

ITEM FOR ESTABLISHMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

HEAD 158 – GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT : TRANSPORT AND HOUSING BUREAU (TRANSPORT BRANCH)

Subhead 000 Operational expenses

Members are invited to recommend to Finance Committee the creation of the following supernumerary directorate post in the Transport Branch of Transport and Housing Bureau for about five years with immediate effect upon approval of the Finance Committee up to 31 March 2020 –

1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C
(D2) (\$144,700 - \$158,250)

PROBLEM

The Transport Branch of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB(TB)) needs dedicated directorate support on a time-limited basis to oversee and take forward the Government's policy commitments and initiatives in fostering the development of Hong Kong's maritime industry and enhancing Hong Kong's position as an international maritime centre (IMC).

PROPOSAL

2. We propose to create a supernumerary Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (AOSGC) (D2) post, to be designated as Principal Assistant Secretary (Transport) 11 in Division 5 of THB(TB), with immediate effect upon approval of the Finance Committee to 31 March 2020 (about five years), to strengthen the Bureau's capability in the formulation and implementation of policies and initiatives for promoting the development of the maritime industry in Hong Kong.

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3. It is Government's policy to further develop the high value-added maritime services with a view to enhancing Hong Kong's position as an IMC. Enhanced efforts have been and will be introduced in promoting the development of the maritime industry. The scope, complexity and volume of work of the maritime portfolio in THB(TB) have therefore substantially expanded. Additional and dedicated support at directorate level is needed in THB(TB) for taking forward new and enhanced maritime-related policy measures and initiatives in the following areas –

- (a) implementing the institutional changes to promote maritime development;
- (b) devising long-term plans and strengthening the support for manpower development of the maritime sector; and
- (c) formulating strategies and engaging the industry and stakeholders to enhance Hong Kong's position as an IMC.

Implementing institutional changes to promote maritime development

Establishing a new maritime body

4. As announced in the 2015 Policy Address, the Government will continue to take forward the establishment of a new maritime body to promote Hong Kong's maritime services industry. A Business Case Study which aims at defining the scope and modus operandi of the new body and ascertaining the new body's operational and financial sustainability is under way. The consultant will finalise its recommendations to the Government in the next few months. Subject to the recommended model, the proposed AOSGC post in Division 5 will support Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) 5 (DS(T)5) to further engage the industry and gauge support for the establishment of the new maritime body, such as firming up its structure and modus operandi, and seeking policy/resource or other approvals in accordance with established procedures and processes. Division 5, with overall policy responsibility over maritime matters, will also need to oversee the operation of the new body to ensure its smooth operation.

Interim arrangement

5. In the interim, the proposed AOSGC post has to oversee the maritime team and keep up the momentum in promoting the maritime industry locally and overseas and to implement on-going policy initiatives in collaboration

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with stakeholders. The functions of the Hong Kong Maritime Industry Council (MIC)¹ have already been enhanced through expanding its terms of reference and composition so that the advisory body becomes more representative of the maritime cluster² and takes a more proactive role in some of the initiatives such as manpower training and development. A funding of \$5 million has been earmarked in 2015-16 and 2016-17 to support the MIC to conduct policy-related research and expand promotional activities in the Mainland and overseas (including participation in large-scale international exhibitions like the Marintec China in Shanghai by end of this year and Posidonia in Athens in mid-2016). Division 5 will also continue to provide executive support to the MIC in co-organising the Asian Logistics and Maritime Conference with the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, a signature event in the region which attracted over 1 600 participants from 32 countries/economies in 2014. On policy research, a study on the economic contribution of the maritime industry is being carried out in 2015-16 to provide more in-depth economic analysis on various maritime sectors of Hong Kong.

Devising long-term plans and strengthening support for manpower development

6. Talents and manpower development are fundamental to the long-term sustainable development of the maritime industry. To this end, the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund (MATF), with a commitment of \$100 million, was launched on 1 April 2014 for a period of five years with the aim of attracting young new blood to join the industries and provide financial support for enhancing professionalism and skill level. The maritime portion of the MATF is administered on the advice of a tripartite taskforce comprising representatives from the industry, the Government and the academia. The proposed AOSGC post will be tasked to assist DS(T)5 in all planning, co-ordination, liaison and review of the initiatives, as well as providing secretariat support to the tripartite taskforce.

7. To date, the MATF supports seven scholarship/sponsorship schemes with local universities to sponsor students undertaking post-graduate maritime-related programmes or short-term overseas exchange programmes. MATF also provides subsidy to employees in the maritime and aviation sectors for

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¹ The MIC is chaired by the Secretary for Transport and Housing and comprising industry representatives from maritime law, maritime insurance, shipowning, broking and classification society etc.

² The maritime cluster refers to services sectors that are closely related to the maritime industry and includes ship management, broking and chartering, finance, marine insurance, maritime law and arbitration as well as maritime education.

taking professional courses or sitting for qualification-attaining examinations to upgrade their professionalism and skill level. A summer internship scheme has also been implemented to give tertiary students early exposure to working in the relevant industries to enhance their understanding of the career prospects in related fields. Although the MATF has been successfully launched, apart from monitoring and administering individual schemes on a daily basis, the proposed AOSGC post has to maintain oversight of the MATF to ensure that it meets its policy objective, and to continually review and refine individual schemes in the light of experience and feedback in consultation with the tripartite taskforce, to garner industry support/participation in various schemes to groom new blood, to assess the manpower situation and training needs from time to time through industry consultation and surveys, and to devise long-term manpower development strategies and plans.

Formulating strategies and engaging the industry and stakeholders to enhance Hong Kong's position as an IMC

The National 13th Five-Year Plan and "One Belt, One Road" strategy

8. The National 13th Five-Year Plan is expected to be released in 2016, covering the period from 2016 to 2020. The Central Authorities also announced the "One Belt, One Road" strategy, which seeks to foster closer co-operation and create new economic prospects with over 60 countries along the routes. The coming five years will be a critical period for the Hong Kong maritime services sector to grasp the immense development opportunities available to them under the Plan and the "One Belt, One Road" strategy. The proposed AOSGC is required to assist DS(T)5 in providing substantial policy input to the formulation of strategies and initiatives towards this goal. In addition, he/she will also be responsible for steering and overseeing policy research to be conducted as necessary in this area.

Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreements (DTAs) covering shipping income

9. Hong Kong enters into DTAs with trading partners for the avoidance of double taxation on income derived from international shipping operation. For international shipping, the availability of such agreements in Hong Kong is an important business consideration to decide whether or not to operate ships from here. Conclusion of DTAs involves government to government negotiations and in the case of Hong Kong, the proposed AOSGC post is required to take the lead in the negotiation of shipping income DTAs. To date, Hong Kong has concluded double taxation relief arrangements covering shipping income with 39 economies. In order for Hong Kong to enhance its position as an IMC and benefit from the "One Belt, One Road" strategy, we see scope in further expanding the DTA network to cover countries/economies along the routes and seeking to conclude more DTAs in the coming years.

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The MIC and the Sub-group on Maritime

10. Dedicated directorate support is necessary to assist DS(T)5 in providing secretariat and technical support to the MIC and the Sub-group on Maritime under the Working Group on Transportation of the Economic Development Commission (EDC). Both the MIC and the Sub-group on Maritime serve as important communication and collaboration platforms between the Government and stakeholders on maritime development. Through these platforms, the industry and stakeholders are engaged to devise strategy and policy measures for further developing Hong Kong's maritime sector. The proposed AOSGC will assist DS(T)5 in providing secretariat support to the Sub-group and conducting the necessary research with the assistance of other bureaux/departments and experts to facilitate the discussion of the Sub-group. He/she will also assist DS(T)5 in following up the Sub-group's deliberation and views, including making assessment on the proposals, liaising with relevant stakeholders and bureaux/departments, and drawing up implementation plans etc.

Need to create a supernumerary AOSGC post

11. At present, Division 5 of THB(TB) is responsible for policy matters relating to maritime, logistics and port development. The Division is headed by DS(T)5, ranked at Administrative Officer Staff Grade B (D3) level. Insofar as the maritime portfolio is concerned, DS(T)5 is underpinned by one directorate post ranked at Principal Marine Officer (D1) as Chief Assistant Secretary (Transport) (CAS(T)), who also oversees the port development portfolio. Over time, both the maritime and port development portfolios have grown in complexity and volume. For port development, it is anticipated that in the coming five years, Division 5 has to steer and oversee a number of major initiatives that have far-reaching policy implications and will affect the long term well-being and competitiveness of the Hong Kong Port. Such initiatives include the Review of the Public Cargo Working Areas along Hong Kong's waterfront, the Review of Berthing Facilities for Local Vessels, Enhancement Measures for Upgrading the Capability of the Kwai Tsing Container Terminals and Rationalisation of the Use of Port Back-up Land. Furthermore, Division 5 is required to provide policy input and steer legislative exercises in implementing follow-up improvement measures to enhance safety in Hong Kong waters as recommended by the "Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Collision of Vessels near Lamma Island on 1 October 2012"³. It has become unsustainable to have only one D1 post to support two policy portfolios.

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³ Some of the improvement measures require legislative amendments, such as the installation of navigational and communication on local passenger vessels, increase in third-party risks insurance, as well as safety measures during major events at sea. Policy input by the proposed AOSGC post in Division 5 is required to help steer the amendments along the policy objectives, which will be taken forward from 2015 onwards.

12. The breadth, nature and complexity of work on maritime development require the full-time attention of an additional AOSGC to provide strong administrative support to DS(T)5 in formulating the relevant policies and strategies. The officer needs a policy vision to formulate strategies and measures to position Hong Kong as an IMC and enhance its competitiveness vis-a-vis other maritime centres. He/she also needs strong political acumen to engage stakeholders in different services sectors to collaborate towards the policy goal for manpower development and grooming of new blood for the maritime industry on a long term basis. He/she is required to assist in formulating strategies to help the Hong Kong maritime industry capitalise on the Mainland maritime market. In addition, legislative work arising from the relevant duties requires substantive administrative and policy input by an AOSGC. Having regard to the administrative nature and complexity of work involved, it is considered that dedicated support from a full-time D2 officer is appropriate and necessary.

13. More specifically, the incumbent of the proposed AOSGC post will assist DS(T)5 in the following areas –

- (a) to identify challenges and opportunities at a macro and global level and on an on-going basis regarding how Hong Kong can leverage on its strengths to attract more maritime businesses to use Hong Kong as their base for operating in the region, that is, the building of the maritime cluster;
- (b) to devise policies and implementation strategies conducive to the objective in (a) above, including taking part in negotiations with different economies on DTAs covering shipping income;
- (c) to take forward the consultant's recommendation on setting up a new body for maritime based on the findings of the current Business Case Study (due to be completed soon) with a view to securing new and dedicated resources to spearhead maritime development in Hong Kong, including formulating policy proposals, preparation of discussion papers and submissions, internal/external consultation and other preparatory work;
- (d) to formulate strategies to engage industry and academic interlocutors to join hands in raising the professionalism of maritime service providers (in particular high-end maritime services), including overseeing the further development of the MATF and other manpower development plans;

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- (e) to co-ordinate efforts from the industry and academia in contributing towards Hong Kong's maritime development in the context of the coming National 13th Five-Year Plan and the "One Belt, One Road" Initiative, and to map out implementation strategies and plans; and
- (f) to provide administrative and technical support to the MIC and the EDC Sub-group on Maritime, including leading the secretariats to support the MIC and the Sub-group, following up on their deliberations and formulating plans and proposals for further developing Hong Kong's maritime cluster, planning and organising promotional visits, participating in trade activities and exhibitions etc.

Encl. 1 14. The proposed AOSGC post, designated as PAS(T)11, will report to DS(T)5 and its job description is at Enclosure 1. Subject to the creation of the proposed AOSGC post, the CAS(T) post will henceforth focus on port development matters.

15. The proposed AOSGC post is required for about five years up to 31 March 2020 to see through the preparation, establishment and initial operation of the new maritime body; devise longer term manpower development strategies and plans for the maritime industry in consultation with the stakeholders and academia in the light of the experience of the MATF; and conduct researches and studies on Hong Kong's position in the National 13th Five-Year Plan and the "One Belt, One Road" strategy for capitalising the development opportunities for the maritime industry. We shall review the long-term requirement for directorate support for the maritime portfolio taking into account the work progress at different fronts and in particular progress of the establishment of the proposed new maritime body before expiry of the five-year period.

Non-directorate support

16. Apart from the proposed supernumerary directorate post, three non-directorate posts⁴ will be created on a time-limited basis in Division 5 of THB(TB) to render the necessary support in taking forward the manpower training initiatives under the MATF, supporting maritime-related policy research work and overseas promotion projects, as well as providing the necessary

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⁴ The three non-directorate posts comprise two Senior Executive Officer and one Personal Secretary I posts.

secretarial support for the proposed AOSGC post. Other existing non-directorate staff in THB(TB) will also be redeployed to underpin the proposed AOSGC post when necessary. The proposed organisation charts of THB(TB) and Division 5 are at Enclosures 2 and 3.

Encls. 2 & 3

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

17. We have critically examined the possibility of absorbing the duties of the proposed supernumerary AOSGC post by the existing officers of the same rank (i.e. Principal Assistant Secretaries (PASs)) within Division 5 of THB(TB). The only AOSGC post in Division 5, designated as Principal Assistant Secretary (Transport) 10 (PAS(T)10), is responsible for logistics development, promotion of e-logistics, providing secretariat support for the Hong Kong Logistics Development Council and its sub-committees, leading the Legal Task Force (with Marine Department (MD) and Department of Justice) to process some 30 sets of legislative amendment exercises to update local maritime regulations in line with international requirements/charters, and house-keeping the MD. PAS(T)10 does not have any spare capacity to take on additional duties. Besides, the other PASs within THB(TB) all have a fully-committed portfolio of their own. It is operationally not possible for them to take up the tasks without adversely affecting the discharge of their current duties. The responsibilities of the existing PASs of THB(TB) are at Enclosure 4.

Encl. 4

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

18. The proposed creation of the supernumerary AOSGC post will bring about an additional notional annual salary cost at mid-point of \$1,843,200. The additional full annual average staff cost, including salaries and staff on-cost is about \$2,565,000.

19. As for the three non-directorate posts mentioned in paragraph 16 above, the notional annual salary cost at mid-point will not exceed \$2,166,000. The full annual average staff cost, including salaries and staff on-costs, is about \$3,255,000. We have included the necessary provision in the approved Estimates of 2015-16 to meet the staff cost and will reflect the resources required in the Estimates of subsequent years.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

20. We consulted the Panel on Economic Development on 27 May 2015 on the staffing proposal. Members supported the proposal.

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21. Hong Kong shipowners own and manage about 8% of the world's merchant fleet⁵, and the Hong Kong Shipping Register is the fourth-largest in the world with total gross tonnage of 96 million. It is Government's policy to enhance Hong Kong's position as an IMC by leveraging on the competitive edge in developing quality and international maritime services. A consultancy study on "Enhancing Hong Kong's Position as an International Maritime Centre" was commissioned by the MIC in 2011 to, *inter alia*, look into ways to position Hong Kong as an IMC amidst competition in the region. The study report was published in April 2014. It pointed out that the maritime industry is facing keen competition from other maritime centres in the region and recommended the setting up of a new maritime body to proactively drive the long-term development of the maritime industry in Hong Kong through dedicated resources and expertise.

22. As announced in the 2014 and 2015 Policy Address, the Government is working towards the setting up of a new maritime body for driving the long-term development of the maritime industry. On the basis of the consultancy study mentioned in paragraph 21 above, THB(TB) commissioned an expert to look into the business case of setting up such the proposed new body to ascertain its operational and financial sustainability. The consultant is at the final stage of work and will submit its recommendations in the next few months. THB will engage the industry and consult the relevant panel of the Legislative Council as appropriate in finalising the way forward.

ESTABLISHMENT CHANGES

23. The establishment changes in THB(TB) for the past two years are as follows –

Establishment (Note)	Number of Posts			
	Existing (as at 1 June 2015)	As at 1 April 2015	As at 1 April 2014	As at 1 April 2013
A	20 + (1)*	20	20 + (3)	20 + (3)
B	47	47	46	48
C	109	108	107	107
Total	176 + (1)*	175	173 + (3)	175 + (3)

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⁵ Source : Hong Kong Shipowners Association

Note:

- A - ranks in the directorate pay scale or equivalent
- B - non-directorate ranks, the maximum pay point of which is above MPS point 33 or equivalent
- C - non-directorate ranks, the maximum pay point of which is at or below MPS point 33 or equivalent
- () - number of supernumerary directorate posts
- * - as at 1 June 2015, there was one unfilled directorate post in the TB

CIVIL SERVICE BUREAU COMMENTS

24. The Civil Service Bureau supports the proposed creation of a supernumerary AOSGC (D2) post to steer and oversee the promotion of the long-term development of the maritime industry in Hong Kong. The grading and ranking of the post are considered appropriate having regard to the level and scope of responsibilities.

ADVICE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORATE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

25. As the directorate post is proposed on a supernumerary basis, its creation, if approved, will be reported to the Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service in accordance with the agreed procedure.

Transport and Housing Bureau
June 2015

**Proposed Job Description for
Principal Assistant Secretary (Transport) 11
Transport Branch, Transport and Housing Bureau**

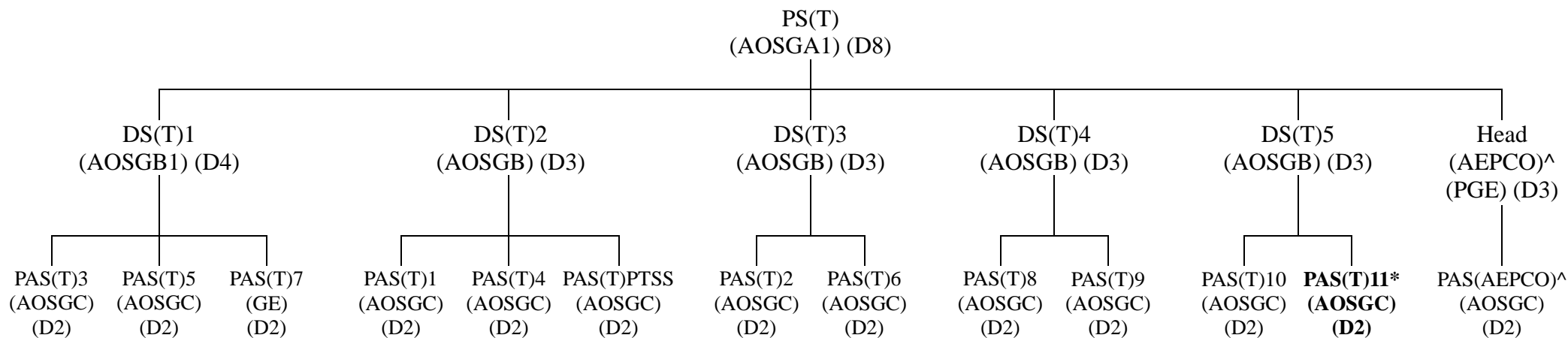
Rank : Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2)

Responsible to : Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) 5
(DS(T)5)

Main Duties and Responsibilities –

1. To assist DS(T)5 in formulating and implementing policy initiatives for the development of high value-added maritime services in Hong Kong and to enhance Hong Kong's development of a maritime cluster and position as an international maritime centre.
2. To assist DS(T)5 in the preparation for setting up a new maritime body to promote maritime development, including industry consultation, seeking approvals from Legislative Council etc., discussions with resource bureaux and overseeing the related work.
3. To assist DS(T)5 in steering and administering the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund (MATF), including devising strategies to promote tripartite collaboration among Government, industry and the academia, liaising with the relevant stakeholders on planning and further development of initiatives under MATF, assessing and reviewing their effectiveness as well as refining their operation.
4. To support DS(T)5 in working with the Marine Department in implementing marine safety improvement measures as identified in the "Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Collision of Vessels near Lamma Island on 1 October 2012", including the related legislative amendment exercises.
5. To lead and manage the secretariats for the Hong Kong Maritime Industry Council (MIC) and the Maritime Sub-group under the Transportation Working Group of the Economic Development Commission (EDC Maritime Sub-group), and follow up on initiatives endorsed by the MIC/EDC Maritime Sub-group, including local and overseas marketing and promotional events/visits, holding seminars and exhibitions, and organising of community awareness events.
6. To assist DS(T)5 in conducting thematic studies related to development trends of the maritime industry in the international and Mainland markets, and supporting the MIC and the EDC Maritime on Sub-group to conduct consultancy studies/policy research etc.

**Proposed Organisation Chart of
Transport Branch, Transport and Housing Bureau[#]**



Legend

AEPCO - Airport Expansion Project Coordination Office
 AOSGA1 - Administrative Officer Staff Grade A1
 AOSGB - Administrative Officer Staff Grade B
 AOSGB1 - Administrative Officer Staff Grade B1
 AOSGC - Administrative Officer Staff Grade C
 DS(T) - Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)

GE - Government Engineer
 PAS(T) - Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)
 PGE - Principal Government Engineer
 PS(T) - Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)
 PTSS - Public Transport Strategy Study

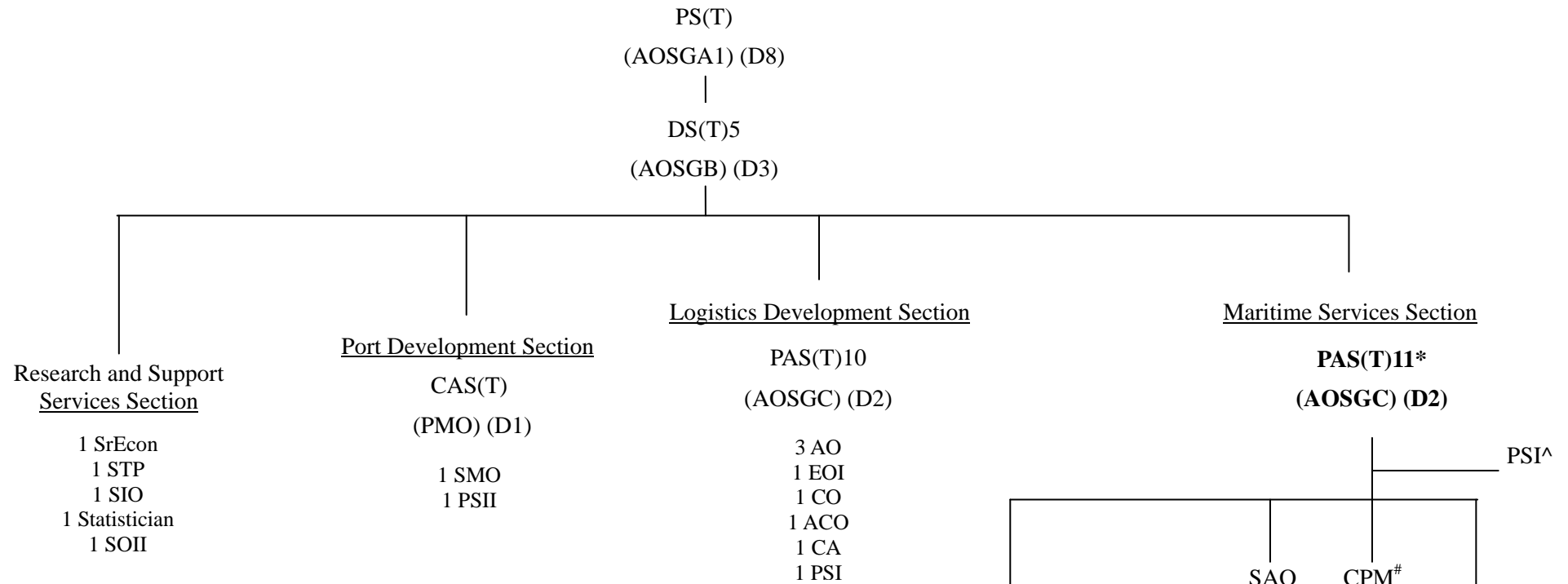
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[#] Excluding posts below D2 level

* Supernumerary AOSGC post proposed for creation in this paper

^ Proposed supernumerary directorate posts subject to the approval of the Finance Committee

Proposed Organisation Chart of Division 5, Transport Branch, Transport and Housing Bureau



Legend

- ACO - Assistant Clerical Officer
- AO - Administrative Officer
- AOSGA1 - Administrative Officer Staff Grade A1
- AOSGB - Administrative Officer Staff Grade B
- AOSGC - Administrative Officer Staff Grade C
- CA - Clerical Assistant
- CAS(T) - Chief Assistant Secretary (Transport)
- CO - Clerical Officer
- CPM - Chief Project Manager
- DS(T) - Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)
- EA - Executive Assistant
- EOI - Executive Officer I
- PAS(T) - Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)
- PMO - Principal Marine Officer
- PSI - Personal Secretary I
- PSII - Personal Secretary II
- PS(T) - Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)
- SAO - Senior Administrative Officer
- SrEcon - Senior Economist
- SEO - Senior Executive Officer
- SIO - Senior Information Officer
- SMO - Senior Marine Officer
- SOII - Statistical Officer II
- STP - Senior Town Planner

Note

- * - Supernumerary AOSGC post proposed for creation in this paper
- ^ - Additional time-limited non-directorate posts to be created
- @ - Non-civil service contract (NCSC) position
- # - Part-time NCSC position

**Responsibilities of
the Existing Principal Assistant Secretaries
in the Transport Branch of the Transport and Housing Bureau**

The existing Principal Assistant Secretaries in the Transport Branch (PAS(T)s) of the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) are fully engaged in their respective duties –

Under Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) 1 (DS(T)1)

PAS(T)3

2. PAS(T)3 assists DS(T)1 in providing policy input into various strategic and regional transport planning studies and handling policy work relating to the planning and implementation of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and the proposed Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Express Line. She is also responsible for policy matters concerning transport planning and tourism, dealing with all town planning matters, and is the co-ordination point for overall transport policy as well as Legislative Council (LegCo) business.

PAS(T)5

3. PAS(T)5 assists DS(T)1 in handling policy work relating to transport capital projects, in particular the planning and implementation of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and related Hong Kong infrastructure projects. She is responsible for the house-keeping of the Highways Department and securing resources for highway infrastructure projects by overseeing the Capital Works Resource Allocation Exercise submissions and project feasibility studies and presenting items to Public Works Subcommittee/Finance Committee for funding approval and responsible for the implementation of approved projects and assisting in resolving difficulties. She is also in charge of the administration of the Secretary for Transport and Housing's responsibilities under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance and oversees the Northwest New Territories Traffic and Infrastructure Review.

PAS(T)7

4. PAS(T)7 (ranked at Government Engineer) assists DS(T)1 in formulating Transport and Railway Development Strategies, providing policy input on the implementation of Railway Development Strategy 2014 and overseeing progress of railways projects under planning or construction and the review on strategic highway projects. He also oversees the model updates of the Third Comprehensive Transport Study and the Second Railway Development Study. He is also in charge of the overall administration of Railways Ordinance and dealing with objections under Railways Ordinance.

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Under Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) 2 (DS(T)2)

PAS(T)1

5. PAS(T)1 assists DS(T)2 in overseeing the transport policies on franchised buses, public light buses, taxis, trams and Peak Tramway. She is responsible for overseeing the fare adjustment arrangement for these public transport services and policy issues relating to the fare adjustment applications from these public transport operators. She is also in charge of the transport policy on non-franchised public bus services and the co-ordination of services among different modes of public transport.

PAS(T)4

6. PAS(T)4 assists DS(T)2 in overseeing and monitoring the transport policies and administrative matters concerning the operation of and services provided by MTR Corporation Limited. He is also responsible for overseeing the transport policies on railway safety, ferries, Octopus and the Park and Ride Scheme.

PAS(T)Public Transport Strategy Study (PAS(T)PTSS)

7. PAS(T)PTSS assists DS(T)2 in steering and supervising the work of the Roles and Positioning Review (RPR) and to examine the roles and positioning of various public transport services other than heavy rail. PAS(T)PTSS will also assist in the formulation of policy proposals in light of the findings of the RPR and prepare policy proposals to LegCo.

Under Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) 3 (DS(T)3)

PAS(T)2

8. PAS(T)2 assists DS(T)3 in overseeing matters relating to the Transport Advisory Committee and the Transport Complaints Unit, house-keeping and evaluating policy matters relating to toll roads, Build-Operate-Transfer tunnels and Government tunnels. She is also responsible for the policy work on road safety, traffic management and the application of information technology to traffic management. She also co-ordinates the Bureau's inputs on transport-related environmental issues and house-keeps the Transport Department.

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9. PAS(T)6 assists DS(T)3 in overseeing policy matters relating to vehicle and driver licences, driver training, the quota regime on cross-boundary coaches, hire cars and private cars. She oversees cross-boundary vehicular traffic at land crossings, cross-boundary ferry services and operation of cross-boundary ferry terminals and co-ordinates the Bureau's inputs on cross-boundary transport-related issues. She also oversees matters relating to the Transport Tribunal.

Under Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) 4 (DS(T)4)

PAS(T)8

10. PAS(T)8 assists DS(T)4 in overseeing policy matters relating to airport development and house-keeping the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK). She is also responsible for taking charge of air services negotiations/air transport policy in relation to Africa, other parts of China, Europe, Central Asia, Indian Sub-continent, and the Middle East. She is also in charge of providing secretariat support to the Air Transport Licensing Authority.

PAS(T)9

11. PAS(T)9 assists DS(T)4 in handling policy matters relating to civil aviation management and house-keeping the Civil Aviation Department. She is also in charge of air services negotiations/air transport policy in relation to Southeast and Northeast Asia, Australasia and America; and overflight agreements and air transport related matters in Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and the World Trade Organization. She is also in charge of providing secretariat support to the Aviation Development Advisory Committee.

Under Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) 5 (DS(T)5)

PAS(T)10

12. PAS(T)10 assists DS(T)5 in overseeing policy matters relating to logistics development, promotion and implementation of related initiatives, house-keeping of the Marine Department and handling marine and logistics related legislation. She is also responsible for providing secretariat support for the Hong Kong Logistics Development Council.

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Under Head (Airport Expansion Project Coordination Office) (AEPCO) ^{Note}

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13. PAS(AEPCO) assists Head(AEPCO) in formulating overall development strategy for monitoring AAHK's implementation of the three-runway system (3RS) project, monitoring AAHK's formulation of the financial arrangement options for the 3RS project and formulating public engagement plan/consultation strategy with AAHK. She also assumes the role of the Secretary to the high-level steering committee.

14. All in all, all PAS(T)s in THB are fully committed under the current set-up and have no spare capacity to take up the whole or part of the duties and responsibilities of the proposed supernumerary Administrative Officer Staff Grade C post in support of the development of the maritime industry.

^{Note} Proposed supernumerary directorate posts subject to the approval of the Finance Committee