

Head 174 — JOINT SECRETARIAT FOR THE ADVISORY BODIES ON CIVIL SERVICE AND JUDICIAL SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

Controlling officer: the Secretary General, Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2024–25 **\$48.5m**

Establishment ceiling 2024–25 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 31 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2024 and as at 31 March 2025 **\$24.9m**

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

Controlling Officer’s Report

Programme

Secretariat services for the following advisory bodies—

- **Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service**
- **Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service**
- **Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service**
- **Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service**
- **Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants**

This programme contributes to Policy Area 26: Central Management of the Civil Service (Secretary for the Civil Service) and Policy Area 27: Intra-Governmental Services (Director of Administration).

Detail

	2022–23 (Actual)	2023–24 (Original)	2023–24 (Revised)	2024–25 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	44.7	47.7	47.0 (–1.5%)	48.5 (+3.2%)
				(or +1.7% on 2023–24 Original)

Aim

2 The aim is to assist in maintaining efficient and stable civil and judicial services through the advice of the advisory bodies.

Brief Description

3 The five advisory bodies advise the Chief Executive on the following:

- Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service – matters relating to the pay and conditions of service of the non-directorate civil service;
- Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service – matters relating to the pay and conditions of service of the disciplined services;
- Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service – the structure of directorate posts and matters relating to pay and conditions of service;
- Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service – the structure of judicial posts and matters relating to pay and conditions of service; and
- Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants – the principles and the criteria to be adopted in formulating policy and arrangements to control post-service employment, and the applications for post-service outside work from directorate officers.

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4 The four advisory bodies on civil service and judicial salaries and conditions of service take into consideration recommendations from the Government and views of the staff before tendering their advice to the Chief Executive. The Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants takes into consideration assessment and views of parties within the Government before tendering its advice on applications to the decision making authority.

5 The effectiveness of the work of the four advisory bodies on civil service and judicial salaries and conditions of service is reflected in the part they play in the formulation of principles and practices governing the grades, ranks, salary structures and conditions of service of the civil and judicial services. The effectiveness of the work of the Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants is reflected in the extent to which the advice tendered assists the decision making authority in ensuring that the post-service outside work of directorate civil servants within the periods of restriction would not constitute conflict of interest with their former government duties, cause negative public perception or give rise to reasonable apprehension of deferred reward.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024–25

6 During 2024–25, the advisory bodies will continue to:

- tender advice to the Chief Executive on the civil service and judicial salaries and conditions of service;
- examine and tender advice to the Government on proposals and applications put to them by the Government on matters within their ambits; and
- conduct studies or reviews as invited by the Government.

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ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

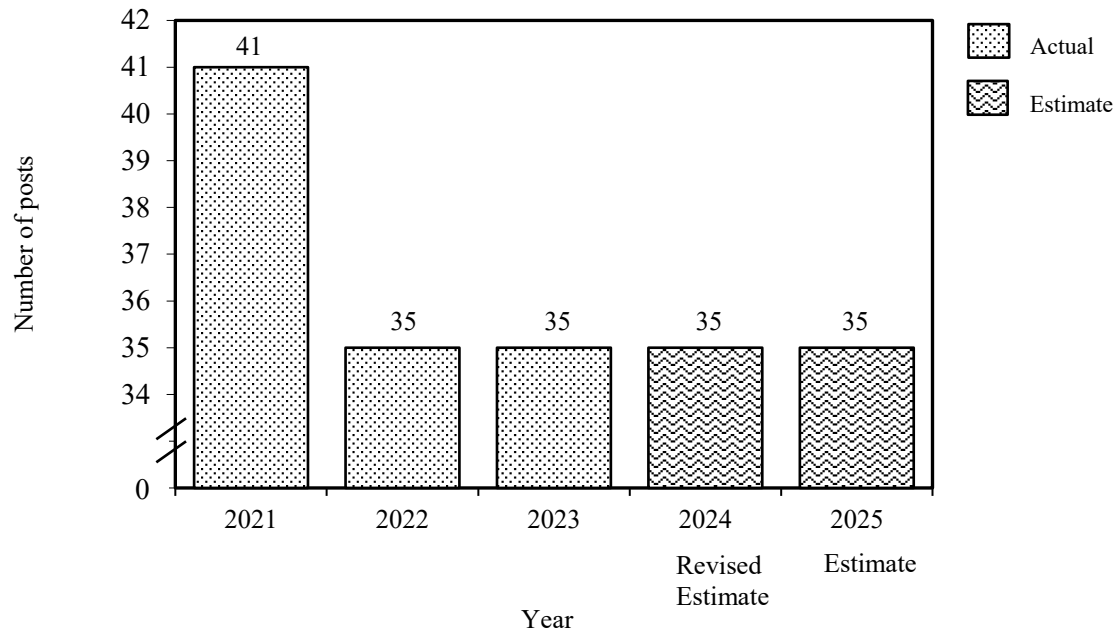
	2022–23 (Actual) (\$m)	2023–24 (Original) (\$m)	2023–24 (Revised) (\$m)	2024–25 (Estimate) (\$m)
Programme				
Secretariat services for the following advisory bodies—				
• Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service				
• Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service				
• Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service				
• Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service				
• Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants.....	44.7	47.7	47.0 (–1.5%)	48.5 (+3.2%)
				(or +1.7% on 2023–24 Original)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2024–25 is \$1.5 million (3.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2023–24. This is mainly due to the increased provision for personal emoluments, partly offset by the reduced requirement for general departmental expenses.

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*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	Estimate 2024–25	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating Account					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses	44,653	47,699	46,981	48,500
	Total, Recurrent.....	44,653	47,699	46,981	48,500
	Total, Operating Account	44,653	47,699	46,981	48,500
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	Total Expenditure	44,653	47,699	46,981	48,500
		<u>44,653</u>	<u>47,699</u>	<u>46,981</u>	<u>48,500</u>

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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 Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service (Joint Secretariat) is \$48,500,000. This represents an increase of \$1,519,000 over the revised estimate for 2023–24 and \$3,847,000 over the actual expenditure in 2022–23.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$48,500,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Joint Secretariat.

3 The establishment as at 31 March 2024 will be 35 posts. No change in establishment is expected 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 \$24,865,000.

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)	2024–25 (Estimate) (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries	36,440	37,114	37,278	38,935
- Allowances	881	856	652	907
- Job-related allowances.....	7	10	—	—
Personnel Related Expenses				
- Mandatory Provident Fund contribution	28	33	33	36
- Civil Service Provident Fund contribution	2,191	2,218	2,344	2,488
Departmental Expenses				
- General departmental expenses	5,106	7,468	6,674	6,134
	44,653	47,699	46,981	48,500