

Funds Established under Section 29 of the Public Finance Ordinance

ANALYSES OF VARIANCE ON RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	2024-25			
	Original		Over/(Under)	
	Estimate	Actual	the Estimate	Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Capital Works Reserve Fund				
Receipts	157,303,956	147,364,047	(9,939,909)	(6.3)
Payments	154,370,456	151,954,819	(2,415,637)	(1.6)
Capital Investment Fund				
Receipts	1,456,000	1,957,913	501,913	34.5
Payments	5,450,500	5,366,500	(84,000)	(1.5)
Civil Service Pension Reserve Fund				
Receipts	2,067,000	2,072,360	5,360	0.3
Disaster Relief Fund				
Receipts	191,000	177,145	(13,855)	(7.3)
Payments	-	84,989	84,989	-
Innovation and Technology Fund				
Receipts	919,077	1,044,699	125,622	13.7
Payments	11,081,225	8,685,957	(2,395,268)	(21.6)
Land Fund				
Receipts	75,227,055	32,825,372	(42,401,683)	(56.4)
Payments	100,000,508	117,014,405	17,013,897	17.0
Loan Fund				
Receipts	1,327,021	1,684,975	357,954	27.0
Payments	2,674,564	2,473,939	(200,625)	(7.5)
Lotteries Fund				
Receipts	1,969,627	2,290,325	320,698	16.3
Payments	4,136,287	1,798,691	(2,337,596)	(56.5)
Bond Fund				
Receipts	25,378,400	12,626,431	(12,751,969)	(50.2)
Payments	88,896,197	78,958,911	(9,937,286)	(11.2)

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Capital Works Reserve Fund

The decrease of \$9,939.9 million in receipts was mainly due to the lower than expected land premium (\$19,398.3 million) and investment income (\$656.1 million), partly offset by the higher than expected proceeds from issuance of Government Bonds under the Government Sustainable Bond Programme and the Infrastructure Bond Programme (\$10,036 million).

The decrease of \$2,415.6 million in payments was mainly due to the lower than expected cash flow requirements for some works and non-works projects, including land acquisition (\$11,976.1 million), capital subventions and major systems and equipment (\$1,664.9 million), as well as repayment, interest and other expenses for Government Bonds under the Government Sustainable Bond Programme and the Infrastructure Bond Programme (\$4,969.5 million), partly offset by the higher than expected cash flow requirements for some works projects, including highways (\$4,960.9 million), buildings (\$3,889.4 million), new towns and urban area development (\$2,564.8 million), housing (\$2,426.2 million), drainage (\$1,127.6 million) and other payments (\$1,227.2 million).

Capital Investment Fund

The increase of \$501.9 million in receipts was due to the higher than expected loan repayments from the Hongkong International Theme Parks Limited (\$701.3 million), partly offset by the lower than expected receipts from dividends, interest and other receipts from investments/loans (\$166.8 million) and investment income (\$32.6 million).

The decrease of \$84 million in payments was due to the lower than expected equity injection to the Hongkong International Theme Parks Limited.

Civil Service Pension Reserve Fund

The increase of \$5.4 million in receipts was due to the higher than expected investment income.

Disaster Relief Fund

The decrease of \$13.9 million in receipts was due to the lower than expected transfer from the General Revenue Account (\$20 million) and investment income (\$1.2 million), partly offset by the higher than expected receipts from refund of grants (\$7.3 million).

No estimate of payment was made for the year as calls on the Fund in relief of disasters could not be predicted.

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Innovation and Technology Fund

The increase of \$125.6 million in receipts was due to the higher than expected receipts from investment income (\$65.4 million) and refund of grants (\$60.2 million).

The decrease of \$2,395.3 million in payments was due to the lower than expected cash flow requirement for Research, Academic and Industry Sectors One-plus Scheme (\$2,259.6 million) and the overall lower than expected cash flow requirements for some other funding schemes (\$135.7 million).

Land Fund

The decrease of \$42,401.7 million in receipts was mainly due to the lower than expected investment income brought back from the Future Fund.

The increase of \$17,013.9 million in payment was mainly due to the higher than expected transfer of fund to the General Revenue Account.

Loan Fund

The increase of \$358 million in receipts was mainly due to the higher than expected repayments from loans to students (\$373.9 million) and loans to schools/teachers (\$10.9 million), as well as higher than expected investment income (\$24.9 million) and surcharges on overdue loan repayment (\$3.1 million), partly offset by the lower than expected repayment from fisheries loans (\$52.4 million) and civil servant housing loans (\$3.8 million).

The decrease of \$200.6 million in payments was mainly due to the lower than expected loan payments for civil servant housing loans (\$273.6 million) and fisheries loans (\$33.5 million), partly offset by the higher than expected payments for loans to students (\$104.1 million) and the Comprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme (\$2.4 million).

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Lotteries Fund

The increase of \$320.7 million in receipts was due to the higher than expected receipts from Mark Six Lottery (\$281.5 million), investment income (\$40.5 million) and auctions of vehicle registration marks (\$1.4 million), partly offset by the lower than expected receipts from donations (\$2.7 million).

The decrease of \$2,337.6 million in payments was mainly due to the lower than expected cash flow requirements for various social welfare projects.

Bond Fund

The decrease of \$12,752 million in receipts was due to the lower than expected proceeds from issuance of bonds (\$13,000 million), partly offset by the higher than expected investment income (\$248 million).

The decrease of \$9,937.3 million in payments was mainly due to the lower than expected repayments for bonds, interest payments and periodic distribution payments for alternative bonds (\$9,936.7 million).