

Public Finance
Appendix : The Budget of Hong Kong Government

Items	H K \$ Billion	
	Budget – 97 / 98	Budget – 98 / 99
Government Revenues	234.7	
Government Expenditures	203.0	
Public Expenditures	248.4	288.89
Expected Balance (Surplus)	31.7 (74.1)	
Consolidated Reserves (Fiscal reserves + Land Fund)	359.3	
Revenues from the sales of land	33.56 (71.9)	50.4
Growth in GDP (nominal term)	13.4	
Growth in GDP (real term)	5.0	
Growth in Public Expenditures (nominal term)	14.4	
Growth in Public Expenditures (real term)	6.9	
Public Expenditures (Fiscal Year) / G D P (Calendar Year)	18.3	19.2

By Policy Area Group	Budget – 1997 / 98		Budget – 1998 / 99	
	\$ Billion	Real Growth Rate	\$ Billion	Real Growth Rate
1 Education	45.30	7.7	53.2	1.4
2 Housing	32.14	16.0	48.92	52.1
3 Support	33.98	6.9	33.13	0.7
4 Health	28.20	5.7	31.47	5.6
5 Security	25.60	-3.1	27.34	4.4
6 Infrastructure	28.14	8.1	26.77	4.0
7 Social Welfare	21.20	9.1	26.25	10.6
8 Economic	11.60	3.4	19.26	33.1
9 Community & External Affairs	14.10	13.0	16.13	9.4
10 Environment	8.08	14.4	6.43	-14.9
Total Public Expenditures	248.4		288.89	

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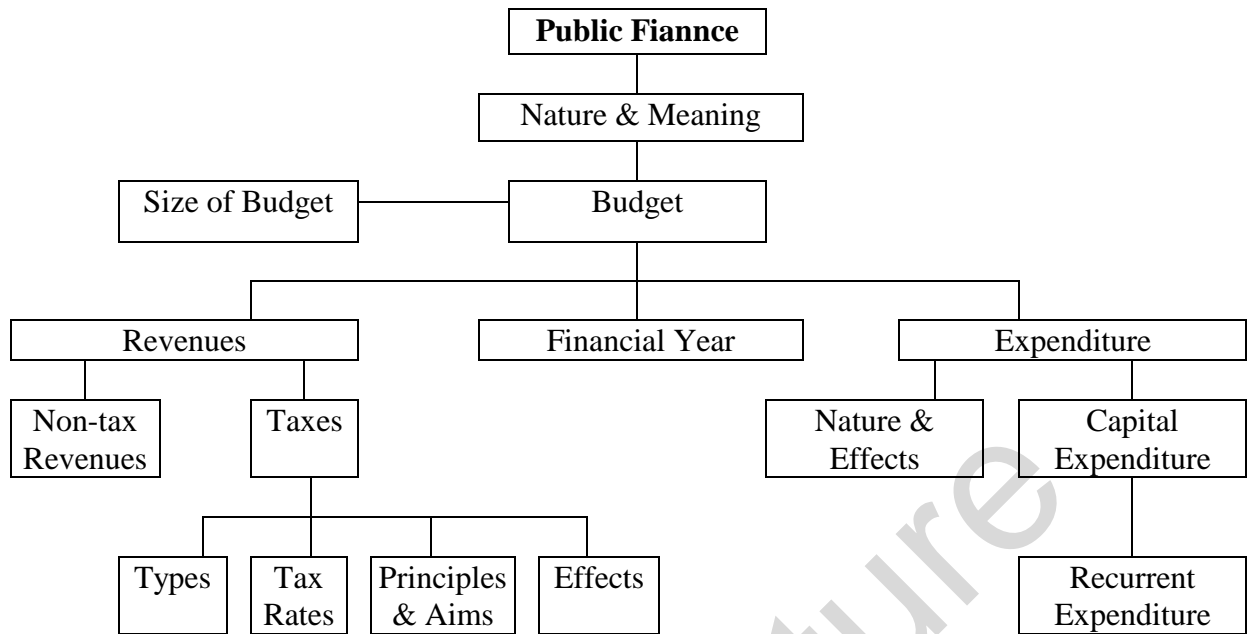
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	Budget – 98 / 99	Budget – 99 / 00
Government Revenues	212 830	205 100
Government Expenditures	245 096	241 600
Public Expenditures	275 125	301 300
Expected Balance (Deficit)	(322 66)	(365 00)
Reserves (458 000 in 97/98)	457 543	389 000
Growth in GDP (nominal term)	- 4.1	6.6
Growth in GDP (real term)	- 5.1	3.5
Growth in Public Expenditures (real term)	11.5	4.3
Public Expenditures (Fiscal Yr) / GDP (Calendar Yr)	21.3	21.3

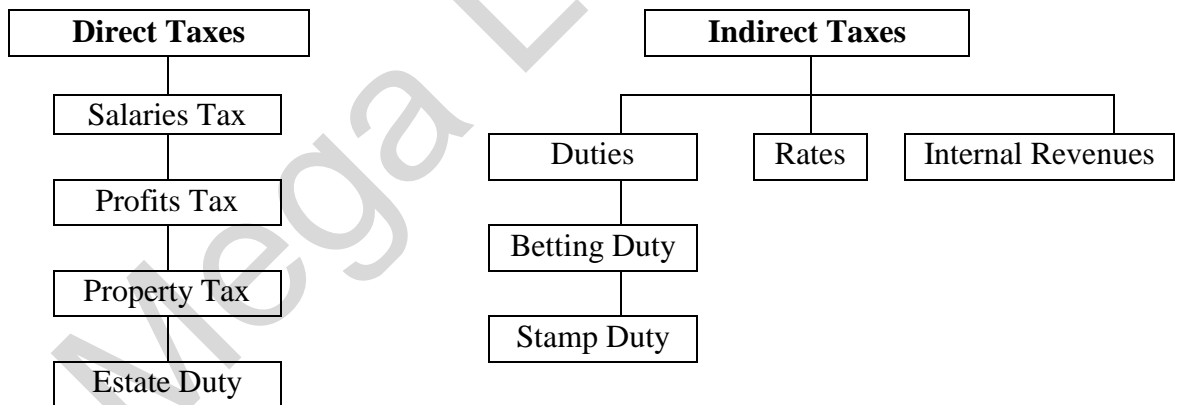
By Policy Area Group	Budget – 1998 / 99		Budget – 1999 / 00	
	\$ Million	Real Growth Rate	\$ Million	Real Growth Rate
1 Education	50 780	18.5	55 185	19
2 Housing	40 840	14.8	46 410	16
3 Support	30 670	11.2	33 830	11.7
4 Health	31 080	11.3	32 780	11.3
5 Security	26 030	9.5	28 080	9.7
6 Infrastructure	22 935	8.3	24 750	8.5
7 Social Welfare	26 940	9.8	30 700	10.6
8 Economic	24 600	8.9	16 115	5.6
9 Community & External Affairs	14 790	5.4	16 360	5.6
10 Environment	6 460	2.3	5 920	2.0
Total Public Expenditures	275 125		290 130	

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A Chart on Public Finance



Types of Taxes in Hong Kong



Revised Estimate of the Government Revenues 1998 / 1999 (By Source)

Items	Amount (HK\$ Million)	Percentage Share
Taxes :		
Direct Taxes	75 420	35 %
Indirect Taxes	40 128	19 %
Others	97 282	46 %
Total	212 830	100 %