

Head 106 — MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Controlling officers: expenditure under this Head will be accounted for as follows:

Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) (Subheads 251, 284, 689 and 789)

Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services) (Subheads 825, 826 and 827)

Estimate 2025–26	\$1,678.4m
Commitment balance	\$199.9m

Controlling Officers' Report

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Expenditure under this Head is for items which cannot properly be charged to other heads of expenditure. It covers compensation for settlement of claims against the Government and certain ex-gratia payments, and contribution to the Asian Development Fund.

2 Provision is also made for additional commitments to meet unavoidable expenditure that may arise during the year in excess of the amounts provided under other heads of expenditure.

3 These subheads contribute to the following Policy Areas—

<i>Subhead</i>	<i>Policy Area</i>	<i>Responsible Officers</i>
251, 284, 689 and 789	25: Revenue Collection and Financial Control	Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
825, 826 and 827	1: Financial Services	Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2023-24	Approved estimate 2024-25	Revised estimate 2024-25	Estimate 2025-26
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating Account				
Recurrent				
251	—	6,125,133	—	1,317,211
284	64,377	163,865	55,440	187,667
	64,377	6,288,998	55,440	1,504,878
Non-Recurrent				
789	—	861,373	—	30,659
825	9,080	6,940	6,940	5,716
826	21,829	18,478	18,478	12,382
827	—	—	—	24,802#
	30,909	886,791	25,418	73,559
	95,286	7,175,789	80,858	1,578,437
Capital Account				
Plant, Equipment and Works				
689	—	100,000	—	100,000
	—	100,000	—	100,000
	—	100,000	—	100,000
	95,286	7,275,789	80,858	1,678,437

This is a new item, funding for which is sought in the context of the Appropriation Bill 2025.

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2025–26 for miscellaneous expenditure which cannot properly be charged to other heads of expenditure is \$1,678,437,000.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$1,317,211,000 under *Subhead 251 Additional commitments* is to meet funding for initiatives under planning and also any unavoidable recurrent expenditure that may arise during the year in excess of the amounts provided under other heads and subheads of the Estimates. From time to time during the year, when additional provision chargeable to other heads of expenditure is approved, an equivalent amount will be deducted/drawn from this subhead unless savings can be identified elsewhere.

2 Provision of \$187,667,000 under *Subhead 284 Compensation* is for settlement of claims (other than compensation connected with land, public works and mail, and for government employees under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance (Cap. 282)) and for certain ex-gratia payments. The increase of \$132,227,000 (238.5%) over the revised estimate for 2024–25 is to cater for possible requirements in 2025–26.

Non-Recurrent

3 Provision of \$30,659,000 under *Subhead 789 Additional commitments* is to meet funding for initiatives under planning and also any unavoidable non-recurrent expenditure that may arise during the year in excess of the amounts provided under other heads and subheads of the Estimates. From time to time during the year, when additional provision chargeable to other heads of expenditure is approved, an equivalent amount will be deducted/drawn from this subhead unless savings can be identified elsewhere.

Capital Account

Plant, Equipment and Works

4 Provision of \$100 million under *Subhead 689 Additional commitments* is to meet forecast capital expenditure, subvention payments, and any unavoidable capital expenditure that may arise during the year in excess of the amounts provided under other heads and subheads of the Estimates. From time to time during the year, when additional provision chargeable to other heads of expenditure is approved, an equivalent amount will be deducted/drawn from this subhead unless savings can be identified elsewhere.

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Commitments

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2024	Revised estimated expenditure for 2024–25	Balance
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Operating Account</i>						
825	801	Contribution to the 11th replenishment of the Asian Development Fund.....	137,165	121,422	6,940	8,803
826	802	Contribution to the 12th replenishment of the Asian Development Fund.....	126,995	61,194	18,478	47,323
827	803	Contribution to the 13th replenishment of the Asian Development Fund#.....	143,784#	—	—	143,784
		Total	<u>407,944</u>	<u>182,616</u>	<u>25,418</u>	<u>199,910</u>

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