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Controlling officer: the Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2026–27	\$1,679.0m
Establishment ceiling 2026–27 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 145 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2026 reducing by three posts to 142 posts as at 31 March 2027	\$112.7m
In addition, there will be an estimated 14 directorate posts as at 31 March 2026 and 31 March 2027.	
Commitment balance	\$1,103.7m

Controlling Officer's Report

Programmes

Programme (1) Director of Bureau's Office	This programme contributes to Policy Area 27: Intra-Governmental Services (Secretary for Labour and Welfare).
Programme (2) Social Welfare	This programme contributes to Policy Area 14: Social Welfare (Secretary for Labour and Welfare).
Programme (3) Manpower Development Programme (4) Talent Engagement and Support	These programmes contribute to Policy Area 34: Manpower Development (Secretary for Labour and Welfare).
Programme (5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres Programme (6) Subvention: Guardianship Board	These programmes contribute to Policy Area 14: Social Welfare (Secretary for Labour and Welfare).
Programme (7) Subvention: Vocational Training Council (Vocational Training)	This programme contributes to Policy Area 34: Manpower Development (Secretary for Labour and Welfare).

Detail

Programme (1): Director of Bureau's Office

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	16.8	18.4	18.0 (–2.2%)	17.7 (–1.7%)
				(or –3.8% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

- 2 The aim is to ensure the smooth operation of the Office of the Secretary for Labour and Welfare.

Brief Description

3 The Office of the Secretary for Labour and Welfare is responsible for providing support to the Secretary for Labour and Welfare in undertaking political work. This includes the support provided by the Under Secretary and the Political Assistant. The Office is also responsible for providing administrative support to the Secretary for Labour and Welfare in carrying out his duties. The work includes planning, co-ordination and implementation of all arrangements for the Secretary's public, media and community functions.

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Programme (2): Social Welfare

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	613.8	621.0	598.0 (–3.7%)	640.6 (+7.1%)
				(or +3.2% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

4 The aim is to provide an environment which enables people to reach their full potential, thereby achieving self-reliance and contributing to the well-being of the community, and to ensure that appropriate welfare support is available to assist those in need.

Brief Description

5 The Bureau formulates and co-ordinates welfare policies and programmes to:

- provide support services to families, including those in disadvantaged circumstances and lacking means to meet their needs;
- improve the quality of life of our elderly citizens to foster a sense of security, belonging and worthiness;
- provide direct financial assistance to needy members of the community;
- facilitate and encourage the full participation and integration of persons with disabilities into the community;
- provide support to carers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities to relieve their pressure;
- provide child care services, enhance child development and safeguard children's well-being;
- provide comprehensive support services for young people, including those who are at risk and young offenders who require probation service; and
- encourage community involvement and cross-sectoral partnership in supporting the disadvantaged.

6 Generally, the effectiveness of the work of the Bureau is reflected in the extent to which the departments and subvented organisations delivering social welfare services and assistance achieve the objectives of this programme. The Bureau is making good progress towards achieving this aim.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

7 During 2026–27, the Bureau will:

- oversee the implementation of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance and the continued provision of training for specified professionals mandated to report suspected child abuse cases to enhance their knowledge and ability for early identification and handling of such cases;
- oversee the setting up and service commencement of four Community Parents and Children Centres on a pilot basis;
- oversee the setting up and service commencement of new child care centres which provide infant and child day care service in support of working families;
- continue to oversee the enhancement of support for residential child care and related services;
- continue to support the Commission on Children in implementing various measures to safeguard the interest of children and enhance their well-being;
- continue to oversee the enhancement and implementation of the two after school care programmes for pre-primary children and primary students;
- continue to oversee the implementation of Child Development Fund projects;
- continue to oversee the enhancement to community care and support services for needy elderly persons to promote ageing in place;
- continue to oversee the enhancement of residential care services for needy elderly persons in Hong Kong;
- continue to oversee the enhancement of the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong;
- oversee the implementation of the pilot scheme to subsidise elderly recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) who opt to reside in designated residential care homes (RCHs) for the elderly in Guangdong;
- continue to oversee the operation of the Elder Academy Scheme to promote active ageing;

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- oversee the engagement of the District Services and Community Care Teams to help identify target carers through visits and contacts, and refer cases requiring assistance to relevant social welfare service units for follow-up and installation of emergency alarm systems;
- oversee the expansion and enhancement of the Carer Support Data Platform to facilitate early identification of high-risk households and provide emergency intervention as necessary;
- oversee the implementation of a pilot scheme to install intelligent accident detection systems and devices catering for high-risk households of different needs;
- continue to oversee the provision of pre-school, day training, vocational rehabilitation, community support and residential services for persons with disabilities;
- continue to oversee the implementation of the three-year pilot scheme to provide an additional subsidy to employed disabled recipients of CSSA as a means of encouraging their employment;
- continue to oversee the phased setting up of 14 Integrated Community Rehabilitation Centres with a view to providing flexible and integrated community support services through a case management approach;
- oversee the setting up of an additional District Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities, an additional Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness, as well as the enhancement of peer support services for persons with disabilities and carers;
- continue to oversee the strengthening of services of RCHs for persons with disabilities and day training service to enhance care for service users who are ageing or have deteriorating health conditions;
- oversee the provision of support services for persons in mental recovery who are preparing for discharge from hospitals and waitlisting for halfway houses;
- oversee the implementation of the Pilot Programme on Training for Mental Health Promotion Ambassadors;
- continue to oversee the implementation of the CSSA Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme, including the implementation of the pilot Support Programme for the Unemployed under the CSSA Scheme;
- continue to oversee the implementation of the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme;
- oversee the implementation of the time-limited cash incentive for households leaving the CSSA Scheme and joining the WFA Scheme to promote self-reliance;
- continue to support the Commission on Poverty in furthering the targeted poverty alleviation strategy;
- continue to oversee the implementation of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses;
- continue to oversee the purchase of premises for the provision of welfare facilities;
- continue to oversee the implementation of the dedicated fund of \$500 million to support the development of welfare services organisations;
- continue to oversee the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities, including the implementation of “\$2 flat rate cum 80 per cent discount” adjustment; and
- oversee the implementation of the Ethnic Minority District Ambassador pilot scheme.

Programme (3): Manpower Development

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	51.0	56.4	52.6 (–6.7%)	51.8 (–1.5%)
				(or –8.2% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

8 The aim is to develop a well-trained and adaptable workforce and proactively attract the inflow of quality talents to meet the changing manpower demands of the economy and sustain the impetus for Hong Kong’s economic development.

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Brief Description

- 9 The Bureau formulates and co-ordinates manpower policies and programmes to:
- attract outside talents and professionals through various admission schemes administered by the Immigration Department and updating of the Talent List;
 - oversee the provision of one-stop talent attraction and support services;
 - implement the Continuing Education Fund to encourage adults with learning aspirations to pursue continuing education and training;
 - oversee the work of the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) in devising skills-based training programmes and strategies for the entire workforce to promote lifelong learning; and
 - support the Human Resources Planning Commission in advising the Government on policies and measures on human resources and maintaining the manpower information portal (talent.gov.hk).
- 10 The key performance indicator is:

Indicator

	Calendar Year		
	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
no. of talents admitted through various talent admission schemes with an intended duration of stay of at least 12 months	90 627	N.A. [^]	N.A. [^]
no. of approved applications for visa extension under various talent admission schemes	N.A. ^τ	66 221	50 000

[^] This indicator is deleted as from 2025. The three-year indicator of admitting 35 000 talents annually from 2023 to 2025 was completed ahead of time between 2023 and 2024.

^τ New indicator as from 2025.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

- 11 During 2026–27, the Bureau will:
- take forward the legislative amendment exercise to enable the ERB to reposition and strengthen its role through the implementation of reform measures to enhance local manpower training, upskilling and re-skilling for the entire workforce;
 - release the findings of the mid-term update of the Manpower Projection in late 2026;
 - monitor the admission of talents through the enhanced talent admission regime and review the Talent List from time to time based on the demand for talents, with a view to sustaining Hong Kong's role as an international talent hub;
 - continue to oversee the implementation of the pilot Vocational Professionals Admission Scheme (VPAS) to attract graduates of the eligible courses of the Vocational Training Council (VTC) to stay and work in Hong Kong; and
 - continue to support the work of the Committee on Education, Technology and Talents to promote Hong Kong into an international hub for high-calibre talent.

Programme (4): Talent Engagement and Support

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	76.3	91.1	86.8 (–4.7%)	89.1 (+2.6%)
				(or –2.2% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

- 12 The aim is to attract global talents to Hong Kong; and to provide one-stop facilitation and support to them for long-term settlement.

Brief Description

13 The Hong Kong Talent Engage (HKTE):

- formulates and implements targeted marketing programmes to promote various talent admission schemes and build Hong Kong’s image as a key talent hub in the region to attract talents to come to Hong Kong;
- collaborates with various industry partners to reach out to talents so as to provide them with support and facilitation through organisation of and/or participation in online and offline activities;
- develops a working partner network to strengthen HKTE’s service capabilities to facilitate and support incoming talents and their families to settle in Hong Kong; and
- boosts the awareness of HKTE’s services.

14 The key performance indicators are:

Indicators

	2024 (Actual)	Calendar Year 2025 (Actual)	2026 (Estimate)
Awareness and Brand Building			
no. of www.hkengage.gov.hk page views	5 927 495	6 507 047	7 400 000 ϕ
no. of social media platforms	6	6	— ψ
no. of social media post impressions Δ	74 217 148	48 234 363 μ	100 000 000 ϕ
no. of social media followers (as at end of the year)	78 577	158 330	251 000 ϕ
no. of media coverage $@$	N.A.	363	640 ϕ
Engagement and Support Services			
no. of industry and working partners	82	99	100
no. of outreach initiatives	84	142	140
no. of themed workshops, seminars and job fairs δ	50	58	55
percentage of online and in-person enquiry services to be responded within 48 hours	99	97	95

ϕ The estimated increase in the number of page views, social media post impressions, social media followers and media coverage is based on the annual projection, after taking into account the publicity efforts relating to the Global Talent Summit Week in March 2026.

ψ Indicator to be removed as from 2026 after HKTE has achieved the indicator by setting up official accounts on six high-reach social media platforms (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, WeChat, Xiaohongshu and YouTube) by end 2024.

Δ The number of social media post impressions of the official account of HKTE has been counted on LinkedIn from 28 December 2022; WeChat from 8 May 2023; Instagram, Youtube and Facebook from 5 April 2024; as well as Xiaohongshu from 6 November 2024.

μ The decrease in the number of social media post impressions is due to the netting-out effects of the Global Talent Summit • Hong Kong in 2024.

$@$ New indicator as from 2025.

δ Expanded indicator with the addition of number of job fairs to the previous indicator “no. of themed workshops and seminars” as from 2024.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

15 During 2026–27, HKTE will:

- continue to leverage the six social media platforms (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, WeChat, Xiaohongshu and YouTube) and news platforms to timely feature positive news and posts, interesting stories of incoming talents, photos and videos to tell good stories of Hong Kong, and interviews with industry and opinion leaders to provide authoritative information and insights to talents;
- continue to enhance the layout logic, user interface and chatbot tool of its website as well as step up promotion so as to provide more diverse, interactive, helpful and instant information to attract more global talents and their families to visit the website;
- strengthen the network of working partners to cover those from industries relating to the eight key areas for the development of Hong Kong, and collaborate with them, together with Dedicated Teams for Attracting Businesses and Talents in the Mainland Offices and overseas Economic and Trade Offices, Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises, Invest Hong Kong and Belt and Road Office, to proactively reach out to talents by participating in key Mainland and overseas job fairs, exhibitions and conventions as well as staging standalone events and fora in priority target markets so as to attract global talents and professionals to build Hong Kong into an international high-calibre talent hub;

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- continue to co-organise job fairs with the industries and employer organisations to directly match job-seeking talents with employers;
- continue to conduct outreach visits to the Mainland and overseas countries to organise promotional activities to attract global talents;
- continue to host themed seminars/workshops and integration activities like Cantonese classes and co-ordination of volunteer work to help incoming talents settle in Hong Kong; and
- strengthen collaboration with Mainland cities in recruiting overseas talents.

Programme (5): Subvention: Shine Skills Centres

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	136.0	132.8	132.9 (+0.1%)	129.9 (–2.3%)
				(or –2.2% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

16 The aim is to provide vocational training to persons with disabilities aged 15 or above for the purpose of improving their employment prospects and preparing them for open employment.

Brief Description

- 17 The Bureau subvents three Shine Skills Centres run by the VTC.
- 18 The overall performance of the Shine Skills Centres in the 2025/26 academic year is expected to be satisfactory.
- 19 The key performance indicators are:

Indicators

	Academic Year		
	2024/25 (Actual)	2025/26 (Revised Estimate)	2026/27 (Estimate)
no. of vocational assessments made			
comprehensive assessment programme	147	130	130
specific assessment programme	1 265	1 000	1 000
no. of training places			
full-time	660	660	660
part-time	400	400	400
no. of trainees enrolled			
full-time§	608	660	660
part-time	454	400	400
no. of trainees completed training			
full-time	302	330	330
part-time	344	330	330

§ Most of the full-time training courses are of two-year duration. The number of trainees enrolled includes those undergoing both first and second years of training.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

20 During 2026–27, the Shine Skills Centres will continue to implement an enhanced integrated vocational and skills training programme, develop new courses and modify existing ones to meet the changing needs of the open employment market so as to enhance the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities.

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Programme (6): Subvention: Guardianship Board

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	12.9	13.3	11.5¶ (–13.5%)	12.1¶ (+5.2%) (or –9.0% on 2025–26 Original)

¶ Prior to 2026–27, this programme covered subvention to the Guardianship Board and the Environmental Advisory Service (EAS). From July 2025 onwards, the EAS ceased receiving recurrent subvention from the Government due to the liquidation of the subvented organisation.

Aim

21 The aim is to support the operation of the Guardianship Board for mentally incapacitated persons under the Mental Health Ordinance (Cap. 136).

Brief Description

22 The Bureau subvents the Guardianship Board.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

23 During 2026–27, the Guardianship Board will continue to publicise and promote its work and service among members of the public and relevant professions.

Programme (7): Subvention: Vocational Training Council (Vocational Training)

	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Original)	2025–26 (Revised)	2026–27 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	270.1	280.8	280.8 (—)	282.8 (+0.7%) (or +0.7% on 2025–26 Original)

Aim

24 The aim is to provide vocational training through subvention to the VTC for meeting the manpower needs of industries, enhancing the quality of the workforce in Hong Kong and helping employees adjust to market changes.

Brief Description

25 The VTC is responsible for the provision of a comprehensive system of vocational and professional education and training services. This programme primarily covers industry-specific training courses of short duration, which do not lead to formal qualifications, for helping in-service personnel upgrade their skills and knowledge with a view to meeting the changing manpower needs of the industries.

26 The VTC is responsible for the legislative control, training and employment of young persons aged below 19 in trades specified as designated trades under the Apprenticeship Ordinance (Cap. 47), and other young persons registered and enrolled under relevant training schemes on a voluntary basis.

27 Other services offered by the VTC under this programme include trade and skills testing and certification, professional licensing examinations, manpower training forecasts, and administration of the Engineering Graduate Training Scheme.

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28 The key performance indicators are:

Indicators

	<i>Academic Year</i>		
	2024/25 (Actual)	2025/26 (Revised Estimate)	2026/27 (Estimate)
vocational training ^ψ			
trainee places provided#.....	228 987	237 060	242 130
training hours provided#.....	2 002 000	2 072 000	2 115 000
enrolment rate (%).....	116	100	100
completion rate (%).....	99	95	95

^ψ Excluding services funded by the ERB.

[#] The duration (training hours) of the majority of short courses and trade-specific upgrading courses may vary from year to year in response to market needs.

	<i>Financial Year</i>		
	2024–25 (Actual)	2025–26 (Revised Estimate)	2026–27 (Estimate)
apprenticeship			
inspections and visits to establishments employing			
apprentices.....	20 303	21 000	21 000
no. of apprentices (as at end of the financial year)	3 100	3 100	3 100

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27

29 The VTC will continue to support the implementation of the pilot VPAS, provide examination fee subsidies to Hong Kong residents who pass specified examinations under the “One Examination, Multiple Certification” arrangement, administer the Apprenticeship Scheme and further its efforts to develop relevant training programmes to meet Hong Kong’s changing manpower needs and enhance skills standards of industries.

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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) Director of Bureau's Office	16.8	18.4	18.0	17.7
(2) Social Welfare.....	613.8	621.0	598.0	640.6
(3) Manpower Development.....	51.0	56.4	52.6	51.8
(4) Talent Engagement and Support	76.3	91.1	86.8	89.1
(5) Subvention: Shine Skills Centres.....	136.0	132.8	132.9	129.9
(6) Subvention: Guardianship Board.....	12.9	13.3	11.5¶	12.1¶
(7) Subvention: Vocational Training Council (Vocational Training).....	270.1	280.8	280.8	282.8
	1,176.9ε	1,213.8ε	1,180.6ε (-2.7%)	1,224.0ε (+3.7%)
				(or +0.8% on 2025–26 Original)

¶ Prior to 2026–27, this programme covered subvention to the Guardianship Board and the EAS. From July 2025 onwards, the EAS ceased receiving recurrent subvention from the Government due to the liquidation of the subvented organisation.

ε The amount excludes the cash flow requirement for the Newborn Baby Bonus, which does not fall under any of the above programmes.

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Programme (1)

Provision for 2026–27 is \$0.3 million (1.7%) lower than the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is due to the reduced provision for operational expenses.

Programme (2)

Provision for 2026–27 is \$42.6 million (7.1%) higher than the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is due to increased provision for operational expenses and cash flow requirement for the non-recurrent item. There will be a decrease of one post in 2026–27.

Programme (3)

Provision for 2026–27 is \$0.8 million (1.5%) lower than the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is due to reduced provision for operational expenses. There will be a net decrease of one post in 2026–27.

Programme (4)

Provision for 2026–27 is \$2.3 million (2.6%) higher than the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is due to the increased provision for departmental expenses. There will be a decrease of one post in 2026–27.

Programme (5)

Provision for 2026–27 is \$3.0 million (2.3%) lower than the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is mainly due to the reduced provision for subvention.

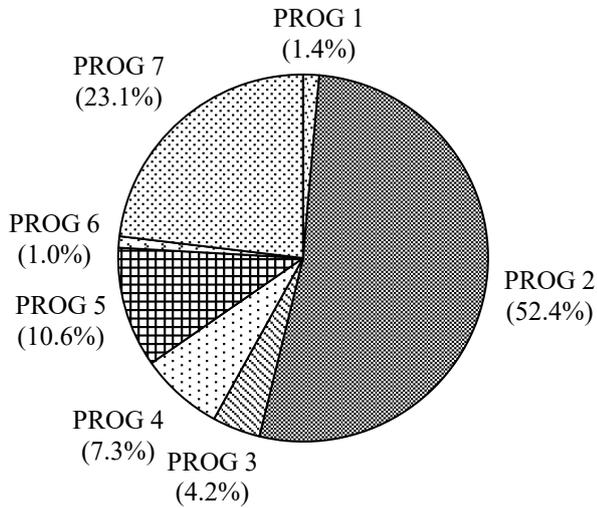
Programme (6)

Provision for 2026–27 is \$0.6 million (5.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is due to the increased provision for subvention.

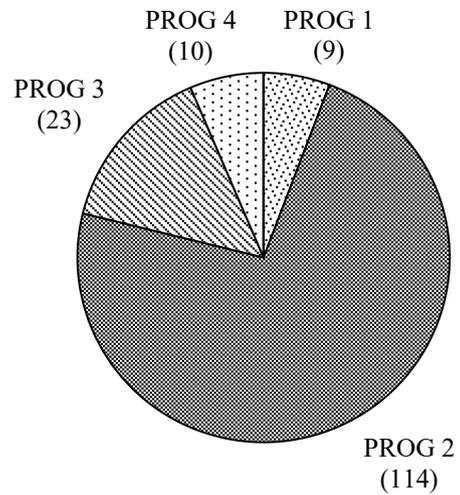
Programme (7)

Provision for 2026–27 is \$2.0 million (0.7%) higher than the revised estimate for 2025–26. This is due to the increased provision for subvention.

Allocation of provision to programmes (2026-27)

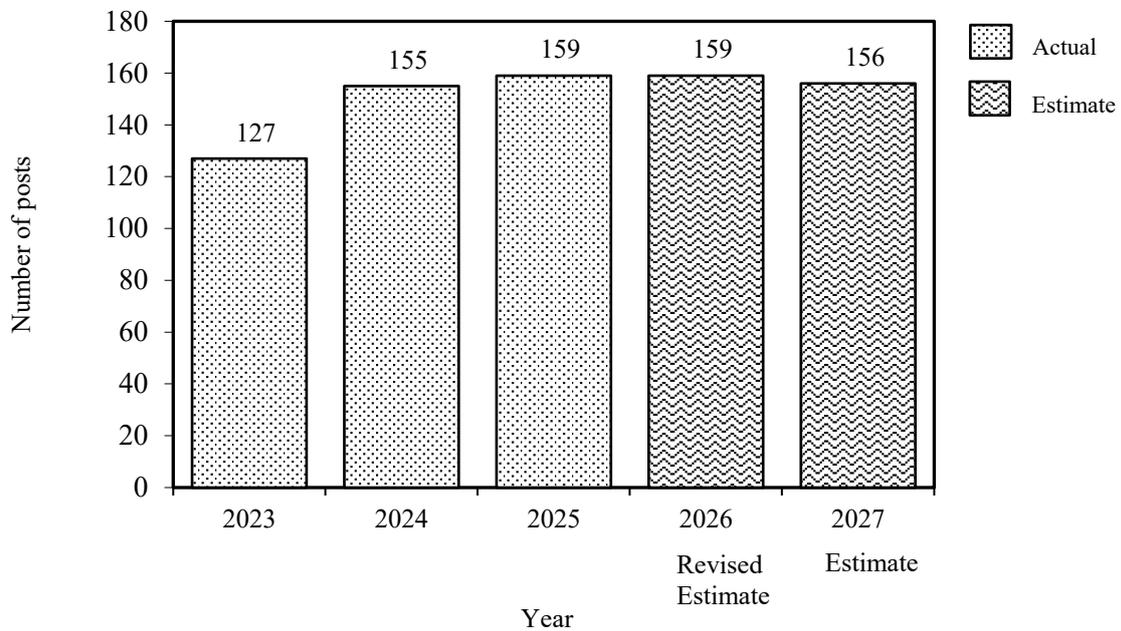


Staff by programme (as at 31 March 2027)



(No government staff under PROG 5 - 7)

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	1,069,606	1,156,911	1,123,717	1,148,059
	Total, Recurrent.....	1,069,606	1,156,911	1,123,717	1,148,059
Non-Recurrent					
700	General non-recurrent	745,313	832,100	832,100	525,300
	Total, Non-Recurrent.....	745,313	832,100	832,100	525,300
	Total, Operating Account	1,814,919	1,989,011	1,955,817	1,673,359
Capital Account					
Subventions					
864	Shine Skills Centres (block vote).....	5,418	4,828	4,828	5,683
	Total, Subventions	5,418	4,828	4,828	5,683
	Total, Capital Account.....	5,418	4,828	4,828	5,683
	Total Expenditure	1,820,337	1,993,839	1,960,645	1,679,042

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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 Labour and Welfare Bureau is \$1,679,042,000. This represents a decrease of \$281,603,000 against the revised estimate for 2025–26 and \$141,295,000 against the actual expenditure in 2024–25.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$1,148,059,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Labour and Welfare Bureau.

3 The establishment as at 31 March 2026 will be 159 posts. It is expected that there will be a net decrease of three 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 \$112,685,000.

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.....	134,904	143,795	138,406	140,933
- Allowances.....	6,003	6,238	7,751	8,807
- Job-related allowances.....	1	6	4	6
Personnel Related Expenses				
- Mandatory Provident Fund contribution.....	355	337	480	360
- Civil Service Provident Fund contribution.....	11,386	14,234	12,419	14,534
Departmental Expenses				
- General departmental expenses	135,378	185,274	167,523	178,200
Other Charges				
- Financial assistance for family members of those who sacrifice their lives to save others	12,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
- Public education on rehabilitation	16,592	20,000	20,000	20,000
- Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients	323,357	334,360	328,448	336,436
Subventions				
- Environmental Advisory Service.....	2,407	2,407	602¶	—¶
- Vocational Training Council	270,139	280,840	280,840	282,822
- Shine Skills Centres	130,603	128,047	128,047	124,214
- Guardianship Board	10,453	10,885	10,885	12,069
- Legal representation scheme for children/juveniles involved in care or protection proceedings.....	5,602	6,218	5,985	5,753
- Adult Education Subvention Scheme	10,426	11,270	9,327	10,925
	<u>1,069,606</u>	<u>1,156,911</u>	<u>1,123,717</u>	<u>1,148,059</u>

¶ From July 2025 onwards, the Environmental Advisory Service ceased receiving recurrent subvention from the Government due to the liquidation of the subvented organisation.

Capital Account

Subventions

5 Provision of \$5,683,000 under *Subhead 864 Shine Skills Centres (block vote)* is for carrying out computerisation projects, renovation works and replacement of vehicle for the Shine Skills Centres with each individual proposals/projects above \$200,000 but not exceeding \$10 million. The increase of \$855,000 (17.7%) over the revised estimate for 2025–26 is mainly due to the increased requirement for computerisation projects.

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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>				
	805	Newborn Baby Bonus	2,286,000	853,900	780,000	652,100
	876	Child Development Fund ^β	1,260,000 ^β	756,264	52,100	451,636
		Total	<u>3,546,000</u>	<u>1,610,164</u>	<u>832,100</u>	<u>1,103,736</u>

^β The approved commitment for the item was \$1,080 million. An increase in commitment of \$180 million is sought in the context of the Appropriation Bill 2026.