

## Head 112 — LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMISSION

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

Estimate 2025–26 .....	<b>\$1,228.7m</b>
Commitment balance.....	<b>\$86.3m</b>

### Controlling Officer's Report

#### Programmes

<p><b>Programme (1) Members' Offices and Remuneration</b></p> <p><b>Programme (2) Council Business Services</b></p> <p><b>Programme (3) Legal Service</b></p> <p><b>Programme (4) Redress System</b></p> <p><b>Programme (5) Library and Archives Services</b></p> <p><b>Programme (6) Corporate Liaison and Education and Visitor Services</b></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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#### Details

##### Programme (1): Members' Offices and Remuneration

	2023–24 (Actual)	2024–25 (Original)	2024–25 (Revised)	2025–26 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	358.1	408.5	408.0 (–0.1%)	<b>487.2</b> (+19.4%)
				(or +19.3% on 2024–25 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 term of office. Operating expenses arising out of duties performed in the capacity of a LegCo Member are reimbursable for expenses incurred for office operation, information technology (IT) and communication equipment, entertainment and travelling, setting up and winding up of offices, etc., subject to various reimbursement guidelines and ceilings on the type of expenses.

##### Programme (2): Council Business Services

	2023–24 (Actual)	2024–25 (Original)	2024–25 (Revised)	2025–26 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	512.8	532.9	550.0 (+3.2%)	<b>528.0</b> (–4.0%)
				(or –0.9% on 2024–25 Original)

#### *Aim*

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

### *Brief Description*

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

6 To streamline the organisational structure of the Secretariat, four Council Business Divisions were consolidated into three with effect from 1 July 2024. The three Council Business Divisions provide support services for the Council and its committees in scrutinising and approving legislative and financial proposals, monitoring government policies, considering the accounts and results of value-for-money audits on the Government and organisations within the purview of public audit, assisting in the implementation of the Policy on Access to the Legislature's Documents and Records, and managing the redress system. 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, including conduct of research on the procedures and practices of overseas legislatures.

7 The Research Office of the Research and Information Division provides research services for the Council and its committees, individual Members and Secretariat staff. It conducts in-depth and non-partisan analyses on major policy areas as well as topical issues, and publishes its findings in research papers. It assists committees and the Secretariat in conducting background researches for duty visits and receiving visitors from outside Hong Kong, as well as producing various types of research publications 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 systems to support the business objectives of the Council and the Secretariat. The Division is responsible for the management of the LegCo Complex, a purpose-built building that houses conference facilities, offices for Members and the Secretariat, as well as educational and other facilities for public visit under one roof. The Division executes the Commission's building management and security policies, and also oversees the implementation of the expansion project of the LegCo Complex to address the long-term accommodation needs of LegCo.

9 The Human Resources and Accounts Division executes the Commission's human resources and financial policies. It administers the payment of Members' remuneration and processes Members' claims for operating expenses reimbursements via an online platform.

10 The Media and Public Relations Division provides media and public relations advice and press marshalling services for the Council and its committees, issues press releases on all Council business related matters, as well as facilitates media reporting of Council and committee meetings and activities. It is responsible for handling public and press enquiries about LegCo business, broadcasting live on the LegCo Website all open meetings of the Council and its committees, as well as arranging official media briefings by the President and committee chairmen. It devises corporate communication strategy, produces and disseminates multi-media contents on the LegCo Website and social media platforms, including posts, photos and video records of the aforementioned meetings and media briefings, as well as events and activities of the Council and its committees.

11 The Translation and Interpretation Division is responsible for producing the Official Record of Proceedings of LegCo and preparing verbatim records for Council and committee meetings with the aid of the Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) System. It is responsible for the translation of all documents and records from English to Chinese and vice versa. It oversees the provision of interpretation services, including sign language and Putonghua interpretation services, for meetings.

12 In the 2024 legislative year, all the Divisions consistently delivered a high level of services and support to the Council and its committees, and successfully met various work targets. To accommodate all Members and staff of the Secretariat, the expansion project of the LegCo Complex has been expedited. The expanded areas commenced operation in phases starting from November 2024, with the entire project scheduled for completion by the end of 2025. The Secretariat has proactively collaborated with relevant government departments and the appointed contractor to develop project specifics and an implementation schedule for timely execution of the expansion project. Additionally, IT initiatives and green measures, such as the deployment of the ASR System Phase I and the commencement of the ASR System Phase II project which provides new business services including real-time transcription, were implemented to enhance operational efficiency and work productivity.

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13 The key performance measures are:

### *Indicators*

	<i>Legislative Year</i>		
	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Estimate)
Council meetings serviced .....	34	36	<b>34</b>
committee meetings serviced .....	446	510	<b>481</b>
meetings of Commission and its committees serviced .....	6	9	<b>8</b>
bills scrutinised and processed (pages) .....	4 077	3 995	<b>3 950</b>
subsidiary legislation and other instruments scrutinised and processed (pages).....	4 262	5 255	<b>5 255</b>
LegCo questions processed .....	638	657	<b>638</b>
motions and amendments to motions processed .....	171	201	<b>177</b>
financial proposals scrutinised .....	120	103	<b>100</b>
papers on studies conducted and background briefs issued .....	313	312	<b>279</b>
committee reports issued.....	115	128	<b>121</b>
papers to Commission and its committees issued .....	46	36	<b>32</b>
Official Record of Proceedings of LegCo processed (pages).....	29 496	32 428	<b>30 000</b>
duty visits (within and outside Hong Kong) serviced.....	33	42	<b>36</b>
research publications published .....	107	121	<b>95</b>
search tasks conducted .....	34	29	<b>25</b>
public and media enquiries handled .....	19 085	17 777	<b>16 895</b>
press releases issued.....	145	143	<b>125</b>
press marshalling services provided (hours) .....	215	106	<b>105</b>
press interviews/briefings serviced (hours).....	37	26	<b>25</b>
system implementation projects (IT and electronics) launched.....	18	26	<b>20</b>
Council/committee meetings broadcast (hours).....	1 122	1 249	<b>1 250</b>
video records of meetings and official events uploaded to YouTube .....	2 553	2 628	<b>2 637</b>
photos of official events posted on Flickr .....	2 139	2 347	<b>2 100</b>
sign language interpretation provided (hours) .....	390	424	<b>440</b>
Putonghua interpretation provided (hours) .....	1 202	1 359	<b>1 430</b>

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025–26*

14 In 2025–26, 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;
- continue to provide and enhance research support for committees and Members 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;
- continue to leverage artificial intelligence (AI) technology to further streamline and automate the workflows for producing the records of proceedings for Council and committee meetings;
- continue to manage and preserve valuable information and records relating to the Council and implement the Policy on Access to the Legislature’s Documents and Records to facilitate public access to information and records of the Legislature that are kept by the Secretariat;
- continue to provide media support services for the Council and its committees as well as duty visits of Members;
- continue to disseminate information about and publicising the work of the Council through the use of social media platforms;
- continue to develop and enhance various business applications and IT systems to support the operation of the Council and its committees as well as the Secretariat;
- maintain close collaboration with relevant government departments and building contractors to expedite the expansion project of the LegCo Complex to ensure that sufficient office space, conference venues and other facilities are provided to meet the operational needs of LegCo;
- continue to enhance the effectiveness of facilities and building management strategies for the expanded LegCo Complex by leveraging smart building technologies for energy saving and more efficient facility management to ensure the smooth operation of the Council and its committees;

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- continue to implement appropriate security measures, including those for IT security, to ensure a safe working environment for Members, Secretariat staff and other users of the LegCo Complex;
- 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 talent management and development strategies for maintaining an effective and professional team to support the work and meet the changing needs of the Council on a sustainable basis; and
- continue to provide and enhance simultaneous interpretation services in Cantonese-English-Putonghua and sign language to help the general public, including people with hearing impairment, Putonghua-speaking community and ethnic minorities, understand the proceedings of the Council and its committees.

### Programme (3): Legal Service

	2023–24 (Actual)	2024–25 (Original)	2024–25 (Revised)	2025–26 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	65.0	67.4	70.3 (+4.3%)	<b>69.3</b> (–1.4%)
				(or +2.8% on 2024–25 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. It also provides in-house legal service for the Commission and the Secretariat.

17 The work involves:

- scrutinising bills and subsidiary legislation, and making reports thereon;
- attending meetings of and providing legal support to the Council and its committees;
- providing legal advice to the President of and the Clerk to the Council on legal questions relating to the business or administration of the Council;
- providing in-house legal support to the Commission and the Secretariat on legal matters, including the handling of civil litigation involving the Commission or relating to business of the Council;
- advising Members on the interpretation of the Rules of Procedure and other procedural rules that apply to the Council and its committees; and
- advising Members on legal issues in relation to cases handled under the Council’s redress system as necessary.

18 In the 2024 legislative year, the aim of the programme was generally achieved and the overall performance of the programme was satisfactory despite the complexity in legislative, procedural and committee work, and the increased membership of the Seventh LegCo.

19 The key performance measures are:

### *Indicators*

	<i>Legislative Year</i>		
	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Estimate)
legislation and other instruments scrutinised (pages) .....	10 779	8 898	<b>9 600</b>
amendments to legislation and other instruments scrutinised (pages) .....	387	364	<b>390</b>
reports on legislation and other instruments issued .....	89	83	<b>87</b>
meetings of bills committees and subcommittees on subsidiary legislation and other instruments serviced .....	118	146	<b>157</b>
advice on legislation and other instruments provided.....	725	1 162	<b>1 255</b>
meetings of Council, Commission, panels and other committees serviced .....	377	369	<b>369</b>
LegCo questions advised upon.....	408	157	<b>156</b>
advice to Council, Commission, panels and other committees and to President and other Members provided .....	396	303	<b>303</b>

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	<i>Legislative Year</i>		
	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Estimate)
meetings of Secretariat committees and on Secretariat businesses and case conferences serviced .....	191	233	245
advice for Secretariat committees and businesses provided ....	982	832	832

### ***Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025–26***

**20** In 2025–26, the Division will:

- ensure the continued provision of adequate legal support to the Council, the Commission and the Secretariat; and
- monitor the volume of in-house legal work arising from expanded services required of the Secretariat and the increased workload on general corporate legal matters.

### **Programme (4): Redress System**

	2023–24 (Actual)	2024–25 (Original)	2024–25 (Revised)	2025–26 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	27.2	28.1	27.4 (–2.5%)	28.5 (+4.0%)
				(or +1.4% on 2024–25 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 Council Business Division 1, is open to individual members of the public 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 individual members of the public and deputations for handling by Members;
- meeting and corresponding with individual members of the public and deputations;
- examining cases and assisting Members in determining suitable courses of action;
- ascertaining facts of the cases and communicating with policy bureaux, government departments and relevant public organisations;
- compiling Members' duty roster, as well as scheduling and servicing Members' interviews with individual members of the public 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, minutes of meetings and referrals to committees.

**24** In the 2024 legislative year, the Public Complaints Office was able to provide effective services to assist Members in handling cases received, and reduce the time spent on handling cases arising from persistent complainants through streamlining of the procedures.

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25 The key performance measures are:

### *Indicators*

	<i>Legislative Year</i>		
	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Estimate)
new cases processed (excluding telephone cases) .....	1 267	1 208	1 156
cases completed (excluding telephone cases) .....	1 220	1 159	1 110
reports/referrals to committees .....	9	2	5
telephone cases handled .....	1 586	1 737	1 399
meetings and site visits serviced .....	47	37	38
papers issued to Members .....	2 381	2 572	2 457

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025–26*

26 In 2025–26, 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;
- streamline the procedures and enhance staff training to improve work efficiency in case handling; and
- explore the potential of harnessing AI technology to further streamline and automate tasks in work processes.

### **Programme (5): Library and Archives Services**

	2023–24 (Actual)	2024–25 (Original)	2024–25 (Revised)	2025–26 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	50.0	53.2	54.8 (+3.0%)	55.9 (+2.0%)

(or +5.1% on  
2024–25 Original)

### *Aim*

27 The aim is to provide Members and their staff, Secretariat staff and members of the public with direct access to information relating to Members and Council business and a wide range of other resources, with a view to supporting the work of the Council and its committees; facilitating the understanding of the role, functions, work, people and history of the Hong Kong Legislature, and the development of the constitutional systems in selected jurisdictions; and organising an archives and records management programme for the Council which preserves 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 Research and Information Division (the Library) has some 50 per cent of its collection on constitutional subjects and reference materials, with the rest mostly on major policy issues. It holds all papers and records relating to the proceedings of the Council and its committees. It also acquires and maintains a collection of wide variety of subjects, in the form of books, journals and electronic resources, to facilitate timely and easy reference for the study of policy and legislative matters. A full range of library services including reference, lending and inter-library loan are provided for Members and Secretariat staff. Furthermore, the Library produces regular publications to keep Members and Secretariat staff informed of the latest policies of selected jurisdictions as well as the latest development in the rules and practices of overseas parliaments. In addition, it provides content management services with Council Business Divisions for the LegCo Website to facilitate public access to over 353 000 digitised LegCo records.

29 The LegCo Archives of the Research and Information Division (the Archives) is responsible for the development and implementation of an integrated archives and records management programme to facilitate proper management of LegCo records throughout their entire life cycle for operational efficiency, transparency, information needs and preservation of historical records. It develops records guidelines and procedures, and offers training and advisory services for internal users. It handles records disposal requests, selects, processes and preserves archival records and materials relating to the Legislature according to international standards and best practices, answers reference enquiries, examines access to information requests, conducts reviews of closed archival records for timely and systematic disclosure, and provides records access service. It continues to enhance the online catalogue and expand the scope of digitisation to facilitate searching, reserving and consultation of archival holdings in different formats. Furthermore, it will start digital format migration for digital holdings to enhance their preservation.

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30 The key performance measures are:

### *Indicators*

	<i>Legislative Year</i>		
	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Estimate)
library users serviced.....	6 268	8 124	7 740
books borrowed.....	1 919	1 878	2 015
library enquiries handled.....	460	309	350
size of the library collection			
– LegCo records .....	42 675	37 163	30 000
– others .....	50 307	48 497	50 000
library workshops organised .....	13	13	16
visits to the LegCo Website .....	18 701 195	23 734 770	23 720 300
search tasks handled.....	32	14	16
no. of files uploaded and pages created/updated on the LegCo Website .....	27 094	25 776	26 400
new files uploaded onto the LegCo records database.....	16 989	7 576	7 620
archival records transferred to the Archives .....	537	541	500
archival records processed by the Archives .....	1 025	969	1 100
no. of pages of documents from closed archival records reviewed for open access.....	26 822	27 203	26 000
no. of records authorised for destruction after vetting.....	9 745	6 135	2 400
usage of Electronic Archives Management System.....	362 996	566 168	350 000
no. of pages digitised.....	70 659	70 117	100 000
visitors to the Archives served .....	401	406	300
enquiries concerning the Archives handled .....	226	338	250
staff trained in archives and records management.....	144	98	100
staff trained through Library’s workshops and online resources .....	133	155	140

### *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025–26*

31 In 2025–26, the Library will continue to:

- enhance the spatial layout of the Library to establish an engaging and informative environment that boosts public understanding of LegCo’s work and current affairs through accessible exhibits and interactive displays;
- enhance collections and electronic resources in the Library, particularly information relating to current policy issues and national development, as well as constitutional and parliamentary affairs, with a view to better supporting information gathering and analysis by patrons;
- explore the development of new information products that are concise, easy to digest and offered in user-friendly formats; and
- assist in streamlining internal work processes to enhance the efficiency in information dissemination, with a view to better facilitating the public’s understanding of the work of the Council and its committees.

32 In 2025–26, the Archives will continue to:

- strengthen the archival holdings through acquisition from different sources, draw up records retention and disposal schedules to facilitate systematic review of inactive records and authorise destruction of those of no retention value, expand the scope of digitisation of archival records, and monitor records storage and preservation;
- streamline the records review procedures in processing access to information requests and the regular assessments of time-expired archival records for efficient resource utilisation and timely records disclosure; and
- update professional guidelines and consolidate the functional, system and resource requirements for implementing a secure and reliable electronic recordkeeping system which caters for the needs of the Council and the Secretariat, and integrates with sustainable digital preservation of and access to archival records.

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

	2023–24 (Actual)	2024–25 (Original)	2024–25 (Revised)	2025–26 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	54.0	57.2	61.3 (+7.2%)	59.8 (–2.4%)
				(or +4.5% on 2024–25 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 and visitor services, and to establish good relationship between the Council and overseas parliamentary bodies and local organisations.

#### *Brief Description*

34 The Council Business Divisions and the Media and Public Relations Division provide support services for Members in promoting liaison and developing good relationship with parliamentary bodies in various territories, and in dealing with matters pertaining to the activities of parliamentary friendship groups, including sending delegations on visits outside Hong Kong and hosting activities for delegations visiting Hong Kong.

35 The Media and Public Relations Division is also 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 tours of the LegCo Complex.

36 The Media and Public Relations Division, the Council Business Divisions and the Administration Division also provide logistical support to Members and senior Secretariat staff in receiving parliamentarians and dignitaries.

37 The work involves:

- facilitating Members’ contact with parliamentarians, dignitaries and organisations from outside Hong Kong;
- facilitating Members’ attendance at conferences, seminars and workshops held outside Hong Kong;
- facilitating Members’ exchange of views with members of the District Councils and Heung Yee Kuk on matters of mutual interest and concern;
- organising education programmes such as teacher programme, mock Council debates, story-telling and exhibitions on the Council for teachers, students and the public;
- developing educational resources for teachers, 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 tours of the LegCo Complex for 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.

38 The key performance measures are:

#### *Indicators*

	<i>Legislative Year</i>		
	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Estimate)
meetings with legislators, government officials and other visitors from places outside Hong Kong serviced .....	37	45	40
educational activities organised for students			
educational visits for students serviced (including online and on-site tours and role-play/interactive activities)/students participated .....	708/18 367	634/18 486	759/22 802
“Meeting with the LegCo President/Members” Programme/students participated .....	8/170	19/478	19/552
other activities/students participated .....	0/0#	3/88	5/200
guided tours of the LegCo Complex conducted for organisations and the public/no. of participants .....	388/9 791	589/16 220	607/16 732



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	<i>Legislative Year</i>		
	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Estimate)
story-telling sessions organised in the LegCo Complex/ no. of participants .....	0/0 $\psi$	0/0 $\psi$	<b>0/0<math>\psi</math></b>
workshops on legislative awareness (including mock Council debates) conducted/no. of participants.....	1/33	1/34	<b>1/35</b>
consultative meetings with internal and external advisers serviced.....	4	1	<b>1</b>
digital/printed educational items published (pages).....	69	56	<b>245</b>
audio-visual educational items produced.....	33	65	<b>55</b>
webpages on education and visitor services created/revised/updated .....	193	133	<b>150</b>
requests by schools/teachers on educational resources and services received and processed .....	44	36	<b>30</b>
thematic exhibitions organised in the LegCo Complex .....	1	1	<b>1</b>
souvenir items produced/sold.....	8 905/9 226	29 150/13 404	<b>12 200/13 587</b>
visitors received at reception counters .....	61 314	77 951	<b>80 000</b>

# Other activities, including inviting school groups to observe specific Council meetings (Chief Executive's Question and Answer Sessions/Policy Address/Budget Speech), were not resumed in 2023.

$\psi$  The story-telling sessions organised for the public have not yet been resumed due to the expansion project of the LegCo Complex.

### ***Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2025–26***

**39** In 2025–26, the teams will continue to:

- assist Members in receiving parliamentarians, dignitaries and organisations from outside Hong Kong and enhance logistical arrangements;
- make appropriate arrangements for Members to attend conferences, seminars and workshops held outside Hong Kong;
- develop and update online educational resources including animations of specific themes and interactive resources incorporating footage of Council meetings;
- improve educational facilities in conjunction with the upcoming completion of the expansion project of the LegCo Complex;
- revise and enhance educational programmes to correspond with the upgraded education facilities following the completion of the expansion project of the LegCo Complex;
- assist Members in receiving their visitors in touring the LegCo Complex;
- enhance the visit programmes and guided tours of the LegCo Complex for the public and revamp the Online Booking System to facilitate booking of tours; and
- further expand the selection of LegCo branded souvenir items to enrich visitors' experience and provide memorable keepsakes.

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### ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

	2023–24 (Actual) (\$m)	2024–25 (Original) (\$m)	2024–25 (Revised) (\$m)	2025–26 (Estimate) (\$m)
<b>Programme</b>				
(1) Members’ Offices and Remuneration....	358.1	408.5	408.0	487.2
(2) Council Business Services.....	512.8	532.9	550.0	528.0
(3) Legal Service .....	65.0	67.4	70.3	69.3
(4) Redress System.....	27.2	28.1	27.4	28.5
(5) Library and Archives Services.....	50.0	53.2	54.8	55.9
(6) Corporate Liaison and Education and Visitor Services.....	54.0	57.2	61.3	59.8
	1,067.1	1,147.3	1,171.8 (+2.1%)	1,228.7 (+4.9%)
				(or +7.1% on 2024–25 Original)

#### Analysis of Financial Provision

##### Programme (1)

Provision for 2025–26 is \$79.2 million (19.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2024–25. This is mainly due to the scheduled payment of end-of-service gratuities and winding up expenses reimbursement to Members at the end of the Seventh LegCo, increased requirement for payment of setting up and IT expenses reimbursement to Members of the Eighth LegCo as well as the price-adjusted increase in Members’ remuneration and operating expenses reimbursements.

##### Programme (2)

Provision for 2025–26 is \$22.0 million (4.0%) lower than the revised estimate for 2024–25. This is due to the reduced cash flow requirement for capital and non-recurrent items, partly offset by the increased provision for operating expenses.

##### Programme (3)

Provision for 2025–26 is \$1.0 million (1.4%) lower than the revised estimate for 2024–25. This is due to the reduced provision for operating expenses and the reduced cash flow requirement for capital items.

##### Programme (4)

Provision for 2025–26 is \$1.1 million (4.0%) higher than the revised estimate for 2024–25. This is due to the increased provision for operating expenses, partly offset by the reduced cash flow requirement for capital items.

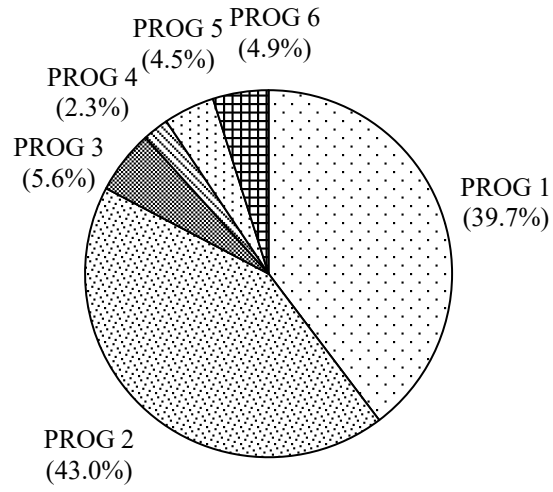
##### Programme (5)

Provision for 2025–26 is \$1.1 million (2.0%) higher than the revised estimate for 2024–25. This is due to the increased provision for operating expenses, partly offset by the reduced cash flow requirement for capital items.

##### Programme (6)

Provision for 2025–26 is \$1.5 million (2.4%) lower than the revised estimate for 2024–25. This is mainly due to the reduced cash flow requirement for capital items.

*Allocation of provision  
to programmes  
(2025-26)*



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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2023–24	Approved estimate 2024–25	Revised estimate 2024–25	<b>Estimate 2025–26</b>	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	<b>\$'000</b>	
<b>Operating Account</b>					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses .....	692,260	697,412	714,302	<b>722,058</b>
366	Remuneration and reimbursements for Members of the Legislative Council .....	355,000	405,043	405,043	<b>478,965</b>
	Total, Recurrent.....	<u>1,047,260</u>	<u>1,102,455</u>	<u>1,119,345</u>	<b><u>1,201,023</u></b>
Non-Recurrent					
	General non-recurrent .....	803	1,800	1,800	—
	Total, Non-Recurrent.....	<u>803</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,800</u>	—
	Total, Operating Account .....	<u>1,048,063</u>	<u>1,104,255</u>	<u>1,121,145</u>	<b><u>1,201,023</u></b>
<b>Capital Account</b>					
Subventions					
872	Non-recurrent expenses reimbursements for Members of the Legislative Council .....	3,100	3,467	3,000	<b>8,159</b>
885	Legislative Council Commission .....	15,887	39,533	47,628	<b>19,471</b>
	Total, Subventions .....	<u>18,987</u>	<u>43,000</u>	<u>50,628</u>	<b><u>27,630</u></b>
	Total, Capital Account.....	<u>18,987</u>	<u>43,000</u>	<u>50,628</u>	<b><u>27,630</u></b>
	Total Expenditure .....	<u><u>1,067,050</u></u>	<u><u>1,147,255</u></u>	<u><u>1,171,773</u></u>	<b><u><u>1,228,653</u></u></b>

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### Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2025–26 for remuneration and reimbursements for Members of the Legislative Council (LegCo) and for those parts of the staff salaries and expenses of The Legislative Council Commission (the Commission) funded from General Revenue is \$1,228,653,000. This represents an increase of \$56,880,000 over the revised estimate for 2024–25 and \$161,603,000 over the actual expenditure in 2023–24.

#### *Operating Account*

##### Recurrent

**2** Provision of \$722,058,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the Commission to cover its staff salaries, allowances and other operating expenses.

**3** Provision of \$478,965,000 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 LegCo. The increase of \$73,922,000 (18.3%) over the revised estimate for 2024–25 is mainly due to the payment of end-of-service gratuities to Members of LegCo at the end of the four-year term and the increased requirement to meet the price-adjusted remuneration and operating expenses reimbursements.

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### Commitments

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment \$'000	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2024 \$'000	Revised estimated expenditure for 2024–25 \$'000	Balance \$'000
<b>Capital Account</b>						
872		<i>Non-recurrent expenses reimbursements for Members of the Legislative Council</i>				
837		Setting up and information technology (IT) expenses reimbursement for Members of the Seventh LegCo .....	30,375	18,896	3,000	8,479
873		Winding up expenses reimbursement for Members of the Seventh LegCoΔ .....	12,082Δ	—	—	12,082
874		Setting up and IT expenses reimbursement for Members of the Eighth LegCoΔ.....	28,688Δ	—	—	28,688
			<u>71,145</u>	<u>18,896</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>49,249</u>
885		<i>Legislative Council Commission</i>				
815		Replacement of the wireless communication devices.....	610	391	28	191
838		Procurement of hardware, software, communication equipment and related cabling infrastructure installation service for replacing the Digital Screen Display System.....	4,800	300	620	3,880
842		Procurement of hardware, software, network equipment and related cabling infrastructure for upgrading the Backbone Network System .....	9,650	3,600	4,900	1,150
855		Revamp of the Online Booking System for booking of the guided tours of the LegCo Complex .....	1,818	814	811	193
856		Procurement of automatic speech recognition solution in the production of verbatim transcripts for Council meetings and committee hearings/meetings.....	4,700	3,500	1,184	16
859		Revamp of the Televising System of the LegCo Complex .....	8,120	—	7,700	420
864		Procurement of the hardware and software required for extending the applications of the automatic speech recognition (ASR) system .....	9,616	—	8,450	1,166
866		Provision of IT infrastructure relating to the expansion of the LegCo Complex .....	8,200	—	1,950	6,250
867		Provision of mobile phone network infrastructure and telephone systems relating to the expansion of the LegCo Complex .....	4,500	—	1,650	2,850

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**Commitments—Cont'd.**

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
<b>Capital Account—Cont'd.</b>						
885		<i>Legislative Council Commission— Cont'd.</i>				
868		Enhancement of the electronic system for submission of expense reimbursement claims by LegCo Members.....	3,770	—	2,000	1,770
869		Replacement of the payroll system and its integration with the Human Resources Management Information System.....	3,850	—	—	3,850
870		Replacement of some parts/devices for the building systems in the LegCo Complex (2025–26).....	6,486	—	—	6,486
871		Procurement of the hardware and software required for further extending the applications of the ASR system.....	9,670	—	8,703	967
872		Procurement of the hardware and software required for a private Large Language Model for local deployment of artificial intelligence enabled tools.....	9,780	—	1,956	7,824
			<u>85,570</u>	<u>8,605</u>	<u>39,952</u>	<u>37,013</u>
		Total.....	<u>156,715</u>	<u>27,501</u>	<u>42,952</u>	<u>86,262</u>

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