

NOTE FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report on Redeployment of Funds in One-line Vote Departments

During the fourth quarter of the 2001-02 financial year, sixteen departments, namely -

- (i) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department;
- (ii) Buildings Department;
- (iii) Census and Statistics Department;
- (iv) Civil Service Training and Development Institute;
- (v) Department of Health;
- (vi) Government Secretariat: Innovation and Technology Commission;
- (vii) Highways Department;
- (viii) Hong Kong Police Force;
- (ix) Information Services Department;
- (x) Inland Revenue Department;
- (xi) Intellectual Property Department;
- (xii) Invest Hong Kong;
- (xiii) Labour Department;
- (xiv) Transport Department;
- (xv) Treasury; and
- (xvi) Water Supplies Department

are operating the one-line vote financial control arrangement. Under this arrangement, other than specified exceptions, Controlling Officers are given flexibility in meeting all their operational expenditure from approved funds under a single Subhead 000 Operational expenses. This is intended to facilitate the achievement of greater efficiency and enhanced productivity.

2. For the purpose of assuring Members on disclosure of information and accountability, in the Estimates for 2001-02 approved by the Legislative Council the Controlling Officers have continued to provide an analysis of their operational expenditure by the conventional subheads. The Administration have also undertaken to provide Finance Committee with quarterly reports showing actual spending and any redeployment of funds between these subheads.

Encls. 1-16 3. The Reports at Enclosures 1 to 16 contain such details for the fourth quarter of 2001-02.

Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau
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Head 22 — Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses

Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries	518,877	—	(16,900)	501,977	501,910
- Allowances	11,899	—	—	11,899	11,465
- Job-related allowances	9,022	—	(1,000)	8,022	7,707
Departmental Expenses					
- General departmental expenses	143,832	—	17,750 ^(Note 1)	161,582	160,915
Subventions					
- Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong)	1,212	—	—	1,212	1,212
- Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia and the Pacific	80	—	—	80	78
- World Wide Fund for Nature (Hong Kong)	192	—	—	192	192
- Subventions to conservation and management of Ramsar site	3,230	—	150 ^(Note 2)	3,380	3,363
	<u>688,344</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>688,344</u>	<u>686,842</u>

Note:

- (1) The redeployment of \$17,750,000 from Personal Emoluments to Departmental Expenses was due to increased requirement arising from the outbreak of avian flu in February 2002.
- (2) The redeployment of \$150,000 from Personal Emoluments to Subventions was due to increased subvention to the World Wide Fund for Nature (Hong Kong) arising from the need for increase in stocking of trash fish in Mai Po Nature Reserve to provide food for migratory birds.

Head 82 — Buildings Department
 Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses
 Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries	468,474	—	—	468,474	457,859
- Allowances	6,300	—	—	6,300	4,608
- Job-related allowances	11	2,044	—	2,055	397
Departmental Expenses					
- Hire of services and professional fees	4,858	—	—	4,858	4,437
- Contract maintenance	6,030	—	—	6,030	1,610
- General departmental expenses	228,851	(2,044)	—	226,807	170,897
	<u>714,524</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>714,524</u>	<u>639,808</u>
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Head 26 — Census and Statistics Department
 Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses
 Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries	485,342	—	—	485,342	477,531
- Allowances	19,396	—	—	19,396	11,184
- Job-related allowances	16	—	—	16	16
Departmental Expenses					
- General departmental expenses	319,733	(1)	—	311,895	245,567
Subventions					
- Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific.....	234	1	—	235	234
	<u>824,721</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>816,884</u>	<u>734,532</u>
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Head 29 — Civil Service Training and Development Institute

Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses

Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries	71,948	—	—	71,948	67,855
- Allowances	2,064	—	—	2,064	1,310
Departmental Expenses					
- Training expenses.....	66,386	—	—	66,386	52,887
- General departmental expenses	14,916	—	—	14,916	11,952
	<u>155,314</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>155,314</u>	<u>134,004</u>
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Head 37 — Department of Health
 Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses
 Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries	2,408,425	—	—	2,408,425	2,399,538
- Allowances	33,869	—	—	33,869	25,677
- Job-related allowances	7,378	—	—	7,378	4,506
Departmental Expenses					
- Temporary staff	196,986	—	—	196,986	159,627
- Specialist supplies and equipment	294,954	—	—	294,954	267,598
- General departmental expenses	276,795	—	—	276,795	243,882
Other Charges					
- Contracting out of dental prostheses	6,100	—	—	6,100	4,897
- Payment and reimbursement of medical fees and hospital charges....	23,100	—	—	23,100	23,100
- Supply, repair and renewal of prostheses and surgical appliances	1,800	—	—	1,800	1,800
	<u>3,249,407</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,249,407</u>	<u>3,130,625</u>
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Head 155 — Government Secretariat: Innovation and Technology Commission

Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses

Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries	98,154	—	(179)	97,975	97,975
- Allowances	2,773	—	418 ^(Note)	3,191	3,191
Departmental Expenses					
- General departmental expenses	27,854	—	(239)	27,615	24,565
	<u>128,781</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>128,781</u>	<u>125,731</u>
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Note:

The redeployment of \$418,000 from Salaries (\$179,000) and General departmental expenses (\$239,000) to Allowances is for increased requirement on acting allowances.

Head 60 — Highways Department
 Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses
 Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries	807,500	—	500 ^(Note)	808,000	807,581
- Allowances	27,955	—	(500)	27,455	20,390
- Job-related allowances	2,180	—	—	2,180	1,603
Departmental Expenses					
- Maintenance materials.....	1,500	—	—	1,500	1,140
- Workshop services	66,650	—	—	66,650	64,149
- General departmental expenses	87,270	—	—	87,270	63,873
Other Charges					
- Highways maintenance.....	780,132	—	—	780,132	776,984
	<u>1,773,187</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,773,187</u>	<u>1,735,720</u>
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Note:

The redeployment is for meeting additional salary requirement resulting from the 2001 civil service pay adjustment.

Head 122 — Hong Kong Police Force
 Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses
 Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries	10,263,716	—	349,500 ^(Note1)	10,613,216	10,613,019
- Allowances	413,062	—	(169,032)	244,030	242,230
- Job-related allowances	6,042	—	(956)	5,086	4,842
Departmental Expenses					
- Specialist supplies and equipment	82,321	—	(8,681)	73,640	63,304
- General departmental expenses	1,081,854	—	(176,815)	905,039	822,484
Other Charges					
- Upkeep of land boundary security projects.....	19,202	—	(6,723)	12,479	10,844
- Investigation expenses.....	33,911	—	807 ^(Note 2)	34,718	29,690
- Pay and allowances for the auxiliary services.....	129,414	—	11,900 ^(Note3)	141,314	141,214
	<u>12,029,522</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,029,522</u>	<u>11,927,627</u>
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- Note:**
- (1) \$349,500,000 was vired to Salaries from Allowances, Departmental Expenses and Upkeep of land boundary security projects to cover the increased salaries arising from the 2001 civil service pay adjustment.
 - (2) \$807,000 was vired to Investigation expenses from Departmental Expenses to cover the expected increase in investigation expenses.
 - (3) \$11,900,000 was vired to Pay and allowances for the auxiliary services from Departmental Expenses to cover the increased expenditure on the provision of 48-hour additional training annually for each auxiliary police officer.

Head 74 — Information Services Department
 Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses
 Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries.....	243,165	—	—	243,165	242,142
- Allowances.....	9,317	—	—	8,967	6,509
- Job-related allowances	251	—	—	251	184
Departmental Expenses					
- General departmental expenses	23,684	—	3,500 ^(Note)	27,184	24,639
Other Charges					
- Publicity	67,310	—	—	67,310	62,155
- Expenses of visitors to Hong Kong and overseas speaking engagements.....	13,112	—	(3,500)	9,612	8,460
	<u>356,839</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>356,489</u>	<u>344,089</u>
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Note:

The virement is to cater for additional requirements on equipment, including computer equipment, audio/visual equipment and video-editing equipment.

Head 76 — Inland Revenue Department
 Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses
 Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries	1,071,284	—	7,340 ^(Note)	1,078,624	1,078,523
- Allowances	29,743	—	(5,611)	22,502	22,500
- Job-related allowances	251	—	(18)	233	233
Departmental Expenses					
- General departmental expenses	128,903	—	(1,711)	123,322	112,447
	<u>1,230,181</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,224,681</u>	<u>1,213,703</u>
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Note:

An amount of \$5,611,000 from Allowances, \$18,000 from Job-related allowances and \$1,711,000 from General departmental expenses were redeployed to Salaries to meet the shortfall arising from the 2001 civil service pay adjustment.

Head 78 — Intellectual Property Department
 Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses
 Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries	64,644	(4,404)	(1,927)	59,313	59,113
- Allowances	1,674	610	—	2,284	2,095
Departmental Expenses					
- General departmental expenses	12,842	3,794	1,927 ^(Note)	18,563	17,676
	<u>79,160</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>80,160</u>	<u>78,884</u>
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Note:

The redeployment of \$1,927,000 from Salaries to General departmental expenses is for hiring of non-civil service contract staff and outsourcing of data entry and despatch services to the private sector.

Head 79 — Invest Hong Kong
 Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses
 Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries	32,490	(6,490)	(2,864)	23,909	23,909
- Allowances	664	(338)	—	318	252
Departmental Expenses					
- General departmental expenses	13,172	6,828	2,864 ^(Note)	22,864	22,864
	<u>46,326</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>47,091</u>	<u>47,025</u>
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Note:

The redeployment of \$2,864,000 from Salaries to General departmental expenses was to cover the salaries of non-civil service contract staff employed by Invest Hong Kong.

Head 90 — Labour Department
 Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses
 Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries	710,290	—	—	718,330	716,907
- Allowances	15,338	—	(2)	15,336	11,442
- Job-related allowances	68	—	2 ^(Note)	70	70
Departmental Expenses					
- General departmental expenses	55,220	—	—	55,220	53,361
Other Charges					
- Campaigns, exhibitions and publicity	6,409	—	—	6,409	5,773
	<u>787,325</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>795,365</u>	<u>787,553</u>
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Note:

The redeployment of \$2,000 from Allowances to Job-related allowances was to meet the increased expenditure on dialect allowance payable to Chinese Language Officers serving in the department. The standard rate of the allowance was increased from \$906 to \$928 per dialect per month as a result of the 2001 civil service pay adjustment.

Head 186 — Transport Department
 Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses
 Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries	535,285	—	—	535,285	525,802
- Allowances	13,738	—	—	13,738	10,136
- Job-related allowances	414	—	—	414	413
Departmental Expenses					
- Light and power.....	2,900	—	(700)	2,200	2,090
- Contract maintenance.....	60,757	—	(11,706)	49,051	47,661
- Workshop services	152,071	—	(6,071)	146,000	143,239
- General departmental expenses	53,104	—	17,820 ^(Note 1)	70,924	67,318
Other Charges					
- Payment to the Cross- Harbour Tunnel Company for exempted persons	—	—	—	—	—
Subventions					
- Road Safety Association	578	—	—	578	578
- Special transport facilities for people with disabilities .	26,012	—	657 ^(Note 2)	26,669	26,669
	<u>844,859</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>844,859</u>	<u>823,906</u>
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Note:

- (1) The increase in General departmental expenses, offset by savings under Light and power, Contract maintenance and Workshop services, is mainly attributed to the employment of non-civil service contract staff to cover the workload of civil servants proceeding on Voluntary Retirement and hire of services to meet the increasing workload and new initiatives committed by the department.
- (2) This is mainly due to the salary adjustment of staff of the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation arising from the 2001 civil service pay adjustment.

Head 188 — Treasury
 Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses
 Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries	231,610	(3,030)	(10,850)	217,730	217,117
- Allowances	4,774	(60)	(1,662)	3,052	2,339
- Job-related allowances	553	—	(210)	343	315
Departmental Expenses					
- General departmental expenses	78,425	3,090	12,722 ^(Note)	94,237	90,550
	<u>315,362</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>315,362</u>	<u>310,321</u>
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Note:

A sum of \$55,000 was redeployed from Allowances to cover the expenditure for the printing of salary statement envelopes and a sum of \$12,667,000 was redeployed from Salaries (\$10,850,000), Allowances (\$1,607,000) and Job-related allowances (\$210,000) to cover the expenditure for payment to the Hongkong Post for Counter Collection Service.

Head 194 — Water Supplies Department
 Financial Position of Subhead 000 Operational Expenses
 Report for the fourth quarter of 2001-02

	Original estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead from 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001 (\$'000)	Redeployment of funds within the Subhead during the quarter (\$'000)	Amended estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)	Actual expenditure for the year to date (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments					
- Salaries	1,483,606	—	(25,780)	1,457,826	1,443,141
- Allowances	116,233	—	(3,300)	112,933	89,363
- Job-related allowances	9,319	—	—	9,319	6,798
Departmental Expenses					
- Light and power.....	505,252	—	8,700 ^(Note 1)	513,952	506,798
- Hire of services and professional fees.....	85,576	—	(1,349)	84,227	64,901
- Fuel and lubricating oil	1,089	—	—	1,089	477
- Specialist supplies and equipment.....	94,870	—	—	94,870	76,750
- Maintenance materials.....	67,109	—	—	67,109	53,567
- Contract maintenance	468,376	—	25,622 ^(Note 2)	493,998	478,328
- General departmental expenses	143,719	—	(3,893)	139,826	117,505
	<u>2,975,149</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,975,149</u>	<u>2,837,628</u>
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- Note:**
- (1) The redeployment of funds to meet the increase in electricity expenditure is due to tariff increase.
- (2) The redeployment of funds to meet the increase in contract maintenance expenditure is due to increased requirements for operating and maintaining additional waterworks installations as well as improving the supply and distribution system.