

Head 112 — LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMISSION

Controlling officer: the Secretary General of the Legislative Council Secretariat will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2015–16	\$758.6m
Commitment balance.....	\$20.7m

Controlling Officer's Report

Programmes

<p>Programme (1) Members' Offices and Remuneration</p> <p>Programme (2) Council Business Services</p> <p>Programme (3) Legal Service</p> <p>Programme (4) Redress System</p> <p>Programme (5) Library and Archives Services</p> <p>Programme (6) Corporate Liaison and Education and Visitor Services</p>	<p>These programmes contribute to Policy Area 29: Support for Members of the Legislative Council (Secretary General of the Legislative Council Secretariat).</p>
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Detail

Programme (1): Members' Offices and Remuneration

	2013–14 (Actual)	2014–15 (Original)	2014–15 (Revised)	2015–16 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	221.9	211.0	210.9 (—)	228.1 (+8.2%)
				(or +8.1% on 2014–15 Original)

Aim

- 2 The aim is to meet Legislative Council (LegCo) Members' remuneration and operating expenses.

Brief Description

3 LegCo Members are provided with a monthly remuneration, an annual medical allowance and a gratuity at the end of their four-year term of office. Operating expenses arising out of duties performed in the capacity of a LegCo Member are reimbursable, subject to various reimbursement guidelines and ceilings on the type of expenses incurred, for office operation, information technology (IT) and communication equipment, entertainment and travelling, setting up and winding up of offices, etc.

Programme (2): Council Business Services

	2013–14 (Actual)	2014–15 (Original)	2014–15 (Revised)	2015–16 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	335.0	378.2	384.0 (+1.5%)	388.4 (+1.1%)
				(or +2.7% on 2014–15 Original)

Aim

4 The aim is to provide support services for the Council and its committees, to assist The Legislative Council Commission (the Commission) in its work, to manage the conference and office facilities for supporting the work of the Council, and to facilitate media coverage of the proceedings of the Council and its committees.

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Brief Description

5 The support services under this programme are provided by four Council Business Divisions, the Research Office of the Information Services Division, the Administration Division, the Human Resources Office and the Accounts Office of the Complaints and Resources Management Division, the Public Information Division, and the Translation and Interpretation Division of the LegCo Secretariat (the Secretariat).

6 The four Council Business Divisions provide support services for the Council and its committees in scrutinising and approving legislative and financial proposals, in monitoring government policies and in considering the accounts and results of value-for-money audits on the Government and organisations within the purview of public audit. The work of the Council Business Divisions involves:

- providing general support services and procedural advice for meetings of the Council;
- providing general, procedural and research support for committees, including co-ordination of support services for meetings, conduct of inquiries and studies on specific subjects or policy issues, and servicing of duty visits within and outside Hong Kong; and
- assisting in the study of the procedures of the Council and its committees.

7 The Research Office of the Information Services Division provides research services to the Council and its committees as well as Secretariat staff. It conducts in-depth and non-partisan analyses on major policy areas as well as topical issues, with its findings published in research papers. It also assists committees and the Secretariat in conducting background research for duty visits and receiving overseas visitors. The Research Office also undertakes search tasks on the procedure and practices of overseas legislatures and produces information notes for reference of Members and Secretariat staff.

8 The Administration Division services the Commission and executes its administrative policies. It oversees the development and application of IT to support the business objectives of the Council and the Secretariat. The Division is also responsible for the management of the LegCo Complex, which is a purpose-built building for the Council with all conference facilities, offices for Members and the Secretariat, educational and other facilities for visit by the public under one roof. The Division also executes the building management and security policies determined by the Commission in the management of the facilities.

9 The Complaints and Resources Management Division executes the Commission's human resources and financial policies, in addition to managing the redress system under Programme 4. It also administers the payment of Members' remuneration package and processes Members' claims for operating expenses reimbursements.

10 The Public Information Division provides public relations advice and press marshalling services for the Council and its committees, issues press releases on all Council business related matters, facilitates media reporting of Council and committee meetings and activities, and provides a daily newspaper clipping service for Members. The Division also handles public and press enquiries about LegCo business, and broadcasts live on the LegCo Website all open meetings of the Council and its committees, as well as official media briefings conducted by the President and committee chairmen.

11 The Translation and Interpretation Division is responsible for the production of the Official Record of Proceedings of the Legislative Council. The Division is also responsible for the translation of all documents and records from English to Chinese, and vice versa. The Division also oversees the provision of interpretation services, including sign language and Putonghua interpretation services, for meetings.

12 In the 2013/14 legislative year, the Divisions were able to provide the intended support for the Council and its committees and had achieved their work targets.

13 The key performance measures are:

Indicators

	<i>Legislative Year</i>		
	2012/13 (Actual)	2013/14 (Actual)	2014/15 (Estimate)
Council meetings serviced	37	36	35
committee meetings serviced	637	686	756
meetings of Commission and its committees serviced	22	26	26
bills scrutinised and processed (pages)	692	1 757	1 480
subsidiary legislation and other instruments scrutinised and processed (pages)	4 130	2 970	2 970
LegCo questions processed	618	654	650
motions and amendments to motions processed	331	236	240
financial proposals scrutinised	122	120	153
papers on studies conducted and background briefs issued	539	618	585
committee reports issued	97	133	139
papers to Commission and its committees issued	143	164	164

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	<i>Legislative Year</i>		
	2012/13 (Actual)	2013/14 (Actual)	2014/15 (Estimate)
Official Record of Proceedings of the Legislative Council			
processed (pages).....	39 418	43 344	44 640
duty visits (within and outside Hong Kong) serviced.....	17	23	13
topics under databases on policy and topical issues			
created/revised/updated.....	406	417	425
research publications published.....	113	110	110
search tasks conducted [^]	25	46	30
public and media enquiries handled.....	19 438	19 723	19 900
press releases issued.....	301	327	350
press marshalling services provided (hours).....	231	305	310
press interviews/briefings serviced (hours).....	87	92	100
system implementation projects (IT and electronics)			
launched.....	13	12	10
Council/committee meetings broadcast (hours).....	1 748	1 890	2 100
video records of meetings and official events uploaded to			
YouTube [^]	—	1 026 ^Δ	6 700
photos of official events posted on Flickr [^]	—	1 650 ^Δ	2 400
sign language interpretation provided (hours).....	472	588	606
Putonghua interpretation provided (hours).....	88	1 317	2 050

[^] New indicators as from the 2014/15 legislative year.

^Δ The services were launched in January 2014.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015–16

14 In 2015–16, the Divisions will:

- continue to assist Members in reviewing the procedural arrangements for the meetings of the Council and its committees, with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of the operation of the Council;
- enhance research support for committees to facilitate timely consideration of policy issues, legislative proposals and other matters of wide public concern;
- continue to produce and maintain records of proceedings in both Chinese and English versions in an accurate and speedy manner;
- maintain a highly effective research database with easy tracking and retrieval devices for Members, the Secretariat and members of the public through continual enhancement of the LegCo Website;
- implement the Policy on Access to the Legislature's Documents and Records approved by the Council on 19 March 2014 to facilitate public access to information and records of the Legislature that are being kept by the Secretariat;
- enhance media support services for committee meetings and duty visits of Members;
- seek wider dissemination of information about the work of the Council through the use of social media websites;
- enhance the effectiveness of the facilities and building management strategies in the management of the LegCo Complex to ensure the smooth operation of the Council and its committees;
- maintain a barrier-free environment in the LegCo Complex to facilitate the access of people with disabilities to the Complex and their participation in the proceedings of the Council and its committees;
- continue to implement career development strategies for maintaining an effective and professional team to support the work of the Council on a sustainable basis; and
- continue to provide and enhance simultaneous interpretation services in Cantonese-English-Putonghua and sign language to facilitate the general public, including people with hearing impairment and the Putonghua-speaking community, to understand the proceedings of the Council and its committees.

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Programme (3): Legal Service

	2013–14 (Actual)	2014–15 (Original)	2014–15 (Revised)	2015–16 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	44.9	44.7	49.7 (+11.2%)	49.6 (–0.2%)
				(or +11.0% on 2014–15 Original)

Aim

15 The aim is to provide an efficient and effective legal service for the Council, the Commission and the Secretariat.

Brief Description

16 The Legal Service Division provides legal advice and support for the Council and its committees and for individual Members on matters relating to business of the Council. The Division also advises the Commission and the Secretariat on legal matters.

17 The work involves:

- scrutinising bills and subsidiary legislation, and making reports thereon;
- attending meetings of and providing legal support for the Council and its committees;
- providing legal advice for the President, Members and the Clerk to the Council on matters relating to the business of the Council;
- advising Members on legal issues in relation to cases under the Council’s redress system as necessary; and
- providing in-house legal support for the Commission and the Secretariat on legal matters.

18 In the 2013/14 legislative year, the aim of the programme was generally achieved and the overall performance of the programme was satisfactory despite the increased volume and complexity in legislative, procedural and committee work, and the increased workload on corporate legal matters arising from public engagement activities in the LegCo Complex, the LegCo Square and cyberspace.

19 The key performance measures are:

Indicators

	<i>Legislative Year</i>		
	2012/13 (Actual)	2013/14 (Actual)	2014/15 (Estimate)
legislation and other instruments scrutinised (pages)	6 981	7 416	8 009
amendments to legislation and other instruments scrutinised (pages)	1 532	2 919	3 181
reports on legislation and other instruments issued	78	80	84
meetings of bills committees and subcommittees on subsidiary legislation and other instruments serviced	142	185	200
advice on legislation and other instruments provided	554	812	885
meetings of Council, Commission, panels and other committees serviced	228	244	263
LegCo questions advised upon	618	654	686
advice to Council, Commission, panels and other committees and to President and other Members provided	1 086	1 334	1 667
meetings of Secretariat committees and on Secretariat businesses and case conferences serviced	425	459	495
advice for Secretariat committees and businesses provided	669	588	635

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Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015–16

20 In 2015–16, the Division anticipates:

- a substantial amount of bills, subsidiary legislation and financial proposals that are subject to scrutiny and passage by the Council and its committees before the end of the current term in 2016;
- an increase in committee work, including at least two select committees on the petitions presented by Members to the Council under the Rules of Procedure waiting to commence their inquiries into matters of public concern, which will be resource intensive; and
- continued growth of in-house legal work arising from the new or expanded services required of the Secretariat, and the enlarged establishment of the Secretariat, in relation to the public engagement activities in the LegCo Complex, LegCo Square and cyberspace.

Programme (4): Redress System

	2013–14 (Actual)	2014–15 (Original)	2014–15 (Revised)	2015–16 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	20.1	19.5	23.3 (+19.5%)	22.9 (–1.7%)
				(or +17.4% on 2014–15 Original)

Aim

21 The aim is to ensure that complaints and representations received are dealt with thoroughly and efficiently.

Brief Description

22 The redress system, operated through the Public Complaints Office under the Complaints and Resources Management Division, is open to individuals and deputations to make representations on, or seek solutions to, problems arising from government policies, decisions, practices and procedures, as well as other matters of public concern. The Public Complaints Office assists Members in processing cases to redress legitimate grievances and bring to light the need for changes in government policies and procedures where appropriate.

23 The work involves:

- receiving complaints and representations from individuals and deputations for handling by Members;
- examining cases and assisting Members in determining suitable courses of action;
- meeting and corresponding with complainants and deputations;
- ascertaining facts of cases and communicating with policy bureaux, government departments and relevant public organisations;
- compiling Members' duty roster, scheduling and servicing Members' interviews with complainants and deputations, case conferences and site visits with government officials and representatives of relevant public organisations; and
- preparing information briefs and case reports for Members, drafting papers and reports for referral to committees for consideration.

24 In the 2013/14 legislative year, the Public Complaints Office was able to provide effective services to assist Members in handling cases received, and the time spent on handling cases from persistent complainants reduced significantly through streamlining of procedures.

25 The key performance measures are:

Indicators

	<i>Legislative Year</i>		
	2012/13 (Actual)	2013/14 (Actual)	2014/15 (Estimate)
new cases processed (excluding telephone cases)	2 548	16 184#	2 596
cases completed (excluding telephone cases)	2 304	16 420#	2 644
reports/referrals to committees	57	94	70
telephone cases received and completed	1 544	1 389	1 602

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	<i>Legislative Year</i>		
	2012/13 (Actual)	2013/14 (Actual)	2014/15 (Estimate)
meetings and site visits serviced	186	234	194
papers to Members issued	1 249	1 540	1 413

In the past, form letters on specific issues were received from time to time but were not separately indicated. In view of the large number of such letters received in 2013/14 (7 615 about the Government's proposal on Tai Long Sai Wan and 5 967 about the Government's refusal of granting domestic free television programme service licence), these figures are highlighted in this footnote to provide a complete picture of the caseload.

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26 In 2015–16, the Public Complaints Office will:

- continue to provide effective and efficient support services for Members in dealing with complaints and representations received under the redress system; and
- continue to streamline procedures and enhance staff training, in particular their skills in handling persistent complainants, to improve overall work efficiency.

Programme (5): Library and Archives Services

	2013–14 (Actual)	2014–15 (Original)	2014–15 (Revised)	2015–16 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	28.3	32.1	32.4 (+0.9%)	34.4 (+6.2%)
				(or +7.2% on 2014–15 Original)

Aim

27 The aim is to provide Members, Members' staff and staff of the Secretariat, as well as members of the public, direct access to resources which will facilitate their understanding of the role, functions, work, people and history of the Hong Kong Legislature, and the development of the constitutional systems in the People's Republic of China and other jurisdictions; and to organise an archives and records management programme for the Council and to preserve valuable records of and for the Council as well as making them available for access by internal users and members of the public.

Brief Description

28 The LegCo Library of the Information Services Division (the Library) has been transformed into a constitutional library with over 50 per cent of its collection on constitutional subjects. It holds all papers and records relating to the proceedings of the Council and its committees. It also acquires and maintains a collection of reference materials, in the form of books, journals and articles, as well as electronic databases, to facilitate timely and easy reference for the study of policy and legislative matters. The Library produces publications to keep Members and staff informed of the latest policies, important legislative and financial proposals, major inquiry and audit reports of selected overseas jurisdictions as well as the latest development in the rules and practices of overseas parliaments. The Library also provides content management for the LegCo Website to facilitate public access to over 230 000 digitised LegCo records. Further, a full range of library services including reference, lending and inter-library loan services are provided for Members and their staff.

29 The LegCo Archives of the Information Services Division (the Archives) is responsible for the development and implementation of an integrated archives and records management programme to facilitate proper management of records throughout their entire life cycle for operational efficiency, transparency, information needs and preservation of historical records. The Archives develops records guidelines and procedures, and offers training and advisory services for internal users. It selects and processes archival records and materials relating to the Council according to international standards, examines access to information requests, answers reference enquiries and provides convenient records access service. Fitted with reading rooms, records preservation storage facilities and an electronic archives management system, the Archives was open to the public in January 2012.

30 The key performance measures are:

Indicators

	<i>Legislative Year</i>		
	2012/13 (Actual)	2013/14 (Actual)	2014/15 (Estimate)
library users serviced.....	13 400	21 899	12 000
books borrowed.....	5 440	6 533	6 500

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	<i>Legislative Year</i>		
	2012/13 (Actual)	2013/14 (Actual)	2014/15 (Estimate)
library enquiries handled.....	3 283	2 599	2 700
size of the library collection			
– LegCo records	29 516	30 891	31 800
– others	44 231	45 725	46 600
library workshops organised	18	11	12
visits to the LegCo Website	6 635 275	9 665 690	8 600 000
search tasks handled.....	127	166	150
new files uploaded onto the LegCo Website.....	37 613	45 724	47 100
new files uploaded onto the LegCo records database.....	10 518	17 861	18 400
archival records acquired and processed.....	2 545	2 600	2 650
visitors to the Archives served.....	407	648	650
enquiries concerning the Archives handled	1 005	1 117	1 130
guides, manuals and publications on archives and records management prepared.....	4	4	4
staff trained in archives and records management.....	104	123	130
staff trained in using Library’s online resources.....	223	214	220

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015–16

31 In 2015–16, the Library will:

- enhance collections in the Library, particularly collections relating to constitutional and parliamentary affairs;
- enhance electronic resources to facilitate research relating to LegCo business and constitutional and parliamentary affairs;
- continue to produce publications to facilitate quick and easy access to materials relating to overseas policies and parliamentary affairs; and
- continue to enhance public understanding of the work of the Council by efficient and effective dissemination of information through the LegCo Website and the Library.

32 In 2015–16, the Archives will:

- continue to build up the archival holdings through records disposal in-house and acquisition of relevant records and materials from other archives related institutions and sources;
- introduce a new electronic archives management system to facilitate search and use of archival holdings on-site and via the Internet, and automate backend processing work;
- continue to develop records disposal schedules and implement systematic and consistent records disposal practices in the Secretariat; and
- provide guidance on records security classification and declassification to ensure proper protection of records and information, review closed records for disclosure and facilitate public access according to the Policy on Access to the Documents and Records of the Legislature.

Programme (6): Corporate Liaison and Education and Visitor Services

	2013–14 (Actual)	2014–15 (Original)	2014–15 (Revised)	2015–16 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	29.5	32.2	31.6 (–1.9%)	35.2 (+11.4%)
				(or +9.3% on 2014–15 Original)

Aim

33 The aim is to enhance public understanding of the work of the Council and promote the Council’s image to the public through the provision of education, visitor and online services, and to establish good relationships between the Council and overseas parliamentary bodies and local organisations.

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Brief Description

34 The Corporate Liaison, Education and Visitor Services teams are responsible for the provision of visitor services in the LegCo Complex, development and implementation of education programmes in relation to the Council's functions, production of educational resources and videos on special themes, development of education facilities in the LegCo Complex and co-ordination of guided educational tours of the Complex. The teams also provide support to Members and senior Secretariat staff in receiving parliamentarians and dignitaries.

35 The work involves:

- facilitating Members' contact with parliamentarians, dignitaries and organisations from outside Hong Kong;
- facilitating Members' attendance in overseas conferences, seminars and workshops;
- organising education programmes such as the internship programme, mock Council debates, story-telling and exhibitions on the Council for students and the public;
- developing educational resources for students and the public;
- developing education facilities to enhance visitors' experience in the LegCo Complex;
- maintaining and updating the information on education and visitor services provided through the LegCo Website;
- implementing the visit programme and providing guided educational tours of the LegCo Complex to visitors;
- developing LegCo branded souvenir items and operating a souvenir shop in the LegCo Complex to enhance visitors' experience; and
- providing reception and enquiry services.

36 The key performance measures are:

Indicators

	<i>Legislative Year</i>		
	2012/13 (Actual)	2013/14 (Actual)	2014/15 (Estimate)
meetings with legislators, government officials and other visitors from places outside Hong Kong serviced	75	80	85
educational activities organised for students			
educational visits for students serviced (including guided educational tours of the LegCo Complex and role-play sessions of the law-making process)/students participated.....	1 096/34 449	1 187/37 007	860/27 400
“Meeting with the Legislative Council President/Members” Programme/students participated	25/484	38/626	30/600
other activities/students participated	7/688	6/636	6/640
guided educational tours of the LegCo Complex conducted for organisations and the public/number of participants.....	1 515/35 123	1 235/28 063	900/26 300
story-telling sessions organised in the LegCo Complex/number of participants	119/1 083	42/484	30/320
workshops on legislative awareness (including mock Council debates) conducted/number of participants	15/940	18/885	13/700
consultative meetings with internal and external advisers serviced.....	8	13	8
printed educational items published (pages).....	816	95	100
audio-visual educational items produced.....	2	10	10
webpages on education services created/revised/updated....	184	193	150
requests by schools/teachers on educational resources and services received and processed	520	111	70
teachers' workshops organised	1	—	—
thematic exhibitions organised in the LegCo Complex	2	4	3
souvenir items produced/sold.....	22 159/27 011	29 861/19 670	12 500/14 800

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015–16

37 In 2015–16, the teams will:

- continue to assist Members to receive parliamentarians, dignitaries and organisations from outside Hong Kong;
- continue to make arrangements for Members to attend overseas conferences, seminars and workshops;
- continue to develop more online educational resources including videos on special themes;
- continue to assist Members in receiving their visitors to the LegCo Complex;
- further enhance the guided educational tours of the LegCo Complex provided to the public;
- further enhance visitors' experience to the LegCo Complex by producing a wide range of LegCo branded souvenir items; and
- promote greater efficiency in issuing admission passes to visitors to the LegCo Complex by streamlining work procedures and office automation.

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ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

	2013–14 (Actual) (\$m)	2014–15 (Original) (\$m)	2014–15 (Revised) (\$m)	2015–16 (Estimate) (\$m)
Programme				
(1) Members’ Offices and Remuneration ...	221.9	211.0	210.9	228.1
(2) Council Business Services	335.0	378.2	384.0	388.4
(3) Legal Service.....	44.9	44.7	49.7	49.6
(4) Redress System	20.1	19.5	23.3	22.9
(5) Library and Archives Services	28.3	32.1	32.4	34.4
(6) Corporate Liaison and Education and Visitor Services	29.5	32.2	31.6	35.2
	679.7	717.7	731.9 (+2.0%)	758.6 (+3.6%)
				(or +5.7% on 2014–15 Original)

Analysis of Financial Provision

Programme (1)

Provision for 2015–16 is \$17.2 million (8.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2014–15. This is mainly due to increased remuneration and estimated increase in Members’ operating expenses.

Programme (2)

Provision for 2015–16 is \$4.4 million (1.1%) higher than the revised estimate for 2014–15. This is mainly due to the creation of five posts to meet the demand for security services; two posts to enhance the administrative support for human resources management; and the upgrading of two posts to enhance the translation and research services. The increase is also due to projected increase in the hourly rate for simultaneous Putonghua interpretation services.

Programme (3)

Provision for 2015–16 is \$0.1 million (0.2%) lower than the revised estimate for 2014–15. This is mainly due to the creation of one post to meet the demands for legal service, offset by reduced recruitment expenses.

Programme (4)

Provision for 2015–16 is \$0.4 million (1.7%) lower than the revised estimate for 2014–15. This is mainly due to the reduced staff expenses.

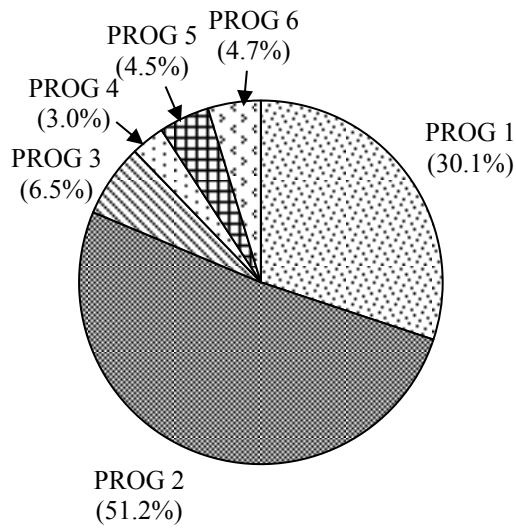
Programme (5)

Provision for 2015–16 is \$2.0 million (6.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2014–15. This is mainly due to the anticipated filling of vacant posts and additional expenses for library services such as the purchase of books and Wisenews services.

Programme (6)

Provision for 2015–16 is \$3.6 million (11.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2014–15. This is mainly due to the creation of three posts to enhance the visitor and educational services.

*Allocation of provision
to programmes
(2015-16)*



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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	451,690	496,495	514,328	520,948
366	Remuneration and reimbursements for Members of the Legislative Council	217,192	208,375	208,375	226,452
	Total, Recurrent	<u>668,882</u>	<u>704,870</u>	<u>722,703</u>	<u>747,400</u>
Non-Recurrent					
700	General non-recurrent	707	2,541	2,688	2,470
	Total, Non-Recurrent	<u>707</u>	<u>2,541</u>	<u>2,688</u>	<u>2,470</u>
	Total, Operating Account	<u>669,589</u>	<u>707,411</u>	<u>725,391</u>	<u>749,870</u>
Capital Account					
Subventions					
872	Non-recurrent expenses reimbursements for Members of the Legislative Council	4,703	2,625	2,500	1,600
885	Legislative Council Commission	5,436	7,655	3,972	7,089
	Total, Subventions	<u>10,139</u>	<u>10,280</u>	<u>6,472</u>	<u>8,689</u>
	Total, Capital Account	<u>10,139</u>	<u>10,280</u>	<u>6,472</u>	<u>8,689</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u><u>679,728</u></u>	<u><u>717,691</u></u>	<u><u>731,863</u></u>	<u><u>758,559</u></u>

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2015–16 for remuneration and reimbursements for Members of the Legislative Council (the Council) and for those parts of the staff salaries and expenses of The Legislative Council Commission (the Commission) funded from General Revenue is \$758,559,000. This represents an increase of \$26,696,000 over the revised estimate for 2014–15 and of \$78,831,000 over the actual expenditure in 2013–14.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$520,948,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the Commission to cover its staff salaries, allowances and other operating expenses.

3 Provision of \$226,452,000 under *Subhead 366 Remuneration and reimbursements for Members of the Legislative Council* is for the payment of remuneration and operating expenses reimbursements to Members of the Council. The increase of \$18,077,000 (8.7%) over the revised estimate for 2014–15 is mainly due to increased requirement to meet the price-adjusted remuneration and annual expenses reimbursements.

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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>				
	540	Microfilming of archival records	540	312	118	110
	863	Partial briefing out of the translation of the Official Record of Proceedings of the Legislative Council and the Manual on Council Procedures.....	5,650	—	2,360	3,290
			<u>6,190</u>	<u>312</u>	<u>2,478</u>	<u>3,400</u>
<i>Capital Account</i>						
872		<i>Non-recurrent expenses reimbursements for Members of the Legislative Council</i>				
	848	Setting up and information technology expenses reimbursements	17,500	9,638	2,500	5,362
			<u>17,500</u>	<u>9,638</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>5,362</u>
885		<i>Legislative Council Commission</i>				
	809	Purchase of archival boxes and supplies for preserving archival records of the LegCo Archives	360	232	56	72
	811	Procurement of a wireless tour guide communication system for conducting guided tours in the new LegCo Complex.....	640	589	15	36
	812	Design and installation of education facilities in the new LegCo Complex.....	6,000	5,770	38	192
	845	TV production equipment and light fixtures for the provision of extended simultaneous sign language interpretation service.....	1,900	—	—	1,900
	861	Integration and application of information technology in the new LegCo Complex.....	99,018	86,101	3,159	9,758
			<u>107,918</u>	<u>92,692</u>	<u>3,268</u>	<u>11,958</u>
		Total	<u>131,608</u>	<u>102,642</u>	<u>8,246</u>	<u>20,720</u>