

Head 22 — AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Controlling officer: the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2002–03	\$819.7m
Establishment ceiling 2002–03 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 2 064 non-directorate posts at 31 March 2002 rising by 16 posts to 2 080 posts at 31 March 2003.....	\$456.0m
In addition there will be an estimated seven directorate posts at 31 March 2002 and at 31 March 2003.	
Capital Account commitment balance	\$138.5m

Controlling Officer's Report

Programmes

Programme (1) Agriculture and Fisheries Services	This programme contributes to Policy Area 2: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety (Secretary for the Environment and Food).
Programme (2) Nature Conservation and Country Parks	This programme contributes to Policy Area 23: Environmental Protection and Conservation (Secretary for the Environment and Food).
Programme (3) Government Wholesale Food Markets	This programme contributes to Policy Area 2: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety (Secretary for the Environment and Food).
Programme (4) Animal and Plant Regulation and Technical Services	This programme contributes to Policy Area 2: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety (Secretary for the Environment and Food), Policy Area 22: Buildings, Lands and Planning (Secretary for Planning and Lands), Policy Area 23: Environmental Protection and Conservation (Secretary for the Environment and Food) and Policy Area 32: Environmental Hygiene (Secretary for the Environment and Food).

Detail

Programme (1): Agriculture and Fisheries Services

	2000–01 (Actual)	2001–02 (Approved)	2001–02 (Revised)	2002–03 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	119.9	146.1 (+21.9%)	133.1 (–8.9%)	147.0 (+10.4%)

Aim

- 2 The aim is to facilitate agricultural and fisheries production and improve productivity.

Brief Description

3 The department provides infrastructural support services to promote efficient production of local farming, and capture fisheries and aquaculture industries and sustainable development of agriculture and fisheries in Hong Kong. The work involves:

- the introduction of modern technology and the provision of technical advice, assistance and credit facilities to local agricultural producers with a view to maximising yields and improving the quality of local products;
- the provision of fisheries development, extension and management activities including technical studies, surveys, assistance and advice, and vocational training to fishermen for improving the productivity of the fisheries sector;
- law enforcement in the fields of fisheries and fish culture; and
- the provision of administrative and technical support to the operation of the Vegetable Marketing Organisation and the Fish Marketing Organisation.

4 The performance targets of the programme were satisfactorily achieved in 2001. Agricultural production and the overall fisheries production remained steady in general.

- 5 The key performance measures in respect of agriculture and fisheries services are:

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Targets

	Operational	Target Turnround time	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Plan)
agriculture					
accredited vegetable farms					
(total no.)#.....	215	—	206	215	220
(total hectares)@.....	1 120	—	954	1 124	1 400
fisheries					
mariculture farms adopting					
environmentally friendly					
practices (total no.).....	500	—	518	504	510
renewal of marine fish culture					
licence (in person).....	—	55 minutes	50 minutes	50 minutes	50 minutes

The target has been raised from 205 to 215 with effect from 2002.

@ The target has been raised from 1 040 to 1 120 with effect from 2002.

Indicators

	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Estimate)
agriculture			
composite productivity index (100 in 1985).....	202	203	205
production			
vegetables (tonnes).....	42 500	35 900	33 000
(\$m).....	119	95	90
livestock (tonnes).....	60 963	64 000	69 000
(\$m).....	801	840	900
throughput at Vegetable Marketing Organisation			
market			
(tonnes).....	262 000	265 000	262 000
(\$m).....	813	836	820
loans			
(no.).....	214	218	215
(\$m).....	14.2	14.5	15.0
fisheries			
production			
capture (tonnes).....	157 000	174 000	174 000
(\$m).....	1,620	1,730	1,730
culture (tonnes).....	4 660	5 133	5 000
(\$m).....	151	182	180
throughput at Fish Marketing Organisation markets			
(tonnes).....	54 420	52 900	52 900
(\$m).....	899	946	946
loans			
(no.).....	322	364	360
(\$m).....	31.3	43.0	47.0

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2002–03

6 In agriculture, the department will continue to give emphasis to the development of alternative farming such as organic cultivation and intensive greenhouse production, and the introduction of new plant varieties. In capture fisheries, efforts will be devoted to enhancing and conserving fisheries resources through the implementation of appropriate measures including the deployment of artificial reefs and the study on the feasibility of developing an offshore fishing industry. In aquaculture, the department will continue to promote environmentally friendly culture practices and provide fish health management service to fish farmers.

Programme (2): Nature Conservation and Country Parks

	2000–01 (Actual)	2001–02 (Approved)	2001–02 (Revised)	2002–03 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	372.6	416.5 (+11.8%)	412.2 (–1.0%)	436.3 (+5.8%)

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Aim

7 The aim is to conserve flora, fauna and natural habitats; to designate and manage country parks, special areas, marine parks and marine reserves; and to control international trade in endangered species of animals and plants in Hong Kong.

Brief Description

8 The department's work in pursuit of its aim involves:

- the identification of suitable areas for designation as country parks, special areas, marine parks and marine reserves under the Country Parks Ordinance and the Marine Parks Ordinance for the purpose of nature conservation, recreation, tourism and education;
- the identification of sites of high scientific value for listing as Sites of Special Scientific Interest;
- the provision of nature conservation advice on development proposals, planning studies and environmental impact assessments;
- the promotion of public awareness of nature conservation and enforcement of nature conservation legislation, e.g. Wild Animals Protection Ordinance;
- the monitoring and auditing of ecological mitigation measures for development projects approved under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance;
- the licensing control of international trade in endangered species and curbing of illegal trade in endangered species in Hong Kong; and
- the conservation and management of the Mai Po and Inner Deep Bay Ramsar sites.

9 The performance targets of the programme were satisfactorily achieved in 2001.

10 The key performance measures in respect of nature conservation and country parks are:

Targets

	Operational	Target Turnround time	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Plan)
country parks and special areas managed (hectares) ^Ω	43 942	—	41 582	41 582	43 942
marine parks and marine reserves managed (hectares) [‡]	4 377	—	2 160	2 430	4 377
no. of Sites of Special Scientific Interest listed [@]	64	—	64	64	64
issue of certificates in respect of endangered species [§]	—	2 working days	2-3	2	2

Ω The target has been raised from 41 582 to 43 942 with effect from 2002.

‡ The target has been raised from 2 160 to 4 377 with effect from 2002.

@ New target with effect from 2002.

§ The target has been revised from 3 working days to 2 working days with effect from 2002.

Indicators

	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Estimate)
no. of seedlings produced.....	710 000	827 000	650 000
no. of seedlings planted.....	648 000	950 000	955 000
no. of ecological impact assessment applications and studies handled.....	135	166	150
no. of participants in educational activities.....	225 000	240 000	250 000
no. of visitors to country parks (million).....	10.9	11.1	11.3
no. of hill fires attended to.....	65	106	100
no. of endangered species licences/certificates.....	15 815	14 373	14 500
no. of endangered species inspections.....	17 230	17 094	17 000
no. of endangered species prosecutions.....	326	259	270

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2002–03

11 During 2002–03, the department will give emphasis to:

- the study of potential country parks/special areas and their designation;

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- the designation of additional marine parks;
- the development of a territory-wide survey programme to collect information required for establishing an ecological database;
- the implementation of an ecological monitoring programme for the Mai Po and Inner Deep Bay Ramsar sites;
- the examination of ecological impact assessment and studies and the monitoring and auditing of ecological mitigation measures as a consequence of development projects;
- stepping up education and publicity on endangered species protection while continuing to take enforcement action against illegal trade in endangered species;
- the maintenance of government slopes in country parks; and
- the promotion of country parks nature education.

Programme (3): Government Wholesale Food Markets

	2000-01 (Actual)	2001-02 (Approved)	2001-02 (Revised)	2002-03 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	67.9	79.3 (+16.8%)	74.0 (-6.7%)	76.7 (+3.6%)

Aim

12 The aim is to ensure adequate provision and efficient operation of government wholesale marketing facilities for fresh food produce.

Brief Description

13 The department develops and provides modern marketing facilities for the efficient and orderly wholesale marketing of fresh food produce, such as vegetables, fruit, live freshwater fish, live poultry and eggs. The work involves:

- the design, planning and development of wholesale markets;
- the reprovisioning of outdated and dilapidated wholesale markets; and
- the management of existing wholesale markets.

14 The performance under the programme was satisfactorily achieved in 2001.

15 The key performance measures in respect of government wholesale food markets are:

Indicators

	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Estimate)
% of rentable market stall space occupied	93.8	92.7	92.7
annual throughput (tonnes)	598 000	592 000	592 000
markets under planning/consideration	3	3	3
area of wholesale markets managed (m ²).....	295 645	295 645	295 645

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2002-03

16 The Government is examining the feasibility of reprovisioning the Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market, the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market and the wholesale vegetable market of the Vegetable Marketing Organisation. Options for the way forward are being explored taking into account wholesalers' view. During 2002-03, the department will continue to focus on the planning of related works.

Programme (4): Animal and Plant Regulation and Technical Services

	2000-01 (Actual)	2001-02 (Approved)	2001-02 (Revised)	2002-03 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	134.3	144.9 (+7.9%)	240.3 (+65.8%)	159.7 (-33.5%)

Aim

17 The aim is to monitor the welfare of, and control the diseases in, animals and plants through enforcement of relevant legislation; to protect public health; and to provide technical services.

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Brief Description

18 The department is responsible for prevention of the introduction and spread of animal and plant diseases, safeguarding animal welfare, regulation of drug use in livestock farms, provision of services to facilitate export of plants, animals and plant/animal by-products, prevention of rabies, and enforcement of regulations pertaining to animal welfare and import requirements. The work involves:

- the prevention and control of rabies;
- the provision of quarantine services;
- the inspection of animals and plants imported into the territory;
- the inspection of farms where food animals are kept;
- the inspection of premises and establishments where animals are kept for exhibition or trading purposes; and
- the instigation of prosecution against offenders under relevant legislation.

19 The technical services provided by the department include:

- advising on development projects affecting agriculture, countryside and fisheries, and assessing ex-gratia payments to primary producers arising therefrom;
- managing agricultural weirs;
- licensing livestock farms;
- facilitating export trade in produce of animal origin;
- safeguarding public health through the control of pesticides and drug use in livestock farms; and
- supervising credit unions and co-operative societies.

20 The performance targets of the programme were satisfactorily achieved in 2001.

21 The key performance measures in respect of animal and plant regulation and technical services are:

Targets

	Target		2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Plan)
	Operational	Turnround time			
animal and plant regulation					
prevention					
no. of reported cases of rabies ..	0	—	0	0	0
percentage of dogs vaccinated in strategic Rabies Control Areas	80†	—	80	80	80
enforcement					
issue of animal health certificates	—	2 working days	2	2	2
issue of licences/permits	—	3 working days	3	3	3
issue of sanitary certificates for products of animal origin	—	3 working days	3	3	3
technical services					
management of agricultural weirs					
no. of weirs to be cleansed	170	—	178	174	170
plant health certification					
issue of phytosanitary certificates	—	2 working days	2	2	2
control of pesticides					
issue of pesticide permits	—	2 working days	2	2	2

† World Health Organisation recommends a minimum of 70%.

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Indicators

	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Estimate)
animal and plant regulation			
prevention			
no. of stray animals caught	17 233	17 151	15 000
no. of animals vaccinated and quarantined	32 036	31 237	32 800
enforcement			
no. of licences/permits	16 400	13 747	14 000
no. of animal and plant health certificates	3 841	3 875	3 980
technical services			
ex-gratia payment assessment			
area assessed for crop ex-gratia payment (hectares)	46	76	100
area assessed for aquaculture fisheries ex-gratia payment (m ²)	358 321	112 935	236 500
no. of claims assessed for capture fisheries ex-gratia payment	885	1 870	600
planning/development advisory service			
no. of planning/development studies	725	701	870
licensing of livestock farms			
no. of farms licensed	267	116	180
control of pesticides			
no. of pesticides registered	19	19	18
no. of licences/permits issued	2 905	2 847	2 800
regulation of credit unions and co-operative societies			
no. of accounts examined or audited	338	322	308

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2002–03

22 During 2002–03, the department will give emphasis to:

- enhancing control and monitoring of important diseases of food animals and birds;
- implementing new control on misuse of chemicals in livestock;
- enhancing pesticide control;
- introducing rapid diagnostic tests for major animal and bird diseases to reduce losses; and
- extending import control to animal products and feeds to prevent animal diseases.

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ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

Programme	2000-01 (Actual) (\$m)	2001-02 (Approved) (\$m)	2001-02 (Revised) (\$m)	2002-03 (Estimate) (\$m)
(1) Agriculture and Fisheries Services	119.9	146.1	133.1	147.0
(2) Nature Conservation and Country Parks	372.6	416.5	412.2	436.3
(3) Government Wholesale Food Markets	67.9	79.3	74.0	76.7
(4) Animal and Plant Regulation and Technical Services.....	134.3	144.9	240.3	159.7
	694.7	786.8 (+13.3%)	859.6 (+9.3%)	819.7 (-4.6%)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Programme (1)

Provision for 2002-03 is \$13.9 million (10.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2001-02. This is mainly due to increases in capital expenditure, salary increments for staff and full-year provision for filling of vacancies.

Programme (2)

Provision for 2002-03 is \$24.1 million (5.8%) higher than the revised estimate for 2001-02. This is mainly due to increases in capital expenditure, salary increments for staff, full-year provision for filling of vacancies and posts created in 2001-02 and the creation of six posts in 2002-03, including three posts for planning and development of the International Wetland Park and Visitor Centre at Tin Shui Wai and three posts for establishing an ecological database and carrying out planting in country side, partly offset by the deletion of eight posts in 2002-03 under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

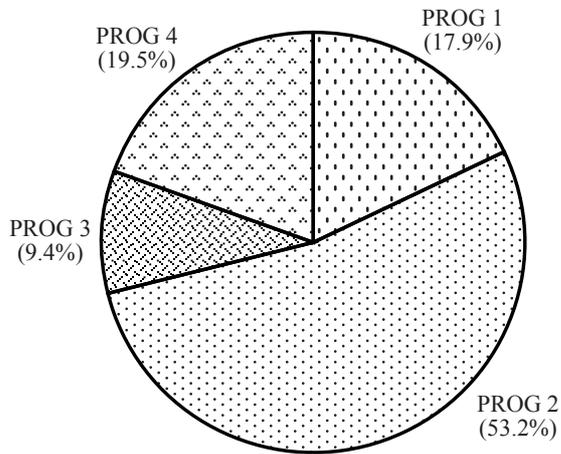
Programme (3)

Provision for 2002-03 is \$2.7 million (3.6%) higher than the revised estimate for 2001-02. This is mainly due to salary increments for staff.

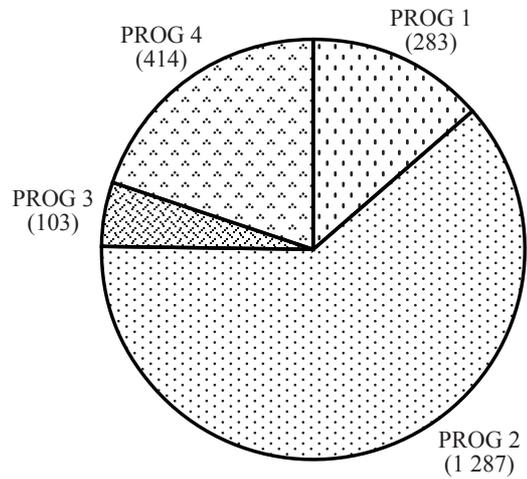
Programme (4)

Provision for 2002-03 is \$80.6 million (33.5%) lower than the revised estimate for 2001-02. This is mainly due to decreased requirement of capital expenditure, partly offset by salary increments for staff, full-year provision for filling of vacancies and the creation of 18 posts in 2002-03, including 12 posts for control and monitoring of diseases of food animals and six posts for control of pesticides.

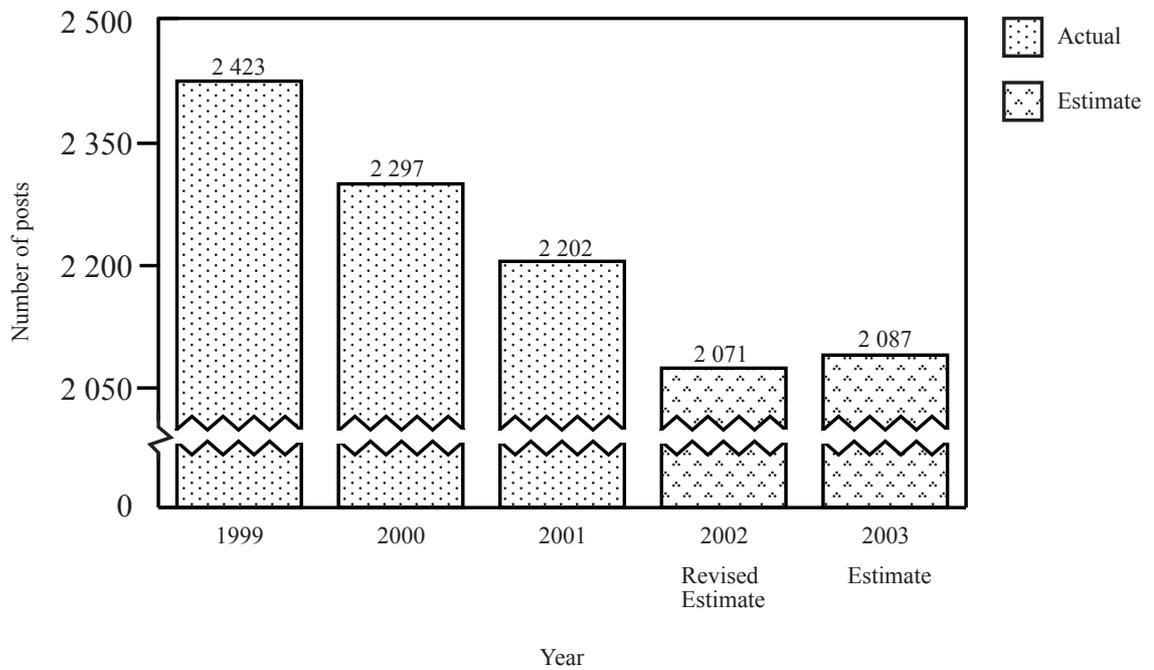
Allocation of provision to programmes (2002-03)



Staff by programme (as at 31 March 2003)



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



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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2000-01	Approved estimate 2001-02	Revised estimate 2001-02	Estimate 2002-03	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Recurrent Account					
000	Operational expenses	—	688,344	696,594	725,876
	Salaries	505,046	—	—	—
	Allowances	10,661	—	—	—
	Job-related allowances	7,907	—	—	—
	General departmental expenses	130,365	—	—	—
	Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong)	1,237	—	—	—
	Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia and the Pacific	78	—	—	—
	World Wide Fund for Nature (Hong Kong)	192	—	—	—
	Subventions to conservation and management of Ramsar site	3,226	—	—	—
	Total, Recurrent Account	658,712	688,344	696,594	725,876
Capital Account					
I — Plant, Equipment and Works					
600	Works	3,911	6,833	5,152	10,327
603	Plant, vehicles and equipment	547	2,604	4,983	8,801
609	Minor irrigation works in the New Territories (block vote)	946	1,200	1,200	1,950
610	Minor recreational facilities and roadworks in country parks (block vote)	9,071	9,200	9,200	9,200
661	Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)	3,339	9,174	9,174	3,619
	Total, Plant, Equipment and Works	17,814	29,011	29,709	33,897
II — Other Non-Recurrent					
700	General other non-recurrent	14,200	62,927	126,849	53,420
844	Minor conservation projects and studies (block vote)	3,974	6,470	6,470	6,470
	Total, Other Non-Recurrent	18,174	69,397	133,319	59,890
	Total, Capital Account	35,988	98,408	163,028	93,787
	Total Expenditure	694,700	786,752	859,622	819,663

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2002–03 for the salaries and expenses of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department is \$819,663,000. This represents a decrease of \$39,959,000 against the revised estimate for 2001–02 and an increase of \$124,963,000 over actual expenditure in 2000–01.

Recurrent Account

2 Provision of \$725,876,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries and allowances of staff of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and its other operating expenses. The increase of \$29,282,000 (4.2%) over the revised estimate for 2001–02 is mainly due to creation of new posts in 2002–03, full-year provision for filling of vacancies and recurrent consequences of completed projects. Management and control of the department's operational expenses take the form of a one-line vote.

3 As a vote-funded department, the department is subject to establishment control. The establishment at 31 March 2002 will be 2 071 permanent posts. It is expected that a net 16 posts will be created in 2002–03. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated powers create or delete non-directorate posts during 2002–03, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$455,951,000.

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

	2000–01 (Actual) (\$'000)	2001–02 (Original Estimate) (\$'000)	2001–02 (Revised Estimate) (\$'000)	2002–03 (Estimate) (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries	505,046	518,877	508,707	534,967
- Allowances	10,661	11,899	13,169	12,805
- Job-related allowances	7,907	9,022	9,072	9,519
Departmental Expenses				
- General departmental expenses	130,365	143,832	160,832	163,795
Subventions				
- Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong)	1,237	1,212	1,212	1,188
- Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia and the Pacific	78	80	80	80
- World Wide Fund for Nature (Hong Kong)	192	192	192	192
- Subventions to conservation and management of Ramsar site	3,226	3,230	3,330	3,330
	658,712	688,344	696,594	725,876

Capital Account

Plant, Equipment and Works

5 Provision of \$1,950,000 under *Subhead 609 Minor irrigation works in the New Territories (block vote)* is for a programme to provide irrigation works to assist agricultural development in the New Territories up to a limit of \$700,000 for each project. The increase of \$750,000 (62.5%) over the revised estimate for 2001–02 is mainly due to increased requirement for new projects.

6 Provision of \$9,200,000 under *Subhead 610 Minor recreational facilities and roadworks in country parks (block vote)* is for minor works such as fire lookouts, public toilets, shelters and roads up to a limit of \$500,000 for each project, and for building materials for recreational facilities such as barbecue pits, information boards, shelters and outdoor furniture.

7 Provision of \$3,619,000 under *Subhead 661 Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)* represents a decrease of \$5,555,000 (60.6%) against the revised estimate for 2001–02. This is mainly due to decreased requirement for equipment.

Other Non-Recurrent

8 Provision of \$6,470,000 under *Subhead 844 Minor conservation projects and studies (block vote)* is for conducting conservation, education and management projects and studies up to a limit of \$2,000,000 each, particularly those in relation to the Mai Po and Inner Deep Bay Ramsar sites.

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Capital Account

Commitments

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2001	Revised estimated expenditure for 2001-02	Balance
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
600		<i>Works</i>				
	316	Construction of toilet at Tai Tam South..	1,760	1,574	10	176
	327	Construction of toilet at Tai Au Mun, Clear Water Bay Country Park.....	2,100	1,515	250	335
	329	Construction of toilet at Tai Tong, Tai Lam Country Park	2,050	1,879	42	129
	334	Construction of a footpath at Sai Kung West Country Park (Wan Tsai Extension).....	5,000	2,410	790	1,800
	335	Reprovisioning of Tin Fu Tsai Fire Lookout	1,500	1,123	200	177
	340	Upgrading of Pok Fu Lam Management Centre and provision of Lung Fu Shan Depot	5,212	747	100	4,365
	341	Construction of three concrete water tanks in Tai Lam Country Park	495	448	5	42
	342	Construction of toilet at Pak Tam Chung Sai Kung West Country Park..	2,360	—	1,915	445
	343	Construction of a drainage system at Shing Mun Arboretum.....	1,700	718	950	32
	345	Construction of toilet at Sham Tseng Tai Lam Country Park	2,360	—	100	2,260
	346	Construction of toilet at Pak Tam Au Sai Kung West Country Park	2,360	—	100	2,260
	347	Construction of fire lookout at Hoi Ha, Sai Kung.....	2,800	—	200	2,600
	348	Construction of three concrete water tanks in Shing Mun Country Park	495	—	490	5
	349	Construction of four concrete water tanks in Shing Mun Country Park and Tai Mo Shan Country Park	660	—	—	660
	351	Development of a morning walkers garden in Ma On Shan Country Park..	9,700	—	—	9,700
			<u>40,552</u>	<u>10,414</u>	<u>5,152</u>	<u>24,986</u>
603		<i>Plant, vehicles and equipment</i>				
	337	A catamaran for the protection and management of marine parks and the Plover Cove (Extension) country parks	2,830	—	2,499	331
	338	Acquisition of a set of equipment items for testing for harmful chemicals in fresh produce	2,981	2,934	4	43
	344	Acquisition of a catamaran vessel for the monitoring and investigation of red tide.....	3,000	—	2,480	520
	350	Replacement of floodlight fitting equipment and lamp poles for Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market	2,440	—	—	2,440
	352	A patrol launch for the protection and management of the proposed marine parks at Soko Islands and Southwest Lantau.....	8,000	—	—	8,000

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Commitments—Cont'd.

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2001	Revised estimated expenditure for 2001-02	Balance
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
603		<i>Plant, vehicles and equipment— Cont'd.</i>				
	353	A speed boat for the protection and management of the proposed marine parks at Soko Islands and Southwest Lantau	3,000	—	—	3,000
			22,251	2,934	4,983	14,334
700		<i>General other non-recurrent</i>				
	536	Setting up a marine sanctuary in the Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau area ..	21,000	13,327	3,000	4,673
	540	Artificial reefs project.....	80,100	25,975	13,000	41,125
	545	Consultancy study on the conservation biology of the finless porpoise in Hong Kong.....	8,000	7,631	—	369
	546	Consultancy study on wetland compensation	50,000	10,639	11,800	27,561
	552	Consultancy study on red tide for formulating comprehensive management strategies and effective action plans to address red tide problems.....	4,000	3,334	176	490
	553	Ex-gratia payment to chicken slaughtering operators in the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market for termination of the tenancy of the slaughtering units	1,980	160	1,280	540
	554	Consultancy study on the feasibility of developing an off-shore fishing industry for Hong Kong	3,000	1,072	1,650	278
	555	Study on the feasibility of clay application as a red tide mitigation measure	1,300	863	300	137
	556	Promotion of the community's awareness of, and interest in the conservation of Chinese White Dolphins.....	700	265	415	20
	559	Consultancy Study on Marine Benthic Communities in Hong Kong	4,140	154	2,079	1,907
	560	Compilation of Hong Kong Flora.....	3,300	—	800	2,500
	562	Accreditation for the Veterinary Laboratory of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.....	720	—	382	338
	563	Compensation and ex-gratia payment to poultry operators affected by avian flu	98,700	—	89,200	9,500
	564	Planting of 500 000 tree seedlings in the proposed Lantau North (Extension) Country Park.....	7,500	—	—	7,500
	565	Feasibility studies of potential marine parks.....	1,600	—	—	1,600

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Commitments—Cont'd.

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2001	Revised estimated expenditure for 2001–02	Balance
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
700		<i>General other non-recurrent—Cont'd.</i>				
	566	Country parks nature education programme	600	—	—	600
			286,640	63,420	124,082	99,138
		Total.....	349,443	76,768	134,217	138,458