

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.

Finance Bureau
13 April 2000

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> (indicative) (at 2000-01 prices)		<u>Revenue</u> <u>2000-01</u> (before revision) \$'000
	\$	\$	%		%		
1 Licence fee for gambling, massage, dancing and pawnbroker establishments							
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
2 Fees for prevention of plant and animal disease/infection							
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
3 Licence fee for firearms and ammunition							
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)	
4 Sale of Government publications, video/audio tapes, photographs/transparencies and provision of copies of document, Government information to public							
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> (indicative) (at 2000-01 prices) %	
	\$	\$	%		%	
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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	\$	\$	%		%	
5 Licence, permit and registration fees for air, noise, water and waste pollution control						
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>)
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)
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)
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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)
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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)
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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
6 Fees for disposal and collection of chemical and marine waste						
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)
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- Basic fee for physical or chemical treatment of chemical waste	1,027	-	100	Jun 97	31)
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Additional fee for physical or chemical treatment of chemical waste that contains specific chemicals	348	20,319	100	Jun 97	31)
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- 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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	\$	\$	%		(indicative)	<u>2000-01</u>
					(at 2000-01 prices)	(before
					%	revision)
						\$'000

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	\$	\$	%			%	(before revision) \$'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)	
7 Fees for registration, certification and examination for healthcare professionals and registration of private hospitals, nursing and maternity homes							
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)	
8 Fees for registration of electrical and mechanical services professionals							
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) (at 2000-01 prices) %	<u>2000-01</u> (before revision) \$'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)
9 Fees for registration of contractors of fire equipment installation						
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)
10 Fees for registration of other professionals						
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
11 Certification and issue of permits for safety operation of electrical and mechanical facilities						
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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	\$	\$	%		%	
12 Fees in relation to dutiable commodities						
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)
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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)
)
13 Administrative and legal land services provided by Lands Department						
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)
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- 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)
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- Fees for modification/extension of grant, exchange of land and related services	7,000	19,200	100	Apr 97	6 - 52)
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- Administration fee for establishment of missing lot and related services	19,200	-	100	Apr 97	48 - 60)
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- 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)
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- 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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	\$	\$	%		(indicative) (at 2000-01 prices) %	(before revision) \$'000
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)

14 Judicial services

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)

15 Air traffic services provided to aircraft overflying HK

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

16 Licence to conduct special trade and services

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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	\$	\$	%		%	
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)
17 Licence fees related to timber stores						
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)
18 Provision of examinations and testing services						
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
19 Hiring of accommodation and equipment						
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

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> (indicative) (at 2000-01 prices)	<u>Revenue</u> <u>2000-01</u> (before revision) \$'000
	\$	\$	%		%	
20 Issue of Document of Identity and HKSAR passport and delivery charges for overseas applicant for HKSAR passport						
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
21 Miscellaneous services						
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
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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
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- Fee for application to draw funds from Bankruptcy Estates Account	85	-	60	Apr 97	51)
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- Other fees in relation to the administration of bankruptcy cases	35	1,560	60	Apr 97	51)
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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)
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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
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- 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)
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