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Controlling officer: the Director of Administration and Development will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2015–16 **\$1,980.0m**

Establishment ceiling 2015–16 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 1 196 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2015 rising by nine posts to 1 205 posts as at 31 March 2016..... **\$672.4m**

In addition, there will be an estimated 92 directorate posts as at 31 March 2015 reducing by one post to 91 posts as at 31 March 2016.

Commitment balance..... **\$6.0m**

Controlling Officer's Report

Programmes

<p>Programme (1) Prosecutions Programme (2) Civil Programme (3) Legal Policy Programme (4) Law Drafting Programme (5) International Law</p>	<p>These programmes contribute to Policy Area 11: Legal Administration (Secretary for Justice).</p>
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Detail

Programme (1): Prosecutions

	2013–14 (Actual)	2014–15 (Original)	2014–15 (Revised)	2015–16 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	538.9	577.6	659.5 (+14.2%)	711.7 (+7.9%)
				(or +23.2% on 2014–15 Original)

Aim

2 The aim is to advise and decide whether or not criminal proceedings should be undertaken and to prosecute cases in the courts.

Brief Description

3 The Prosecutions Division advises upon and prosecutes criminal cases in all the courts of Hong Kong. Apart from Government Counsel in the Advocacy Sub-division, whose work is primarily advocacy, and who prosecute the more serious cases, Government Counsel across the Division prosecute in trials; appear in appeals, applications for bail and asset recovery cases; and assist the coroner in inquests. Most cases in the Magistrates' Courts are prosecuted by Court Prosecutors. Some cases are briefed out to members of the bar and solicitors in private practice. The Division also advises law enforcement agencies and other government departments and agencies on criminal law and procedure and the effects of legislation.

4 The advisory function of the Prosecutions Division is performed by Government Counsel in various sections. One section is involved in the Division's training and management matters; other sections are involved in the preparation of cases for trial; whilst specialist sections advise on areas as diverse as corruption, fraud, labour and immigration, vice, obscenity, gambling, anti-terrorism, triads and organised crime, human rights and the Basic Law, complaints against the Police, narcotics, the recovery of the proceeds of crime, customs and excise, computer crime, copyright and market misconduct.

5 In 2014, the aim of the programme was generally met and the overall performance under the programme was satisfactory.

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6 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Plan)
providing advice for law enforcement agencies within 14 working days upon receipt of request, or for a complex case, interim reply within 14 working days (%).....	100	90.4	94.0	100
preparing and filing indictments in the Court of First Instance within seven days of committal of the accused in the Magistrates' Court (%)....	100	99.8	100	100
preparing and delivering charge sheets to the Registrar of the District Court within 14 days after the date of the order of transfer of the case from the Magistrates' Court to the District Court (%).....	100	100	100	100

Indicators

	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Estimate)
cases conducted by Government Counsel.....	4 516	4 136	4 140
cases conducted by Counsel instructed to prosecute in all courts	1 299	1 554	1 880
court days undertaken by Government Counsel	4 151	3 846	3 850
court days undertaken by Court Prosecutors in Magistrates' Court	9 575	9 987	9 990
court days undertaken by Counsel instructed to prosecute in the Magistrates' Court in place of Court Prosecutors.....	5 014	5 109	5 110
cases prepared for the Court of First Instance.....	576	540	540
cases prepared for the District Court.....	1 185	1 085	1 090
items of legal advice provided	11 307	12 896	12 900
appeals conducted	1 411	1 229	1 230

7 The conviction rates for 2013 and 2014 are:

	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Actual)
Magistrates' Court		
- defendants convicted after trial (%).....	47.0	50.3
- defendants convicted after trial and defendants convicted on their own pleas (%).....	72.3	74.6
District Court		
- defendants convicted after trial (%).....	79.8	89.1
- defendants convicted after trial and defendants convicted on their own pleas (%).....	95.3	97.6
Court of First Instance		
- defendants convicted after trial (%).....	67.3	64.2
- defendants convicted after trial and defendants convicted on their own pleas (%).....	94.0	92.3

The conviction rates are defendant-based and relate to any substantive or alternative offence on which the defendant has been convicted. It does not take into account acquittals of other charges if any.

It should be noted that while it is the duty of Counsel and Court Prosecutors to prosecute vigorously in courts, they have to act in a fair and objective manner. It is wrong to strive to secure a conviction at all costs. The question of guilt or innocence is a matter for the court to decide. Therefore, conviction rates in criminal cases are not and should not be taken as performance indicators. They are published regularly for reference only.

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Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015–16

- 8 During 2015–16, the Prosecutions Division will continue to implement measures to:
- promote co-operation amongst prosecutors at the global level in the combat against crime;
 - enhance the quality of criminal justice by promoting transparency in public prosecutions, liaising closely with justice partners and reviewing the disclosure arrangements of law enforcement agencies;
 - enhance the standards of advocacy and preparation in criminal cases; and
 - enhance the public’s understanding of the criminal justice system and their role in the system.

Programme (2): Civil

	2013–14 (Actual)	2014–15 (Original)	2014–15 (Revised)	2015–16 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	583.0	941.6	793.6 (–15.7%)	967.7 (+21.9%)
				(or +2.8% on 2014–15 Original)

Aim

9 The aim is to provide legal advice to the Government on civil matters, to undertake civil litigation and other forms of dispute resolution and to draft contracts on commercial and other matters.

Brief Description

- 10 The work of the Civil Division includes:
- representing the Government and various other bodies in courts and tribunals in all forms of civil litigation and dispute resolution (including non-construction arbitration and mediation);
 - providing legal advice on planning, land law, building, environment, heritage and housing matters;
 - providing legal advice on commercial law matters and drafting commercial contracts, licences and franchises; and
 - providing legal advice on legislation and civil law matters.

11 In 2014, the aim of the programme was generally met and the overall performance under the programme was satisfactory.

12 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Plan)
taking appropriate follow-up action on civil litigation cases within seven working days upon referral by client department (%)	100	98	100	100
providing legal advice within 14 working days upon receipt of instructions/requests (%)#	92	87	89	92

If that is not possible due to the complexity of cases, the client department will be advised of the estimated time within which the advice will be provided.

Indicators

	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Estimate)
civil litigation cases current on 31 December	32 901	34 593	34 595
new proceedings (including non-construction arbitration and mediation) brought by the Government.....	1 643	1 672	1 810
new proceedings (including non-construction arbitration and mediation) brought against the Government	981	1 088	1 235
person days of court appearances.....	1 504	1 074	1 075

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	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Estimate)
items of legal advice provided	15 204	15 284	15 285
commercial tenders, consultancy briefs, contracts, licences and franchises drafted/vetted	590	699	700

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015–16

13 During 2015–16, the Civil Division will advise on the legal aspects of:

- proceedings involving the Government, in particular those involving the Basic Law and administrative law issues, civil service matters, immigration matters, revenue matters, charities and trusts, contractual/commercial disputes, land matters, arbitration cases under the Pilot Scheme for Arbitration on Land Premium, building matters, town planning matters, environmental issues, rating appeals, government rent appeals and damages claims including personal injuries and other claims taking on board changes since the implementation of the Civil Justice Reform;
- the English and Chinese texts of contracts, undertakings, tender documents, public franchises, licences and other legal documents for the Government, in addition to drafting and vetting such texts;
- amendments to the Land Titles Ordinance (Cap. 585);
- claims made under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and other non-refoulement claims to be dealt with under the unified screening mechanism;
- the regulation of companies, securities, insurance, information technology, electronic transactions, e-commerce, transportation, broadcasting and telecommunications (including provisions prohibiting anti-competitive practices) as well as proposals for reform;
- the implementation of the Hong Kong Disneyland and Ocean Park projects;
- privatisation and outsourcing of the Government's commercial activities;
- occupational retirement and provident fund schemes;
- amendments to the securities and futures legislation;
- funding schemes and project financing;
- legislative initiatives with regard to the exercise to improve corporate insolvency law;
- proposed establishment of an independent Insurance Authority;
- development of a territory-wide patient-oriented electronic health record sharing system;
- review of the family procedure rules;
- implementation of the Law Reform Commission Report on Child Custody and Access;
- new regulatory framework for the tourism sector;
- prohibition of anti-competitive practices;
- implementation of the statutory enforcement scheme introduced by the Trade Descriptions (Unfair Trade Practices) (Amendment) Ordinance 2012 to enhance protection for consumers against false trade descriptions and unfair trade practices in the supply of goods and services;
- legislative amendments to the marine and aviation related legislation;
- one-off assistance package to owners of trawler vessels, local deckhands and owners of fish collector vessels affected by the trawl ban;
- the implementation of the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Ordinance (Cap. 621);
- proposed legislation for a licensing scheme to regulate private columbaria;
- matters arising from or in connection with the collision of vessels near Lamma Island on 1 October 2012;
- various studies, projects and initiatives, including those in relation to the enhancement of the soundness and resilience of Hong Kong's financial system and strengthening of Hong Kong's role as an international financial centre amidst the changing financial circumstances, West Kowloon Cultural District, the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, the long-term arrangements for the peak tramway operation, the development of North East New Territories New Development Areas and construction and operation of youth hostels; and
- enhancing the understanding of mediation among members of the public, government officers as well as stakeholders of various sectors and promoting its wider use as a means of dispute resolution.

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Programme (3): Legal Policy

	2013–14 (Actual)	2014–15 (Original)	2014–15 (Revised)	2015–16 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	88.5	114.5	110.6 (–3.4%)	116.9 (+5.7%)
				(or +2.1% on 2014–15 Original)

Aim

14 The aim is to advise the Government on matters raising questions of legal policy; to assist in formulating policy, particularly in relation to the legal system and the legal profession; to provide support to the Secretary for Justice in relation to the discharge of his duties; to provide advice in respect of the Basic Law, human rights and constitutional affairs as well as the law and legal developments in the Mainland and other parts of Greater China; and to review chosen areas of the law and provide secretariat support for the Law Reform Commission.

Brief Description

15 The work of the Secretary for Justice's Office and the Legal Policy Division includes:

- providing support for the Secretary for Justice in relation to his duties as a Member of the Executive Council, a designated officer attending meetings of the Legislative Council (LegCo) and as the principal legal adviser to the Chief Executive;
- advising whether a policy or proposed legislation is contrary to established principles underlying the legal system;
- advising on legal issues arising out of prisoners' petitions for remission, references of cases to the Court of Appeal under the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221) and responses to public enquiries and complaints;
- providing specialised human rights advice to ensure the consistency of policies and legislation with the human rights provisions of the Basic Law and of international human rights treaties extended to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR); advising on the Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance (Cap. 383), anti-discrimination legislation and human rights issues arising in the context of litigation involving the Government;
- providing legal advice on constitutional development and election matters;
- promoting bills related to the legal system or the legal profession, and bills effecting law reform or miscellaneous amendments to various ordinances;
- providing advice and information on the laws of the Mainland and other parts of Greater China and on co-operation arrangements with the Mainland and other parts of Greater China; assisting in the discussion with the Mainland and other parts of Greater China on co-operation arrangements on civil/commercial matters where appropriate; developing working relationships with counterparts in the Mainland and other parts of Greater China and attending discussions on further liberalisation of the Mainland's legal services market in the context of the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement between the Mainland and Hong Kong (CEPA);
- providing advice to the Government on LegCo procedures;
- promoting Hong Kong as a regional hub of international legal and dispute resolution services;
- providing advice on and promoting knowledge of the Basic Law;
- providing research, legal services, and secretariat support to facilitate the work of the Inter-departmental Working Group on Gender Recognition, chaired by the Secretary for Justice; and
- giving advice and providing research and secretariat support to facilitate the work of the Law Reform Commission, chaired by the Secretary for Justice.

16 In 2014, the aim of the programme was generally met and the overall performance under the programme was satisfactory.

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17 The key performance measures are:

Indicators

	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Estimate)
bills promoted by the Legal Policy Division in each LegCo session.....	1	2	2
petitions (from prisoners) handled	51	70	70
items of legal advice given on:			
general legal policy issues.....	1 357	1 760	1 770
human rights issues	1 084	1 290	1 290
Mainland law and related matters	340	295	285
Basic Law and constitutional matters	1 228	1 055	1 055
constitutional development and election matters	672	750	1 000
ongoing Law Reform Commission projects	8	8	7
speeches prepared (both for LegCo and elsewhere)	89	95	95
Basic Law seminars conducted	7	10	10
briefings given in the Mainland and to Mainland delegations in Hong Kong	41	25	20

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015–16

18 During 2015–16, the Secretary for Justice’s Office and the Legal Policy Division will continue to:

- promote the use of arbitration in Hong Kong and publicise Hong Kong’s arbitration regime;
- promote Hong Kong as a regional centre for legal services and dispute resolution;
- provide support to the Advisory Committee on Promotion of Arbitration, chaired by the Secretary for Justice, to enhance the efforts to foster the promotion of arbitration services in Hong Kong in accordance with the policy objective of the Government;
- provide legal advice on the implementation of the Basic Law and the development of our new constitutional order;
- provide human rights advice including advice on anti-discrimination legislation and the Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance, and attend hearings before the United Nations treaty monitoring bodies;
- provide legal advice on constitutional reforms and development, and on election matters (including by-elections and post-election matters);
- develop expertise in respect of legislative powers, procedures and practices in the context of the Basic Law;
- provide support to the Inter-departmental Working Group on Gender Recognition, chaired by the Secretary for Justice, which is undertaking a detailed study on possible legislation to deal with various aspects of gender recognition in respect of transsexual persons, in the light of the observations made in the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal in the *W case (FACV 4/2012)*;
- explore with the Mainland authorities further opportunities for Hong Kong legal professionals to provide services in the Mainland and assist in the implementation of arrangements with the Mainland, including the CEPA;
- develop working relationships with counterparts in the Mainland and other parts of Greater China in particular areas which call for co-operation between the HKSAR and the Mainland and other parts of Greater China; and
- organise talks, seminars, visits and training programmes for Mainland officials in order to develop and enhance mutual understanding of the legal systems and professional practices in HKSAR and the Mainland.

Programme (4): Law Drafting

	2013–14 (Actual)	2014–15 (Original)	2014–15 (Revised)	2015–16 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	92.0	104.3	105.0 (+0.7%)	115.0 (+9.5%)
				(or +10.3% on 2014–15 Original)

Aim

19 The aim is to draft legislation and to make the texts of legislation readily accessible.

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Brief Description

20 The work of the Law Drafting Division includes:

- drafting of legislation in the English and Chinese languages and assisting policy bureaux in steering such legislation through the law-making process,
- compiling the loose-leaf edition of the Laws of Hong Kong, and
- maintaining the Bilingual Laws Information System database and developing a new legislation database with verified content and legal status.

21 In 2014, the aim of the programme was generally met and the overall performance under the programme was satisfactory.

22 The key performance measures are:

Indicators

	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Estimate)
bills gazetted.....	25	28	35
subsidiary legislation gazetted	206	160	180
pages of bills/subsidiary legislation gazetted (English)	3 021	3 870	4 300
pages of bills/subsidiary legislation gazetted (Chinese)	3 021	3 870	4 300
pages of legislation compiled for publication in the loose-leaf edition	17 764	8 398	7 000
pages of Committee Stage Amendments (English)	741	1 263	1 300
pages of Committee Stage Amendments (Chinese).....	740	1 256	1 280
drafts of bills/subsidiary legislation released	2 128	2 342	2 230
items of legal advice provided	6 326	6 816	6 540

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015–16

23 During 2015–16, the Law Drafting Division will continue to:

- meet the requirements for the drafting of legislation and incidental professional service in an effective manner,
- provide on-the-job training and professional development programmes relating to legislative drafting for counsel to enhance their professional capability,
- compile replacement pages for the loose-leaf edition of the Laws of Hong Kong, and
- update the Bilingual Laws Information System database in a timely and accurate manner and press ahead with the development of the new legislation database with verified content and legal status.

Programme (5): International Law

	2013–14 (Actual)	2014–15 (Original)	2014–15 (Revised)	2015–16 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	49.4	57.2	56.6 (–1.0%)	68.7 (+21.4%)
				(or +20.1% on 2014–15 Original)

Aim

24 The aim is to provide advice on international law issues to the Government and to handle requests for international legal co-operation efficiently.

Brief Description

25 The work of the International Law Division includes:

- providing advice on all aspects of public international law, including the application to the HKSAR of multilateral and bilateral international agreements, maritime and aviation law, consular privileges and immunities, and the resolution of trade disputes;
- negotiating and advising on international agreements, including those on surrender of fugitive offenders, mutual legal assistance, transfer of sentenced persons, investment promotion and protection, air services, avoidance of double taxation and tax information exchange;

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- participating in the activities of international organisations such as the Hague Conference on Private International Law and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, negotiating multilateral instruments and fostering international co-operation;
- providing advice on the international legal aspects of the HKSAR's laws; and
- handling requests to and from the HKSAR for surrender of fugitive offenders, mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, transfer of sentenced persons and enforcement of confiscation orders as well as requests for assistance in international child abduction cases, and advising on matters involving international legal co-operation.

26 In 2014, the aim of the programme was generally met and the overall performance under the programme was satisfactory.

27 The key performance measures are:

Indicators

	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Estimate)
international agreements initialled	4	1	2
briefings, negotiation and discussion (no. of working sessions)	227	258	260
items of legal advice provided	11 428	12 062	12 500
new requests dealt with in various categories of mutual legal assistance	397	434	450
court appearances	132	138	130

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015–16

28 During 2015–16, the International Law Division will continue to:

- provide timely and accurate advice on international law issues and on issues relating to mutual legal assistance,
- negotiate international agreements or contribute as legal advisers in these negotiations,
- participate in the activities of international organisations to foster international co-operation, and
- handle requests for international legal co-operation effectively.

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ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

Programme	2013-14 (Actual) (\$m)	2014-15 (Original) (\$m)	2014-15 (Revised) (\$m)	2015-16 (Estimate) (\$m)
(1) Prosecutions	538.9	577.6	659.5	711.7
(2) Civil.....	583.0	941.6	793.6	967.7
(3) Legal Policy	88.5	114.5	110.6	116.9
(4) Law Drafting.....	92.0	104.3	105.0	115.0
(5) International Law	49.4	57.2	56.6	68.7
	1,351.8	1,795.2	1,725.3 (-3.9%)	1,980.0 (+14.8%)
				(or +10.3% on 2014-15 Original)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Programme (1)

Provision for 2015-16 is \$52.2 million (7.9%) higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15. This is mainly due to the filling of vacancies, creation of one post to meet operational needs, and anticipated increase in court costs.

Programme (2)

Provision for 2015-16 is \$174.1 million (21.9%) higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15. This is mainly due to the filling of vacancies, net creation of seven posts to meet operational needs, and anticipated increase in briefing-out expenses and court costs.

Programme (3)

Provision for 2015-16 is \$6.3 million (5.7%) higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15. This is mainly due to the filling of vacancies, and anticipated increase in general departmental expenses.

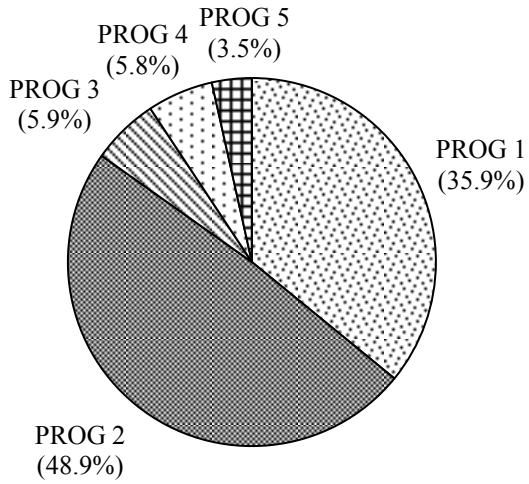
Programme (4)

Provision for 2015-16 is \$10.0 million (9.5%) higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15. This is mainly due to the filling of vacancies, and anticipated increase in general departmental expenses.

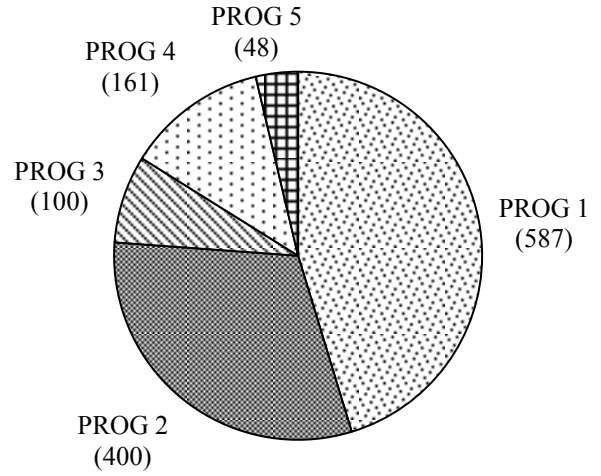
Programme (5)

Provision for 2015-16 is \$12.1 million (21.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15. This is mainly due to the filling of vacancies, and anticipated increase in general departmental expenses.

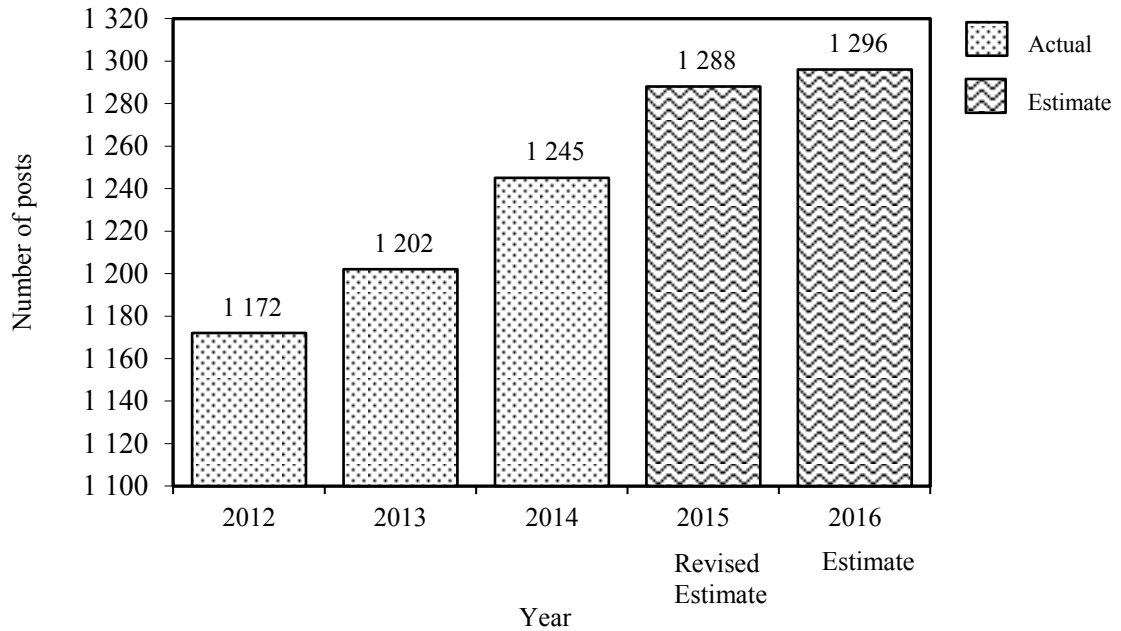
Allocation of provision to programmes (2015-16)



Staff by programme (as at 31 March 2016)



Changes in the size of the establishment (as at 31 March)



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Sub-head (Code)		Actual expenditure 2013-14	Approved estimate 2014-15	Revised estimate 2014-15	Estimate 2015-16
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating Account					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses	1,147,415	1,412,028	1,358,423	1,547,288
234	Court costs	197,282	379,800	366,119	432,000
	Total, Recurrent	<u>1,344,697</u>	<u>1,791,828</u>	<u>1,724,542</u>	<u>1,979,288</u>
Non-Recurrent					
700	General non-recurrent	7,081	3,370	800	738
	Total, Non-Recurrent	<u>7,081</u>	<u>3,370</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>738</u>
	Total, Operating Account	<u>1,351,778</u>	<u>1,795,198</u>	<u>1,725,342</u>	<u>1,980,026</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u><u>1,351,778</u></u>	<u><u>1,795,198</u></u>	<u><u>1,725,342</u></u>	<u><u>1,980,026</u></u>

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2015–16 for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Justice is \$1,980,026,000. This represents an increase of \$254,684,000 over the revised estimate for 2014–15 and of \$628,248,000 over the actual expenditure in 2013–14.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$1,547,288,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Department of Justice. This includes provision of \$217,700 for a non-accountable entertainment allowance for the Secretary for Justice. The increase of \$188,865,000 (13.9%) over the revised estimate for *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* for 2014–15 is mainly due to the filling of vacancies, creation of new posts to meet operational needs, as well as anticipated increase in briefing-out expenses and general departmental expenses.

3 The establishment as at 31 March 2015 will be 1 283 permanent posts and five supernumerary posts. It is expected that there will be a net increase of eight posts in 2015–16. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2015–16 but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$672,382,000.

4 An analysis of the financial provision under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is as follows:

	2013–14 (Actual) (\$'000)	2014–15 (Original) (\$'000)	2014–15 (Revised) (\$'000)	2015–16 (Estimate) (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries.....	687,200	767,017	766,274	807,734
- Allowances.....	13,305	20,921	17,336	24,672
- Job-related allowances.....	—	6	6	6
Personnel Related Expenses				
- Mandatory Provident Fund contribution.....	1,910	2,615	2,454	3,039
- Civil Service Provident Fund contribution.....	18,692	22,279	23,296	29,604
Departmental Expenses				
- Remuneration for special appointments	3,718	3,750	3,750	3,750
- General departmental expenses	93,895	124,940	128,612	148,203
Other Charges				
- Hire of legal services and related professional fees	227,100	293,600	317,970	284,780
- Legal services and other related costs for arbitration proceedings under the Pilot Scheme for Arbitration on Land Premium.....	—	—	—	91,500
- Legal services for construction dispute resolution	101,595	176,900	98,725	154,000
	1,147,415	1,412,028	1,358,423	1,547,288

5 Provision of \$432,000,000 under *Subhead 234 Court costs* is for the payment of costs awarded against the Government in criminal and civil cases. This represents an increase of \$65,881,000 (18%) over the revised estimate for 2014–15. Since payment of court costs is contingent upon the progress of the relevant negotiations, the level of payment may vary from year to year.

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Commitments

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2014	Revised estimated expenditure for 2014–15	Balance
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Operating Account</i>						
700		<i>General non-recurrent</i>				
	512	Hire of service for translation and Chinese typing	5,100	3,296	150	1,654
	513	Conducting mock trials in the Mainland	2,400	1,764	300	336
	514	Promotion of rule of law and Hong Kong's legal system.....	8,600	6,621	50	1,929
	519	Development of Mainland-related legal services in Hong Kong.....	4,335	1,997	300	2,038
		Total	<u>20,435</u>	<u>13,678</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>5,957</u>