

## Head 91 — LANDS DEPARTMENT

**Controlling officer:** the Director of Lands will account for expenditure under this Head.

**Estimate 2011–12**..... **\$1,810.1m**

**Establishment ceiling 2011–12** (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 3 836 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2011 rising by 27 posts to 3 863 posts as at 31 March 2012 ..... **\$1,244.0m**

In addition, there will be an estimated 46 directorate posts as at 31 March 2011 and as at 31 March 2012.

### Controlling Officer's Report

#### Programmes

**Programme (1) Land Administration**  
**Programme (2) Survey and Mapping**  
**Programme (3) Legal Advice**

These programmes contribute to Policy Area 21: Land and Waterborne Transport (Secretary for Transport and Housing), Policy Area 22: Buildings, Lands, Planning, Heritage Conservation, Greening and Landscape (Secretary for Development) and Policy Area 31: Housing (Secretary for Transport and Housing).

#### Detail

##### Programme (1): Land Administration

|                           | 2009–10<br>(Actual) | 2010–11<br>(Original) | 2010–11<br>(Revised) | <b>2011–12<br/>(Estimate)</b>     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Financial provision (\$m) | 1,251.3             | 1,319.8               | 1,266.3<br>(–4.1%)   | <b>1,326.5</b><br>(+4.8%)         |
|                           |                     |                       |                      | (or +0.5% on<br>2010–11 Original) |

#### Aim

**2** The aim is to administer land in Hong Kong by disposing of land; acquiring private land and clearing land required for the implementation of public works and other projects; managing government leases, unleased land and certain buildings held by the Administration; renewing and modifying leases; and maintaining man-made slopes on unallocated and unleased government land.

#### Brief Description

**3** The Lands Department is responsible for the disposal of government land. It acquires private land and clears land required for public works projects or other approved schemes. It is also responsible for managing government leases to ensure compliance with the lease conditions; managing government land to ensure that it is not illegally occupied; managing certain buildings or units in buildings held by the Administration; renewing government leases; modifying conditions in existing leases; and maintaining man-made slopes on unallocated and unleased government land.

**4** On 25 February 2010, the Government announced the new list of sites for the sale of government land under the Application List System. Sixty-two sites (46 residential, eight hotel and eight commercial/business) were on the list. During the year, ten lots from the new list were sold by auction, seven of which were triggered from the Application List. There were four sites initiated by the Government for sales by auction, three of them were sold and one was withdrawn. Other land disposals such as those by private treaty, land exchange, lease modification, land extension and short-term tenancy proceeded in accordance with the established practice.

**5** In terms of land resumption, the total area resumed in 2010 was in response to requirements for land for public works and other projects. In terms of land management, the Department regularly cleaned up 716 sites under its management in order to eliminate the breeding grounds of mosquitoes to prevent the spread of dengue fever and Japanese encephalitis.

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6 The key performance measures in respect of land administration are:

### *Targets*

|  | Target | 2009<br>(Actual) | 2010<br>(Actual) | 2011<br>(Plan) |
|--|--------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <i>Land disposal</i>   |        |                  |                  |                |
| small houses (cases processed).....  | 2 300  | 2 709            | 2 768            | <b>2 300</b>   |
| <i>Lease modifications (non small house cases)</i>   |        |                  |                  |                |
| issue of letter of reply to application within three weeks (%) .....   | 100    | 96               | 100              | <b>100</b>     |
| issue of letter of offer of provisional basic terms (without premium)/rejection/indicating in-principle agreement within 22 weeks from receipt of application (%) .....                    | 100    | 99               | 98               | <b>100</b>     |
| issue of legal document for execution within 12 weeks from receipt of a binding acceptance of the final basic terms and premium offer (%).....   | 100    | 99               | 99               | <b>100</b>     |
| <i>Land acquisition</i>  |        |                  |                  |                |
| offer of compensation based on ex-gratia rates made within four weeks from the date of gazette notice of resumption of agricultural land in the New Territories (N.T.) (%) .....           | 100    | 100              | 100              | <b>100</b>     |
| cheques for compensation made available for collection within four weeks from receipt of acceptance by the Department proof of legal title (for agricultural land cases in N.T.) (%) ..... | 100    | 100              | 100              | <b>100</b>     |
| offer of compensation or invitation to claims made within three weeks from land reversion (%).....   | 100    | 100              | 99               | <b>100</b>     |

### *Indicators*

|   | 2009<br>(Actual) | 2010<br>(Actual) | 2011<br>(Estimate) |
|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Land disposal</i>  |                  |                  |                    |
| land disposed (ha) .....  | 187.78           | 166.73           | —Δ                 |
| <i>land sale programme</i>  |                  |                  |                    |
| land sold (auction and tender) (ha) .....   | 4.64             | 15.25            | —Δ                 |
| no. of flats .....  | 1 488            | 5 836            | —Δ                 |
| <i>private treaty grants</i>  |                  |                  |                    |
| land granted (ha) .....   | 177.23           | 147.18           | <b>27.00</b>       |
| no. of flats .....  | 1 480            | 1 328            | <b>11 900</b>      |
| <i>Lease variations</i>   |                  |                  |                    |
| lease modifications, exchanges and extensions   |                  |                  |                    |
| no. of cases.....   | 120              | 139              | <b>150</b>         |
| no. of flats .....  | 867              | 11 284           | <b>9 800</b>       |
| processing of applications from indigenous villagers for rent concession (no. of lots/tenements)..... | 1 071            | 1 122            | <b>1 000</b>       |
| <i>Land acquisition</i>   |                  |                  |                    |
| Public Works Programme projects (ha) .....  | 7.85             | 3.87             | <b>22.84</b>       |
| railway development projects (ha) .....   | 0.04             | 47.18            | <b>6.57</b>        |
| urban renewal projects (no. of property interests).....   | 26               | 115              | <b>1 715</b>       |
| <i>Rural Planning and Improvement Strategy/Village Improvement (ha) .....</i>                         |                  |                  |                    |
| Improvement (ha) .....  | 0.00             | 1.03             | <b>0.25</b>        |
| total acquisition/clearance costs (\$m) .....   | 415.2            | 1,349.0          | <b>1,192.0</b>     |
| <i>Land management</i>  |                  |                  |                    |
| lease enforcement cases .....   | 891              | 904              | <b>900</b>         |
| rebuilding of temporary domestic structures.....  | 48               | 56               | <b>55</b>          |
| government sites cleared and guarded .....  | 5 486            | 7 022            | <b>7 020</b>       |
| <i>maintenance of slopes on unallocated and unleased government land</i>                              |                  |                  |                    |
| man-made slopes to be inspected.....  | 11 350           | 10 810           | <b>11 350</b>      |
| man-made slopes to be maintained or improved.....   | 6 750            | 6 660            | <b>6 500</b>       |

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|  | 2009<br>(Actual) | 2010<br>(Actual) | 2011<br>(Estimate) |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| demolition of structures under non-development clearance (no. of structures) .....   | 61               | 60               | <b>60</b>          |
| temporary use of government land   |                  |                  |                    |
| temporary allocations to government  |                  |                  |                    |
| departments (ha) .....   | 753.9            | 853.0            | <b>900.0</b>       |
| land let by short-term tenancy .....   |                  |                  |                    |
| short term tenancies let by tender (ha) .....  | 79.17            | 46.86            | <b>50.00</b>       |
| short term tenancies let by direct grant (ha) .....  | 32.3             | 95.9             | <b>125.0</b>       |
| <i>Property management</i>   |                  |                  |                    |
| properties/units managed .....   | 251              | 249              | <b>242</b>         |
| repair orders issued for government properties .....   | 118              | 105              | <b>105</b>         |
| disposal of government properties .....  | 8                | 10               | <b>10</b>          |
| <i>Squatter Control &amp; Clearance</i>  |                  |                  |                    |
| unauthorised structures demolished .....   | 194              | 319              | <b>320</b>         |
| surveyed structures inspected .....  | 199 902          | 196 866          | <b>199 800</b>     |
| cases under freezing action for demolition of surveyed structures occupied by squatters who have applied for public rental housing ..... | 505              | 214              | <b>210</b>         |
| structures cleared in programmed squatter clearances or emergency clearances .....   | 1 211            | 2 300            | <b>1 700</b>       |

Δ Not possible to estimate because sale of government land is mainly effected through the market-driven Application List System.

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011–12*

7 During 2011–12, the Department will:

- continue to strengthen land control and lease enforcement work;
- continue to explore measures to streamline and expedite the processing of lease modifications, land exchanges and premium assessments and to expedite the processing of special waiver applications in respect of conversion of the entire industrial buildings to other permitted uses and new lease modification applications for redevelopment of industrial buildings as from 1 April 2010 by a dedicated team set up in the Headquarters;
- continue land sales under the Application List System and such government-initiated sales of the sites on the Application List as considered appropriate, and monitor the tenders of property development projects of the Urban Renewal Authority and the MTR Corporation Limited;
- continue to undertake preparatory work on resumption and clearance of land required for proposed new projects such as the Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Link, the Hong Kong – Zhuhai – Macao Bridge Hong Kong Link Road, the Hong Kong – Zhuhai – Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities, as well as the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and its connecting roads; and
- continue with the handling of residual compensation claims in respect of the completed railway projects and projects under construction; undertake work on resumption and clearance, creation of easements and rights of temporary occupation, granting and administration of short term tenancies and land allocations required for the West Island Line and the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou – Shenzhen – Hong Kong Express Rail Link; and provide land administration input for the proposed new railway projects such as the South Island Line (East), the Shatin to Central Link and the Kwun Tong Line Extension.

### **Programme (2): Survey and Mapping**

|                           | 2009–10<br>(Actual) | 2010–11<br>(Original) | 2010–11<br>(Revised) | 2011–12<br>(Estimate)   |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Financial provision (\$m) | 408.6               | 418.1                 | 417.4<br>(–0.2%)     | <b>427.1</b><br>(+2.3%) |

(or +2.2% on  
2010–11 Original)

### *Aim*

8 The aim is to formulate and implement survey and mapping policies, standards, regulations and specifications; provide and maintain the basic mapping, geodetic and land boundary databases; carry out geodetic, mapping and land boundary surveys; and administer the Land Survey Ordinance (Cap. 473) (LSO) under the Land Survey Authority to cope with land and building developments in Hong Kong.

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### *Brief Description*

9 The Survey and Mapping Office (SMO) provides and maintains the 1:1 000 basic maps covering the whole territory. It also provides maps and plans at various scales and for various purposes. In particular, it provides survey and mapping services to the Lands Administration Office for land administration functions such as land acquisition and disposal, lease modification and enforcement, and small house development. It operates a Computerised Land Information System for maintaining updated digital maps and cadastral databases. Apart from government departments, private organisations and the public can purchase the data for their own uses under a permit or licence. It also provides photogrammetric and aerial survey services for specific purposes in addition to general mapping. It is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the territory-wide geodetic network. Under the Land Survey Authority, it administers the LSO which governs the registration and discipline of Authorised Land Surveyors and the control of the standards of land boundary surveys. It is also responsible for street naming under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132).

10 The key performance measures in respect of survey and mapping are as follows:

### *Targets*

|   | Target | 2009<br>(Actual) | 2010<br>(Actual) | 2011<br>(Plan) |
|---|--------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| setting out land boundaries within<br>12 weeks from receipt of request (%).....                           | 100    | 99               | 98               | <b>100</b>     |
| providing mapping and geodetic<br>information within one working day<br>from receipt of request (%).....  | 100    | 100              | 100              | <b>100</b>     |
| updating large-scale plans within<br>12 weeks on completion of major<br>infrastructural projects (%)..... | 100    | 100              | 100              | <b>100</b>     |

### *Indicators*

|   | 2009<br>(Actual) | 2010<br>(Actual) | 2011<br>(Estimate) |
|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Geodetic survey</i>                                      |                  |                  |                    |
| precise horizontal and vertical control points fixed .....  | 976              | 915              | <b>900</b>         |
| survey monuments and marks built and maintained.....        | 4 163            | 4 385            | <b>4 200</b>       |
| <i>Topographical survey and map production</i>              |                  |                  |                    |
| continuous revision, area surveyed and inspected (ha) ..... | 78 459           | 74 361           | <b>72 000</b>      |
| maps and charts produced .....                              | 8 377            | 8 177            | <b>8 200</b>       |
| reprographic services provided (no. of copies).....         | 452 065          | 438 737          | <b>420 000</b>     |
| <i>Cadastral survey</i>                                     |                  |                  |                    |
| lots defined or set out.....                                | 2 427            | 2 769            | <b>2 700</b>       |
| cadastral plans prepared.....                               | 37 804           | 42 867           | <b>44 000</b>      |
| <i>Aerial survey</i>  |                  |                  |                    |
| photographs taken for measurement and record.....           | 9 277            | 11 184           | <b>9 500</b>       |
| total area of photogrammetric survey conducted (ha).....    | 30 840           | 31 012           | <b>31 000</b>      |
| <i>LSO</i>  |                  |                  |                    |
| total number of lot sub-division plans examined.....        | 1 932            | 2 043            | <b>1 900</b>       |

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011–12*

11 During 2011–12, the Department will continue to:

- implement the Replacement of Computerised Land Information System project for maintaining the territory-wide digital map database;
- enhance the Map Archive Retrieval System to allow the general public to place orders and make payments for paper map products on the Internet;
- provide survey and mapping services for the planning, land resumption and clearance, and land disposals in order to make land available for the construction of various new railway projects;
- develop, enhance and expand the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Geospatial Information Hub service to facilitate easy access to geospatial information within the Government and to the general public; and
- develop the 3D Spatial Data Processing System to produce territory-wide 3D spatial data and establish data standard for exchange of 3D spatial data among government departments.

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### Programme (3): Legal Advice

|                           | 2009–10<br>(Actual) | 2010–11<br>(Original) | 2010–11<br>(Revised) | <b>2011–12<br/>(Estimate)</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Financial provision (\$m) | 51.0                | 55.5                  | 53.3<br>(–4.0%)      | <b>56.5</b><br>(+6.0%)        |

(or +1.8% on  
2010–11 Original)

#### *Aim*

12 The aim is to facilitate government land transactions by providing legal advice and conveyancing services to the departments and bureaux concerned, and to give consent to sales of units in uncompleted developments.

#### *Brief Description*

13 The Legal Advisory and Conveyancing Office (LACO) provides professional legal services within the Department in relation to Programme (1) for the issue, renewal and variation of government leases as well as the drafting and execution of conditions of sale (by auction or tender), grant and exchange. In compulsory acquisition cases, the LACO is responsible for approving the legal title of the former owners and preparing the compensation documents before compensation is released. The LACO is also responsible for checking the legal title of the former owners and preparing the surrender documents before their land is surrendered to the Government in exchange for a new grant of land for development. It also provides conveyancing services to The Financial Secretary Incorporated, The Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated and other government departments and policy bureaux in their property transactions.

14 Under the Lands Department Consent Scheme, the LACO processes all applications for consent to sell units in uncompleted buildings prior to compliance with the lease conditions. The Scheme's main objective is to ensure that developers have the financial and technical ability to complete the units to be sold to protect the interests of purchasers. As one of the terms imposed under the land grants for commercial and residential developments, Deeds of Mutual Covenant (DMCs) setting out the respective rights and obligations of all the owners of the buildings need to be approved by the LACO before consent is issued or sales of the units can begin.

15 The key performance measures in respect of legal advice are:

#### *Targets*

|   | Target | 2009<br>(Actual) | 2010<br>(Actual) | <b>2011<br/>(Plan)</b> |
|---|--------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Consents</i>   |        |                  |                  |                        |
| Sale and Purchase Agreements—approved within 13 weeks (excluding time for approval of DMC) (%)..... | 100    | 100              | 100              | <b>100</b>             |
| DMCs—approved within 13 weeks (%).....  | 100    | 100              | 98               | <b>100</b>             |

#### *Indicators*

|   | 2009<br>(Actual) | 2010<br>(Actual) | <b>2011<br/>(Estimate)</b> |
|---|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Consents</i>   |                  |                  |                            |
| Sale and Purchase Agreements approved                     |                  |                  |                            |
| —non-residential developments.....                        | 8                | 5                | <b>4</b>                   |
| —residential developments.....                            | 24               | 15               | <b>18</b>                  |
| sale of uncompleted residential units (no. of flats)..... | 11 671           | 6 694            | <b>7 500</b>               |
| DMCs approved   |                  |                  |                            |
| —non-residential developments.....                        | 2                | 2                | <b>2</b>                   |
| —residential developments.....                            | 47               | 47               | <b>25</b>                  |

#### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011–12*

16 During 2011–12, the Department will continue to:

- expedite the approval of legal title of former owners and preparation of compensation documents in respect of private land resumed under various infrastructure projects;
- contract out to private firms the processing of applications for approval of DMCs, title checking and related legal work for payment of compensation for land resumption; and
- explore further ways to streamline the existing procedures in relation to Programme (1) so as to improve efficiency.

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### ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

| Programme                    | 2009–10<br>(Actual)<br>(\$m) | 2010–11<br>(Original)<br>(\$m) | 2010–11<br>(Revised)<br>(\$m) | 2011–12<br>(Estimate)<br>(\$m)    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (1) Land Administration..... | 1,251.3                      | 1,319.8                        | 1,266.3                       | 1,326.5                           |
| (2) Survey and Mapping ..... | 408.6                        | 418.1                          | 417.4                         | 427.1                             |
| (3) Legal Advice .....       | 51.0                         | 55.5                           | 53.3                          | 56.5                              |
|                              | 1,710.9                      | 1,793.4                        | 1,737.0<br>(–3.1%)            | 1,810.1<br>(+4.2%)                |
|                              |                              |                                |                               | (or +0.9% on<br>2010–11 Original) |

#### Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

##### Programme (1)

Provision for 2011–12 is \$60.2 million (4.8%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010–11. This is mainly due to the increased provision for the net increase of 16 posts for development of railway projects as well as land administration, resumption and clearance work, salary increments for staff, filling of vacancies and other operating expenses.

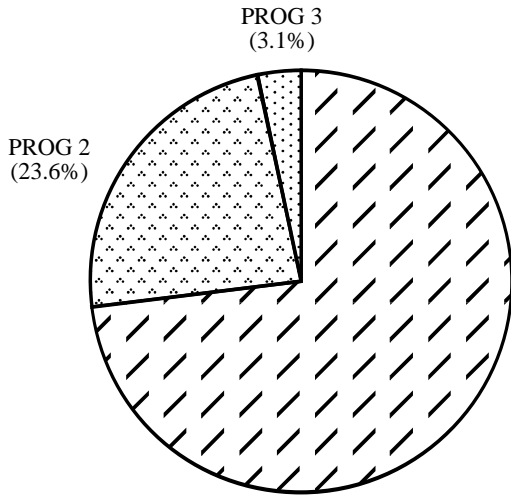
##### Programme (2)

Provision for 2011–12 is \$9.7 million (2.3%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010–11. This is mainly due to the increased provision for the creation of ten posts for development of railway projects as well as land administration, resumption and clearance work, salary increments for staff and filling of vacancies.

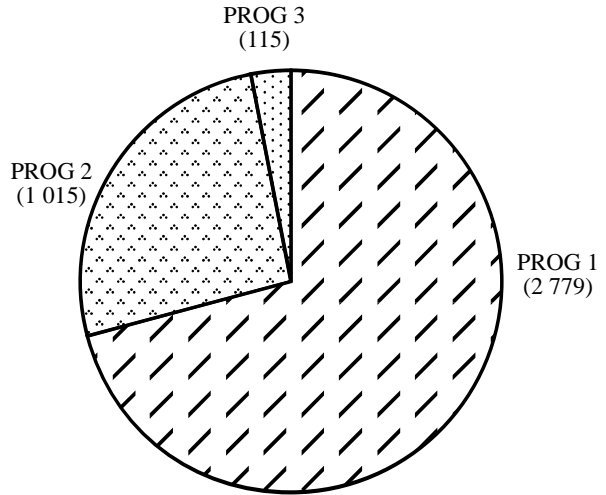
##### Programme (3)

Provision for 2011–12 is \$3.2 million (6.0%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010–11. This is mainly due to the increased provision for the net increase of one post for development of railway projects, salary increments for staff and filling of vacancies.

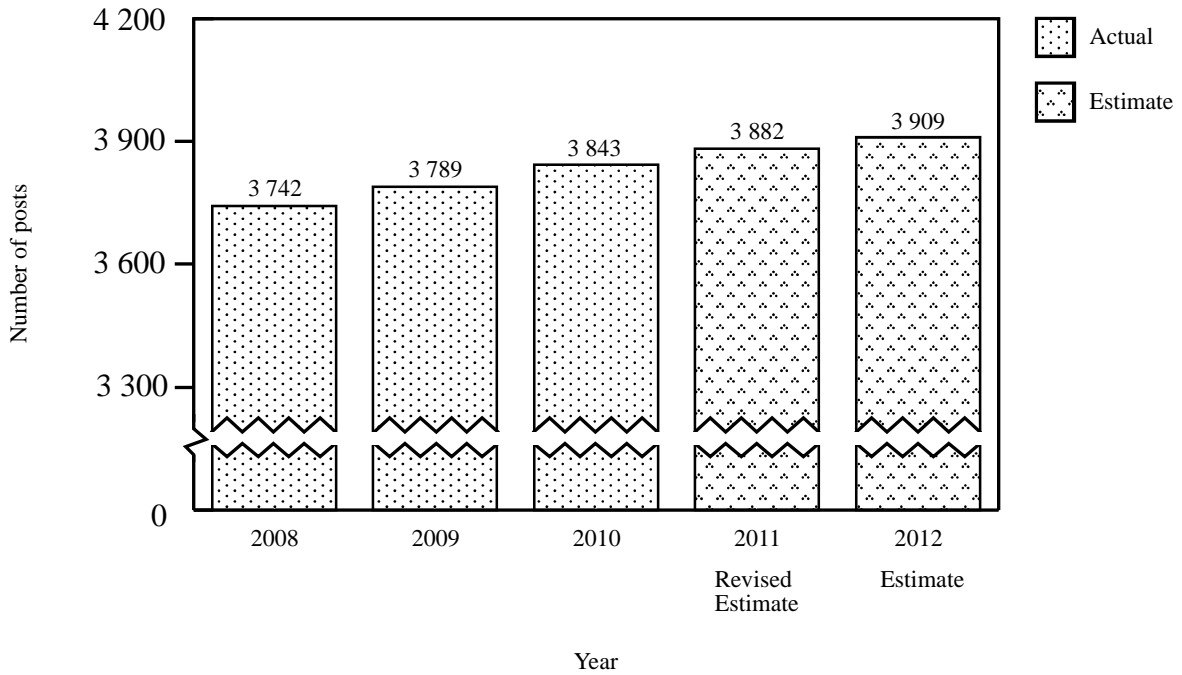
*Allocation of provision to programmes (2011-12)*



*Staff by programme (as at 31 March 2012)*



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



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| Sub-head<br>(Code)         |  | Actual<br>expenditure<br>2009–10 | Approved<br>estimate<br>2010–11 | Revised<br>estimate<br>2010–11 | <b>Estimate<br/>2011–12</b>    |
|----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                            | \$'000   | \$'000                           | \$'000                          | \$'000                         | <b>\$'000</b>                  |
| <b>Operating Account</b>   |  |                                  |                                 |                                |                                |
| Recurrent                  |  |                                  |                                 |                                |                                |
| 000                        | Operational expenses.....                                    | 1,708,487                        | 1,783,750                       | 1,734,143                      | <b>1,804,469</b>               |
| 003                        | Recoverable salaries and allowances<br>(General).....        | 23,651                           |                                 |                                |                                |
|                            | <i>Deduct reimbursements..... Cr.23,651</i>                  | —                                | —                               | —                              | —                              |
| 221                        | Clearance of government land - ex-gratia<br>allowances ..... | 267                              | 7,295                           | 660                            | <b>3,443</b>                   |
|                            | Total, Recurrent .....                                       | <u>1,708,754</u>                 | <u>1,791,045</u>                | <u>1,734,803</u>               | <b><u>1,807,912</u></b>        |
| Non-Recurrent              |  |                                  |                                 |                                |                                |
|                            | General non-recurrent .....                                  | 497                              | —                               | —                              | —                              |
|                            | Total, Non-Recurrent .....                                   | <u>497</u>                       | <u>—</u>                        | <u>—</u>                       | <u>—</u>                       |
|                            | Total, Operating Account.....                                | <u>1,709,251</u>                 | <u>1,791,045</u>                | <u>1,734,803</u>               | <b><u>1,807,912</u></b>        |
| <b>Capital Account</b>     |  |                                  |                                 |                                |                                |
| Plant, Equipment and Works |  |                                  |                                 |                                |                                |
| 661                        | Minor plant, vehicles and equipment<br>(block vote).....     | 1,684                            | 2,310                           | 2,245                          | <b>2,155</b>                   |
|                            | Total, Plant, Equipment and Works .....                      | <u>1,684</u>                     | <u>2,310</u>                    | <u>2,245</u>                   | <b><u>2,155</u></b>            |
|                            | Total, Capital Account .....                                 | <u>1,684</u>                     | <u>2,310</u>                    | <u>2,245</u>                   | <b><u>2,155</u></b>            |
|                            | Total Expenditure .....                                      | <u><u>1,710,935</u></u>          | <u><u>1,793,355</u></u>         | <u><u>1,737,048</u></u>        | <b><u><u>1,810,067</u></u></b> |



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### Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2011–12 for the salaries and expenses of the Lands Department is \$1,810,067,000. This represents an increase of \$73,019,000 over the revised estimate for 2010–11 and of \$99,132,000 over actual expenditure in 2009–10.

#### Operating Account

##### Recurrent

**2** Provision of \$1,804,469,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Lands Department.

**3** The establishment as at 31 March 2011 will be 3 882 permanent posts. It is expected that there will be a net increase of 27 posts in 2011–12. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2011–12, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$1,243,991,000.

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

|   | 2009–10<br>(Actual)<br>(\$'000) | 2010–11<br>(Original)<br>(\$'000) | 2010–11<br>(Revised)<br>(\$'000) | 2011–12<br>(Estimate)<br>(\$'000) |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Personal Emoluments   |                                 |                                   |                                  |                                   |
| - Salaries .....  | 1,360,695                       | 1,388,636                         | 1,363,794                        | <b>1,390,713</b>                  |
| - Allowances .....  | 12,466                          | 15,588                            | 13,337                           | <b>15,951</b>                     |
| - Job-related allowances.....   | 1,958                           | 2,324                             | 2,164                            | <b>2,337</b>                      |
| Personnel Related Expenses  |                                 |                                   |                                  |                                   |
| - Mandatory Provident Fund<br>contribution .....                          | 2,750                           | 3,662                             | 3,095                            | <b>3,088</b>                      |
| - Civil Service Provident Fund<br>contribution .....                      | 837                             | 902                               | 2,807                            | <b>7,400</b>                      |
| Departmental Expenses   |                                 |                                   |                                  |                                   |
| - Hire of services and professional fees .....                            | 38,146                          | 54,113                            | 41,620                           | <b>63,035</b>                     |
| - Contract maintenance .....  | 154,653                         | 163,825                           | 162,987                          | <b>175,512</b>                    |
| - General departmental expenses.....                                      | 136,982                         | 154,685                           | 144,339                          | <b>146,418</b>                    |
| Other Charges   |                                 |                                   |                                  |                                   |
| - Financial Secretary Incorporated -<br>suspense account adjustment ..... | —                               | 15                                | —                                | <b>15</b>                         |
|   | <b>1,708,487</b>                | <b>1,783,750</b>                  | <b>1,734,143</b>                 | <b>1,804,469</b>                  |

**5** Gross provision of \$23,651,000 under *Subhead 003 Recoverable salaries and allowances (General)* includes salaries and allowances for the urban renewal team to process land resumption to make land available for the urban renewal projects. The cost will be fully recovered from the Urban Renewal Authority.

**6** Provision of \$3,443,000 under *Subhead 221 Clearance of government land – ex-gratia allowances* is for allowances payable to persons cleared from government land other than in the course of clearances required for public works projects. The increase of \$2,783,000 (421.7%) over the revised estimate for 2010–11 is mainly due to new clearance projects and other rescheduled projects from 2010–11 to 2011–12 on government land.