





The Financial Secretary, who reports directly to the Chief Executive, is responsible for the fiscal and economic policies of the government. He is an ex officio member of the Executive Council and regularly attends meetings of the Legislative Council as senior government representative.

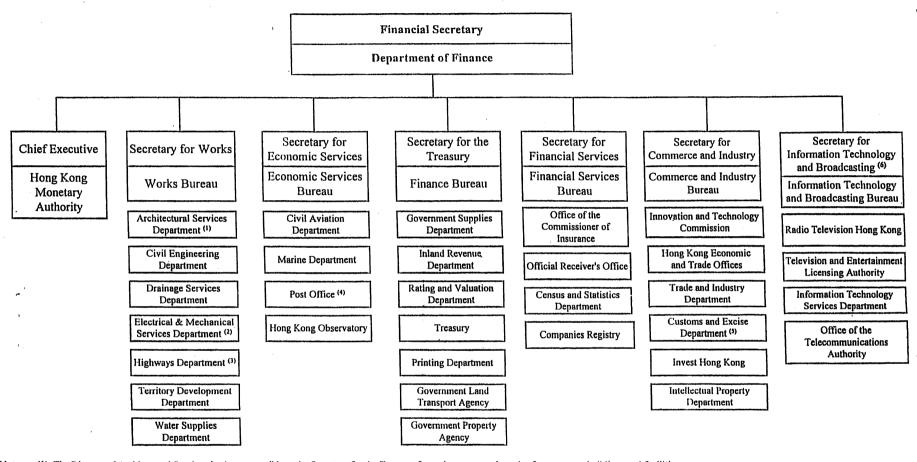
As the government official with primary responsibility for Hong Kong's fiscal, monetary and economic policies, the Financial Secretary oversees the operations of the Finance, Financial Services, Commerce and Industry, Economic Services, and Works Bureaux of the Government Secretariat, and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority. He also chairs the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee.

The Financial Secretary is responsible under the Public Finance Ordinance for laying before the legislature each year the government's estimates of revenue and expenditure. He delivers the annual budget speech, outlining the government's budgetary proposals and moving the adoption of the Appropriation Bill, which gives legal effect to the annual expenditure proposals contained in the budget.

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Note:

- (1) The Director of Architectural Services is also responsible to the Secretary for the Treasury for maintenance and repair of government buildings and facilities.
- (2) The Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services is also responsible to Secretary for Economic Services, Secretary for Security, Secretary for the Environment and Food and Secretary for Planning and Lands.
- (3) The Director of Highways is responsible to Secretary for Transport for transport policy and the highways development programme and to Secretary for Works for works policy and standards, contract procedures and co-ordination of the Public Works Programme.
- (4) The Postmaster General is also responsible to the Secretary for Home Affairs for stamp design and to the Secretary for Information Technology and Broadcasting for matters relating to certification authority.
- (5) The Commissioner of Customs and Excise is also responsible to the Secretary for Security, Secretary for the Treasury and Secretary for Economic Services.
- (6) The Secretary for Information Technology and Broadcasting is also responsible to the Chief Secretary for Administration for matters relating to the Radio Television Hong Kong and broadcasting.