

## Head 174 — JOINT SECRETARIAT FOR THE ADVISORY BODIES ON CIVIL SERVICE AND JUDICIAL SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

---

**Controlling officer:** the Secretary General, Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service will account for expenditure under this Head.

**Estimate 2025–26** ..... **\$39.2m**

**Establishment ceiling 2025–26** (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 31 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2025 reducing by four posts to 27 posts as at 31 March 2026..... **\$24.4m**

In addition, there will be an estimated four directorate posts as at 31 March 2025 and as at 31 March 2026.

---

### Controlling Officer’s Report

#### Programme

**Secretariat services for the following advisory bodies—**

- **Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service**
- **Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service**
- **Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service**
- **Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service**
- **Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants**

This programme contributes to Policy Area 26: Central Management of the Civil Service (Secretary for the Civil Service) and Policy Area 27: Intra-Governmental Services (Director of Administration).

#### Detail

	2023–24 (Actual)	2024–25 (Original)	2024–25 (Revised)	<b>2025–26 (Estimate)</b>
Financial provision (\$m)	46.7	48.5	40.8 (–15.9%)	<b>39.2</b> (–3.9%)
				(or –19.2% on 2024–25 Original)

#### Aim

2 The aim is to assist in maintaining efficient and stable civil and judicial services through the advice of the advisory bodies.

#### Brief Description

3 The five advisory bodies advise the Chief Executive on the following:

- Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service – matters relating to the pay and conditions of service of the non-directorate civil service;
- Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service – matters relating to the pay and conditions of service of the disciplined services;
- Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service – matters relating to the pay and conditions of service of the directorate civil service;
- Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service – matters relating to the pay and conditions of service of judges and judicial officers; and
- Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants – the principles and the criteria to be adopted in formulating policy and arrangements to control post-service employment, and applications for post-service outside work from directorate officers.

## **Head 174 — JOINT SECRETARIAT FOR THE ADVISORY BODIES ON CIVIL SERVICE AND JUDICIAL SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

---

4 The four advisory bodies on civil service and judicial salaries and conditions of service take into consideration recommendations from the Government and views of the staff before tendering their advice to the Chief Executive. The Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants takes into consideration assessment and views of parties within the Government before tendering its advice on applications to the decision making authority.

5 The effectiveness of the work of the four advisory bodies on civil service and judicial salaries and conditions of service is reflected in the part they play in the formulation of principles and practices governing the grades, ranks, salary structures and conditions of service of the civil and judicial services. The effectiveness of the work of the Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants is reflected in the extent to which the advice tendered assists the decision making authority in ensuring that the post-service outside work of directorate civil servants within the periods of restriction would not constitute conflict of interest with their former government duties, cause negative public perception or give rise to reasonable apprehension of deferred reward.

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

6 During 2025–26, the advisory bodies will continue to:

- tender advice to the Chief Executive on the civil service and judicial salaries and conditions of service;
- examine and tender advice to the Government on proposals and applications put to them by the Government on matters within their ambits; and
- conduct surveys, reviews and studies under mechanisms endorsed by the Government.

**Head 174 — JOINT SECRETARIAT FOR THE ADVISORY BODIES ON CIVIL SERVICE AND JUDICIAL SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

---

**ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION**

	2023–24 (Actual) (\$m)	2024–25 (Original) (\$m)	2024–25 (Revised) (\$m)	2025–26 (Estimate) (\$m)
<b>Programme</b>				
Secretariat services for the following advisory bodies—				
• Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service				
• Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service				
• Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service				
• Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service				
• Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants.....	46.7	48.5	40.8 (–15.9%)	39.2 (–3.9%)
				<b>(or –19.2% on 2024–25 Original)</b>

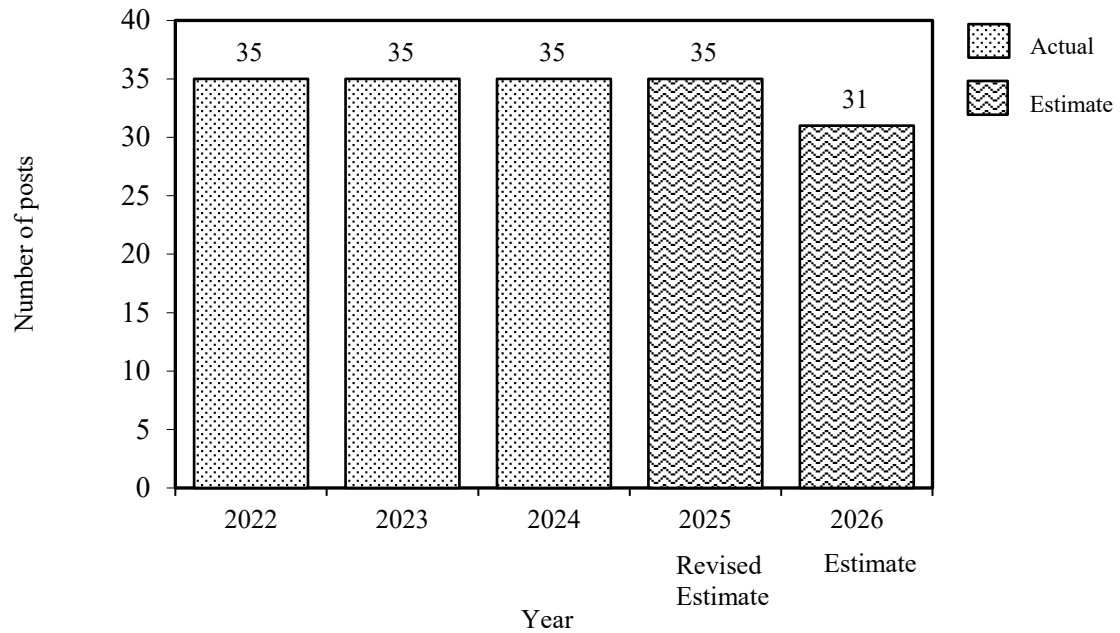
**Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision**

Provision for 2025–26 is \$1.6 million (3.9%) lower than the revised estimate for 2024–25. This is mainly due to the decreased provision for personal emoluments as a result of staff changes, partly offset by an increased provision for personnel related expenses and general departmental expenses. There will be a net decrease of four posts in 2025–26.

**Head 174 — JOINT SECRETARIAT FOR THE ADVISORY BODIES ON CIVIL SERVICE AND JUDICIAL SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

---

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



**Head 174 — JOINT SECRETARIAT FOR THE ADVISORY BODIES ON CIVIL  
SERVICE AND JUDICIAL SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

---

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 .....	46,662	48,500	40,820	<b>39,220</b>
	Total, Recurrent.....	46,662	48,500	40,820	<b>39,220</b>
	Total, Operating Account .....	46,662	48,500	40,820	<b>39,220</b>
<hr/>					
	Total Expenditure .....	46,662	48,500	40,820	<b>39,220</b>
		<u>46,662</u>	<u>48,500</u>	<u>40,820</u>	<u><b>39,220</b></u>

## Head 174 — JOINT SECRETARIAT FOR THE ADVISORY BODIES ON CIVIL SERVICE AND JUDICIAL SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

---

### Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2025–26 for the salaries and expenses of the Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service (Joint Secretariat) is \$39,220,000. This represents a decrease of \$1,600,000 against the revised estimate for 2024–25 and \$7,442,000 against the actual expenditure in 2023–24.

#### *Operating Account*

#### Recurrent

2 Provision of \$39,220,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Joint Secretariat.

3 The establishment as at 31 March 2025 will be 35 posts. It is expected that there will be a net decrease of four posts in 2025–26. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2025–26, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$24,390,000.

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

	2023–24 (Actual) (\$'000)	2024–25 (Original) (\$'000)	2024–25 (Revised) (\$'000)	<b>2025–26 (Estimate) (\$'000)</b>
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries .....	37,258	38,935	32,722	<b>30,057</b>
- Allowances .....	581	907	620	<b>1,203</b>
Personnel Related Expenses				
- Mandatory Provident Fund contribution .....	32	36	22	<b>12</b>
- Civil Service Provident Fund contribution .....	2,346	2,488	2,042	<b>2,116</b>
Departmental Expenses				
- General departmental expenses .....	6,445	6,134	5,414	<b>5,832</b>
	46,662	48,500	40,820	<b>39,220</b>