

Legislative Council Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerisation Subhead A007GX - New Administrative Computer Systems

Introduction

This paper briefs Members on the funding requirement for 2001-02 for the implementation of computerisation projects under Capital Works Reserve Fund (CWRP) Head 710 Computerisation Subhead A007GX - New Administrative Computer Systems.

Background

2. CWRP Head 710 Computerisation is the Head of Expenditure for funding projects on administrative computer systems.
3. Projects which cost more than \$10 million each are funded under separate subheads and are subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council individually.
4. Projects costing between \$100,001 and \$10 million each are dealt with by a block allocation under Subhead A007GX - New Administrative Computer Systems. By virtue of the authority under the Financial Secretary, we are allowed a maximum level of over-commitment of up to 150% of the expenditure approved by the Finance Committee for the block allocation for a financial year.
5. For projects costing not more than \$100,000 each, they are funded from the respective Departmental Expenses subheads of individual bureaux and departments under the Recurrent Account.

Funding Requirement for 2001-02

6. Based on the proposals made by bureaux and departments, we estimate that we would require \$620 million under Subhead A007GX block allocation in 2001-02 for funding over 320 projects on administrative computer systems. Of the \$620 million, \$244 million is needed to fund approved projects carried forward from 2000-01, and the balance of \$376 million is required for funding endorsed projects and new bids submitted by bureaux and departments for implementation as from 2001-02. The tentative allocations of the \$620 million proposed are summarised in Annex A.

7. Subject to the approval by the Finance Committee of the proposed allocation of \$620 million, the maximum level of commitment in 2001-02 under the block allocation will be \$1,550 million for covering the expenditure of all approved projects in 2001-02 and in subsequent years (i.e. an over-commitment of 150% will be allowed).

8. The sizes of the block allocation in 1999-2000 and 2000-01 were \$600 million and \$560 million respectively. The allocation for 2001-02 represented a 10.7% increase over the allocation for 2000-01. The increase is mainly due to the introduction of various programmes on Government computerisation for implementation starting in 2001-02 with a view to developing an electronic government. The new projects to be implemented in 2001-02 include those related to the provision of Government services to the community through electronic means; the extension of the coverage of the Government Office Automation (GOA) programme to provide computing facilities to more officers; the implementation of a phased programme for the adoption of intra-departmental and inter-departmental electronic transactions; and the enhancement of the Government internal information infrastructure to support the increase in the adoption of electronic transactions. These programmes will enable us to keep up with the momentum for using information technology to improve Government operation and services. Details of the key expenditure items are set out in Annex B.

Submission of Funding Application to Finance Committee

9. Conventionally, the Administration seeks funding approval for all the CWRP block allocations including Subhead A007GX block allocation from the Finance Committee after obtaining the prior endorsement of the Public Works Subcommittee. Finance Bureau now plans to make the funding submission for the 2001-02 provisions for all the CWRP block allocations to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee for consideration in December 2000 / January 2001.

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Tentative Allocation of the Proposed Funding under
CWRF Head 710 Computerisation
Subhead A007GX - New Administrative Computer Systems
in 2001-02

	2001-02	
	<u>No. of Projects</u>	<u>(\$'M)</u>
Approved projects carried forward from 2000-01	168	244
New projects related to the provision of Government services to the community through electronic means	21	70
New projects related to the extension of the Government Office Automation (GOA) programme	40	90
New projects related to the adoption of intra-departmental and inter-departmental electronic transactions and the enhancement of Government internal information infrastructure to support electronic transactions	7	23
Other computerisation projects	86	193
	322	620

**Key expenditure items in 2001-02 under
CWRF Head 710 Computerisation Block Allocation**

Subhead A007GX - New Administrative Computer Systems

<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimate 2001-2002 \$'000</u>
1. Feasibility Study on Service Provider Information System, Human Resources Management System, Management Information System and Project and Service Planning System, Social Welfare Department	7,975
2. Extension of Government Office Automation Programme, Buildings Department	7,314
3. Implementation of New Student Loan System, Student Financial Assistance Agency	7,192
4. Implementation of the Enhancement to Building Development Information System and Building Condition Information System, Buildings Department	7,133
5. Implementation of a New Information System for Handling Electronic Transactions in Compliance with the Electronic Transactions Ordinance, Labour Department	7,132
6. Implementation of Licensing Management Information System Phase I, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	6,780
7. Implementation of Upgrading of Document Retrieval Subsystem to Departmental Intranet, Lands Department	6,300
8. Implementation of Case Monitoring System for the Land Administration Office, Lands Department	6,091
9. Realignment of Leisure Link (RCCBS) and SPORTIX, Leisure and Cultural Services Department	6,056
10. Extension of Government Office Automation Programme, Home Affairs Department	5,932
11. More than <u>310</u> other items with expected expenditure in 2001-02	552,095
Total:	<u><u>620,000</u></u>