

## Head 5 — FINES, FORFEITURES AND PENALTIES

### Details of Revenue

Sub-head (Code)	Actual revenue 2011–12	Original estimate 2012–13	Revised estimate 2012–13	<b>Estimate 2013–14</b>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	<b>\$'000</b>
010 Court fines and statutory penalties.....	537,334	448,855	517,363	<b>464,665</b>
020 Forfeitures.....	1,648,936	81,940	84,497	<b>64,587</b>
030 Fixed penalty system (Traffic Contraventions)..	276,709	266,393	295,778	<b>304,641</b>
040 Fixed penalty system (Criminal Proceedings) ...	193,227	197,577	214,642	<b>221,081</b>
050 Payments by civil servants.....	3,441	2,362	3,087	<b>2,490</b>
060 Fixed penalty system (Motor Vehicle Idling) ...	—	1,152	2	<b>2</b>
Total.....	<u>2,659,647</u>	<u>998,279</u>	<u>1,115,369</u>	<b><u>1,057,466</u></b>

### Description of Revenue Sources

This revenue head covers fines imposed by the Courts and penalties imposed by statute, forfeitures resulting from Court orders or from breaches of contracts and agreements with the Government, penalties arising from the fixed penalty system for offences under the Fixed Penalty (Traffic Contraventions) Ordinance (Cap. 237), the Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) Ordinance (Cap. 240) and the Motor Vehicle Idling (Fixed Penalty) Ordinance (Cap. 611), the fixed penalty ticket system for parking offences in public housing estates and payments by civil servants in respect of disciplinary proceedings and breaches of contracts.

Revenue from fines, forfeitures and penalties generated 0.3% of total revenue in 2012–13.

### Underlying Changes in Revenue Yield

The 2012–13 revised estimate of \$1,115,369,000 reflects a net increase of \$117,090,000 (11.7%) over the original estimate.

Under *Subhead 010 Court fines and statutory penalties*, the increase of \$68,508,000 (15.3%) is mainly due to the higher than expected revenue from fines imposed on some cases.

Under *Subhead 030 Fixed penalty system (Traffic Contraventions)*, the increase of \$29,385,000 (11.0%) is mainly due to the higher than expected number of fixed penalty tickets issued for traffic offences.

Under *Subhead 050 Payments by civil servants*, the increase of \$725,000 (30.7%) is mainly due to the higher than expected payment by civil servants resigning from the civil service who choose to pay salary in lieu of observing the prescribed notice period.

Under *Subhead 060 Fixed penalty system (Motor Vehicle Idling)*, the decrease of \$1,150,000 (99.8%) is due to the lower than expected number of fixed penalty notices issued for motor vehicle idling offences.

The 2013–14 estimate of \$1,057,466,000 reflects a net decrease of \$57,903,000 (5.2%) against the revised estimate for 2012–13.

Under *Subhead 010 Court fines and statutory penalties*, the decrease of \$52,698,000 (10.2%) is mainly due to anticipated decrease in revenue from fines imposed on some cases.

Under *Subhead 020 Forfeitures*, the decrease of \$19,910,000 (23.6%) is mainly due to anticipated decrease in revenue from forfeiture cases.

Under *Subhead 050 Payments by civil servants*, the decrease of \$597,000 (19.3%) is mainly due to expected decrease in payment by civil servants resigning from the civil service who choose to pay salary in lieu of observing the prescribed notice period.