

Head 42 — ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Controlling officer: the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2026–27 **\$1,420.0m**

Establishment ceiling 2026–27 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 546 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2026 reducing by 24 posts to 522 posts as at 31 March 2027..... **\$422.1m**

In addition, there will be an estimated 19 directorate posts as at 31 March 2026 reducing by one post to 18 posts as at 31 March 2027.

Commitment balance..... **\$1,026.0m**

Controlling Officer’s Report

Programmes

Programme (1) Energy Supply; Electrical, Gas and Nuclear Safety	This programme contributes to Policy Area 9: Internal Security (Secretary for Security) and Policy Area 23: Environmental Protection, Conservation, Power and Sustainable Development (Secretary for Environment and Ecology).
Programme (2) Mechanical Installations Safety	This programme contributes to Policy Area 5: Travel and Tourism (Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism), Policy Area 18: Recreation, Culture, Amenities and Entertainment Licensing (Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs), 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 (3) Energy Efficiency and Conservation, and Alternative Energy	This programme contributes to Policy Area 23: Environmental Protection, Conservation, Power and Sustainable Development (Secretary for Environment and Ecology).
Programme (4) Centralised Services and Special Support	This programme contributes to Policy Area 27: Intra-Governmental Services (Secretary for Development).

Head 42 does not include expenses attributable to the Electrical and Mechanical Services Trading Fund (EMSTF) established in August 1996, other than EMSTF’s share of the common administrative expenses provided by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD). Such expenses will be reimbursed to the Government through General Revenue.

Detail

Programme (1): Energy Supply; Electrical, Gas and Nuclear Safety

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	210.8	218.0	218.0 (—)	232.9 (+6.8%)
				(or +6.8% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

2 The aim is to safeguard the public through implementation of a set of comprehensive regulatory framework and system on the safety of electrical and gas applications, working closely with the community on education, monitoring the operation of utility companies and development of electricity supply, and providing professional support and advice on nuclear safety-related matters.

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Brief Description

3 For the regulatory functions, the Department is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Electricity Ordinance (Cap. 406) (EO), the Gas Safety Ordinance (Cap. 51) (GSO), the Oil (Conservation and Control) Ordinance (Cap. 264) and their subsidiary legislation. The work includes:

Gas safety

- administration and enforcement of GSO, including registration of gas supply companies, installers and contractors; monitoring gas distributors and contractors; and approval and inspection of gas appliances, tubing and installations including those in maintenance workshops for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) vehicles;
- risk assessment of potentially hazardous installations relating to gas supply and land use planning aspects;
- assessment, approval and monitoring of natural gas supply projects;
- enlistment of competent persons for maintenance of LPG vehicles and approval of fuel tank of LPG vehicles;
- approval and monitoring of the operation of LPG filling stations;
- investigation of gas incidents;
- initiating prosecutions and taking disciplinary actions;
- promotion of gas safety;

Electrical safety

- administration and enforcement of EO, including registration of electrical workers, contractors and competent persons, recognised certification bodies, recognised manufacturers and generating facilities; and inspection of electrical installations and products;
- investigation of electrical incidents;
- initiating prosecutions and taking disciplinary actions;
- promotion of electrical safety;

Monitoring of electricity utilities (Scheme of Control Agreements)

- annual auditing review of technical performance of electricity utilities;
- assessment of development plans submitted regularly by electricity utilities;
- provision of technical advice relating to monitoring of electricity utilities;

Oil and gas supply

- administration and enforcement of the Oil (Conservation and Control) Ordinance;
- compilation of statistics on oil and gas supply;

Nuclear safety

- reviewing and implementing departmental plans in preparedness for nuclear emergencies;
- responding immediately to initial alert, and interpreting and assessing engineering information received;
- planning and participating in exercises and drills in response to nuclear emergencies; and
- giving professional advice on matters relating to nuclear power and associated emergency preparedness.

4 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Plan)
<i>Gas safety</i>				
registration of installers within 12 working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
registration of contractors within 38 working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
approval for construction of notifiable gas installations (NGIs) within 30 working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
approval for use of NGIs within 12 working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
approval for use of equipment/materials within 26 working days (%)	100	100	100	100

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	Target	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Plan)
scheduling and inspection of LPG road tankers and cylinder wagons within 18 working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
investigation of reports of illegal installations within ten working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
response to complaints of excessive storage of LPG within two working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
enlistment of competent persons for LPG installations/gasholders within 25 working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
<i>LPG vehicle safety</i>				
enlistment of competent persons for maintenance of fuel systems within 25 working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
approval for use of LPG fuel tanks in vehicles within 26 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
approval for construction of filling stations within 30 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
approval for use of filling stations within 12 working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
<i>Electrical safety</i>				
registration of electrical workers/contractors/competent persons within 13 working days (%).....	99	99	99	99
registration of generating facilities within 40 working days (%)	95	99	99	99
registration of recognised certification bodies and manufacturers within 17 working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
endorsement of testing certificate of electrical installations within 13 working days (%).....	99	99	99	99
investigation of incidents/complaints related to electrical installations/products within ten working days (%).....	100	100	100	100
<i>Monitoring of electricity utilities</i>				
conducting an annual technical performance audit on each of the two power companies under the Scheme of Control Agreements within 102 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
providing technical input in the financial auditing review of capital expenditure variances within 55 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
providing technical advice related to electricity utilities matters within 13 working days (%).....	100	100	100	100

Nuclear safety

The target is to ensure the availability of fully-trained and competent officers round the clock to provide immediate response to initial alerts, and to provide professional advice to the Government on matters relating to nuclear power and nuclear emergencies.

Indicators

	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
<i>Gas safety</i>			
audit inspections to gas supply companies, contractors and distributors	1 367	1 406	1 400
NGIs and related inspections	1 186	1 270	1 200

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	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
follow-up inspections and quality assurance visits	2 516 λ	2 173 λ	2 100λ
applications processed for equipment approval and registration of gas contractors/installers	211 δ	161 δ	170δ
LPG road tankers and cylinder wagons inspected	415	437	420
NGIs approved	23	16	22
gas incidents investigated.....	291	279	275
prosecutions/disciplinary actions conducted/improvement notices served	81 ϵ	65 ϵ	65ϵ
competent persons (for LPG installations/gasholders) enlistment applications processed	9	9	9
enquiries/complaints handled.....	2 414	2 271	2 300
<i>LPG vehicle safety</i>			
competent persons enlistment applications processed	0 α	10 α	6α
LPG fuel tanks in vehicles approved and revalidated.....	3 917 $\#$	5 193 $\#$	4 500$\#$
inspections of vehicles and filling stations (all before grant of approval).....	23	24	24
inspections of approved filling stations.....	240	240	240
filling stations approved.....	0	0	0
enquiries/complaints handled.....	983	933	870
<i>Electrical safety</i>			
site inspections on electrical installations	8 593	8 548	8 500
site inspections on electrical products.....	3 920	3 923	3 900
electrical workers/contractors/competent persons registration applications processed (including renewals)....	27 593	39 948	35 000Δ
generating facilities registration applications processed.....	4 008	3 003 \diamond	2 500\diamond
recognised certification bodies and manufacturers applications processed	10	10	10
periodic testing certificates of electrical installations processed	12 316	12 304	12 000
reported electrical incidents investigated.....	595	590	590
reported unsafe electrical installations/products investigated.....	733	832	750
prosecutions/disciplinary actions conducted.....	380	688 γ	700γ
electrical products tested.....	60	65	70
enquiries handled	8 025	8 674	8 000
<i>Monitoring of electricity utilities</i>			
technical indicators assessed in the annual auditing review to monitor the technical performance of electricity utilities	62	62	62
projects assessed relating to technical input in the financial auditing review of capital expenditure variances	40	40	40
enquiries handled	91	90	90
<i>Nuclear safety</i>			
technical co-operation or exchanges participated	3	3	3
exercises and drills participated	2	2	2

λ The increase in the number of follow-up inspections and quality assurance visits in 2024 was due to a gas incident of a restaurant in August 2023. The number of inspections and visits in 2026 is expected to maintain at the similar level as in 2025.

δ The increase in the number of applications processed for equipment approval and registration of gas contractors/installers in 2024 was due to the resumption of Vocational Training Council training programme, which was previously suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of applications in 2026 is expected to maintain at the similar level as in 2025.

ϵ The increase in the number of prosecutions/disciplinary actions conducted/improvement notices served in 2024 was mainly due to stepped-up enforcement actions against non-approved gas appliances and containers. The number of prosecutions/disciplinary actions/improvement notices in 2026 is expected to maintain at the similar level as in 2025.

α The decrease in the number of competent persons enlistment applications processed in 2024 was due to the sufficient number of competent persons available in the market and the postponement of relevant training courses from 2024 to 2025. The number of applications in 2025 increased as the requisite training courses resumed. The number of applications in 2026 is expected to decrease slightly.

$\#$ The LPG taxi incentive scheme was launched in 2000. After the fifth peak of the five-yearly revalidation in 2025, the number of LPG vehicle fuel tanks due for revalidation is expected to decrease in 2026.

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- △ Registered electrical workers/contractors/competent persons are required to have their registrations renewed once every three years. In view of the uneven distribution of registrations for these persons, this estimate is based on the number of these persons with their registration due for expiry in 2026.
- ◇ The decrease in the number of generating facilities registration applications processed in 2025 was due to fewer solar energy generating facilities installed under the Feed-in Tariff Scheme. The number of applications in 2026 is expected to further decrease.
- γ The increase in the number of prosecutions conducted in 2025 was mainly due to stepped-up enforcement actions against buildings with outstanding periodic test certificates of electrical installations. The number of prosecutions in 2026 is expected to be similar to that in 2025.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

5 During 2026–27, the Department will:

- continue to monitor the operation and maintenance of LPG storage installations;
- continue the stepped-up inspection of vehicle maintenance workshops in relation to LPG vehicles and education for the trades on gas safety measures;
- assist the Environment and Ecology Bureau (EEB) in driving the industry on adoption of low global warming potential refrigerants and reclaimed refrigerants in a safe and practical manner, prepare the subsidiary legislation of the Ozone Layer Protection Ordinance (Cap. 403) in respect of safety controls on handling of hazardous refrigerants, and administer the Provisional Refrigerant Technical Advisory Committee;
- continue to provide support to EEB on matters relating to the promotion of hydrogen development and the safe use of hydrogen as fuel;
- assist in the preparation of subsidiary legislation under GSO on the regulation of regulated hydrogen; and
- continue to provide technical support to EEB on matters relating to the implementation of the Scheme of Control Agreements and the future development of the electricity market.

Programme (2): Mechanical Installations Safety

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	1,037.1	1,053.4	1,027.4 (–2.5%)	647.2 (–37.0%)
				(or –38.6% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

6 The aim is to safeguard the public through implementation of a set of comprehensive regulatory frameworks and systems on the safety of lifts, escalators, builders' lifts, tower working platforms, aerial ropeways, amusement rides, railways, tramway, peak tramway and other mechanical installations; and to work closely with the community on public education.

Brief Description

7 The Department is responsible for the administration and enforcement of various safety ordinances, including the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Cap. 618) (LEO), the Amusement Rides (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 449), the Aerial Ropeways (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 211), the Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 470), certain provisions of the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance (Cap. 556) and the Mass Transit Railway Regulations (Cap. 556A), the Airport Authority (Automated People Mover) (Safety) Regulation (Cap. 483C), the Tramway Ordinance (Cap. 107) and the Peak Tramway (Safety) Regulations (Cap. 265A). The Department is also responsible for the development and implementation of the voluntary registration schemes for vehicle mechanics and vehicle maintenance workshops. For ease of reference, the above activities, which are under different policy areas, are reported under this programme. The work includes:

- administration and enforcement of the above ordinances and regulations on mechanical safety and railway safety;
- registration of contractors, engineers, workers, examiners, surveyors and competent persons and inspection of installations;
- approval of design and construction of aerial ropeways, amusement rides, builders' lifts and tower working platforms, new brands/models of lift and escalator equipment, new railways and major railway modifications;
- preparation of codes of practice;
- investigation of incidents;
- initiating prosecutions and taking disciplinary actions;

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- implementation and improvement of the voluntary registration schemes for vehicle mechanics and vehicle maintenance workshops, particularly the inclusion of the maintenance of electric vehicles (EVs) in the voluntary registration schemes to accommodate the rising demand from the popularisation of EVs in Hong Kong; and
 - provision of expert advice.
- 8 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Plan)
applications of new or major modified railway facilities/systems processed within 25 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
registration of lift/escalator contractors within 40 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
lift/escalator engineers within 40 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
lift/escalator workers within 40 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
periodic testing certificates for lifts and escalators processed within 13 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
builders' lifts and tower working platforms processed within 12 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
issue of permits to use for lifts and escalators within 13 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
builders' lifts and tower working platforms within 12 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
amusement rides within 13 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
approval of design and construction of amusement rides (capacity ≤ 20 persons) within 34 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
amusement rides (capacity ≥ 21 persons) within 48 working days (%)	100	100	100	100
builders' lifts and tower working platforms within 34 working days (%)	100	100	100	100

Indicators

	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
applications processed			
new brands/models of lift and escalator equipment.....	507	506	500
design and construction of builders' lifts and tower working platforms.....	29	23 Φ	25
new or major modified railway facilities/systems	498	384 β	384β
certificates processed			
lifts and escalators	96 976	98 905	99 000
builders' lifts and tower working platforms.....	227	215	220
amusement rides.....	143	119	130
inspections			
lifts and escalators	30 078	30 000	26 000\S
percentage of existing lifts and escalators (%)	35.3	34.6	30.1
builders' lifts and tower working platforms.....	302	300	300
amusement rides.....	1 889	1 890	1 850
railway facilities/systems	455	499	485
peak tramway	30	33	33

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	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
tramway.....	170	170	170
aerial ropeways.....	90	90	90
incidents investigated			
lifts and escalators.....	276	276	276
aerial ropeways.....	2	0	1
amusement rides.....	16	16	16
peak tramway.....	1	0	1
tramway.....	22	27	27
railways.....	95	91	91
builders' lifts and tower working platforms, and others.....	3	3	3
incidents/1 000 registered lifts.....	4.4	4.6	4.6
incidents/100 registered escalators.....	25.9	24.9	24.9
enquiries/complaints handled.....	4 067	4 160	3 953

Φ The number of applications processed for design and construction of builders' lifts and tower working platforms in 2025 falls within the normal fluctuation range observed in recent years.

β The decrease in the number of applications processed for new or major modified railway facilities/systems in 2025 was due to the decrease in the number of applications related to asset replacement works in MTR stations and new railway projects. The number of applications in 2026 is expected to remain at the same level as 2025.

§ The decrease in the total number of inspections for lifts and escalators in 2026 is primarily attributed to the reduction in the number of lifts without any of the essential safety devices, which has recorded an approximately 25 per cent reduction since 2018. With this reduction, the stepped-up inspections for such lifts which commenced in 2018 would be reduced, resulting in a reduction of 4 000 inspections.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

9 During 2026–27, the Department will continue to:

- monitor the operation and maintenance of the aerial ropeways of Ngong Ping 360 and Ocean Park as well as amusement rides in Hong Kong Disneyland, Ocean Park and other venues;
- promote and administer the voluntary registration schemes for vehicle mechanics and vehicle maintenance workshops through stepping up inspection of both vehicle mechanics and vehicle maintenance workshops under the voluntary registration schemes; as well as examine the feasibility and formulate proposals on introducing a mandatory registration scheme for vehicle mechanics and vehicle maintenance workshops taking into account developments in the vehicle market;
- step up public education and publicity efforts to enhance the safety of lifts and escalators;
- carry out inspections of registered contractors' maintenance works for aged lifts and escalators;
- implement LEO and publicise the requirements to relevant stakeholders;
- promote the use of digital log-books for lifts and escalators;
- provide support to the Urban Renewal Authority for implementation of the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme; and
- monitor the safety performance of railway service provided by the MTR Corporation Limited.

Programme (3): Energy Efficiency and Conservation, and Alternative Energy

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	481.5	441.8	433.0 (–2.0%)	399.3 (–7.8%)

(or –9.6% on
2025–26 Original)

Aim

10 The aim is to promote energy efficiency and conservation and application of alternative energy.

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Brief Description

11 The Department is responsible for the development, promotion and implementation of energy efficiency and conservation. It also provides professional support to the Government on the promotion and use of new and renewable energy. The work includes:

- administration and enforcement of the Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Ordinance (Cap. 598);
- administration and enforcement of the Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance (Cap. 610) (BEEO);
- provision of professional support and advice to relevant bureaux and departments as well as the Energy Advisory Committee on matters relating to energy efficiency and conservation as well as the adoption of renewable energy;
- planning for and implementation of district cooling systems;
- preparation and review of codes of practice and technical guidelines relating to energy efficiency and conservation;
- development and implementation of energy saving, energy efficiency and conservation as well as renewable energy programmes and projects for government premises;
- research and development on the application of innovative energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies;
- establishment and updating of the energy end-use database;
- promotion of public awareness and application of energy efficiency and conservation measures, equipment and systems and the use of renewable energy; and
- liaison with the Chinese Mainland, regional and international organisations such as the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation on energy-related matters.

12 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Plan)
registration under the voluntary Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme (EELS) within 17 working days (%)	99	100	100	99
processing of product submissions under the mandatory EELS within 17 working days (%).....	99	100	100	99
approval of applications under the voluntary water-cooled air-conditioning system scheme for the design or operation of the evaporative cooling towers within 17 working days (%).....	99	100	100	99
registration under the voluntary Energy Efficiency Registration Scheme for Buildings (EERSB) within 17 working days (%).....	99	100	100	99
annual updating of Hong Kong Energy End-use Database (% completed).....	100	100	100	100
registration of Registered Energy Assessors under the Mandatory Building Energy Code (BEC) Scheme within 40 working days (%)	99	100	100	99

Indicators

	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
<i>Mandatory EELS</i>			
product submissions processed	2 016	2 497 μ	1 400 μ
site inspections on prescribed products.....	701	705	700
<i>Voluntary EELS</i>			
energy labels developed \ddagger	0	0	—
energy labels implemented \ddagger	0	0	—
energy labels issued \ddagger	81	81	—

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	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
<i>Mandatory BEC Scheme</i>			
sampling inspections for submissions relating to new buildings, major retrofitting works and energy audit	24	24	24
sampling inspections of buildings.....	1 082	1 016	1 000
<i>Voluntary EERSB</i>			
certificate issued	38	39	20
<i>Energy consumption study</i>			
studies completed.....	1	1	1
energy consumption indicators developed/updated	1	1	1
<i>Voluntary water-cooled air-conditioning system scheme</i>			
applications received and processed	38	22	22
installations completed.....	28	29	29
<i>Research and development on the application of innovative energy efficiency technologies</i>			
studies completed.....	3	3	3
<i>Energy efficiency and conservation promotion</i>			
talks delivered/visits organised for organisations/schools	394	392	353
enquiries handled	4 171	3 249 [^]	2 500 [^]

μ The increase in the number of product submissions under the mandatory EELS in 2025 was mainly attributed to the commencement of new energy efficiency grading standards for refrigerating appliances, washing machines and storage type electric water heaters under the mandatory EELS in 2024. The number of product submissions in 2026 is expected to decrease after the full implementation of the new energy grading standards in 2025.

‡ Indicators removed as for 2026 onwards as the three indicators could not fully reflect the workload and performance of EELS.

^ The decrease in the number of enquiries handled in 2025 was mainly due to the completion of the scheme “Green Schools 2.0 – Energy Smart” in 2025. The number of enquiries in 2026 is expected to further decrease due to the expected completion of the scheme “Green Welfare NGOs” in early 2027.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

13 During 2026–27, the Department will:

- continue to implement the mandatory EELS and voluntary EELS, as well as conduct feasibility studies on expanding the scope of the schemes and enhancing the energy efficiency standards thereunder in consultation with the trade;
- continue to implement BEEO amended in 2025 and its statutory codes of practice, and promote buildings energy efficiency among stakeholders of the built environment;
- administer and promote the voluntary EERSB to encourage building energy efficiency that is above the statutory requirements;
- continue the development of the existing and additional district cooling systems at the Kai Tak Development, continue the design and development of the district cooling systems in the Tung Chung New Town Extension (East), Kwu Tung North and Hung Shui Kiu New Development Areas (NDAs), and encourage participation of district cooling systems by non-government entities;
- continue the research and development on the application of new energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies;
- continue to promote public awareness of the best practices in energy efficiency, energy conservation, and the utilisation of renewable energy through publicity and public education programmes;
- continue to implement the Pilot Scheme on Building-Integrated Photovoltaics at the EMSD Headquarters to explore photovoltaic technology applications on the facades of government buildings;
- continue to provide technical advice and support to government bureaux and departments on energy saving through organising seminars, experience sharing workshops and other channels;
- continue to promote retro-commissioning to the relevant trades and professions;
- continue to promote and provide technical advice relating to the implementation of energy-saving measures in government and public venues;

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- oversee energy saving projects in government buildings and facilities; and
- implement energy saving projects in welfare non-government organisations as appropriate.

Programme (4): Centralised Services and Special Support

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	136.9	138.0	138.0 (—)	140.6 (+1.9%)
				(or +1.9% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

- 14 The aim is to provide efficient and cost-effective centralised services and specialist support to other departments.

Brief Description

15 The Department is responsible for providing common administrative support to EMSTF. The common administrative expenses shared by EMSTF will be reimbursed to the Government.

16 The Department is also responsible for the regulatory control of fresh water cooling towers under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132).

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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) Energy Supply; Electrical, Gas and Nuclear Safety	210.8	218.0	218.0	232.9
(2) Mechanical Installations Safety	1,037.1	1,053.4	1,027.4	647.2
(3) Energy Efficiency and Conservation, and Alternative Energy	481.5	441.8	433.0	399.3
(4) Centralised Services and Special Support	136.9	138.0	138.0	140.6
	1,866.3	1,851.2	1,816.4 (-1.9%)	1,420.0 (-21.8%)
				(or -23.3% on 2025-26 Original)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Programme (1)

Provision for 2026-27 is \$14.9 million (6.8%) higher than the revised estimate for 2025-26. This is mainly due to the increased provision for operating expenses. There will be a net decrease of five posts in 2026-27.

Programme (2)

Provision for 2026-27 is \$380.2 million (37.0%) lower than the revised estimate for 2025-26. This is mainly due to the decreased cash flow requirement for the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme following the completion of granting approval for the majority of applicants by 2025-26, partly offset by the increased provision for operating expenses. There will be a net decrease of three posts in 2026-27.

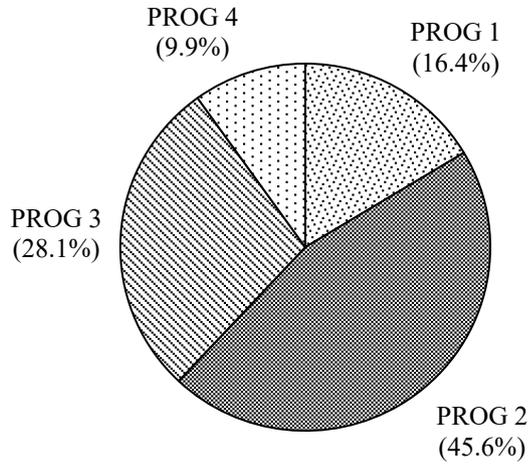
Programme (3)

Provision for 2026-27 is \$33.7 million (7.8%) lower than the revised estimate for 2025-26. This is mainly due to the decreased cash flow requirements for procurement/replacement of plant and equipment and energy saving projects in government buildings, partly offset by the increased provision for the recurrent consequences of the district cooling systems at the Kwu Tung North NDA and the Kai Tak Development. There will be a net decrease of 16 posts in 2026-27.

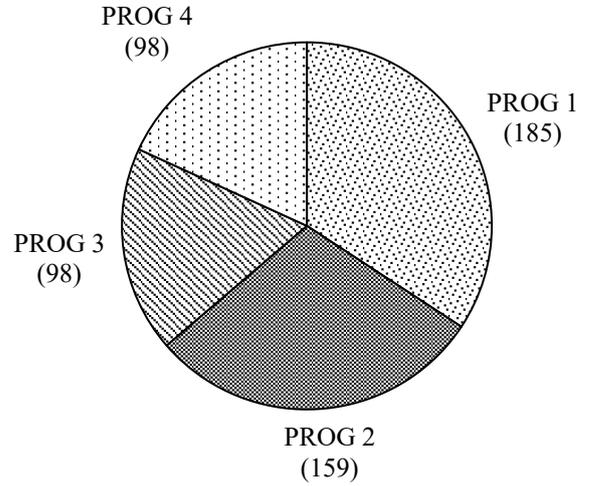
Programme (4)

Provision for 2026-27 is \$2.6 million (1.9%) higher than the revised estimate for 2025-26. This is mainly due to the increased provision for operating expenses. There will be a net decrease of one post in 2026-27.

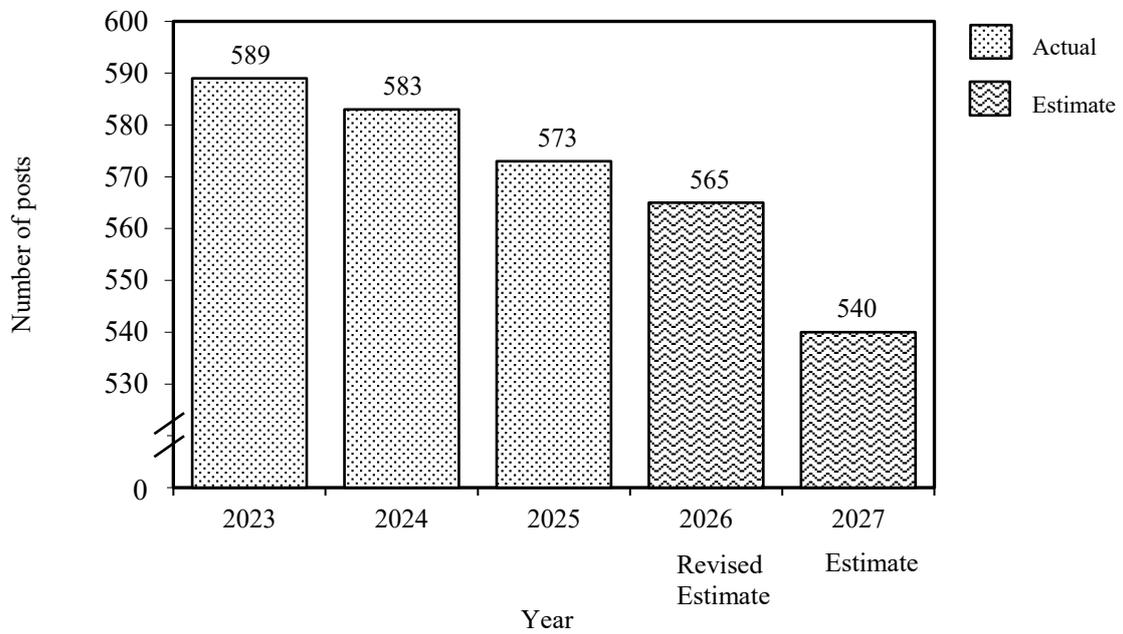
Allocation of provision to programmes (2026-27)



Staff by programme (as at 31 March 2027)



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



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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	770,289	819,833	816,032	834,776
	Total, Recurrent	<u>770,289</u>	<u>819,833</u>	<u>816,032</u>	<u>834,776</u>
Non-Recurrent					
700	General non-recurrent	862,842	885,333	859,333	478,300
	Total, Non-Recurrent	<u>862,842</u>	<u>885,333</u>	<u>859,333</u>	<u>478,300</u>
	Total, Operating Account	<u>1,633,131</u>	<u>1,705,166</u>	<u>1,675,365</u>	<u>1,313,076</u>
Capital Account					
Plant, Equipment and Works					
661	Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)	120,027	46,000	31,000	10,000
696	Energy saving projects in government buildings (block vote)	113,106	100,000	110,000	96,888
	Total, Plant, Equipment and Works	<u>233,133</u>	<u>146,000</u>	<u>141,000</u>	<u>106,888</u>
	Total, Capital Account	<u>233,133</u>	<u>146,000</u>	<u>141,000</u>	<u>106,888</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u><u>1,866,264</u></u>	<u><u>1,851,166</u></u>	<u><u>1,816,365</u></u>	<u><u>1,419,964</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 Electrical and Mechanical Services Department is \$1,419,964,000. This represents a decrease of \$396,401,000 against the revised estimate for 2025–26 and \$446,300,000 against the actual expenditure in 2024–25.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$834,776,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department.

3 The establishment as at 31 March 2026 will be 565 posts. It is expected that there will be a net decrease of 25 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 \$422,117,000.

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.....	519,420	514,556	508,662	495,800
- Allowances.....	5,878	6,592	6,145	6,360
- Job-related allowances.....	—	—	2	—
Personnel Related Expenses				
- Mandatory Provident Fund contribution.....	635	467	527	260
- Civil Service Provident Fund contribution.....	51,573	55,909	53,930	59,526
Departmental Expenses				
- General departmental expenses	192,783	242,309	246,766	272,830
	770,289	819,833	816,032	834,776

Capital Account

Plant, Equipment and Works

5 Provision of \$10 million under *Subhead 661 Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)* represents a decrease of \$21 million (67.7%) against the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is mainly due to the completion of the “Retro-commissioning for Government Buildings” programme in March 2026 and the completion of the majority of energy-saving retrofit works under the “Green Welfare NGOs” programme in 2025–26.

6 Provision of \$96,888,000 under *Subhead 696 Energy saving projects in government buildings (block vote)* is for the acquisition and replacement of plant and equipment for government buildings for the purpose of energy saving, up to a limit of \$10 million for each project. The decrease of \$13,112,000 (11.9%) against the revised estimate for 2025–26 is mainly due to the decreased cash flow requirement for the energy saving projects in government buildings.

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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>				
	807	Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme ^Ω	5,508,400 ^Ω	3,623,067	859,333	1,026,000
		Total	<u>5,508,400</u>	<u>3,623,067</u>	<u>859,333</u>	<u>1,026,000</u>

^Ω The approved commitment for the item was \$4,508.4 million. An increase in commitment of \$1 billion is sought in the context of the Appropriation Bill 2026.