

Report of the Director of Audit



Audit Commission

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Capital Works Reserve Fund

Independent Audit Report

To the President of the Legislative Council

I certify that I have examined and audited the financial statements of the Capital Works Reserve Fund set out on pages 23 to 30, which comprise the statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2008, and the statement of receipts and payments for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Director of Accounting Services' responsibility for the financial statements

In accordance with section 16(1) of the Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2), the Director of Accounting Services is responsible for the compilation and supervision of the accounts of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, for the management of accounting operations and procedures, and for ensuring that all regulations, directions or instructions made or given under the Public Finance Ordinance relating thereto and in respect of the safe custody of public moneys and its accounting are complied with.

Auditor's responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with section 12(1) of the Audit Ordinance (Cap. 122) and the Audit Commission auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and proper presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of

expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used by the Director of Accounting Services, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements properly present the assets and liabilities of the Capital Works Reserve Fund as at 31 March 2008 and the receipts and payments for the year then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2 to the financial statements and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Public Finance Ordinance and section 11(1) of the Audit Ordinance.

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Director of Audit

23 October 2008

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2008

	Note	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
Assets			
Investments with the Exchange Fund	3	65,944,129	52,670,940
Deposits with banks	4	59	1,611
Cash and bank balances		6,850	31,266
Advances	5	95,589	102,105
		66,046,627	52,805,922
Liabilities			
Deposits	6	(931,400)	(1,002,189)
		65,115,227	51,803,733
Representing:			
Fund Balance			
Balance at 1 April 2007		51,803,733	37,044,458
Surplus for the year		13,311,494	14,759,275
Balance at 31 March 2008		65,115,227	51,803,733

The accompanying Notes 1 to 10 form part of these accounts.

Mrs. Lucia LI
Director of Accounting Services
15 August 2008



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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

	Note	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
Cash and bank balances at 1 April 2007		31,266	28,804
Revenue	8	66,376,086	41,483,860
Expenditure	9	(53,064,592)	(26,724,585)
Surplus for the year		13,311,494	14,759,275
Other cash movements	10	(13,335,910)	(14,756,813)
Cash and bank balances at 31 March 2008		6,850	31,266

The accompanying Notes 1 to 10 form part of these accounts.

Mrs. Lucia LI
Director of Accounting Services
15 August 2008



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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

1. Purpose and Legislation

The Capital Works Reserve Fund was set up to finance public works programmes, acquisitions of land, capital subventions and major systems and equipment items. It was initially established on 1 April 1982 by a Resolution of the Legislative Council on 20 January 1982 and has been reconstituted since 1 January 1998 under another Resolution passed on 17 December 1997 (hereinafter referred to as the Resolution).

2. Accounting Policies

(i) The accounts of the Capital Works Reserve Fund are kept on a cash basis. Transactions are recorded when moneys are received or paid, whether they relate to recurrent or capital transactions. The Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Fund excludes fixed assets, loans, investments other than those made under paragraph (d)(iii) of the Resolution, and debtors and creditors other than those advances and deposits referred to in the Notes below.

(ii) Currency balances other than Hong Kong dollar are stated at weighted average cost.

3. Investments with the Exchange Fund

(i) These are investments and deposits held under paragraph (d)(iii) of the Resolution:

	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000
Investments (see (ii) and (iii) below)	65,817,184	52,432,373
Deposits	126,945	238,567
	<u>65,944,129</u>	<u>52,670,940</u>

(ii) The investments represent the cost of investments together with interest of \$3.99 billion received in the year ended 31 March 2008.

(iii) Effective from 1 April 2007, the return on the investments is calculated on the basis of the average rate of return of the Exchange Fund's investment portfolio over the past six years, subject to the annual investment return in any year being guaranteed to be not lower than the average yield of three-year Exchange Fund Notes for the previous year.

4. Deposits with Banks

These are foreign currency deposits placed with licensed banks in Hong Kong:

	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000
Foreign currency	59	1,611

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5. Advances

Advances are paid under the authority of warrants issued under section 20 of the Public Finance Ordinance for a variety of reasons and are either recoverable or chargeable to expenditure upon authority being given:

	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000
Advances for Tsing Ma Control Area non-scheduled maintenance works	18,227	24,743
Advances in respect of other capital works projects	77,362	77,362
	95,589	102,105

The advance account for the non-scheduled maintenance works of Tsing Ma Control Area (TMCA) was opened in July 2004 following the securitization of revenue receivable from the tolls on Government-owned tunnels and bridges. The balance on the advance account will be offset in each financial year by \$20 million collected upfront from the Lantau Link toll revenue and, starting from 2005-06, by another amount of up to \$10 million receivable from Hong Kong Link 2004 Limited pursuant to the arrangement set out in the prospectus for issuance of bonds relating to the securitization.

6. Deposits

These are moneys received from time to time from individuals or organisations for a variety of reasons and are in due course either repayable or transferable to revenue:

	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000
Contract retentions	525,497	647,245
Others	405,903	354,944
	931,400	1,002,189

7. Liabilities

The following outstanding liabilities under the Loans Ordinance (Cap. 61) are not included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

	2008	2007
	\$'000	\$'000
Outstanding government bonds and notes	17,426,750	17,467,188

Following a resolution passed under section 3(1) of the Loans Ordinance (Cap. 61), the Government issued in July 2004 bonds and notes totalling \$20 billion to retail and institutional investors. These include institutional notes of US\$1.25 billion denominated in United States dollar. Of the outstanding amount, the retail bonds of \$2.70 billion matured in July 2008 and the institutional notes totalling \$14.73 billion will mature within the period July 2009 to July 2019. During the financial year, interest payments of \$0.80 billion were made.

The institutional notes denominated in United States dollar are translated into Hong Kong dollar at the rate of exchange ruling on the last working day of the year.

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8. Revenue

	2008		2007
	Original Estimate \$'000	Actual \$'000	Actual \$'000
Land premium:			
Sales by public auction and tender	-	33,373,780	7,200,500
Private treaty grants	-	10,804,691	23,188,328
Modification of existing leases, exchanges and extensions	-	17,741,737	6,324,827
Fees received in respect of short term waivers	-	397,672	286,758
	38,500,000	62,317,880	37,000,413
Investment income	4,024,740	4,003,170	4,358,479
Other revenue:			
Recovery from MTR Corporation Ltd.	131,000	-	-
Donations and contributions	18,170	6,262	13,462
Others	2,700	48,774	111,506
	151,870	55,036	124,968
	42,676,610	66,376,086	41,483,860
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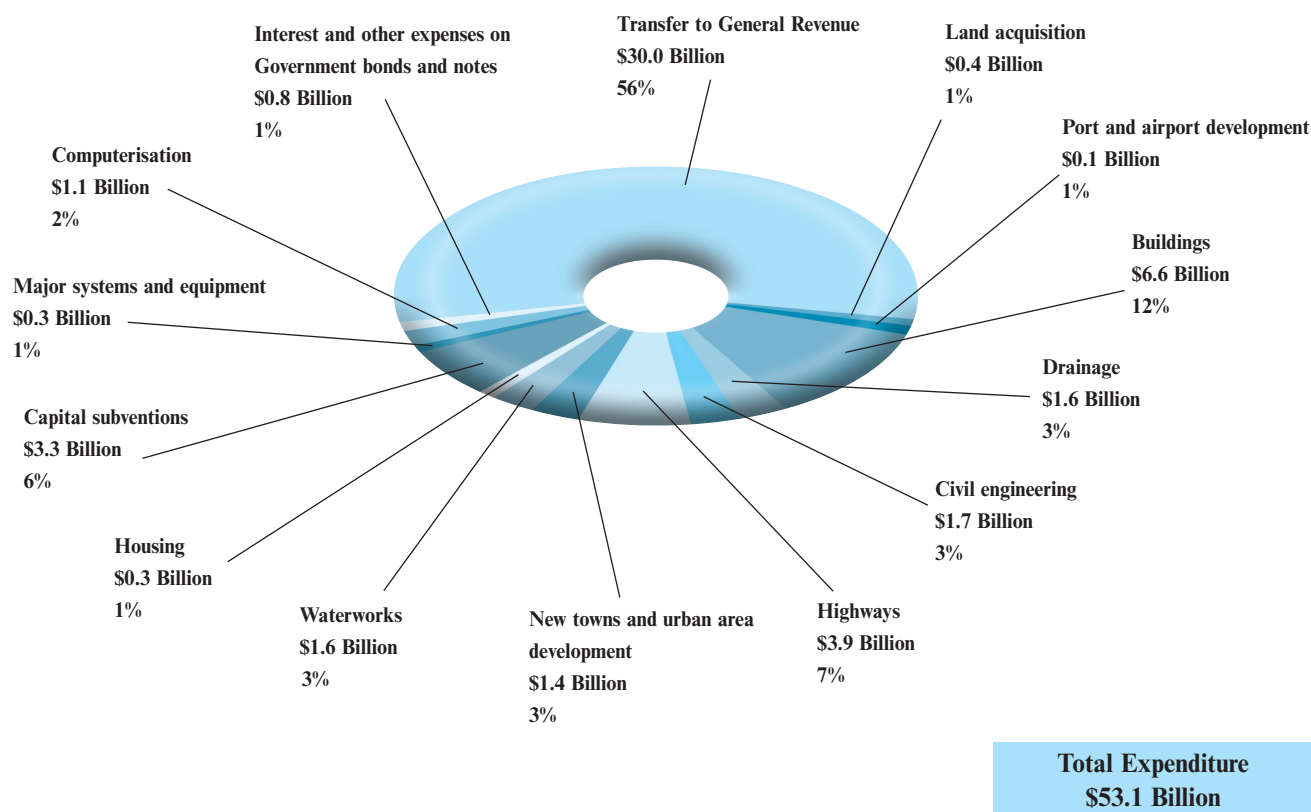
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9. Expenditure

	2008		2007
	Original Estimate \$'000	Actual \$'000	Actual \$'000
Land acquisition	1,895,610	371,978	226,517
Public Works Programme:			
Port and airport development	7,569	3,791	129,416
Buildings	6,519,718	6,593,077	5,929,672
Drainage	1,416,262	1,643,648	1,449,583
Civil engineering	1,824,217	1,724,937	2,211,724
Highways	3,414,593	3,918,447	5,235,185
New towns and urban area development	1,699,019	1,388,467	1,773,008
Waterworks	1,494,619	1,588,235	1,098,355
Housing	361,521	330,326	669,122
	16,737,518	17,190,928	18,496,065
Capital subventions and major systems and equipment:			
Capital subventions	3,678,004	3,334,326	3,188,357
Major systems and equipment	700,388	275,741	478,761
	4,378,392	3,610,067	3,667,118
Computerisation	1,966,935	1,085,673	945,082
Government bonds and notes:			
Repayment	-	-	2,550,000
Interest and other expenses	799,115	799,913	825,916
	799,115	799,913	3,375,916
Transfer to General Revenue	30,000,000	30,000,000	-
Other payments:			
Refund of overpayment of land premium	-	6,033	13,887
	<u>55,777,570</u>	<u>53,064,592</u>	<u>26,724,585</u>

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Analysis of Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2008



10. Other Cash Movements

These are cash movements arising from changes in other assets and liabilities.

	2008 \$'000	2007 \$'000
Reduction/(Increase) in Assets:		
Investments with the Exchange Fund	(13,273,189)	(14,559,294)
Deposits with banks	1,552	331
Advances	6,516	(11,895)
	(13,265,121)	(14,570,858)
Increase/(Reduction) in Liabilities:		
Deposits	(70,789)	(185,955)
	<u>(13,335,910)</u>	<u>(14,756,813)</u>

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Revenue, Expenditure and Fund Balance for the years ended 31 March 1999 to 2008

