REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT



Independent Audit Report To the President of the Legislative Council

I certify that I have examined and audited the financial statements of the General Revenue Account set out on pages 20 to 31, which comprise the statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2014, and the statement of receipts and payments for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

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 about 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 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 of the General Revenue Account for the year ended 31 March 2014 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Public Finance Ordinance and section 11(1) of the Audit Ordinance.

David Sun Director of Audit

28 October 2014

Audit Commission 26th Floor Immigration Tower 7 Gloucester Road Wanchai, Hong Kong

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2014

	Note	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000
Assets			
Investments with the Exchange Fund	3	412,725,827	415,738,275
Deposits with banks	4	435,603	379,494
Cash and bank balances	5	3,582,332	3,273,636
Advances	6	2,674,114	2,519,239
		419,417,876	421,910,644
Liabilities			
Deposits	7	(16,557,997)	(17,110,200)
Suspense Accounts	8	(74,431)	(80,410)
		(16,632,428)	(17,190,610)
		402,785,448	404,720,034
Representing:			
General Revenue Balance			
Balance at beginning of year		404,720,034	360,659,538
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		(1,934,586)	44,060,496
Balance at end of year	9	402,785,448	404,720,034

Notes 1 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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Director of Accounting Services 15 August 2014



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

	Note	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000
Cash and bank balances at beginning of year		3,273,636	3,228,912
Revenue	10	349,233,774	350,200,032
Expenditure	11	(351,168,360)	(306,139,536)
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		(1,934,586)	44,060,496
Other cash movements	12	2,243,282	(44,015,772)
Cash and bank balances at end of year		3,582,332	3,273,636

Notes 1 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Martin SIU Director of Accounting Services 15 August 2014



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Purpose and Legislation

- (i) The Public Finance Ordinance (Cap. 2) provides for the control and management of the public finances of Hong Kong and for incidental and connected purposes. The General Revenue Account records moneys raised or received for the purposes of the Government (except where provided otherwise in other Ordinances) and appropriations of expenditure in accordance with the Appropriation Ordinance and the Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance.
- (ii) The Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the Statement of Receipts and Payments of the General Revenue Account constitute the statement of the assets and liabilities and the annual statement of the receipts and payments of the Government as specified in section 11(1)(a) and (b) of the Audit Ordinance (Cap. 122). These Statements exclude the assets and liabilities and the receipts and payments of the Funds established under section 29 of the Public Finance Ordinance, viz Capital Works Reserve Fund, Capital Investment Fund, Civil Service Pension Reserve Fund, Disaster Relief Fund, Innovation and Technology Fund, Land Fund, Loan Fund, Lotteries Fund and Bond Fund, for which separate financial statements are prepared.

2. Accounting Policies

- (i) The General Revenue Account is kept on a cash basis. Transactions are recorded when moneys are received or paid. The Statement of Assets and Liabilities does not include fixed assets, loans, investments other than those made under section 26 of the Public Finance Ordinance, and debtors and creditors other than those covered by sections 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27 and 30 of the Public Finance Ordinance.
- (ii) For the purposes of these financial statements, a contingent liability is defined as:
 - (a) a possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Government; or
 - (b) a present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognised because:
 - it is not probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; or
 - the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability.
- (iii) Foreign currency transactions during the year are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Foreign currency balances are translated into Hong Kong dollars at weighted average cost.

3. Investments with the Exchange Fund

(i) These are investments and deposits held under section 26 of the Public Finance Ordinance:

	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000
Investments (Note (ii) below)	412,705,816	415,471,751
Deposits	20,011	266,524
	412,725,827	415,738,275

3. Investments with the Exchange Fund (*Continued*)

(ii) The investments represent the cost of investments together with the investment income received in the year being reported. Effective from 1 April 2007, the investment income is calculated on the basis of the average annual investment return of the Exchange Fund's Investment Portfolio for the past six years or the average annual yield of three-year Exchange Fund Notes for the previous year subject to a minimum of zero percent, whichever is the higher. The investment income for the year ended 31 March 2014 was HK\$19.45 billion (2013: HK\$19.78 billion).

4. Deposits with Banks

These are Hong Kong dollar and foreign currency deposits placed with licensed banks in Hong Kong for investment under section 26 of the Public Finance Ordinance:

	2014	2013
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Hong Kong dollar	97,736	97,925
Foreign currency	337,867	281,569
	435,603	379,494

5. Cash and Bank Balances

These balances cover cash in hand, in transit, with banks and agents, and with public officers for operating standing or special imprest accounts as provided under section 22 of the Public Finance Ordinance.

6. 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:

	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000
Expenditure on Vietnamese migrants (Note (i) below)	1,161,991	1,161,991
Advances to Government officers	784,376	718,249
Payments on behalf of non-departmental public bodies, trading funds and non-statutory corporations wholly-owned by Government	375,246	370,797
Others	352,501	268,202
<u> </u>	2,674,114	2,519,239

(i) The sum of HK\$1,161.991 million is the outstanding balance of expenditure on Vietnamese migrants recoverable from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The last repayment, amounting to HK\$3.865 million, was received in February 1998. In January 1998, the High Commissioner for Refugees informed the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) that in the absence of further funding prospects, the repayment in February 1998 was the last reimbursement that the UNHCR could realistically foresee. If the UNHCR defaults on repayment of the outstanding advances, the Government of the HKSAR will not be able to enforce repayment through legal means as the UNHCR is immune from suit under the International Organizations and Diplomatic Privileges Ordinance (Cap. 190). Consequently, the full recovery of the amount due is doubtful.

During the financial year 2013-14, the Government of the HKSAR continued to pursue the repayment of the outstanding advances from the UNHCR and to urge it to make renewed efforts to look for donations with a view to settling the amount. So far, the Government of the HKSAR has not received any further repayments.

Efforts to press the UNHCR for early settlement of the outstanding advances will continue.

7. Deposits

These are moneys received from time to time from individuals or organisations under sections 23 and 24 of the Public Finance Ordinance for a variety of reasons and are in due course either repayable or transferable to General Revenue:

	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000
Tax reserve certificates	9,790,248	10,559,825
Water deposits	1,654,754	1,602,738
Tenancy deposits	1,499,403	1,264,486
Tax overpayments	681,649	842,653
Legal aid deposits	673,446	578,235
Private works	238,432	242,452
Others	2,020,065	2,019,811
	16,557,997	17,110,200

8. Suspense Accounts

These Suspense Accounts are established under Resolutions passed by the Legislative Council under section 30 of the Public Finance Ordinance:

	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000
Correctional Services Industries (Note (i) below)	17,898	14,281
Government Logistics Department — Unallocated Stores (Note (i) below)	10,534	9,195
The Special Coin (Note (ii) below)	(96,101)	(96,041)
The Financial Secretary Incorporated (Note (iii) below)	(6,762)	(7,845)
	(74,431)	(80,410)

- (i) The balances on the Correctional Services Industries Suspense Account and the Government Logistics Department Unallocated Stores Suspense Account represent the cost of stocks in hand.
- (ii) The balance on The Special Coin Suspense Account represents the unutilised balance of net proceeds arising from issuing and dealing with special and commemorative coins.
- (iii) The balance on The Financial Secretary Incorporated Suspense Account represents the net amount arising from dealing with the regrant or renewal of Government Leases and managing the properties comprised therein.

9. Contingent Liabilities

As at 31 March 2014, the Government had the following contingent liabilities:

- (i) guarantee to the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation for liabilities under contracts of insurance amounting to HK\$31,397 million (2013: HK\$29,475 million);
- (ii) guarantees provided under the SME Loan Guarantee Scheme amounting to HK\$7,610 million (2013: HK\$7,452 million);
- (iii) guarantees provided under the Special Loan Guarantee Scheme amounting to HK\$41,689 million (2013: HK\$50,955 million);
- (iv) guarantees provided under the SME Financing Guarantee Scheme Special Concessionary Measures amounting to HK\$26,531 million (2013: HK\$20,924 million); and
- (v) legal claims, disputes and proceedings amounting to HK\$4,170 million (2013: HK\$4,009 million).

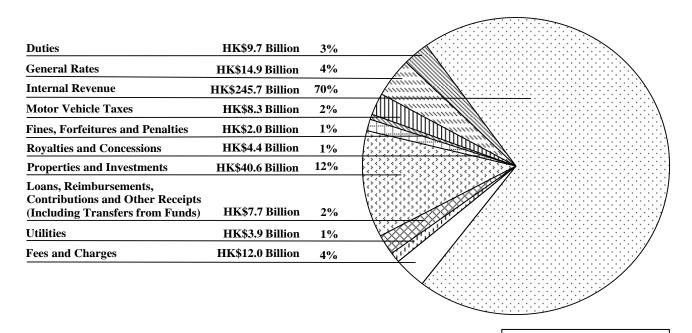
10. Revenue

Analysis of total revenue by Head:

			2014			
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Head		Estimate HK\$'000	Actual HK\$'000	the Estimate HK\$'000	Variance %	Actual HK\$'000
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1	Duties	8,795,794	9,720,205	924,411	10.5	8,976,510
2	General Rates	12,971,000	14,911,481	1,940,481	15.0	11,204,421
3	Internal Revenue					
	Profits tax	131,000,000	120,881,813	(10,118,187)	(7.7)	125,638,364
	Salaries tax	51,000,000	55,620,272	4,620,272	9.1	50,466,999
	Stamp duties	40,000,000	41,514,691	1,514,691	3.8	42,879,744
	Other internal revenue	25,975,970	27,702,750	1,726,780	6.6	25,068,003
		247,975,970	245,719,526	(2,256,444)	(0.9)	244,053,110
4	Motor Vehicle Taxes	7,651,649	8,338,007	686,358	9.0	7,466,089
5	Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties	1,057,466	1,956,821	899,355	85.0	1,208,474
6	Royalties and Concessions	3,532,472	4,426,309	893,837	25.3	2,736,265
7	Properties and Investments					
	Income from Investments with the Exchange Fund	-	19,452,290	-	-	19,782,999
	Others	-	21,147,290	-	-	19,738,660
		38,525,298	40,599,580	2,074,282	5.4	39,521,659
9	Loans, Reimbursements, Contributions and Other Receipts	9,594,676	7,713,160	(1,881,516)	(19.6)	19,756,500
10	Utilities	3,821,967	3,885,123	63,156	1.7	3,686,858
11	Fees and Charges	11,435,631	11,963,562	527,931	4.6	11,590,146
	Total	345,361,923	349,233,774	3,871,851	1.1	350,200,032

Further analysis of revenue appears on pages 108 to 116 of the Supporting Statements.

Analysis of Revenue for the year ended 31 March 2014



Total Revenue HK\$349.2 Billion

11. Expenditure

Analysis of total expenditure by Head:

		2014			2013	
	_	Original		Over/(Under)		
Head		Estimate	Actual	the Estimate	Variance	Actual
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	%	HK\$'000
21	Chief Executive's Office	94,481	94,464	(17)	-	92,388
22	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	1,579,239	1,149,867	(429,372)	(27.2)	1,964,540
25	Architectural Services Department	1,733,990	1,760,510	26,520	1.5	1,673,413
24	Audit Commission	137,368	138,253	885	0.6	132,968
23	Auxiliary Medical Service	75,158	74,287	(871)	(1.2)	71,961
82	Buildings Department	1,124,935	1,106,303	(18,632)	(1.7)	1,029,782
26	Census and Statistics Department	590,713	557,047	(33,666)	(5.7)	550,625
27	Civil Aid Service	96,253	96,196	(57)	(0.1)	88,351
28	Civil Aviation Department	853,813	855,633	1,820	0.2	832,351
33	Civil Engineering and Development Department	2,029,341	1,845,860	(183,481)	(9.0)	1,799,825
30	Correctional Services Department	3,235,902	3,278,777	42,875	1.3	3,140,130
31	Customs and Excise Department	3,107,689	2,960,851	(146,838)	(4.7)	2,768,626
37	Department of Health	5,580,318	5,606,137	25,819	0.5	4,991,733
92	Department of Justice	1,401,718	1,351,778	(49,940)	(3.6)	1,272,067
39	Drainage Services Department	1,996,348	2,000,981	4,633	0.2	1,939,166

11. Expenditure (Continued)

		2014			2013	
Head		Original Estimate HK\$'000	Actual HK\$'000	Over/(Under) the Estimate HK\$'000	Variance %	Actual HK\$'000
42	Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	509,032	502,948	(6,084)	(1.2)	379,035
44	Environmental Protection Department	3,132,891	7,961,302	4,828,411	154.1	2,732,201
45	Fire Services Department	4,691,796	4,676,837	(14,959)	(0.3)	4,482,731
49	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	5,200,542	5,329,353	128,811	2.5	5,004,521
46	General Expenses of the Civil Service	3,044,324	2,809,903	(234,421)	(7.7)	2,699,636
166	Government Flying Service	515,835	312,188	(203,647)	(39.5)	641,940
48	Government Laboratory	411,240	409,531	(1,709)	(0.4)	380,116
59	Government Logistics Department	526,171	511,954	(14,217)	(2.7)	504,657
51	Government Property Agency	1,889,157	1,866,265	(22,892)	(1.2)	1,735,985
143	Government Secretariat: Civil Service Bureau	499,173	484,380	(14,793)	(3.0)	464,775
152	Government Secretariat: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch)	1,539,475	1,480,694	(58,781)	(3.8)	1,326,011
55	Government Secretariat: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Communications and Technology Branch)	326,031	296,821	(29,210)	(9.0)	307,486
144	Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau	500,086	497,496	(2,590)	(0.5)	451,033
138	Government Secretariat: Development Bureau (Planning and Lands Branch)	763,645	537,452	(226,193)	(29.6)	622,041
159	Government Secretariat: Development Bureau (Works Branch)	472,729	396,795	(75,934)	(16.1)	329,303
156	Government Secretariat: Education Bureau	44,478,419	49,731,487	5,253,068	11.8	50,534,721
137	Government Secretariat: Environment Bureau	72,755	68,572	(4,183)	(5.7)	58,580
148	Government Secretariat: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (Financial Services Branch)	239,173	230,951	(8,222)	(3.4)	216,852

11. Expenditure (Continued)

		2014			2013	
Head	_	Original Estimate HK\$'000	Actual HK\$'000	Over/(Under) the Estimate HK\$'000	Variance %	Actual HK\$'000
147	Government Secretariat: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch)	1,812,850	4,531,500	2,718,650	150.0	14,486,536
139	Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)	80,496	74,809	(5,687)	(7.1)	58,414
140	Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau (Health Branch)	45,568,939	46,692,450	1,123,511	2.5	53,249,857
53	Government Secretariat: Home Affairs Bureau	1,393,644	16,388,205	14,994,561	1,075.9	1,302,385
155	Government Secretariat: Innovation and Technology Commission	559,228	550,979	(8,249)	(1.5)	533,963
141	Government Secretariat: Labour and Welfare Bureau	717,785	15,713,109	14,995,324	2,089.1	619,977
47	Government Secretariat: Office of the Government Chief Information Officer	671,357	670,825	(532)	(0.1)	627,154
142	Government Secretariat: Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary	739,840	701,076	(38,764)	(5.2)	669,577
96	Government Secretariat: Overseas Economic and Trade Offices	324,678	314,183	(10,495)	(3.2)	306,355
151	Government Secretariat: Security Bureau	313,589	276,674	(36,915)	(11.8)	251,931
158	Government Secretariat: Transport and Housing Bureau (Transport Branch)	169,179	179,998	10,819	6.4	146,961
60	Highways Department	2,475,061	2,485,815	10,754	0.4	2,361,588
63	Home Affairs Department	2,022,532	1,970,358	(52,174)	(2.6)	1,865,952
168	Hong Kong Observatory	247,367	245,768	(1,599)	(0.6)	239,103
122	Hong Kong Police Force	14,776,454	15,144,195	367,741	2.5	14,598,280
62	Housing Department	210,178	2,356,518	2,146,340	1,021.2	2,074,459
70	Immigration Department	3,546,855	3,602,630	55,775	1.6	3,380,067
72	Independent Commission Against Corruption	927,340	909,050	(18,290)	(2.0)	861,921
121	Independent Police Complaints Council	49,833	50,916	1,083	2.2	46,685

11. Expenditure (Continued)

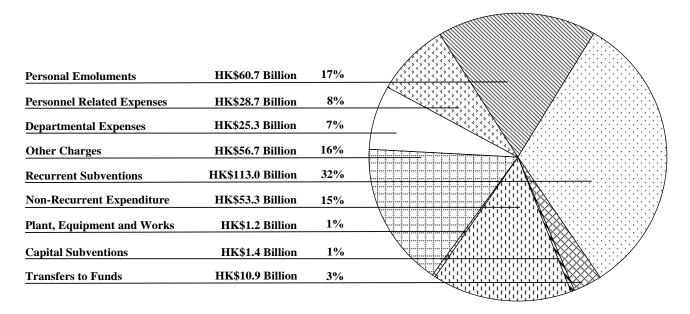
		2014			2013	
Head		Original Estimate HK\$'000	Actual HK\$'000	Over/(Under) the Estimate HK\$'000	Variance %	Actual HK\$'000
74	Information Services Department	405,986	391,215	(14,771)	(3.6)	382,516
76	Inland Revenue Department	1,431,999	1,331,804	(100,195)	(7.0)	1,265,192
78	Intellectual Property Department	121,505	121,601	96	0.1	113,448
79	Invest Hong Kong	116,913	116,135	(778)	(0.7)	113,675
174	Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service	30,070	30,251	181	0.6	27,537
80	Judiciary	1,272,125	1,198,624	(73,501)	(5.8)	1,147,414
90	Labour Department	2,040,432	1,641,286	(399,146)	(19.6)	1,436,590
91	Lands Department	2,071,602	2,087,882	16,280	0.8	1,992,005
94	Legal Aid Department	842,163	841,508	(655)	(0.1)	870,972
112	Legislative Council Commission	664,384	679,728	15,344	2.3	642,090
95	Leisure and Cultural Services Department	6,538,016	6,587,022	49,006	0.7	6,240,150
100	Marine Department	1,045,050	1,060,721	15,671	1.5	1,017,935
106	Miscellaneous Services	57,272,497	198,821	(57,073,676)	(99.7)	107,451
180	Office for Film, Newspaper and Article Administration	43,627	39,941	(3,686)	(8.4)	41,251
114	Office of The Ombudsman	99,540	102,461	2,921	2.9	99,085
116	Official Receiver's Office	155,159	139,798	(15,361)	(9.9)	133,875
120	Pensions	25,509,500	23,913,477	(1,596,023)	(6.3)	21,843,494
118	Planning Department	574,397	545,906	(28,491)	(5.0)	523,549
136	Public Service Commission Secretariat	20,059	20,434	375	1.9	18,329
160	Radio Television Hong Kong	754,288	723,177	(31,111)	(4.1)	615,328
162	Rating and Valuation Department	484,270	459,786	(24,484)	(5.1)	434,085
163	Registration and Electoral Office	94,315	81,784	(12,531)	(13.3)	548,589
169	Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance	18,014	16,855	(1,159)	(6.4)	15,928
170	Social Welfare Department	54,722,835	53,658,843	(1,063,992)	(1.9)	44,476,987
173	Student Financial Assistance Agency	5,016,294	4,917,424	(98,870)	(2.0)	4,589,213
181	Trade and Industry Department	770,088	803,082	32,994	4.3	707,043
186	Transport Department	2,035,872	1,852,711	(183,161)	(9.0)	1,558,120
188	Treasury	363,460	341,911	(21,549)	(5.9)	338,614

11. Expenditure (Continued)

		2014			
	Original		Over/(Under)		
Head	Estimate	Actual	the Estimate	Variance	Actual
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	%	HK\$'000
190 University Grants Committee	15,015,579	15,656,765	641,186	4.3	15,315,776
194 Water Supplies Department	6,810,214	6,873,476	63,262	0.9	6,570,580
	355,397,198	340,275,360	(15,121,838)	(4.3)	306,087,536
184 Transfers to Funds	743,000	10,893,000	10,150,000	1,366.1	52,000
Total	356,140,198	351,168,360	(4,971,838)	(1.4)	306,139,536

Further analyses of expenditure appear on pages 117 to 140 of the Supporting Statements.

Analysis of Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2014



Total Expenditure HK\$351.2 Billion

12. Other Cash Movements

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

	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000
Reduction/(Increase) in Assets		
Investments with the Exchange Fund	3,012,448	(43,033,935)
Deposits with banks	(56,109)	(96,337)
Advances	(154,875)	(104,062)
	2,801,464	(43,234,334)
Reduction in Liabilities		
Deposits	(552,203)	(737,386)
Suspense Accounts	(5,979)	(44,052)
	(558,182)	(781,438)
	2,243,282	(44,015,772)

Revenue, Expenditure and General Revenue Balance for the years ended 31 March 2005 to 2014

