Controlling officer: the Commissioner for Labour will account for expenditure under this Head.	
Estimate 2022–23	\$2,715.2m
<b>Establishment ceiling 2022–23</b> (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 2 560 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2022 reducing by five posts to 2 555 posts as at 31 March 2023	\$1,513.1m
In addition, there will be an estimated 18 directorate posts as at 31 March 2022 and as at 31 March 2023.	
Commitment balance	\$879.8m

## **Controlling Officer's Report**

#### **Programmes**

Programme (1) Labour Relations Programme (2) Employment Services Programme (3) Safety and Health at Work Programme (4) Employees' Rights and

**Benefits** 

These programmes contribute to Policy Area 8: Employment and Labour (Secretary for Labour and Welfare).

## Detail

#### **Programme (1): Labour Relations**

	2020–21 (Actual)	2021–22 (Original)	2021–22 (Revised)	2022–23 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	250.9	279.6	263.7 (-5.7%)	<b>297.0</b> (+12.6%)
				(or +6.2% on 2021–22 Original)

## Aim

2 The aim is to maintain and foster harmonious employer-employee relations in establishments outside the government sector.

## **Brief Description**

- 3 The Department provides voluntary conciliation service to assist employers and employees to resolve labour disputes and claims. It promotes understanding of labour laws and encourages good human resource management (GHRM) practices.
- 4 In 2021–22, the Department launched a series of promotional activities to enhance public understanding of the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57) (EO) including the progressive increase in the number of statutory holidays. It also organised publicity activities on "employee-oriented" GHRM practices such as seminars, webinars and exhibitions. Besides, a set of news supplements and a casebook were published to showcase the best practices of employers in implementing GHRM measures and family-friendly employment practices. For abolishing the "offsetting" of severance payment and long service payment by the accrued benefits of employers' mandatory contributions under the Mandatory Provident Fund System (the "offsetting" arrangement), the Department continued working at full steam on the implementation details and drafting the bills in collaboration with relevant bureaux and departments as well as other stakeholders.
- 5 The Department is responsible for the adjudication of minor employment claims and administration of trade unions.

6 The key performance measures in respect of labour relations are:

## **Targets**

	Target	2020 (Actual)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Plan)
waiting time for consultation meetings	within 30 mins.	within 30 mins.	within 30 mins.	within 30 mins.
waiting time for conciliation meetings for claims	within 5 weeks	within 5 weeks	within 5 weeks	within 5 weeks
after filing with the Minor Employment Claims Adjudication Board (MECAB)	within 5 weeks	within 5 weeks	within 5 weeks	within 5 weeks
processing registration of new trade unions	within 4 weeks	within 4 weeks	within 4 weeks	within 4 weeks
processing registration of changes of union names/rules	within 10 days	within 10 days	within 10 days	within 10 days
visits to trade unions	360	115	353	360
Indicators				
		2020 (Actual)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Estimate)
consultation meetings heldlabour disputes and claims handledlabour disputes and claims with conciliation ser		42 445 11 076	44 178 11 112	44 200 11 100
rendered/labour disputes and claims resolved through cor labour disputes and claims resolved through		10 586 7 904	10 577 7 891	10 600 7 900
conciliation (%)		74.7 23 300μ 370	74.6 145 508	74.5 N.A. 510
cases of registration of new trade unions and ch union names/rules	anges of	573	296	300

A Excluding labour disputes and claims for which conciliation service is not rendered because the employers concerned are insolvent or cannot be reached.

## Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2022–23

- 7 Major plans for 2022–23 include:
- strengthening the administration and regulation of trade unions registered under the Trade Unions Ordinance (Cap. 332);
- · taking forward the legislative amendments to abolish the "offsetting" arrangement; and
- reviewing the continuous contract requirement under the EO.

## **Programme (2): Employment Services**

	2020–21 (Actual)	2021–22 (Original)	2021–22 (Revised)	2022–23 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	559.9	715.0	607.9 (-15.0%)	<b>736.0</b> (+21.1%)
				(or +2.9% on 2021–22 Original)

## Aim

**8** The aim is to provide a comprehensive range of free employment assistance and recruitment services to help job seekers find suitable jobs and employers recruit workers.

μ The figure was attributed to an industrial action involving a large number of employees.

## **Brief Description**

- 9 The Department provides free employment service to all job seekers. It provides assistance and counselling services to the unemployed and persons with disabilities; career guidance, pre-employment and on-the-job training to young people; and labour market information to all job seekers, including new arrivals and ethnic minorities. The Department also implements employment programmes with a view to promoting the employment of the elderly, young people and persons with disabilities. To encourage and support recent university graduates to work and pursue their career in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the Department launched the Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund in January 2021.
- 10 The Department regulates employment agencies (EAs) in Hong Kong through licensing, inspection, complaint investigation and prosecution. It prosecutes EAs that breach Part XII of the EO and the Employment Agency Regulations (Cap. 57A), including overcharging job seekers commission or operating without a valid licence. The Department will continue to take enforcement and prosecution action against unscrupulous EAs.
- 11 The Department is also responsible for processing applications under the Supplementary Labour Scheme (SLS) and ensuring employment priority for local workers in filling SLS vacancies.
- 12 Moreover, the Department is responsible for discussion of new and expanded Working Holiday Schemes with overseas economies as well as the promotion of the Schemes so that more of our young people can broaden their horizons through temporarily living and working overseas.
  - 13 The key performance measures in respect of employment services are:

## **Targets**

		2020	2021	2022
	Target	(Actual)	(Actual)	(Plan)
displaying vacancy information upon				
receipt of request from employers	90% of	99% of	99% of	95% of
receipt of request from employers	vacancies	vacancies	vacancies	vacancies
	displayed	displayed	displayed	displayed
	within	within	within	within
	5 working	5 working	5 working	5 working
	days	days	days	days
arranging job referral upon receipt of	uays	uays	uays	uays
request from job seekers	within	within	within	within
request from job seekers	30 mins. of	30 mins. of	30 mins. of	30 mins. of
	appointment	appointment	appointment	appointment
	time	time	time	time
issuing EA licences	within	within	within	within
issuing LA nechees	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks
inspections of EAs	2 weeks 2 000	1 405	2 Weeks 2 048	2 Weeks 2 000
inspections of LAS	2 000	1 703	2 040	2 000
Indicators				
Indicators			2024	
Indicators		2020	2021	2022
Indicators		2020 (Actual)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Estimate)
able-bodied job seekers		(Actual)	(Actual)	(Estimate)
able-bodied job seekers persons registered		(Actual) 41 180	(Actual) 42 985	(Estimate) 43 000
able-bodied job seekers persons registeredplacements		(Actual)	(Actual)	(Estimate)
able-bodied job seekers persons registered placements job seekers with disabilities		(Actual) 41 180 126 785	(Actual) 42 985 197 793§	(Estimate) 43 000
able-bodied job seekers persons registered placements job seekers with disabilities persons registered		(Actual) 41 180	(Actual)  42 985 197 793§  2 882	(Estimate) 43 000 198 000
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<sup>§</sup> Of the 197 793 placements for able-bodied job seekers recorded by the Department in 2021, 5 981 placements were secured through the Department's referral service and 191 812 placements were made through job seekers' direct application to employers who advertised vacancies via the Department. The latter placement figure was derived from the Department's periodic sample surveys with employers.

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Of the 2 375 placements for job seekers with disabilities recorded by the Department in 2021, 1 544 placements were secured through the Department's referral service and 831 placements were made through job seekers' direct application to employers after receiving the Department's assistance.

Ω YETP operates on a programme year basis, running from September each year to August of the following year. The numbers of trainees enrolled in 2020 and 2021 refer to the numbers of trainees enrolled in the 2019/20 programme year and the 2020/21 programme year respectively.

## Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2022-23

- 14 Major plans for 2022–23 include reviewing:
- the effectiveness of the Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme; and
- the Code of Practice for EAs.

## Programme (3): Safety and Health at Work

	2020–21 (Actual)	2021–22 (Original)	2021–22 (Revised)	2022–23 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	662.8	688.2	690.2 (+0.3%)	<b>751.3</b> (+8.9%)
				(or +9.2% on 2021–22 Original)

#### Aim

15 The aim is to ensure that risks to the safety and health of people at work are properly managed by legislation, as well as enforcement, education and publicity efforts.

## **Brief Description**

- 16 This programme covers the enforcement of the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap. 509) (OSHO), the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance (Cap. 59) (FIUO) and the Boilers and Pressure Vessels Ordinance (Cap. 56) (BPVO). In addition to regular surprise inspections, special enforcement operations (SEOs) and in-depth inspections targeting specific risks or accident-prone workplaces, including those industries or establishments with poor performance records, are launched. Enhanced participation in site safety management committee meetings of public works projects continues. In 2021, SEOs were conducted in several areas, including new construction works (with emphasis on work-at-height, lifting operations and electrical works); renovation, maintenance, alteration and addition (RMAA) works; catering industry; logistics, cargo and container handling works; waste management works, etc. Statutory suspension notices are issued to remove imminent risks to the safety and health of those at work, and improvement notices are issued to seek prompt rectification of irregularities to prevent accidents. Prosecution is taken out to sanction those who have breached the above-mentioned legislation and to deter others from committing similar offences. The Department also provides training courses, organises seminars and advises stakeholders on the prevention of accidents and work hazards, and issues safety publications and publicity materials. Promotional visits are also conducted to encourage employers to take ownership in managing potential risks at workplaces.
- 17 In 2021–22, two large-scale promotional programmes were launched to promote safety awareness of the construction and catering industries. Promotion and publicity campaigns were also organised to raise the safety awareness of those involved in electrical work, RMAA works, etc. The Department also intensified promotion and publicity efforts through delivering safety messages in a more targeted manner, including making wider use of social media platforms, partnering with workers' unions in conducting on-site promotion, disseminating safety messages in channels popular amongst workers, etc.
- 18 In 2021–22, the Department launched another large-scale promotional campaign on heat stroke prevention in collaboration with the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC) including a Portable Waist Fan Sponsorship Scheme for small and medium enterprises. Through promoting the use of portable waist fans, broadcasting publicity video and conducting workplace visits, the campaign sought to remind outdoor workers and their employers of the potential hazards of working under very hot weather and the need to take suitable preventive measures. Besides, the Department continued with the effort to manage the health risk of standing at work through inspection and promotions to targeted corporations.
  - 19 The key performance measures in respect of safety and health at work are:

## **Targets**

	Target	2020 (Actual)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Plan)
inspections under the FIUO and the OSHOΨinspections per field inspector under the	114 700	105 286	130 676	135 900
FIUO and the OSHOinvestigation of occupational diseases	450	332	427a	450
	within	within	within	within
	24 hours upon	24 hours upon	24 hours upon	24 hours upon
	notification	notification	notification	notification
promotional visits to workplaces under the FIUO and the OSHOinspections under the BPVO	4 860	3 921	4 922	5 730
	4 630	3 795	4 680	4 630

	Target	2020 (Actual)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Plan)
inspections per field inspector under the BPVOprocessing registration of pressure	1 030	843	1 040	1 030
equipment organising talks, lectures and seminars	within 3 weeks 2 040	within 3 weeks 694	within 3 weeks 1 881α	within 3 weeks 2 040

- Ψ Depending on the complexity of the workplaces, inspections are sometimes conducted by more than one officer. A joint inspection undertaken by two officers is counted as two inspections. The total number of workplaces inspected was 64 318 in 2021. Inspections include those conducted at workplaces which are found to be locked, removed or not in operation during inspection; and the numbers of workplaces which were found locked, removed or not in operation during inspection in 2021 were 4 081, 1 733 and 1 889 respectively.
- α The figure was lower than the target owing to the special work arrangements for government employees in early 2021 in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Indicators**

	2020	2021	2022
	(Actual)	(Actual)	(Estimate)
fatal accidents in industrial undertakings	21	25δ	N.A.
non-fatal accidents in industrial undertakings	7 181	8 177δ	N.A.
accident rate per 1 000 industrial employees	12.4	$14.0\delta$	N.A.
fatal accidents in non-industrial undertakings∆	213	227δ	N.A.
non-fatal accidents in non-industrial undertakings	19 712	19 877δ	N.A.
accident rate per 1 000 employees in non-industrial			
undertakings	8.6	8.7δ	N.A.
investigation of accidents at workplaces	13 529	16 978	20 200
warnings issued by occupational safety officers	20 261	26 489	33 600
prosecutions taken	2 739	2 465	3 000
suspension/improvement notices issued	3 104	5 066	4 530
investigation of occupational diseases and occupational			
health problems	1 866	2 614	2 600
medical examinations	1 328	1 625	1 600
clinical consultations	6 327	10 040	10 700
occupational hygiene surveys‡	3 832	6 510	6 600
pressure equipment newly registered	2 040	2 137	2 000
examinations conducted and exemptions granted for the			
issue or endorsement of certificates of competency	349	453	500
warnings issued under the BPVO	3 049	2 859	3 000

- δ These are provisional accident statistics as some of the accidents which occurred towards the end of the year have yet to be verified. The figures are subject to adjustments pending data analysis and accident investigations.
- Δ These include cases which are unrelated to work as suggested by medical and other evidence.
- An occupational hygiene survey is an assessment on the general/specific health hazards that a workplace may cause to the employees. Depending on its complexity, a survey may need to be undertaken by more than one officer. A joint survey undertaken by two officers is counted as two surveys.

## Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2022–23

- 20 Major plans for 2022–23 include:
- introducing legislative amendments to increase the maximum penalties for occupational safety and health (OSH) offences;
- taking forward the implementation of a three-year Pilot Rehabilitation Programme for Employees Injured at Work targeting the construction industry;
- introducing legislative amendments to expand the notification mechanism of construction works to cover those of shorter duration or engaging less workers but involving relatively high risks to facilitate early inspection by the Department;
- promoting the adoption of Construction Design and Management by different stakeholders of the construction industry in planning and designing construction projects, so as to eradicate or mitigate OSH risks that may arise during construction and maintenance of these projects;

- intensifying preventive and enforcement efforts to tackle fall-from-height hazards and other work hazards in workplaces through executing targeted inspection strategies, encouraging reports on unsafe working conditions, etc., especially for the construction industry, including RMAA works;
- collaborating with the OSHC as well as the property management and construction industries to promote the use
  of light-duty working platforms for minor RMAA works carried out in residential units, in order to promote
  safety of above-ground work; and
- collaborating with the OSHC and the industries concerned to implement health-friendly measures at workplace, in order to encourage property management employees and construction workers to properly manage their health and risks of contracting cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases.

## Programme (4): Employees' Rights and Benefits

	2020–21 (Actual)	2021–22 (Original)	2021–22 (Revised)	2022–23 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	508.4	1,045.8	720.6 (-31.1%)	<b>930.9</b> (+29.2%)
				(or -11.0% on 2021-22 Original)

#### Aim

21 The aim is to safeguard the rights and benefits of employees under labour laws.

## **Brief Description**

- 22 The Department safeguards the rights and benefits of all employees and combats illegal employment through inspections to workplaces and other premises, processing employees' compensation claims, administering the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund (PWIF) and the Reimbursement of Maternity Leave Pay Scheme, and investigating complaints relating to the employment of imported workers.
- 23 The Department takes rigorous enforcement action against wage offences, including breaches of the Statutory Minimum Wage (SMW) provisions and wilful defaults of Labour Tribunal or MECAB awards, through initiating speedy investigation into reported offences, conducting trade-targeted campaigns to detect offences, strengthening intelligence gathering and evidence collection, and taking out prompt prosecution.
- 24 The Department organises territory-wide publicity activities to assist employers and employees in understanding their respective obligations and entitlements under the SMW regime.
- 25 Targeted operations are mounted with the Police and the Immigration Department to combat illegal employment for protecting the job opportunities of local workers. The Department also launches publicity programmes to enhance public awareness of the serious consequences of employing illegal workers.
- 26 The Department continues to provide support and assistance to foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) and employers through the dedicated FDH hotline, collaboration with Consulates-General and various publicity efforts.
- 27 To promote equal employment opportunities, the Department keeps up its publicity efforts in enhancing public awareness of the importance of eliminating age discrimination in employment.
  - 28 The key performance measures in respect of employees' rights and benefits are:

## **Targets**

	Target	2020 (Actual)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Plan)
inspections to workplacesinspections per field labour inspectorstarting investigation of complaints by	140 000 780	104 138 526	135 370Θ 691γ	150 000 780
labour inspector	within 1 week upon receiptβ	within 1 week upon receipt	within 1 week upon receipt	within 1 week upon receipt
waiting time for sick leave clearance for injured employees	within 30 mins. of appointment	within 30 mins. of appointment	within 30 mins. of appointment	within 30 mins. of appointment
	time	time	time	tim

	Target	2020 (Actual)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Plan)
issuing certificates of compensation				
assessment	within	within	within	within
	3 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks
effecting payment in respect of				
applications to the PWIF	within	within	within	within
11	8 weeksλ	10 weeks	10 weeks	8 weeks

- Θ Out of the total 135 370 workplace inspections in 2021, 14 096 (10.4%) workplaces were locked, 18 585 (13.7%) were removed and 29 (0.02%) were not in operation. The inspection figure was lower than the target owing to the special work arrangements for government employees in early 2021 in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The figure was lower than the target owing to the special work arrangements for government employees in early 2021 in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- β Labour inspectors will start investigation within one week upon receipt of the complaint by the Labour Inspection Division.
- $\lambda$  The target is revised from ten weeks to eight weeks as from 2022.

## **Indicators**

	2020 (Actual)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Estimate)
warnings issued	519	457	480
prosecutions takensick leave clearance interviews for injured employees	2 360	2 803	2 800
conducted	31 768	38 636	41 000
employees' compensation claims processed	38 756	42 547	43 000
applications for payment under the PWIF processed	2 753	3 738	4 000
investigated	87	73	70

## Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2022-23

- 29 Major plans for 2022–23 include:
- supporting the Minimum Wage Commission in conducting a new round of review of the SMW rate; and
- taking forward improvement proposals to the PWIF on the basis of the recommendations of the review currently underway.

#### ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

Pro	gramme	2020–21 (Actual) (\$m)	2021–22 (Original) (\$m)	2021–22 (Revised) (\$m)	2022–23 (Estimate) (\$m)
(1)	Labour Relations	250.9	279.6	263.7	297.0
(2)	Employment Services	559.9	715.0	607.9	736.0
(3)	Safety and Health at Work	662.8	688.2	690.2	751.3
(4)	Employees' Rights and Benefits	508.4	1,045.8	720.6	930.9
	-	1,982.0	2,728.6	2,282.4 (-16.4%)	2,715.2 (+19.0%)

(or -0.5% on 2021-22 Original)

## **Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision**

## Programme (1)

Provision for 2022–23 is \$33.3 million (12.6%) higher than the revised estimate for 2021–22. This is mainly due to increased operating expenses, cash flow requirement for a non-recurrent item relating to the Employers' Designated Savings Account Scheme, filling of vacancies and salary increments for staff. There will be an increase of five posts in 2022–23.

## Programme (2)

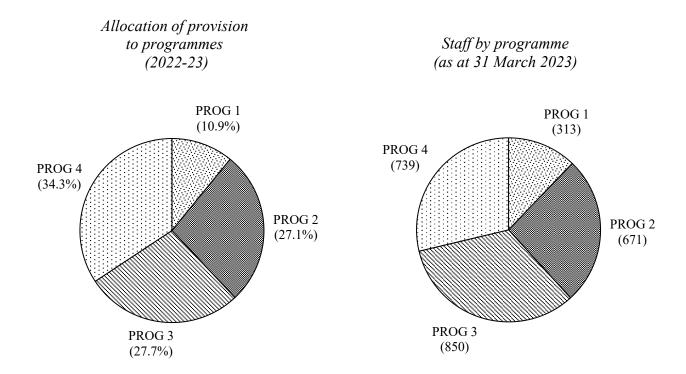
Provision for 2022–23 is \$128.1 million (21.1%) higher than the revised estimate for 2021–22. This is mainly due to increased expenditure on employment programmes and operating expenses, filling of vacancies and salary increments for staff.

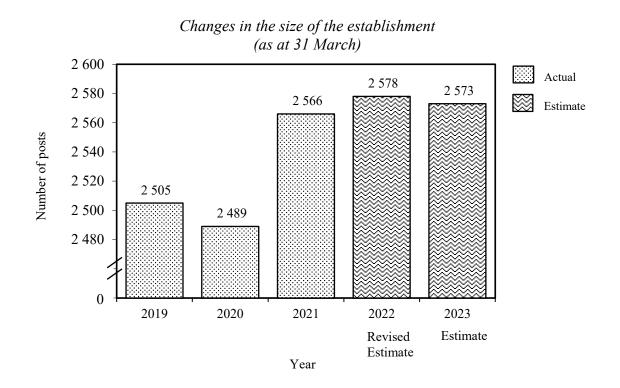
## Programme (3)

Provision for 2022–23 is \$61.1 million (8.9%) higher than the revised estimate for 2021–22. This is mainly due to increased operating expenses, cash flow requirement for a non-recurrent item relating to the Pilot Rehabilitation Programme for Employees Injured at Work, filling of vacancies and salary increments for staff. There will be a decrease of nine posts in 2022–23.

## Programme (4)

Provision for 2022–23 is \$210.3 million (29.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2021–22. This is mainly due to increased provision for the implementation of the Reimbursement of Maternity Leave Pay Scheme, increased operating expenses, filling of vacancies and salary increments for staff. There will be a decrease of one post in 2022–23.





Sub- head (Code)		Actual expenditure 2020–21	Approved estimate 2021–22	Revised estimate 2021–22	<b>Estimate</b> 2022–23
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
	Operating Account				
	Recurrent				
000	Operational expenses	1,957,843	2,188,291	2,059,398	2,277,204
276	Implementation of the Reimbursement of Maternity Leave Pay Scheme	9,510	524,000	210,000	386,000
280	Contribution to the Occupational Safety and Health Council	7,898	8,622	8,299	8,880
295	Contribution to the Occupational Deafness Compensation Board	2,764	3,018	2,905	3,108
	Total, Recurrent	1,978,015	2,723,931	2,280,602	2,675,192
	Non-Recurrent				
700	General non-recurrent	4,001	4,700	1,796	40,017
	Total, Non-Recurrent	4,001	4,700	1,796	40,017
	Total, Operating Account	1,982,016	2,728,631	2,282,398	2,715,209
	Total Expenditure	1,982,016	2,728,631	2,282,398	2,715,209

## **Details of Expenditure by Subhead**

The estimate of the amount required in 2022–23 for the salaries and expenses of the Labour Department is \$2,715,209,000. This represents an increase of \$432,811,000 over the revised estimate for 2021–22 and \$733,193,000 over the actual expenditure in 2020–21.

## Operating Account

## Recurrent

- **2** Provision of \$2,277,204,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Labour Department. The increase of \$217,806,000 (10.6%) over the revised estimate for 2021–22 is mainly due to increased operating expenses.
- 3 The establishment as at 31 March 2022 will be 2 578 posts including two supernumerary posts. It is expected that there will be a net decrease of five posts in 2022–23. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2022–23, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$1,513,143,000.
  - 4 An analysis of the financial provision under Subhead 000 Operational expenses is as follows:

	2020-21	2021–22	2021-22	2022-23
	(Actual) (\$'000)	(Original) (\$'000)	(Revised) (\$'000)	(Estimate) (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries	1,435,759	1,484,606	1,478,979	1,532,776
- Allowances	35,518	26,196	28,828	24,933
- Job-related allowances	_	3	303	3
Personnel Related Expenses				
- Mandatory Provident Fund				
contribution - Civil Service Provident Fund	6,319	6,891	6,469	4,631
contribution	78,785	84,606	86,050	94,837
Departmental Expenses	•	•	•	
- General departmental expenses	350,170	538,834	408,776	569,785
Other Charges	,	,	ŕ	,
- Campaigns, exhibitions and publicity	51,292	47,155	49,993	50,239
	1,957,843	2,188,291	2,059,398	2,277,204

- 5 Provision of \$386 million under Subhead 276 Implementation of the Reimbursement of Maternity Leave Pay Scheme is to meet the expenditure on reimbursing employers for the additional four weeks' maternity leave pay under the Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57) and other operating expenses. There is an increase of \$176 million (83.8%) over the revised estimate for 2021–22 to cater for possible increases in reimbursement payout and other expenses under the Scheme.
- 6 Provision of \$8,880,000 under Subhead 280 Contribution to the Occupational Safety and Health Council is to meet the annual contribution to the Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC). The amount of contribution is currently based on a proportion of the amount of levy received by the OSHC, with the proportion equivalent to the ratio of the size of the civil service to the working population in Hong Kong.
- 7 Provision of \$3,108,000 under Subhead 295 Contribution to the Occupational Deafness Compensation Board is to meet the annual contribution to the Occupational Deafness Compensation Board under a similar arrangement as for the OSHC.

## Commitments

Sub- head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment  \$'000	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2021 \$'000	Revised estimated expenditure for 2021–22	Balance \$'000
<b>Opera</b>	ting Acc	count				
700		General non-recurrent				
	805	Pilot Rehabilitation Programme for Employees Injured at Work	434,343	_	_	434,343
	806	Implementation of the Employers' Designated Savings Account Scheme	447,230	_	1,796	445,434
		Total	881,573		1,796	879,777