

## Head 45 — FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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

**Estimate 2024–25** ..... **\$9,491.8m**

**Establishment ceiling 2024–25** (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 11 509 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2024 rising by 142 posts to 11 651 posts as at 31 March 2025 ..... **\$6,090.9m**

In addition, there will be an estimated 22 directorate posts as at 31 March 2024 and as at 31 March 2025.

**Commitment balance**..... **\$585.5m**

### Controlling Officer’s Report

#### Programmes

- Programme (1) Fire Service**
- Programme (2) Fire Protection and Prevention**
- Programme (3) Ambulance Service**

These programmes contribute to Policy Area 9: Internal Security (Secretary for Security).

#### Detail

##### Programme (1): Fire Service

	2022–23 (Actual)	2023–24 (Original)	2023–24 (Revised)	2024–25 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	4,854.1	5,221.6	5,251.0 (+0.6%)	5,687.7 (+8.3%)
				(or +8.9% on 2023–24 Original)

#### *Aim*

**2** The aim is to extinguish fires, to protect life and property in case of fire or other calamity and to carry out fire hazard abatement action.

#### *Brief Description*

**3** Through the strategic deployment of properly trained staff, equipment and appliances within each Command area, effective fire fighting and rescue services are maintained to respond to emergency calls expeditiously and efficiently in order to protect lives and properties. The Fire Services Department will continue to take action to abate imminent fire hazard and promote public awareness of fire safety. This work mainly involves:

- providing an efficient and effective fire service to the community;
- ensuring that all fire fighting and rescue units are in an immediate state of readiness to respond to emergency calls at all times;
- providing refresher and tactical training to all service staff to ensure that performance is maintained at the highest possible standard;
- ensuring that fire safety regulations are observed and emergency vehicular accesses are properly maintained by the public; and
- advising on and responding to fire safety issues in the District Councils and District Fire Safety Committees, and organising fire safety publicity activities as part of the efforts to strengthen community involvement in the fight against fire.

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4 The key performance measures in respect of the provision of fire service are:

### *Targets*

	Target	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Plan)
total building fire calls met within graded response time (%).....	92.5	94.9	93.8	<b>92.5</b>
fire calls met within graded response time of six minutes for built-up areas (%).....	92.5	94.5	93.6	<b>92.5</b>
fire calls met within graded response time of nine to 23 minutes for more dispersed risk/isolated developments (%).....	94.5	97.9	95.8	<b>94.5</b>
complaints of imminent fire hazards answered within 24 hours (%).....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
requests for fire drills, fire safety talks, seminars, exhibitions, meetings and operational visits attended (%).....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>

### *Indicators*

	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Estimate)
all fire calls.....	34 775	36 103	<b>37 000</b>
building fire calls in built-up areas.....	27 368	28 843	<b>29 000</b>
building fire calls in more dispersed risk/isolated developments.....	3 743	3 654	<b>3 800</b>
special service calls.....	35 314	40 763	<b>41 000</b>
emergency ambulance calls attended by first responders.....	54 443	43 012	<b>45 000</b>
turnouts of fire appliances to emergency calls.....	161 743	172 607	<b>175 000</b>
emergency move-ups of fire appliances to provide operational coverage.....	60 044	61 071	<b>62 000</b>
complaints of imminent fire hazards received.....	9 804	11 080	<b>10 500</b>
Fire Hazard Abatement Notices issued in respect of floating obstructions to means of escape (MOE) and locked exits.....	3 232	3 673	<b>3 500</b>
prosecutions instituted.....	249	319	<b>290</b>
inspection of hospitals/clinics.....	257	257	<b>240</b>
lectures and advisory services given to hospitals/clinics.....	509	477	<b>500</b>
inspection of fire service installation (FSI) to verify the accuracy of maintenance certificates.....	10 000	10 405	<b>10 000</b>

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024–25*

5 During 2024–25 the Department will continue to:

- enhance live-fire and rescue training for and on-scene operational safety of frontline fire personnel;
- prepare for the commissioning of fire services facilities to support the Three-Runway System (3RS) at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA);
- monitor the progress of procurement of fire appliances to support the 3RS at HKIA, and the replacement and procurement of other fire appliances and vessels;
- pursue the replacement of the mobilising and communication system for enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency in deploying fire fighting, rescue and ambulance resources; and
- enhance the efficiency of fire fighting, rescue operations and ambulance services through the wider use of technology.

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### Programme (2): Fire Protection and Prevention

	2022–23 (Actual)	2023–24 (Original)	2023–24 (Revised)	2024–25 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	823.9	873.4	902.7 (+3.4%)	925.2 (+2.5%)  (or +5.9% on 2023–24 Original)

#### *Aim*

6 The aim is to reduce fire hazards in the community and to ensure that appropriate fire protection measures are provided in buildings and premises according to their intended use(s).

#### *Brief Description*

7 The two Fire Protection Commands are responsible for the control of dangerous goods and timber stores, abatement of fire hazards in general, registration of FSI contractors, formulation and inspection of fire safety measures in buildings, and upgrading of fire safety standards in prescribed commercial premises, specified commercial buildings, composite buildings, domestic buildings and industrial buildings. They also advise relevant statutory authorities and the public on fire protection/prevention and promote public awareness of building fire safety and emergency preparedness. This work mainly involves:

- licensing storage or manufacture of Class 2 to Class 9 dangerous goods, storage of timber and vehicles for conveyance of Class 2 and Class 3/3A dangerous goods;
- conducting investigation of complaints about dangerous goods, illicit fuelling activities, vehicle repair workshops and fire hazards and initiating law enforcement action;
- registration of FSI contractors and monitoring of their performance;
- vetting and certifying building plans in respect of provision of FSIs and equipment;
- ensuring the provision and proper maintenance of FSIs and equipment in buildings;
- vetting and approving portable fire fighting equipment;
- conducting inspection of fire safety in schools, child care centres, food premises, prescribed commercial premises, specified commercial buildings, composite buildings, domestic buildings, industrial buildings, karaoke establishments, drug dependent persons treatment and rehabilitation centres, and places of public entertainment;
- conducting inspection of ventilating systems in buildings and licensed premises;
- giving lectures and advisory services on fire safety of premises other than hospitals and clinics;
- processing loan applications on fire safety improvement works under the Building Safety Loan Scheme;
- upgrading fire safety measures in prescribed commercial premises, specified commercial buildings, composite buildings, domestic buildings and industrial buildings;
- inculcating a fire safety culture in Hong Kong and encouraging greater community involvement in improving fire safety; and
- conducting educational and publicity activities to enhance the awareness of emergency preparedness in the community.

8 The key performance measures in respect of fire protection and prevention are:

#### *Targets*

	Target	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Plan)
safety requirements issued within 28 working days for storage/manufacture of Category 2 (other than LPG) to Category 10 dangerous goods and/or for storage of timber following receipt of application and the required details/plans in full (%)δ.....	100	100	—	—

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	Target	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Plan)
safety requirements issued within 28 working days for storage/manufacture of Class 2 to Class 9 dangerous goods and/or for storage of timber following receipt of application and the required details/plans in full (%)β.....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
safety requirements issued within six working days for vehicles used for conveyance of Category 2 (other than LPG) or Category 5 dangerous goods following receipt of application (%)δ.....	100	100	—	—
safety requirements issued within six working days for vehicles used for conveyance of Class 2 or Class 3/3A dangerous goods following receipt of application (%)# .....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
licences issued within six working days for storage/manufacture of Category 2 (other than LPG) to Category 10 dangerous goods and/or storage of timber upon confirmation of full compliance with safety requirements (%)δ .....	100	100	—	—
licences issued within six working days for storage/manufacture of Class 2 to Class 9 dangerous goods and/or storage of timber upon confirmation of full compliance with safety requirements (%)^ .....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
licences issued within six working days for vehicles used for conveyance of Category 2 (other than LPG) or Category 5 dangerous goods upon confirmation of full compliance with safety requirements (%)δ.....	100	100	—	—
licences issued within six working days for vehicles used for conveyance of Class 2 or Class 3/3A dangerous goods upon confirmation of full compliance with safety requirements (%)¶.....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
fire safety requirements issued within 20 working days for the licensing/registration of schools, child care centres, food premises, places of public entertainment, karaoke establishments, and drug dependent persons treatment and rehabilitation centres following receipt of application and the required details/plans in full (%).....	100Ψ	100	100	<b>100</b>
Fire Services Certificates issued within seven working days upon confirmation of full compliance with fire safety requirements for all licence/registration applications (%).....	100Ψ	100	100	<b>100</b>
complaints about dangerous goods or reports of fire hazards posing imminent danger investigated within 24 hours (%)ω .....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
complainants for complaints related to imminent danger advised within 12 working days of outcome of investigation (%).....	100Ψ	100	100	<b>100</b>
complaints about fire hazards not posing imminent danger investigated within ten working days (%).....	100Ψ	100	100	<b>100</b>

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	Target	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Plan)
complainants for complaints not related to imminent danger advised within 27 working days of outcome of investigation (%).....	100 <sup>Ψ</sup>	100	100	<b>100</b>
applications processed within seven working days for registration as FSI contractors (%).....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
letters of approval issued within 14 working days to applicants for registration as FSI contractors upon completion of all formalities (%).....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
no. of prescribed commercial premises inspected .....	50	50	50	<b>50</b>
no. of specified commercial buildings inspected .....	20	20	20	<b>20</b>
no. of composite buildings and domestic buildings inspected <sup>δ</sup> .....	400	406	402	<b>400</b>
no. of industrial buildings inspected .....	60	60	60	<b>60</b>

<sup>δ</sup> Target removed as from 2023.

<sup>β</sup> New target as from 2022. The new target replaced the target “safety requirements issued within 28 working days for storage/manufacture of Category 2 (other than LPG) to Category 10 dangerous goods and/or for storage of timber following receipt of application and the required details/plans in full”. The description is further revised from “safety requirements issued within 28 working days for storage/manufacture of Class 2 (other than LPG) to Class 9 dangerous goods and/or for storage of timber following receipt of application and the required details/plans in full” as from 2024. The latest revision is to align with the amended Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295) (DGO).

<sup>#</sup> New target as from 2022. The new target replaced the target “safety requirements issued within six working days for vehicles used for conveyance of Category 2 (other than LPG) or Category 5 dangerous goods following receipt of application”. The description is further revised from “safety requirements issued within six working days for vehicles used for conveyance of Class 2 (other than LPG) or Class 3/3A dangerous goods following receipt of application” as from 2024. The latest revision is to align with the amended DGO.

<sup>Λ</sup> New target as from 2022. The new target replaced the target “licences issued within six working days for storage/manufacture of Category 2 (other than LPG) to Category 10 dangerous goods and/or storage of timber upon confirmation of full compliance with safety requirements”. The description is further revised from “licences issued within six working days for storage/manufacture of Class 2 (other than LPG) to Class 9 dangerous goods and/or storage of timber upon confirmation of full compliance with safety requirements” as from 2024. The latest revision is to align with the amended DGO.

<sup>¶</sup> New target as from 2022. The new target replaced the target “licences issued within six working days for vehicles used for conveyance of Category 2 (other than LPG) or Category 5 dangerous goods upon confirmation of full compliance with safety requirements”. The description is further revised from “licences issued within six working days for vehicles used for conveyance of Class 2 (other than LPG) or Class 3/3A dangerous goods upon confirmation of full compliance with safety requirements” as from 2024. The latest revision is to align with the amended DGO.

<sup>Ψ</sup> The target is revised from 95 per cent to 100 per cent as from 2023.

<sup>ω</sup> Revised description of the previous target “complaints about dangerous goods (other than LPG) or reports of fire hazards posing imminent danger investigated within 24 hours” as from 2024. The revision is to align with the amended DGO.

<sup>◇</sup> Revised description of the previous target “no. of composite buildings inspected” as from 2024. Inspection of domestic buildings, which are subject to the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance (Cap. 572) (FS(B)O), will commence in 2024.

### Indicators

	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Estimate)
licences renewed/issued			
timber/dangerous goods stores.....	4 289	4 291	<b>4 400</b>
dangerous goods vehicles.....	1 777	1 855	<b>2 000</b>
inspection of timber/dangerous goods stores <sup>Φ</sup> .....	—	—	<b>11 000</b>
enforcement inspection related to dangerous goods <sup>Δ</sup> .....	—	—	<b>4 000</b>
Fire Hazard Abatement Notices issued (other than floating obstructions to MOE and locked exits) .....	4 900	5 402	<b>5 300</b>
prosecutions instituted			
dangerous goods and timber stores .....	219	204	<b>240</b>
fire hazards.....	1 299	948	<b>850</b>

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	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Estimate)
building plans processed .....	19 862	19 309	<b>20 000</b>
inspection of FSIs and equipment .....	282 138	282 842	<b>259 050</b>
applications for approval of portable fire fighting equipment and FSI/equipment processed .....	717	390	<b>350</b>
inspection of fire safety in schools, child care centres, food premises, places of public entertainment, karaoke establishments, and drug dependent persons treatment and rehabilitation centres .....	44 665	47 813	<b>44 000</b>
inspection of fire safety in commercial premises, composite buildings, domestic buildings and industrial buildings <sup>⊕</sup> ....	58 944	67 994	<b>68 000</b>
inspection of ventilating systems in buildings and licensed premises .....	33 838	33 994	<b>33 300</b>
lectures and advisory services given (other than hospitals/clinics) .....	128 210	132 818	<b>128 000</b>
prescribed commercial premises			
no. of fire safety directions issued .....	761	1 399	<b>1 600</b>
no. of fire safety directions complied with/discharged ...	825	801	<b>1 200</b>
specified commercial buildings			
no. of fire safety improvement directions issued .....	1 932	1 656	<b>1 200</b>
no. of fire safety improvement directions complied with/discharged.....	1 395	1 671	<b>1 000</b>
composite buildings and domestic buildings <sup>‡</sup>			
no. of fire safety directions issued .....	18 699	18 738	<b>16 000</b>
no. of fire safety directions complied with/discharged ...	7 265	7 494	<b>7 500</b>
industrial buildings			
no. of fire safety directions issued .....	3 807	5 252	<b>3 000</b>
no. of fire safety directions complied with/discharged ...	835	1 146	<b>900</b>

⊕ New indicator as from 2024 to better reflect the work involved in processing applications for timber/dangerous goods stores under the amended DGO.

Δ New indicator as from 2024 to better reflect the work involved in fire safety inspections and enforcement operations relating to dangerous goods.

⊙ Revised description of the previous indicator “inspection of fire safety in commercial premises, composite buildings and industrial buildings” as from 2024. Inspection of domestic buildings, which are subject to FS(B)O, will commence in 2024.

‡ Revised description of the previous indicators “composite buildings – no. of fire safety directions issued” and “composite buildings – no. of fire safety directions complied with/ discharged” as from 2024. Inspection of domestic buildings, which are subject to FS(B)O, will commence in 2024.

### ***Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024–25***

9 During 2024–25, the Department will:

- continue to conduct inspection with a view to enhancing fire protection measures for prescribed commercial premises with floor area exceeding 230 square metres, specified commercial buildings and pre-1987 composite/domestic/industrial buildings;
- continue to enhance the control of dangerous goods on land and combat against dangerous goods related offences for the protection of public safety;
- continue to pursue legislative work for the introduction of a scheme for registered fire engineers;
- formulate a mechanism and pursue the legislative work for FS(B)O for empowering the Fire Services Department and the Buildings Department to carry out fire safety improvement works for owners of old composite and domestic buildings who have failed to comply with the relevant requirements and to recover related fees from them afterwards, as well as to explore the strategy to improve the fire safety of those old buildings;
- continue to enhance public awareness of building fire safety and community emergency preparedness;
- continue to conduct community education programme on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of Automated External Defibrillator (AED);
- enhance public awareness of the importance of public accessible AED; and
- continue to strengthen publicity activities to educate the public on the proper use of emergency ambulance service.

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### Programme (3): Ambulance Service

	2022–23 (Actual)	2023–24 (Original)	2023–24 (Revised)	2024–25 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	2,557.6	2,699.3	2,765.6 (+2.5%)	2,878.9 (+4.1%)
				(or +6.7% on 2023–24 Original)

#### *Aim*

10 The aim is to provide an efficient and effective paramedic emergency ambulance service to meet public demand.

#### *Brief Description*

11 Through strategic deployment of properly trained staff, equipment and ambulances, the Department maintains an ambulance service that responds to ambulance calls effectively and efficiently. This work mainly involves:

- rendering assistance to any person who appears to need prompt or immediate medical attention by securing his safety, resuscitating or sustaining his life and reducing his suffering or distress;
- ensuring that all emergency calls that require the immediate provision of ambulance aid and subsequent conveyance of the sick or injured persons to hospital are responded to as expeditiously as possible;
- ensuring that all hospital transfer calls received by the Department, involving the transfer of patients from a hospital or clinic to an acute hospital for urgent medical investigation or treatment are responded to as expeditiously as possible;
- ensuring that all ambulances and equipment are well maintained and fully operational at all times;
- maintaining good working relationship with district organisations, medical institutions, etc., to facilitate the effective and efficient discharge of operational duties; and
- maintaining and enhancing pre-hospital emergency care knowledge and skills of personnel through regular and specialised training.

12 The key performance measures in respect of the provision of ambulance service are:

#### *Target*

	Target	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Plan)
emergency calls answered within the target response time of 12 minutes (%)...	92.5	88.0	94.3	92.5

#### *Indicators*

	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Estimate)
no. of emergency calls.....	703 113	775 625	784 200
no. of hospital transfer calls .....	30 639	39 425	39 400
calls per ambulance .....	1 613	1 727	1 741
turnouts of ambulances, ambulance motor cycles and Rapid Response Vehicles to calls .....	811 534	898 468	911 700
emergency move-ups of ambulances to provide operational coverage.....	118 294	122 888	129 900

#### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024–25*

13 During 2024–25, the Department will continue to:

- implement the Rapid Response Vehicle Scheme to enhance the delivery of paramedic ambulance service and quality assurance;
- enhance the provision of post-dispatch advice to callers requesting emergency ambulance service; and
- explore the long-term arrangement for the provision of emergency ambulance service.

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### ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

	2022–23 (Actual) (\$m)	2023–24 (Original) (\$m)	2023–24 (Revised) (\$m)	2024–25 (Estimate) (\$m)
<b>Programme</b>				
(1) Fire Service .....	4,854.1	5,221.6	5,251.0	5,687.7
(2) Fire Protection and Prevention .....	823.9	873.4	902.7	925.2
(3) Ambulance Service .....	2,557.6	2,699.3	2,765.6	2,878.9
	8,235.6	8,794.3	8,919.3 (+1.4%)	9,491.8 (+6.4%)
				(or +7.9% on 2023–24 Original)

#### Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

##### Programme (1)

Provision for 2024–25 is \$436.7 million (8.3%) higher than the revised estimate for 2023–24. This is mainly due to the increased provisions for filling of vacancies, operating expenses and a net increase of 112 posts and the increased cash flow requirements for capital items, partly offset by the decreased provision for allowances.

##### Programme (2)

Provision for 2024–25 is \$22.5 million (2.5%) higher than the revised estimate for 2023–24. This is mainly due to the increased provision for operating expenses, partly offset by the decreased cash flow requirements for capital items. There will be a net decrease of three posts in 2024–25.

##### Programme (3)

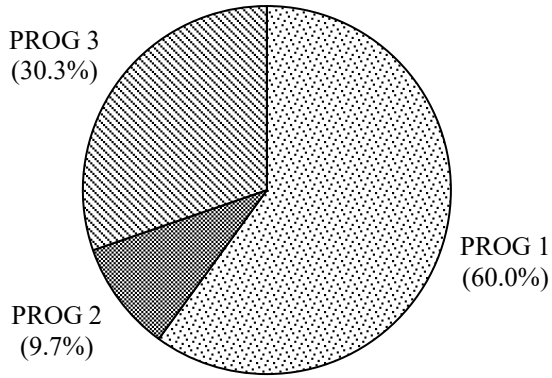
Provision for 2024–25 is \$113.3 million (4.1%) higher than the revised estimate for 2023–24. This is mainly due to the increased provisions for filling of vacancies, operating expenses, and a net increase of 33 posts and the increased cash flow requirements for capital items, partly offset by the decreased provision for allowances.



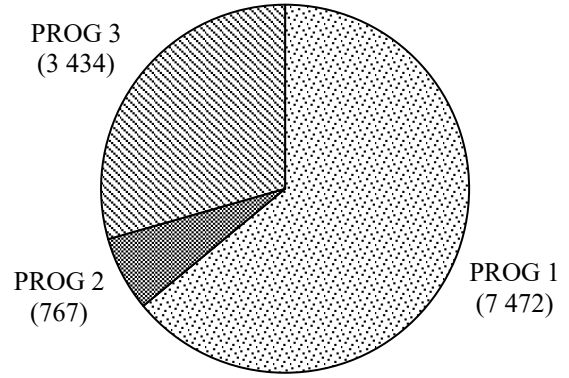
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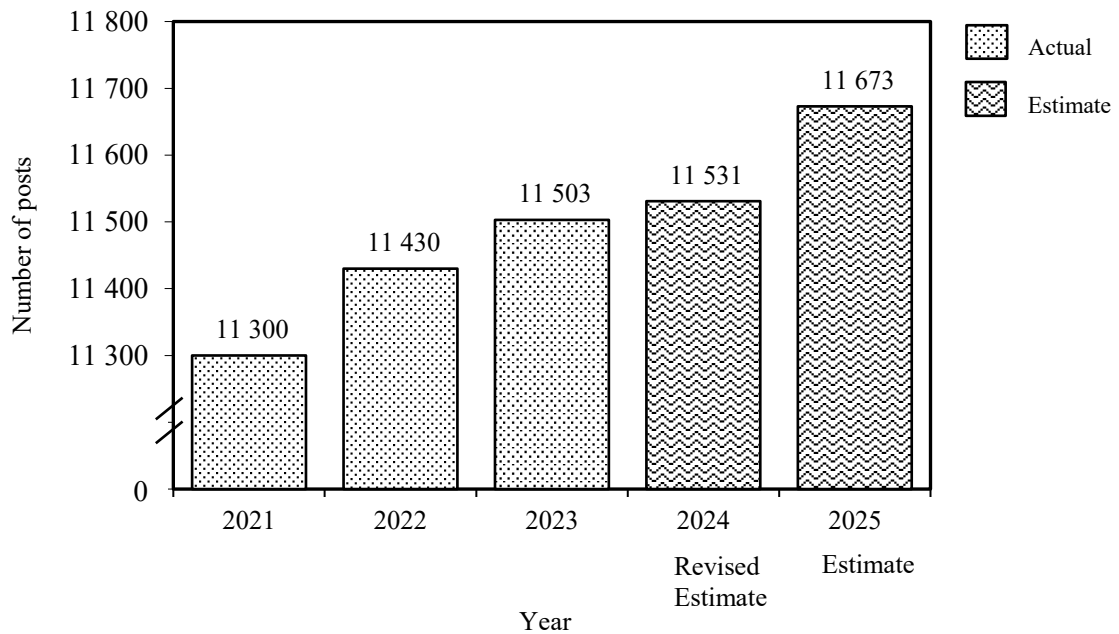
*Allocation of provision  
to programmes  
(2024-25)*



*Staff by programme  
(as at 31 March 2025)*



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



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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2022–23	Approved estimate 2023–24	Revised estimate 2023–24	<b>Estimate 2024–25</b>	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	<b>\$'000</b>	
<b>Operating Account</b>					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses .....	7,917,579	7,957,604	8,466,940	<b>8,544,130</b>
	Total, Recurrent.....	7,917,579	7,957,604	8,466,940	<b>8,544,130</b>
	Total, Operating Account .....	7,917,579	7,957,604	8,466,940	<b>8,544,130</b>
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<b>Capital Account</b>					
Plant, Equipment and Works					
603	Plant, vehicles and equipment.....	60,275	136,118	135,325	<b>256,259</b>
661	Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote).....	155,867	408,135	192,401	<b>393,333</b>
690	Town ambulances (block vote).....	101,897	292,414	124,600	<b>298,109</b>
	Total, Plant, Equipment and Works.....	318,039	836,667	452,326	<b>947,701</b>
	Total, Capital Account.....	318,039	836,667	452,326	<b>947,701</b>
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	Total Expenditure .....	8,235,618	8,794,271	8,919,266	<b>9,491,831</b>

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### Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2024–25 for the salaries and expenses of the Fire Services Department is \$9,491,831,000. This represents an increase of \$572,565,000 over the revised estimate for 2023–24 and \$1,256,213,000 over the actual expenditure in 2022–23.

#### *Operating Account*

##### Recurrent

**2** Provision of \$8,544,130,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Fire Services Department.

**3** The establishment as at 31 March 2024 will be 11 531 posts including two supernumerary posts. It is expected that there will be a net increase of 142 posts in 2024–25. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2024–25, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$6,090,920,000.

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

	2022–23 (Actual) (\$'000)	2023–24 (Original) (\$'000)	2023–24 (Revised) (\$'000)	<b>2024–25 (Estimate) (\$'000)</b>
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries .....	5,557,064	5,651,493	5,875,367	<b>6,122,318</b>
- Allowances .....	288,582	182,439	304,228	<b>202,979</b>
- Job-related allowances.....	219,217	206,207	406,647	<b>193,281</b>
Personnel Related Expenses				
- Mandatory Provident Fund contribution .....	27,166	29,892	25,544	<b>25,549</b>
- Civil Service Provident Fund contribution .....	554,516	632,159	631,625	<b>699,998</b>
Departmental Expenses				
- Specialist supplies and equipment.....	145,445	134,816	134,808	<b>138,064</b>
- General departmental expenses .....	1,125,589	1,120,598	1,088,721	<b>1,161,941</b>
	7,917,579	7,957,604	8,466,940	<b>8,544,130</b>

#### *Capital Account*

##### Plant, Equipment and Works

**5** Provision of \$393,333,000 under *Subhead 661 Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)* represents an increase of \$200,932,000 (104.4%) over the revised estimate for 2023–24. This is mainly due to the lower than expected cash flow requirement for acquisition and replacement of fire appliances and equipment in 2023–24.

**6** Provision of \$298,109,000 under *Subhead 690 Town ambulances (block vote)* is for the procurement of new and replacement of town ambulances each costing up to \$10 million. The increase of \$173,509,000 (139.3%) over the revised estimate for 2023–24 is mainly due to the lower than expected cash flow requirement for acquisition and replacement of town ambulances in 2023–24.

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### Commitments

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2023	Revised estimated expenditure for 2023–24	Balance
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Capital Account</b>						
603		<i>Plant, vehicles and equipment</i>				
	8F6	Acquisition of a fireboat.....	125,000	10,164	34,714	80,122
	8F7	Acquisition of a fast rescue vessel .....	40,000	17,349	21,002	1,649
	8F8	Replacement of Fireboat No. 2 .....	97,500	7,618	30,429	59,453
	8F9	Replacement of Command Boat No. 1.....	120,000	7,729	30,849	81,422
	8FA	Replacement of Command Boat No. 2.....	120,000	7,729	16,101	96,170
	8FB	One replacement crash fire tender R22....	10,496	9,610	116	770
	8FC	One replacement crash fire tender R42....	10,496	9,578	116	802
	8FD	Acquisition of a high reach extendable turret for the Airside Fire Station (West Support Area) for Three-Runway System.....	12,775	10,717	791	1,267
	8FE	Acquisition of two rapid intervention vehicles for the Airside Fire Station (West Support Area) for Three-Runway System.....	20,892	16,985	907	3,000
	8FF	Replacement of Turntable Ladder F131...	11,871	—	100	11,771
	8FG	Replacement of Turntable Ladder F132...	11,871	—	100	11,771
	8FH	Acquisition of a Turntable Ladder for proposed fire station cum ambulance depot at Lok Ma Chau Loop.....	12,071	—	100	11,971
	8FJ	Acquisition of a Hazmat Tender for proposed fire station cum ambulance depot at Lok Ma Chau Loop.....	10,357	—	—	10,357
	8FK	Acquisition of a Decontamination Tender for proposed fire station cum ambulance depot at Lok Ma Chau Loop.....	15,695	—	—	15,695
	8FL	Acquisition of a Mobile Command Unit for proposed fire station cum ambulance depot at Lok Ma Chau Loop.....	10,044	—	—	10,044
	8FM	Acquisition of a High Reach Extendable Turret for the Airport East Fire Station to support the Three-Runway System at the Hong Kong International Airport.....	13,474	—	—	13,474
	8FN	Acquisition of two Rapid Intervention Vehicles for the Airport East Fire Station to support the Three-Runway System at the Hong Kong International Airport.....	22,478	—	—	22,478
	8FP	Acquisition of a First Intervention Vehicle for the Chek Lap Kok North Fire Station cum Ambulance Depot to support the Three-Runway System at the Hong Kong International Airport ..	11,655	—	—	11,655

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### Commitments—Cont'd.

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2023	Revised estimated expenditure for 2023–24	Balance
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Capital Account—Cont'd.</b>						
603	<i>Plant, vehicles and equipment—Cont'd.</i>					
8FQ	Acquisition of a Decontamination Tender for the Chek Lap Kok North Fire Station cum Ambulance Depot to support the Three-Runway System at the Hong Kong International Airport ..		12,359	—	—	12,359
8FR	Acquisition of a Bulk Foam Tender for the Chek Lap Kok North Fire Station cum Ambulance Depot to support the Three-Runway System at the Hong Kong International Airport .....		11,109	—	—	11,109
8FS	Acquisition of a Turntable Ladder (37m) for Chek Lap Kok North Fire Station cum Ambulance Depot to support the Three-Runway System at the Hong Kong International Airport .....		10,868	—	—	10,868
8FT	Replacement of a High Reach Extendable Turret for Airport Fire Contingent in the Hong Kong International Airport .....		13,918	—	—	13,918
8FU	Acquisition of two Rescue Stair Appliances for the Airport Fire Contingent to support the Three-Runway System at the Hong Kong International Airport .....		20,638	—	—	20,638
8FV	Replacement of Turntable Ladder F103...		10,131	—	—	10,131
8FW	One Replacement Crash Fire Tender R12.....		12,758	—	—	12,758
8FX	One Replacement Rapid Intervention Vehicle R11Ω .....		14,553Ω	—	—	14,553
8FY	One Replacement Crash Fire Tender R32Ω.....		15,031Ω	—	—	15,031
8FZ	Replacement of a High Reach Extendable Turret R34 for Airport Fire Contingent in the Hong Kong International AirportΩ .....		20,216Ω	—	—	20,216
	Total .....		<u>818,256</u>	<u>97,479</u>	<u>135,325</u>	<u>585,452</u>

Ω This is a new item, funding for which is sought in the context of the Appropriation Bill 2024.