

Head 33 — CIVIL ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Controlling officer: the Director of Civil Engineering and Development will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2026–27 **\$4,190.1m**

Establishment ceiling 2026–27 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 2 018 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2026 reducing by 80 posts to 1 938 posts as at 31 March 2027..... **\$1,362.8m**

In addition, there will be an estimated 64 directorate posts as at 31 March 2026 reducing by four posts to 60 posts as at 31 March 2027.

Commitment balance..... **\$460.2m**

Controlling Officer’s Report

Programmes

Programme (1) Tourism and Recreational Development	This programme contributes to Policy Area 5: Travel and Tourism (Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism).
Programme (2) Port and Marine Facilities	This programme contributes to Policy Area 3: Air and Sea Communications and Logistics Development (Secretary for Transport and Logistics) and Policy Area 21: Land and Waterborne Transport (Secretary for Transport and Logistics).
Programme (3) Provision of Land and Infrastructure	This programme contributes to Policy Area 18: Recreation, Culture, Amenities and Entertainment Licensing (Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism), Policy Area 21: Land and Waterborne Transport (Secretary for Transport and Logistics) and Policy Area 22: Buildings, Lands, Planning, Heritage Conservation, Greening and Landscape (Secretary for Development).
Programme (4) Slope Safety and Geotechnical Standards	This programme contributes to Policy Area 24: Water Supply, Drainage and Slope Safety (Secretary for Development).
Programme (5) Greening and Technical Services	This programme contributes to Policy Area 22: Buildings, Lands, Planning, Heritage Conservation, Greening and Landscape (Secretary for Development).
Programme (6) Supervision of Mining, Quarrying and Explosives	This programme contributes to Policy Area 24: Water Supply, Drainage and Slope Safety (Secretary for Development).
Programme (7) Management of Construction and Demolition Materials	This programme contributes to Policy Area 23: Environmental Protection, Conservation, Power and Sustainable Development (Secretary for Environment and Ecology and Secretary for Development).
Programme (8) Advice on Development Proposals	This programme contributes to Policy Area 22: Buildings, Lands, Planning, Heritage Conservation, Greening and Landscape (Secretary for Development).

Detail

Programme (1): Tourism and Recreational Development

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	64.2	62.0	63.4 (+2.3%)	61.7 (–2.7%)
				(or –0.5% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

2 The aims are to plan, design and implement the supporting engineering works for the tourism and recreational developments in Tai Shue Wan, as well as to provide engineering input to the development plans of Ocean Park and Hong Kong Disneyland Resort (HKDL).

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Brief Description

3 To strengthen the position of Hong Kong as a premier destination for visitors, the Department continued to provide engineering advice to the Tourism Commission on the development plans of Ocean Park and HKDL, as well as to co-ordinate and liaise with these two theme parks and relevant parties.

4 The key performance measures relating to tourism and recreational development are:

Indicators

	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
commitment balance of projects under planning, design and construction (\$m).....	216.0	220.5	215.9
expenditure on works under construction (\$m)	20.6	3.6	15.7

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

5 During 2026–27, the Department will:

- monitor and co-ordinate with Tourism Commission the development plans of Ocean Park and HKDL; and
- complete the design of the pier project at Tai Shue Wan by integrating its function into the proposed eastern breakwater of the Expansion of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter project, taking the form of landing steps with ramps.

Programme (2): Port and Marine Facilities

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	295.0	275.3	279.9 (+1.7%)	271.9 (–2.9%)
				(or –1.2% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

6 The aim is to implement the port development programme; design, construct and maintain public marine facilities including seawalls, mooring areas and piers; maintain adequate water depth in navigation channels in the harbour; and provide advice and services to other departments on matters relating to marine works.

Brief Description

7 In 2025, the Department continued the planning, design and construction of various projects for improving port and marine facilities.

8 The Department maintained 138 kilometres of seawalls, 336 piers including public piers as well as franchised and licensed ferry piers, all fairways, anchorage areas and major tidal river channels.

9 The Department continued to vet submissions for private marine facilities and to provide advice and services to other departments on matters relating to marine works.

10 The key performance measures relating to port and marine facilities are:

Targets

	Target	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Plan)
inspecting each pier (urban: twice a year; rural: once a year) (%).....	100	100	100	100
responding to enquiries on information about marine facilities within seven days (%).....	100	100	100	100

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Indicators

	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
expenditure on maintenance works and maintenance dredging (\$m).....	98.9	85.6	107.0
submissions processed and advice provided.....	2 050	2 050	2 050
commitment balance of marine facilities and port projects under planning, design and construction (\$m).....	1,318.7	1,224.6	1,152.5
expenditure on marine facilities and port construction works (\$m).....	234.3	303.1	186.4

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

11 During 2026–27, the Department will continue to upgrade various port and marine facilities.

Programme (3): Provision of Land and Infrastructure

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	1,161.8	1,024.2	1,025.7 (+0.1%)	954.1 (–7.0%)
				(or –6.8% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

12 The aim is to provide land and supporting infrastructure for development.

Brief Description

13 The Department is responsible for planning, co-ordinating, programming and implementing the provision of land and supporting infrastructure to accommodate various types of development for the public and private sectors to meet the needs of the community.

14 In 2025, the Department continued the construction of the first phase and commenced the construction of the second phase of site formation and infrastructure works, and continued the detailed design of the remaining phase of Tung Chung New Town Extension. The Department also completed the footbridge at the junctions of Sham Mong Road/Hing Wah Street West, and continued the construction of west landscaped deck at Wan Chai North and the footbridge at the junctions of Sham Mong Road/Yen Chow Street West in Sham Shui Po. The Department continued the site formation and infrastructure works for the development of ex-Cha Kwo Ling Kaolin Mine Site (Phase 2), the redevelopment of Cha Kwo Ling Village and Chuk Yuen United Village, and the investigation and design study of site formation and infrastructure works for the development at Diamond Hill Service Reservoirs. In addition, the Department commenced the construction of site formation and infrastructure works for Ngau Chi Wan Village redevelopment. The Department also continued the construction of the East Coast Boardwalk, the feasibility study and implementation of the Round-the-Island Trail on Hong Kong Island, and the investigation and design study for the expansion of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter.

15 For the development of the Northern Metropolis, the Department:

- continued the construction of the first phase and remaining phase developments of Kwu Tung North/Fanling North (KTN/FLN) New Development Area (NDA);
- completed the construction of the first phase development and continued the construction of the second phase development of Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen (HSK/HT) NDA;
- completed the land use review study and continued the investigation studies for developments at Lau Fau Shan, Tsim Bei Tsui and Pak Nai areas;
- continued the construction of the first phase development, the planning review of the third phase development and the detailed design of the third phase (part) development of Yuen Long South (YLS) NDA, and commenced the construction of the second phase development of YLS NDA;
- continued the construction of the main works package 1 of the development of the Loop and the investigation and design study for the Eastern Connection Road supporting the Loop development;
- continued the detailed design of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 development and the construction of the Phase 1 Stage 1 development of San Tin Technopole;
- continued the planning and engineering study for the New Territories North (NTN) New Town and the feasibility study for Ma Tso Lung area;

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- continued the detailed design for the proposed food control facilities at Heung Yuen Wai; and
- continued the land use review study and commenced the detailed design for Ngau Tam Mei NDA.

16 The Department completed the engineering feasibility study on the site in Tin Shui Wai Area 14 for housing and government facilities developments and the engineering feasibility studies on two sites in Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun for private housing development. The Department also continued the investigation and design of the developments at Tseung Kwan O (TKO) Area 137 and off TKO Area 132, and commenced the advance preparatory works at TKO Area 137. In addition, the Department continued the planning and engineering study for Lung Kwu Tan reclamation and the re-planning of Tuen Mun West area, the study to assess the technical feasibility of a number of housing sites and potential green belt sites for housing development in Tuen Mun East, and provided technical support for conducting the expression of interest for the development proposal at the ex-Lamma Quarry site.

17 The Department continued to co-ordinate the overall implementation of Kai Tak Development whilst pressing ahead with the staged design and construction of engineering infrastructure.

18 The Department continued the construction of caverns at Anderson Road Quarry Site for relocating the Public Works Central Laboratory in Kowloon Bay and building a new Archives Centre, and the geotechnical works for the re-provisioning of Victoria Public Mortuary site at Victoria Road.

19 The Department completed the construction of elevated landscaped pedestrian deck near MTR Kwun Tong Station, and continued the construction of infrastructure works for developments at Kwun Tong Action Area.

20 The Department continued to take forward various initiatives in Lantau including local improvement works, conservation and recreation initiatives, smart, green and resilient initiatives, and public engagement, education and promotion activities. The Department commenced the detailed technical study for initiatives under the South Lantau Eco-recreation Corridor; and the design of the education centre in Shui Hau.

21 The Department was completing the remaining planning and engineering study for the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands (KYCAI) and Sunny Bay reclamation. The Department also continued the engineering study on Road P1 (Tai Ho – Sunny Bay Section).

22 The Department continued the feasibility study on road network enhancement to South Lantau to develop the traffic infrastructure to improve the road connection between the North and South Lantau. The Department also commenced the local road improvement works of South Lantau Road (Cheung Sha to Mui Wo Section). In addition, the Department continued the construction of phase 2 stage 2 improvement works at Mui Wo, phase 2 stage 2 improvement works at Tai O and the remaining phase of the mountain bike trail network expansion in South Lantau.

23 The Department continued the feasibility studies, investigation, detailed design and construction of site formation and infrastructure works for a number of public housing development sites.

24 The Department continued the investigation and detailed design of the road improvement at Wo Hop Shek Cemetery (WHSC) for columbarium related development, and commenced the feasibility study for the expansion of columbarium facilities at WHSC. The Department also continued the construction of site formation and infrastructure works for development of columbarium at Sham Shui Kok Drive on Lantau Island.

25 The Department continued the detailed design of Phase 2 stage 1 of the agricultural park in Kwu Tung South (Agri-Park).

26 The Department continued the investigation study and commenced the detailed design of the Phase 1 for the establishment of Sam Po Shue Wetland Conservation Park.

27 The Department continued the study of the Tseung Kwan O – Yau Tong Tunnel, the study and implementation of the smart and green mass transit system in Kai Tak, and the improvement works to So Kwun Po Interchange.

28 The Department continued the construction of Trunk Road T2 and Cha Kwo Ling Tunnel, and Trunk Road T4 in Sha Tin.

29 The Department continued the feasibility study on the proposed multi-storey complex for container-related uses and modern logistics facilities in Kwai Chung.

30 The Department continued the feasibility study on developing the logistics cluster in HSK/HT NDA.

31 The Department continued the investigation and design study of road works for phase 1 of the smart and green mass transit system in HSK/HT NDA.

32 The Department continued pursuing the staged implementation of public infrastructure works and integrated basement to support the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) development.

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33 The key performance measures relating to provision of land and infrastructure are:

Indicators

	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
area of land formed (hectares).....	31.4	30.9	40.1
road constructed/widened for development (metres).....	6 291	9 757	16 157
commitment balance of land formation and infrastructure projects under planning, design and construction (\$m).....	277,660.2	292,944.2	281,775.6
expenditure on construction for land formation and infrastructure (\$m).....	20,006.8	22,003.2	28,817.0
no. of land formation and infrastructure projects under planning, design and construction	207	202	202

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

34 During 2026–27, the Department will:

- continue to ensure that all land and infrastructure required to meet development targets are delivered on time and cost-effectively;
- commence the construction of Ngau Tam Mei NDA;
- commence the detailed design for (i) the remaining phase development of HSK/HT NDA and Phase 1 development of Lau Fau Shan NDA, and (ii) the Priority Development Area of NTN New Town;
- commence the construction of the site formation and infrastructure works for the proposed food control facilities at Heung Yuen Wai;
- complete the feasibility study and provide input to the detailed planning of Ma Tso Lung area;
- continue the construction of the first phase and remaining phase developments of KTN/FLN NDA;
- continue the construction of the Phase 1 Stage 1 development and the detailed design of Phase 2 development, and commence the construction of the Phase 1 Stage 2 development of San Tin Technopole;
- complete the investigation and design study and commence the construction for the expansion of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter;
- commence the detailed design for the development at TKO Area 137, and the construction of site formation and infrastructure works for the development off TKO Area 132;
- manage some beautification works for Lan Kwai Fong;
- provide technical input in taking forward the development at the ex-Lamma Quarry site;
- commence the construction of the education centre in Shui Hau;
- take forward the feasibility studies, investigation, detailed design and construction of site formation and infrastructure works for a number of public housing development sites;
- continue the tendering of the smart and green mass transit system in Kai Tak;
- complete the feasibility study on developing the logistics cluster in HSK/HT NDA;
- continue with the feasibility study on the development of a site in Tsing Yi South for green maritime fuel storage and related purposes;
- continue the implementation of improvement works to So Kwun Po Interchange;
- commence the tendering of phase 1 of the smart and green mass transit system in HSK/HT NDA;
- commence the tendering of investigation and design of road works for the smart and green mass transit system from Tin Shui Wai Station to YLS NDA;
- complete the investigation study for the establishment of the Sam Po Shue Wetland Conservation Park, and commence the construction for the first phase of the park; and
- continue the detailed design of Phase 2 stage 1 of the Agri-Park.

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Programme (4): Slope Safety and Geotechnical Standards

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	483.8	476.4	488.5 (+2.5%)	468.9 (–4.0%)
				(or –1.6% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

35 The aim is to exercise geotechnical control on private and public developments, register slopes, implement the Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Programme (LPMitP), provide landslide emergency service, investigate serious landslides, set geotechnical standards, undertake public education and advise private slope owners on slope safety.

Brief Description

36 The checking of geotechnical aspects of building and infrastructure developments continues to play a key role in reducing landslide risk. The Department has been providing specialised geotechnical input in the planning, investigation, design, construction and geotechnical risk management.

37 The Department continued the LPMitP to upgrade substandard government man-made slopes, mitigate landslide hazard arising from natural hillside catchments, and conduct safety screening for private man-made slopes. In 2025, 151 government man-made slopes were upgraded and 46 hillside catchments were mitigated under the LPMitP.

38 The Department continued to maintain an automatic raingauge network to support the operation of the Landslip Warning System. It also provided 24-hour landslide emergency service in collaboration with other departments to remove immediate landslide danger and to restore essential services to the community. Serious landslides would continue to be investigated with a view to improving the slope safety system.

39 The Department continued to promote slope maintenance as well as public awareness and response towards slope safety. The Department continued to advise private slope owners on slope maintenance and improvement works. In addition, 20 guidance documents were produced in 2025 on slope safety and other geotechnical topics, including reports on lessons learnt from landslides.

40 The key performance measures relating to slope safety and geotechnical standards are:

Target

	Target	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Plan)
providing information about a slope within five days of an application (%).....	100	100	100	100

Indicators

	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
new slope features registered	254	288	250
slope features upgraded and landscaped	150	151	156
natural hillside catchments with mitigation measures implemented	37	46	54
safety screening studies of private man-made slopes completed.....	101	102	105
expenditure for landslip prevention and mitigation (\$m)	1,268.6	1,391.9	1,400.0
geotechnical submissions checked.....	16 346	14 268	15 300
active construction sites audited.....	2 015	2 006	2 000
guidance documents produced	22	20	16

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

41 During 2026–27, the Department will:

- ensure adequate geotechnical input to the planning, design and construction of man-made slopes, tunnels and landslide mitigation measures to natural hillsides, and to blasting works by professionally qualified geotechnical engineers and suitably experienced competent persons;
- continue to audit government and private sector projects involving tunnel/cavern works to ensure that the works are carried out to an adequate standard of geotechnical risk management;

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- continue to assist government departments in prioritising slopes for engineer inspection and maintenance action;
- continue to enhance the appearance of slopes in conjunction with slope upgrading and landslide risk mitigation works under the LPMitP;
- continue to implement the LPMitP to deal with the landslide risk arising from substandard man-made slopes and vulnerable natural hillsides;
- continue to enhance geotechnical guidance on the design and quality control of slope upgrading and landslide risk mitigation works;
- continue to explore ways to use technology to improve risk assessment capabilities, conduct systematic investigations and studies on major landslide incidents triggered by extreme rainstorms and devise focused measures of landslide mitigation for more natural slopes; and
- continue to build community resilience and enhance government preparedness for landslide disasters, in view of the increasing risk arising from climate change, increasing population and slope deterioration.

Programme (5): Greening and Technical Services

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	191.3	180.6	186.3 (+3.2%)	175.4 (–5.9%)
				(or –2.9% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

42 The aim is to develop greening master plans and implement other landscape measures to improve the environment of Hong Kong, provide ground investigation, construction materials testing, geological surveys and other geotechnical services, and manage Hong Kong’s marine fill resources and mud disposal facilities.

Brief Description

43 The Department substantially completed the implementation of the greening master plans for the Southwest and Northeast New Territories in December 2024.

44 The Department operates contracts for ground investigation and laboratory testing. In 2025, the Public Works Laboratories (PWLs) continued to serve public works projects by undertaking some 752 000 tests on construction materials and enhanced its services by launching the Laboratory Information Management System e-Portal to cover online processes, from submitting test requests to issuing electronic test reports. The Department continued technical development on the use of sustainable construction materials (e.g. ground granulated blastfurnace slag) and the application of innovative technologies in performing construction materials tests, such as automated testing systems for steel bars, concrete cubes and fill compaction control tests. The Department continued to provide geotechnical advisory services to government departments on a wide range of projects. The Civil Engineering Library, which contains a large collection of geotechnical data on Hong Kong, served about 6 000 users in 2025.

45 Through the Public Fill Committee and the Marine Fill Committee, the Department continued to co-ordinate the management and use of public fill and marine fill resources to meet development needs, oversee the operation of public fill and marine sediment disposal facilities with provision of adequate handling capacity, and formulate strategies to reduce waste generation as well as recycle and reuse of public fill and marine sediment.

46 The key performance measures relating to greening and technical services are:

Targets

	Target	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Plan)
providing assistance at the registration counter of the Civil Engineering Library within ten minutes (%)	100	100	100	100
providing information about geology and natural resources within 4.5 days upon request (%).....	100	100	100	100

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Indicators

	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
no. of greening master plans under planning, design and implementation	8	0	0
expenditure on greening works implemented under greening master plans (\$m)	32.8	14.4	6.6
expenditure on term contracts for ground investigation and laboratory soil and rock testing (\$m).....	117.1	58.5	55.7
material tests conducted in the PWLs and in contract laboratories managed by the PWLs (thousand).....	723	752	755
geotechnical advisory cases handled in land-use planning and engineering feasibility studies	2 101	1 761	1 800
geotechnical advisory cases handled in detailed engineering studies and design.....	598	457	440
value of marine fill management investigations and studies (\$m)	2.4	2.5	2.0
marine fill management reports and major papers issued.....	9	9	9

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

47 During 2026–27, the Department will continue to provide reliable and efficient construction material testing and ground investigation services to public works projects.

Programme (6): Supervision of Mining, Quarrying and Explosives

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	109.3	112.1	130.2 (+16.1%)	119.5 (–8.2%)
				(or +6.6% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

48 The aim is to supervise contracts for quarrying in Hong Kong, enforce the Mining Ordinance (Cap. 285), enforce the Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295) in connection with the use of explosives, and safeguard the public from the misuse of explosives.

Brief Description

49 The Department made satisfactory progress in respect of supervision of quarrying in 2025. The Department continued to supervise the rehabilitation contract for Lam Tei Quarry and commenced the new underground quarry contract at Lam Tei Quarry Site in July 2025, issue permits under the Sand Ordinance (Cap. 147) for importation and transportation of sand, and regulate the use of site crushers on both public and private construction sites. Regular inspections of the quarry site were conducted to enforce safety regulations. The Department is also undertaking studies to develop new underground quarries at Tsing Yi North and Sham Shui Kok.

50 The Department also made satisfactory progress in respect of supervision of the use of explosives during the year. To protect the public from the misuse of explosives, the Department continued to maintain strict control over the storage, handling, transportation and use of explosives from manufacture or importation to use on construction sites.

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51 The key performance measures relating to supervision of quarrying and explosives are:

Targets

	Target	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Plan)
issuing a Sand Removal Permit within two days of an application which has satisfied government requirements (%)	100	100	100	100
issuing a Licence to Manufacture Explosives within two days of an application, where pre-licensing requirements have been satisfied (%)	100	100	100	100
issuing a Permit to Remove Explosives within one day of an application (%)	100	100	100	100
issuing a Licence to Store or Use Explosives within two days of an application, where pre-licensing requirements have been satisfied (%)	95	100	100	100
issuing a Mine Blasting Certificate within one day of an applicant passing an examination (%)	100	100	100	100

Indicators

	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
Sand Removal Permits issued	469	326	340
Quarrying			
quarrying and rock crushing contracts supervised	1	2	2
revenue from royalty and rental payments (\$m)	51.8	51.9	47.3
aggregates processed by			
contract quarries (million tonnes)	0.5	1.0	0.9
safety inspections of quarries conducted	12	16	16
Explosives and Blasting			
inspections of pre-licensed sites, magazines, manufacturing plants and stores conducted	558	512	340
licences and permits granted ^β	8 835	8 276	6 900
licences and permits renewed ^β	144	134	150
inspections of blasting sites conducted	342	498	370
no. of blasting activities	1 342	1 403	900
tonnes of explosives consumed	1 085	1 525	1 300
no. of deliveries of explosives	415	990	840
tonnes of explosives delivered from government explosives depots	24	35	33
warnings issued	11	0	0

^β These include all licences and permits except Sand Removal Permits.

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52 During 2026–27, the Department will continue to supervise the revenue contract for carrying out underground quarrying at the Lam Tei Quarry site. The Department will also continue the investigation, design and construction studies for the underground quarry sites at Tsing Yi North and Sham Shui Kok.

53 The main blasting project in 2026–27 will be the West New Territories Landfill Extension contract. This project will largely determine the demand for explosives and number of blasting related activities.

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Programme (7): Management of Construction and Demolition Materials

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	1,154.7	1,943.2	1,690.3 (–13.0%)	2,093.5 (+23.9%)
				(or +7.7% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

54 The aim is to ensure good management of construction and demolition materials including beneficial reuse of inert construction and demolition materials (also known as public fill).

Brief Description

55 In 2025, the Department, on behalf of the Public Fill Committee, continued to scrutinise submissions from proponents of public works projects with a view to reducing generation and maximising the reuse of public fill. The Department also provided proponents of public works projects with guidelines to formulate construction and demolition materials management plans at the early design stage.

56 The Department continued to maintain adequate outlets at strategic locations for surplus construction and demolition materials, including the fill banks and the construction waste sorting facilities at Tuen Mun Area 38 and TKO Area 137. A short-term barging facility at Mui Wo and a long-term barging point at Chai Wan were being operated. Inert hard construction and demolition materials were also recycled for use by works projects.

57 The Department continued to deliver part of the surplus public fill to the Mainland for beneficial reuse and to liaise with the Mainland authority to ensure smooth operation.

58 The key performance measures relating to management of construction and demolition materials are:

Targets

	Target	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Plan)
issuing electronic dumping licences within one day (%).....	100	100	100	100
issuing paper dumping licences within two days (%).....	100	100	100	100

Indicators

	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
public fill received at public fill reception facilities (million tonnes).....	12.5	13.1 [^]	13.8
public fill delivered to the Mainland for beneficial reuse (million tonnes).....	6.2	12.5 [^]	16.0[@]
public fill supplied to local projects for beneficial reuse (million tonnes).....	3.1	1.4 [^]	2.1
public fill stockpiled at public fill reception facilities as at year end (million tonnes).....	26.1	25.3 [^]	21.0
recycling inert hard construction and demolition materials (million tonnes).....	0.5	0.2	0.2
submissions processed on behalf of the Public Fill Committee...	140	135	130
no. of assignment of public fill outlets through trip ticket system.....	340	330	320

[^] Provisional actual subject to adjustment.

[@] The higher estimated figure in 2026 is due to the fact that more deliveries of surplus public fill materials to Taishan are expected as a result of the diminished local receiving capacity attributable to the substantial completion of major reclamation works in Hong Kong and the land of existing fill banks gradually being surrendered for development thus reducing the temporary stockpiled capacities of existing fill banks.

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Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

59 During 2026–27, the Department will continue to implement the cross-boundary delivery of surplus public fill to the Mainland for beneficial reuse.

Programme (8): Advice on Development Proposals

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	46.2	45.3	46.3 (+2.2%)	45.1 (–2.6%)
				(or –0.4% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

60 The aim is to advise on development proposals.

Brief Description

61 The Department continued to advise government departments on the engineering aspects of development proposals, including private development proposals, for the purpose of improving the environment and the infrastructural support to such proposals.

62 The key performance measures relating to advice on development proposals are:

Indicators

	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
town plans and planning briefs on which advice and comments are given	181	144	140
public and private development proposals and planning applications examined	2 209	1 853	2 053
town plans, planning briefs, public and private development proposals and planning applications dealt with per post	56.9	47.5	52.2

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

63 During 2026–27, the Department will continue to provide:

- timely response to requests from the Buildings Department, Lands Department and Planning Department for advice on lease conditions, Town Planning Board applications, master development plans and building plans. Due regard will continue to be given to environmental factors including conservation of natural features, reduction of impact of engineering works and enhancement of landscape quality; and
- technical advice and support to the WKCD Authority on the phased implementation of the WKCD development.

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ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

Programme	2024–25 (Actual) (\$m)	2025–26 (Original) (\$m)	2025–26 (Revised) (\$m)	2026–27 (Estimate) (\$m)
(1) Tourism and Recreational Development	64.2	62.0	63.4	61.7
(2) Port and Marine Facilities	295.0	275.3	279.9	271.9
(3) Provision of Land and Infrastructure	1,161.8	1,024.2	1,025.7	954.1
(4) Slope Safety and Geotechnical Standards	483.8	476.4	488.5	468.9
(5) Greening and Technical Services	191.3	180.6	186.3	175.4
(6) Supervision of Mining, Quarrying and Explosives	109.3	112.1	130.2	119.5
(7) Management of Construction and Demolition Materials	1,154.7	1,943.2	1,690.3	2,093.5
(8) Advice on Development Proposals	46.2	45.3	46.3	45.1
	3,506.3	4,119.1	3,910.6 (–5.1%)	4,190.1 (+7.1%)
				(or +1.7% on 2025–26 Original)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Programme (1)

Provision for 2026–27 is \$1.7 million (2.7%) lower than the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is mainly due to the decreased provision for operating expenses.

Programme (2)

Provision for 2026–27 is \$8.0 million (2.9%) lower than the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is mainly due to the decreased provision for operating expenses, a net decrease of five posts in 2026–27 and the decreased cash flow requirement for procurement/replacement of plant and equipment.

Programme (3)

Provision for 2026–27 is \$71.6 million (7.0%) lower than the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is mainly due to the decreased provision for operating expenses and a net decrease of 60 posts in 2026–27.

Programme (4)

Provision for 2026–27 is \$19.6 million (4.0%) lower than the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is mainly due to the decreased provision for operating expenses and a net decrease of 11 posts in 2026–27.

Programme (5)

Provision for 2026–27 is \$10.9 million (5.9%) lower than the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is mainly due to the decreased provision for operating expenses.

Programme (6)

Provision for 2026–27 is \$10.7 million (8.2%) lower than the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is mainly due to the decreased provision for operating expenses and decreased cash flow requirement for procurement/replacement of plant and equipment.

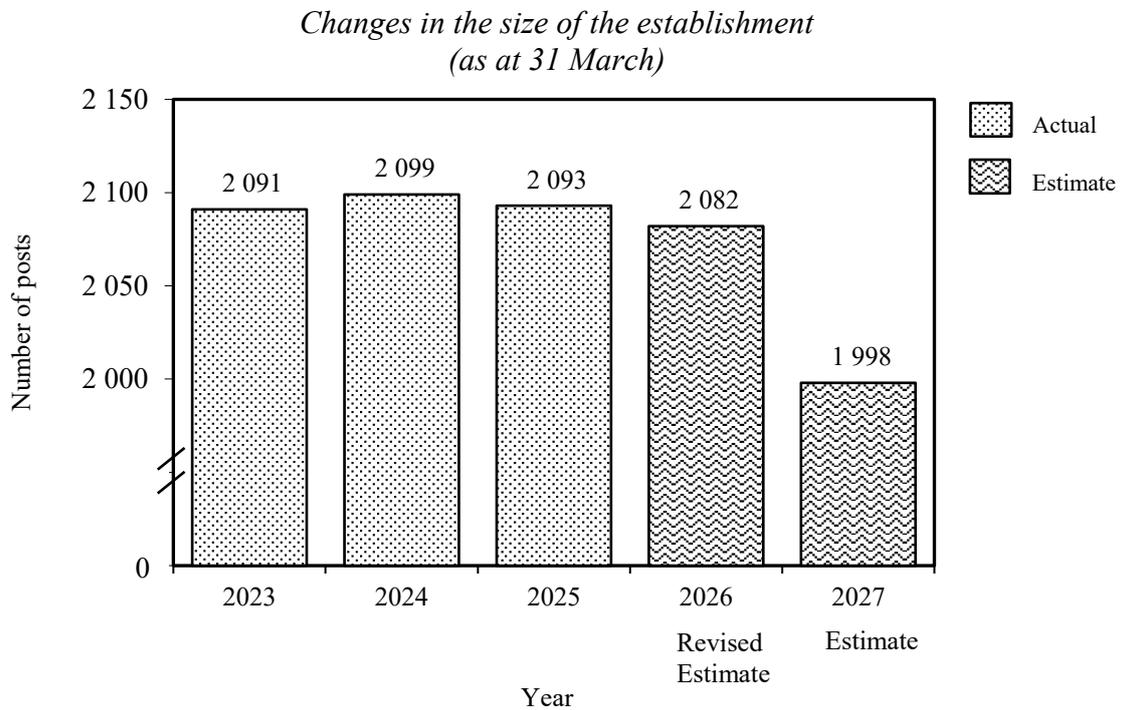
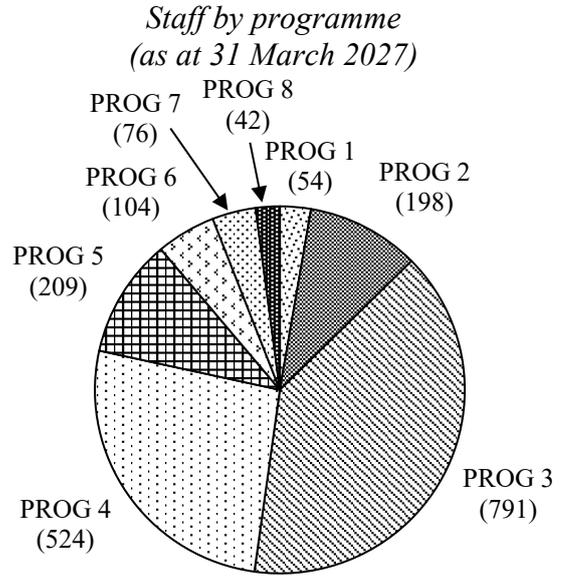
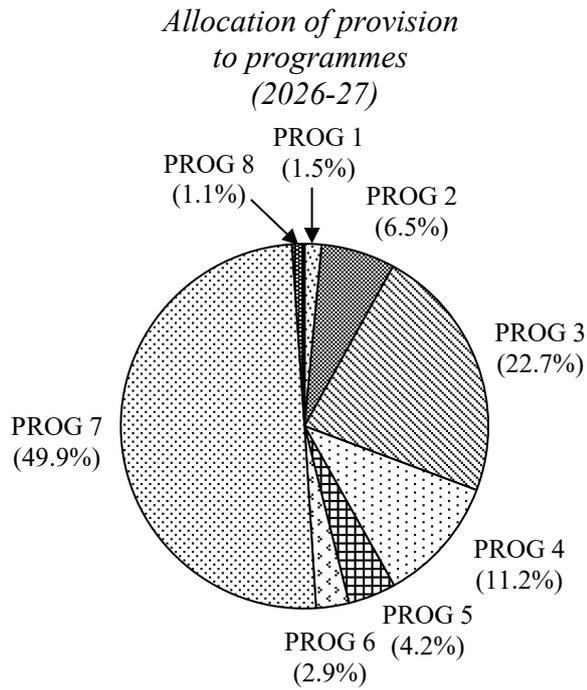
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Programme (7)

Provision for 2026–27 is \$403.2 million (23.9%) higher than the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is mainly due to the increased provision for handling of surplus public fill, partly offset by the decreased provision for operating expenses and a net decrease of eight posts in 2026–27.

Programme (8)

Provision for 2026–27 is \$1.2 million (2.6%) lower than the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is mainly due to the decreased provision for operating expenses.



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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2024–25	Approved estimate 2025–26	Revised estimate 2025–26	Estimate 2026–27	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating Account					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses	3,462,834	4,036,042	3,833,548	4,117,380
	Total, Recurrent.....	<u>3,462,834</u>	<u>4,036,042</u>	<u>3,833,548</u>	<u>4,117,380</u>
Non-Recurrent					
700	General non-recurrent	13,703	49,470	29,177	30,000
	Total, Non-Recurrent.....	<u>13,703</u>	<u>49,470</u>	<u>29,177</u>	<u>30,000</u>
	Total, Operating Account	<u>3,476,537</u>	<u>4,085,512</u>	<u>3,862,725</u>	<u>4,147,380</u>
Capital Account					
Plant, Equipment and Works					
603	Plant, vehicles and equipment.....	25,443	26,018	40,256	34,934
661	Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote).....	4,292	7,602	7,602	7,815
	Total, Plant, Equipment and Works.....	<u>29,735</u>	<u>33,620</u>	<u>47,858</u>	<u>42,749</u>
	Total, Capital Account.....	<u>29,735</u>	<u>33,620</u>	<u>47,858</u>	<u>42,749</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u><u>3,506,272</u></u>	<u><u>4,119,132</u></u>	<u><u>3,910,583</u></u>	<u><u>4,190,129</u></u>

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2026–27 for the salaries and expenses of the Civil Engineering and Development Department is \$4,190,129,000. This represents an increase of \$279,546,000 over the revised estimate for 2025–26 and \$683,857,000 over the actual expenditure in 2024–25.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$4,117,380,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Civil Engineering and Development Department.

3 The establishment as at 31 March 2026 will be 2 082 posts. It is expected that there will be a net decrease of 84 posts in 2026–27. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2026–27, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$1,362,754,000.

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

	2024–25 (Actual) (\$'000)	2025–26 (Original) (\$'000)	2025–26 (Revised) (\$'000)	2026–27 (Estimate) (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries.....	1,651,343	1,624,720	1,654,400	1,603,338
- Allowances.....	26,839	27,311	22,809	21,018
- Job-related allowances.....	948	994	1,183	1,032
Personnel Related Expenses				
- Mandatory Provident Fund contribution.....	3,387	3,161	2,816	2,313
- Civil Service Provident Fund contribution.....	163,465	178,217	174,509	195,070
Departmental Expenses				
- Contract maintenance	1,172,515	1,962,345	1,705,713	2,113,278
- General departmental expenses	444,337	239,294	272,118	181,331
	3,462,834	4,036,042	3,833,548	4,117,380

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Commitments

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2025	Revised estimated expenditure for 2025–26	Balance
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Operating Account</i>						
700		<i>General non-recurrent</i>				
	803	Lantau Conservation Fund	500,000	76,852	29,177	393,971
			<u>500,000</u>	<u>76,852</u>	<u>29,177</u>	<u>393,971</u>
<i>Capital Account</i>						
603		<i>Plant, vehicles and equipment</i>				
	802	Replacement of the hydrographic survey vessel "Port Works 5"	35,120	22,237	4,256	8,627
	804	Replacement of explosives delivery vessel "EVERSAFE NO.1"	51,500	4,724	18,000	28,776
	805	Replacement of explosives delivery vessel "EVERSAFE NO.2"	51,500	4,724	18,000	28,776
			<u>138,120</u>	<u>31,685</u>	<u>40,256</u>	<u>66,179</u>
		Total	<u>638,120</u>	<u>108,537</u>	<u>69,433</u>	<u>460,150</u>