

## Head 91 — LANDS DEPARTMENT

**Controlling officer:** the Director of Lands will account for expenditure under this Head.

<b>Estimate 2002–03</b> .....	<b>\$1,727.6m</b>
<b>Establishment ceiling 2002–03</b> (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 3 548 non-directorate posts at 31 March 2002 rising by 179 posts to 3 727 posts at 31 March 2003 .....	<b>\$1,188.7m</b>
In addition there will be an estimated 52 directorate posts at 31 March 2002 and at 31 March 2003.	
<b>Capital Account commitment balance</b> .....	<b>\$21.1m</b>

### Controlling Officer's Report

#### Programmes

**Programme (1) Land Administration**  
**Programme (2) Survey and Mapping**  
**Programme (3) Legal Advice**

These programmes contribute to Policy Area 21: Transport (Secretary for Transport), Policy Area 22: Buildings, Lands and Planning (Secretary for Planning and Lands) and Policy Area 31: Housing (Secretary for Housing).

#### Detail

##### Programme (1): Land Administration

	2000–01 (Actual)	2001–02 (Approved)	2001–02 (Revised)	2002–03 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	1,041.7	1,152.0 (+10.6%)	1,149.0 (–0.3%)	<b>1,242.8</b> <b>(+8.2%)</b>

#### Aim

2 The aim is to administer land in Hong Kong by disposing of land; acquiring private land and clearing private and government land required for the implementation of public works and other projects; managing government leases and unleased land and certain buildings held by the Administration; re-granting and modifying leases; and maintaining man-made slopes on unallocated and unleased government land.

#### Brief Description

3 The Lands Department disposes of land through the Land Sale Programme. It acquires private land and clears private and government land required for public works projects or other approved schemes. It is also responsible for managing government leases to ensure compliance with the lease conditions; managing government land to ensure that it is not illegally occupied; managing certain buildings or units in buildings held by the Administration; extending government leases; modifying conditions in existing leases; and maintaining man-made slopes on unallocated and unleased government land.

4 A Land Sale Programme for 2001–02 and a Land Development Programme for 2002–03 to 2005–06 providing information on hectares of land available for disposal for housing and non-housing developments were announced in February 2001. The Land Sale Programme for 2001–02 comprised a timetable of specific sites for auction and tender, and an Application List in respect of sites which could be put up for auction or tender upon application. During 2001, 15 lots were disposed of by auction/tender, 11 of which were sold in accordance with the published timetable for auction/tender of specific sites, and the remaining four sites were taken from the Application List as a result of applications from developers. Fewer modification cases were completed due to market sentiments.

5 In 2001, the total area resumed was in response to demand for land for the Public Works Programme and other projects. The department finalised resumption work associated with West Rail (Phase I), and continued with work on outstanding compensation claims from the earlier resumptions and preparatory work on the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line. The department achieved better than anticipated results in clearing up existing environmental blackspots due to improved efficiency arising from human resource management initiatives.

6 The key performance measures in respect of land administration are:

#### Targets

	Target	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Plan)
<i>Land Disposal</i>				
land disposal (ha).....	133	228	113	<b>117</b>
small houses (cases) .....	1 200	1 407	1 000	<b>1 000</b>

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	Target	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Plan)
<i>Lease Modifications (non small house cases)</i>				
issue letter of reply to application within three weeks.....	100%	100%	100%	<b>100%</b>
issue letter of offer of provisional basic terms (without premium)/rejection/indicating in-principle agreement within 24 weeks from receipt of application.....	100%	100%	100%	<b>100%</b>
issue legal document for execution within 12 weeks from receipt of a binding acceptance of the final basic terms and premium offer.....	100%	100%	100%	<b>100%</b>
<i>Land Acquisition</i>				
offers of compensation based on ex-gratia rates made within 4 weeks from the date of gazette notice of resumption of agricultural land in N.T. ....	100%	100%	100%	<b>100%</b>
cheques for compensation made available for collection within 4 weeks from receipt of acceptance by the department proof of legal title (for agricultural land cases in N.T.).....	100%	100%	100%	<b>100%</b>
offer of compensation or invitation to claims made within 3 weeks from land reversion.....	100%	100%	100%	<b>100%</b>

### *Indicators*

	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Estimate)
<i>Land Disposal</i>			
land sale programme			
land sold (auction and tender) (ha).....	31	10	<b>10</b>
no. of flats.....	16 334	2 130	<b>5 500</b>
private treaty grants			
land granted (ha).....	194 $\alpha$	92 $\dagger$	<b>95</b>
no. of flats (including both private and subsidised home ownership housing projects) $\yen$ .....	5 779	15 686	<b>15 000</b>
land let by short term tenancy (ha).....	56	56	<b>50</b>
<i>Lease Variations</i>			
lease modifications and exchanges (no. of cases).....	203	163	<b>150</b>
(no. of flats).....	7 537	7 769	<b>5 000</b>
processing of applications from indigenous villagers for rent concession (no. of lots/tenements).....	16 207	29 801	<b>30 000</b>
<i>Land Acquisition</i>			
Public Works Programme projects (ha).....	19.8	41.7	<b>61.1</b>
railway development projects (ha).....	0.2	2.9	<b>19.0</b>
urban renewal projects (no. of property interests).....	164	—	—
Rural Planning and Improvement Strategy/Village Improvement (ha).....	5.0	0.4	<b>3.4</b>
total acquisition/clearance costs (\$m).....	1,581	2,703	<b>1,689</b>
<i>Land Management</i>			
lease enforcement cases.....	638	600	<b>600</b>
rebuilding of temporary domestic structures.....	130	75	<b>75</b>
government sites cleared and guarded $\phi$ .....	2 477	2 517	<b>2 500</b>
clearance of environmental black spots on private and government land in the New Territories (N.T.) (no. of cases).....	290	290	<b>220</b>
maintenance of slopes on unallocated and unleased government land			
man-made slopes to be inspected.....	4 066	5 495	<b>7 000</b>
man-made slopes to be improved.....	340	1 193	<b>2 400</b>
demolition of structures under non-development clearance in the N.T. (no. of structures).....	189	174	<b>200</b>

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	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Estimate)
<i>Property Management</i>			
properties/units managed.....	374	372	<b>362</b>
repair orders issued for government properties .....	110	100	<b>110</b>
disposal of government properties.....	11	10	<b>10</b>

α Include grants for Hong Kong Disneyland project of 125 ha and Cyberport project of 18 ha

† Include the grant for a site of 22 ha for construction of a power station at Po Lo Tsui, Lamma Island

¥ Exclude no. of flats of the Tenant Purchase Scheme and Buy or Rent Option

φ Include no. of black spots cleared as identified by the Clean Hong Kong Campaign Committee

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2002–03*

7 During 2002–03, the department will:

- continue to process land disposal by auction, tender or private treaty to meet the demand for housing and the need of the community in accordance with government policy;
- continue to speed up the processing of land transactions;
- continue to oversee all land transactions individually on a pro-active basis with the newly installed computerised Case Monitoring System;
- continue to maintain and improve man-made slopes on unallocated and unleased government land through application of prescriptive improvement measures;
- endeavour to finish off the land management work in respect of the Mass Transit Railway (MTR) Quarry Bay Relief Works; continue with residual resumption, clearance, claim settlement and land management work for West Rail (Phase I), Ma On Shan to Tai Wai Rail Link, the Tsim Sha Tsui Extension and the MTR Tseung Kwan O Extension; and to carry on with land planning and preparatory resumption and clearance work for the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line to ensure as far as possible compliance under a very tight programme schedule. Land work will also continue for the Penny's Bay Rail Link, and advice on land matters given in connection with the three new railway projects (i.e. the Shatin to Central Link, the Kowloon Southern Link and the Island Line Extensions);
- continue to process land resumption for re-development by the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) which will launch a 20-year urban renewal programme consisting of 225 projects;
- resume approximately 18 ha of land for regulation of Shenzhen River Stage III and 25 ha of land for Main Drainage Channels and Village Flood Protection works in the New Territories;
- commence preparatory work for resumption and clearance of land to make way for new development areas in the New Territories;
- continue to administer the temporary use of the Kai Tak airport site pending ultimate re-development;
- continue to complete land administration works for the School Improvement Programme Phase 4 and the Final Phase according to the works schedule of the Education Department; and
- take over Housing Department's squatter control duties in phases commencing 1 April 2002.

### **Programme (2): Survey and Mapping**

	2000–01 (Actual)	2001–02 (Approved)	2001–02 (Revised)	2002–03 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	414.0	425.2 (+2.7%)	422.5 (–0.6%)	<b>425.0 (+0.6%)</b>

### *Aim*

8 The aim is to formulate and uphold survey and mapping policies, standards, regulations and specifications; to provide and maintain the basic mapping, geodetic and land boundary information databases; to carry out geodetic, mapping and land boundary surveys; and to assist the Land Survey Authority in administering the Land Survey Ordinance to cope with the rapid and dynamic land development of Hong Kong.

### *Brief Description*

9 The Survey and Mapping Office (SMO) produces a large variety of map products which include large scale basic maps, medium to small scale topographic maps, countryside maps, Hong Kong Guide Book, thematic maps and aerial photographs. These products, apart from serving government departments, are available for sale to the public. The SMO is also responsible for the provision and maintenance of the digital mapping and land boundary record databases. Many government departments, utility companies, engineering consultants, computing system consultants and education institutes have established their own geographical information systems and applications using the digital

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maps provided by the SMO as their common reference. The SMO establishes and maintains a geodetic network in Hong Kong which provides the essential reference points for all types of land and engineering survey activities. Survey specifications and geodetic baselines are maintained by the SMO for use by survey personnel both within and outside the Government. The SMO provides land survey and plan preparation services for land administration activities including land sales, land grants, lease modifications and land resumption for land development and railway development projects. It also provides aerial survey services to clients in both the public and private sectors. The Legislation Section of the SMO is responsible for assisting the Land Survey Authority in administering the Land Survey Ordinance that provides for the registration and discipline of authorised land surveyors engaged in land boundary surveys, for the control of the standards of land boundary surveys and for the establishment and maintenance of land boundary records.

**10** In 2001, the targets for this programme were generally met.

**11** As a result of rapid development of information technology, the demand for digital map information has increased considerably. The SMO issued five Internet Map Permittee licenses in 2001 to allow private enterprises to develop and deliver map or location based applications at their web sites. Many other Value-Added-Resellers (VAR) used the SMO digital maps as the reference base along with different add-on information to develop their own tailor-made commercial map products or more advanced applications such as fleet management and in-car navigation systems. Two VAR contracts were offered in 2001.

**12** With the proven applications of the Global Positioning System (GPS) technology for various types of survey work, the SMO has taken the initiative to establish a Territorial Continuous Global Positioning System Array (TCGPSA) for Hong Kong. The first phase of the TCGPSA was implemented in 2001. Six GPS reference stations have been set up in the north-west New Territories of Hong Kong. The second phase of the project, which includes the setting up of another six GPS reference stations to cover the rest of the territory, is expected to be implemented in mid-2002.

**13** The department conducted a number of meetings and briefing sessions to consult and explain the proposed corporatisation of the SMO to staff, professional institutes and the LegCo members. The department will continue to work with the stakeholders in deciding on the way forward.

**14** The key performance measures in respect of survey and mapping are:

### *Targets*

	Target	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Plan)
Setting out of land boundaries within three months from receipt of request.....	100%	91%	89%	<b>100%</b>
Providing mapping and geodetic information within three working days upon request .....	100%	100%	100%	<b>100%</b>
Maintaining large scale plans up-to-date within three months after completion of major infrastructural projects .....	100%	94%	96%	<b>100%</b>

### *Indicators*

	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Estimate)
<i>Geodetic Survey</i>			
precise horizontal and vertical control points fixed .....	583	414	<b>400</b>
survey monuments and marks built and maintained .....	1 051	3 159	<b>3 100</b>
<i>Topographical Survey and Map Production</i>			
continuous revision, area surveyed and inspected (ha) .....	100 054	46 807	<b>47 000</b>
maps and charts produced .....	4 019	1 162	<b>1 200</b>
reprographic services provided (no. of copies) .....	427 190	424 234	<b>424 000</b>
<i>Cadastral Survey</i>			
lots defined or set out .....	2 289	2 124	<b>2 100</b>
cadastral plans prepared .....	13 945	11 344	<b>11 000</b>
<i>Aerial Survey</i>			
photographs taken for measurement and record .....	5 129	9 293	<b>9 000</b>
total area of photogrammetric survey conducted (ha).....	12 831	10 825	<b>11 000</b>
<i>Land Survey Ordinance</i>			
total number of lot subdivision plans inspected .....	1 400	1 350	<b>1 000</b>

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2002-03*

**15** During 2002-03, the department will:

- develop a network of GPS reference stations within the whole territory of Hong Kong to improve the efficiency of survey and mapping work;

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- review the business partnership programme for the delivery of mapping and other related information through the Internet;
- continue to develop and implement a quality management system for SMO to enhance the overall quality of survey and mapping services;
- continue to pursue the implementation of the Office Automation System for improving the efficiency of communication; and
- continue to pursue appropriate measures relating to the corporatisation of the Survey and Mapping Office proposal.

### Programme (3): Legal Advice

	2000–01 (Actual)	2001–02 (Approved)	2001–02 (Revised)	<b>2002–03 (Estimate)</b>
Financial provision (\$m)	56.8	58.3 (+2.6%)	59.9 (+2.7%)	<b>59.8 (–0.2%)</b>

### Aim

16 The aim is to facilitate government land transactions by providing legal advice and conveyancing service to the departments and bureaux concerned, and to give consent to sales of units in uncompleted developments.

### Brief Description

17 The Legal Advisory and Conveyancing Office (LACO) provides professional legal services within the department in relation to Programme (1) for the issue, renewal and variation of government leases as well as the drafting and execution of conditions of sale (by auction or tender), grant and exchange. In compulsory acquisition cases, this Office is responsible for approving the legal title of the former private owners and the compensation documents before compensation is released. It also provides conveyancing services to The Financial Secretary Incorporated, the Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated and to other government departments and policy bureaux in their property transactions.

18 Under the Lands Department Consent Scheme, the Office processes all applications for consent to sell units in uncompleted buildings prior to compliance with lease conditions with a view to affording protection to the purchasers and avoiding speculation in undeveloped land. As a pre-requisite of the consent requirement in respect of commercial and residential developments, Deeds of Mutual Covenant (DMC) setting out the respective rights and obligations of all the owners of the buildings will need to be approved by the Office before consent can be issued and sales of the units can commence.

19 In 2001, there were more occasions in which the Office failed to meet the target time for approving consents to sell and DMCs. This was due to the increase in the number and complexity of DMC cases. There was an increase of 15% in the total number of DMCs for residential developments approved in 2001 as compared with the previous year. Action has been taken through contracting-out more services to private solicitor firms and internal deployment of staff resources.

20 In December 2001, the Management Services Agency (MSA) completed a consultancy study on Re-engineering of Work Procedures of LACO with the aim of identifying opportunities to speed up the processing of the major chargeable services provided by LACO.

21 The key performance measures in respect of legal advice are:

### Targets

	Target	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	<b>2002 (Plan)</b>
<i>Consents</i>				
Sale and Purchase Agreement—approved within 13 weeks (excluding time for approval of DMC).....	100%	96%	86%	<b>100%</b>
DMC—approved within 13 weeks.....	100%	78%	72%	<b>85%</b>

### Indicators

	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	<b>2002 (Estimate)</b>
<i>Consents</i>			
Sale and Purchase Agreements approved			
—non-residential developments.....	2	13	<b>8</b>
—residential developments.....	26	35	<b>30</b>
Sale of uncompleted residential units (no. of flats).....	15 893	21 000	<b>15 000</b>

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	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	<b>2002 (Estimate)</b>
DMC approved			
—non-residential developments .....	6	4	<b>5</b>
—residential developments.....	53	61	<b>60</b>

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2002–03*

**22** During 2002–03, the department will:

- continue to contract out to private firms the processing of applications for approval of DMCs and increase the amount of contracting out of title checking and related legal work for surrenders in land exchange cases and for payment of compensation for land resumption;
- consider any appropriate lease conditions and guidelines for DMCs to focus on the responsibilities of owners on building safety and preventive maintenance of new buildings;
- implement a Case Progress Monitor System in the Office Automation System of LACO through which instructions, land related legal precedents and progress of all cases can be stored and retrieved easily by LACO officers in all offices for reference; and
- consider and implement the recommendations of the MSA consultancy study with a view to enhancing the cost-effectiveness of LACO in the provision of its services.

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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) Land Administration.....	1,041.7	1,152.0	1,149.0	1,242.8
(2) Survey and Mapping .....	414.0	425.2	422.5	425.0
(3) Legal Advice .....	56.8	58.3	59.9	59.8
	1,512.5	1,635.5 (+8.1%)	1,631.4 (-0.3%)	1,727.6 (+5.9%)

#### Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

##### Programme (1)

Provision for 2002-03 is \$93.8 million (8.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2001-02. This is mainly due to the provision for salary increments for staff, the creation of 43 posts for supporting resumption and clearance of land for new development areas in the New Territories and the railway development projects, and the transfer of 198 posts from the Housing Department and six posts from the Treasury for taking over the squatter control and the government rent and premium enquiry duties respectively. This is partly offset by the deletion of 76 posts in 2002-03, including 56 posts under the Enhanced Productivity Programme and 20 time-limited posts. In addition, it is estimated that 20 posts, to be funded by the URA, will be created to support the URA projects.

##### Programme (2)

Provision for 2002-03 is \$2.5 million (0.6%) higher than the revised estimate for 2001-02. This is mainly due to the provision for salary increments for staff, partly offset by the deletion of 12 posts in 2002-03, including six posts under the Enhanced Productivity Programme, two posts after implementation of a computer system and four time-limited posts. In addition, it is estimated that two posts, to be funded by the URA, will be created to support the URA projects.

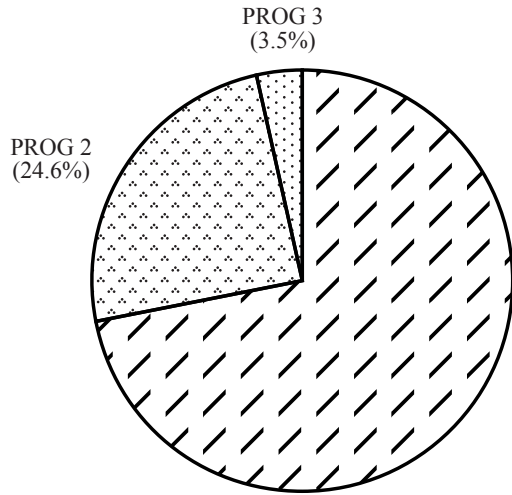
##### Programme (3)

Provision for 2002-03 is \$0.1 million (0.2%) lower than the revised estimate for 2001-02. This is mainly due to the deletion of ten posts in 2002-03, including seven posts under the Enhanced Productivity Programme, one post after implementation of a computer system and two time-limited posts. This is partly offset by the provision for salary increments for staff and the creation of five posts for supporting resumption and clearance of land for new development areas in the New Territories and the railway development projects. In addition, it is estimated that three posts, to be funded by the URA, will be created to support the URA projects.

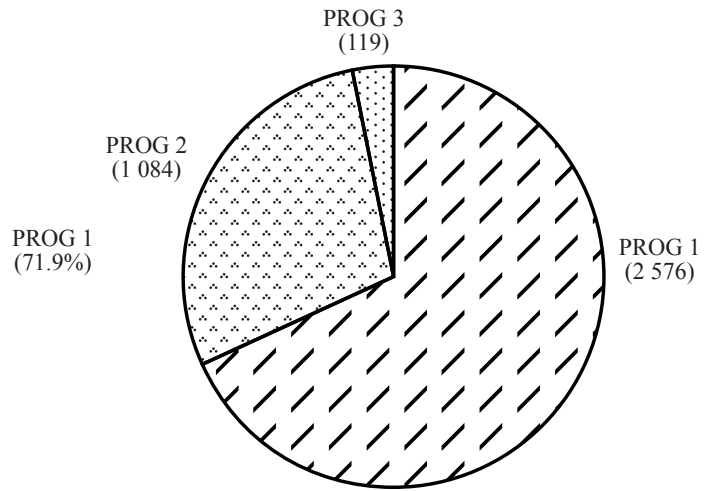
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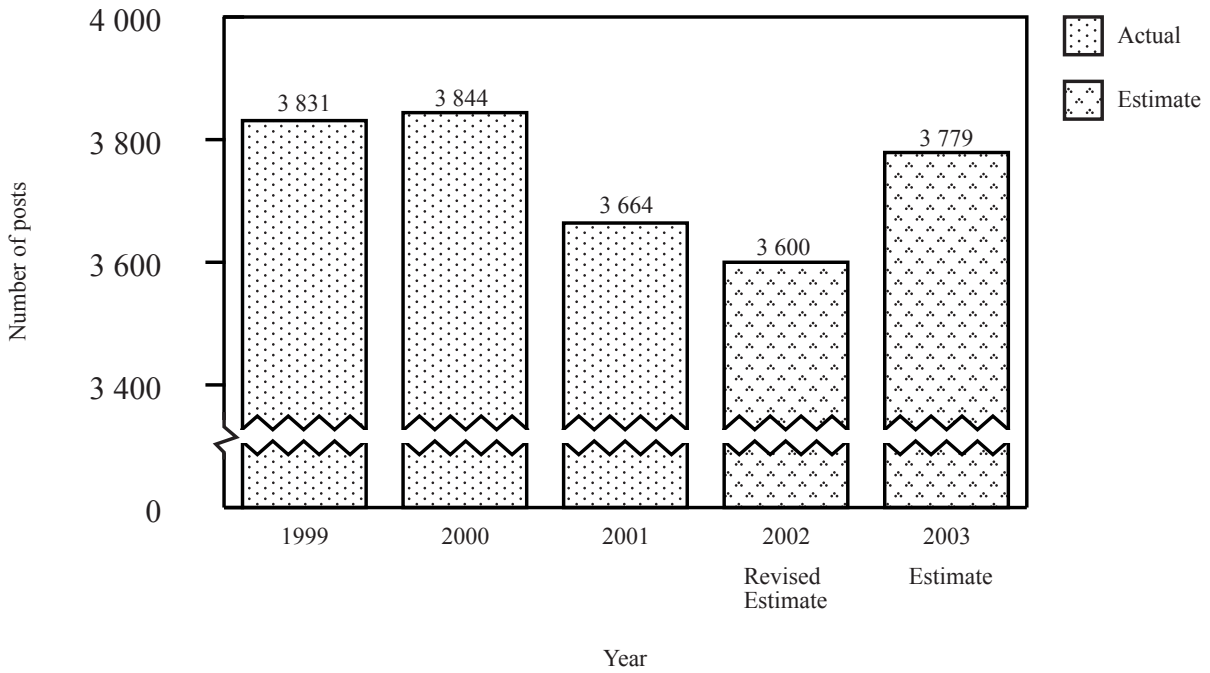
*Allocation of provision  
to programmes  
(2002-03)*



*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	\$'000
<b>Recurrent Account</b>					
I — Personal Emoluments					
001	Salaries .....	1,273,194	1,281,828	1,327,338	<b>1,358,835</b>
002	Allowances .....	16,634	20,188	19,531	<b>21,076</b>
003	Recoverable salaries and allowances .... 28,536				
	<i>Deduct</i> reimbursements..... <i>Cr</i> 28,536	—	—	—	—
007	Job-related allowances .....	2,687	2,425	2,425	<b>3,429</b>
	Total, Personal Emoluments .....	<u>1,292,515</u>	<u>1,304,441</u>	<u>1,349,294</u>	<u><b>1,383,340</b></u>
III — Departmental Expenses					
111	Hire of services and professional fees .....	32,103	45,463	31,048	<b>58,909</b>
121	Contract maintenance .....	89,030	129,476	122,034	<b>132,290</b>
149	General departmental expenses .....	63,930	92,421	82,418	<b>99,147</b>
	Total, Departmental Expenses .....	<u>185,063</u>	<u>267,360</u>	<u>235,500</u>	<u><b>290,346</b></u>
IV — Other Charges					
221	Clearance of Government land - <i>ex-gratia</i> allowances .....	12,147	30,026	17,000	<b>30,026*</b>
279	Financial Secretary Incorporated - suspense account adjustment .....	—	15	15	<b>15</b>
	Total, Other Charges .....	<u>12,147</u>	<u>30,041</u>	<u>17,015</u>	<u><b>30,041</b></u>
	Total, Recurrent Account .....	<u>1,489,725</u>	<u>1,601,842</u>	<u>1,601,809</u>	<u><b>1,703,727</b></u>
<b>Capital Account</b>					
I — Plant, Equipment and Works					
600	Works .....	2,100	7,000	5,122	<b>5,000</b>
661	Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote) .....	7,261	9,744	9,744	<b>3,170</b>
	Total, Plant, Equipment and Works .....	<u>9,361</u>	<u>16,744</u>	<u>14,866</u>	<u><b>8,170</b></u>
II — Other Non-Recurrent					
700	General other non-recurrent .....	33	451	700	<b>1,665</b>
842	Cleaning up of black spots in NT (block vote) ..	13,388	16,500	14,000	<b>14,000</b>
	Total, Other Non-Recurrent .....	<u>13,421</u>	<u>16,951</u>	<u>14,700</u>	<u><b>15,665</b></u>
	Total, Capital Account .....	<u>22,782</u>	<u>33,695</u>	<u>29,566</u>	<u><b>23,835</b></u>
	Total Expenditure .....	<u><u>1,512,507</u></u>	<u><u>1,635,537</u></u>	<u><u>1,631,375</u></u>	<u><u><b>1,727,562</b></u></u>

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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 Lands Department is \$1,727,562,000. This represents an increase of \$96,187,000 over the revised estimate for 2001–02 and of \$215,055,000 over actual expenditure in 2000–01.

#### Recurrent Account

##### Personal Emoluments

2 Provision of \$1,383,340,000 for personal emoluments represents an increase of \$34,046,000 over the revised estimate for 2001–02.

3 The establishment at 31 March 2002 will be 3 594 permanent posts and six supernumerary posts. It is expected that a net 179 permanent posts will be created in 2002–03.

4 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 \$1,188,656,000.

5 Provision of \$21,076,000 under *Subhead 002 Allowances* is for standard allowances and the following non-standard allowance—

	<i>Rate</i>
post allowance for Survey Officers and Senior Survey Officers in the land and engineering streams	Monthly allowance equals to the officer's next increment.

The increase of \$1,545,000 (7.9%) over the revised estimate for 2001–02 is mainly due to the taking over of the Housing Department's squatter control duties in phases commencing 1 April 2002.

6 Gross provision of \$28,536,000 under *Subhead 003 Recoverable salaries and allowances* includes salaries and allowances for a team of 55 staff to process land resumption to make land available for re-development by the URA. The cost will be fully recovered from the URA.

7 Provision of \$3,429,000 under *Subhead 007 Job-related allowances* is for standard job-related allowances. The increase of \$1,004,000 (41.4%) over the revised estimate for 2001–02 is mainly due to the taking over of the Housing Department's squatter control duties in phases commencing 1 April 2002.

##### Departmental Expenses

8 Provision of \$58,909,000 under *Subhead 111 Hire of services and professional fees* includes provision for contract services to undertake work for development of projects, hiring security services for guarding sites for sale or development, employing professional parties to assess claims and to assist in the resumption of land, and other services. The increase of \$27,861,000 (89.7%) over the revised estimate for 2001–02 is mainly due to the work for resumption and clearance of land to make way for new development areas in the New Territories and the development of railway projects.

9 Provision of \$132,290,000 under *Subhead 121 Contract maintenance* includes provision for maintenance of specialised systems and equipment, demolishing structures, clearance, maintenance and fencing off sites for sale or development, maintenance of registrable man-made slopes on unallocated and unleased government land, provision of boundary and survey marks and managing buildings which have been reverted to the Government. The increase of \$10,256,000 (8.4%) over the revised estimate for 2001–02 is mainly due to the taking over of the Housing Department's squatter control duties in phases commencing 1 April 2002 and the additional requirement for undertaking demolition and maintenance works of government land, and maintenance of new computer and other systems implemented in 2001–02.

10 Provision of \$99,147,000 under *Subhead 149 General departmental expenses* represents an increase of \$16,729,000 (20.3%) over the revised estimate for 2001–02. The increase is mainly due to the taking over of the Housing Department's squatter control duties in phases commencing 1 April 2002 and the recurrent needs of new computer and other systems commissioned in 2001–02, partly offset by savings from reduced operating expenses under the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

##### Other Charges

11 Provision of \$30,026,000 under *Subhead 221 Clearance of Government land - ex-gratia allowances* is for allowances payable to persons cleared from government land other than in the course of clearances required for public works projects. The increase of \$13,026,000 (76.6%) over the revised estimate for 2001–02 is mainly due to new clearance projects on government land.

12 Provision of \$15,000 under *Subhead 279 Financial Secretary Incorporated - suspense account adjustment* is for the clearance of deficits arising from management and disposal of properties resumed by the Government and managed by the department on behalf of the Financial Secretary Incorporated.

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### *Capital Account*

#### Plant, Equipment and Works

**13** Provision of \$3,170,000 under *Subhead 661 Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)* represents a decrease of \$6,574,000 (67.5%) against the revised estimate for 2001–02. This is mainly due to reduced requirement for minor plant and equipment.

#### Other Non-Recurrent

**14** Provision of \$14,000,000 under *Subhead 842 Cleaning up of black spots in New Territories (block vote)* is for clearance of illegal occupation and dumping on government land, the necessary landscaping to improve the overall appearance and to prevent further illegal occupation and dumping and for formation of sites for the purpose of relocating operations with an economic function.

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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>				
	253	Demolition of six Temporary Housing Areas .....	24,400	825	4,500	19,075
	254	Demolition of Fo Tan Cottage Area .....	2,280	1,276	622	382
			<u>26,680</u>	<u>2,101</u>	<u>5,122</u>	<u>19,457</u>
700		<i>General other non-recurrent</i>				
	514	Relocation of DLO/Shatin, DSO/Shatin and LACO/Shatin to Shatin Government Offices.....	901	—	—	901
	515	Employment of temporary staff to support corporatisation of SMO.....	1,464	—	700	764
			<u>2,365</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>1,665</u>
		Total .....	<u>29,045</u>	<u>2,101</u>	<u>5,822</u>	<u>21,122</u>