

FACT SHEET

The Government's Quarterly General Revenue Account, Capital Works Reserve Fund Account and Capital Investment Fund Account

Table 1 – General Revenue Account: revenue for the period 1 April 2009 to 31 December 2009

	Revised estimates 2009-2010 (in HK\$'000)	Estimates 2010-2011 (in HK\$'000)	1 April 2008 – 31 December 2008 = (a) (in HK\$'000)	1 April 2009 – 31 December 2009 = (b) (in HK\$'000)	Change in revenue (b) – (a) (in HK\$'000)
Duties	6,178,421	6,172,405	4,452,606	4,649,343	196,737
General rates	9,205,000	9,375,000	5,478,157	7,519,887	2,041,730 ⁽¹⁾
Internal revenue ⁽²⁾	174,609,032	167,904,243	130,803,863	112,007,713	-18,796,150 ⁽³⁾
Motor vehicle taxes	4,332,466	4,552,883	4,237,751	3,570,494	-667,257
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	936,876	1,013,195	761,097	872,369	111,272
Royalties and concessions	1,484,481	2,166,300	748,497	900,303	151,806
Properties and investments	31,079,760	28,854,158	34,001,660	29,027,940	-4,973,720 ⁽⁴⁾
Loans, reimbursements, contributions and other receipts ⁽⁵⁾	9,289,314	4,436,881 ⁽⁶⁾	2,837,099	8,039,799	5,202,700 ⁽⁷⁾
Utilities ⁽⁸⁾	3,382,820	3,480,471	2,508,013	2,599,961	91,948
Fees and charges	10,419,104	10,463,066	7,900,220	7,881,197	-19,023
Total	250,917,274	238,418,602	193,728,963	177,069,006	-16,659,957

Notes: (1) The Government waived the general rates in 2009-2010, subject to a ceiling of \$1,500 per quarter for each rateable tenement. The ceiling of the general rates concession in 2008-2009 was \$5,000 per quarter for each rateable tenement.

(2) This revenue head is credited direct taxes on earnings and profits which include profits tax, property tax and salaries tax. A range of indirect taxes is also included.

(3) According to the Government, the change was mainly due to decrease in revenue in the subhead of "profits tax".

(4) According to the Government, the change was mainly due to decrease in revenue in the subhead of "investment income and interest".

(5) This revenue head is credited repayments of loans and advances, pension contributions, reimbursements, transfers from Government Funds and payments made by Trading Funds.

(6) The decrease in the estimate for 2010-2011 over the revised estimate for 2009-2010 is mainly due to the projected decrease in revenue from the subhead of "other receipts".

(7) According to the Government, the change was mainly due to the increase in revenue in the subhead of "other receipts".

(8) This revenue head is credited all income generated by government-operated public utilities except government toll-tunnels and bridges.

Sources: The Treasury (2010) and The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (2010b).

Table 2 – Capital Works Reserve Fund⁽¹⁾ Account: revenue for the period 1 April 2009 to 31 December 2009

	Revised estimates 2009-2010 (in HK\$'000)	Estimates 2010-2011 (in HK\$'000)	1 April 2008 – 31 December 2008 = (a) (in HK\$'000)	1 April 2009 – 31 December 2009 = (b) (in HK\$'000)	Change in revenue (b) – (a) (in HK\$'000)
Land premium					
Sales by public auction and tender	13,868,000	–	664,680	576,991	-87,689
Private treaty grants	153,400	–	6,496,227	130,746	-6,365,481
Modification of existing leases, exchanges and extensions	22,891,700	–	8,714,751	7,133,080	-1,581,671
Fees received in respect of short term waivers	420,900	–	330,814	326,543	-4,271
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>37,334,000</i>	<i>34,100,000⁽²⁾</i>	<i>16,206,472</i>	<i>8,167,360</i>	<i>-8,039,112⁽³⁾</i>
Investment income	2,216,617	1,596,000	6,081,353	2,216,110	-3,865,243 ⁽³⁾

Notes: (1) The Capital Works Reserve Fund mainly finances the public works programme. Most of its income is derived from land premia and appropriation from the General Revenue Account.

(2) According to the Government, no breakdown in the land premium estimate for 2010-2011 is provided because of the market-driven nature of the land sales under the Application List, Private Treaty Grants and Modifications. The total land premium for 2010-2011 is estimated having regard to the overall performance of the property market under the past and current market conditions. The Government has assumed that land revenue will be around 2% of the forecast Gross Domestic Product.

(3) According to the Government, the amounts of land premium and investment income received may fluctuate depending on economic conditions.

Sources: The Treasury (2010) and The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (2010c).

Table 3 – Capital Works Reserve Fund Account: expenditure of the Public Works Programme for the period 1 April 2009 to 31 December 2009

	Revised estimates 2009-2010 (in HK\$'000)	Estimates 2010-2011 (in HK\$'000)	1 April 2008 – 31 December 2008 = (a) (in HK\$'000)	1 April 2009 – 31 December 2009 = (b) (in HK\$'000)	Change in expenditure (b) – (a) (in HK\$'000)
Port and airport development	68,960	3,758	717	67,674	66,957
Buildings	9,187,515	11,895,091 ⁽¹⁾	4,718,732	5,521,429	802,697
Drainage	4,627,592	6,348,837 ⁽²⁾	1,889,037	3,412,268	1,523,231
Civil engineering	2,063,761	2,884,927	1,235,340	1,369,737	134,397
Highways	5,018,613	14,281,064 ⁽³⁾	2,589,123	3,378,446	789,323
New towns and urban area development	2,663,172	3,134,688	1,113,933	1,775,282	661,349
Waterworks	3,205,767	3,646,343	1,652,201	2,350,874	698,673
Housing	814,872	671,584	363,338	604,726	241,388
Total	27,650,252	42,866,292	13,562,421	18,480,436	4,918,015

Notes: (1) The increase in the estimate for 2010-2011 over the revised estimate for 2009-2010 is mainly due to the projected increase in expenditure on the Tamar Development Project.

(2) The increase in the estimate for 2010-2011 over the revised estimate for 2009-2010 is mainly due to the projected increase in expenditure on the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme.

(3) The increase in the estimate for 2010-2011 over the revised estimate for 2009-2010 is mainly due to the projected increase in expenditure on the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and some road projects.

Sources: The Treasury (2010) and The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (2010c).

Table 4 – Capital Investment Fund⁽¹⁾ Account: revenue for the period 1 April 2009 to 31 December 2009

	Revised estimates 2009-2010 (in HK\$'000)	Estimates 2010-2011 (in HK\$'000)	1 April 2008 – 31 December 2008 = (a) (in HK\$'000)	1 April 2009 – 31 December 2009 = (b) (in HK\$'000)	Change in revenue (b) – (a) (in HK\$'000)
Dividends, interests and other receipts from investments/loans	1,158,943	1,059,382	201,782	260,844	59,062 ⁽²⁾
Loan repayments	31,444	60,389	626,413	0	-626,413
Investment income ⁽³⁾	54,536	101,000	85,674	54,536	-31,138
Total	1,244,923	1,220,771	913,869	315,380	-598,489

Notes: (1) The Capital Investment Fund finances the Government's capital investments, such as equity injections in the Airport Authority, the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation and the MTR Corporation Limited, and capital investments in the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Urban Renewal Authority. Its income is derived mainly from appropriation from the General Revenue Account and dividends.

(2) According to the Government, dividends and interests from investments/loans may fluctuate depending on economic conditions.

(3) Investment income includes payment from the Exchange Fund for investment of the fiscal reserves, interest on deposits and bank balances.

Sources: The Treasury (2010) and The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (2010c).

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