

PUBLIC FINANCE ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION

(Under section 7(1) of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2))

RESOLVED that -

1. Authority is hereby given for a sum not exceeding \$76,256,151,000 to be charged on the general revenue in advance of an Appropriation Ordinance for expenditure on the services of the Government in respect of the financial year commencing on 1 April 2002.
2. Subject to this Resolution, the sum so charged may be expended against the heads of expenditure, and expenditure for each such head shall be arranged in accordance with the subheads, shown in the draft Estimates of Expenditure 2002-03 laid before the Legislative Council on 6 March 2002 or, where such estimates are changed under the provisions of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2) as applied by section 7(2) of that Ordinance, in accordance with such estimates as so changed.
3. Expenditure in respect of any head shall not exceed the aggregate of the amounts specified in respect of each subhead in that head, by reference to percentages, in section 4(a) and (b).
4. Expenditure in respect of each subhead in a head shall not exceed -
 - (a) in the case of a Recurrent Account subhead, an amount equivalent to -

- (i) except where the subhead is listed in the Schedule hereto, 20% of the provision shown in respect of it in the draft Estimates;
 - (ii) where the subhead is listed in the Schedule hereto, that percentage of the provision shown in respect of it in the draft Estimates which is specified in relation to that subhead in the Schedule; and
- (b) in the case of a Capital Account subhead, an amount equivalent to 100% of the provision shown in respect of it in the draft Estimates,

or such other amount, not exceeding the provision shown in respect of the subhead in the draft Estimates, as may in any case be approved by the Financial Secretary.

SCHEDULE

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	Head of Expenditure		Subhead	Percentage of provision shown in draft Estimates
28	Civil Aviation Department	170	Airport insurance	100
30	Correctional Services Department	149	General departmental expenses	40
40	Education Department	325	Direct Subsidy Scheme	36
		326	Kindergarten Subsidy Scheme	50
		330	Assistance to private secondary schools and bought places	27
		340	English Schools Foundation junior schools	41
		345	English Schools Foundation secondary schools	41
		489	Miscellaneous educational services	23
46	General Expenses of the Civil Service	013	Personal allowances	40
53	Government Secretariat: Home Affairs Bureau	536	Uniformed groups and other youth organisations	25
63	Home Affairs Department	110	Honoraria for members of committees	25
76	Inland Revenue Department	189	Interest on tax reserve certificates	30

	Head of Expenditure		Subhead	Percentage of provision shown in draft Estimates
92	Department of Justice	234	Court costs	25
		243	Hire of legal services and related professional fees	25
		287	Legal services for construction dispute resolution	25
106	Miscellaneous Services	163	Write-offs	50
		192	Refunds of revenue	100
120	Pensions	015	Public and judicial service pension benefits and compensation	30
		017	Surviving spouses' and children's pensions, widows' and orphans' pensions and increases	30
		021	Ex gratia pensions, awards, allowances and increases	50
		026	Employees' compensation, injury, incapacity and death related payments and expenses	50
170	Social Welfare Department	176	Criminal and law enforcement injuries compensation	25
		177	Emergency relief	100
		179	Comprehensive social security assistance scheme	25
		180	Social security allowance scheme	25

Head of Expenditure	Subhead	Percentage of provision shown in draft Estimates
	187 Agents' commission and expenses	100
	214 Hire of services	30
	412 Refunds of rates	30
176 Subventions : Miscellaneous	414 Environmental Advisory Service	25
	420 Asian and Pacific Development Centre	100
	437 Hong Kong - Japan Business Co-operation Committee	25
	446 Duty Lawyer Service	25
	475 Outward Bound Trust of Hong Kong	25
	503 Subventions to non-government organisation camps	26
	521 Skills centres	25
	527 Open University of Hong Kong	25
	528 Guardianship Board	25
177 Subventions : Non- Departmental Public Bodies	520 Vocational Training Council	25
	526 Legal Aid Services Council	25
	537 Employees Retraining Board	25
188 Treasury	187 Agents' commission and expenses	70

**SPEECH BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE TREASURY
MOVING THE VOTE ON ACCOUNT RESOLUTION
IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ON 13 MARCH 2002**

President,

I move the motion standing in my name in the Agenda.

2. The purpose of this motion is to seek funds on account to enable the Government to carry on existing services between the start of the financial year on 1 April 2002 and the enactment of the Appropriation Ordinance. This follows the procedure long established in this Council.

3. We have determined the funds on account sought under each subhead in accordance with paragraph four of the resolution, by reference to percentages of the provision shown in the 2002–03 draft Estimates of Expenditure. If the draft Estimates are changed by the Finance Committee or officers under delegated powers, the provision to which the percentages are applied will also change accordingly. Thus the provision on account under each head is not constant but may vary, with every increase being matched by an equal decrease. The initial provision on account under each head is shown in the footnote to this speech. The aggregate total under all heads is fixed, however, at \$76,256,151,000 and cannot be exceeded without the approval of this Council.

4. The resolution also enables the Financial Secretary to vary the funds on account in respect of any subhead, provided that these variations do not cause an excess over the amount of provision entered for that subhead in the 2002–03 draft Estimates of Expenditure or an excess over the amount of funds on account for the relevant head.

5. The Financial Secretary will issue a vote on account warrant to the Director of Accounting Services, authorising him to make payments up to the amount specified in this motion and in accordance with its conditions. The vote on account will be subsumed upon the enactment of the Appropriation Ordinance, and the general warrant issued after the enactment of the Appropriation Ordinance will replace the vote on account warrant.

6. President, I beg to move.

Footnote

Remarks : Details will be given after the Appropriation Bill 2002 is gazetted on 6.3.2002.