

## Head 137 — GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT: ENVIRONMENT BUREAU

**Controlling officer:** the Permanent Secretary for the Environment will account for expenditure under this Head.

<b>Estimate 2011–12</b> .....	<b>\$80.0m</b>
<b>Establishment ceiling 2011–12</b> (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 33 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2011 and as at 31 March 2012.....	<b>\$16.5m</b>
In addition, there will be an estimated six directorate posts as at 31 March 2011 and as at 31 March 2012.	
<b>Commitment balance</b> .....	<b>\$75.4m</b>

### Controlling Officer's Report

#### Programmes

<b>Programme (1) Director of Bureau's Office</b>	This programme contributes to Policy Area 27: Intra-Governmental Services (Secretary for the Environment).
<b>Programme (2) Power</b>	These programmes contribute to Policy Area 23: Environmental Protection, Conservation, Power and Sustainable Development (Secretary for the Environment).
<b>Programme (3) Sustainable Development</b>	

#### Detail

##### Programme (1): Director of Bureau's Office

	2009–10 (Actual)	2010–11 (Original)	2010–11 (Revised)	2011–12 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	14.2	14.2	14.2 (—)	<b>14.3</b> (+0.7%)
				(or +0.7% on 2010–11 Original)

#### Aim

2 The aim is to ensure the smooth operation of the Office of the Secretary for the Environment.

#### Brief Description

3 The Office of the Secretary for the Environment is responsible for providing support to the Secretary for the Environment in undertaking political work. This includes the support provided by the Under Secretary and the Political Assistant. The office is also responsible for providing administrative support to the Secretary for the Environment in carrying out his duties. The work includes the planning, co-ordination and implementation of all arrangements for the Secretary's public, media and community functions.

##### Programme (2): Power

	2009–10 (Actual)	2010–11 (Original)	2010–11 (Revised)	2011–12 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	21.0	25.2	26.1 (+3.6%)	<b>33.7</b> (+29.1%)
				(or +33.7% on 2010–11 Original)

#### Aim

4 The aims are to ensure reliable and efficient energy supply at reasonable prices while minimising the environmental impact caused by the production and use of energy through the established monitoring arrangements for the operation of the two power companies and the town gas supply company; to enhance electrical and gas safety through the introduction and enforcement of safety standards; to promote competition and transparency in the local fuel market; to raise public awareness of and achieve energy efficiency and conservation through education, promotion, and implementation of various programmes; and to promote the use of electric vehicles in Hong Kong.

### *Brief Description*

5 The Bureau's main responsibility under this programme is to formulate policies and programmes in relation to energy supply, electrical and gas safety as well as energy efficiency and conservation.

6 In 2010–11, the Bureau:

- consulted the public on the fuel mix for electricity generation for 2020, in the overall context of combating climate change;
- followed up on the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on Energy Cooperation for the long term and stable supply of clean energy to Hong Kong;
- oversaw the reliability of electricity and gas supply which was maintained by the companies;
- oversaw enforcement of regulations for domestic electrical and gas appliances to ensure public safety;
- prepared for the legislative amendments to the Electricity Supply Regulations (Cap. 406A);
- promoted the Buildings Energy Efficiency Funding Schemes;
- took forward the legislative proposal to mandate the implementation of the Building Energy Codes;
- promoted environmental protection and energy conservation in government buildings through a target-based performance framework and two energy efficiency demonstration projects;
- commenced the second phase of the mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme with a grace period of 18 months;
- made preparation for the setting up of a District Cooling System in the Kai Tak Development;
- completed the study on the issue of energy wastage of external lighting;
- promoted the use of energy efficient lighting installations and prepared for the public consultation on progressively restricting the sale of incandescent light bulbs;
- oversaw the promotion of public awareness of energy efficiency and conservation measures, and the implementation of various programmes and legislation including the continued facilitation and promotion of wider application of renewable energy; and
- promoted the use of electric vehicles by facilitating introduction of relevant vehicles into the Hong Kong market and promoting the setting up of charging infrastructure.

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

7 During 2011–12, the Bureau will:

- explore and study options for revamping the fuel mix for power generation taking into account views received during the public consultation on climate change;
- continue to follow up on the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on Energy Cooperation for the long term and stable supply of clean energy to Hong Kong;
- continue to ensure that electrical and gas safety requirements are enforced to enhance public safety;
- make necessary preparation for commencing the Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance (Cap. 610);
- continue to promote the Buildings Energy Efficiency Funding Schemes;
- implement the second phase of the mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme and monitor the full implementation of the first phase of the Scheme;
- continue to prepare for the setting up of the District Cooling System in the Kai Tak Development;
- consult the public on progressively restricting the sale of incandescent light bulbs;
- engage stakeholder groups and take forward measures to address environmental concerns over external lighting; and
- continue to promote the use of electric vehicles, including the introduction of more electric vehicles into the Government fleet where appropriate.

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### Programme (3): Sustainable Development

	2009–10 (Actual)	2010–11 (Original)	2010–11 (Revised)	2011–12 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	27.6	31.2	26.9 (–13.8%)	32.0 (+19.0%)
				(or +2.6% on 2010–11 Original)

#### *Aim*

8 The aim is to promote sustainable development (SD) in Hong Kong.

#### *Brief Description*

9 Under this programme, the main responsibilities of the Sustainable Development Division (SDD) of this Bureau are to:

- provide secretariat support to the Council for Sustainable Development (SDC) established to advise the Government on the preparation of an SD strategy for Hong Kong and promote public awareness and understanding of the principles of SD;
- assist the SDC in conducting public engagement process for formulating an SD strategy for Hong Kong;
- implement the SDC's education and publicity programmes;
- oversee the operation of the SD Fund;
- ensure the incorporation of sustainability considerations into the Government's decision-making process through the sustainability assessment (SA) system; and
- promote the understanding and application of the SD principles as well as the SA system among government bureaux and departments.

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

10 During 2011–12, the SDD will:

- service the SDC in its preparation and launch of a public engagement process on climate change-related issues;
- implement the SDC's education and publicity programmes including the School Outreach Programme, SD School Award Programme and promotion of SD through the media;
- process applications for the SD Fund and monitor the implementation of the approved projects;
- monitor the implementation of the SA system; and
- provide training programmes for bureaux and departments on the SD principles and the SA system.

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### ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

Programme	2009–10 (Actual) (\$m)	2010–11 (Original) (\$m)	2010–11 (Revised) (\$m)	2011–12 (Estimate) (\$m)
(1) Director of Bureau's Office.....	14.2	14.2	14.2	<b>14.3</b>
(2) Power .....	21.0	25.2	26.1	<b>33.7</b>
(3) Sustainable Development .....	27.6	31.2	26.9	<b>32.0</b>
	62.8	70.6	67.2 (-4.8%)	<b>80.0</b> <b>(+19.0%)</b>
				<b>(or +13.3% on 2010–11 Original)</b>

#### Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

##### Programme (1)

Provision for 2011–12 is \$0.1 million (0.7%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010–11. This is mainly due to the increased provision for operating expenses.

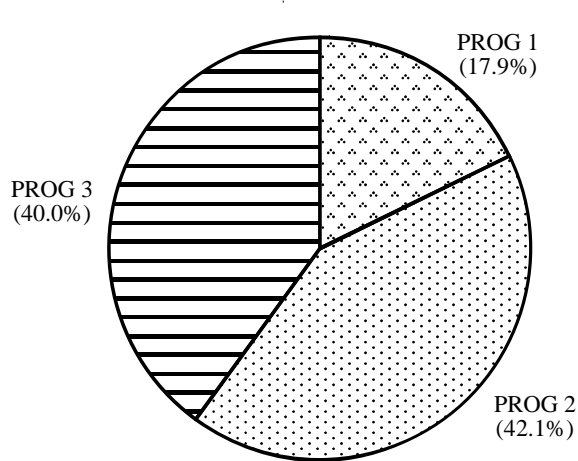
##### Programme (2)

Provision for 2011–12 is \$7.6 million (29.1%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010–11. This is mainly due to the additional provision for the promotion of electric vehicles in Hong Kong and installation of charging facilities at government car parks.

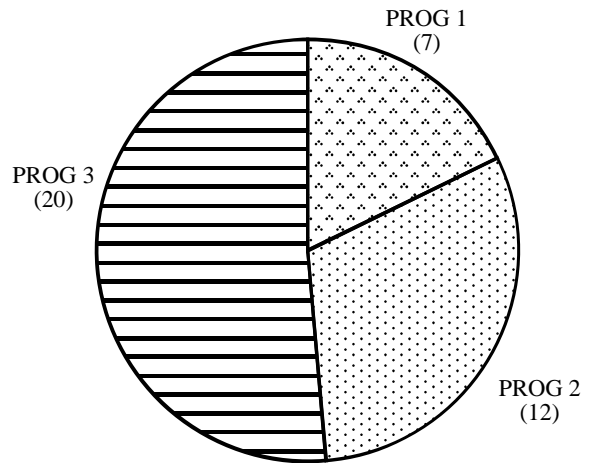
##### Programme (3)

Provision for 2011–12 is \$5.1 million (19%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010–11. This is mainly due to the increased provision for a new public engagement process on climate change-related issues.

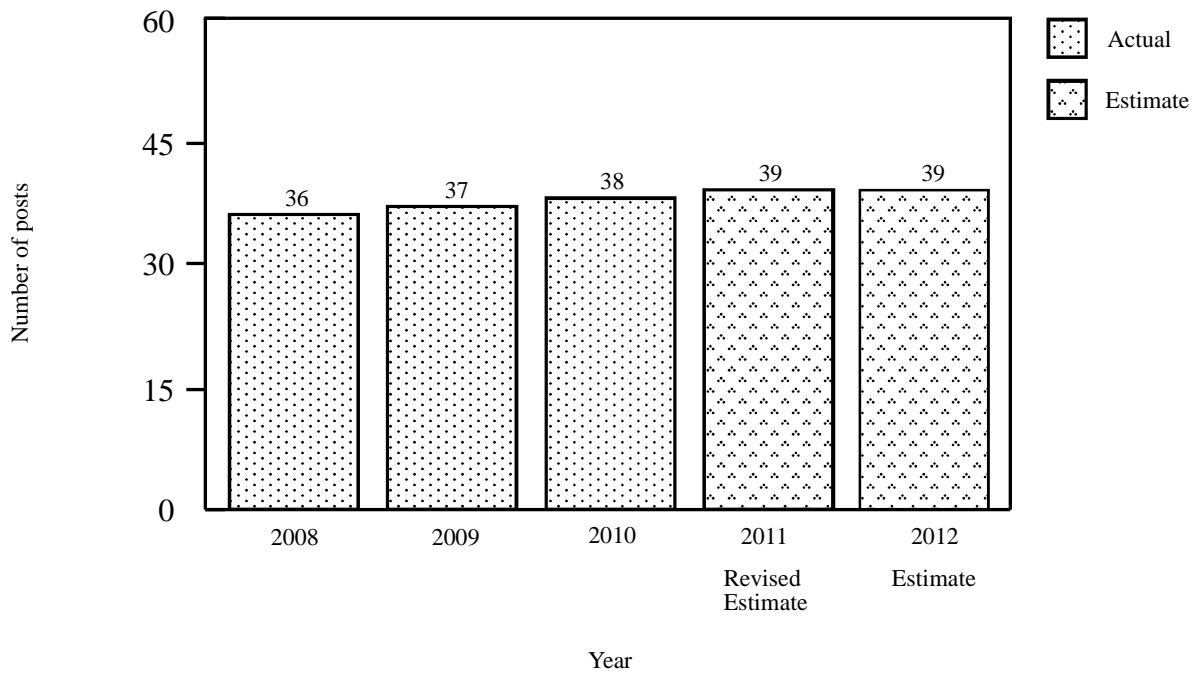
*Allocation of provision to programmes (2011-12)*



*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 (Code)	Actual expenditure 2009–10	Approved estimate 2010–11	Revised estimate 2010–11	<b>Estimate 2011–12</b>	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	<b>\$'000</b>	
<b>Operating Account</b>					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses.....	56,875	60,604	58,548	<b>73,328</b>
	Total, Recurrent .....	56,875	60,604	58,548	<b>73,328</b>
Non-Recurrent					
700	General non-recurrent .....	5,891	10,037	8,625	<b>6,707</b>
	Total, Non-Recurrent .....	5,891	10,037	8,625	<b>6,707</b>
	Total, Operating Account.....	62,766	70,641	67,173	<b>80,035</b>
	Total Expenditure .....	62,766	70,641	67,173	<b>80,035</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 Environment Bureau is \$80,035,000. This represents an increase of \$12,862,000 over the revised estimate for 2010–11 and of \$17,269,000 over actual expenditure in 2009–10.

#### *Operating Account*

#### Recurrent

**2** Provision of \$73,328,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Environment Bureau. It represents an increase of \$14,780,000 (25.2%) over the revised estimate for 2010–11. This is mainly due to the increased provision for the promotion of electric vehicles in Hong Kong and installation of charging facilities at government car parks, and for a new public engagement process on climate change-related issues.

**3** The establishment as at 31 March 2011 will be 39 permanent posts. No change in establishment is expected 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 \$16,494,000.

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

	2009–10 (Actual) (\$'000)	2010–11 (Original) (\$'000)	2010–11 (Revised) (\$'000)	<b>2011–12 (Estimate) (\$'000)</b>
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries .....	25,710	26,773	26,200	<b>27,400</b>
- Allowances .....	1,188	1,000	1,000	<b>1,000</b>
- Job-related allowances.....	1	2	2	<b>2</b>
Personnel Related Expenses				
- Mandatory Provident Fund contribution .....	15	4	9	—
- Civil Service Provident Fund contribution .....	182	279	337	<b>417</b>
Departmental Expenses				
- General departmental expenses.....	29,779	32,546	31,000	<b>44,509</b>
	56,875	60,604	58,548	<b>73,328</b>

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### Commitments

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2010	Revised estimated expenditure for 2010-11	Balance
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b><i>Operating Account</i></b>						
700		<i>General non-recurrent</i>				
	017	Consultancy studies for developing the regulatory and market restructuring framework of electricity supply industry in Hong Kong .....	8,500	5,668	1,125	1,707
	052	Sustainable Development Fund.....	100,000	21,808	4,500	73,692
		Total .....	<u>108,500</u>	<u>27,476</u>	<u>5,625</u>	<u>75,399</u>