

## **Legislative Council Panel on Financial Affairs**

### **Revision of Government Fees and Charges**

#### **PURPOSE**

This paper seeks Members' views on proposals relating to the revision of Government fees and charges which do not directly affect people's livelihood or general business activities.

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. We have frozen most Government fees and charges since February 1998 as an exceptional measure to ease the burden on the community at a time of economic setback. Having considered the views expressed by the community and Members of this Panel, the Financial Secretary decided last June to continue the fee revision moratorium until the year-on-year quarterly GDP growth rate turned firmly positive. In view of the recovery of our economy, the Financial Secretary announced last month in the 2000-01 Budget Speech that we will be approaching Members to discuss the revision of various Government fees and charges that do not affect people's livelihood or general business activities.

#### **ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION**

3. Members have on numerous occasions endorsed the "User Pays" principle because it is fair for users of various Government services to pay the costs incurred in the provision of the services. The full implementation of this policy has been held in abeyance for more than two

years as a result of the fee revision moratorium, which is an exceptional relief measure taken at a time of economic setback. Now that the economy is bouncing back (GDP growth of 4.4% and 8.7% in the third and fourth quarters of 1999 respectively and a projected growth of 5% for 2000 as a whole), we need to lift the moratorium and start adjusting the level of various Government fees and charges to reduce the subsidy from taxpayers to users of Government services. In 1999-2000, the subsidy from taxpayers already amounted to \$2 billion. If we continue to defer a fee revision, the amount of subsidy would increase further and adherence to our “User Pays” principle would continue to be undermined.

4. In recognition of the current state of economic recovery and taking into account affordability and acceptability very carefully, we will first deal with those fees and charges that do not directly affect people’s livelihood and general business activities. These include licence fees for specific businesses such as public dance hall and massage establishment, charges for Government publications, fees for registration and certification of professionals, and charges for the collection and treatment of chemical wastes discharged by ocean liners, etc. A full list of the fee items suggested for revision is attached at Annex. Only a very small number of people and rather special businesses would be affected by a revision of these fees. Moreover, there are no sound reasons for taxpayers to continue to subsidise the users of these services. However, where a very steep fee increase would be required to achieve full-cost recovery in one go, we are prepared to spread over the level of increase over a period of a few years.

5. In parallel with the revision of those fees and charges proposed in the Annex, we shall continue to push ahead with the Enhanced Productivity Programme and other efficiency improvement measures to contain costs and alleviate the pressure for fee increases. In addition, we will require all bureaux and departments to review whether it is still necessary to provide the services covered by the various fees and charges. Where a service (e.g. licensing) has become non-essential with the passage of time, the concerned bureau or department will take the necessary steps (through legislative amendment or administrative measures) to dispense with the provision of service and to abolish the associated fee or charge.

#### **MEMBERS' ADVICE**

6. We should be grateful for Members' views on -
- (a) the list of fees proposed for revision in the coming months as set out at the Annex; and
  - (b) the level of fee revision for these identified fees.

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## Government Fees and Charges with Little Impact on Livelihood

| <u>Description</u>  | <u>Existing Fee Range</u> |           | <u>Target Cost</u>   | <u>Last</u>     | <u>Existing Cost</u>  |   | <u>Annual</u>  |
|---|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|---|---|--|
|   | <u>From</u>               | <u>To</u> | <u>Recovery Rate</u> | <u>Revision</u> | <u>Recovery Rate</u><br>(indicative)<br>(at 2000-01 prices) |   | <u>Revenue</u><br><u>2000-01</u><br>(before<br>revision)<br>\$'000 |
|   | \$                        | \$        | %                    |                 | %   |   |  |
| <b>1 Licence fee for gambling, massage, dancing and pawnbroker establishments</b>   |                           |           |                      |                 |   |   |  |
| 1.1 Annual licence fee for massage establishment  | 6,410                     | -         | 100                  | May 95          | 27  |   | 1,308  |
| 1.2 Annual licence fees for dancing school and public dance hall  |                           |           |                      |                 |   |   |  |
| - Dancing school  | 1,500                     | -         | 100                  | Before 1991     | 33  | ) | 39   |
| - Public dance hall   | 4,300                     | -         | 100                  | Before 1991     | 17  | ) |  |
| 1.3 Annual certificate fees for clubhouse (fees vary with area)   | 3,500                     | 13,010    | 100                  | Mar 96          | 70 - 98   |   | 8,876  |
| 1.4 Licence fees related to gaming activities establishment   |                           |           |                      |                 |   |   |  |
| - Annual licence for amusement with prizes  | 3,040                     | -         | 100                  | Dec 97          | 92  | ) | 5,030  |
| - Annual licence for tombola  | 12,840                    | -         | 100                  | Dec 97          | 94  | ) |  |
| - Licence for lottery (per case)  | 3,135                     | -         | 100                  | Dec 97          | 93  | ) |  |
| - Licence for trade promotion competition (per case)  | 1,585                     | -         | 100                  | Dec 97          | 93  | ) |  |
| - Annual licence for mahjong/tinkau (per table)   | 1,145                     | -         | 100                  | Dec 97          | 99  | ) |  |
| 1.5 Temporary liquor licence fee (per day)  | 240                       | -         | 100                  | May 95          | 13  |   | 38   |
| 1.6 Annual licence fee for pawnbrokers  | 4,000                     | -         | 100                  | May 95          | 66  |   | 672  |
| <b>2 Fees for prevention of plant and animal disease/infection</b>  |                           |           |                      |                 |   |   |  |
| 2.1 Phytosanitary certificates for plants (fees vary with the number, weight or volume of the plant examined)   | 18                        | 251       | 100                  | Dec 97          | 95-99   | ) | 653  |
| 2.2 Quarantine maintenance for plants that are suspected to have been infected (fees vary with the area of the plant occupied and the duration of the quarantine maintenance) | 26                        | 46        | Note                 | Dec 97          | 1   | ) |  |
| 2.3 Disinfection treatment for plants and soil  | 26                        | 77        | Note                 | Dec 97          | 13-23   | ) |  |
| 2.4 Dog licence (valid for 3 years)   | 40                        | 70        | 100                  | Jul 96          | 45  |   | 1,600  |
| 2.5 Fees for detention/impounding of animals  | 5                         | 550       | 100                  | Jun & Dec 97    | 83 - 95   |   | 1,040  |
| <b>3 Licence fee for firearms and ammunition</b>  |                           |           |                      |                 |   |   |  |
| 3.1 Exemption for possession licences (per annum)   | 310                       | -         | 100                  | May 95          | 46  | ) | 2,860  |
| 3.2 Annual licence for possession   | 43                        | 1,130     | 100                  | May 95          | 7 - 28  | ) |  |
| 3.3 Dealer's annual licences  | 2,820                     | 3,520     | 100                  | May 95          | 26 - 40   | ) |  |
| 3.4 Monthly storage fees (per article or 100 rounds of ammunition)  | 58                        | 78        | 100                  | May 95          | 35 - 47   | ) |  |
| <b>4 Sale of Government publications, video/audio tapes, photographs/transparencies and provision of copies of document, Government information to public</b>                 |                           |           |                      |                 |   |   |  |
| 4.1 Sale of maps of hiking trails and country/marine parks  | 45                        | -         | 100                  | Nov 97          | 96  |   | 20   |

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|   | <u>From</u>               | <u>To</u> | <u>Recovery Rate</u> | <u>Revision</u>  | <u>Recovery Rate</u><br>(indicative)<br>(at 2000-01 prices)<br>% |  |
|   | \$                        | \$        | %                    |                  | %  |  |
| 4.2 Fees for provision of statistical information   |                           |           |                      |                  |  |  |
| - Stationery  | 73.5                      | -         | 100                  | Jun 96           | 75   | ) 56   |
| - Provision of statistical data in Central Register of Establishments   | 709.1                     | -         | 100                  | May 96           | 90   | )  |
| - Provision of statistical data in Register of Quarters   | 2,375                     | -         | 100                  | Mar 97           | 90   | )  |
| 4.3 Fees for supply of meteorological information   | 570                       | -         | 100                  | Jul 97           | 91   | ) 146  |
| 4.4 Sale of daily weather chart   |                           |           |                      |                  |  | )  |
| - Monthly subscription  | 50                        | -         | 100                  | Jul 97           | 77   | )  |
| - Annual subscription   | 590                       | -         | 100                  | Jul 97           | 77   | )  |
| - Annual subscription (including postage)   | 1,020                     | -         | 100                  | Jul 97           | 80   | )  |
| 4.5 Fees for provision of environmental protection information (hourly rates vary with the rank of subject officer)   | 145                       | 735       | 100                  | Jul 97           | 95 - 98  | 122  |
| 4.6 Fee for provision of data in relation to Hong Kong energy end-use database by EMSD  | 4,986                     | -         | 100                  | Dec 98           | 98   | 5  |
| 4.7 Official signature fees   | 140                       | 260       | 100                  | Oct 94           | 60 - 80  | 737  |
| 4.8 Fee for copy of Bills of Quantities (per page)  | 15                        | -         | 100                  | Feb 98           | 60   | 17   |
| 4.9 Fees for issue and certifying a copy of register of authorized insurers   | 6                         | 100       | 100                  | Mar 95 to May 96 | 78   | 2  |
| 4.10 Sale of dangerous goods plate by FSD   | 23                        | -         | NA                   | Apr 97           | NA   | 15   |
| 4.11 Sale of photographs and transparencies by ISD  | 75                        | 235       | 100                  | Dec 97           | 85 - 97  | 350  |
| 4.12 Fees for additional copy of video/audio tapes provided by ICAC   | 35                        | 75        | 100                  | Oct 92           | 70   | ) 41   |
| 4.13 Fees for duplication of audio tape provided by HAB   | 350                       | -         | 100                  | Sep 97           | 91   | )  |
| 4.14 Fee for enquiry on outstanding government rent/premium   | 130                       | -         | 100                  | Apr 97           | 8  | ) 8,705  |
| 4.15 Fees for provision of survey record plan, land boundary plan and computer plotting services  | 53                        | 1,320     | 100                  | Aug 97           | 99   | )  |
| 4.16 Sale of Hong Kong Property Review  | 250                       | -         | 100                  | Feb 97           | 47   | 122  |
| 4.17 Fees for authorisation to let repossessed premises on short term and endorsement of short term tenancy agreement and notice of agreed alteration in rent | 500                       | 930       | 100                  | Mar 97           | 88 - 96  | ) 1,299  |
| 4.18 Fee for issue of certificate of primary user of premises   | 3,500                     | -         | 100                  | Mar 97           | 88   | )  |
| 4.19 Fees for provision of and certified copy of information of the Valuation Lists   | 70                        | 140       | 100                  | Jul 95 & Mar 97  | 91 - 96  | )  |
| 4.20 Fees for valuation services provided to Official Receiver and Official Administrator   | 1,000                     | -         | 100                  | Sep 96           | 95   | ) 345  |
| 4.21 Fee for supply of rental information to parties in Land Tribunal   | 875                       | -         | 100                  | Sep 96           | 78   | )  |
| 4.22 Fee for provision of information in rates, Government Rent Accounts and Government Rent Roll   | 65                        | 140       | 100                  | Mar & Jun 97     | 93 - 96  | )  |

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|  | \$                        | \$        | %                    |                 | (indicative)<br>(at 2000-01 prices)<br>% | (before<br>revision)<br>\$'000 |
| <b>5 Licence, permit and registration fees for air, noise, water and waste pollution control</b>   |                           |           |                      |                 |  |                                |
| 5.1 Fees for application, variation or transfer of licence for discharging of noxious or offensive emissions (licence validity of not less than 2 years)   | 1,600                     | 5,330     | 100                  | Jan 98          | 21                                       | 287                            |
| 5.2 Application for construction noise permit (per case)   | 530                       | 575       | 100                  | Jan 98          | 19                                       | ) 2,321                        |
| 5.3 Application for noise emission label (per case)  | 350                       | -         | 100                  | Jan 98          | 58                                       | )                              |
| 5.4 Designation of vehicle emission testing centre (valid for 3 years)   | 2,840                     | -         | 100                  | Jan 98          | 80                                       | 909                            |
| 5.5 Registration (one off) and issue of import/export licence for ozone depleting substances (per case)  | 910                       | 2,790     | 100                  | Jan 98          | 95                                       | 1,070                          |
| 5.6 Licence for discharge/deposit of domestic sewage from industrial, institutional or commercial premises and for discharge/deposit of sewage from domestic premises (validity not less than 2 years) | 305                       | -         | 20                   | Jan 98          | 19                                       | ) 2,483                        |
|  |                           |           | <i>Note</i>          |                 |  | )                              |
|  |                           |           |                      |                 |  | )                              |
|  |                           |           |                      |                 |  | )                              |
| 5.7 Licence for discharge/deposit of sewage from industrial, institutional or commercial premises (validity not less than 2 years)   | 670                       | 2,960     | 100                  | Jan 98          | 28 - 47                                  | )                              |
|  |                           |           |                      |                 |  | )                              |
| 5.8 Licence for discharge/deposit of sewage from domestic sewage treatment plant (validity not less than 2 years)  | 2,140                     | 4,700     | 100                  | Jan 98          | 57 - 75                                  | )                              |
|  |                           |           |                      |                 |  | )                              |
| 5.9 Issue of a certified copy of an entry in the register of particulars of sewage discharge/deposit   | 165                       | -         | 100                  | Jan 98          | 94                                       | )                              |
| 5.10 Registration fee for waste producer (one off)   | 165                       | 325       | 100                  | Jan 98          | 92 - 93                                  | ) 3,242                        |
| 5.11 Fees for permits for importation/exportation of waste (for single or multiple shipment of waste) and licences for waste collection or disposal (validity varies)                                  | 1,880                     | 38,880    | 100                  | Jan 98          | 93 - 96                                  | )                              |
|  |                           |           |                      |                 |  | )                              |
| 5.12 Fees for environmental permits and for environmental impact assessment study brief and report (per case)  | 5,690                     | 39,800    | 100                  | Apr 98          | 87 - 91                                  | 1,080                          |
| <b>6 Fees for disposal and collection of chemical and marine waste</b>   |                           |           |                      |                 |  |                                |
| 6.1 Land-based Chemical Waste Charging Scheme (per tonne)  |                           |           |                      |                 |  |                                |
| - Basic fee for incineration of chemical waste   | 2,847                     | -         | 100                  | Jun 97          | 31                                       | ) 59,000                       |
| Additional fee for incineration of chemical waste that contains specific chemicals   | 47                        | 2,491     | 100                  | Jun 97          | 31                                       | )                              |
|  |                           |           |                      |                 |  | )                              |
| - Basic fee for physical or chemical treatment of chemical waste   | 1,027                     | -         | 100                  | Jun 97          | 31                                       | )                              |
|  |                           |           |                      |                 |  | )                              |
| Additional fee for physical or chemical treatment of chemical waste that contains specific chemicals   | 348                       | 20,319    | 100                  | Jun 97          | 31                                       | )                              |
|  |                           |           |                      |                 |  | )                              |
| - Oil/water separation of chemical waste   | 771                       | -         | 100                  | Jun 97          | 31                                       | )                              |
| 6.2 Charges for collection/disposal of sludge, oily waste and noxious liquids from ships (per cubic metre)   |                           |           |                      |                 |  |                                |
| - Collection charge  |                           |           |                      |                 |  |                                |
| Sludge   | 1,255                     | -         | 100                  | Jan 98          | 32                                       | ) 31,000                       |
| Others   | 473                       | -         | 100                  | Jan 98          | 32                                       | )                              |

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|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|
|                    | <u>From</u>               | <u>To</u> | <u>Recovery Rate</u> | <u>Revision</u> | <u>Recovery Rate</u> | <u>Revenue</u> |
|                    | \$                        | \$        | %                    |                 | (indicative)         | <u>2000-01</u> |
|                    |                           |           |                      |                 | (at 2000-01 prices)  | (before        |
|                    |                           |           |                      |                 | %                    | revision)      |
|                    |                           |           |                      |                 |                      | \$'000         |

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|   | <u>From</u>               | <u>To</u> | <u>Recovery Rate</u> | <u>Revision</u> | <u>Recovery Rate</u> | (indicative)<br>(at 2000-01 prices) | <u>2000-01</u>                 |
|   | \$                        | \$        | %                    |                 |                      | %                                   | (before<br>revision)<br>\$'000 |
| - Disposal charge   |                           |           |                      |                 |                      |                                     |                                |
| Sludge  | 4,557                     | -         | 100                  | Jan 98          | 32                   | )                                   |                                |
| Liquid oil waste  | 450                       | -         | 100                  | Jan 98          | 32                   | )                                   |                                |
| Noxious liquid substance  | 696                       | -         | 100                  | Jan 98          | 32                   | )                                   |                                |
| <b>7 Fees for registration, certification and examination for healthcare professionals and registration of private hospitals, nursing and maternity homes</b> |                           |           |                      |                 |                      |                                     |                                |
| 7.1 Dentists and ancillary dental workers   |                           |           |                      |                 |                      |                                     |                                |
| - Registration  | 1,500                     | 1,720     | 100                  | Mar 97          | 80 - 83              | )                                   | 1,242                          |
| - Annual practicing certificate   | 250                       | 420       | 100                  | Mar 97          | 48 - 81              | )                                   |                                |
| - Examination   | 3,820                     | -         | 100                  | Mar 97          | 44                   | )                                   |                                |
| 7.2 Nurses and enrolled nurses  |                           |           |                      |                 |                      |                                     |                                |
| - Registration  | 325                       | 975       | 100                  | Mar 97          | 87 - 90              | )                                   | 3,232                          |
| - 3-year practicing certificate   | 180                       | -         | 100                  | Mar 97          | 86 - 91              | )                                   |                                |
| - Examination   | 565                       | 605       | 100                  | Mar 97          | 77 - 90              | )                                   |                                |
| 7.3 Supplementary medical professionals - medical laboratory technologists, occupational therapists, optometrists, radiographers and physiotherapists         |                           |           |                      |                 |                      |                                     |                                |
| - Registration  | 1,075                     | 1,115     | 100                  | Nov 96          | 98                   | )                                   | 4,455                          |
| - Annual practicing certificate   | 390                       | -         | 100                  | Nov 96          | 97                   | )                                   |                                |
| - Examination   | 1,060                     | -         | 100                  | Nov 96          | 15 - 53              | )                                   |                                |
| 7.4 Medical practitioners   |                           |           |                      |                 |                      |                                     |                                |
| - Registration  | 250                       | 835       | 100                  | Dec 94          | 47 - 63              | )                                   | 5,599                          |
| - Annual practicing certificate   | 250                       | -         | 100                  | Dec 94          | 74                   | )                                   |                                |
| - Examination   | 500                       | 1,670     | 100                  | Dec 94          | 18 - 46              | )                                   |                                |
| 7.5 Midwives  |                           |           |                      |                 |                      |                                     |                                |
| - Registration  | 300                       | 940       | 100                  | Mar 97          | 94 - 98              | )                                   | 310                            |
| - Examination   | 1,310                     | -         | 100                  | Mar 97          | 92                   | )                                   |                                |
| 7.6 Pharmacists   |                           |           |                      |                 |                      |                                     |                                |
| - Annual practicing certificate   | 775                       | -         | 100                  | May 97          | 98                   | )                                   | 1,162                          |
| 7.7 Registration fees for private hospitals, nursing homes and maternity homes  |                           |           |                      |                 |                      |                                     |                                |
| - First registration  | 6,815                     | -         | 100                  | Dec 94          | 26 - 49              | )                                   | 37                             |
| - Subsequent annual registration  | 900                       | -         | 100                  | Dec 94          | 9 - 16               | )                                   |                                |
| <b>8 Fees for registration of electrical and mechanical services professionals</b>  |                           |           |                      |                 |                      |                                     |                                |
| 8.1 Amusement rides (one-off)   |                           |           |                      |                 |                      |                                     |                                |
| - Approval as a surveyor or amendment to a limited certificate of approval  | 5,100                     | -         | 100                  | Mar 97          | 93                   | )                                   | 22                             |
| - Approval as a qualified person or amendment to a limited certificate of approval  | 1,155                     | -         | 100                  | Mar 97          | 94                   | )                                   |                                |



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|   | \$                        | \$        | %                    |                 | (indicative)<br>(at 2000-01 prices)<br>% | <u>2000-01</u><br>(before<br>revision)<br>\$'000 |
| 8.2 Competent persons regarding operation of aerial ropeways (one-off)                                    | 1,270                     | 3,340     | 100                  | Mar 97          | 81 - 87                                  | 7  |
| 8.3 Electrical contractors and workers (per three years)  | 475                       | -         | 100                  | Dec 94          | 96                                       | 5,178  |
| 8.4 Engineers and contractors for lifts and escalators (one-off)  |                           |           |                      |                 |  |  |
| - Engineers   | 4,090                     | 4,250     | 100                  | Mar 97          | 84 - 90                                  | ) 76   |
| - Contractors   | 2,650                     | -         | 100                  | Mar 97          | 82                                       | )  |
| 8.5 Electrical manufacturers and certification bodies (one-off)   | 5,400                     | -         | 100                  | Oct 97          | 84                                       | 54   |
| 8.6 Examiners or contractors on builders' lifts and tower working platforms (per three years)             |                           |           |                      |                 |  |  |
| - Registration and renewal of examiners (qualified under statutory requirements)                          | 560                       | 845       | 100                  | Dec 97          | 86 - 89                                  | ) 46   |
| - Registration of examiners (not qualified but to be separately considered by DEMS)                       | 3,750                     | -         | 100                  | Dec 97          | 88                                       | )  |
| - Registration and renewal of contractors   | 560                       | 3,490     | 100                  | Dec 97          | 85 - 87                                  | )  |
| <b>9 Fees for registration of contractors of fire equipment installation</b>                              |                           |           |                      |                 |  |  |
| 9.1 Fee for written examination and interview of contractors  | 770                       | 835       | 100                  | May 96          | 19-35                                    | ) 315  |
| 9.2 Fees for workshop inspection/re-inspection and for change of particulars of a registration            | 350                       | 1,370     | 100                  | May 96          | 57-78                                    | )  |
| <b>10 Fees for registration of other professionals</b>  |                           |           |                      |                 |  |  |
| 10.1 Registration (one off) and issue of annual practising certificate for veterinary surgeons            | 310                       | 725       | 100                  | Nov 98          | 94                                       | 118  |
| 10.2 Fees for registration of building contractors  |                           |           |                      |                 |  |  |
| - Application for registration  | 4,350                     | 4,970     | 100                  | Oct 97          | 68 - 79                                  | ) 4,500  |
| - Renewal of registration (1 year or 3 years)   | 1,460                     | 1,700     | 100                  | Oct 97          | 71 - 86                                  | )  |
| 10.3 Annual registration fee for authorized land surveyors  | 1,150                     | -         | 100                  | Dec 96          | 93                                       | 46   |
| <b>11 Certification and issue of permits for safety operation of electrical and mechanical facilities</b> |                           |           |                      |                 |  |  |
| 11.1 Amusement rides (one-off)  | 385                       | -         | 100                  | Mar 97          | 97                                       | 129  |
| 11.2 Builders' lifts and tower working platforms  |                           |           |                      |                 |  |  |
| - New installation, re-erection or major alteration work (per application)                                | 1,430                     | 2,000     | 100                  | Dec 97          | 85 - 90                                  | ) 625  |
| - Periodic test and examination (every six months)  | 385                       | -         | 100                  | Dec 97          | 82                                       | )  |
| 11.3 Electrical wiring (1 year or 5 years)  | 650                       | -         | 100                  | Mar 97          | 94                                       | 3,879  |
| 11.4 Lifts and escalators (every 12 months for lifts and every 6 months for escalators)                   | 240                       | 675       | 100                  | Mar 97          | 81 - 88                                  | 12,774   |

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|  | \$  | \$        | %                    |                 | %   |               |
| <b>12 Fees in relation to dutiable commodities</b>   |   |           |                      |                 |   |               |
| 12.1 Bonded warehouse annual licences  | 15,200  | -         | 100                  | Dec 97          | 39  | ) 64,915      |
| 12.2 Manufacturer's annual licences  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| - Liquors and tobacco  | 14,170  | -         | 100                  | Dec 97          | 44  | )             |
| - Hydrocarbon oil  | 21,250  | -         | 100                  | Dec 97          | 66  | )             |
|  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| 12.3 Import and export licences  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| - Licence to person to import goods for their own use (per shipment)                               | \$2 or 10% of the duty on the goods imported, whichever is greater  |           | 100                  | Dec 97          | 1   | )             |
|  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| 12.4 Denaturing fee of spirits or methyl alcohol and storage fees                                  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| - Certificate for any spirits or methyl alcohol that are denatured                                 | \$5 or 5% of the duty that would have been payable on the spirits or methyl alcohol, whichever is the greater |           | 100                  | Dec 97          | 1   | )             |
|  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| - Daily storage fee (per package)  | 1   | -         | 100                  | Dec 97          | 1   | )             |
|  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| 12.5 Transfer or amendment of licences, issue of landing certificate, provision of statistics, etc | 110   | 250       | 100                  | Dec 97          | 32 - 41   | )             |
|  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| 12.6 Supervision charges for bonded warehouses (fees vary with the rank of subject officer)        |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
|  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| - Hourly rate  | 140   | 355       | 100                  | Dec 97          | 70 - 81   | )             |
| - Daily rate   | 1,050   | 2,665     | 100                  | Dec 97          | 70 - 81   | )             |
| - Monthly rate   | 25,400  | 64,600    | 100                  | Dec 97          | 70 - 81   | )             |
|  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| <b>13 Administrative and legal land services provided by Lands Department</b>                      |   |           |                      |                 |   |               |
| 13.1 Fees related to building, selling or modification of small house in New Territories           |   |           |                      |                 |   |               |
| - Modification   | 3,800   | 8,200     | 100                  | Apr 97          | 18 - 21   | ) 44,677      |
| - Rectification of house boundary  | 14,900  | -         | 100                  | Apr 97          | 89  | )             |
| - Removal of non-assignment clause   | 3,300   | 5,100     | 100                  | Apr 97          | 18  | )             |
| - Assignment/partition of non-building portion of a small house                                    | 2,300   | 3,600     | 100                  | Apr 97          | 18 - 35   | )             |
|  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| - Private Treaty Grant, building licences and other applications                                   | 2,100   | 9,100     | 100                  | Apr 97          | 15 - 17   | )             |
|  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| 13.2 Legal service related to modification of land use   |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
|  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| - Fees for modification/extension of grant, exchange of land and related services                  | 7,000   | 19,200    | 100                  | Apr 97          | 6 - 52  | )             |
|  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| - Administration fee for establishment of missing lot and related services                         | 19,200  | -         | 100                  | Apr 97          | 48 - 60   | )             |
|  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| - Annual licence fee of cables/pipelines, bridges, etc   | 19,200  | -         | 100                  | Apr 97          | 25 - 53   | )             |
| - Short term waiver, short term tenancy and domestic tenancy                                       | 2,300   | 6,500     | 100                  | Apr 97          | 8 - 23  | )             |
|  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| - Modification by waiver letter for Co-operative Building Tenancy                                  | 840   | -         | 100                  | Apr 97          | 6   | )             |
|  |   |           |                      |                 |   | )             |
| - Retrospective consent letter   | 29,400  | -         | 100                  | Apr 98          | 89  | )             |

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|--|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------------------|
|  | <u>From</u>               | <u>To</u> | <u>Recovery Rate</u> | <u>Revision</u> | <u>Recovery Rate</u><br>(indicative)<br>(at 2000-01 prices) |                                 |
|  | \$                        | \$        | %                    |                 | %   |                                 |
| 13.3 Conveyancing services to Government built housing schemes   | 1,150                     | 2,520     | 100                  | Dec 97          | 99  | ) 181                           |
|  |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )                               |
| 13.4 Conveyancing services to Co-operative Building Societies  | 890                       | 1,720     | 100                  | Dec 97          | 59  | )                               |
| 13.5 Issue of government lease to the Hong Kong Housing Authority  | 51,660                    | -         | 100                  | Dec 97          | 99  | ) 11,145                        |
|  |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )                               |
| 13.6 Provision of plans related to government lease  | 4,580                     | -         | 100                  | Dec 97          | 60  | )                               |
| 13.7 Lands Authority's consent fees related to newly completed buildings (payable by property developers)  | 5,420                     | 93,580    | 100                  | Dec 97          | 98  | )                               |
|  |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )                               |
| 13.8 Issue of duplicate licence for occupying unleased land  | 5                         | -         | 100                  | Before 1991     | 1   | )                               |
| <b>14 Judicial services</b>  |                           |           |                      |                 |   |                                 |
| 14.1 Judiciary fees and charges  |                           |           |                      |                 |   |                                 |
| - Filing applications to Court of Final Appeal   | 1,045                     | 2,090     | 100                  | Mostly in 1994  | 90  | ) 174,939                       |
| - Commencement of a cause or matter at High Court  | 1,045                     | -         | 100                  | Mostly in 1994  | 90  | )                               |
| - Commencement of a cause or matter at District Court  | 630                       | -         | 100                  | Mostly in 1994  | 90  | )                               |
| - Commencement of proceedings at Family Court  | 630                       | 1,045     | 100                  | Mostly in 1994  | 90  | )                               |
| - Filing of claims to Labour Tribunal  | 20                        | 50        | 100                  | Mostly in 1994  | 90  | )                               |
| - Filing of an appeal or application to Lands Tribunal   | 235                       | -         | 100                  | Mostly in 1994  | 90  | )                               |
| - Filing of claim to Small Claims Tribunal   | 20                        | 120       | 100                  | Mostly in 1994  | 90  | )                               |
| - Application for classification by Obscene Articles Tribunal  | 1,940                     | -         | 100                  | Mostly in 1994  | 90  | )                               |
| 14.2 Cost of arbitration by judges and interlocutory meeting   |                           |           |                      |                 |   |                                 |
| - Arbitration (per day)  | 23,650                    | 24,810    | 100                  | Apr 97          | 84 - 90   | ) 3,229                         |
| - Interlocutory meeting (per 2 hours)  | 11,825                    | 12,405    | 100                  | Apr 97          | 84 - 90   | )                               |
|  |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )                               |
| 14.3 Transcripts, audio tapes and CD-ROM printouts   |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )                               |
| - Transcripts (per page)   | 85                        | -         | 100                  | Apr 97          | 96  | )                               |
| - Audio tape (per 60-minute tape)  | 105                       | -         | 100                  | Apr 97          | 85  | )                               |
| - CD-ROM printout (per copy)   | 3.2                       | -         | 100                  | Apr 97          | 71  | )                               |
|  |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )                               |
| 14.4 Reader's card for use of High Court Library   | 110                       | 220       | 100                  | Apr 97          | 22 - 45   | )                               |
| <b>15 Air traffic services provided to aircraft overflying HK</b>  |                           |           |                      |                 |   |                                 |
| 15.1 En-route navigation charges (payable by aircraft overflying Hong Kong's airspace without landing) (per nautical mile)                                     | 4.2                       | -         | 100                  | Jul 90          | 69  | ) 127,952                       |
| 15.2 Helicopter movement fees (per movement)   | 110                       | -         | 100                  | Nov 90          | 88  | ) 1,884                         |
| <b>16 Licence to conduct special trade and services</b>  |                           |           |                      |                 |   |                                 |
| 16.1 Annual dairies licence fee (per cow)  | 165                       | -         | 100                  | Dec 97          | 96  | ) 32                            |
| 16.2 Fees for special permits for carrying out various activities inside country parks and marine parks/reserves (such as permit to erect advertisement signs) | 140                       | 1,430     | 100                  | Nov 97          | 94  | ) 64                            |

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|--|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|---|---------------|
|  | <u>From</u>               | <u>To</u> | <u>Recovery Rate</u> | <u>Revision</u> | <u>Recovery Rate</u><br>(indicative)<br>(at 2000-01 prices) |               |
|  | \$                        | \$        | %                    |                 | %   |               |
| 16.3 Fees for 3-year licence for manufacturing of optical discs  | 5,500                     | -         | 100                  | May 98          | 99  | 99            |
| 16.4 Authorization and annual fees for insurers and insurance brokers  |                           |           |                      |                 |   |               |
| - for insurers to carry out one class of insurance business  | 227,300                   | -         | 100                  | Jul 97          | 75  | ) 51,264      |
| - for insurers to carry out two classes of insurance business  | 454,600                   | -         | 100                  | Jul 97          | 75  | )             |
| - for captive insurers   | 22,600                    | -         | 100                  | Dec 97          | 97  | )             |
| - for insurance brokers  | 81,500                    | -         | 100                  | May 95          | 83  | )             |
| <b>17 Licence fees related to timber stores</b>  |                           |           |                      |                 |   |               |
| 17.1 Grant of a licence (valid for 1 year)   | 2,040                     | -         | 100                  | May 96          | 32  | ) 98          |
| 17.2 Annual renewal, transfer and issue of duplicate of a licence  | 210                       | 920       | 100                  | May 96          | 69-72   | )             |
| 17.3 Amendment of the conditions or particulars of a licence   | 210                       | -         | 100                  | May 96          | 8   | )             |
| <b>18 Provision of examinations and testing services</b>   |                           |           |                      |                 |   |               |
| 18.1 Fees for first-aid training courses and examination service   |                           |           |                      |                 |   |               |
| - Training courses (per course)  | 1,900                     | 23,213    | 100                  | Apr 97          | 86 - 99   | ) 231         |
| - Training courses (per head)  | 63                        | 774       | 100                  | Apr 97          | 86 - 99   | )             |
| - Examination service  | 5,749                     | 7,331     | 100                  | Apr 97          | 86 - 91   | )             |
| 18.2 Public works laboratories testing services on soil and rock, concrete stoneware pipes, etc.             |                           |           |                      |                 |   |               |
| - Testing services on soil and rock  | 11,000                    | -         | 100                  | Jun 97          | 98  | ) 397         |
| - Testing services on concrete stoneware pipes   | 815                       | 2,120     | 100                  | Jun 97          | 76 - 87   | )             |
| 18.3 Charges for analytical examinations by Government Laboratory (per sample)                               | 215                       | 3,600     | 100                  | Sep 97          | 95  | 567           |
| <b>19 Hiring of accommodation and equipment</b>  |                           |           |                      |                 |   |               |
| 19.1 Standard rates for hiring of accommodation in/equipment of Government schools (per 2 or 4-hour session) | 76                        | 223       | 100                  | Sep 97          | 63 - 90   | ) 861         |
| 19.2 Monthly hire rate of classrooms/workshops to VTC/HKIED (excluding labour cost)                          | 243                       | 630       | 100                  | Sep 97          | 49 - 81   | )             |
| 19.3 Hiring of accommodation in Government schools to non-profit making organisations (per 2-hour session)   | 51                        | 150       | 50                   | Sep 97          | 40 - 46   | )             |
| 19.4 Hourly hiring charge for fire services equipment  | 460                       | 6,520     | 100                  | Feb 97          | 57-78   | ) 143         |
| 19.5 Hourly hiring charge for fire services personnel (minimum 2 hours)                                      | 225                       | 230       | 100                  | Feb 97          | 98  | )             |
| 19.6 Hourly hire rate of underbridge platform vehicles   | 380                       | -         | 100                  | Aug 97          | 93  | 219           |

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|---|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|---|--|
|   | <u>From</u>               | <u>To</u> | <u>Recovery Rate</u> | <u>Revision</u> | <u>Recovery Rate</u><br>(indicative)<br>(at 2000-01 prices) | <u>Revenue</u><br><u>2000-01</u><br>(before<br>revision)<br>\$'000 |
|   | \$                        | \$        | %                    |                 | %   |  |
| <b>20 Issue of Document of Identity and HKSAR passport and delivery charges for overseas applicant for HKSAR passport</b> |                           |           |                      |                 |   |  |
| 20.1 Issue of Document of Identity (44 & 92 pages)  | 260                       | 525       | 100                  | Oct 97          | 29  | 10,601   |
| 20.2 Issue of HKSAR passport  |                           |           |                      |                 |   |  |
| - For 16 or over (32 & 48 pages)  | 280                       | 400       | 100                  | Jul 97          | 38 - 54   | ) 74,600   |
| - For under 16 (32 & 48 pages)  | 140                       | 200       | 100                  | Jul 97          | 19 - 27   | )  |
| 20.3 Delivery charges for overseas applicant for HKSAR passport   | 45                        | 335       | 100                  | Jul 97          | 66 - 74   | 595  |
| <b>21 Miscellaneous services</b>  |                           |           |                      |                 |   |  |
| 21.1 Sales of tree seedlings  | 8.1                       | -         | 100                  | Nov 97          | 96  | 10   |
| 21.2 Vehicle removal fees (fee varies with the gross vehicle weight)  | 440                       | 2,960     | 100                  | Mar 98          | 37 - 94   | ) 2,014  |
|   |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )  |
| 21.3 Vehicle storage fees (per day)   | 175                       | -         | 100                  | Mar 98          | 99  | )  |
| 21.4 Fee for issue of certificate of no criminal conviction (per case)  | 220                       | -         | 100                  | Jun 96          | 88  | 3,469  |
| 21.5 Application fee for hanging banners/decorative lights on lamp-posts (per application)                                | 1,000                     | -         | 100                  | Jan 97          | 33  | 100  |
| 21.6 Fees for replacement of lost, defaced or damaged ID card   | 395                       | -         | 100                  | Oct 97          | 72  | 67,880   |
| 21.7 Fees related to bankruptcy   |                           |           |                      |                 |   |  |
| - Minimum fee for Official Receivers to act as an interim receiver/trustee  | 12,150                    | -         | 60                   | Apr 97          | 51  | ) 14,400   |
|   |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )  |
| - Fee for application to draw funds from Bankruptcy Estates Account   | 85                        | -         | 60                   | Apr 97          | 51  | )  |
|   |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )  |
| - Other fees in relation to the administration of bankruptcy cases  | 35                        | 1,560     | 60                   | Apr 97          | 51  | )  |
|   |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )  |
| 21.8 Fees related to winding-up of companies  |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )  |
| - Minimum fee for Official Receivers to act as a liquidator, including provisional liquidator                             | 12,150                    | -         | 60                   | Apr 97          | 51  | )  |
|   |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )  |
| - Fee for application to draw funds from Companies Liquidation Account  | 60                        | -         | 60                   | Apr 97          | 51  | )  |
|   |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )  |
| - Other fees in relation to the administration of company winding-up cases  | 12                        | 1,560     | 60                   | Apr 97          | 51  | )  |
|   |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )  |
| 21.9 Permit fees for discharge of pyrotechnics (per case)   | 15                        | 270       | 100                  | Before 1991     | 1 - 19  | 69   |
| 21.10 Charges for cancellation/reinstatement of metered carparking space required by private developers                   |                           |           |                      |                 |   |  |
| - Charge for cancellation (per metered carparking space)  | 165                       | -         | 100                  | Apr 94          | 32  | ) 54   |
| - Charge for reinstatement (per metered carparking space)   | 350                       | -         | 100                  | Apr 94          | 30  | )  |
| 21.11 Fees for water pipe connection, installation and testing of meter   |                           |           |                      |                 |   |  |
| - Water pipe connection (fees vary with the size/length of pipes)   | 48                        | 2,320     | 100                  | Jul 96          | 68  | ) 39,200   |
|   |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )  |
| - Installation of meter (per case)  | 67                        | 240       | 100                  | Jul 96          | 68  | )  |
| - Testing of meter (fees vary with size of meters)  | 460                       | 2,240     | 100                  | Jul 96          | 68  | )  |
|   |                           |           |                      |                 |   | )  |
|   |                           |           |                      |                 |   | <u>875,185</u>   |