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Title:**PUBLIC FINANCE ORDINANCE**

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Heading:**Annual estimates**

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(1) The Financial Secretary shall cause to be prepared in each financial year estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Government for the next following financial year, and shall cause such estimates to be laid before the Legislative Council before or as soon as practicable after the commencement of the financial year to which they relate.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the estimates of revenue and expenditure shall be in such form as the Financial Secretary may from time to time direct.

(3) The estimates of expenditure shall-

(a) classify expenditure under heads and subheads with the ambit of each head described;

(b) in respect of each head show the estimated total expenditure, the provision sought in respect of each subhead, the establishment of posts (if any), and the limit (if any) to the commitments which may be entered into in respect of expenditure which is not annually recurrent; and

(c) specify the controlling officer designated in respect of each head and subhead under section 12.

(4) Where there is a requirement under any enactment that expenditure be met from the general revenue, provision for such expenditure shall be included in the estimates of expenditure for the purposes of this Part, but without prejudice to the validity or effect of any such requirement.

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