.A.	N.A.
visitors to Business Licence Information Service website	64 085Δ	N.A.	N.A.
seminars and other activities	104	104	100
publications relating to local industries and SMEs	2	2	2
SME Loan Guarantee Scheme applications received and processedφ.....	N.A.	1 488	1 750
no. of SME beneficiariesφ	N.A.	1 179	1 500
amount of government guarantees issued (\$m).....	1,505	946	1,250
SME Development Fund applications received and processed	39	43	50
amount of government grants approved (\$m)φ.....	N.A.	13	15

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	2006 (Actual)	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Plan)
SME Export Marketing Fund			
applications received and processed	11 877	9 565	9 500
no. of SME beneficiaries ϕ	N.A.	2 394	2 500
amount of government grants approved (\$m) ϕ	N.A.	140	150

β This figure covers the second half of 2006 as SUCCESS website was launched in mid-June 2006.

Δ This figure covers the first half of 2006 as the Virtual SME Information Centre and the Business Licence Information Service websites were replaced by a new SUCCESS website in mid-June 2006.

ϕ New indicators as from 2007.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2008–09

22 During 2008–09, the Department will:

- implement the improvement measures to the SME Funding Schemes and closely monitor the effectiveness of the Schemes;
- continue to organise the SME Mentorship Programme and other on-going SUCCESS activities;
- maintain closer liaison with the industries, with a view to helping them to meet new challenges in local and overseas markets; and
- continue to follow-up the recommendations of the Director of Audit's Report No. 47.

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ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

Programme	2006-07 (Actual) (\$m)	2007-08 (Original) (\$m)	2007-08 (Revised) (\$m)	2008-09 (Estimate) (\$m)
(1) Commercial Relations	66.1	80.3	82.4	85.2
(2) Trade Support and Facilitation	113.7	125.8	117.5	129.0
(3) Support for Small and Medium Enterprises and Industries	260.9	284.5	230.0	240.2
	440.7	490.6	429.9 (-12.4%)	454.4 (+5.7%)
				(or -7.4% on 2007-08 Original)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Programme (1)

Provision for 2008-09 is \$2.8 million (3.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08. This is mainly due to the full-year effect of filling vacant posts and increased provision due to redeployment of resources, partly offset by net decrease in operating expenses.

Programme (2)

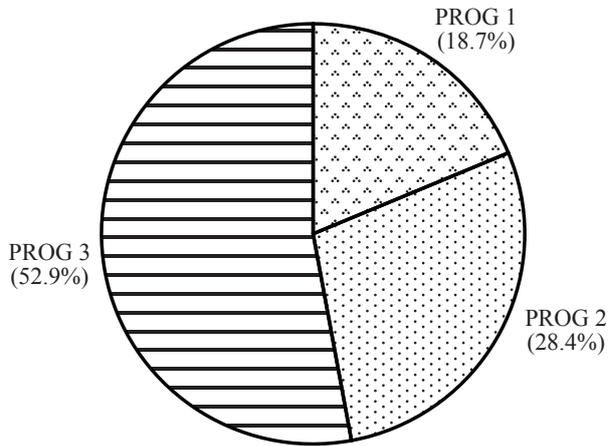
Provision for 2008-09 is \$11.5 million (9.8%) higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08. This is mainly due to the increase in departmental expenses for the operation and enhancement of various computer systems. In addition, four posts will be deleted in 2008-09.

Programme (3)

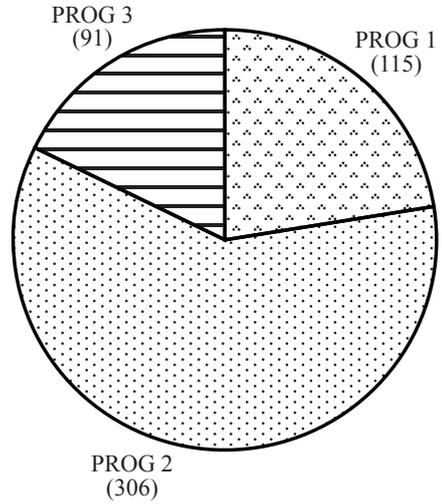
Provision for 2008-09 is \$10.2 million (4.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08. This is mainly due to an increase in cash flow requirements for SME funding schemes and departmental expenses for various SME activities. In addition, four posts will be created in 2008-09.

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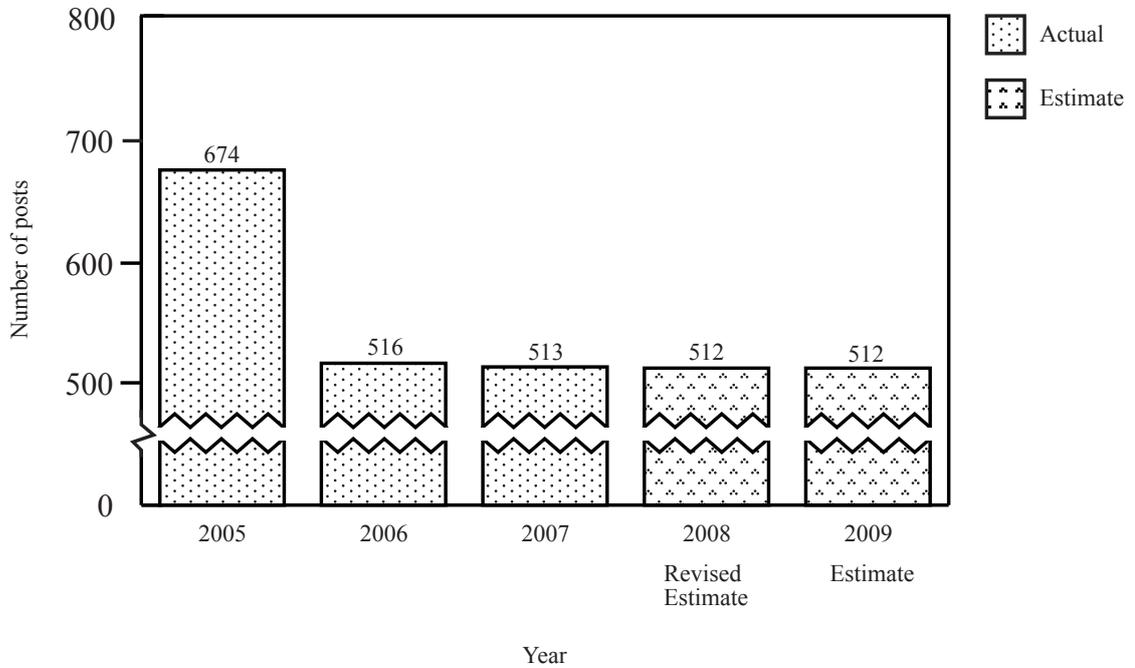
Allocation of provision to programmes (2008-09)



Staff by programme (as at 31 March 2009)



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



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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2006-07	Approved estimate 2007-08	Revised estimate 2007-08	Estimate 2008-09	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating Account					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses	224,805	255,600	246,671	265,376
	Total, Recurrent.....	<u>224,805</u>	<u>255,600</u>	<u>246,671</u>	<u>265,376</u>
Non-Recurrent					
700	General non-recurrent	215,828	235,027	183,203	189,019
	Total, Non-Recurrent.....	<u>215,828</u>	<u>235,027</u>	<u>183,203</u>	<u>189,019</u>
	Total, Operating Account	<u>440,633</u>	<u>490,627</u>	<u>429,874</u>	<u>454,395</u>
Capital Account					
Plant, Equipment and Works					
	Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)	18	—	—	—
	Total, Plant, Equipment and Works.....	<u>18</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
	Total, Capital Account.....	<u>18</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
	 Total Expenditure	 <u>440,651</u>	 <u>490,627</u>	 <u>429,874</u>	 <u>454,395</u>

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2008–09 for the salaries and expenses of the Trade and Industry Department is \$454,395,000. This represents an increase of \$24,521,000 over the revised estimate for 2007–08 and of \$13,744,000 over actual expenditure in 2006–07.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$265,376,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Trade and Industry Department.

3 The establishment as at 31 March 2008 will be 512 permanent posts. No change in establishment is expected in 2008–09. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2008–09, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$170,389,000.

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

	2006–07 (Actual) (\$'000)	2007–08 (Original) (\$'000)	2007–08 (Revised) (\$'000)	2008–09 (Estimate) (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries	181,828	189,918	191,836	196,643
- Allowances	3,991	6,758	1,705	3,242
- Job-related allowances	1	27	3	30
Personnel Related Expenses				
- Mandatory Provident Fund contribution	115	618	503	413
- Civil Service Provident Fund contribution	—	—	115	280
Departmental Expenses				
- General departmental expenses	35,187	53,398	45,066	59,956
Other Charges				
- Subscription to the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation	827	869	4,769	1,069
- Trade negotiations and associated activities	690	1,500	508	1,500
- Contribution to the organisation of the Hong Kong Awards for Industries	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
- Subscription to the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council	128	128	128	128
- Contribution to the International Textiles and Clothing Bureau	438	476	438	515
- United Nations Development Programme	—	308	—	—
	224,805	255,600	246,671	265,376

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Commitments

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2007	Revised estimated expenditure for 2007–08	Balance
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Operating Account</i>						
700	<i>General non-recurrent</i>					
515	Consultancy to provide advisory services on trade in goods and services.....		8,608	5,129	283	3,196
520	SME Loan Guarantee Scheme#		12,600,000	71,276	31,500	12,497,224
524	SME Export Marketing and Development Funds^		1,750,000	1,081,240	151,420	517,340
	Total		<u>14,358,608</u>	<u>1,157,645</u>	<u>183,203</u>	<u>13,017,760</u>

Increase in the total guarantee commitment by \$2 billion to \$12.6 billion was approved by the Finance Committee on 11 January 2008. The maximum expenditure commitment is \$950 million.

^ Increase in approved commitment by \$350 million to \$1.75 billion and retitling of this non-recurrent item were approved by the Finance Committee on 11 January 2008.