

General Revenue Account

VARIANCE ANALYSIS BY REVENUE HEAD (FOR HEADS WITH ACTUAL REVENUE DIFFERENT FROM ORIGINAL ESTIMATES BY MORE THAN 10%)

Head 2 — GENERAL RATES

The decrease of \$3,941.8 million was mainly due to the additional rates concessions for the last two quarters of 2009-10.

Head 3 — INTERNAL REVENUE

The increase of \$30,484.2 million was mainly due to more receipts from stamp duties (\$17,382.6 million), salaries tax (\$6,055.4 million) and profits tax (\$5,605.4 million). This reflected the higher than expected turnover in stock market and the property market in 2009-10 and the higher than expected assessable profits and salary income in the year of assessment of 2008-09.

Head 4 — MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES

The increase of \$735.5 million was mainly due to the higher than expected number of vehicles subject to first registration in 2009-10.

Head 5 — FINES, FORFEITURES AND PENALTIES

The increase of \$170.3 million was mainly due to the higher than expected revenue from forfeiture cases.

Head 6 — ROYALTIES AND CONCESSIONS

The increase of \$592.3 million was mainly due to the cessation of revenue transfer by the Government to Hong Kong Link 2004 Limited for servicing securitisation bonds. The Government's financial obligations under the securitisation deal has been fully discharged after the transfer of toll revenue earned in October 2009 and the revenue transfer to Hong Kong Link 2004 Limited has been ceased thereafter.

Head 9 — LOANS, REIMBURSEMENTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

The increase of \$3,943.8 million was mainly due to the higher than expected receipts from the distribution of dividends from Hong Kong Cyberport Development Holdings Limited generated from the sales of private units in the Cyberport Project, and the actual proceeds from the sale of government properties.

Head 11 — FEES AND CHARGES

The decrease of \$1,633.8 million was mainly due to lower than expected receipts from fees and charges under Inland Revenue Department (\$873.5 million), Transport Department (\$414.3 million) and Customs and Excise Department (\$139.2 million) as a result of the following: the waiver of business registration fees for one year from 1 August 2009 under Inland Revenue Department; the waiver of vehicle licence fees for goods vehicles, trailers and some other vehicles for one year from 1 July 2009 under Transport Department; and lower than expected number of trade declarations processed by Customs and Excise Department in 2009-10.