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OVERVIEW

1. It has been the Government's practice to publish booklets detailing policy commitments and progress made against these pledges as part of the annual Policy Address exercise. In his Policy Address to be delivered on 8 January 2003, the Chief Executive will focus on the new Administration's policy programmes for the second term. For this reason, we have produced this report to account separately for progress made by the Government on the commitments in the 2001 Policy Objectives Booklet.

2. This report lists and presents all commitments in tabular form as was done on past occasions. By 30 June 2002, we have worked on a total of 1 368 commitments. The following paragraphs summarise the position reached.

On Target

3. The Government is well on target in meeting 1 309 of these commitments, or 96% of the total.

- We have already completed the implementation of 631 commitments.
- We are on schedule in implementing a further 578 commitments.
- We are actively reviewing 100 commitments where the pledges need adjustment to take account of changed circumstances. Some examples are the deferred offer of a second tranche of Government's shares in MTR Corporation Limited, the review of the need for the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Market Complex Phase 2, the re-appraisal of the case for providing additional day nursery places and the re-development of existing correctional institutions, pending the formulation of a longer-term plan.

Behind Schedule

4. There are also 59 commitments, or about 4% of the total, which are behind schedule. We have given reasons for the individual shortfalls in the report. These mainly involve delays in implementing works projects and in the processing of draft legislation which requires extensive consultation. Policy bureaux and departments are taking active steps to meet the outstanding commitments.

The Future

5. The arrival of politically accountable Principal Officials, the tight budgetary situation, and the emergence of new priorities will require a fresh appraisal of commitments not yet delivered by 30 June 2002. Indeed, this process has already started. The Government will make clear what the new plans are and report on their implementation in due course.

Department of Justice

1

Upholding the Rule of Law

Detailed Progress

1 Formulate and promote legal policy and advise Government on legal policy issues

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To provide Mainland legal officials with training in common law at the University of Hong Kong and placement in the Department of Justice and other law departments over the next three years (2002 to 2005) (Legal Policy Division, Department of Justice, (LPD, D of J))	To accept 12-15 Mainland legal officials as trainees each year for three years starting in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To conduct symposiums in the Mainland on the litigation systems in the Mainland and Hong Kong, covering a mock trial and a discussion session (LPD, D of J)	To conduct an annual symposium in the Mainland for three years starting in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To consider how to take forward the comprehensive review of legal education</p> <p><i>(LPD, D of J)</i></p>	<p>To consider in 2001 in conjunction with the Steering Committee on Legal Education, the report of the consultants, and to decide on further action to be taken</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To continue to promote knowledge within the Civil Service on the application of the Basic Law and the new constitutional order</p> <p><i>(LPD, D of J)</i></p>	<p>To jointly organise with the Civil Service Training and Development Institute (CSTDI) a series of general or thematic seminars in 2001-2002</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To continue to provide legal advice in respect of reports under international human rights conventions and covenants</p> <p><i>(LPD, D of J)</i></p>	<p>To advise on Hong Kong's report and attend the United Nations (UN) hearing on the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 2001-2002</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p>The hearing date has yet to be fixed by the UN.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<p>To take forward pilot training scheme for Mainland lawyers on HKSAR laws and legal system</p> <p><i>(LPD, D of J)</i></p>	<p>To accept 12 to 15 trainees each year for three years (1999-2002) starting in 1999</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

2 Provide advice on international law issues and handle requests for international legal co-operation

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To participate in multilateral negotiations at the Hague Conference on Private International Law directed towards settling the text of a multilateral agreement which will, among other things, provide for the reciprocal enforcement of judgments <i>(International Law Division, Department of Justice (ILD, D of J))</i>	To attend a further round of negotiations in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To increase Hong Kong's capacity to receive and render legal co-operation in criminal matters relating to the surrender of fugitive offenders, mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, and the transfer of sentenced persons <i>(ILD, D of J)</i>	To advise on the application of multilateral conventions to Hong Kong <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

3 Draft sound and enforceable legislation

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To review existing legislation to identify outdated and unclear provisions, and re-draft the provisions in plain and modern language</p> <p><i>(Law Drafting Division, Department of Justice (LDD, D of J))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To assess the scope of the work involved and draw up a work plan in 1999 <i>(1998)</i> ● To set up a special team in the 1998-1999 legislative session <i>(1997)</i> 	<p>Consensus reached with the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services of the Legislative Council that the re-drafting programme should be proceeded cautiously at a gradual pace.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<p>To complete the drafting of adaptation bills in respect of all the 640 ordinances</p> <p><i>(LDD, D of J)</i></p>	<p>To complete the drafting of adaptation bills in respect of all the 640 ordinances in the 1998-1999 legislative session <i>(1997)</i></p>	<p>Drafting work has been completed for about 93% of the ordinances that need to be adapted. Policy bureaux are examining the remaining ordinances to assess the implications.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

4 Provide legal advice to Government and other public bodies on civil law matters, undertake civil litigation and insider dealing inquiries and draft licences, franchises and contracts on commercial matters

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To develop a specialised team for inquiries into market misconduct to implement the related securities and futures legislation <i>(Civil Division, Department of Justice (CD, D of J))</i>	To establish a specialised team by 2002-03 <i>(2001)</i>	The related legislation has yet to commence. The need for a specialised team is likely to arise by 2004-05. <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i>
To draft, vet and advise on the Chinese versions of contracts, undertakings, tender documents, public franchises and other legal documents for Government <i>(CD, D of J)</i>	To ensure preparation of all legal documents to be used on a bilingual basis where necessary <i>(1998)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

5 Advise and decide whether or not criminal proceedings should be undertaken and prosecute cases in the courts

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To develop prosecution expertise in the effective combat of copyright crime <i>(Prosecutions Division, Department of Justice, (PD, D of J))</i>	To enhance the capacity of the existing specialist team for prosecution of intellectual property cases in 2001-2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To produce a new Prosecution Policy booklet to assist prosecutors, and to promote community understanding of public prosecutions <i>(PD, D of J)</i>	To publish the booklet by 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Administration Wing of the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office

2

Administrative Redress, Legal Aid and Sustainable Development

Detailed Progress

I Maintain public confidence in independent redress

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To enhance operational efficiency of the Office of The Ombudsman and to reinforce public confidence in its independence <i>(Administration Wing (Adm Wing))</i>	To work towards enacting The Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill 2001 in the 2001/2002 legislative session <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To expand the jurisdiction of The Ombudsman to cover more major statutory bodies <i>(Adm Wing)</i>	To consider expanding the jurisdiction of The Ombudsman to cover the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

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2 Provide efficient legal aid services

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To review the mechanism of obtaining feedback from customers of the Legal Aid Department (Legal Aid Department (LAD))	To complete the review in the second quarter of 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To establish a website on the Duty Lawyer Service (Duty Lawyer Service)	To launch the website by end-2001 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To establish a website on the services provided by the Official Solicitor's Office (Official Solicitor's Office, LAD)	To launch the website by early 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To set up a scheme whereby a legal aid applicant, who has passed the means test but is refused legal aid to appeal to the Court of Final Appeal, may be provided with funds to obtain a counsel's certificate to meet the requirement for lodging the appeal against legal aid refusal before a Review Committee (Administration Wing)	To discuss the scheme with the Legal Aid Services Council with a view to introducing it in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance the cost-effectiveness of the legal aid application processing system of the LAD (LAD)	To set up a working group by the fourth quarter of 2000 to review the legal aid application and means-testing processes and the related resource deployment of the LAD (2000)	(Action Completed)
To enhance efficiency of in-house litigation by the LAD (LAD)	To review the structure of the Litigation Division and rationalise its support services in 2000-2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To strengthen case management and improve cost control and resource allocation of the LAD (LAD)	To implement the Information Systems Strategy of the LAD (1999)	(Action Completed)

3 Maintain effective communication between the Government and the Legislature

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To maintain effective communication between the Administration and the Legislature</p> <p><i>(Administration Wing (Adm Wing))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To ensure the Chief Secretary for Administration meets the Chairman of the House Committee after each House Committee meeting to promptly discuss matters raised at the House Committee meeting ● To proactively attend meetings of LegCo, its committees and sub-committees to explain government policies and proposals in addition to upon LegCo's request <p><i>(1999, 1998 and 1997)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To seek ways to provide additional accommodation to LegCo to meet its long-term needs</p> <p><i>(Adm Wing)</i></p>	<p>To reach an understanding with LegCo on the proposal for additional accommodation within the present legislative term</p> <p><i>(1999, 1998 and 1997)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

4 Integrating sustainability in the Government and the community

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To annually update the baseline data contained in the Computer-Aided Sustainability Evaluation Tool used for sustainability assessment purposes (Administration Wing (Adm Wing))	To complete the first annual updating exercise in 2003 pursuant to the full operation of the assessment system in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To raise understanding and awareness of the concept of sustainable development among bureaux and departments (Adm Wing)	To organise seminars, workshops and training sessions for no less than 500 government officers in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To conduct studies and public consultation on sustainable development (Adm Wing)	To seek advice from the Council for Sustainable Development after its establishment on issues to be covered by studies and public consultation (2001)	The Council for Sustainable Development has yet to be established. (Action in Progress : Under Review)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To involve the public in building a sustainable community in Hong Kong</p> <p>(Adm Wing)</p>	<p>To recommend to the Council for Sustainable Development a set of guidelines for the use of the Sustainable Development Fund, with a view to making it operational in 2002</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>The Council for Sustainable Development has yet to be established.</p> <p>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</p>
<p>To disseminate information about sustainable development to the general public</p> <p>(Adm Wing)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To organise a series of publicity and community educational programmes in 2002 to raise public awareness of sustainable development ● To set up by end-2002 a dedicated website on sustainable development <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To establish effective institutional arrangements to ensure efficient and effective consideration of policies related to the environment and conservation</p> <p>(Adm Wing)</p>	<p>To establish consultative and promotional structures to encourage more sustainable approaches to development in 2000</p> <p>(1999)</p>	<p>The Council for Sustainable Development has yet to be established.</p> <p>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To ensure all major policy and strategic initiatives go through full assessment of their social, environmental and economic implications <i>(Adm Wing)</i>	By 2001 to require all major policy and strategic initiatives to undertake sustainability assessment before recommendations for decisions are made <i>(1999)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

5 Ensure an efficient service to support the Government Secretariat

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To relocate the offices of the Government Secretariat to the Tamar Basin Reclamation Site <i>(Administration Wing)</i>	● To create posts for the planning of the project and seek funds for its implementation in 1999-2000	● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
	● To complete the design competition of the new Central Government Complex in 2000 <i>(1998)</i>	● Instead of a design competition, we have decided to invite design concepts and other information through an open pre-qualification exercise, before we will invite tenders for the “design-and-build” contract. <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i>

6 Ensure efficient administration of the Consular Corps' affairs and reception of VIPs

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To streamline the management of consular affairs (Administration Wing)	To complete, as the first phase of the exercise, compilation of a set of consular procedures in 2000 (1999)	(Action Completed)

7 Maintain efficiency in the administration of government records

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To set up archives for still and moving images in the Public Records Office to offer integrated management of audio-visual heritage including government films, photographs, maps, plans and posters (Administration Wing (Adm Wing))	To set up the archives by 2003 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To allow efficient on-line and Internet access to the archival and library holdings of the Public Records Office (Adm Wing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To work out system requirement and to prepare for data preparation and system testing in mid-2001 ● To implement the system in phases starting from late 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)

Efficiency Unit, Chief Secretary for Administration's Office

3

Continuous Improvement in Public Services

Detailed Progress

I Improve productivity and quality of service

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
<p>To develop proposals to extend the call centre concept beyond environmental hazards and cleanliness issues</p> <p><i>(Efficiency Unit (EU))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To identify and agree the second phase of work by mid-2002 ● To implement the second phase by end-2002 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To develop proposals for a unified contact centre supported by a shared database that will provide consistency of information and customer convenience</p> <p><i>(EU)</i></p>	<p>To have the proposals ready for consultation by end-2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To take forward the management changes of the Survey and Mapping Office</p> <p><i>(the then Planning and Lands Bureau/EU)</i></p>	<p>To implement changes by end-2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

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Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To identify and develop best practices to improve the way the public and private sectors work together to deliver public services</p> <p><i>(EU/the then Management Services Agency (MSA))</i></p>	<p>To research and publish a number of practical guides in 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To identify opportunities and develop proposals on private sector involvement and other productivity improvements</p> <p><i>(EU/MSA)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To identify at least 20 opportunities during 2002 ● To develop proposals for some 50% of the opportunities for discussion/approval during 2002 ● To implement 80% of the developed proposals within an identified time frame ● To conduct post-implementation reviews to confirm that the targetted productivity and service improvements are achieved <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To conduct management improvement projects within departments to improve flexibility, service quality and operational efficiency (MSA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct at least 20 management improvement projects during 2002 ● To assist in implementing improvement measures arising from such projects as appropriate ● To conduct post-implementation reviews to confirm that the targetted improvements are achieved <p>(2001)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

2 Facilitate better performance measurement

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To support policy bureaux in improving performance measures <i>(Efficiency Unit (EU))</i>	To respond to all requests from bureaux <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To scope the potential of an Executive Information System to provide a hierarchy of performance information from Policy Objectives to departmental initiatives <i>(EU)</i>	To develop detailed proposals by mid-2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To develop a risk management and assurance service <i>(EU/the then Management Services Agency)</i>	To develop detailed proposals and implementation plan by end-2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To continue to implement models for measuring community and customer satisfaction to provide up-to-date data on Government's performance <i>(EU)</i>	To extend the models to cover 15 bureaux and departments by end-2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To develop a mechanism and collect data to assess public sector productivity and provide high-level targets <i>(EU)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To develop a mechanism by end-2001 ● To collect data and set targets by end-2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i> ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)

3 Building support for the Serving the Community Programme

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To develop and implement proposals for training modules and programmes</p> <p><i>(Efficiency Unit (EU)/ the then Management Services Agency)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To organise a series of seminars on private sector involvement in 2002-03 ● To organise eight workshops on performance measurement by end-2002 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To promote and recognise improvements in service quality and productivity through an awards scheme</p> <p><i>(EU)</i></p>	<p>To organise the second Productivity Achievement Awards by end-2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To provide opportunities for departments to demonstrate to the public their support for the Serving the Community Programme</p> <p><i>(Civil Service Bureau/ EU)</i></p>	<p>To organise a Serving the Community Festival in January 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To develop EU' s webpage as a communication tool for promoting best practice in the management and delivery of public services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To organise all reference material and practical guides on EU' s webpage for Civil Service access and downloading by end-2001 	● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
(EU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To launch a newsletter on EU' s webpage by end-2002 	● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
	(2001)	

4 Develop proposals and secure support

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To carry out surveys to assess the level of understanding and support for public sector reform within the Civil Service <i>(Efficiency Unit (EU))</i>	To complete surveys by end-2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

5 Implement programmes and monitor results

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To implement the Integrated Call Centre for Environmental Hazards and Cleanliness <i>(Efficiency Unit (EU))</i>	To have the Call Centre operational for the first tranche of services by mid-2001 and fully operational by mid-2002 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To take forward corporatisation of the Survey and Mapping Office <i>(the then Planning and Lands Bureau/EU)</i>	To introduce into the Legislative Council a bill on the corporatisation of the Survey and Mapping Office in 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	To keep options for management changes under review. <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i>

Civil Service Bureau

4

Management of the Civil Service

Detailed Progress

1 Modernise the policy and practice applicable to the management of the Civil Service

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To study and explore the feasibility of developing a new medical and dental benefits scheme for new recruits (Civil Service Bureau (CSB))	To complete the feasibility study by early 2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To review the implementation of the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (CSB)	To complete the review by mid-2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To explore the feasibility of widening the use of a common language examination by different grades which recruit degree holders (CSB)	To complete the feasibility study by mid-2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)

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Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To strengthen training and development programmes to support the Civil Service Reform Initiatives, including training of staff for redeployment</p> <p><i>(CSB/Civil Service Training and Development Institute)</i></p>	<p>To launch a three-year programme from 2001-2002 to 2003-2004 to help civil servants to —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● develop a self-development and learning culture to cope with the rapid changes associated with a knowledge-based and technology-oriented society and to keep in step with the enhanced service culture in the Civil Service Reform ● develop the necessary skills and knowledge to meet the latest service requirements ● cope with job transition and redeployment for staff in individual grades <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To develop a Civil Service Provident Fund scheme as a new retirement benefits system for recruits to the Civil Service</p> <p><i>(CSB)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete a consultancy study on the design of a Civil Service Provident Fund scheme ● To take forward a Civil Service Provident Fund scheme for recruits <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To review the exit arrangements to meet present-day circumstances (CSB)	To streamline the procedures for the removal of non-performers (1999)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To update the policy and practices governing the payment of various job-related allowances and overtime and related allowances (CSB)	To complete a review and implement any changes (1999)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To develop a strategy to streamline the provision of clerical services within Government (CSB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To implement the strategy with effect from 2000 ● To assess regularly the effectiveness of the new strategy in meeting departments' needs for clerical services from 2000 (1998)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To set up a review board to advise the Chief Executive on certain representations addressed to him relating to appointment, dismissal and discipline of civil servants as he thinks fit (CSB)	To establish the framework for the review board in 1998 (1997)	<p>The existing appeal channels are operating effectively and there is no immediate need to establish a standing review board. We shall keep the matter under review.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

2 Equip staff with the skill, knowledge and ability to deliver an efficient service to the community

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To promulgate guidelines for departments and grades to draw up their annual training and development plan</p> <p><i>(Civil Service Bureau (CSB)/Civil Service Training and Development Institute (CSTDI))</i></p>	<p>To assist departments and grades to draw up their training and development plans by developing and promulgating a Guide on Formulation of Annual Training and Development Plan, and organising workshops and experience-sharing sessions in early 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To publish a Directorate Personal Development Guide to encourage directorate officers to draw up their Personal Development Plan so that they can lead by example the culture of continuous learning in the Civil Service</p> <p><i>(CSB/CSTDI)</i></p>	<p>To distribute a Personal Development Guide to all directorate officers by early 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

3 Promote a culture focused on achieving results

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To review civil service rules and procedures with a view to identifying further scope for delegation of authority on civil service management matters from the Civil Service Bureau to other bureaux/departments and for simplification/streamlining of procedures (Civil Service Bureau (CSB))	To complete the review in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To organise a “Customer Service Excellence Award” Scheme to further promote a quality service culture in the Civil Service (CSB)	To organise an award presentation cum exhibition in early 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To produce a 13-part TV series on dedicated civil servants serving the community (CSB)	To launch the TV series in late 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To introduce progressively elements of a performance-based reward system into the Civil Service (CSB)	To initiate trial schemes in selected departments and grades (1999)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

4 Uphold the integrity of the Civil Service

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>Together with the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), to provide assistance to government departments to sustain a culture of probity through the civil service integrity management programme</p> <p><i>(Civil Service Bureau (CSB)/Independent Commission Against Corruption)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To organise jointly with the ICAC a forum on current integrity challenges for senior government officials in 2002 ● In collaboration with the ICAC, to assist departments, through training programmes and publicity efforts in 2002 and 2003, to reinforce the culture of probity among civil servants <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To explore the scope for further shortening the processing time of disciplinary cases</p> <p><i>(CSB)</i></p>	<p>To complete the review and implement further streamlined procedures in 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To review the existing performance management and disciplinary rules and introduce measures to enhance management responsibility at the supervisory level in the Civil Service</p> <p><i>(CSB)</i></p>	<p>To complete the review and implement measures in 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To promote civil service integrity jointly with the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) by assisting government departments to implement departmental integrity programmes</p> <p>(CSB)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To set up an electronic information and resource centre to facilitate departmental managers to access ethics development materials such as rules and regulations on integrity management in 2001-2002 ● To organise, in conjunction with the ICAC, workshops or experience-sharing sessions for departmental managers on common integrity issues in 2001-2002 <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

5 Promote staff well-being

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To strengthen promotional programmes and training to enhance awareness of the importance of safety and health of staff at work <i>(Civil Service Bureau)</i>	To organise a series of seminars and exhibitions to enhance staff's awareness of job-related hazards and promote implementation of precautionary measures against potential hazards at work in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau

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Broadcasting and Film Services (formerly under the then Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau)

Detailed Progress

1 Provide a transparent, predictable and proportionate framework of law and regulation

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To further relax regulatory restrictions on television broadcasting licensees <i>(the then Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau (ITBB))</i>	To review in 2002-2003 the provisions in the Broadcasting Ordinance governing “disqualified persons” for holding broadcasting service licences <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To step up public education and enforcement of the COIAO <i>(Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority (TELA))</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To set up a parent’s resources centre and to engage non-governmental organisations in organising educational activities to promote protection of youths from obscene and indecent materials in 2002 ● To co-organise with the professional bodies, voluntary agencies and concerned groups a major Symposium on Protection of Children On-line in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To bring the regulatory framework for sound broadcasting services under the technology-neutral Broadcasting Ordinance (ITBB)	To commence consultation by end-2000 with a view to introducing legislative amendments in the 2001-2002 legislative session (2000)	(Action Completed)
To strengthen protection of youths from obscene and indecent materials (ITBB/TELA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To introduce legislative amendments in 2001 to implement the policy proposals arising from the 2000 Review of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance (COIAO) ● To conduct a public opinion survey in 2000-2001 on the classification standards generally accepted by the community (2000, 1999 and 1998) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CITB is carefully considering the diverse views of the public received in the consultation exercise. (Action in Progress : Under Review) ● (Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To step up public education and enforcement of the COIAO</p> <p>(TELA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To produce Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) for broadcast on television and other publicity materials in 2001 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Publicity materials produced. The production of the API is intended to tie in with the implementation of policy proposals arising from the review of the COIAO. Since we are still considering the views received in the consultation exercise, the production of the API will be rescheduled until the review is completed. <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To increase the number of talks and seminars for parents, students and youth organisations to 70 in 2001 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To co-organise with non-governmental organisations in 2001 at least three major events for students to enhance their awareness of the harmful effects of obscene and indecent materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To increase the number of TELA inspections at retail outlets to 45 000 in 2001 <p>(2000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To explore the introduction of digital terrestrial television (DTT) services in Hong Kong</p> <p><i>(ITBB)</i></p>	<p>On satisfactory completion of DTT technical trials, to determine in 2000 a DTT standard for adoption</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>We will conduct a second round consultation in early 2003, taking into account latest market and technological developments, before finalising the regulatory framework in 2003.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<p>To develop a licensing framework for direct-to-home (DTH) services using the four high-power broadcasting-satellite service (BSS) channels assigned by the International Telecommunication Union to Hong Kong</p> <p><i>(ITBB/Office of the Telecommunications Authority)</i></p>	<p>To draw up the licensing framework in 2000</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

2 Create an open and competitive market for the broadcasting industry

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To facilitate consumers' access to new broadcasting and multi-media services</p> <p><i>(Office of the Telecommunications Authority)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct a consultation in 2002 on the policy, technical and regulatory issues relating to set-top boxes with a view to ensuring that such equipment provided by different service operators are inter-operable and inter-connectable ● To review, in 2002, the frequency channel allocation plan of in-building coaxial cable distribution systems (IBCCDS) promulgated in the Statement of the Telecommunications Authority in July 1999 to cater for digitisation and introduction of new telecommunications and broadcasting services <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We aim to conduct the consultation immediately after we have finalised the policy decisions on digital terrestrial broadcasting to ensure that set-top boxes will not impede competition in a digital environment. <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To prepare an accounting manual to facilitate the separation of licensees' accounts for their broadcasting and telecommunications businesses</p> <p><i>(Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority)</i></p>	<p>To issue the accounting manual in 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p>The accounting manual will be ready for issue in 2003.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>

3 Foster the development of the local broadcasting and film industries

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To promote understanding of the broadcasting industry and regulatory issues in a technologically-convergent environment <i>(Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority (TELA))</i>	To conduct a sector-wide seminar and a briefing session in 2002-2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To enhance the technological and professional standards of the local film industry <i>(TELA)</i>	To encourage and facilitate the organisation of more training programmes, particularly on the application of digital technology, by tertiary institutions and film industry organisations in 2001-2002 to meet the training needs of the local film industry <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To promote film financing for the local film industry and encourage financiers to take part in film financing <i>(TELA)</i>	To organise in late 2001 or early 2002 a major symposium on film financing for local film industry and financiers <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To explore further means to assist the film industry in film financing</p> <p>(TELA)</p>	<p>To encourage the provision of training programmes on completion bond, documentation and scheduling by relevant organisations to enhance the transparency of film production and to provide more assurance to financial institutions in providing film financing</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To facilitate applications for the provision of television services under the new regulatory regime to be established under the Broadcasting Bill</p> <p>(the then Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau/TELA)</p>	<p>To issue guidance notes on applications for the new categories of licences upon the enactment of the Broadcasting Bill</p> <p>(1999)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

4 Champion the growth of Hong Kong as a broadcasting and film production centre

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To make available the eight broadcasting-satellite service (BSS) channels assigned to Hong Kong by the International Telecommunication Union in 2000 for the delivery of new broadcasting and multi-media services</p> <p><i>(Office of the Telecommunications Authority)</i></p>	<p>To gauge market response to the eight BSS channels in 2002-2003</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To facilitate location shooting in Hong Kong</p> <p><i>(Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority (TELA))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To co-ordinate the processing by relevant departments of applications under the new mechanism for film-makers to apply for lane closures for location filming ● To maintain an updated database on film production services at the Resource Centre of the Film Services Office and on the Film Services Office's website <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To rally the public's support for location filming in Hong Kong (TELA)	To organise a territory-wide publicity campaign "Support Filming in Your Community" from July to December 2001 to rally the public's support and cooperation for location filming in Hong Kong (2001)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To promote Hong Kong films overseas (TELA)	To facilitate the organisation of more promotional activities for Hong Kong films overseas (2001)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Competitive and Knowledge-based Industries

**(formerly under the then Commerce and
Industry Bureau)**

Detailed Progress

1 Promote innovation and improved technology in manufacturing and service industries

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
<p>To enhance the institutional capability of the Innovation and Technology Commission to spearhead Hong Kong's drive to become a world-class, knowledge-based economy</p> <p><i>(the then Commerce and Industry Bureau (Innovation and Technology Commission) (CIB (ITC))</i></p>	<p>To provide stronger professional support for policy development and for theme-based solicitation arrangement under the Innovation and Technology Fund, through engaging additional technology consultants and professional staff starting from 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To promote technological entrepreneurship and foster a culture of innovation and technology in the community</p> <p><i>(CIB (ITC))</i></p>	<p>● To launch a large scale Innovation Expo in November 2001 to sustain public awareness and interest in innovation and technology</p>	<p>● <i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To promote and publicise the technology start-up companies funded by the Innovation and Technology Fund and the Applied Research Fund by organising two investment forums and publicising successful stories in 2002 ● To participate in two major technology fairs and exhibitions in 2002 <p>(2001)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed) ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
<p>To develop science and technology indicators to provide an objective and quantitative basis for innovation-and-technology policy formulation and evaluation, manpower planning and benchmarking our science and technology capabilities with other economies</p> <p>(Census & Statistics Department)</p>	<p>To start preparatory work in 2001-2002 with the indicators being published in phases starting from the second half of 2001-2002</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

2 Maximise Hong Kong's access to high-tech products

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To implement fully the Chemical Weapons Convention in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region so as to achieve the international standard of control of chemical products</p> <p><i>(the then Commerce and Industry Bureau/Trade and Industry Department/Customs and Excise Department/Government Laboratory)</i></p>	<p>To enact legislation and put in place related administrative arrangements in 1999-2000</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>The Chemical Weapons (Convention) Bill was introduced into the Legislative Council in November 2001.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>

3 Develop a world-class support infrastructure for manufacturing and service industries

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To develop the fourth industrial estate <i>(the then Commerce and Industry Bureau (Innovation and Technology Commission) (CIB (ITC)))</i>	To start detailed planning for the fourth industrial estate at Tseung Kwan O Area 137 in late 2001 <i>(2001)</i>	We have decided not to proceed with the development of a fourth industrial estate but the concept of land bank will be explored under a “Hong Kong 2030” study by the Planning Department. <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i>
To build up the institutional capability of the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute (ASTRI) to support its research and development (R&D) programme <i>(CIB (ITC))</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To build up ASTRI’s R&D capability and human resources in 2002 ● To plan for the development of ASTRI’s permanent building to be located at the Science Park in 2002 <i>(2001)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To develop the research programme of the ASTRI <i>(CIB (ITC))</i>	To initiate the first ASTRI research project in 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To support the development of the Chinese medicine industry, in particular its research capability, through the Hong Kong Jockey Club Institute of Chinese Medicine Limited</p> <p>(CIB (ITC))</p>	<p>To develop the research programmes of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Institute of Chinese Medicine Limited and to initiate its first research project in 2001</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To gain global recognition for the measurement standards and calibration capabilities of the Standards and Calibration Laboratory (SCL) through its participation in the “Global mutual recognition arrangement” operated by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM Global MRA)</p> <p>(CIB (ITC))</p>	<p>SCL’s capabilities in the areas of mass, dimension, temperature, electromagnetic and frequency measurements, to be listed in the technical schedules of the BIPM Global MRA in 2001</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>SCL’s capabilities in the areas of mass, dimension and electromagnetic measurements are now listed in the technical schedules of the Global MRA. BIPM has not finalised its timetable for listing for the remaining measurement areas.</p> <p>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</p>
<p>To adopt the new international standards for quality system (ISO 9000:2000) and laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025:1999) in Hong Kong</p> <p>(CIB (ITC))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) to extend the accreditation of seven certification bodies to cover certification to ISO 9000:2000 in 2001 	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HKAS to conduct 100 reassessments for laboratories using ISO/IEC 17025:1999 as criteria in 2001 <p>(2000)</p>	
<p>To plan for and provide new industrial infrastructure, viz. –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the Science Park (Phase Two) 	<p>To complete the construction of new industrial infrastructure on schedule, i.e., to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● start design and planning work in 2001-2002 and to open Phase Two in 2004-2005 <p>(2000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the Science Park (Phase One) <p>(CIB(ITC))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● bring Phase One of the Science Park on stream in 2001 <p>(1998)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>

4 Provide support for small and medium enterprises

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To expand the SME Information Centre and enhance its virtual centre on the Internet to provide more diversified and comprehensive services, particularly advisory services</p> <p><i>(Trade and Industry Department (TID))</i></p>	<p>To open the expanded centre in the fourth quarter of 2001</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To implement recommendations of the Small and Medium Enterprises Committee's Report on support measures for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) including the following four funding schemes —</p> <p>(a) SME Business Installations and Equipment Loan Guarantee Scheme</p> <p>(b) SME Development Fund</p> <p>(c) SME Training Fund</p> <p>(d) SME Export Marketing Fund</p> <p><i>(TID)</i></p>	<p>To launch the four funding schemes by early 2002, and start implementing other recommendations from the end of 2001</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To assist SMEs to learn from the experience of successful businesses through a pilot Mentorship Programme for SMEs (TID)	To review the effectiveness of the programme after a year, that is, by 2001, to decide whether, and, if so, how the programme should be conducted in the long run (2000)	(Action Completed)

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Information Technology

**(formerly under the then Information
Technology and Broadcasting Bureau)**

Detailed Progress

1 Enhance our world-class e-business environment

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
<p>To promote the Digital 21 Strategy so as to enhance Hong Kong's position as a leading digital city in the globally connected world</p> <p><i>(the then Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau (ITBB)/Information Technology Services Department (ITSD))</i></p>	<p>To implement an on-going publicity programme from end-2001 to promote the Digital 21 Strategy overseas so as to enhance Hong Kong's position as a leading digital city in the globally connected world</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To promote the development of Chinese Internet domain name registration in Hong Kong</p> <p><i>(ITBB/ITSD)</i></p>	<p>To encourage and facilitate the introduction of the registration of Chinese Internet domain name in Hong Kong in 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p>An international standard for Chinese Internet domain names has yet to emerge. The Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation, which is responsible for the administration of Internet domain names in Hong Kong, is examining the subject.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To review the Electronic Transactions Ordinance (ITBB/ITSD)	To conduct the review in 2001 and, where necessary, introduce a bill to amend the legislation in 2002 (2001)	As diverse views had been received during the public consultation on the review, it has taken a longer time to consider the comments received and finalise the proposed amendments to the Ordinance. A bill will be introduced in the 2002-03 legislative session. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)
To promote the adoption of e-business in the private sector (ITBB/ITSD)	To implement sector-specific promotional programmes starting from end-2001/early 2002 to encourage the adoption of e-business in the private sector, targeting especially SMEs (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To enhance the accessibility of government websites to Chinese communities outside Hong Kong so as to help facilitate cross-border e-business with these communities (ITBB/Information Services Department/ITSD)	To develop a simplified character version for government websites in 2002 to enhance their accessibility to Chinese communities outside Hong Kong, in particular the people in Mainland, thus helping to facilitate the development of e-business with these communities (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To keep the administration and assignment of Internet domain names and Internet protocol addresses in line with international development trends so as to promote the extensive use of the Internet</p> <p><i>(ITBB/ITSD)</i></p>	<p>To facilitate the establishment of the new arrangements in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To collect the relevant statistics to assess the usage of IT in business and the development of the IT industry locally</p> <p><i>(ITBB/ITSD/Census & Statistics Department)</i></p>	<p>To conduct annual surveys on the use of IT in the business community starting from 2000</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To oversee and co-ordinate the development of the Cyberport at Telegraph Bay</p> <p><i>(ITBB)</i></p>	<p>To ensure the timely completion of the Cyberport by phases from late 2001/early 2002 to end-2003, and to put in place the institutional arrangements for the selection of tenants and for the future management of the Cyberport</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

2 Ensure that the Government leads by example

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To introduce new medium for delivery of public services online under the ESD Scheme <i>(the then Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau (ITBB)/Information Technology Services Department (ITSD))</i>	To provide ESD services through the mobile medium in 2002 in addition to personal computers and public kiosks <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To facilitate the community in obtaining public services electronically <i>(ITBB/ITSD)</i>	To provide e-option for 90% of public services which are amenable to the electronic mode of delivery by end-2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To drive e-procurement within the Government <i>(ITBB/Government Supplies Department (GSD)/ITSD)</i>	To commence in 2002 the development of an electronic marketplace for carrying out e-procurement of lower value purchases for various departments <i>(2001)</i>	GSD is conducting a trial use of e-Marketplace/ e-Shops with a view to determining the way forward for the development of a Government Electronic Marketplace System. A review will be conducted after completion of trial in September 2002. <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To use IT to provide a new channel for the Government to communicate interactively with the community</p> <p><i>(ITBB/Information Services Department (ISD)/ITSD)</i></p>	<p>To launch in 2002 an online news bulletin to put out government news, interviews and information through multi-media and to communicate interactively with the community in an innovative manner</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To revamp the Government Information Centre (GIC) website for development into a one-stop Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government online portal</p> <p><i>(ITBB/ISD/ITSD/the then Management Services Agency)</i></p>	<p>To revamp the GIC website in 2002 to provide user-friendly access to government information and services</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To provide IT facilities to civil servants and drive G2E and G2G applications</p> <p><i>(ITBB/ITSD)</i></p>	<p>To implement an accessibility programme to provide IT facilities to civil servants from 2002 to facilitate access to information and G2E/G2G applications</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To promote a paperless, electronic government <i>(ITBB/ITSD)</i>	To extend the coverage of the Government Office Automation (GOA) Programme from the original target of 10 000 officers to 23 000 officers by April 2004 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To enhance government IT infrastructure to support the wider adoption of electronic transactions <i>(ITBB/ITSD)</i>	To complete the enhancement by April 2003 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To co-ordinate and implement a phased programme for adopting inter-departmental and intra-departmental electronic transactions to promote the use of IT within the Government <i>(ITBB/ITSD)</i>	To implement several common inter-departmental and intra-departmental electronic transactions by April 2002 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To co-ordinate and implement the Confidential Mail Programme within government so that confidential materials can be transmitted electronically <i>(ITBB/ITSD)</i>	To complete the implementation of the Confidential Mail Programme by end-2002 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide more government services online through the implementation of the Electronic Service Delivery (ESD) Scheme (ITBB/ITSD)	To implement additional ESD applications in 2001-2002 and in subsequent years (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

3 Develop our workforce for the information economy

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide professional IT training for secondary students (<i>Information Technology Services Department/ Education Department</i>)	To collaborate in 2002 with world-renowned IT companies to provide professional IT training to secondary students (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To organise exchange/ internship programmes focusing on IT for local students and IT-related employees to enhance their exposure and international outlook (<i>the then Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau (ITBB)</i>)	To work together with local bodies and universities as well as overseas renowned IT companies and prestigious universities to launch a pilot exchange/internship programme focusing on IT in 2002 for local students and IT-related employees (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To encourage overseas Hong Kong students and professionals in IT field to return to work in Hong Kong (<i>ITBB</i>)	To implement a structured programme starting from end-2001 to attract overseas Hong Kong students and professionals in IT field to return to work in Hong Kong, thus strengthening IT manpower supply (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)

4 Strengthen our community for digital exploitation

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance the accessibility of government websites <i>(the then Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau (ITBB)/Information Technology Services Department (ITSD))</i>	To explore the development of text-to-speech translation services and a sound version for government websites in 2002 in order to facilitate the blind, the visually impaired, and senior citizens to access government online information <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To support professional bodies in the IT industry to organise activities to help address the issue of digital divide <i>(ITBB/ITSD)</i>	To collaborate with professional bodies in the IT industry in 2002 and 2003 to promote the adoption of web accessibility guidelines in private sector websites so as to facilitate access by the blind and the visually impaired <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To provide basic IT training to the general public to enhance their IT awareness so as to help address the issue of digital divide <i>(ITBB/ITSD/Home Affairs Department)</i>	To organise an IT awareness programme in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To collect the relevant statistics to assess the usage and development of IT in the community <i>(ITBB/ITSD/Census & Statistics Department)</i>	To conduct annual household surveys on the use of IT in the community starting from 2000 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

5 Leverage our strengths in exploitation of enabling technologies

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To exploit smart card technology <i>(the then Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau (ITBB)/Information Technology Services Department (ITSD))</i>	To develop value-added applications for riding on smart identity cards to be issued in 2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To exploit mobile computing technologies in enhancing off-site operations of departments <i>(ITBB/ITSD/the then Management Services Agency)</i>	To roll out a series of pilot projects in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To exploit public key technology in driving the development of mobile commerce <i>(ITBB/Hongkong Post)</i>	To roll out mobile digital certificates for secure mobile commerce by end-2001 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To exploit voice recognition technology in the delivery of public services <i>(ITBB/ITSD)</i>	To implement a pilot scheme in 2002 for providing public services using voice recognition technology <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To encourage and support the establishment of a link between Hong Kong and the Internet2 network to promote research and development work on the Internet and to develop Hong Kong into an Internet hub in the region</p> <p><i>(ITBB/ITSD/University Grants Committee)</i></p>	<p>To help set up the link in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

International Trade and Business Centre

**(formerly under the then Commerce and
Industry Bureau)**

Detailed Progress

1 Promote global free trade

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To negotiate a Free Trade Agreement with New Zealand (Trade and Industry Department (TID))	To conclude the negotiation (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To achieve progressive liberalisation of trade in a wide range of services sectors and to seek the best possible market access for our services industries in the next round of services negotiations which will commence no later than the year 2000 (TID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct more than 20 seminars, meetings and working sessions with policy bureaux and departments concerned, and with the relevant trade and professional associations, for the purpose of formulating Hong Kong's negotiating strategies and action plans ● To participate in more than 80 meetings and negotiating sessions in the WTO (1999)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To assume the chairmanship of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) from October 1999 to late 2001 to further promote economic co-operation in the Pacific region through its various activities, including hosting the Fourteenth General Meeting (PECC XIV) in late 2001</p> <p><i>(the then Commerce and Industry Bureau)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To lead PECC into the 21st century and help set the scene for PECC activities in the next millennium ● To actively participate and contribute in PECC task forces/forums/project groups covering different areas, including trade policy, Pacific economic outlook and financial market development 	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
	<i>(1999)</i>	

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To prepare for and actively participate in the preparatory work for the launching of a new round of multilateral trade negotiations in the WTO by the turn of the century</p> <p><i>(TID)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct three to five seminars and roundtable discussions for the purpose of promoting the WTO and consulting the trade on their wishlists for broad-based multilateral trade negotiations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct 20 to 30 expert group meetings and working sessions to collate and analyse input from the trade, policy bureaux and departments for the purpose of formulating negotiating strategy and action plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To participate in more than 100 negotiating meetings/sessions <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

2 Facilitate trade

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance Hong Kong's trading and economic relations with Guangdong <i>(the then Commerce and Industry Bureau (CIB))</i>	To consider the establishment of an Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To introduce market competition in the provision of electronic data interchange services for processing Government trade-related documents from 2004 <i>(CIB)</i>	To appoint additional service providers in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To further promote the use of intelligence and risk management in operations conducted by the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) <i>(Customs and Excise Department)</i>	To establish an intelligence branch in C&ED in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To review the import and export licensing requirements with a view to streamlining the licensing processes <i>(CIB)</i>	To launch the review in 2001-2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To introduce electronic data interchange (EDI) service for dutiable commodities permits (CIB)	Pilot run and launch of service in 2001 (2000)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To introduce EDI service for cargo manifests (CIB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pilot run in the second half of 2001 ● Launch of service in the first half of 2002 (2000)	<p>It has taken more time than expected to resolve industry's concerns about service charges and some operational issues. We plan to launch EDI services for cargo manifests formally in the first quarter of 2003.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>
To help our industries and businesses enjoy a better operating environment in the Mainland, particularly the Pearl River Delta (CIB)	<p>To help our industries and businesses by pursuing, through our regular contacts with Mainland authorities, measures aimed at improving the environment for businesses operating in the Mainland, particularly the Pearl River Delta</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

3 Protect intellectual property rights

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To review the Copyright Ordinance <i>(the then Commerce and Industry Bureau (CIB))</i>	To formulate a long-term solution to address the issues arising from the implementation of the Intellectual Property (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2000 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To liberalise parallel importation of computer software <i>(CIB)</i>	To enact the necessary legislative amendments in 2001-2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To strengthen public education on intellectual property rights <i>(Intellectual Property Department (IPD))</i>	To carry out public education activities on an on-going basis <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To set up a computer forensic laboratory to provide support to frontline enforcement officers in tackling Internet piracy and other computer crime problems <i>(Customs and Excise Department)</i>	To set up the laboratory by 2002 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To offer to host an APEC Intellectual Property Expert Group Meeting/Conference in Hong Kong (IPD)	To play host in 2001-2002 (2000)	(Action Completed)

4 Maintain a business-friendly environment

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To commission helping business studies and regulatory impact assessments</p> <p><i>(the then Commerce and Industry Bureau (CIB))</i></p>	<p>To complete ten studies/ assessments within 2002, including —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a feasibility study on a proposed integrated e-trade system ● a study on the feasibility of bulk billing functionality for rates and government rent ● departmental business studies for the Environmental Protection Department and the Transport Department <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To improve the licensing procedures and requirements for lotteries, tombola, amusements with prizes, and trade promotion competitions</p> <p><i>(Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority (TELA))</i></p>	<p>To implement within 2000 the improvements identified in an earlier study</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To improve the licensing requirements for massage establishments</p> <p><i>(Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF))</i></p>	<p>To implement the relevant improvements before the end of 2001</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To conduct research into existing regulatory regimes</p> <p><i>(CIB)</i></p>	<p>To consider 25 areas of potential study at each quarterly meeting of the relevant Business Advisory Group sub-group</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To improve the licensing procedures and requirements of Amusement Games Centres, Public Dance Halls, Dancing Schools and Mah-jong/Tin Kau Establishments</p> <p><i>(TELA)</i></p>	<p>To complete action within 1999</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>Recommendations involving procedural changes were implemented administratively in 1998. Action to improve the licensing procedures and requirements for Mah-jong/Tin Kau Establishments has been completed. Implementation of other items requiring legislative amendments are being considered, taking into consideration public views received.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To improve the application procedures for waivers to temporarily relax restrictions contained in leases of land</p> <p><i>(Lands Department (Lands D))</i></p>	<p>To complete action by 2001</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>Most of the recommendations of an earlier study have been implemented by 2001. Lands D is still considering the feasibility of contracting out the processing of such applications and associated lease enforcement work.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To streamline the licensing requirements for local vessels</p> <p><i>(Marine Department (MD))</i></p>	<p>To complete action by 2001</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>Work is in hand to amend the related legislation so as to streamline the licensing requirements. Due to the complexity of the legislative amendments, MD expects to complete action by mid-2003.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To streamline the management of public cargo working areas</p> <p><i>(MD)</i></p>	<p>To complete action by 2001</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

5 Enhance Hong Kong's position as a pre-eminent services centre in the region

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To collaborate with the Airport Authority in developing a new International Exhibition Centre at Chek Lap Kok <i>(the then Commerce and Industry Bureau (CIB)/ Invest Hong Kong)</i>	To support the Airport Authority in inviting expressions of interest within 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To set up a \$100 million funding scheme to help raise the standard of Hong Kong's professional services <i>(CIB)</i>	To seek within 2001-02 the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council for the scheme <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To collaborate with professional services bodies to set up a website to help promote Hong Kong's professional services <i>(CIB)</i>	To launch the website within 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To organise promotional activities to help Hong Kong's professional services sector develop business in the Mainland</p> <p><i>(CIB/The Office of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in Beijing/Hong Kong Trade Development Council)</i></p>	<p>To organise in 2002 promotional activities in a number of major cities in the Mainland</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To organise an economic forum bringing businessmen, academics, officials, politicians and media editors together</p> <p><i>(CIB)</i></p>	<p>To organise the forum in early 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To devise and launch a publicity campaign to build up youngsters' confidence in Hong Kong's economic future and promote their understanding of a knowledge-based services economy</p> <p><i>(CIB)</i></p>	<p>To launch the campaign within 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To implement the 2000-2001 Action Agenda which comprises the following initiative —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To promote eco-tourism and improve the quality of life in Hong Kong by devising an aggressive programme for both heritage conservation and nature conservation, using bold initiatives like bonus plot ratio, lower or waived premium, transfer of development rights, etc. <p><i>(the then Economic Services Bureau/ Tourism Commission)</i></p>	<p>To complete the initiative within 2001-2002 —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conclude the exercise and submit recommendations within 2001 <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Environment, Transport and Works Bureau needs more time to review the nature conservation policy as complicated issues such as land use and planning matters are involved. ● The Home Affairs Bureau is now reviewing policy on heritage preservation. <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

6 Attract external direct investment

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To promote to potential investors Hong Kong's image as the leading international business centre in Asia, through organising large-scale general and sector-specific business events <i>(Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK))</i>	To successfully organise the East Asia Economic Summit of the World Economic Forum and host the Forbes Global CEO Conference in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To boost investment promotion in the Mainland <i>(InvestHK)</i>	To establish an Investment Promotion Unit in the Mainland <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To negotiate new Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements <i>(the then Commerce and Industry Bureau/Trade and Industry Department)</i>	To commence negotiations in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Telecommunications

**(formerly under the then Information
Technology and Broadcasting Bureau)**

Detailed Progress

1 Provide the necessary regulatory framework and set standards for telecommunications in Hong Kong

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To take an active part in the development of new standards in multilateral fora with Hong Kong's requirement in mind (Office of the Telecommunications Authority(OFTA))	To implement Phase II of the APEC Mutual Recognition Arrangement for telecommunications equipment by 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To implement the improved regulatory framework provided under the Telecommunication (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (OFTA)	To issue in 2000-2001 the guidelines as required under various provisions of the Telecommunication (Amendment) Ordinance 2000, including those for licence applications under the streamlined licensing regime (2000)	(Action Completed)
To establish and implement the licensing framework for third generation mobile communication services (OFTA)	To issue in 2001 licences for the provision of third generation mobile communication services (2000)	(Action Completed)

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To set quality standards for metering and billing accuracy for public telecommunications operators (OFTA)	To stipulate the required standards and implement a quality control system in 2001 with support and input from licensees through an industry forum (2000)	(Action Completed)
To develop and implement standards appropriate to Hong Kong so that the industry can adopt the most modern technology to improve services (OFTA)	To implement the APEC Mutual Recognition Arrangement for telecommunications equipment by 2000 (1999)	(Action Completed)

2 Create an open and competitive telecommunications market

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To introduce further competition in the local wireline-based Fixed Telecommunications Network Services (FTNS) market</p> <p><i>(Office of the Telecommunications Authority)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete in 2002 the licensing exercise for new local wireline-based FTNS for operation from 1 January 2003 <p><i>(2001)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To invite in 2001 licence applications for operation of local wireline-based FTNS from 1 January 2003 <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To promote fair competition in the telecommunications sector</p> <p><i>(the then Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau)</i></p>	<p>To implement the regulatory framework on effective competition, and provide support for the new independent appeal channel under the Telecommunications (Competition Provisions) Appeal Board</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

3 Facilitate the development of an open, integrated broadband telecommunications network

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To set up new industry fora and prepare industry/statutory code of practice for broadband network roll-out (Office of the Telecommunications Authority(OFTA))	To complete in 2002 the implementation of all measures identified in the 2000 “broadband interconnection” review (2001)	(Action Completed)
To improve access to buildings for the extension of coverage of the broadband telecommunications network (OFTA)	To step up publicity and liaison efforts in 2000-2001 to facilitate the wireline and wireless broadband network operators to have access to buildings to extend the coverage of their networks (2000)	(Action Completed)

4 Establish Hong Kong as a world-class telecommunications centre

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To host an international telecommunications exhibition cum conference ITU TELECOM ASIA 2002 organised by the International Telecommunication Union</p> <p><i>(the then Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau)</i></p>	<p>To facilitate the staging of “ITU TELECOM ASIA 2002” in end-2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To improve the radio communication environment</p> <p><i>(Office of the Telecommunications Authority)</i></p>	<p>In 2001, to implement an automated Direction Finding (DF) system to enhance the efficiency of interference investigation activities and to establish an information database on radio stations in Hong Kong and Guangdong to more effectively handle cross-boundary interference</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Constitutional Affairs Bureau

Confidence in the Constitutional Arrangements

Detailed Progress

I Ensure the full implementation of the Basic Law and promote better understanding of the Basic Law

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To conduct another survey to assess public awareness and understanding of the Basic Law, evaluate the effectiveness of past promotional efforts and identify means to promote the Basic Law (<i>Constitutional Affairs Bureau (CAB)</i>)	To carry out the survey in the first half of 2002 (2001)	We reviewed the timing for carrying out the survey in consultation with the Census and Statistics Department and decided that the survey should be included in the Department's Thematic Household Survey in the last quarter of 2002. Survey now in progress. (<i>Action in Progress : Under Review</i>)
To launch a focused and intensive publicity programme to increase people's understanding of specific provisions of the Basic Law (<i>CAB</i>)	To carry out the publicity programme in 2001–2002 and 2002–2003 (2000)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To facilitate and advise bureaux and departments on the full and faithful implementation of the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law including —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the requirements and arrangements for reporting to the Central People's Government (CPG) (e.g. laws enacted, budget documents, etc.) ● the application of national laws to the HKSAR in accordance with the Basic Law ● matters relating to the CPG/HKSAR Government relationship in respect of the Adaptation of Laws <p>(CAB)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide advice which is consistent with the relevant provisions of the Basic Law <p>(1998 and 1997)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To co-ordinate and consolidate the HKSAR Government's views on any proposed amendments to the list of national laws in Annex III to the Basic Law <p>(1998 and 1997)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To assume a co-ordinating role and reflect the views of relevant policy bureaux and departments relating to the requirements in the Basic Law for consultation between the CPG and the HKSAR Government <p>(1997)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To facilitate HKSAR's discussions with the relevant Mainland authorities on the establishment of mutual juridical assistance (in criminal, civil and commercial matters) in accordance with the Basic Law</p> <p>(CAB)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide advice which is consistent with the relevant provisions of the Basic Law <p>(1998 and 1997)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To facilitate the conduct of discussions with the Mainland authorities to establish arrangements for mutual juridical assistance such as service of judicial documents <p>(1998)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To facilitate the promotion of public awareness and understanding of the Basic Law and provide secretariat support to the Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee and co-ordinate the implementation of the action plans endorsed by the Committee</p> <p>(CAB)</p>	<p>To provide quality secretariat support to the Committee, and to facilitate and co-ordinate promotional activities organised by bureaux and departments</p> <p>(1998 and 1997)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

2 Facilitate the maintenance and further development of cordial and constructive working relationship with the Central People’s Government, other Mainland authorities (including provincial and municipal authorities) and the Macao Special Administrative Region Government

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To advise on and facilitate official exchanges with the Macao Special Administrative Region (MSAR) Government <i>(Constitutional Affairs Bureau (CAB))</i>	To help ensure that official exchanges with the MSAR Government are smooth and effective and conducted in the spirit of mutual respect and equality <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To advise bureaux and departments on developing and maintaining an effective working relationship with their Mainland counterparts, by — ● advising on the proper handling of official contacts with the Mainland authorities, and as necessary assisting in making such contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide advice which is consistent with the relevant provisions of the Basic Law and the “One Country, Two Systems” principle ● To encourage as appropriate direct contacts between HKSAR Government officials and their Mainland counterparts 	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● encouraging bureaux and departments to visit the Mainland or to organise visits to the HKSAR by Mainland officials, and advise them on the arrangements relating to the visits <p>(CAB)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To encourage as appropriate official visits by HKSAR Government officials to the Mainland <p>(1998)</p>	
<p>To strengthen ties between the HKSAR Government and the Guangdong authorities by acting as the HKSAR Government's co-ordinator for the Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference and the Cross-Boundary Liaison System</p> <p>(CAB)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To ensure the smooth functioning of these channels ● To co-ordinate discussion of major issues of co-operation between Hong Kong and Guangdong at the Joint Conference and between the relevant experts <p>(1998)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

3 Facilitate HKSAR’s continued and active participation in the international arena

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To facilitate and advise on the conduct of HKSAR’s external affairs. Specifically, to —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● advise on the full implementation of international rights and obligations arising from the international agreements applicable to the HKSAR● consolidate views within the HKSAR Government on the application of international agreements to the HKSAR● advise on the need to obtain the authorisation of the Central People’s Government (CPG) for the negotiation and conclusion of international agreements with foreign states, regions and international organisations	<p>To provide advice which is consistent with the relevant provisions of the Basic Law and the “One Country, Two Systems” principle</p> <p>(1998 and 1997)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● advise on matters relating to the implementation of consular conventions in the HKSAR and the management of the consular corps ● advise on matters relating to the establishment in the HKSAR of foreign semi-official missions which requires CPG's permission ● advise on matters relating to HKSAR's participation in international organisations and conferences and the hosting of international conferences <p><i>(Constitutional Affairs Bureau (CAB))</i></p>		

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To develop further our working relationship with the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR (MFA Office) by —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● acting as the focal point of contact between the HKSAR Government and the MFA Office on matters relating to the conduct of HKSAR's external affairs, or foreign affairs relating to the HKSAR ● consolidating information provided or requests made by the HKSAR Government to the MFA Office where the subject matters cut across more than one policy area <p>(CAB)</p>	<p>To ensure the HKSAR Government maintains a cordial and constructive working relationship with the MFA Office that is consistent with the “One Country, Two Systems” principle</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

4 Ensure continual development of the electoral systems

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To make suitable practical arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Chief Executive election (<i>Constitutional Affairs Bureau (CAB)</i>)	To conduct the election on 24 March 2002 (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To maintain the records of electors in voter registers as up-to-date as practicable (CAB)	To identify and consider feasible measures and work out an implementation plan in 2001 (2000)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To examine the feasibility of introducing an automatic voter registration system (CAB)	To identify problems associated with automatic registration and work out possible solutions in 2001 (2000)	We have identified issues associated with automatic voter registration and are considering the way forward. We will convey our position to the Legislative Council (LegCo) when we present the amendment bill for the 2004 LegCo elections. (<i>Action in Progress : Under Review</i>)
To examine the desirability and feasibility of a political party law in the light of our evolving electoral systems and the political situation of Hong Kong (CAB)	To commence the study after the LegCo election in 2000, with a view to assessing the desirability and feasibility of a political party law (1999)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)

5 Provide input and support to the review on how, under the leadership of the Chief Executive, the accountability of principal officials for their respective policy portfolios can be enhanced

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide input and support to the review on how, under the leadership of the Chief Executive, the accountability of principal officials for their respective policy portfolios can be enhanced. (Constitutional Affairs Bureau)	To facilitate the satisfactory completion of the review (2001)	(Action Completed)

Economic Development and Labour Bureau

Air and Sea Transport and Logistics Services

**(formerly under the then Economic Services
Bureau)**

Detailed Progress

1 Develop and promote Hong Kong's position as a preferred international and regional transportation and logistics hub

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To progressively expand Hong Kong's air services network (the then Economic Services Bureau (ESB))	To conduct negotiations or reviews on at least 15 air services agreements or arrangements in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To further strengthen Hong Kong's air links with the Pearl River Delta (ESB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct further review on the air services arrangement between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2002 ● To start discussions with the Macau Special Administrative Region in 2002 regarding an air services arrangement between the two SARs (2001)	(Action Completed)

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To formulate a plan to strengthen Hong Kong's role as the preferred international and regional transportation and logistics hub, based on the findings of three strategic studies —</p> <p>—Port Development Strategy Review completed in September 2001</p> <p>—Strategic Overview of Major Airport Developments Study completed in September 2001</p> <p>—Study to Strengthen Hong Kong's Role as the Preferred International and Regional Transportation and Logistics Hub completed in September 2001</p> <p><i>(ESB/Port and Maritime Board/Airport Authority)</i></p>	<p>To formulate the plan in 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To undertake research and promotional work to strengthen Hong Kong's position as a leading port, maritime centre, transportation and logistics hub</p> <p><i>(ESB)</i></p>	<p>To undertake research and promotion projects in 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

2 Develop and improve services of the Hong Kong International Airport

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To proceed in phases with the development of the “Sky City” at the Hong Kong International Airport (Airport Authority (AA))	To complete the first phase of the “Sky City” in 2005-2006 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To follow up on the recommendations of Strategic Overview of Major Airport Developments Study, including the provision of additional cargo handling facilities, gradual upgrade/ expansion of the Passenger Terminal Building and advance planning for the development of midfield facilities (AA)	To ensure that the facilities and services of the airport will continue to be able to meet demand (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

3 Develop and improve services of the Hong Kong port

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To conduct a study on future port development in Hong Kong <i>(Port and Maritime Board)</i>	To commission the study in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

4 Promote safety and efficiency in air transport

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To implement the recommendations made by the review team of the United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority, in order to continue to provide high-standard air traffic control services and to cater for the rapid growth in air traffic <i>(Civil Aviation Department (CAD))</i>	To complete implementation by the end of 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To implement the restructuring of the flight routes over the South China Sea, in order to improve flight efficiency and to cater for growth in air traffic in the region <i>(CAD)</i>	To complete implementation by the end of 2001 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To convert the current ground-based air traffic control and communications system to satellite-based Communications, Navigation and Surveillance/Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) systems to enhance flight safety and efficiency <i>(CAD)</i>	To commence trial in 2000 <i>(1999)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

5 Promote safety and efficiency in maritime transport

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To implement the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended in 1995 (Marine Department (MD))	To complete implementation in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To implement the International Safety Management Code on cargo ships registered in the Hong Kong Shipping Register (MD)	To complete implementation in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To assist developing countries to enhance their maritime safety standards (MD)	To arrange one or two training courses annually for marine administrators from developing countries in co-operation with the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in Hong Kong (2000)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To fulfil our obligation to the IMO on training and certification of Vessel Traffic Regulators (MD)	To complete the accreditation of the training and certification facility in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To modernise and rationalise the aids to navigation in the waters of Hong Kong (MD)	To complete the programme in 2003 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To contract out to private operators the provision of launches required for patrolling purposes (MD)	As a pilot scheme for evaluation, two commercial vessels are to be hired and used as patrol launches in 2001-2002 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To prepare regulation for the implementation of third party insurance to local vessels in Hong Kong (MD)	To complete drafting of the regulation in 2000 (1999)	Drafting work is in progress. We are exploring alternatives in enshrining the third party insurance requirement, bearing in mind the need to ensure parity in treatment of Hong Kong vessels and vessels from elsewhere which operate in Hong Kong waters. (Action in Progress : Under Review)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To establish a marine traffic control station on Green Island</p> <p>(MD)</p>	<p>To secure funding for setting up the station by early 1999 and to build the station and install the associated equipment by late 2000</p> <p>(1998 and 1997)</p>	<p>In 2000, the scope of the project was revised from building a physical control station to a virtual station. The target set in 2001 was to complete the virtual station by the end of 2002.</p> <p>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</p>
<p>To replace the ageing equipment in the existing Vessel Traffic Services system and upgrade the system with advance equipment and technology</p> <p>(MD)</p>	<p>To complete the project by late 2001</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

6 Promote efficiency and user friendliness of Marine Department's services

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide a one stop service to the shipowners for the issue of Authority to Operate to radio personnel holding foreign qualifications (Marine Department (MD))	To provide the service by the end of 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To extend the use of Personal Digital Assistant system to improve the efficiency of inspection of local vessels by developing software in-house (MD)	To complete the project in the second half of 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To carry out a feasibility study on Marine Department's e-business system (MD)	To complete the study in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To carry out a study on rationalisation of the mooring facilities for ships visiting Hong Kong (MD)	To complete the study in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)

7 Develop and promote Hong Kong’s international air and sea transportation links and logistics facilities

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To promote the attraction of Hong Kong as a port by reducing tax liabilities of foreign shipping lines</p> <p><i>(the then Economic Services Bureau (ESB))</i></p>	<p>To negotiate three Double Taxation Agreements (DTAs) on shipping profits with our business partners in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To enhance dual runway mode of operation to increase capacity</p> <p><i>(Civil Aviation Department)</i></p>	<p>To achieve a declared runway capacity of 40 movements per hour by end-1999 and to progressively increase it to 50 movements per hour by 2001</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

8 Develop and improve the Hong Kong port

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance the position of Hong Kong as a major international shipping centre <i>(Port and Maritime Board/Marine Department)</i>	To make direct marketing calls to local and overseas shipping companies to promote the services of the Hong Kong Shipping Register <i>(1998)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

**Energy, Postal Services,
Meteorological Services,
Competition and Consumer Protection**
(formerly under the then Economic Services
Bureau)

Detailed Progress

1 Administer regulatory arrangements for the energy sector

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To encourage/ co-ordinate efforts of concerned Government bureaux and departments in enhancing competition in the fuel market <i>(the then Economic Services Bureau)</i>	To ensure timely follow-up to the Competition Subcommittee's recommendations by concerned Government bureaux and departments <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

2 Ensure energy needs are met efficiently and safely

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To strengthen the regulatory requirements for gas safety (<i>Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (E&MSD)</i>)	● To introduce regulations for a new gas appliance approval scheme into the Legislative Council by 2002	● (<i>Action Completed</i>)
	● To step up enforcement of the Gas Safety Ordinance and related regulations in 2001 by increasing random inspections	● (<i>Action Completed</i>)
	● To complete the review of the penalty provisions under the Gas Safety Ordinance and its related regulations in 2001 and to introduce, as appropriate, legislative amendments into the Legislative Council by 2002 (2000)	● Penalty review under consideration having regard to the current economic climate. (<i>Action in Progress : Under Review</i>)
To increase public awareness of electrical and gas safety (<i>E&MSD</i>)	To carry out a series of publicity programmes in 2001-2002 (2000)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To implement the Certificate of Safety Compliance Scheme for electrical products on sale in Hong Kong (E&MSD)	To ensure compliance with the scheme through intensified market surveillance and product sampling of over 30 models of electrical products per year (2000)	(Action Completed)
To work out the post 2008 regulatory regime for our electricity supply sector after expiry of the current Scheme of Control Agreements (the then Economic Services Bureau (ESB)/ E&MSD)	To examine options and map out the broad direction for future development of the electricity supply sector before the next interim review of the Scheme of Control Agreements scheduled for 2003 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To enact new legislation to control electricity supply standards (ESB/E&MSD)	To introduce legislative amendments into the Legislative Council in 2001 (2000)	The requirement for legislative amendments will be considered in the context of the overall review on the post-2008 regulatory regime for the electricity supply sector. (Action in Progress : Under Review)

3 Enhance the quality of postal services

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To extend PayThruPost Service to accepting Treasury bill payment (Hongkong Post (HKP))	To commence the extended service in October 2001 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To upgrade counter service through : a. Accepting postage prepayment items at General Post Office and Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office on Sundays b. Accepting Speedpost and Local CourierPost at Mobile Post Offices (HKP)	To complete upgrading of counter service by end-2001 (2001)	(Action Completed)

4 Enhance the quality of weather information services

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide a climate information service for travel planning <i>(Hong Kong Observatory (HKO))</i>	To place monthly climatological information of key weather stations in the world on HKO's website in early 2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To enhance the weather satellite information service <i>(HKO)</i>	To provide high resolution cloud imageries from polar orbiting satellite on the HKO website in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To implement ISO standards in aviation weather service <i>(HKO)</i>	To obtain certification in 2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To provide a long range weather forecasting service <i>(HKO)</i>	To complete a pilot study on seasonal weather forecast by end-2002 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To improve accessibility to weather information <i>(HKO)</i>	To start delivering weather information to mobile phone users in 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide additional official weather information on world cities through the Internet (HKO)	To provide the information on the HKO website by 2002 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To acquire equipment to detect low level windshear and turbulence around the Hong Kong International Airport under fine weather conditions (HKO)	To install the equipment in 2002 (1999)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To review the performance of the windshear and turbulence detection system for the Hong Kong International Airport with a view to improving its detection and warning capability (HKO)	To complete the review in 2001 (1999)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To install a next-generation geostationary meteorological satellite system (HKO)	To install the system in 2000 (1998)	Installation of the reception system is intended to dove-tail with the launch of a new satellite in Japan. Procurement has been put on hold following an unsuccessful launch of the satellite in late 1999, and will be resumed to tie in with scheduled re-launch of satellite in mid-2003. (Action in Progress : Under Review)

5 Enhance consumer protection

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To review the web-based services of the Consumer Council and its network infrastructure for computer applications <i>(Consumer Council)</i>	To commission consultancy services in 2002-2003 for reviewing website and web-based services and its network infrastructure for computer applications <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To continue to liaise with the retail sector to promote awareness of consumer protection legislation <i>(Customs and Excise Department)</i>	To conduct four visits to the management of major retail chain stores by March 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To align safety standards for more types of toys and children's products set out in the Toys and Children's Products Safety Ordinance with international standards <i>(the then Economic Services Bureau (ESB))</i>	To update the safety specifications and standards listed in the Schedule to the Ordinance regularly <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide a clear legal basis for consumers to seek compensation from producers, retailers, etc., for loss or injury arising from the use of unsafe products (ESB)	To expedite drafting of the proposed Bill on civil liability for unsafe products by addressing issues raised during public consultation by 2001 (2000)	We are considering whether and how appropriate legislation might provide recourse for consumers for injury or damage in the use of unsafe parallel imports. (Action in Progress : Under Review)

6 Identify energy needs and sources of supply

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To lay the groundwork for possible introduction of a common carrier system for piped gas supply <i>(the then Economic Services Bureau/ Electrical and Mechanical Services Department)</i>	To map out around 2004 broad institutional, infrastructural and regulatory framework necessary for possible introduction of a natural gas based common carrier system, pending the availability of a secure and reliable source of gas supply <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Investing In Our Human Capital (formerly under the Education and Manpower Bureau)

Detailed Progress

Corrigendum

**** The following initiatives remain under the purview of the Education and Manpower Bureau –**

- **“1 Identify needs and review policies and standards” – the first initiative; and**
- **“2 Foster a skilled and dynamic workforce” -- the second to eighth initiatives and the tenth initiative.**

I Identify needs and review policies and standards

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
<p>To follow-up the consultant's report on the review of the organisational set-up for vocational training and retraining</p> <p><i>(Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To devise an implementation plan to follow up on the review ● To start implementing changes from 2002-2003 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To conduct an opinion survey on age discrimination in employment</p> <p><i>(EMB)</i></p>	<p>To conduct the survey in 2001</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To carry out a survey to gauge the type of domestic services which are required by potential employers and employers of foreign domestic helpers</p> <p><i>(EMB)</i></p>	<p>To formulate appropriate strategies in 2001 to meet the demand for domestic services through the training and provision of local domestic helpers</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

2 Foster a skilled and dynamic workforce

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To continue to provide useful employment-related training courses, workplace attachments and on-the-job training opportunities for school leavers mainly between the age of 15 and 19 to upgrade their skills and employability</p> <p><i>(Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB)/Labour Department (LD))</i></p>	<p>To enhance the Youth Pre-employment Training Programme to be implemented in October 2001 by building in job-specific language training and developing courses leading to training for professional qualifications</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To set up a multi-purpose skills training and assessment centre to strengthen the practical skills training of retrainees and to conduct common assessment and certification of the competency-based skills level of retrainees</p> <p><i>(Employees Retraining Board (ERB))</i></p>	<p>To establish a new assessment centre in 2002-2003 equipped with the necessary skills training facilities to centrally administer the practical skills training and common assessment for retrainees of some skills-based popular retraining courses, including domestic helpers, security guards and property attendants as well as personal care workers training</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To actively review and adjust the content of the current basic craft courses <i>(Construction Industry Training Authority (CITA))</i>	To study in detail and improve the scope and duration of the basic craft courses in 2002-2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To act as the Registration Body for the proposed Construction Personnel Registration Scheme <i>(CITA)</i>	To provide registration support to the Government in implementing the scheme <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To further expand the coverage of trade tests entailed by the workers' registration scheme <i>(CITA)</i>	To expand the coverage of trade tests in response to the requirement for all construction workers to pass trade tests before registration from 2002-2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
In support of the Government's proposed implementation of the Construction Personnel Registration Scheme, to expand the electrical and mechanical (E&M) trade testing facilities and provide upgrading training courses to prepare E&M workers to take the trade tests <i>(Vocational Training Council (VTC))</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To expand the current E&M trade testing in 2002-2003 ● To provide, on an annual basis, trade tests for some 10 100 skilled workers and 12 600 semi-skilled workers and to provide 2 200 upgrading training places to prepare E&M workers for the tests <i>(2001)</i>	<p>Legislation for the Registration Scheme by the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau is underway. VTC will continue to work closely with other parties concerned for the preparatory work.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To promote skills upgrading training for in-service elementary workers</p> <p>(EMB)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To roll out the second phase of the skills upgrading scheme to cover other sectors in 2002-2003 <p>(2001)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To devise focused skills upgrading training programmes for elementary workers in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 through an allocation of \$400 million <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To meet the needs of the IT sector for trained manpower</p> <p>(EMB/the then Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau/University Grants Committee/VTC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To continue to provide 1 000 training places in the IT Assistant Courses each year for the coming three years (2002/03-2004/05) <p>(2001)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide 1 000 training places in the IT Assistant Course each year in the coming two years to increase the supply of trained manpower at the junior assistant level <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To introduce a new component —On-the-Job Training Scheme—to the Youth Pre-employment Training (YPT) Programme. Under the Scheme, employers will provide on-the-job training of three months for trainees. The Government will provide a training subsidy of \$2,000 per trainee per month for a maximum of three months</p> <p>(<i>EMB/LD</i>)</p>	<p>To secure an adequate number of on-the-job training places for trainees who have completed the YPT Programme</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(<i>Action Completed</i>)</p>
<p>To further expand the coverage of trade tests to 45 trades</p> <p>(<i>CITA</i>)</p>	<p>A total of 29 trades, in addition to the existing 16, will be added to the trade testing scheme in the next three years, with 20 trades in the year 2000, six in 2001 and three in 2002</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(<i>Action Completed</i>)</p>

3 Promote good employer/employee relations

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To launch a series of promotional activities to encourage the wider use of written employment contract by employers and employees <i>(Labour Department (LD))</i>	To complete the promotional activities by mid-2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To launch a publicity campaign against age discrimination in employment <i>(Education and Manpower Bureau/LD)</i>	To organise publicity activities in late 2001- early 2002 to convey to members of the public, including employers and employees, the concept of equal opportunities and the importance of eliminating age discrimination in employment <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

4 Enforce employee rights and benefits

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To recognise Chinese medicine for entitlement to employee benefits under the Employment Ordinance, Employees' Compensation Ordinance, Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance and Pneumoconiosis Ex Gratia Scheme <i>(Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB))</i>	To introduce legislative and administrative amendments within 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To streamline the processing of employees' compensation claims under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance <i>(EMB)</i>	To introduce amendments to the Employees' Compensation Ordinance within 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	We are further examining the processing procedures. <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i>
To review the compensation scheme under the Occupational Deafness (Compensation) Ordinance <i>(EMB/Labour Department (LD))</i>	To complete the review in 2001 and introduce legislative amendments in the Legislative Council in 2002 to implement changes to the scheme <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To safeguard the statutory rights and benefits of employees engaged by contractors of government departments through rigorous inspections and enhanced co-operation with these departments (LD)	To conduct 200 special inspection visits to these workplaces and complete conviction record checks on the contractors within seven working days by end-2001 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To modify the Employees Compensation Assistance Scheme to enable it to be financially viable in the long term (EMB/LD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To introduce changes to the scheme in the 2001-2002 legislative session (2001) ● To introduce changes to the Scheme in 2001 (1999) 	(Action Completed)
To consult relevant parties with a view to taking forward the recommendations of the study on the feasibility of recognising Chinese medicine under the Employment Ordinance, Employees' Compensation Ordinance, Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance and Pneumoconiosis Ex Gratia Scheme (EMB)	On the basis of consultation with relevant parties, recommend amendments to the Employment Ordinance, Employees' Compensation Ordinance, Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) Ordinance and the procedures under the Pneumoconiosis Ex Gratia Scheme, where appropriate, and consult the Labour Advisory Board in the 2000-2001 legislative session (2000)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To empower the Labour Tribunal to make an order of reinstatement/ re-engagement for cases involving unreasonable and unlawful dismissal without the need to secure the consent of the employer (EMB)	To introduce legislative amendments into the Legislative Council in 2001 to amend the Employment Ordinance (2000)	Certain legal points to be clarified and the Labour Advisory Board to be consulted. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)
To review the financial position of the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund to ensure that it meets the current and future demands (EMB)	To complete the review in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To complete the review on rest breaks (LD)	To explore whether new regulations to provide for rest breaks to protect workers' safety and health at work should be introduced (1997)	(Action Completed)

5 To deliver efficient employment services

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To consider measures to further promote employment opportunities of local domestic helpers (LDH) (<i>Education and Manpower Bureau/ Labour Department (LD)</i>)	To introduce proactive employment services for LDH job seekers and employers in 2002 (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To continue with the Re-employment Pilot Programme for the Middle-aged to help the long-term unemployed aged over 40 to get back to work (LD)	To extend the Programme for another 12 months starting from February 2002 to benefit about 2 000 additional job seekers (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To set up user-friendly self-help Digital Job Centres so that job seekers can use the display terminals set up in the Centres to obtain up-to-date vacancy information and make use of the supporting office equipment for job application (LD)	To complete the setting up of the Digital Job Centres within the existing 11 Job Centres of LD by mid-2003 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To re-provision and integrate eight job centres of the Employment Services Division with eight Labour Relations Division (LRD) offices of LD, and to integrate two careers information centres with the job centres. This seeks to expand the office premises to meet operational needs, and to improve the overall effectiveness of the employment and labour relations services for job-seekers and employees through the provision of one-stop front-line service</p> <p>(LD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete re-provisioning in stages over the next three years ● To benefit each year 175 000 people seeking employment services, career information and advice, and labour relations service <p>(1998)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

6 Promote and regulate safety and health at work

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To review the methodology of calculating the construction accident rate with a view to improving the existing mechanism</p> <p><i>(Labour Department (LD))</i></p>	<p>To complete the review in early 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To prepare the following new Codes of Practice to promulgate safety and health standards :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Control of Air Impurities at the Workplace ● Electric Arc Welding Safety and Health ● Tower Crane Safety ● Electric Steam Boilers Safety <p><i>(LD)</i></p>	<p>To publish new Codes in 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To raise the safety awareness of frontline supervisors and workers in the construction industry by publishing a series of pamphlets on causation of common or serious accidents in various trades (LD)	To complete the series of publication in the first quarter of 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To mount large-scale publicity programmes targeting at workers employed in high-risk industries (LD)	To organise a series of promotional activities for the catering and construction industries in the fourth quarter of 2001 and the first quarter of 2002 respectively (2001)	(Action Completed)
To promote exercise at work in order to raise employees' awareness of the benefits of exercise (LD)	To organise promotional activities and prepare a pamphlet on "Exercise, Health and Work" in the fourth quarter of 2001 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To mount a campaign to enhance the safety and health awareness of cleansing workers employed by the government contractors (LD)	To step up inspections to public toilets to ensure compliance with occupational safety and health standards, and to organise talks for the cleansing workers and to complete the campaign in early 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To improve the safety performance of construction sub-contractors by holding both the principal contractor and the sub-contractor jointly and severally liable for offences</p> <p><i>(Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB))</i></p>	<p>To introduce an amendment to the Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p>To incorporate in the legislative exercise amendments to clarify certain provisions of the Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations in response to a recent High Court ruling.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<p>To introduce a new regulation under the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance on the provision and use of personal protective equipment</p> <p><i>(EMB)</i></p>	<p>To introduce a regulation into the Legislative Council in late 2000 to ensure that employees are provided with suitable personal protective equipment and given adequate and appropriate information, instruction and training on the use of such equipment</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>We are considering the way forward in the light of public feedback.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<p>To require workers engaged in hazardous occupations to undergo pre-employment and periodic medical examinations by Appointed Medical Practitioners</p> <p><i>(EMB)</i></p>	<p>To introduce a new legislation into the Legislative Council in the 1998-1999 legislative session</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Tourism

(formerly under the then Economic Services Bureau)

Detailed Progress

1 Develop and improve tourism infrastructure, facilities and products

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To work with the Planning Department to identify the options for developing Aberdeen into a tourist hub <i>(the then Economic Services Bureau (ESB))</i>	To identify action areas in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To examine the programme for the development of a new tourism node at South East Kowloon <i>(ESB)</i>	To map out the way forward in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To invite proposals for the development of the former Marine Police Headquarters into a tourism-themed project <i>(ESB)</i>	To award the project in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	The schedule for awarding the project has been revised to the first half of 2003. <i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i>
To construct a cable car system linking Tung Chung and Ngong Ping on Lantau Island <i>(ESB)</i>	To enter into a provisional agreement with the successful bidder in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To introduce tourist signage and information improvements in tourist districts, and public transport nodes leading to heritage trails and country parks (ESB)	To implement improvements in Sai Kung, Shatin and Wong Tai Sin and formulate a programme of work in other districts (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To improve the landscaping of the Stanley Waterfront to enhance its attractiveness as a popular tourist spot (ESB)	To complete the project feasibility study in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To improve the landscaping of the Peak to enhance the area as a visitor attraction (ESB)	To complete the project feasibility study in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To develop a heritage trail covering former military sites on Hong Kong Island (Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB))	To implement in 2002 a pilot scheme on the Wong Nai Chung Gap Military Trail in collaboration with the Antiquities and Monuments Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To publish a guide book on heritage trails in the New Territories (HKTB)	To plan for the publication of the guide book in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To work with The Walt Disney Company to establish Hong Kong Disneyland (ESB)	To proceed with reclamation works and design of infrastructure with a view to achieving target opening date of the theme park in 2005 (2000)	<i>(Action in Progress : On schedule)</i>
To improve the landscaping of the Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade to make it a landmark (ESB)	To start detailed design in 2001 (2000)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To assess the tourism potential of the harbour and its waterfront area (Planning Department)	To complete a consultancy study in 2001 (2000)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To conduct the annual Price Competitiveness Survey (HKTB)	To complete the survey in 2001 (2000)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

2 Improve Hong Kong's tourist friendliness, including the quality of service in the industry

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To review the Quality Tourism Services Scheme (<i>Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB)</i>)	To commence the review in 2002 (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To set up a data warehouse to enhance information based strategic planning and marketing capabilities of the Hong Kong Tourism Board (<i>HKTB</i>)	To start the project in 2002 (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To develop an education kit on hospitality culture for use in secondary schools (<i>the then Economic Services Bureau (ESB)</i>)	To produce the kit in 2002 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To broadcast a series of five-minute episodes on TV to promote the hospitality culture among the general public (<i>ESB</i>)	To broadcast the series in 2002 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To sponsor activities organised by outside organisations (other than schools) which promote a hospitality culture in Hong Kong (ESB)	To launch the project in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To improve service quality among inbound tour guides (ESB)	To develop a quality assurance system for tour guides in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To work with the travel industry on the implementation of the Travel Agents (Amendment) Bill 2001 after it is enacted (ESB)	To issue licences to inbound travel agents and work with the Travel Industry Council on the regulation of inbound travel agents (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To improve the Hong Kong Group Tour Scheme (Immigration Department)	To implement new arrangements such as increasing the daily quota from 1 500 to 2 000 and increasing designated agents from 4 to 17 by end-2000 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To promote and expand the coverage of the Quality Tourism Services Scheme (HKTB)	To expand the scheme to cover tourism-related services other than retail shops and restaurants in 2001 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

3 Promote Hong Kong as an attractive tourist destination

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To strengthen the Internet marketing capabilities of the Hong Kong Tourism Board <i>(Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB))</i>	To commence a feasibility study in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To review the International Events Fund <i>(HKTB)</i>	To firm up recommendations in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To organise five mega events under the “City of Life: Hong Kong Is It!” campaign between December 2001 and early 2003 <i>(HKTB)</i>	To stage the Hong Kong Lights Up, the International Chinese New Year Parade, the Hong Kong Flower Extravaganza and the Mega Hong Kong Sale in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Education and Manpower Bureau

Quality Education

Detailed Progress

I Support school-based management and innovative practices

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To enhance the Capacity Enhancement Grant to secondary schools to reduce teachers' workload so that they can improve student learning <i>(Education Department)</i>	To allow secondary schools to hire additional services/ personnel starting from the 2002-2003 school year <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To promote home-school co-operation and parent education <i>(ED)</i>	To set aside \$50 million to support activities relating to parent education and home-school co-operation <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To recruit more students to the ranks of school-based uniform/ youth groups and to widen their learning experiences <i>(ED)</i>	To set aside \$50 million to support uniform/ youth groups in organising school-based activities <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To provide school-based support to promote school effectiveness through the Education Department's Regional Education Offices</p> <p>(ED)</p>	<p>Starting from the 2000-2001 school year, to conduct school development visits, to provide school-based services to schools and to set up district networks for experience sharing</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To improve the quality of education by implementing the recommendations of Education Commission Report No. 7 (ECR 7)</p> <p>(ED)</p>	<p>To implement the recommendations in 1998</p> <p>(1997)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

2 Provide a quality learning environment

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance student guidance service for primary schools <i>(Education Department)</i>	To provide a cash grant to schools starting from the 2002-2003 school year to enable the procurement of guidance services for school children <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To enhance school-based educational psychology services to cater for students' diversities <i>(ED)</i>	To provide enhanced educational psychology services to primary schools, through phased extension of school-based services to 200 primary schools by 2007-2008 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To extend the Understanding the Adolescent Project for secondary school students to senior primary school students <i>(ED)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To launch a 3-year pilot project in 2001-2002 to cover 54 primary schools for the study of the screening tool and 18 schools for the study of the preventive programme 	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To fully implement the project in 300 primary schools in 2004-2005 and 400 primary schools in 2005-2006 <p>(2001)</p>	
<p>To enhance the discipline and resilience of secondary school students</p> <p>(ED)</p>	<p>To extend the Smart Teen Challenge Project, targeting at 4 600 Secondary One to Secondary Four students each year starting from the 2002-2003 school year</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To set up and operate a model kindergarten which provides, on a self-sufficient basis, experimental learning for child care students, and to become a centre for the improvement and development of child care teaching and learning and child care pedagogy, in general</p> <p>(Vocational Training Council)</p>	<p>To set up the model kindergarten in 2002-2003 accommodating 200 children</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To improve the teacher: pupil ratio in kindergartens by 3 phases from 1:20 (nursery classes) and 1:30 (kindergarten classes) to 1:15 (ED)	To start implementation from the 2001-2002 school year (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To examine the further harmonisation of kindergartens and child care centres by the Joint Working Group between the Education Department and the Social Welfare Department (Working Group) (ED/Social Welfare Department)	To complete deliberations by mid-2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To introduce diversity to school building designs to meet the practical needs of different schools (ED/Architectural Services Department)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct a school design competition for selected school sites in 2001 to promote innovative school building designs ● To complete by 2002 the first school village at Po Kong Village Road, Wong Tai Sin (2000)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To provide matching funds for public sector schools to cover 50% of the capital cost of installing air-conditioners in classrooms and libraries</p> <p><i>(Quality Education Fund)</i></p>	<p>To receive applications from schools with effect from the 2000-2001 school year</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To extend support services to all newly arrived children</p> <p><i>(ED)</i></p>	<p>Starting from the 2000-2001 school year, to strengthen pre-arrival services by providing self-learning package on foundation English and information about the Hong Kong education system to parents of Mainland children before their arrival</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To expedite delivery of the School Improvement Programme (SIP)</p> <p><i>(ED)</i></p>	<p>To complete feasibility studies for all remaining 358 schools in the programme by 2002 to help establish a comprehensive picture on the number of schools where improvement works are feasible as well as the required scope of works</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To implement the policy of whole-day primary schooling (ED)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To enable 60% of primary school students to study in whole-day schools by September 2002 (1998 and 1997) ● Subject to regular review of a number of constraints (e.g. availability of sites and population changes), to work towards a tentative target of full implementation by the commencement of the 2007-2008 school year (1998) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed) ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
<p>To eliminate floating classes at Secondary One to Five (ED)</p>	<p>To phase out 359 floating classes in 129 secondary schools by 2000-2001 (1996)</p>	<p>There now remains 29 floating classes, 28 of which will be phased out by 2003 as and when the School Improvement Programme projects are completed. We will continue to work with the school concerned to eliminate the remaining floating class as soon as possible.</p> <p>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To extend the School Improvement Programme</p> <p><i>(Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB))</i></p>	<p>To extend the Programme to cover all public sector schools for which improvement works are feasible by 2004</p> <p><i>(1996)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To reduce the size of school classes to 35 pupils each, starting in September 1993 with Primary One</p> <p><i>(EMB)</i></p>	<p>To extend it to a higher level a year at a time</p> <p><i>(1992)</i></p>	<p>To meet the tentative target of full implementation of whole-day primary schooling, progress on reduction of class size was suspended from the 1998-1999 school year.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

3 Develop and maintain a dedicated and professional teaching force

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To set up, implement and evaluate the accreditation mechanism for new principalship and to discharge the administration of continuing professional development courses (<i>Education Department (ED)</i>)	To set up a unit in the Education Department in 2002-2003, pending further examination of the institutional arrangements (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To require all kindergartens to employ 100% qualified kindergarten teachers (<i>ED</i>)	To implement the requirement by the 2004-2005 school year (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To further enhance the quality of kindergarten teachers and principals (<i>ED</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To require all new kindergarten teachers to possess a pre-service Qualified Kindergarten Teacher qualification from the 2003-2004 school year 	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase training provision to enable all serving kindergarten principals/child care centre supervisors to receive Certificate in Education (Kindergarten) training from 2001-2002 to 2005-2006 <p>(2000)</p>	
<p>To upgrade the quality of kindergarten education through the employment of trained principals in kindergartens</p> <p>(ED)</p>	<p>To advance the target (announced in the 1997 Policy Address) of requiring all newly recruited kindergarten principals to have completed the Certificate in Education (Kindergarten) (CKE) course from September 2004 to September 2002</p> <p>(1999)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To set up a General Teaching Council (GTC)</p> <p>(EMB)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a one-off grant of \$20 million to tie in with the establishment of GTC <p>(1998)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To set up the Council by 1999 <p>(1997)</p>	<p>Start-up funding has been reserved. The establishment of the proposed GTC may have to be further delayed due to manpower and time constraints as many other aspects of work relating to the Education Reform and the Review on Teacher Education are in active progress.</p> <p>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</p>

4 Enable our students and workforce to be bi-literate and tri-lingual

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance English language learning and teaching in primary schools</p> <p><i>(Education Department (ED))</i></p>	<p>To start providing native-speaking English teachers or teaching assistants for primary schools from the 2002-2003 school year</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To develop pupils' interest in learning English at primary level, build their confidence and help local teachers develop innovative teaching and learning methods, materials, curricula and activities suited to the needs of local children</p> <p><i>(ED/Quality Education Fund (QEF))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To implement in 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 school years a pilot Primary Schools English Development Scheme in 40 schools and a pilot English Teaching Support Scheme in another 30 schools ● To support a project in 21 primary schools in the 2000-2001 school year to improve English language learning at Primary One level and to develop a model for effective teaching and learning <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To implement a Chinese language co-teaching scheme at primary and secondary levels with Chinese language teachers from the Mainland to explore effective pedagogic modes and strategies and to produce relevant learning materials to enhance the language proficiency of students</p> <p>(ED/QEF)</p>	<p>To implement the scheme from March 2001 to February 2004 by phases. Four primary schools and four secondary schools will join in each phase</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To conduct a longitudinal study on the effectiveness of two-mode teaching in junior secondary classes and to identify the necessary support services</p> <p>(ED)</p>	<p>The study will begin in 2001 and last for three years</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

5 Improve the system of assessing students

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To introduce the Basic Competency Assessments comprising the Student Assessment and the System Assessment in Chinese, English and Mathematics. The Student Assessment will diagnose individual students' competence to facilitate schools in giving effective support to students for remedial and enhancement purposes. The System Assessment will monitor the overall performance of all schools to facilitate improvement</p> <p><i>(Education Department (ED)/the then Hong Kong Examinations Authority (HKEA))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To put in place the Student Assessment at all levels from Primary One to Secondary Three by phases starting from the 2001-2002 school year ● To put in place the System Assessment at Primary Three, Primary Six and Secondary Three by phases from the 2003-2004 school year <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To introduce an element of core competency to a number of subjects in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination to set an objective standard for the passing grade</p> <p>(HKEA)</p>	<p>To introduce an element of core competency to a number of Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination subjects by phases, starting with the English subject in 2004</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>The details would be worked out jointly by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority and the Curriculum Development Institute (CDI) of ED after CDI's development of the learning outcome for Key Stage 4 (i.e. completion of Secondary 5) in end-2002.</p> <p>The timeframe and subjects for progressive implementation will need to take account of the complexity in designing an appropriate tool to assess the learning outcomes of the core competency in a high-stake public examination.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

6 Develop Hong Kong into a regional centre of excellence for higher education

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To broaden the horizon and foster a global vision among our university students (<i>Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB)</i>)	To formulate and implement plans in 2001-2002 to reinforce the student exchange programmes of University Grants Committee funded institutions over the next three years (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To review the legislative framework for the provision of post-secondary education programmes in Hong Kong (<i>EMB</i>)	To complete the review in 2002 (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To increase the number of research postgraduate (RPg) students in support of Hong Kong's development into a centre of innovation and technology (<i>University Grants Committee (UGC)/EMB</i>)	To increase the number of RPg students in each year by at least 11% in the 2001-2002 to 2003-2004 triennium (2000)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To develop a qualifications framework to facilitate articulation of courses and encourage lifelong learning</p> <p>(<i>EMB</i>)</p>	<p>To work with the University Grants Committee, the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation, the Vocational Training Council, the Employees Retraining Board and the Federation of Continuing Education with a view to producing a qualifications framework within two years</p> <p>(<i>2000</i>)</p>	<p>(<i>Action Completed</i>)</p>
<p>To provide more student hostel places in the UGC-funded institutions</p> <p>(<i>UGC</i>)</p>	<p>To provide in the next five years 11 000 additional student hostel places. The preparations for 9 360 places (at a cost of \$1.6 billion) will start in 1998</p> <p>(<i>1997</i>)</p>	<p>(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)</p>

7 Ensure students are not deprived of education for lack of financial means

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To further improve the Kindergarten Fee Remission Scheme to enhance the financial assistance given to needy families with children attending kindergartens and to rationalise the assessment system (Student Financial Assistance Agency (SFAA))	To introduce improvements in the 2002-2003 school year; some 41 000 students are expected to benefit (2001)	(Action Completed)
To improve and rationalise various student financial assistance schemes for primary and secondary school students and apply the modified mechanism to the Local Student Finance Scheme and the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students (SFAA)	To introduce improvements and implement the modified mechanism in the 2002-2003 school year; to benefit some 67 000 students (2001)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide financial assistance to ensure that no qualified students will be denied access to full-time self-financing post-secondary education for lack of financial means (SFAA)	To implement the new Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students and Non-means Tested Loan Scheme for Post-secondary Students in the 2001-2002 academic year (2001)	(Action Completed)

8 Ensure continuous improvement to the education system

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Promoting the adoption of the through-train mode (Education Department (ED))	Details of the scheme to be finalised by early 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To provide subsidised Secondary Four and training places to all Secondary Three students in publicly-funded schools who have the ability and wish to continue their study (ED)	To build sufficient schools for this purpose (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To put in place new mechanisms for admission to primary and secondary schools (ED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct a review on the interim SSPA mechanism in 2003 with a view to putting in place the permanent SSPA mechanism in 2004 or 2005. The review will also cover the long-term arrangement for the medium of instruction policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To put in place an interim Primary One Admission system from the 2002-2003 to 2004-2005 school years <p>(2000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed)
<p>To study the feasibility of a three-year structure for senior secondary education and its impact on first degree programmes</p> <p>(Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB)/University Grants Committee)</p>	<p>To start work in 2000 with a view to reaching a decision in 2002</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To make available additional resources to ordinary schools to promote integrated education</p> <p>(ED)</p>	<p>To progressively increase the resources from an additional \$15 million in 2001-2002 to \$50 million in 2004-2005. The Education Department will strengthen support services to schools and training for teachers</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide, on a pilot basis, training and funds for schools to organise activities for students with behavioural problems with a view to reaffirming and developing their potential for positive values and behaviour (ED)	About 150 schools will benefit in the 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 school years (1999)	(Action Completed)

9 Provide a curriculum which develops students' potential to the full and meets the needs of the community

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To strengthen professional support for schools and teachers for implementing the curriculum reform (<i>Education Department (ED)</i>)	To generate successful experiences and help schools and teachers develop the necessary knowledge and skills for implementing the curriculum reform through collaborative research and development projects and professional development programmes (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To enable schools to formulate curriculum development plans and strategies (<i>ED</i>)	To provide each primary school with one additional Primary School Master/Mistress to serve as the curriculum leader by the 2004-2005 school year. These manpower resources will be provided for five years subject to further review (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To implement a new curriculum model with the introduction of eight key learning areas (KLAs) to provide schools with greater flexibility in offering a coherent, broad and balanced curriculum</p> <p>(ED)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To work out the details of each KLA and prepare support materials such as curriculum guides, exemplars and teaching materials in relation to the KLA-based curriculum starting from the 2001-2002 school year ● To provide professional development (including web-based courses) for principals and teachers from the 2001-2002 to the 2004-2005 school years ● To conduct researches on different teaching and learning approaches <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

10 Maximise the benefits of IT in education to enhance the effectiveness of teaching and learning

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance the school administrative computer systems to improve teachers' productivity and school administration efficiency (Education Department (ED))	To complete the enhancement work by August 2002 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To promote quality education and lifelong learning through the HKEducationCITY.net (ED/Quality Education Fund)	Educational resources on this platform will be available for use in the current school year. As a pilot, 200 multimedia publications for primary and secondary schools will be digitised in the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 school years. Other services such as student guidance and counselling and on-line learning will also be made available (2000)	(Action Completed)
To review the effectiveness of various initiatives in the promotion of IT in education (ED)	To conduct an interim review of the "Five-Year Strategy" in 2001 and a final review in 2003 (1999)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Environment, Transport and Works Bureau

A Safe, Efficient, Reliable and Environmentally Friendly Transport System

(formerly under the then Transport Bureau)

Detailed Progress

I Plan better for the timely provision of transport infrastructure

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To identify a suitable environmentally friendly transport mode for South East Kowloon Development (SEKD) <i>(the then Transport Bureau (TB))</i>	To decide on the type of environmentally friendly transport mode in South East Kowloon in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	Our preliminary assessment points to a need to further consider alternative modes which may be available in the future. We will make a timely decision taking into account the latest programme of SEKD. <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i>
To examine the feasibility of installing high-speed travellers in selected new developments <i>(TB/Highways Department (HyD))</i>	To commence the study in 2002 for completion in 2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To consider installing new escalator/lift systems <i>(TB/HyD)</i>	To identify suitable locations and complete the feasibility studies in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To collect up-to-date information on goods vehicle trip characteristics to enable better transport planning <i>(TB/Transport Department (TD))</i>	To commence the study in late 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To collect up-to-date travel characteristics of the public to enable better transport planning to meet their future travel needs <i>(TB/TD)</i>	To commence the 2002 Travel Characteristics Survey in late 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

2 Expand the rail network

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To implement the recommendations of the “Railway Development Strategy 2000”</p> <p><i>(the then Transport Bureau (TB)/Highways Department (HyD)/Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC)/Mass Transit Railway Corporation (MTRC))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To decide on the operator of the Shatin to Central Link by end-2001 with a view to starting detailed planning and design work in 2002 ● To invite MTRC by early 2002 to proceed with detailed planning and design of the Island Line Extensions with a view to completing the project between 2008 and 2012 ● To invite KCRC by early 2002 to proceed with detailed planning and design of the Kowloon Southern Link with a view to completing the project between 2008 and 2013 ● To work on the preliminary planning for the alignment of the Regional Express Line and to complete route protection by end-2001 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i> ● Progress for the Island Line Extensions to be reviewed in the light of latest planning parameters. <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i> ● KCRC will be invited to proceed with detailed planning and design in September 2002. <i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To prepare for the opening of the Mass Transit Railway (MTR) Tseung Kwan O Extension</p> <p>(TB)</p>	<p>To monitor the operational readiness of the MTR Tseung Kwan O Extension which is scheduled for commissioning by end-2002, including the co-ordination of traffic arrangements and monitoring the provision of other public transport services at the stations</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To facilitate the construction of the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line</p> <p>(TB/HyD/KCRC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Subject to the authorisation of the railway scheme by the Chief Executive in Council, KCRC to start construction in early 2001 for completion in 2004 <p>(2000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To seek the Executive Council's (ExCo's) authorisation of the project in 2000 <p>(1999)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KCRC to submit implementation proposals by early 1999 so that the project can be completed in 2004 <p>(1998)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The railway scheme was authorised by the Chief Executive in June 2002. Construction will commence in late 2002 for completion before mid-2007. <p>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
KCRC to build a Light Rail extension in Tin Shui Wai Reserve Zone (HyD/KCRC)	To commence construction in 2001 for completion in 2003 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To finalise the planning for the implementation of and seek authorisation for the Ma On Shan to Tai Wai Rail Link and KCR Extension to Tsim Sha Tsui (TB)	To enable KCRC to start construction by early 2000 with a view to completing the project in 2004 (1998)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To facilitate the construction of the MTR Tseung Kwan O Extension (HyD)	To seek authorisation of the railway scheme from ExCo and enable MTRC to start construction by the end of 1998 for completion in 2002 (1998)	(Action Completed)
To facilitate the construction of the West Rail (Phase I) (HyD/KCRC)	To start the construction of the West Rail (Phase I) before the end of 1998 and to monitor the progress to ensure completion in 2003 (1998 and 1997)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

3 Develop and improve the road network

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To proceed with the design for the Shenzhen Western Corridor (Highways Department (HyD))	To commence the design in early 2002 for completion in early 2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To review the way forward for the road link between Kennedy Town and Pok Fu Lam and the remaining section of Route 7 between Pok Fu Lam and Aberdeen (the then Transport Bureau (TB)/HyD)	To complete the review in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To improve the north-south road link on Lantau (HyD)	To complete the Investigation and Preliminary Design for the Improvement to Tung Chung Road between Lung Tseng Tau and Cheung Sha by mid-2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To proceed with the preliminary design for the latest alignment of the Central Kowloon Route (HyD)	To commence the preliminary design in mid-2002 for completion in mid-2003 (2001)	The programme of the project is under review. (Action in Progress : Under Review)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To proceed with the preliminary design for the Reconstruction and Improvement of Tuen Mun Road (HyD)	To commence the preliminary design in early 2002 for completion in early 2004 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To complete the improvement to Castle Peak Road between Tsuen Wan Area 2 and Ka Loon Tsuen (HyD)	To commence construction in phases from mid-2001 onwards for completion in 2005 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To complete the preliminary and detailed design of the Deep Bay Link (HyD)	To complete the detailed design in 2002 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To complete the detailed design of the Chok Ko Wan Link Road (Civil Engineering Department)	To complete the detailed design in 2002 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To complete the design of the walkway system in Tsuen Wan (HyD)	To complete the design in 2003 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To complete the widening works of the Island Eastern Corridor —section between North Point and Sai Wan Ho (HyD)	To complete the construction in 2003 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To commence the detailed design of the following projects — ● Route 7 (section between Kennedy Town and Aberdeen) ● Route 9 (section between Tsing Yi and Cheung Sha Wan) (HyD)	● To commence detailed design in 2000 for completion in 2003 ● To complete detailed design in phases between 2001 and 2002 (1999)	● A review of the project, in conjunction with the South Hong Kong Island Line, is being conducted. (Action in Progress : Under Review) ● (Action Completed)
To start construction of Tsing Yi North Coastal Road, which will have the capacity to handle 2 800 vehicles per hour in each direction (HyD)	To start construction in 1999 for completion in 2002 (1998 and 1996)	(Action Completed)
To construct the section of Route 5 connecting Tuen Mun Road and the Tsuen Kam Interchange (Territory Development Department)	To start construction in 2000 for completion in 2004 (1998)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To press on with the detailed design work for the following major road projects —		
● Route 9 from Cheung Sha Wan to Sha Tin	● To complete the detailed design in 2001 (1998 and 1994)	● (Action Completed)
● Route 10		
— North Lantau Section	— To complete the detailed design in 2001	● The Southern Section scheme including the North Lantau Section, Tsing Lung Bridge and Tsing Lung Tau to So Kwun Wat Section was first gazetted under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance on 28 July 2000. In the light of the objections received, Government reviewed and thereafter revised the scheme. The revised scheme was subsequently gazetted under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance on 28 June 2002. Further objections were received. The completion of the detailed design has been delayed consequentially. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)
— Tsing Lung Bridge	— To complete the detailed design in 2001	
— Tsing Lung Tau to So Kwun Wat	— To complete the detailed design in 2001	

Initiative	Target	Present Position
— So Kwun Wat to Yuen Long Highway	— To complete the detailed design in 2002 <i>(1998 and 1997)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The funding application for the detailed design of this Section was rejected by the Finance Committee on 8 March 2002. Current traffic forecasts indicate that Section will be required in or after 2010. The programme for implementation is being monitored. <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Kowloon Route 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To complete the detailed design in 2003 <i>(1998 and 1997)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The alignment of the route has been changed. The programme of the project is under review. <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To complete the detailed design in phases between 2001 and 2005 <i>(1998 and 1995)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project programme is dependent on the proposed reclamation in Central and Wan Chai, which is under review. The detailed design will therefore continue until 2008. <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement to Castle Peak Road (section between Ka Loon Tsuen and Siu Lam) <p><i>(HyD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To complete the detailed design by 2002 <i>(1998)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To let a design-and-build contract for the works in 2004. <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To improve the capacity of Kam Tin Road between Au Tau and Kadoorie Farm to dual two-lane standard and build a new road bypassing Kam Tin Town (HyD)	To commence works in phases from 1999 onwards for completion in 2005 (1997)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To improve the traffic circulation within Fo Tan area by providing an additional traffic lane in each direction of Fo Tan Road between Yuen Wo Road and Kwei Tei Street (HyD)	To commence works in 1999 for completion in 2002 (1997)	Progress of the construction works has been delayed. The works are expected to be completed in mid-2003. <i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i>
To improve the traffic flow between Northeast New Territories and urban areas by widening Tolo Highway and Fanling Highway between Sha Tin and Fanling (HyD)	To commence works in phases from 1998 onwards for completion in 2005 (1997)	Works between Sha Tin and Tai Po commenced in 1999 and will be completed in 2003. Works between Tai Po and Fanling will commence in mid-2003 for completion at end-2006. <i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety in Tsim Sha Tsui by —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● widening Salisbury Road from the Star Ferry Concourse to Mody Lane ● constructing a vehicular underpass along Salisbury Road at its junction with Chatham Road South ● implementing a traffic circulation system in Middle Road ● constructing pedestrian subways at the junction of Salisbury Road and Kowloon Park Drive; at the junction of Kowloon Park Drive and Peking Road; and at the junction of Austin Road and Canton Road <p>(HyD)</p>	<p>To commence work in phases from 1998 for completion in 2002</p> <p>(1996)</p>	<p>Construction of pedestrian subways at the junction of Salisbury Road and Kowloon Park Drive; at the junction of Kowloon Park Drive and Peking Road; and at the junction of Austin Road and Canton Road was completed. The remaining three projects are affected by the Kowloon-Canton Railway Extension to Tsim Sha Tsui which is expected to be completed in 2004.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

4 Improve the quality and co-ordination of public transport services

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To improve the quality of franchised bus services through the application of information technology</p> <p><i>(Transport Department (TD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To review with the bus operators the results of their trial schemes on Global Positioning System in 2002 and develop a programme for enhancing fleet management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review of the initial trials by bus companies completed. Due to unsatisfactory trial results, the bus companies have decided to extend the trials before a programme for enhancing fleet management can be developed. <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bus companies to provide interactive passenger information panels at 50 bus stops by end-2002 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A cyber bus stop with an interactive passenger information panel has been erected at Tsim Sha Tsui Ferry Pier Bus Terminus. Two more will be erected by end 2002/early 2003. Bus companies will take into account the results of the extended trials on the Global Positioning System and also the performance of the information panels erected in deciding whether more panels will be provided. <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To expand the bus-bus interchange schemes (TD)	To expand the bus-bus interchange schemes at Western Harbour Crossing and Kwun Tong Road by end-2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To improve the quality of taxi services (TD)	To organise Quality Service Projects, including taxi driver award scheme, taxi driver language improvement programme and seminars for taxi drivers in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress :On Schedule)
To improve the management and quality of public transport interchanges (TD/Highways Department)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To implement contractor management schemes at about 50 covered public transport interchanges by mid-2005 ● To commence works to improve the physical environment of a covered public transport interchange by mid-2002 (2001)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule) ● (Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To encourage franchised bus companies to provide better passenger service through the application of information technology (TD)	Bus companies to put on trial interactive passenger information bus stop panels by 2001 (2000)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To improve the management of public transport interchanges (TD)	To introduce a contractor management scheme at ten public transport interchanges in 2001-2002 (2000)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To improve the quality of Public Light Bus (PLB) service by enhancing PLB drivers' driving behaviour and manner and the provision of better customer service (TD)	To conduct three workshops for PLB operators/drivers in 2001 (2000)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To encourage ferry operators to provide better passenger service through the application of information technology (TD)	Ferry operators to provide electronic displays of ferry service information at five ferry piers by the end of 2001 (2000)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To improve the training of taxi drivers (TD)	To develop a self-learning package for in-service taxi drivers and a pre-service training programme for new taxi drivers by the end of 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To improve the interchange capacity of the Mass Transit Railway (MTR) and East Rail stations at Kowloon Tong by 30% (the then Transport Bureau/ Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC)/Mass Transit Railway Corporation)	To ensure that the railway corporations complete the improvement project by 2003 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
KCRC to improve services by procuring new trains for the East Rail (KCRC)	KCRC to procure and put into service eight new East Rail trains by the end of 2001 (1999)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To conduct studies on the integration of new railways (i.e., the West Rail (Phase I), the MTR Tseung Kwan O Extension and the Tai Wai to Ma On Shan Rail Link) with other public transport services</p> <p>(TD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To implement an integrated public transport system in areas served by the MTR Tseung Kwan O Extension upon its commissioning in 2002 ● To implement an integrated public transport system in areas served by the West Rail (Phase I) upon its commissioning in 2003 ● To implement an integrated public transport system in areas served by the Ma On Shan to Tai Wai Rail Link upon its commissioning in 2004 <p>(1998)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

5 Manage road use and improve road safety

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To alleviate traffic congestion <i>(Transport Department (TD))</i>	● To implement short-term traffic improvement measures in Central Business District (at junctions of Queen's Road Central/ Pedder Street, Connaught Road Central/ Pedder Street and Harcourt Road/ Cotton Tree Drive) by end-2002	● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
	● To plan by end-2002 for a gyratory system for Hennessy Road and Lockhart Road in Wan Chai	● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
	● To develop by mid-2002 a programme for rationalising and enhancing operational efficiency of bus service on Nathan Road <i>(2001)</i>	● <i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To expand the Area Traffic Control (ATC) and Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) systems</p> <p>(TD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To implement the ATC and CCTV systems for Tai Po and North District by end-2003 ● To implement the ATC and CCTV systems for Tuen Mun and Yuen Long by end-2005 <p>(2001)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To upgrade on-street parking meters to accept reloadable smart cards</p> <p>(TD)</p>	<p>To upgrade meters to accept reloadable smart cards in phases from 2002</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To promote safe driving and enhance vehicle safety</p> <p>(TD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To implement the Driver Improvement Scheme in 2002 ● To introduce legislation requiring the provision of seat-belts and high seatbacks in new public light buses in 2002 ● To install 75 speed enforcement cameras and 60 red light camera systems by mid-2003 <p>(2001)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To improve TD's licensing services (TD)	To replace the VALID III computer system by an open-standard web-based system by end-2004 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To address the traffic congestion in the Central Business District (the then Transport Bureau (TB)/TD)	To monitor the operation of bus trips to Central and to adjust bus services according to passenger demand in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To review the parking policy in line with the new Transport Strategy (TB/TD)	To complete the review on on-street and off-street parking in 2001-2002 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To develop a comprehensive Intelligent Transport System (ITS) (TD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete the feasibility study on developing a Traffic Management and Information Centre by early 2001, and to set up the Centre by 2006 ● To complete the development of the Transport Information System, including a Public Transport Inquiry System in 2003 	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement journey time indicator on approaches to tunnels and strategic routes by 2002 to relieve traffic queues <p>(2000)</p>	
To improve road conditions for road users (TD)	To start an exit numbering system on expressways in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To upgrade all existing parking meters to accept reloadable smart cards (TD)	To complete the trial of Mondex, Visa Cash and Octopus Cards on parking meters in 2001 and to decide on the way forward (2000)	(Action Completed)
To replace and expand the Area Traffic Control systems on the Hong Kong Island (TD)	To complete the detailed design of the systems and to start construction in 2002 for completion in 2005 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To develop traffic improvement schemes at Causeway Bay near Times Square (TD)	To implement traffic improvement measures near Times Square in phases for completion in 2001 (1999)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide a Traffic Surveillance and Information System on Tolo Highway by 2001 (TD)	To complete the project by 2001 (1995)	The installation of CCTV system will be completed in mid-2003. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)

6 Reduce roadside pollution and noise from transport sources

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To improve the pedestrian environment <i>(Transport Department (TD))</i>	● To complete the initial phases of the pedestrian schemes in Central, Wan Chai, Jordan and Sham Shui Po in 2003	● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
	● To review the standards for pedestrian facilities in 2002	● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
	● To develop a more comprehensive walkway network plan for Tsim Sha Tsui, Jordan and Mong Kok in 2002	● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
	● To complete the Preliminary Project Feasibility Studies for the Gloucester Road walkway and walkway systems in Wan Chai in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To improve and monitor air quality in covered public transport interchanges</p> <p>(TD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To commence the design for the upgrading of the ventilation systems in four covered public transport interchanges in 2002-2003 ● To commence regular monitoring surveys in 2002 to check the air quality of covered public transport interchanges <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To investigate the feasibility of extending the use of low-noise surfacing materials to local roads</p> <p>(Highways Department (HyD))</p>	<p>To commence trials on the effectiveness of various surfacing materials in 2001</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To improve the environmental performance of franchised buses</p> <p>(TD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To deploy only Euro II engine buses to bus routes operating in the Causeway Bay corridors by 2001 ● To scrap all the remaining pre-Euro engine buses which are not fitted with catalytic converters by 2002 <p>(2000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed) ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To improve the air quality in covered public transport interchanges (TD)	To upgrade the ventilation systems in three covered public transport interchanges by 2002 and another three by 2003 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To encourage franchised bus companies to retrofit their buses with diesel catalysts (TD/Environmental Protection Department)	To retrofit 2 000 franchised buses which run on pre-Euro engines with diesel catalysts by the end of 2001 (1999)	(Action Completed)
To install noise barriers on the Tolo Highway between Sha Tin and Tai Po (HyD)	To install the noise barriers in 2001 as part of the widening works of the Tolo Highway (1999)	Works are in progress but overall completion have been delayed to about early 2003. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)

Clean Environment

(formerly under the then Environment and Food Bureau)

Detailed Progress

Promote greening

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To consolidate the planning standards and guidelines on greening so as to facilitate the identification of greening opportunities during the planning and development stage <i>(Planning Department)</i>	To start the consolidation by late 2001 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To extend planting areas to countryside areas outside country parks <i>(Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD))</i>	To plant 100 000 tree seedlings each year <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To enhance the greening programme in country parks <i>(AFCD)</i>	To plant an additional 125 000 tree seedlings each year during 2002-2005 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To promote greening in the urban area by implementing active planting programmes <i>(Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))</i>	To conduct more planting to beautify 11 hectares of land in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide landscape works to enhance key waterfront sites <i>(Architectural Services Department)</i>	To commence feasibility study of providing landscaping to the Central-Wanchai waterfront in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To enhance awareness of benefits of greening <i>(LCSD/Home Affairs Department)</i>	To introduce a series of new programmes, including “Most Beautiful Campus” Competition and street-tree labelling in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

2 Promote waste reduction/recycling and improve waste treatment

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance awareness and change behaviour of the public towards waste prevention and recovery</p> <p><i>(Environmental Protection Department (EPD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To organise public education and community involvement programmes on waste reduction with District Councils and implement eight pilot recovery schemes with green and community groups in 2002-2003 ● To develop education materials on waste prevention and separation for school teachers and provide briefings to 1 500 primary and secondary schools in phases, starting from 2002 ● To provide training for 5 000 environmental protection ambassadors each year to promote waste prevention and separation in public and private housing estates and schools, starting from 2002-2003 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To develop a treatment facility for organic waste in Ngau Tam Mei (EPD)	To open the facility in 2002 (2001)	A tender exercise for the development of the treatment facility was carried out in 2002, but there were no valid tender submissions. We are reviewing the way forward. (Action in Progress : Under Review)
To further minimise waste production and promote the use of recycled materials within Government (the then Environment and Food Bureau (EFB)/EPD)	To develop a procurement guideline that encourages waste prevention and recycling in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To make producers responsible for handling the waste generated by their products (EPD)	To develop voluntary producer responsibility schemes in 2002-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To inject \$100 million into the Environment and Conservation Fund (EFB)	To inject \$100 million in 2002 into the Environment and Conservation Fund, largely for funding community-based waste reduction projects (2001)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance the management of construction and demolition materials <i>(Civil Engineering Department)</i>	To set up a temporary stockpile area for inert construction and demolition materials in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

3 Improve air quality

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To improve air quality in the Pearl River Delta Region <i>(the then Environment and Food Bureau (EFB)/ Environmental Protection Department (EPD))</i>	To consider practicable long-term measures to improve regional air quality with the Guangdong Provincial Government in 2001-2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To reduce excessive emissions from petrol vehicles <i>(EFB/EPD)</i>	To work out a proposal in 2002 to better control emissions from petrol vehicles <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To ensure that the fuels used by vehicles meet our environmental standards <i>(Customs and Excise Department (C&ED)/ EPD)</i>	To formulate a proposal in 2001 to reduce the amount of fuels not meeting our standards carried by cross-boundary vehicles <i>(2000)</i>	We have stepped up enforcement actions against the use of illicit fuels. The need for introducing further control on fuels carried by cross-boundary vehicles will be kept under review in the light of effectiveness of C&ED's enforcement actions. <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i>
To enhance hydrocarbon vapour recovery at petrol filling stations <i>(EPD)</i>	To formulate a proposal in 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To encourage the introduction of vehicles using environmentally cleaner fuels or technology (EFB/EPD)	To formulate a proposal in 2001 to provide appropriate incentives to encourage the introduction of vehicles using cleaner fuels or technology (2000)	(Action Completed)
To phase out older and more polluting vehicles (EFB/EPD)	To formulate a proposal in 2001 to phase out older and more polluting vehicles (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To develop together with the Guangdong Provincial Government practicable measures to improve air quality in the Pearl River Delta Region (EFB/EPD)	To discuss possible measures with the Guangdong Provincial Government in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To phase out diesel taxis and replace them with LPG taxis as soon as possible (EFB/EPD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To de-register all diesel taxis over seven years old from 1 January 2004 and all remaining diesel taxis on 1 January 2006 (1999) ● To reduce particulates emitted by the current diesel vehicle fleet by 30% (1998) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The need to introduce legislation will be reviewed closer to the time to take into account the number of diesel taxis still on the road by then. (Action in Progress : Under Review) ● (Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To phase out diesel light buses and replace them with LPG light buses or other cleaner alternatives (EFB/EPD)	Subject to operational trials, to provide grants to encourage the purchase of LPG light buses, and to establish a programme to phase out diesel light buses (1999)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To reduce emissions from in-use diesel vehicles (EPD)	Subject to operational trials, to require all pre-Euro standard diesel vehicles to be fitted with suitable catalysts or particulate traps as appropriate and to provide incentives for owners of these vehicles to do so (1999)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To tighten the fuel standard of industrial diesel to the same level as that of motor diesel (EFB)	To make a legislative proposal in 2000 (1999)	The need to tighten the fuel standard of industrial diesel to the same level as that of motor diesel will be reviewed in the light of the actions required to improve regional air quality. (Action in Progress : Under Review)
To study the extent of cross-boundary air pollution in the Pearl River Delta Region (EPD)	To start a joint-study with the Guangdong Authorities by April 1999 with the aim of developing improvement measures from 2000 onwards (1998)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To assess the adequacy of existing air quality objectives (EPD)	To make appropriate recommendations in 1999 (1998)	We are awaiting relevant review results in the United States and the European Union before deciding on the way forward. (Action in Progress : Under Review)
Once the technical issues have been settled, to implement a plan to replace diesel-powered vehicles with LPG or other cleaner technologies as soon as possible (EFB/EPD)	To replace all diesel taxis with LPG and to seek to introduce other cleaner technologies for other diesel-powered vehicles once they are practicable and available to Hong Kong (1997)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

4 Facilitate and strengthen Environmental Impact Assessment

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To provide professional and technical support service to project proponents on the implementation of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Ordinance</p> <p><i>(Environmental Protection Department (EPD))</i></p>	<p>To enhance the advisory role of EPD in the implementation of the EIA Ordinance and to draw up a training programme for relevant government departments in 2002 to enhance their understanding of the EIA mechanism</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To strengthen enforcement of the EIA Ordinance particularly in the following areas —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● more site inspections to ensure compliance with permit conditions and requirements under the Ordinance and prosecutions if irregularities are found 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To increase the number of site inspections conducted per year, starting from 2002-2003 	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● speed up vetting of submissions that are required by permit conditions including various environmental proposals (e.g. noise mitigation proposals) and monthly environmental monitoring and audit reports <p>(EPD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To speed up the process for vetting applications for environmental permits, starting from 2002-2003 <p>(2001)</p>	

5 Improve water quality

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To complete the Stage III Extension to the Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to cope with the housing development in Sha Tin and Ma On Shan and to improve the effluent quality (<i>Drainage Services Department (DSD)</i>)	To complete the Phase I works before end-2004 and the remaining works in 2008 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To ascertain the feasibility of the recommendations made by the International Review Panel for the subsequent stages of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS) (previously known as the Strategic Sewage Disposal Scheme (SSDS)) (<i>the then Environment and Food Bureau (EFB)/ Environmental Protection Department (EPD)/DSD</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To commence trials and studies to examine the recommendations made by the International Review Panel in late 2001 ● To consult the public on feasible options in 2003-2004 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To determine the way forward for the SSDS (now renamed as HATS) (<i>EFB/EPD</i>)	To complete Stage I of the SSDS by 2000 (1997)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To assess sewerage infrastructure needs to meet housing demands and new developments</p> <p>(EPD)</p>	<p>To start the reviews of the Sewerage Master Plans (SMPs) for Hong Kong Island and North District & Tolo Harbour in early 2000 and the reviews of the SMPs for Tsuen Wan & West Kowloon and Port Shelter in 2000-2001</p> <p>(1999)</p>	<p>The reviews of the SMPs for Hong Kong Island and North District & Tolo Harbour already commenced in 2000. A review of the SMP for Port Shelter is not necessary as current facilities are generally considered adequate to serve the existing and planned developments there. Review of the SMP for Tsuen Wan & West Kowloon was postponed pending completion of related planning studies in the areas.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<p>To protect the water quality of Deep Bay and to improve the sewerage infrastructure in Yuen Long and Kam Tin to cope with projected population increases</p> <p>(DSD)</p>	<p>To provide trunk sewers to Yuen Long South by 2005</p> <p>(1999)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To assess the need for a programme to control toxic substances that pollute the marine environment from many diverse sources</p> <p>(EPD)</p>	<p>To complete the assessment in 2002</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To develop a comprehensive programme of capital works to upgrade the sewerage infrastructure to remove sewage out of Deep Bay</p> <p>(EPD)</p>	<p>To complete a review of North District Sewerage Master Plan by end-2001</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p>The review commenced in 2000 has been extended to cover additional works and is re-scheduled for completion in 2003.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<p>To ensure timely commissioning of the SMP works within the High Priority Programme (HPP) and closely monitor progress of the rest of the programme</p> <p>(EPD)</p>	<p>To commission the SMP works within the HPP before mid-1997</p> <p>(1996)</p>	<p>19 of the 21 SMP projects were completed. One remaining project in South and North Kowloon is under detailed design while another one in North West Kowloon will be completed in 2003 to tie in with a relevant drainage project.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>

6 Reduce noise pollution

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To implement measures to address excessive traffic noise from existing roads (the then Environment and Food Bureau/ Environmental Protection Department (EPD)/Highways Department)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To commence in 2001-2002 preliminary design for the first batch of noise barriers to address traffic noise at existing roads ● To commence in 2001-2002 a programme to resurface identified roads with low noise material ● To identify existing excessively noisy roads in 2001-2002 for implementation of traffic management trial schemes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed) ● (Action Completed) ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To promote community understanding of environmental noise and how they could reduce it (EPD)	To launch a programme in 2002 to enhance public awareness of environmental noise (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To tighten the noise standards for motor vehicles (EPD)	To update vehicle noise standards to tie in with the latest international standards within 2000-2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To reduce noise nuisance</p> <p>(EPD)</p>	<p>To introduce legislation to control the use of percussive powered mechanical equipment in domestic renovation works within the 1999-2000 legislative session</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p>Having examined various factors, we consider it more appropriate to issue guidelines on good domestic renovation/management practices to building management companies and Owners' Corporations to reduce noise from domestic renovation works. The guidelines are being prepared and will be issued in 2003.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<p>To ensure that the railway companies reduce noise by monitoring their noise abatement programmes</p> <p>(EPD)</p>	<p>To monitor the noise abatement programmes of the MTR Corporation and the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation scheduled for completion by 1999 and 2002 respectively</p> <p>(1996)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

7 Conserve natural heritage and resources

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To conserve Black-faced Spoonbills in Hong Kong (Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD))	To implement a conservation programme in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To collect information on the biodiversity of Hong Kong in order to establish an ecological database (AFCD)	To develop a survey programme in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To enhance public awareness on the protection of endangered species (AFCD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To produce and broadcast a new TV Announcement of Public Interest in 2002 ● To conduct 50 talks and seminars for traders and students in 2002-2003 (2001) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed) ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To protect more areas for the purposes of conservation and education (AFCD)	To designate one additional special area in 2002-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To collect information on marine benthic communities in Hong Kong (AFCD)	To conduct a study in 2001-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To improve recreational facilities in country parks (AFCD)	To provide a large-scale recreation site in Ma On Shan Country Park by 2005 with facilities specially designed for morning walkers (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To promulgate a comprehensive nature conservation policy (the then Environment and Food Bureau/ AFCD)	To consult the public on principles, objectives and mechanisms in 2001 (2000)	We need more time to conduct the review, as complicated issues such as landowners' rights, land use planning, and how to assess ecological value of individual sites are involved. We aim to consult the public on the review in mid-2003. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)
To support enforcement of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (AFCD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To organise a regional training seminar in Hong Kong in 2002 ● To implement resolutions adopted at the Conference of Parties held in April 2000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed) ● (Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To introduce legislative amendments in 2001 to ensure compatibility with CITES <p>(2000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preparation for the drafting of the Bill has taken longer time than expected as the legislative amendments involved are highly technical in nature. We plan to introduce the Bill into the Legislative Council in 2003. <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To designate two more marine parks in Hong Kong</p> <p><i>(AFCD)</i></p>	<p>To designate two marine parks in 2001-2002</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To further protect and conserve our natural resources for the purposes of conservation, education and recreation</p> <p><i>(AFCD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To extend country parks at North Lantau in 2001 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To designate the fourth marine park in Hong Kong in 2001 <p>(1999)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● More time is needed to examine the objections against the draft map of the proposed Lantau North (Extension) Country Park received during the public inspection period. <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To develop a strategy for wetland protection and compensation (AFCD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete a study on the methodology for wetland compensation in early 2001 ● To recommend a strategy by 2001 (1998) 	<p>Due to the complexity of the study and that longer time is needed to conduct the field trials, it is expected that the study will complete in around 2003.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>

8 Enhance community education and awareness

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To implement territory-wide environmental education and involvement programmes to enhance environmental awareness</p> <p><i>(Environmental Protection Department (EPD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To educate the public so that they would have a better understanding of Hong Kong's environmental problems and Government's initiatives through a series of programmes in 2002-2003 ● To organise 110 sessions of environmental awareness programmes for the public, community groups and housing estates in 2002-2003 ● To open an Environmental Resource Centre in Fanling in late 2002 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i> ● The Centre will be opened in early 2003. <i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i>
<p>To carry out a research and testing programme on consumer products with emphasis on environmental aspects to educate the public on green consumerism</p> <p><i>(the then Environment and Food Bureau)</i></p>	<p>To publish research and testing reports on 10 products before end-2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To improve environmental awareness at the district level (EPD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To launch district awareness programmes in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 ● To develop training and publicity materials in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 ● To organise 360 environmental training workshops in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 to train “Green Leaders” to promote environmental awareness in their districts <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To promote environmental awareness among students (EPD)</p>	<p>To launch a two-year programme to reach out to school students and teachers in 2001</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To launch a new community nature education programme in 2001 (Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD))</p>	<p>To publish 15 booklets on special topics in 2001-2002</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To promote hiking and nature appreciation among the local community and overseas tourists (AFCD)	To organise 10 hiking events in 2001-2002 to involve members of the public in these hiking activities (2000)	(Action Completed)
To enhance public access to information on environmental performance of major projects (EPD)	To set up a web-based database on project environmental performance for public access in 2000-2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To promote the adoption of environmental reporting in the private sector (EPD)	To conduct seminars, disseminate government and international experiences and issue guidance materials to the private sector in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)

9 Increase efficiency in energy use

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To consider the life-cycle energy cost in building design in order to promote more energy efficient, durable and maintainable buildings <i>(Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (E&MSD))</i>	To commission a study in 2002 to develop a guideline on the assessment of life-cycle energy cost of building design and construction <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To provide an integrated design framework for building energy efficiency and conservation <i>(E&MSD)</i>	To commission a study in 2001 to develop a performance-based code of practice for building energy efficiency and conservation design using the building total energy budget approach <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To formulate policy options on the management of greenhouse gas emissions <i>(the then Environment and Food Bureau)</i>	To work out a package of proposed policy options arising from a consultancy study on greenhouse gas emissions <i>(1999)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To introduce statutory requirements on energy efficiency and conservation</p> <p>(E&MSD)</p>	<p>To consult the community on the proposed statutory requirements in 2001</p> <p>(1999)</p>	<p>We are reviewing the proposal to introduce statutory requirements on energy efficiency and conservation.</p> <p>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</p>
<p>To promote the wider adoption of Water-cooled Air Conditioning Systems (WACS) in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region</p> <p>(E&MSD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To study, in 2001, the implementation of a district WACS at Southeast Kowloon Development ● To examine, by late 2001, the technical, financial and institutional requirements to facilitate the conversion to WACS in existing non-domestic premises in Wan Chai and Causeway Bay ● To examine, in 2001, the development priorities and the control requirements for the phased implementation of WACS throughout Hong Kong <p>(1999)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To implement energy saving measures in new government buildings</p> <p><i>(Government Property Agency/Architectural Services Department)</i></p>	<p>To include energy saving measures such as computerised building management system, energy efficient air-conditioning and lighting installations in the Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices by end-1999 and the Shatin Government Offices by 2002</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To conduct energy audits and implement energy management measures in government buildings to save energy</p> <p><i>(E&MSD)</i></p>	<p>To complete energy audits of all major government buildings by 2001</p> <p><i>(1998 and 1996)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

10 Improve waste management

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To review the Waste Disposal Ordinance to strengthen control on improper disposal of waste and to complement the waste reduction initiatives</p> <p><i>(the then Environment and Food Bureau (EFB)/Environmental Protection Department (EPD))</i></p>	<p>To complete the review in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To review current support measures for waste recovery and recycling, to enhance co-ordination and integration of different facilities and services and to increase the recovery rate of domestic waste</p> <p><i>(EFB/EPD)</i></p>	<p>To launch a programme in 2001 to provide more facilities and services for waste recovery and recycling so as to increase the recycling rate of domestic waste</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To examine bulk waste reduction facilities and technologies</p> <p><i>(EPD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To examine different bulk waste reduction facilities and technologies that are currently available and to decide in 2001 the technology that should be adopted in Hong Kong <p><i>(2000)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete a feasibility study on waste-to-energy incinerators by March 1999 <p><i>(1998 and 1996)</i></p>	<p>To ensure that we do not miss out any waste treatment technologies, we invited expressions of interest from waste management industry in developing such facilities. We are currently assessing the 59 proposals received. The feasibility study on waste-to-energy incinerators is still ongoing.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To provide a network of environmentally sound public filling barging points to minimise the environmental and traffic impacts of long haulage arising from delivering public fill to reclamation sites by road</p> <p><i>(Civil Engineering Department (CED))</i></p>	<p>To consult the public in early 2000 on the implementation of long-term barging points at Eastern, Central and Western and Southern districts by 2001-2002</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To introduce legislative control and produce a code of practice for clinical waste management for producers, collectors and disposal facilities</p> <p><i>(EFB/EPD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To modify the incineration facilities at the Chemical Waste Treatment Centre to enable it to treat clinical waste in 2001 <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will seek funding approval in 2003 for implementing this proposal. <p><i>(Action in Progress: Behind Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To introduce legislation and promulgate the code of practice by end-1999 (1998) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have consulted the trades and the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the proposed control scheme and draft Code of Practice. We will introduce the legislative proposal into LegCo in 2003. (Action in Progress: Behind Schedule)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To draw up the strategy for the disposal of clinical waste, animal carcasses and other special wastes by end-1999 (1997) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will proceed with the above for clinical waste and are reviewing the way forward for other special wastes. (Action in Progress : Under Review)
To ban the import of hazardous waste from developed countries into or through the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in accordance with the recent decision of the Basel Convention (EPD)	To introduce legislation for the ban in 1999 (1998)	An administrative ban was introduced in December 1998. We will submit the legislative proposal in 2003. (Action in Progress : Under Review)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To identify suitable storage and disposal option for low-level radioactive waste and to close down existing unsatisfactory storage facilities</p> <p>(EPD)</p>	<p>To complete in early 1998 a low-level radioactive waste storage facility at Siu A Chau, and to close down existing unsatisfactory storage facilities after completion of the new facility</p> <p>(1996)</p>	<p>We have invited tender for the construction and operation of the Siu A Chau storage facility. Tender evaluation is in progress.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To introduce charging for privately collected waste (except household waste) delivered to landfills once agreement has been reached on the detailed charging arrangements with affected parties</p> <p>(EFB)</p>	<p>To introduce charging scheme in 2000</p> <p>(1995)</p>	<p>We plan to introduce charging for disposal of construction and demolition waste. We plan to submit the legislative proposal in 2003.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>

11 Plan for sustainability

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To strengthen co-operation with the Guangdong Authorities on protecting Deep Bay and Mirs Bay <i>(Environmental Protection Department)</i>	To carry out half-yearly audits of the Deep Bay and Mirs Bay Action Plans and to take follow-up actions as agreed under the Hong Kong Guangdong Environmental Protection Liaison Group (now Mirs Bay and Deep Bay (Shenzhen Bay) Areas Environmental Management Special Panel) <i>(1998)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Public Works Programme

(formerly under the then Works Bureau)

Detailed Progress

1 Ensure that public works projects are planned for cost effectiveness, feasibility studies are thoroughly conducted, and planning action is well co-ordinated

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To streamline Public Works Programme (PWP) procedures, including simplifying Preliminary Project Feasibility Studies, improving the co-ordination between environmental impact assessment and the statutory gazetting of projects and shortening the land resumption process <i>(the then Works Bureau (WB))</i>	To complete the streamlining of PWP procedures by March 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To conduct a review on the undertaking of value management studies on major public works projects to better address the needs of all stakeholders <i>(WB)</i>	To complete the review by March 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To scrutinise reports of Preliminary Project Feasibility Studies in respect of projects for inclusion in the PWP within the prescribed time frame (WB)	To maintain the target of checking individual reports within three weeks of receipt of the reports (1999)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

2 Ensure that the most appropriate methods of procurement and delivery of construction projects are used

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To review the recommendations of the consultancy study on the General Conditions of Contract for Public Works Projects with the objective of achieving a more equitable allocation of risks <i>(the then Works Bureau (WB))</i>	To complete the review by 2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To investigate alternative methods of procurement for public works <i>(WB)</i>	To carry out a study on alternative methods of procurement for public works in order to ensure overall value for money by March 2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To develop procedures and guidelines for the use of Interim Payment Schedules (IPS) in public works contracts in order to simplify the method of interim payments to contractors <i>(WB)</i>	To complete and implement the new IPS guidelines and procedures by 2001 <i>(1999)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

3 Ensure that the quality of consultants and contractors selected to deliver public works will meet the requirements of our projects

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance the consultant selection procedures with a view to encouraging more consultants to participate in public works consultancies (the then Works Bureau (WB))	To complete the enhancement by end-2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To improve the mechanism for monitoring consultants' performance (WB)	To incorporate categorisation of works in the Consultants' Performance Index System by end-2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To improve the quality of public works by requiring the contractors to employ more qualified tradesmen and intermediate tradesmen for carrying out the works (WB)	To review and increase the minimum percentages of qualified tradesmen and intermediate tradesmen to be employed by the contractors of Government works contracts before end-2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To improve the marking scheme in the consultant selection system such that it adequately reflects all quality aspects critical to a project (WB)	To promulgate the new marking scheme by mid-2003 (2001)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To enhance the efficiency in the management of the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works and List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works (WB)	To complete the enhancement of the computerised Contractors Management Information System including its development into a bilingual (Chinese and English) system by end-2001 (2000)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
Together with the Independent Commission Against Corruption, to reinforce corruption resistant systems and procedures in the consultants management system (WB)	To complete a comprehensive review of the existing guidelines governing the management of consultants and to encourage the consultants to establish and maintain a code of conduct by end-2001 (2000)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

4 Ensure that contractors for public works maintain a safe and healthy working environment

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To monitor the safety performance of public works contractors to achieve the target accident rate of less than 50 accidents per 1 000 workers per year (the then Works Bureau (WB))	To achieve the target accident rate of less than 50 accidents per 1 000 workers per year in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To review the trial scheme of Site Safety Cycle and apply it to suitable public works contracts (WB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete the review in early 2002 ● To apply the scheme to suitable public works contracts to be invited in mid-2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)

5 Ensure high quality and standards in the construction and maintenance of public works

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To promote wider use of standardisation in component design and process in construction (the then Works Bureau (WB))	To establish a database of standardised construction components and processes in 2002 for share use and reference among Works Departments (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To further improve the quality management of public works through the certification against the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 9001:2000 standard (WB)	Following the requirements of the ISO on the transition to the ISO 9001:2000 standard, to require all consultants, Groups B and C contractors, and major specialist contractors to obtain ISO 9001:2000 certification by end-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To enhance materials and compliance testing for public works projects (Civil Engineering Department)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To publish standard specifications for testing on Alkaline Aggregate Reactions in 2002 ● To publish standard specifications for soil testing in 2002 (2001)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule) ● (Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To implement the first stage of a construction personnel registration system for construction workers</p> <p>(WB)</p>	<p>To complete drafting of the new legislation by end-2001</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>In view of the complexity of the proposed registration system, full consultations with all stakeholders of the construction industry were necessary before the drafting instructions could be finalised. Drafting of the new legislation is in progress. It is planned to submit the Bill to the Legislative Council in early 2003.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>

6 Ensure that projects in the Public Works Programme are completed on time and within budget

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To ensure the timely delivery of infrastructure projects related to the Cyberport</p> <p><i>(the then Works Bureau (WB))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete the sewage treatment plant by October 2002 ● To complete 50% of the bridge foundations of the Northern Access Road by September 2002 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
<p>To ensure the timely delivery of infrastructure projects related to the Hong Kong Disneyland</p> <p><i>(WB)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete works of the Phase 1 theme park site of the Penny's Bay Reclamation by end-2002 ● To commence the de-contamination work at the Cheoy Lee Shipyard by end-2002 ● To complete the civil engineering works for the West Resort Road by end-2002 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete the first stage of Stage 1 of the Penny's Bay Reclamation by end-2001 <p>(2000)</p>	
<p>To assess the cumulative effect of the housing development programme on infrastructure capacity, so as to identify the need for new infrastructure projects and co-ordinate the planning for these projects, to monitor their progress and to ensure their timely completion</p> <p>(WB)</p>	<p>To compile quarterly progress reports on high impact housing-related infrastructure Public Works Programme (PWP) projects starting from early 2000 to enhance monitoring</p> <p>(1999)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To maintain the expenditure of public works on target against the provisions in the Estimates</p> <p>(WB)</p>	<p>To ensure that underspending on public works will be less than 5% against the provisions in the Estimates</p> <p>(1999)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To strengthen the monitoring of the progress of High Impact PWP projects to ensure that there will be no undue delay</p> <p>(WB)</p>	<p>To ensure that High Impact PWP projects are implemented according to the approved programme and project estimate</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

7 Promote the exchange of construction technology and expertise in public works between Hong Kong and the Mainland

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To promote joint technological research activities and exchange of construction technology with the Mainland</p> <p><i>(the then Works Bureau (WB))</i></p>	<p>To facilitate local and Mainland universities and related organisations in undertaking at least one joint research project in construction engineering in 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To facilitate contact between the local construction industry and their Mainland counterparts to help enhance mutual understanding in the organisation and practice of the construction industry and to strengthen their co-operation opportunities</p> <p><i>(WB)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To co-organise at least one exchange seminar and arrange visits to the Mainland on topics related to systems and practices adopted by the construction industry in Hong Kong and in the Mainland by end-2002 ● To collaborate with the relevant Mainland authorities on the exchange of construction-related information in 2002 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To foster liaison and co-operation among engineering and construction related professionals for the promotion of a comprehensive service (covering project financing, design, construction and project operation) to the construction industry</p> <p>(WB)</p>	<p>To co-organise at least one exchange seminar and arrange visits to the Mainland to share experience and promote co-operation between local professionals and their Mainland counterparts by end-2002</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To promote joint technological research activities and exchange of construction technology with the Mainland</p> <p>(WB)</p>	<p>To liaise with local and Mainland universities and related organisations on joint research activities in construction engineering in 2001</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

8 Ensure that the stormwater drainage infrastructure is adequate and effective in collecting and discharging surface runoff

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To implement village flood protection schemes in Yuen Long <i>(Territory Development Department (TDD)/ Drainage Services Department (DSD))</i>	To complete the construction of village flood protection works for Yuen Long Ma Tin Tsuen, Shui Pin Wai and Wang Chau (Phase 2) in 2005 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To implement village flood protection schemes in San Tin <i>(TDD/DSD)</i>	To complete the construction of village flood protection works for San Tin Mai Po Lo Wai and Mai Po San Tsuen in 2005 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To implement the main drainage channel works for eastern San Tin <i>(TDD/DSD)</i>	To complete the construction of the Eastern Main Drainage Channel for San Tin in 2006 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To implement the Yuen Long Bypass Floodway project <i>(TDD/DSD)</i>	To complete the construction of the Yuen Long Bypass Floodway in 2006 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To implement Phase 2 of the river training scheme in Ngau Tam Mei in Northwestern New Territories (TDD)	To complete Phase 2 of the river training works by end-2002 (2000)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To implement Stage 2 of the river training scheme in Yuen Long and Kam Tin in Northwestern New Territories (TDD/DSD)	To complete Phases 1 and 2 of the river training works by end-2002 (2000)	Phase 1 works were completed in March 2002. Due to the provisional liquidation of the original contractor, the contract for Phase 2 has been novated to a new contractor with remaining works scheduled for completion in March 2004. <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i>
To work closely with the Shenzhen authorities on the implementation of Stage 3 of the Shenzhen River Regulation Project (DSD)	To commence construction of Stage 3 of the Shenzhen River improvement works in 2001 (1999)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To implement Phase 1 of the river training scheme in Ngau Tam Mei in Northwestern New Territories (DSD)	To complete the river training works in 2002 (1999)	Drainage channel was partially formed and opened for the conveyance of floodwater in April 2002. The channel is expected to be completed in early 2003. <i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To upgrade the stormwater drainage system in West Kowloon</p> <p>(DSD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete Stage 1 of the West Kowloon drainage improvement works in 2003 ● To complete Stage 2 Phase 1 of the West Kowloon drainage improvement works in 2004 <p>(1999)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To implement river training schemes in the flood-prone areas of Northern New Territories</p> <p>(TDD/DSD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete river training and rehabilitation works for River Beas and River Indus in 2001 <p>(1998)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Works for River Beas and Lower River Indus were completed in 2001. River training works for Upper River Indus were behind schedule and the contract was re-entered in December 2001. Channel works for relieving the flooding problem were completed in April 2002. Remaining works are in progress for completion in 2003. <p>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To recommend comprehensive plans to extend and upgrade the stormwater drainage systems under the seven DMP Studies. To implement in phases the recommended drainage improvement works upon the completion of these studies (DSD)	To begin construction in 2001 (1997)	(Action Completed)

9 Promote electronic services delivery for works projects

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To implement electronic procurement for public works projects <i>(the then Works Bureau (WB))</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To commence tender/consultancy proposal submission on removable media by end-2001 ● To complete the feasibility study for tender/consultancy proposal submission through the Internet by March 2002 	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To formulate an Electronic Services Delivery (ESD) strategy for the implementation of works projects <i>(WB)</i>	To complete a comprehensive review of the existing works project delivery processes and to formulate an overall ESD strategy for works projects by mid-2002	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To implement a unified Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD) Standard for Works Departments (CSWD) <i>(WB)</i>	To complete a comprehensive review of the existing CAD practice adopted by the Works Departments, and to formulate and implement a unified CSWD by end-2002	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Slope Safety for All (formerly under the then Works Bureau)

Detailed Progress

1 Improve slope safety standards, technology, and administrative and regulatory frameworks

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To investigate serious landslides in 2000 and derive improvement measures (Civil Engineering Department (CED))	To complete examination of all reported landslides which occurred in 2000 and produce a report on improvements to slope engineering practice by December 2001 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To introduce the use of digital technology in geotechnical field mapping (CED)	To apply geographic information system, digital photogrammetry and mobile computing techniques for landslide investigations and natural terrain studies by December 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To introduce a risk management strategy to combat natural terrain landslide hazards (CED)	To formulate a natural terrain landslide risk management strategy for trial implementation by April 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To improve the technology in slope improvement works (CED)	To develop effective non-destructive means for measuring the lengths of installed soil nails by December 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To enhance experience sharing amongst geotechnical practitioners (CED)	To publish and maintain in the Hong Kong Slope Safety Website (http://hkss.ced.gov.hk) an up-to-date list of geotechnical publications and technical papers on geology and geotechnical engineering in Hong Kong for free public access in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To integrate the updated Housing Department's estate-based slope records into the Housing Department Intranet System (Housing Department)	To update and digitise all the existing slope data into the format complying with the Housing Department Intranet System by mid-2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To introduce a risk management strategy to combat natural terrain landslide hazards (CED)	To publish guidelines on practice and procedures for natural terrain hazard study by December 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance the geotechnical control of building developments</p> <p><i>(Buildings Department/ CED)</i></p>	<p>To review the Buildings Ordinance and introduce legislation to the Legislative Council by the 2001-2002 legislative session to establish a Register of Geotechnical Engineers</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p>The proposal for registration of Geotechnical Engineers has been agreed with the relevant professional bodies and the building industry. Detailed legislative proposal is being prepared. The proposal will be processed together with other proposals for amendments to the Buildings Ordinance under an omnibus bill. As the issues involved in the bill are complex, more time than expected is required to work out the details. The current schedule is to introduce the bill into the Legislative Council in 2003.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To publish a new reinforced fill design guide for Hong Kong</p> <p><i>(CED)</i></p>	<p>To publish the new design guide by December 2002</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

2 Ensure safety standards of new slopes

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance the effectiveness of site auditing of new geotechnical works (Civil Engineering Department (CED))	To develop a site auditing system using mobile computing technology by December 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To enhance the standard of supervision of geotechnical works (CED)	To increase the number of inspections of active construction sites by the Geotechnical Engineering Office from 1 300 to 1 700 per year (2001)	(Action Completed)
To enhance the effectiveness of checking new slopes (CED)	To extend the computerised District Information System established for Hong Kong Island to cover all sites in Kowloon, the New Territories and outlying islands by June 2002 (2000)	(Action Completed)

3 Rectify substandard government slopes

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To reduce the landslide risk posed to the public (Civil Engineering Department (CED))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To upgrade 250 government slopes close to buildings and major roads under the Landslip Preventive Measures (LPM) Programme in 2002 (2001) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To publish the Annual Report on Government Slope Safety Works for the Year 2001 by April 2002 (2001) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To upgrade 250 government slopes close to buildings and major roads under the LPM Programme in 2001 (2000) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed)
To improve the aesthetic aspects of upgraded government slopes (CED)	To landscape every slope upgraded under the LPM Programme in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)

4 Maintain all government man-made slopes

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To improve government slopes not covered by the Landslip Preventive Measures Programme to reduce the landslide risk posed to the public <i>(Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)/ Architectural Services Department (Arch SD)/ Drainage Services Department (DSD)/ Highways Department (HyD)/Housing Department (HD)/Lands Department (Lands D)/ Water Supplies Department (WSD))</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To improve the stability of 300 government slopes by prescriptive measures by March 2003 <i>(2001)</i> ● To improve the stability of 300 government slopes by prescriptive measures by March 2002 <i>(2000)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To improve the maintenance of government slopes <i>(AFCD/Arch SD/DSD/ HyD/HD/Lands D/WSD)</i>	To complete the routine maintenance inspections and necessary maintenance works on the additional slopes identified through the new slope cataloguing exercise by March 2002 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To complete the systematic inspection and repair of all government underground drains and water pipes which may affect the stability of adjacent slopes</p> <p><i>(the then Works Bureau)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete the systematic inspection and necessary repair works of underground water pipes, sewers and drains within government buildings and affecting slopes by 2001 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete the systematic inspection and necessary repair works of underground water pipes affecting slopes near buildings and major roads by 2002 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete the systematic inspection and necessary repair works of underground sewers and drains affecting slopes near buildings and major roads by 2004 <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

5 Ensure that owners take responsibility for slope safety

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To require owners of private slopes to rectify their substandard slopes (Civil Engineering Department (CED)/ Buildings Department (BD))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete safety-screening studies of 300 man-made private slopes in 2002 and, where necessary, serve orders on the owners to rectify deficiencies (2001) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete safety-screening studies of 300 man-made private slopes in 2001 and, where necessary, serve orders on the owners to rectify deficiencies (2000) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To provide assistance to private owners to maintain their slopes (CED/BD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To step up advisory services to private owners on slope maintenance defects and necessary follow-up actions in 2002 (2001) ● To prepare a training video and Model Slope Maintenance Plan for use by private slope owners and property management companies in 2001 (2000) ● To set up a training course on private slope maintenance on the Internet in 2001 (2000) 	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To require owners to inspect and repair private underground drains and water pipes which may affect the stability of slopes</p> <p>(BD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete screening studies of underground services affecting 500 slopes in 2002 and, where necessary, serve orders on the owners to rectify deficiencies <p>(2001)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete screening studies of underground services affecting 500 slopes in 2001 and, where necessary, serve orders on the owners to rectify deficiencies <p>(2000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed)

6 Promote public awareness and response in slope safety through public education, publicity, information services and public warnings

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance private owners' acceptance of their responsibility for slope safety through the work of the Community Advisory Unit (Civil Engineering Department (CED))	To stage nine roving exhibitions on slope safety by December 2001 and meet private owners and owners' corporations to advise them on slope safety issues (2001)	(Action Completed)
To identify squatter huts at high risk from landslides so that clearance actions can be initiated (CED)	To inspect the areas near streamcourses and subject to natural terrain landslip risk in 90 major squatter villages in the New Territories by September 2002, make clearance recommendations and advise residents on safety precautions (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To enhance the response of the public to Landslip Warnings (CED)	To prepare new warning messages to enhance communication with the public during Landslip Warnings by April 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance public education on slope safety</p> <p>(CED)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To set up a Slope Safety Island in the Hong Kong Slope Safety Website (http://hkss.ced.gov.hk) for free dissemination of educational materials on slope safety by July 2002 ● To conduct three seminars in schools on slope safety in 2002 <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To enhance the response of the public to landslip warnings</p> <p>(CED)</p>	<p>To step up public education on signs of landslip danger in 2001</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To reduce the extent of unauthorised cultivation on hillsides</p> <p>(CED)</p>	<p>To step up public education on the risks of unauthorised cultivation in 2001</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

7 Enhance the appearance and aesthetics of engineered slopes

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To improve the aesthetic aspects of upgraded government slopes <i>(Civil Engineering Department (CED))</i>	To landscape 250 slopes upgraded in 2002 under the Landslip Preventive Measures Programme <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To improve aesthetic aspects of newly formed government slopes <i>(Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department/ Architectural Services Department/CED/ Drainage Services Department/Highways Department (HyD)/ Home Affairs Department/Housing Department/Territory Development Department/Water Supplies Department (WSD))</i>	To landscape every newly formed government man-made slope constructed in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To improve aesthetic aspects of private slopes <i>(CED)</i>	To produce a layman's guide on landscape treatment for man-made slopes and retaining walls by July 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To improve the technology in greening slopes (CED/HyD/WSD)	To conclude trials of growing new vegetation mixes and applying new planting techniques on steep slopes by December 2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Water Supply

(formerly under the then Works Bureau)

Detailed Progress

1 Identify water supply needs and secure water resources

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To maintain close liaison with the Guangdong Authorities on the implementation of the current Agreement <i>(the then Works Bureau (WB)/Water Supplies Department (WSD))</i>	● To hold at least one high-level business meeting and two technical meetings with the Guangdong Authorities in 2002 to discuss and resolve problems <i>(2001)</i>	● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
	● To hold at least one high-level business meeting and two technical sub-group meetings with the Guangdong Authorities in 2001 to discuss and resolve problems <i>(2000)</i>	● <i>(Action Completed)</i>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

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Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To monitor the quality of Dongjiang water (WB/WSD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To closely monitor the progress of measures taken by the Guangdong Authorities on the protection of the Dongjiang water quality and publish an annual update of the Dongjiang water quality information in 2002 (2001) ● To closely monitor the quality of Dongjiang water and exchange data with the Guangdong Authorities on a weekly basis (2000) 	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To ensure the supply and storage of water is sufficient to meet demand (WSD)</p>	<p>To review the storage position and demand forecast on a monthly basis and to seek agreement to adjust the Dongjiang water supply when necessary (2000)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To formulate a long-term strategy for developing new fresh water resources for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (WSD)</p>	<p>To formulate a long-term strategy, taking into account the findings of a consultancy study, by 2001 (2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

2 Improve the water supply administrative and regulatory framework

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To improve quality assurance of mechanical and electrical maintenance work <i>(Water Supplies Department (WSD))</i>	To obtain International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 9000 certification for managing mechanical and electrical maintenance work by 2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To improve quality assurance in the attendance to main bursts and leaks <i>(WSD)</i>	To obtain ISO 9000 certification for attendance to main bursts and leaks by end-2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To improve quality assurance in handling consumers' complaints related to water supply <i>(WSD)</i>	To obtain ISO 9000 certification for handling consumers' complaints by end-2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To improve quality assurance in leakage detection work <i>(WSD)</i>	To obtain ISO 9000 certification for managing leakage detection work by end-2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To move towards the introduction of a comprehensive information technology system to improve working efficiency (WSD)	To complete a feasibility study for Stage II implementation of the Information Systems Strategy by 2001 (1999)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

3 Expand the water supply infrastructure to meet increasing demand

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To expand the water supply infrastructure to meet new development requirements</p> <p><i>(Water Supplies Department (WSD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide water supply to the Ngong Ping area by 2006 to meet the demand from tourism-related developments <i>(2001)</i> ● To provide water supply for new developments in Pokfulam area by 2005 <i>(2000)</i> ● To provide fresh water supply to Penny's Bay, Lantau by 2004 and salt water supply by 2006 <i>(2000)</i> ● To provide water supply for new developments in the Kowloon East area by 2004 <i>(1999)</i> ● To provide water supply for the Tung Chung and Tai Ho Phase 3 development by 2007 <i>(1999)</i> 	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To improve the reliability of existing water supply systems by providing new linkages (WSD)	To complete the improvements for Tuen Mun/Yuen Long and Sham Tseng/Yau Kom Tau by 2003 (1998)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

4 Maintain and improve the condition of the water supply infrastructure

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To implement a replacement/rehabilitation programme for the aged waterworks installations (Water Supplies Department (WSD))	● To complete the replacement/rehabilitation for the Tsuen Wan Fresh Water Pumping Station by 2004 (2001)	● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
	● To complete the replacement/rehabilitation for the Tai Po Tau Raw Water Pumping Station by 2006 (2001)	● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
	● To complete the replacement/rehabilitation for Tuen Mun Fresh Water Pumping Station by 2005 (2000)	● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
	● To complete the replacement/rehabilitation for Tsuen Wan Raw Water Pumping Station by 2007 (2000)	● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete the replacement/rehabilitation for Ha Lo Wai Salt Water Pumping Station by 2001 <p>(1999)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
<p>To reduce the leakage in distribution network</p> <p>(WSD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To adopt a continuous leakage monitoring strategy in 35 existing district metering areas by mid-2002 ● To complete a pilot project on adopting pressure management techniques in a major supply zone by 2003 <p>(2000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
<p>To launch a comprehensive and systematic programme to replace and rehabilitate aged watermains, with priority given to the watermains in urban areas and those most susceptible to leakages and bursts</p> <p>(WSD)</p>	<p>To start in 2000 the first stage of the programme by replacing or rehabilitating 350 km of aged watermains, for completion by 2006</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

5 Ensure the quality of water supplied to customers

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To advise customers on the upkeep of their inside services (storage tanks and pipes) so that water can be drinkable out of their taps</p> <p><i>(Water Supplies Department (WSD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct a public opinion survey on the direct consumption of fresh water out of the tap by 2002 <i>(2001)</i> ● To develop a broader action plan by 2001 <i>(2000)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
<p>To improve the water quality testing laboratory facilities at Sham Tseng and Yau Kom Tau treatment works</p> <p><i>(WSD)</i></p>	<p>To complete the improvement by 2001 <i>(1999)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

6 Improve customer services in the provision of water supply

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To educate the public about the water quality in Hong Kong (<i>Water Supplies Department (WSD)</i>)	To carry out one publicity campaign on water quality in 2002-2003 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To promote the importance of good customer service amongst staff (WSD)	To conduct five training workshops for frontline staff in 2002-2003 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To introduce telephone applications for taking up consumership of domestic water accounts registered in a personal capacity (WSD)	To introduce the service by 2002 (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To improve IT systems and implement business process re-engineering for Customer Service Programme (WSD)	Implementation to start by 2000 and complete by 2003 (1999)	Tender for the Customer Care & Billing System was invited in May 2002. Phase I to be completed by the end of 2003 and the whole system in early 2004. (<i>Action in Progress : Behind Schedule</i>)

7 Improve overall efficiency and reduce cost

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To improve the efficiency of transport services (Water Supplies Department (WSD))	To introduce contracting out of transport services by 2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To improve the efficiency of operating salt water pumping stations (WSD)	To reduce the manning level by enhancing automation by 2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To implement a pilot scheme for automatic reading of water meters (WSD)	To complete the technical feasibility and financial viability study of automatic meter reading by 2002 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To improve efficiency and productivity (WSD)	To achieve significant overall savings in operation and maintenance expenditure without lowering service level over the next three years (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To improve the management of energy costs (WSD)	To conduct an energy audit for major waterworks installations by 2002 (1999)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau

International Financial Centre **(formerly under the then Financial Services** **Bureau)**

Detailed Progress

I Maintain monetary and banking stability in Hong Kong

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To introduce a deposit insurance scheme in Hong Kong (<i>Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA)</i>)	To introduce detailed recommendations in 2002 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To establish a credit reference agency for commercial enterprises in Hong Kong (<i>HKMA</i>)	To introduce detailed recommendations in 2002 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To enhance deposit protection in Hong Kong (<i>HKMA</i>)	To consult the public on the recommendations of the Consultancy Study on Deposit Protection and subject to the results of the consultation, to initiate appropriate measures in 2001 (2000)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To continue to improve financial disclosure requirements for the banking industry in line with international best practices</p> <p>(HKMA)</p>	<p>To transform the current disclosure recommendations for authorised institutions into a formal set of guidelines with legal backing under the Banking Ordinance in 2001</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To continue refining the currency board arrangements</p> <p>(HKMA)</p>	<p>To review, on an ongoing basis, the currency board arrangements and introduce refinements as appropriate, especially with regard to convertibility of and transferability among the various monetary base components</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

2 Further improve the regulatory framework

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To implement recommendations arising from the Corporate Governance Review being undertaken by phases by the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform <i>(the then Financial Services Bureau (FSB))</i>	To implement the recommendations by phases starting from 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To further enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) System <i>(FSB)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To commence the first phase of the review on the administrative and operational aspects of the MPF System in late 2001 ● To put forward the first phase of legislative amendments to the MPF Schemes Ordinance in 2002 on the basis of the findings of the review <i>(2001)</i> 	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To prepare for the implementation of the New Capital Accord by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision</p> <p><i>(Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To review the consultation documents issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision in 2002 ● To develop a suitable action plan by end-2002 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To conduct a consultancy study on the feasibility of establishing insurance policy holders' protection funds so as to enhance the protection of policy holders</p> <p><i>(Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI))</i></p>	<p>To commence the study in 2002-03 and to consult the insurance industry and the general public thereafter</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To review and update the HKMA Guideline on Prevention of Money Laundering to incorporate the revisions in the Financial Action Task Force's 40 Recommendations and Basel Committee's proposals on "Customer Due Diligence for Banks"</p> <p><i>(HKMA)</i></p>	<p>To complete the review and update by end-2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To monitor the operation of the MPF System upon full implementation in December 2000 (FSB)	The Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority to regulate, supervise and monitor the MPF System in accordance with the MPF Schemes Ordinance (2000 and 1999)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To conduct a study on the future role of the Official Receiver (FSB/Official Receiver's Office (ORO))	To identify possible options on the future role of the Official Receiver by 2001-2002 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To consolidate and modernise all existing ordinances governing the securities and futures market into a single piece of legislation to enable Hong Kong to better meet the competitive challenge as a result of increasing globalisation (FSB)	To introduce the Securities and Futures Bill into the Legislative Council in November 2000 (2000, 1998 and 1995)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To amend the Banking Ordinance to enhance the regulation of authorised institutions (AIs) which will be exempt from the Securities and Futures Bill and to improve the operation of the Banking Ordinance in the light of recent market developments (FSB)	To implement the relevant amendments to the Banking Ordinance in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To refine the existing regulatory framework for electronic banking (HKMA)	To issue a guideline on Internet advertisements for deposits in the first half of 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To develop a Supervisory Policy Manual to support the risk-based supervisory approach to AIs adopted by the HKMA (HKMA)	To complete the Manual by the end of 2001 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To establish a Market Misconduct Tribunal for tackling market misconduct in the securities and futures market (FSB)	To introduce the Securities and Futures Bill into the Legislative Council in November 2000 and set up the Tribunal when the law comes into operation (2000 and 1999)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To establish a Securities and Futures Appeals Tribunal for handling appeals lodged against decisions made by the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) (FSB)	To introduce the Securities and Futures Bill into the Legislative Council in November 2000 and set up the Tribunal when the law comes into operation (2000 and 1999)	(Action Completed)
To streamline the licensing regime for securities and futures intermediaries (FSB and SFC)	To introduce the Securities and Futures Bill into the Legislative Council in November 2000 and set up the new licensing regime when the law comes into operation (2000 and 1999)	(Action Completed)
To enhance the disclosure of interests in securities (FSB and SFC)	To introduce the Securities and Futures Bill into the Legislative Council in November 2000 and enhance the disclosure requirements when the law comes into operation (2000 and 1999)	(Action Completed)
To implement the Law Reform Commission (LRC)'s proposal on licensing insolvency practitioners (ORO)	To consult professional and academic bodies with a view to setting standards for the licensing of practitioners (1999)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide for statutory corporate rescue procedure to allow a viable business to survive as a going concern (ORO)	To introduce the legislative proposals into the Legislative Council before end-1999 (1999 and 1996)	(Action Completed)
To further strengthen liaison with overseas insurance regulators to enhance Hong Kong's status as a regional insurance centre (OCI)	To discuss and sign Memoranda of Understanding with major overseas insurance regulators (1999)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To further strengthen the discipline and transparency of the securities and futures markets (FSB)	To implement the new measures in the 30-point programme concerning the short selling regime, risk management, rule enforcement, inter-market surveillance and contingency power. Where legislative amendments are necessary, to introduce the legislative proposals as soon as possible (1998)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To ensure that the legal framework for companies is conducive to the running of business in Hong Kong through the review of the Companies Ordinance and related bankruptcy and insolvency legislation</p> <p><i>(Companies Registry/ ORO)</i></p>	<p>To examine the consultancy report on the Review of the Companies Ordinance and the public submissions, and the LRC's proposals on insolvency legislation in 1999 and introduce legislative amendments if appropriate from 2000 onwards</p> <p><i>(1998 and 1996)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To consider the establishment of the Insurance Authority as an independent regulatory body</p> <p><i>(FSB)</i></p>	<p>To consider the establishment in 1997</p> <p><i>(1996)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

3 Improve the infrastructure required for a first class international financial centre

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To release the results of the 2001 Population Census (<i>Census and Statistics Department (C&SD)</i>)	To complete the release of the Census results by mid-2002 (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To establish statistical systems for the compilation of annual statistics on international investment position, quarterly statistics on external debts, and enhanced statistics on portfolio investment (<i>C&SD</i>)	To complete the setting up of the necessary statistical systems by early 2002 (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To introduce electronic filing, processing and dissemination of corporate information in the Companies Registry (<i>Companies Registry</i>)	To implement an Integrated Companies Registry Information System in phases by 2005 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To implement a series of measures contained in the Report of the Steering Committee on the Enhancement of the Financial Infrastructure to enhance the financial infrastructure with a view to improving risk management, increasing efficiency, and reducing cost; and to encourage the financial industry and parties concerned to implement the enhancement measures as quickly as possible, having regard to their development plans</p> <p><i>(Securities and Futures Commission (SFC), Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) and the then Financial Services Bureau (FSB))</i></p>	<p>To complete longer term measures including the provision of straight-through processing for securities and derivatives trading, and upgrading of clearing arrangements by the end of 2002</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p>Commenced drafting of legislation to allow for scripless trading in securities. Coordinating with key players, in particular Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, on implementation of the remaining measures taking into account their priority and global development.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To produce production-based Gross Domestic Product (GDP(P)) at constant prices to facilitate analysis of the performance of different economic sectors</p> <p>(C&SD)</p>	<p>To conduct related research studies and establish the necessary statistical systems for the compilation of constant price GDP(P) statistics with a view to completing the studies in early 2001 and setting up the entire compilation framework by the end of 2001 and releasing the statistics with major sectoral breakdowns in mid-2002</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To house all major financial authorities under one roof</p> <p>(FSB)</p>	<p>To house all major financial institutions under one roof in the future Hong Kong International Finance Centre which will be strategically located at the Central Waterfront</p> <p>(1997)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

4 Spearhead the further development of the financial market

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To review the arrangements for protecting consumers of banking services <i>(Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA))</i>	To recommend a policy approach within 2002 based on comments received from the public on the comparative study published by the HKMA <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To review the three-tier authorisation system <i>(HKMA)</i>	To complete the review in the first half of 2001 and implement any reform as appropriate by the end of 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To review the existing market entry requirements for a local banking licence <i>(HKMA)</i>	To complete the review in the second half of 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To promote bilateral links with other financial centres in Payment versus Payment and Delivery versus Payment transactions</p> <p>(HKMA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To set up a bilateral linkage between HKMA's Central Moneymarkets Unit and the Government Securities Book Entry System of the Mainland to facilitate cross-boundary trading and holding of Hong Kong and Mainland debt securities in 1999 <p>(1998)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Following agreement reached with the People's Bank of China this year, the linkage is now due for implementation in early 2003. <p>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To reduce the settlement risk in foreign exchange transactions by pursuing the establishment of a Payment versus Payment link between the local payment system and those in the region, including the Mainland <p>(2000 and 1997)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Progress needs to await the development of Real Time Gross Settlement systems in the region. <p>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</p>

Prudent Management of Public Finances

(formerly under the then Finance Bureau)

Detailed Progress

1 Ensure that government expenditure grows no faster than the economy over time and ensure that resources available are used cost-effectively in providing quality services that best meet the needs of the community

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To control the growth in government expenditure <i>(the then Finance Bureau (FB))</i>	To control the growth in recurrent and capital expenditure in 2002-2003 to no more than 4% in real terms <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To sustain momentum in the implementation of the Enhanced Productivity Programme (EPP) <i>(FB)</i>	To publish at least three issues of the EPP Newsletter in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To continue to implement EPP across Government and the subvented sector <i>(FB)</i>	To achieve, on top of the cumulative 3% productivity gain being achieved in 2001-2002, an additional 2% productivity gain in the Government's baseline operating expenditure during the 2001 resource allocation exercise <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To sustain momentum in the implementation of EPP through effective communication (FB)	To publish at least three issues of the EPP Newsletter in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To undertake an EPP across Government and the subvented sector (FB)	To require departments to deliver productivity gains amounting to 5% of their operating expenditure between now and 2002-2003 (1998)	(Action Completed)
To provide funding for the Capital Works Programme to meet the needs for land supply for housing and other infrastructural developments and subvented building projects (FB)	To apply \$135 billion to capital works projects in the programme during the five-year forecast period of 1997-2002 (1997)	(Action Completed)

2 Maintain an effective revenue system including revenue collection and protection to cover our spending commitments

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To implement an open bond system for dutiable commodities (Customs and Excise Department (C&ED))	To formulate the necessary legislative proposals by early 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To conduct a comprehensive review of the scope of exemptions from First Registration Tax for motor vehicles with a view to updating the system (C&ED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete consultation with the motor trade on the results of the review by end-2001 ● To formulate the necessary legislative proposals by mid-2002 (2001)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed) ● During the consultation exercise, we have received proposals which concern the fundamental aspects of the First Registration Tax system. We have now completed the review and are formulating the necessary legislative proposals. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)
To provide an electronic lodgement service whereby taxpayers can submit tax returns by telephone (Inland Revenue Department (IRD))	To formulate the necessary legislative proposals by end-2001 (2001)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance taxpayer enquiry service by telephone, by providing secure access to information about the status of taxpayers' returns, tax assessment, payment and refund, account and balance, and the position of their Electronic Tax Reserve Certificates</p> <p>(IRD)</p>	<p>To provide a secure access to information service from April 2002</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To shorten the processing time for notification of amendments to particulars on the Business Register by business operators in person from 10 days to 30 minutes</p> <p>(IRD)</p>	<p>To provide the service from January 2002</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To provide access to the Valuation List and Government Rent Roll on the Internet by property address and district name</p> <p>(Rating and Valuation Department)</p>	<p>To make the access functions available by April 2002</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

3 Provide sources of government finance

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To seek approval of any financing required for the implementation of various railway projects <i>(the then Finance Bureau (FB))</i>	To consider financing proposals from the two railway corporations for the implementation of Shatin to Central Link, Island Line Extensions, Kowloon Southern Link and Penny's Bay Rail Link and to obtain approval from the Finance Committee if any equity/loan funding support is required <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To seek approval of financing proposals for the proposed International Exhibition Centre on the Airport Island <i>(FB)</i>	To consider financing proposals from the Airport Authority in respect of the proposed International Exhibition Centre on the Airport Island and to obtain approval from the Finance Committee if any equity/loan funding support is required <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To offer a second tranche of Government's shares in MTR Corporation Limited for sale <i>(FB)</i>	Subject to market conditions, to launch the second offering <i>(2001)</i>	Subject to the outcome of the ongoing merger feasibility study and market conditions, the second offering will be launched in 2002-03. <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To seek approval of financing proposal for urban renewal projects under the proposed Urban Renewal Authority (URA) (FB)	To obtain approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in connection with the establishment of the URA (1999)	(Action Completed)
To vet and seek approval for loan proposals for schemes of development or to address special circumstances (FB)	As proposals arise (1999)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

4 Maintain the level of fiscal reserves within established guidelines through prudent management of public finances

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To maintain fiscal prudence in the management of government expenditure and revenue and monitor the established guidelines on the quantum of fiscal reserves <i>(the then Finance Bureau)</i>	To keep the level of fiscal reserves at about \$430 billion as at 31 March 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

5 Improve the efficiency, quality and cost-effectiveness of Government's central support services

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To further enhance the efficiency of Government Supplies Department's service and operation through increasing computerisation (Government Supplies Department (GSD))	To introduce the Electronic Marketplace System in 2003-2004 for low value government purchases (2001)	The initial trial use of e-Marketplace/e-Shops was completed in March 2002. The findings were not encouraging. A second trial is underway to re-assess the merits and cost-benefits of the proposal. (Action in Progress : Under Review)
To shorten the delivery lead time for supply of medical items to hospitals and clinics (GSD)	To improve the delivery lead time from seven to three working days in 2001 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To introduce more environmental initiatives in the operation of government fleet (Government Land Transport Agency (GLTA))	To examine the feasibility of progressively introducing vehicles with low emissions (e.g. hybrid vehicle, Liquefied Petroleum Gas vehicle) by end-2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To introduce e-Ordering to facilitate clients to submit print orders including attachments and to proof-read drafts through government intranet and the internet (Printing Department (PD))	To introduce the facilities to five pilot clients and to extend to all clients in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To implement a recognised environmental management system and to achieve the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 14001 certification (PD)	To complete accreditation by March 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To implement the recommendations made by the Task Force on the Review of Government Financial Reporting Policy (the then Finance Bureau (FB)/Treasury)	To publish in October 2003 the first set of accrual-based government accounts for 2002-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To upgrade our financial information systems (Treasury)	To implement a new Government Financial Management Information System (GFMIS) by phases during 2003 to 2007 to replace the existing GFMIS in all bureaux and departments (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To review our financial reporting policy (<i>FB/Treasury</i>)	To recommend to the Financial Secretary by the end of 2000 the standard and style of financial reporting for the Government (2000)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To develop our financial information systems (<i>Treasury</i>)	To review the existing GFMIS and to determine by the end of 2000 how best to meet the need for financial management information across the Government in the next decade (2000)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To improve the environmental performance of the government vehicle fleet (<i>GLTA</i>)	To install continuous regeneration traps in over 1 000 EURO standard diesel vehicles in the government fleet by 2001-2002 to reduce emission levels of particulates (2000)	The first trial on the use of the device was completed in January 2002. To enable more detailed assessment of the suitability and cost-benefit of installing the device, completion of the trial scheme has been extended to August 2002. (<i>Action in Progress : Behind Schedule</i>)

6 Manage Government's estate cost-effectively and efficiently

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To strengthen statutory control of alteration and addition works in government buildings (Architectural Services Department (Arch SD))	To take over from Buildings Department the vetting and approval of all alteration and addition plans submitted by private tenants in government buildings from end-2001 (2001)	(Action Completed)
Enhance environmental awareness in the upkeep of the government estate (Arch SD)	To complete a review of the use of materials and construction techniques in facilities upkeep by 2001 and provide staff training on the use of environmentally-friendly materials and processes (2000)	(Action Completed)
To draw up and roll forward annually a prioritised programme for reprovisioning existing users of under-utilised Government Institution and Community sites and for redeveloping or releasing such sites (Government Property Agency (GPA))	● To arrange for the release of two government office sites at Canton Road and Tung Lo Wan Hill Road for sale in 2001	● (Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enhance support to government departments in their review of site requirements and co-ordinate action to bring about the maximum degree of joint-user development <p>(1997)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
<p>To plan and monitor progress in the construction of new government office buildings</p> <p>(GPA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To plan for the construction of the Sha Tin Government Office Building for completion in 2001 <p>(1998 and 1997)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To plan for the construction of a works depot and government office building in Chai Wan for completion in 2003 <p>(1998)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Action Completed) The original proposal has been superseded. The alternate proposal is to convert a former air cargo building at Kai Tak for the purpose. Construction in progress and scheduled to be completed by late 2004. (Action in Progress : Under Review)
<p>To implement a furniture replacement programme to modernise office environment and achieve more efficient use of space</p> <p>(GPA)</p>	<p>To implement the programme involving about 350 000 m² of office space between 1999 and 2004</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

7 Maintain an effective revenue collection and protection system to cover our spending commitments

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To establish an Advisory Committee to advise on what types of broad-based taxes may be suitable for Hong Kong should there be a need to introduce such taxes, having regard to the overriding principle of maintaining a low and simple taxation regime and preserving Hong Kong's competitiveness</p> <p><i>(the then Finance Bureau (FB))</i></p>	<p>The Advisory Committee to complete its work and submit a report to the Financial Secretary by the end of 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To form a Task Force to review public finances in detail; to examine whether the Government's projected operating deficits up to 2002-2003 are cyclical or structural in nature; whether the existing tax base, types of tax, tax net and tax rates are appropriate, and, if not, what changes should be made</p> <p><i>(FB)</i></p>	<p>The Task Force to complete its work and submit a report to the Financial Secretary by the end of 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To form an inter-departmental group to consider detailed arrangements involved in introducing a land and sea departure tax, including the collection mechanism, exemption arrangements and safeguards against abuse (FB)	To complete the studies and submit a report to the Financial Secretary by the end of 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To implement a five-year Information Systems Strategy Plan which includes 12 projects (IRD)	To implement the projects between 2000 and 2004 (1999)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To resume fee revision when the quarterly Gross Domestic Product growth rate turns positive, so as to reduce subsidy to users of government services</p> <p>(FB)</p>	<p>Subject to the pace of economic recovery, to revise fees in 2000, having regard to users' affordability and acceptability and following consultation with the Legislative Council</p> <p>(1999)</p>	<p>In view of the steady recovery of the economy in 2000-01, we have revised some of the fees and charges that do not affect people's livelihood or general business activities. Following the onset of a further economic slowdown in 2001, we have decided this year to freeze Government fees and charges up to the end of March 2003 and provide some one-off concessions by reducing water and sewage charges and trade effluent surcharge, and waiving the business registration fees for one year in 2002-03. We will implement modest revenue measures as announced in the 2002 Budget Speech to, among others, adjust fees and charges taking into account the affordability of the public.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

Health, Welfare and Food Bureau

Care for Elders

(formerly under the then Health and Welfare Bureau)

Detailed Progress

I Financial support for older persons

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To continue to keep under review the current social security arrangements for older people <i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau /Social Welfare Department)</i>	To monitor the caseload and expenditure under various ongoing social security schemes, and explore scope for streamlining existing schemes in the longer term <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

2 Better housing for older persons

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide integrated care services in public rental estates with a high concentration of older persons (Social Welfare Department/Housing Department)	To identify suitable rental estates for integrated care facilities in 2002-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

3 Home and community care and support for frail elders

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To re-engineer care services for elders by putting greater emphasis on home and community care to enable more elders to age at home (<i>Social Welfare Department (SWD)</i>)	To upgrade 70 home help teams in 2002-2003 to enable more elders with higher levels of frailty to live at home with the support of the enhanced services (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To plan and build integrated facilities to provide one-stop services and support required by families to look after their frail elders at home (<i>the then Health and Welfare Bureau /SWD</i>)	Starting in 2001-2002, to commission a number of projects in integrated service mode taking into account local demand and co-ordination and rationalisation of existing services (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To enhance support for family carers to enable them to take care of their elders more effectively (<i>SWD</i>)	To expand respite services by incorporating respite support into all new residential and home and community care services starting in 2001-2002 (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To expand multi-skilled training for care workers in elderly services (SWD)	To provide training to an additional 1 760 care workers in services for elders from 2002-2003 to 2005-2006 (2001)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To enhance services for demented elders (SWD)	To provide training to a total of 760 care workers and home helpers and 680 professional staff serving the demented elders in subvented, self-financing and private elderly service units from 2002-2003 to 2005-2006 (2001)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To promote care management among service providers to ensure that the services provided are tailor-made to the individual needs of the elders (SWD)	Starting in 2001-2002, to facilitate the use of information obtained in the standardised care need assessment tool as the basis for care planning (2001)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

4 Sustainable and quality residential care

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To establish a single entry point for all home and community and residential care services (<i>Social Welfare Department (SWD)</i>)	To enhance the computer system to facilitate centralised registration of both residential and community care services in 2002-2003 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
For elders who cannot be adequately taken care of at home, to continue to provide residential care places (SWD)	To provide an additional 1 600 subsidised places in 2002-2003 (2001)	The provision of subsidised and non-subsidised places is being reviewed in light of the latest developments in the residential care programme for frail elders. (<i>Action in Progress : Under Review</i>)
To strengthen monitoring of residential care homes (SWD)	To enhance the computer system on residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to more effectively monitor the performance of RCHEs in 2002-2003 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To further upgrade the standards of long term care services for elders, in particular in the residential setting (SWD)	To research on quality assurance measures to help private RCHes improve their standards above licensing requirements (2001)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To further upgrade the care capability of RCHes (SWD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide an additional 684 training places for health workers in 2002-2003 ● To convert an additional 200 home for the aged places into care and attention places in 2002-2003 (2001)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

5 Active and healthy ageing

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To continue the promotion of the concept of healthy ageing in the community <i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau)</i>	To launch a series of public education and publicity activities on the physical and psychosocial well-being of older persons and the soon-to-be old in 2002-2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To encourage and enable older persons to assume greater responsibilities in programme planning and implementation <i>(Social Welfare Department)</i>	To set up new centres in 2002-2003 which will take on greater responsibilities in promoting active and healthy ageing, including lifelong learning, and encourage older persons to participate in programme planning and implementation <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

6 Support for vulnerable elders

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance the Client Information System of Support Teams for the Elderly</p> <p><i>(Social Welfare Department (SWD))</i></p>	<p>To enhance the capability of the existing computer system in 2002-2003 to facilitate the matching of vulnerable elders with volunteers and maintain effective service planning and delivery to cope with the increasing demand</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To enhance understanding of elder abuse and neglect amongst professionals and the community and to provide training to the frontline staff and others on the prevention of elder abuse and neglect</p> <p><i>(SWD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To compile a multi-professional protocol on combating elder abuse and neglect in 2002-2003 ● To provide training for 400 professionals and 600 non-professionals in 2002-2003 on the prevention of elder abuse and neglect <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To establish an elderly suicide prevention programme <i>(Hospital Authority)</i>	To set up multi-disciplinary teams to work on suicide prevention for elderly with mental illness and previous suicidal attempts from 2002-2003 onwards <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

7 Provide retirement protection and other financial help

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To oversee the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) System to ensure successful implementation of the System <i>(the then Financial Services Bureau)</i>	This is an on-going initiative. To monitor the effective operation of the System and the participation of employers and eligible members of the working population <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To keep under review the current social security arrangements for older people <i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau /Social Welfare Department)</i>	This is an on-going initiative. To monitor the caseload and expenditure under various social security schemes and explore whether there is scope to develop a sustainable financial support system which better targets resources at those older persons most in need <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

8 Increase the supply of housing and encourage the development of purpose-designed housing for elders

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To increase the supply of public rental housing for elders in need</p> <p><i>(Housing Department (HD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To allocate public rental housing by 2003 to elderly households registered in 2000-2001 on the Waiting List ● To reduce the average waiting time of elderly singletons who wish to live by themselves in rental public housing to two years by 2005 <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To review the design of public rental flats for the elderly</p> <p><i>(HD)</i></p>	<p>In 2001, to explore the applicability of the “Ageing in Place” concept in the future design of public rental estates</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To develop a pilot scheme for the provision of elderly housing by private sector developers</p> <p><i>(the then Housing Bureau (HB))</i></p>	<p>To formulate the details of the pilot scheme in consultation with the Elderly Commission by 2000</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>Work was suspended because of lack of support and poor viability of the scheme following consultation with the private sector.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide more elderly persons living in inadequate private sector accommodation with easy access to information on public housing (HD)	To set up one additional Housing Information Centre in Hong Kong's Eastern District in 1999 (1998)	(Action Completed)
To invite the Hong Kong Housing Society to undertake a Senior Citizen Residence Scheme, on a pilot basis, under which flats will be leased for life to elderly people in the middle income group, to give them access to affordable, purpose-built accommodation with integrated care services (HB)	To complete 500 flats for the Senior Citizen Residence Scheme by 2001 (1997)	(Action Completed)

9 Enable elders to continue to live at home

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To develop and introduce a multi-skilled training course to provide enhanced training for workers providing personal care to frail older people</p> <p><i>(Social Welfare Department)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To promote the use of the training course to other training institutions ● To provide 400 training places in 2001-2002 <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To provide curative and preventive medical services to elders through the provision of geriatric places, Elderly Health Centres and visiting health teams</p> <p><i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau)</i></p>	<p>To provide an additional 80 geriatric day places by 2002, on top of the 40 places provided in 1998</p> <p><i>(1998 and 1997)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

10 Increase the supply of quality residential care places under a mixed mode of service provision with more private sector participation

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To increase supply of subsidised residential care places</p> <p><i>(Social Welfare Department (SWD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide an additional 1 580 subsidised places in 2001-2002 <i>(2000)</i> ● To provide additional subvented residential care places to older persons in need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – to provide 800 places in 1998-1999 – to add 2 500 places between 1999 and 2002 <p><i>(1998, 1997 and 1993)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To conduct an interim review on the pilot project on “Continuum of Care” in residential care homes for elders</p> <p><i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau (HWB)/ SWD)</i></p>	<p>In the light of the findings of the interim review to be conducted in 2001, to further improve and develop the concept of one type of residential care homes providing “Continuum of Care” services to meet the changing needs of their residents</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To continue to encourage private residential care homes taking part in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) to upgrade their standard of services (SWD)	To provide necessary resources to enable all BPS homes to upgrade to Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) standards by 2003 (2000)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To gradually convert existing upgradable home for the aged places into care and attention home places (SWD)	To convert 200 places in 2001-2002 (2000)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To encourage private residential care homes taking part in the BPS to upgrade their standard of services (SWD)	To upgrade 800 places under the BPS to the standards of the EBPS by 2002 (1999)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To encourage private developers to provide premises for residential care homes <i>(HWB /the then Planning and Lands Bureau)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide incentives to private developers, starting from 2000-2001, for the provision of suitable premises for operation as care homes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The initiative is being reviewed in light of the latest developments in the residential care programme for frail elders. <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To include requirements in the land sale programme to provide suitable premises for residential care homes in four sale sites, starting from 2000-2001 <p>(1999)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
<p>To provide suitable premises for operation of subvented, self-financing or private care homes</p> <p>(SWD)</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p>To develop three government sites to provide premises for 600 residential care places by 2002 and to undertake feasibility study at other sites with a view to providing 1 600 places from 2001 to 2005</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To provide medical services to frail elders through the provision of infirmary beds</p> <p>(HWB)</p>	<p>To provide over 1 000 infirmary beds in the next five years</p> <p>(1997)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

11 Encourage elders to lead an active life

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To encourage the use of computer by elders <i>(Social Welfare Department (SWD)/ Information Technology Services Department)</i>	To provide information technology training for 2 000 older persons by March 2001 and another 5 000 elders in 2001-2002 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To continue to increase the number of vulnerable elders outreached by Support Teams for Elders (STEs) <i>(SWD)</i>	To identify 24 000 vulnerable elders by end-2002 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To promote lifelong learning opportunities for older people <i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau (HWB)/ Education and Manpower Bureau)</i>	To explore ways to facilitate elders to pursue further education at various levels <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To promote active ageing amongst older people <i>(HWB)</i>	To research into overseas experience in promoting older persons to lead an active life, both socially and economically <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To promote care and concern for elders to maintain their psychosocial well-being (HWFB/SWD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To review the pilot schemes of dementia units in residential care homes and in day care centres, with a view to extending the schemes to other care homes and centres ● To conduct in-depth studies on depression/suicide among older persons and to identify the risk factors and possible ways to tackle the issue (1999) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
<p>To launch a three-year “Opportunities for Elders” project (SWD)</p>	<p>For a three-year period starting from January 1999, to provide grants for community organisations to plan and organise more service projects for older persons in need (1998)</p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Health Services

(formerly under the then Health and Welfare Bureau)

Detailed Progress

I Advocate the development of a living environment conducive to health and ensure the availability of a lifelong preventive programme promoting health, wellness and self-responsibility

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To strengthen preventive services to provide lifelong holistic care (Department of Health (DH))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To implement a territory-wide parenting programme in 2002-2003 ● To fully launch an adolescent health programme in 2001-2002 ● To set up 18 outreaching teams by 2003-2004 to cover all secondary schools to equip students with skills on adolescent development and challenges ● To launch a pilot men's health programme in 2002 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule) ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule) ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule) ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To launch a cervical screening programme for women in collaboration with other health care providers in 2003-2004 	● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To implement universal ante-natal HIV screening from September 2001 	● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To develop a plan for re-organisation of the Central Health Education Unit <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
<p>To strengthen smoking cessation services</p> <p><i>(DH/Hospital Authority)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To establish ten hospital and community-based smoking counselling and cessation centres beginning 2002 ● To introduce a nicotine replacement therapy in General Out-patients Clinics in 2002 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

2 Ensure the development of an appropriately balanced health care system with capacity and capability to deliver lifelong, holistic and seamless services to the general public

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To increase the number of public hospital beds <i>(Hospital Authority (HA))</i>	To provide 366 additional public hospital beds in 2002-2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To increase the number of day places <i>(HA)</i>	To provide 80 additional day places in 2002-2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To facilitate the integration of the primary and secondary levels of care in the public sector <i>(HA/Department of Health (DH))</i>	To develop in 2002 an implementation plan for transferring the General Out-patient Clinics from DH to HA <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To promote family medicine practice by providing relevant training opportunities <i>(HA)</i>	To recruit 75 family medicine trainees in 2002-2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To provide Chinese medicine services in the public sector <i>(HA)</i>	To provide Chinese medicine out-patient services in 18 clinics by 2005 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To implement a pilot <u>EX</u>extended-care patients <u>I</u>ntensive <u>T</u>reatment, <u>E</u>arly diversion and <u>R</u>ehabilitation <u>S</u>tepping-stone (EXITERS) Project to provide a one-year intensive rehabilitation and treatment programme for psychiatric patients with a view to facilitating their early integration with the community</p> <p>(HA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To implement the pilot EXITERS Project in 2002-2003 ● To discharge in 2003-2004 100 psychiatric patients who participated in the EXITERS Project into the community, and to increase the number of patients discharged to 125 in 2004-2005, and to 150 patients per year for the years 2005-2006 to 2007-2008 <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To extend Women Health Service</p> <p>(DH)</p>	<p>To extend Women Health Service to five Maternal and Child Health Centres (MCHCs) in 2001-2002 and five more MCHCs in 2002-2003</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To explore with the dental profession on introducing an oral health scheme for secondary school students</p> <p>(DH)</p>	<p>To initiate discussion with the dental profession in 2002 with a view to introducing the scheme for secondary students</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To commence dialogue with the private sector with a view to exploring scope for closer collaboration <i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau)</i>	To establish the Working Group on Public/Private Interface and conduct regular meetings beginning 2001-2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To contain antibiotic resistance in the community <i>(DH)</i>	To set up a working group with representatives from the public and private sectors in 2002 to establish a territory-wide Antibiotics Resistance Surveillance System <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To provide adequate professional manpower through training of doctors in various clinical specialties <i>(HA)</i>	To recruit 270 doctors in 2002-2003 for training in various clinical specialties (including 75 family medicine trainees) <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To strengthen the provision of extended care services in public hospitals <i>(HA)</i>	To employ 1 000 care assistants in 2002-2003 to strengthen the provision of extended care services in public hospitals <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

3 Ensure the development and maintenance of a framework of quality assurance to support the consistent delivery of quality health services based on knowledge and centred on patients

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance the professional knowledge and skills of health care professionals through Hospital Authority's e-Knowledge Gateway (eKG), an electronic access gateway to clinical practice guidelines and research evidence of clinical effectiveness</p> <p><i>(Hospital Authority (HA))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To enrich the contents of the existing eKG on eight specialties and to cover seven additional specialties by 2003 ● To make the enhanced eKG accessible to health care professionals in Hong Kong by 2003 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To promote the adoption of accreditation by private hospitals</p> <p><i>(Department of Health (DH))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete the second round of accreditation in 2003-2004 ● To develop a Code of Practice for private hospitals on standards of good practice in 2002-2003 and implement the Code of Practice in 2003-2004 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To promulgate information on the prevention and control of tuberculosis (DH/HA)	To jointly develop a tuberculosis and chest website and produce a CD-ROM for distribution to all doctors in 2001-2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To enhance the capability of community nurses in rehabilitation and home hospice services (HA)	To conduct training programmes on hospice and rehabilitation nursing for 150 community nurses by 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To upgrade basic nursing education to tertiary level to improve the quality of care (HA)	To sponsor 200 nurses to take up conversion courses in tertiary education institutions in 2002-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To disseminate guidelines on HIV Management and Sexually Transmitted Disease Case Management (DH)	To promulgate updated guidelines to all doctors in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To expand the Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme to cover clinical pathology laboratories in Hong Kong <i>(Innovation and Technology Commission)</i>	To introduce the new service in 2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

4 Ensure the development of health-sensitive, health-protecting and health-promoting public policies, infrastructure and legislative framework to support the long-term sustainability of the health care system

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To develop the Hong Kong Chinese Medicinal Herbs Standards (Department of Health)	To develop regulatory standards for some commonly used Chinese medicinal herbs in 2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To monitor the safety of Chinese medicines (Government Laboratory)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To introduce a new service for the analysis of organochlorine and organophosphorous pesticides residues in 2002-2003 ● To increase the number of samples analysed for heavy metals and western drugs by 75% and 50% respectively from 2002-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To amend the Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance to further control the use and promotion of tobacco products</p> <p><i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau (HWB))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete the analysis of the written submissions in response to the consultation document, and set out the Government's final recommendations in 2002 ● To prepare the Drafting Instructions for the legislative amendments to the Ordinance in 2002 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To promote the advancement of knowledge in areas of human health and health services</p> <p><i>(HWB)</i></p>	<p>To set up a Health and Health Services Research Fund by 2002-2003</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To further develop health care financing option in the form of Health Protection Account (HPA)</p> <p><i>(HWB)</i></p>	<p>To complete studies on the HPA by 2003-2004</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To strengthen the evidence-base of health policy formulation</p> <p><i>(HWB)</i></p>	<p>To commission new research studies in 2002-2003 to support policy initiatives</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

5 Ensure that a supportive legislative and policy framework is in place for the protection of public health and the delivery of quality health services

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To introduce subsidiary legislation to facilitate controls over the trading and manufacture of Chinese medicines <i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau (HWB))</i>	To complete the legislative process in 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To develop and set standards for Chinese medicines in partnership with the Chinese medicine and relevant professions <i>(Department of Health (DH))</i>	To formulate the registration criteria and standards for the registration of proprietary Chinese medicines in 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To develop a statutory framework to monitor and regulate the health claims advertised in the market <i>(HWB /DH)</i>	To study the feasibility of developing such a regulatory framework in 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To replace the existing drug-related ordinances by new legislation (HWB)	To prepare the necessary legislation in 2000 (1999)	The present regulatory framework over the sale of drugs is being re-examined in the context of developments in control arrangements. (Action in Progress : Under Review)
To organise the Tenth International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities in Hong Kong in 2001 in collaboration with World Health Organisation (WHO) (DH)	To work with WHO representatives in preparation for the conference which aims at exchanging drug information, fostering consensus on contemporaneous issues, and harmonisation of standards of drug approval (1999)	(Action Completed)
To put in place statutory measures to ensure that human reproductive technology will be safely practised (HWB)	To issue in early 1999 to all relevant parties a voluntary code of practice, which will provide detailed guidelines for service providers on reproductive technology and embryo research (1998)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To put in place a statutory framework for regulation and control of Chinese medicine (HWB)	To commence the registration of Chinese medicine practitioners and to phase in controls over the use, trading and manufacture of Chinese medicines in 2000 (1998 and 1997)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

6 Ensure the availability of qualified, competent and committed health care professionals to deliver quality health services

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To set up and implement the registration system for Chinese medicine practitioners <i>(Department of Health (DH))</i>	To process the registration applications received and set up the Register for Chinese medicine practitioners in early-2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To promote the development of family medicine practice by providing more training opportunities <i>(Hospital Authority (HA))</i>	To increase the number of family medicine trainees in the HA from 210 to 316 by 2001-2002 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To upgrade basic nursing education to tertiary level to improve the quality of care <i>(HA)</i>	To facilitate 200 nurses to take up conversion courses in tertiary education institutions in 2001-2002 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To promote clinical audit practice which helps to identify mistakes and improve the overall quality of health care service <i>(HA)</i>	To set up a web-based learning forum in 2001-2002 for sharing experience and knowledge in clinical audit practice <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

7 Ensure the availability of a comprehensive and holistic preventive programme which promotes health and lifelong wellness

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To restructure and enhance the existing preventive services</p> <p><i>(Department of Health (DH))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To initiate a pilot adolescent health programme ● To develop a cervical screening programme for women ● To develop a programme for men's health ● To promote healthy ageing, with focus on proper diet and exercise <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To enhance health promotion and disease prevention campaigns</p> <p><i>(DH)</i></p>	<p>To deploy additional staff in 2001-2003 to enhance the level of public awareness and participation in health campaigns</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To conduct a territory-wide oral health survey to assess the community's oral health status and needs</p> <p><i>(DH)</i></p>	<p>To complete the survey and assessment in 2001-2002</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance anti-smoking efforts through education and enforcement measures (DH)	To implement a package of publicity and educational programmes in 2001-2003 to discourage smoking (2000)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To establish a Cancer Co-ordinating Committee to review the collation of relevant data and devise preventive strategies (DH/Hospital Authority)	To set up the Committee in 2001 (2000)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To strengthen further the ability of the Government to conduct disease surveillance and enhance control and prevention of infectious diseases (DH)	To set up a new Public Health Laboratory Centre in Shek Kip Mei by 2002 (1998)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To enhance the government's information base by establishing and maintaining a Public Health Information System, which sets out the community's health status and disease patterns (DH)	To establish a Public Health Information System by 2003 (1998)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

8 Ensure the availability of adequate health care facilities and services to meet the needs of the community

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To increase the number of public hospital beds <i>(Hospital Authority (HA))</i>	To provide 409 additional public hospital beds in 2001-2002, increasing the total number to about 29 400 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To introduce family medicine practice in general out-patient services <i>(HA)</i>	To implement a pilot scheme in five general out-patient clinics by 2002 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To strengthen the out-patient and outreach support for discharged mental patients <i>(HA)</i>	To provide an additional 2 500 patients new psychiatric drugs which improve the quality of life of the mentally ill <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To carry out a pilot programme for early detection and treatment of young people with psychotic illnesses <i>(HA)</i>	To assess 1 400 persons aged under 25 in 2001-2002 to identify for early treatment those suffering from psychotic problems <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To introduce a Patient Transport Service to facilitate easy access by frail elderly patients living in the community to receive out-patient services in hospitals and clinics (HA)	To implement the pilot scheme in 2001-2002 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To provide out-patient Chinese medicine services in the public sector (Department of Health/HA)	To finalise options on modes of provision, with a view to introducing pilot services in 2001-2002 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To construct a Trauma and Emergency Centre at the Accident and Emergency (A&E) Department of the Prince of Wales Hospital (HA)	To complete the project by 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To re-model Tsan Yuk Hospital into an ambulatory centre (HA)	To commence the re-modelling of Tsan Yuk Hospital in 2001-2002 after the relocation of its obstetric in-patient services to the Queen Mary Hospital (2000)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To re-model the Tang Shiu Kin Hospital into an ambulatory care centre after the removal of its A&E services to the Ruttonjee Hospital (HA)	To commence planning for the re-modelling project, with a view to completion in 2004 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To improve the general physical conditions in public hospitals (HA)	To implement a special two-year minor works programme to enhance the repairs and maintenance of the hospitals (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To develop an electronic health information database for storage of medical records and exchange of knowledge within the health sector (the then Health and Welfare Bureau/HA)	To conduct a project definition study in 2001 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To rationalise obstetric services to achieve optimal utilisation of delivery service and to re-deploy resources for the enhancement of other services (HA)	To relocate in-patient obstetric services from Tsan Yuk Hospital to Queen Mary Hospital by 2001 (1999)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To rationalise the services provided at Tang Shiu Kin Hospital, Ruttonjee Hospital and Tang Chi Ngong Specialist Clinic (HA)	To complete the rationalisation by 2003 (1999)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To redevelop and expand Pok Oi Hospital to meet the rising demand for services in Northern New Territories (HA)	To complete the redevelopment and increase the number of beds in Pok Oi Hospital by 272 to 742 by 2006 (1998)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To establish a radiotherapy centre with 68 in-patient beds and out-patient facilities at Princess Margaret Hospital (HA)	To open the centre by 2003 (1998)	The project has been combined with another project on improvement works for the Accident & Emergency Department of the Hospital. The combined project is scheduled for completion by 2005. <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i>

Safe Food

(formerly under the then Environment and Food Bureau)

Detailed Progress

I Upgrade veterinary public health standard

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To enhance monitoring and control of important diseases of food animals and birds (e.g. avian flu) on local farms and markets and implement new control of misuse of chemicals in livestock (Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department)	To upgrade the diagnostic capacity of laboratory testing and step up local farm inspections in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To step up inspection of food animals and detection of food animal diseases in slaughterhouses to further protect public health (Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD))	To carry out more inspections on food animals in the waiting and holding lairages of slaughterhouses and to monitor the disease situation of food animals more closely (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To enhance the inspection of farms exporting food animals to Hong Kong (FEHD)	To set up a specialised team for inspection of registered farms exporting food animals to Hong Kong in the Mainland in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To ensure poultry retailers' compliance with hygiene conditions to help prevent recurrence of avian flu outbreak <i>(FEHD)</i>	To enhance staffing for inspecting market stalls and fresh provision shops selling poultry <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

2 Ensure food safety

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To combat illegal slaughtering and unlicensed food business activities</p> <p><i>(Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD))</i></p>	<p>To set up intelligence-cum-raiding teams in 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p>FEHD is reviewing the staffing requirement and examining the feasibility to redeploy existing resources to set up the teams.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<p>To formulate a framework for the labelling of genetically modified food</p> <p><i>(the then Environment and Food Bureau/ FEHD)</i></p>	<p>To consult the public in 2000-2001 on the labelling of genetically modified food and related measures and then introduce the necessary legislative amendment</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p>We have completed the public consultation and are conducting a regulatory impact assessment study which will be completed by end 2002. We will take into account the results of the study when deciding on the way forward.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To update the existing food labelling legislation (FEHD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To introduce legislative amendments in respect of labelling of food additives and allergic food ingredients in 2001 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The amending regulation for labelling of food additives and allergic food ingredients is being drafted. Due to the need to consider carefully the legal and technical issues involved, we have taken more time than expected to amend the regulations. <p>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete the feasibility study on nutrition labelling in 2002 <p>(2000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
<p>To set up a framework for mandatory food recall (FEHD)</p>	<p>To put forward proposal in 2001</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>We are reviewing the need to introduce a mandatory food recall system, taking into account the overseas experiences and the local situation.</p> <p>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</p>
<p>To strengthen food surveillance on chemical contaminants, biotoxins and viruses in food (FEHD/Department of Health/Government Laboratory)</p>	<p>To increase the number of tests to be performed per year in 2001-2002</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To conduct a study on dietary exposure of secondary school students to dioxin and heavy metals (FEHD)	To conduct the study in 2001-2002 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To set up a reference information system for nutritional values of various food items (FEHD)	To establish a nutrient database in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)

3 Facilitating the development of agriculture and fisheries

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To adapt wetland organic production technologies and promote marketing of organic vegetables (Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department)	To complete adaptation and promotion in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)

4 Provide quality environmental hygiene services

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To raise the hygiene standards of food premises through the introduction of Hygiene Manager and Hygiene Supervisor Schemes and improvement to the inspection system</p> <p><i>(Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To start preparation work for the Hygiene Manager and Hygiene Supervisor Schemes in 2002 ● To develop a comprehensive Food Hygiene Code on inspection standards in 2002 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To improve the licensing system for non-restaurant food premises</p> <p><i>(FEHD)</i></p>	<p>To implement measures to streamline licensing procedures for non-restaurant food premises in 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To improve the management of public markets</p> <p><i>(FEHD)</i></p>	<p>To start examining in 2002 measures to improve the management of public markets in the light of the consultancy study on market management and the pilot scheme of appointing market managers in selected markets</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To review the policy on on-street cooked food stalls and bazaars (FEHD)	To complete the review in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To launch an anti-littering campaign in conjunction with the new fixed penalty legislation (FEHD)	To launch the campaign and implement the new fixed penalty system in early 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To strengthen public education on food, environmental and personal hygiene (FEHD)	To launch a two-year programme to reach out target groups, including students and youngsters through visits, talks and seminars in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To streamline licensing procedures for restaurants and other food premises (FEHD)	To start the review on licensing procedures for other food premises in late 2000 and complete the review in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To implement the Hygiene Manager Scheme so as to raise food safety and hygiene standards of food premises (FEHD)	To consult the trade and implement the Scheme in 2001-2002 (2000)	FEHD has completed the consultation in July 2001. Taking into account comments from the trade, we have revised the implementation timetable to 2004-05 to allow adequate preparation. (Action in Progress : Under Review)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To introduce a fixed penalty system for minor littering offences <i>(the then Environment and Food Bureau(EFB) /FEHD)</i>	To introduce legislative amendments within the 2000-2001 legislative session <i>(2000 and 1999)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To review the construction and management of public markets <i>(EFB/FEHD)</i>	To complete the review in 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

5 Ensure supply of fresh food produce by facilitating development of agriculture and fisheries

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To adapt greenhouse and organic production technologies under local climatic conditions to improve productivity <i>(Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD))</i>	To complete adaptation in 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To review the operation of the Fish Marketing Organisation and its wholesale fish markets to enhance viability <i>(AFCD)</i>	To complete the review in 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To monitor antibiotic usage in livestock and the development of resistance in bacteria flora <i>(AFCD/Government Laboratory)</i>	To implement testing in 2001-2002 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

6 Establish and maintain policies and a regulatory framework to facilitate the development of agriculture and fisheries

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To amend the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance and its subsidiary legislation to extend import control to animal products and feeds to prevent animal diseases (Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department)	To start preparing the Amendment Bill in 2000-2001 (1999)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

7 Identify the need for the development of agriculture and fisheries

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To conduct a study on the feasibility of developing an off-shore fishing industry for Hong Kong (Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department)	To complete the study in 2000-2001 (1999)	(Action Completed)

8 Ensure adequate provision and efficient operation of government wholesale marketing facilities for fresh food produce

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To implement the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Market Complex Phase 2 project which aims at maintaining efficient operation of wholesale markets by placing all fresh food produce wholesale activities in Kowloon under one roof, including the reprovisioning of the Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market, the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market and the Wholesale Vegetable Market of the Vegetable Marketing Organisation</p> <p><i>(Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD))</i></p>	<p>To complete the project in or before 2004</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>We are reviewing the operational feasibility and the cost effectiveness of the project taking into account the current economic environment, land demand and wholesalers' views.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<p>To reprovision the Tuen Mun Wholesale Fish Market</p> <p><i>(AFCD)</i></p>	<p>To provide a new market by 2002</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>The results of the Environmental Impact Assessment Study will be released for public comment in November 2002. We will review the way forward in the light of the public reaction.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

9 Enhance preventive measures, programmes and capabilities

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To strengthen the ability of the Government to monitor and ensure food safety <i>(Food and Environmental Hygiene Department)</i>	To introduce the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point System, which is a quality assurance approach to identify, assess and control potential food hazards so as to ensure food safety, to 20% of the food industry by 2002 <i>(1998)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Welfare Services

(formerly under the then Health and Welfare Bureau)

Detailed Progress

1 Strengthening the family

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
<p>To provide training for social workers and professionals on a holistic approach, on handling child abuse, domestic violence and attempted suicide/ suicidal tendency cases, and to meet new challenges arising from the Family Welfare Services Review</p> <p><i>(Social Welfare Department (SWD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For tackling child abuse and domestic violence, to plan three local training courses each year and a two-week training package by overseas experts each year in 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 ● For enhancing family welfare services, to provide enhanced training for 800 family oriented social workers on change management, multi-skills training and advance/refresher training to enhance their intervention and clinical skills by 2004 ● For addressing suicidal tendencies, to train 400 social workers through a package of focused training programmes in 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance publicity and community education to strengthen families and protect children against abuse and violence</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To conduct a publicity campaign featuring special TV programmes, TV Announcement of Public Interest and other publicity materials on “Strengthening Families and Protecting Children against Abuse and Violence” in 2002</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To evaluate the effectiveness of the new integrated service delivery mode in family services as recommended in the Family Welfare Services Review</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To commission a tertiary institution to carry out a two-year study on ten pilot projects, starting in April 2002, to evaluate the effectiveness of the new service delivery model</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To provide legal representation for children and juveniles in care or protection proceedings</p> <p>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau (HWB)/ SWD)</p>	<p>To put in place the necessary arrangements with relevant departments to provide legal representation for children and juveniles involved in care or protection proceedings</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To increase provision in mainstream child care services and foster care service for vulnerable children (SWD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide 500 additional day nursery places in 2002-2003 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In view of the declining child population and decreasing enrolment rate in child care centres, the day nursery provision in 2002-2003 will be frozen. <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide 30 additional emergency foster care places and 60 foster care places in 2002-2003, as well as a further 60 foster care places in 2003-2004 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
<p>To establish a Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (HWB)</p>	<p>To invite applications and award funds commencing in 2002-2003</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To update the legislation on adoption (HWB/SWD)</p>	<p>To introduce legislative amendments to the Adoption Ordinance in 2001-2002</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To conduct a publicity campaign on “empowering families to face challenges” (SWD)	To carry out the publicity campaign in 2001-2002 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To strengthen services to assist victims of domestic violence (SWD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide an additional clinical psychologist in 2000-2001 ● To provide additional professional and support staff in the Family and Child Protective Services Units in 2001-2002 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To strengthen services for victims of sexual violence (SWD)	To convene a working group in 2000-2001 to formulate and implement measures to assist victims of sexual violence (2000)	(Action Completed)
To strengthen family casework services (SWD)	To provide 29 additional family caseworkers in 1999-2000 to meet the increase in service demand and to improve service quality by relieving the caseload of family caseworkers (1998)	(Action Completed)

2 Helping young people

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To extend the “Understanding the Adolescent Project” (UAP) to all secondary schools (<i>Social Welfare Department (SWD)</i>)	To extend UAP to 150 existing and another four new secondary schools in 2002-2003 and a further 163 existing secondary schools in 2003-2004 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To strengthen services for young people in an integrated service delivery model (<i>SWD</i>)	Apart from the target of forming ten integrated teams in existing areas, six new integrated teams are earmarked for newly developed areas/redeveloped sites from 2002-2003 onwards (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To enhance support services for youth by promoting peer counselling and peer support (<i>SWD</i>)	To engage 150 peer counsellors to provide support for youth in 2002-2004 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To review current planning strategies for welfare services for young people</p> <p><i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau/SWD)</i></p>	<p>To review the planning of youth welfare services in 2001-2002 by taking into consideration district needs and characteristics</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To implement a three-year programme with the aim of enhancing the developmental, preventive and remedial programmes delivered in youth welfare facilities</p> <p><i>(SWD)</i></p>	<p>To recruit and train additional youth programme assistants in 2001-2002</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

3 Promoting volunteerism

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To organise promotional and publicity programmes as well as training courses to enhance participation in volunteering (Social Welfare Department (SWD))	To organise four central and 13 district programmes and training courses in 2002-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To increase the number of participating individuals and organisations in 2002 (SWD)	To increase the number of registered volunteers by 10% to 264 000 in 2002 and of participating organisations by 10% to 620 in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

4 Assisting people with disabilities

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide early intervention to tackle the speech problems of pre-school children with special needs (<i>Social Welfare Department (SWD)</i>)	To provide speech therapy service to pre-school children in Early Education and Training Centres, Special Child Care Centres and Integrated Programmes for Mildly Disabled Children in Child Care Centres. An additional 47 speech therapists will be provided in 2002-2003 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To strengthen Home-Based Training (HBT) and enhance community support network services for people with disabilities (<i>SWD</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To strengthen the existing staffing provision in each HBT team by five additional staff starting in 2002-2003 ● To create 13 additional HBT teams in 2002-2003 to provide service to about 3 500 people with disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>) ● (<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To strengthen the staffing provision in 20 existing Half Way Houses to provide additional care and support including outreach service to ex-mentally ill persons living in the community <p>(2001)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Action Completed)
To provide additional rehabilitation places for people with disabilities (SWD)	To provide 200 additional day and residential places in 2002-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To launch publicity programmes to promote public acceptance of people with disabilities (the then Health and Welfare Bureau (HWB))	To launch a series of publicity programmes to promote “A Society for All” in 2002-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To promote self-reliance of people with disabilities (SWD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement a three-year on-the-job training programme benefiting 360 people each year commencing 2001-2002 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide grants to non-governmental organisations under a new scheme “Enhancing employment of people with disabilities through small enterprises” starting in early 2002 <p>(2001)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
<p>To provide support to disabled athletes in pursuing sporting excellence</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To invite applications for grants under the newly established Paralympians Fund starting in October 2001</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To provide continuous community support services for the disabled and their families</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To enhance existing community-based services and to provide more integrated after-care services to the disabled living with their families, starting in 2001-2002</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To provide IT awareness and training programme for 15 000 people with disabilities and 600 trainers in three years</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To provide IT awareness and training programmes for 4 000 people with disabilities and 200 trainers in 2002-2003</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To provide a barrier free environment for people with disabilities</p> <p>(HWB/Transport Department/ Architectural Services Department/ Buildings Department)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide dropped kerbs at all pedestrian crossings by 2006 ● To provide audible signals in all traffic lights at pedestrian crossings by 2004 ● To complete modification of 60 existing government offices to improve accessibility for people with disabilities ● To conduct a review on the “Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 1997” in 2002-2003 <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To provide safety and operational guidelines to operators of residential care homes</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To introduce a Code of Practice for both subvented and private residential care homes for people with disabilities by 2001</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To provide additional rehabilitation places for people with disabilities</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To provide over 300 additional day care and residential places in 2001-2002</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To strengthen admission procedures for residential care homes (SWD)	To review in 2001 the admission criteria and to improve the admission process for different types of residential services (2000)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To strengthen the provision of personal care services and social support programmes (SWD)	To provide additional care and programme assistants in various rehabilitation service units in 2001-2002 (2000)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To safeguard the rights of people with disabilities by legislative framework (HWB)	To prepare amendments to the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (DDO) in the light of the proposals made by the Equal Opportunities Commission (1999)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To strengthen the Community Rehabilitation Network service to assist and support chronically ill persons and their carers living in the New Territories (SWD)	To set up a regional centre and two stations in the New Territories by 2001 (1999)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

5 A social safety net

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To strengthen employment-related assistance provided to able-bodied Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients</p> <p><i>(Social Welfare Department (SWD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To fund the Support for Self-reliance Scheme on a permanent basis from 2002-2003 ● To create two additional posts in 2002-2003 to supervise and manage the district-based Employment Assistance Teams <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To encourage and help CSSA single-parent recipients to move into employment and become self-reliant</p> <p><i>(SWD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Started in 2001-2002, to continue to strengthen child care arrangements, family life education and supportive group programmes for single-parent families, and to outreach hard-to-reach ones ● To implement on a voluntary basis the active employment assistance programme specifically for CSSA single-parent recipients by March 2002 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To propose raising the maximum level of monthly disregarded earnings by March 2002 for CSSA single-parent recipients to provide greater incentive for work <p>(2001)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed)
<p>To provide strengthened support for the prevention and investigation of social security fraud cases</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To regularise and enhance the Special Investigation Teams to prevent and combat fraud and abuse in 2002-2003</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To enhance training for Social Security staff</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To launch in 2002-2003 a tailor-made three-year part-time Higher Diploma course for Social Security staff in collaboration with a local tertiary institution for about 45 staff per annum for a period of three years</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To ensure that CSSA and Social Security Allowance (SSA) Schemes are sustainable in the long term and can continue to meet community needs in the light of an ageing population <i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau/SWD)</i>	To monitor the changes in caseload and expenditure under various social security schemes and identify ways to strengthen the sustainability of the schemes on an on-going basis <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To strengthen the prevention and investigation of social security fraud cases <i>(SWD)</i>	To consider adopting a risk management approach in administering the social security schemes and make recommendations in 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To ensure efficient delivery of social security services <i>(SWD)</i>	To commence a review of the existing manpower situation in the social security field units in 2001-2002 after implementation of the computerised social security system <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

6 Ensuring the development of the infrastructure, organisation and systems to support welfare services

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) corporate governance under the Lump Sum Grant arrangement</p> <p><i>(Social Welfare Department (SWD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SWD will issue Guidelines on Corporate Governance to set out our expectations on good practice for enhancement of public accountability ● SWD will launch a Business Improvement Project Scheme to provide assistance to NGOs to carry out re-engineering activities ● SWD will offer training courses for agency heads of NGOs to strengthen their management skills under the new subvention system <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
<p>To develop an agency-based Funding & Service Agreement (FSA) for subvented welfare services</p> <p><i>(SWD)</i></p>	<p>To conduct a pilot project on agency-based FSA covering no more than four NGOs</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p>The Department is considering this agency-based assessment approach with regard to the re-engineering and review of services in the welfare sector.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To empower service users in contracted out service units in monitoring the quality of services received (SWD)	To conduct user feedback surveys and set up user groups in districts to monitor the service performance and quality of contracted out elderly service units (2001)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To implement the recommendations on the restructuring of SWD (SWD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete work by March 2002 ● To provide orientation/training programmes for staff to equip them for organisational changes and new duties and responsibilities ● To conduct briefing sessions on the restructuring for staff in SWD, NGOs and District Councils (2001)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To provide broadband Internet access for non-profit-making NGOs providing welfare services (SWD)	To make available broadband Internet access in NGO headquarters and service units in 2002-2003 (2001)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance the accessibility of welfare websites to the visually impaired (SWD)	To put in place ALT-text features in welfare websites in 2002-2003 for better accessibility to the visually impaired (2001)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To implement a technical infrastructure and a client information system as part of Phase II of the SWD's Information Systems Strategy (SWD)	To complete tendering work and award of tenders for Phase II of SWD's Information Systems Strategy by end-2002 subject to approval by the Legislative Council's Finance Committee (2001)	Tendering work and award of tenders expected to be completed by September 2003, due to re-assessment of the time required for the tendering exercise. <i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i>

7 Efficient subvention system

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To organise training courses and workshops for 7 000 participants to familiarise them with the Service Performance Monitoring System (<i>Social Welfare Department (SWD)</i>)	Five training courses will be organised between July 2001 and January 2002 for about 7 000 participants (2000)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To assist non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that have expressed interest to join the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) System (<i>the then Health and Welfare Bureau (HWB)/SWD</i>)	Training workshops on the implementation details of the LSG will be conducted for all NGOs opting to join the LSG System (2000)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To devise a new planning framework for welfare services (<i>HWB/SWD</i>)	To have the planning framework and strategic directions for welfare services developed in 2001-2002 (2000)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To improve control on charitable fund raising activities</p> <p>(HWB/SWD)</p>	<p>To prepare legislative amendments to relevant sections of the Summary Offences Ordinance in the 1999-2000 legislative session</p> <p>(1999)</p>	<p>The Government has decided to strengthen administrative controls over charitable fund-raising activities with a view to enhancing their transparency and accountability, rather than formulating legislative proposals.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<p>To increase the knowledge of the SWD and NGO staff on the Service Performance Monitoring System</p> <p>(SWD)</p>	<p>To organise 18 training courses for 20 000 participants over three years and to develop relevant training-related and information material</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Promote the Well-being and Interests of Women

(formerly under the then Health and Welfare Bureau)

Detailed Progress

1 Develop and implement a long-term vision and strategies related to the development and advancement of women

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To take forward the three identified priority areas of action, namely, gender mainstreaming, public education and empowerment of women <i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau (HWB))</i>	To start the first programme in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To incorporate women's perspectives in the process of policy making <i>(Women's Commission (WoC))</i>	To pilot and evaluate a "Gender Mainstreaming Checklist" in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To provide gender-related training to civil servants to facilitate the taking into account of women's perspectives during policy formulation, the legislative process, and the implementation phase <i>(HWB)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender-related training programmes will be offered to Social Welfare Officers, Administrative Officers, Information Officers and Police Officers in 2002 <i>(2001)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To develop and start relevant training programmes in 2001 <p>(2000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
<p>To draw up longer term strategies and plans to promote the well-being and interests of women in Hong Kong</p> <p>(WoC)</p>	<p>To complete by 2001</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To implement the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the United Nations Committee's Concluding Comments on the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government's initial report under CEDAW and relevant measures and initiatives in fulfilling the Beijing Platform for Action</p> <p>(HWB)</p>	<p>This is an on-going effort. We will continue to implement the recommendations contained in the United Nations Committee's Concluding Comments, as far as possible</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

2 Facilitate women to participate more fully in the community

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To facilitate women's participation in government advisory boards and bodies <i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau (HWB)/ Home Affairs Bureau)</i>	To review the situation in order to facilitate women's participation <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To facilitate women to participate more fully in the community, e.g. by providing employment training opportunities, child care facilities etc. <i>(HWB)</i>	To consult the Women's Commission on the areas and issues that require early attention and to initiate relevant specific programmes in 2001 and 2002 <i>(2001 and 2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

3 Identify women's needs and improve women's services

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To commission studies, surveys and research on women's needs <i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau (HWB))</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete analysing the results of the thematic household survey in 2002 <i>(2001)</i> ● To start the first study in 2001 <i>(2000)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To review services delivered within and outside the Government <i>(HWB)</i>	To consult the Women's Commission (WoC) on priority areas for action <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To identify priority areas for action and to develop new and improved services <i>(WoC)</i>	To co-ordinate the initiatives for the introduction of new or improved services proposed by the WoC in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To step up communication between local women's groups and service agencies and the Administration, and to build up liaison network with international bodies <i>(HWB)</i>	To meet with local community groups and non-governmental organisations regularly and to participate in key international fora. <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To review services delivered within and outside the Government to identify priority areas for action and to develop new and improved services (HWB)	To complete the first review and to co-ordinate the introduction of some improved services in 2001 (2000)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

4 Raise public awareness of women and gender-related issues and reduce gender stereotyping

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To raise public awareness and facilitate exchange of views and ideas on women matters <i>(Women's Commission)</i>	To organise a major convention on women matters in Hong Kong in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To launch public education programmes to enhance public awareness on gender-related issues <i>(the then Health and Welfare Bureau)</i>	To launch public education programmes on an on-going basis. The first programme to be organised in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Home Affairs Bureau

Detailed Progress

I Review areas where service may be improved

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
Sport and Recreation		
To provide major new sports and recreation venues to the public (<i>Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)</i>)	To plan for the commencement of detailed feasibility studies in 2002-2003 on the technical and financial aspects of – (a) a new multi-purpose stadium in South East Kowloon; and (b) a new multi-purpose indoor sports arena in Mei Foo (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To provide “Octopus” service to facilitate payment of admission and hiring charges for recreation venues (<i>Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)</i>)	To provide “Octopus” service at all public swimming pools and 21 recreation venues by end-2001 and explore the feasibility of extending the service to other recreation facilities such as indoor games halls/indoor recreation centres/sports centres/leisure centres (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)

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the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To obtain regular feedback from the public in a structured manner on how provision of services may be improved (LCSD)	To set up Customer Liaison Groups and Work Improvement Teams at major leisure venues in 18 districts by 2001 (2000)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To review booking policy and practice for major sports training facilities (HAB/LCSD)	To increase booking of major facilities by National Sports Associations for training programmes by 25% within three years (1999)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
Arts, Heritage and Culture		
To review the provision of public library and museum services (HAB/LCSD)	To commence an overall review on the current library and museum policies and services in 2001 with a view to further enhancing the public library and museum services and better serving the information needs of the community (2000)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To review the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance to assess its effectiveness in preserving, protecting and promoting our cultural heritage (HAB)	To complete the review in 2002 (2000)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Public Entertainment Licensing		
To facilitate the development of high-quality family entertainment <i>(HAB)</i>	To facilitate the development of high-quality family entertainment by reviewing the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance and developing a licensing framework for Family Entertainment Centres <i>(1996)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

2 Maintain sufficient resources to support the development of the arts, heritage, culture, sport and recreation

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Arts, Heritage and Culture		
To salvage artefacts and to obtain data on local archaeological heritage from threatened sites (Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))	To begin rescue excavation in 2002 at Sha Ha Archaeological Site, Sai Kung (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To undertake joint processing and research projects with Mainland institutions (LCSD)	To study archaeological materials excavated in Hong Kong as well as local historical buildings and to produce a report on the research findings by end-2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To introduce private sector initiatives and to pursue the possibility of contracting out or corporatising some cultural services and venues (LCSD)	To decide on the type of services to be contracted out or corporatised by end-2000 (1999)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Public Entertainment Licensing		
To streamline the overall structure for entertainment licensing to make it more efficient <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i>	To set up a Task Force in 2002-2003 to examine in detail how to establish a Central Licensing Agency for entertainment licensing and to undertake the relevant preparatory work <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation		
To identify alternative sources of funding for major sports and cultural events and projects <i>(HAB)</i>	Within 2001 to draw up a framework for additional financial support for major sports and cultural events <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

3 Enhance community involvement in the arts, heritage, culture, recreation and sport

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Arts, Heritage and Culture		
To promote cinematic art in the community, especially to the younger generation, so as to raise their ability of appreciation and to develop their aptitude in film and video production <i>(Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))</i>	To organise thematic film and video programme series in 2002 namely “Youth Video Workshop” and “Video Art Leadership Programme” <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To arouse public interest in local heritage by publicising the heritage trails on the Internet <i>(LCSD)</i>	To design a webpage on heritage trails in Hong Kong in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To encourage community involvement in the district heritage guides training scheme <i>(LCSD)</i>	To recruit volunteers as district heritage guides in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To preserve the best examples of our local heritage</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/LCSD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To sustain our preservation efforts while we are reviewing the existing policy and framework ● To declare at least two monuments in 2001 <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
<p>To promote the understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture through the presentation of a thematic Chinese arts festival in the autumn of 2001 featuring a variety of programmes in different art forms</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To organise in 2001 at various venues a three-week arts festival featuring about 80 stage performances, exhibitions, forums, lectures and demonstrations, and other extension and educational activities, with a target audience of 60 000</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To explore opportunities of involving the private sector and the arts community in the management and provision of programmes at designated civic centres</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To further contract out some of the management processes and to introduce Artist-in-Residence or Programme Partnership Schemes at selected venues on a trial basis in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To promote the life-long learning role of the public libraries (LCSD)	To plan for the setting up of a business and industry library in the City Hall Public Library in late 2001 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
Sport and Recreation		
To enhance the promotion of sport in schools (LCSD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To launch the School Sports Programme in 2001 ● To provide sports promotion activities for 400 000 students annually with effect from 2002-2003 (2001)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed) ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To promote a sports culture and to encourage greater community-wide participation in sport (LCSD)	To organise 22 000 events for 1 250 000 participants by end-2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To improve usage rates at existing public sports and recreational venues (LCSD)	To achieve the following usage rates by end-2001 – Indoor games halls 60% Tennis courts 50% Sports grounds 60% Natural turf pitches 90% Artificial turf pitches 70% (2000)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To increase the number of training programmes available to the public at selected sports and recreational venues (HAB/LCSD)	To provide a minimum of 1 000 new places for entry-level sports training programmes by December 2002 (1999)	(Action Completed)
To co-ordinate improvements to recreational camps run by non-governmental organisations (HAB/LCSD)	To ensure that all government-sponsored camps meet statutory fire safety requirements in 2000 (1998)	(Action Completed)

4 Promote a wide choice of arts, heritage, culture, sports and recreational facilities

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Arts, Heritage and Culture		
<p>To preserve the best examples of our local heritage</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To sustain our preservation efforts while we are reviewing the existing policy and framework ● To declare at least two monuments in 2002 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To restore Leung Ancestral Hall, Pat Heung, Yuen Long</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To begin restoration work in late 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To restore Tin Hau Kung on the Lung Yeuk Tau Heritage Trail</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To begin restoration work in late 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To encourage teachers and students to study astronomy and organise astronomical activities (LCSD)	To set up an Interactive Astronomical Observatory on a site provided by the Hong Kong Observatory in 2002. This project will be jointly organised with the Astronomy Workshop to provide astronomical training for teachers. Participants will be able to use the telescope of the Observatory through the Internet (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To further enhance the use of IT in public libraries (LCSD)	To set up Computers and Information Centres in the District Libraries in phases from 2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To provide protective measures for a Yuan period kiln discovered in Ha Law Wan, Chek Lap Kok (LCSD)	To complete protective work in late 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To fully restore the Tin Hau Temple in Causeway Bay (LCSD)	To begin restoration work in end-2001 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To fully restore Hau Mei Fung Ancestral Hall in Kam Tsin Tsuen, Sheung Shui (LCSD)	To begin restoration work in end-2001 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To establish a two-kilometre heritage trail in Kam Tin (LCSD)	To establish a two-kilometre heritage trail in Kam Tin at a cost of \$28 million (1995)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
Sport and Recreation		
To provide a new training centre for gymnastics at Shun Lee Tsuen Leisure Centre (LCSD)	To set up the new training centre in 2002 (2001)	The open tender exercise initiated in December 2001 for converting secondary hall in Shun Lee Tsuen Sports Centre into a designated gymnastic training base and to install gymnastic equipment was cancelled because the suppliers in the market did not have the expertise and professionalism to meet all the technical and structural requirements. The Architectural Services Department is now exploring the feasibility of undertaking the proposal in-house. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide a greater choice of sports and recreational venues to the public (LCSD)	To open the following major new facilities in 2001 or 2002– ● 1 swimming pool complex ● 1 indoor games hall ● 1 water sports centre (2000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed) ● (Action Completed) ● The construction of water sports centre at Stanley Main Beach was originally scheduled to commence in 2000. However, it has taken time to resolve issues arising from objections from a few Stanley residents and to obtain Town Planning Board approval before the construction works could commence. The re-scheduled commencement and completion dates for the construction works are February 2003 and December 2004 respectively. <p>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To invite expressions of interest in the use of a number of former landfill sites in the New Territories for public recreational use</p> <p><i>(HAB/Environmental Protection Department)</i></p>	<p>To allocate space on former landfills for a minimum of two new sports or recreational facilities by June 2002</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>It has taken more time to obtain support from the relevant District Councils. The Environmental Protection Department is inviting detailed proposals for the development of the first landfill site.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To co-ordinate the building of recreational and sports facilities on the four former landfill sites in Jordan Valley, Sai Tso Wan, Tseung Kwan O and Shuen Wan</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To begin construction work on the facilities in 2000</p> <p><i>(1998 and 1996)</i></p>	<p>The Environmental Protection Department has begun work on the Sai Tso Wan project, which is expected to be completed by 2004. Facilities to be provided at the Tseung Kwan O, Jordan Valley and Shuen Wan Landfill Sites are under review due to the high recurrent costs involved.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

5 Support excellence in the arts and sport

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Sport and Recreation		
To provide additional resources to upgrade facilities at the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) for training Hong Kong athletes (Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))	In 2001 to provide grants up to \$10 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund for athlete training and enhancement of training facilities (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To support increased participation by Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) athletes in major games (HAB)	To provide resources to allow all qualified athletes selected by the relevant authorities to take part in the 2001 East Asian Games and the 2001 All China National Games as well as future major games events (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To develop proposals for improvements to the HKSI aimed at enhancing the facilities available to top athletes in all sports (HAB/Hong Kong Sports Development Board)	To increase the usage rate of the HKSI by HKSAR representative squads by 25% within five years (1999)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Building Management

Detailed Progress

1 Identify building management needs and review service provisions

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To continue to monitor the implementation of the Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (Home Affairs Department (HAD))	On an on-going basis, through the Inter-departmental Steering Group to plan, co-ordinate and monitor actions by relevant departments, and to examine scope for further improvement to the Ordinance to assist owners and owners' corporations in building management work (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To set up a new division in HAD to co-ordinate building management matters and provide comprehensive service and advice to the public on building management issues (HAD)	To set up the new division before mid-2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To implement the Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (HAD)</p>	<p>To set up an Inter-departmental Steering Group to plan, co-ordinate and monitor actions by relevant departments to implement the Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 and achieve better building management and preventive maintenance (2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To set up a central database of all private buildings, including residential, commercial, and industrial ones, providing basic information to the public on buildings in all districts, such as type, number of units and storeys, as well as information on building management bodies, and so forth. The information will be shared with the Buildings Department and other relevant departments, and may form part of their database on buildings (HAD/Buildings Department)</p>	<p>To complete the database by March 2002 (2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

2 Build community awareness of the importance of building management

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To organise the first regional conference on private building management, inviting professionals from neighbouring regions to share their experience with participants <i>(Home Affairs Department (HAD))</i>	To organise the seminar in July 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To organise training courses for office bearers of owners' corporations on specialised subjects, such as audit/accounting procedures, meeting procedures, building management, interpersonal skills and so forth <i>(HAD)</i>	To organise not less than 30 such courses by end-2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To set up a dedicated homepage on building management on the Internet with updated and enhanced information on building management, bulletin board service, and so forth, for quick reference and use by the public</p> <p>(HAD)</p>	<p>To launch the website by end-2001</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

3 Assist owners in the formation of owners' corporations and servicing afterwards

To achieve results in this area, the following initiative has been undertaken in the past year. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To continue to improve the capability of District Offices staff in attending to enquiries from and resolving problems of owners' corporations and relevant building management bodies <i>(Home Affairs Department)</i>	To organise at least five training courses/ workshops for HAD staff in 2002–2003 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

4 Identify and co-ordinate improvements to certain “target” buildings

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To establish District Building Management Liaison Teams (DBMLTs) to replace the existing Building Management Co-ordination Teams (BMCTs) (Home Affairs Department (HAD))	To replace the existing 15 BMCTs by 18 DBMLTs by end-2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To help the Buildings Department (BD) to implement its Co-ordinated Maintenance of Buildings Scheme which targets buildings that pose danger to life and limb (BD/HAD)	To assist BD in meeting its target of delisting 150 “target” buildings in 2001 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

5 Regulate safety in hotels, guesthouses, clubs and bedspace apartments

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To consider ways of further shortening the processing time for the certificate of compliance application under the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Home Affairs Department (HAD))	To monitor the implementation of the performance pledge developed in March 2001 and assess whether further shortening of processing time is feasible (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To introduce subsidiary legislation to the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance to provide for a longer licence validity period up to seven years for eligible premises (Home Affairs Bureau/ HAD)	To consult the relevant trades on a new scale of fees under the Ordinance and, if appropriate, introduce legislative amendments in the 2000-2001 legislative session (2000)	(Action Completed)
To ensure better planning and utilisation of the singleton hostel programme (HAD)	To explore and assess ways to promote, enhance and rationalise the singleton hostel programme by end-2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)

Community and Youth Development

Detailed Progress

I Facilitate community development and service provision

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
<p>To implement a package of proposals arising from the District Councils (DCs) Review to enhance the roles and functions of the DCs in five main areas, namely:</p> <p>(a) enhancing the DCs' roles in advising and monitoring the provision, delivery and management of district services and facilities;</p> <p>(b) enhancing communication between DCs and the Government;</p> <p>(c) enhancing DC members' participation in the policy-making process;</p> <p>(d) strengthening support for DCs and DC members; and</p>	<p>To implement some of the proposals before end-2001 and the rest thereafter within the current term of the DCs (2001)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

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the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

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Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>(e) enhancing the DCs' accountability and efficiency</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i></p>		
<p>To provide additional subvention to non-uniformed youth groups (namely the Agency for Volunteer Services and the Hong Kong Award for Young People) to cope with growing membership and expansion of services</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To increase the subvention for the Agency for Volunteer Services and the Hong Kong Award for Young People in 2002-2003</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To study the influence of information technology (IT) on young people</p> <p><i>(Commission on Youth)</i></p>	<p>To complete the study in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To conduct an opinion survey on civic awareness</p> <p><i>(Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education)</i></p>	<p>To carry out the survey in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To promote the wider use of IT in the community, under joint efforts with the Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau and the Information Technology Services Department, the private sector and non-governmental organisations (NGOs)</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Department (HAD)/ Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau/Information Technology Services Department)</i></p>	<p>To promote introductory training programme for DC members by end-2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To amend the Chinese Temples Ordinance to ensure that its provisions meet the changing needs of the community</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To complete drafting instructions by end-2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To enhance our capacity to review services provided for new arrivals, to encourage NGOs to implement new initiatives to help new arrivals and to conduct regular surveys on new arrivals to better understand their problems and needs</p> <p><i>(HAD)</i></p>	<p>● To conduct four quarterly surveys in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To hold round-table meetings with NGOs regularly to evaluate the effectiveness and adequacy of the existing services provided to new arrivals and to exchange views on how these services can be enhanced <p><i>(2000 and 1998)</i></p>	
<p>To improve the existing surveys on the profile and needs of new arrivals to facilitate effective planning and delivery of services</p> <p><i>(HAD)</i></p>	<p>To co-ordinate with various departments in conducting surveys on new arrivals with a view to streamlining and improving the surveys in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

2 Create and maintain a community support infrastructure

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To further upgrade the infrastructure and improve the local environment (Home Affairs Department (HAD))	To implement additional minor works projects in all 18 districts in 2002-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To put village representative elections under statutory control to ensure that these elections are held in an open and equitable manner (Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/HAD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To further discuss with the Heung Yee Kuk the proposed legislative framework in 2000-2001 (2000) ● To devise a formal framework for rural elections (1999) 	(Action Completed)
To re-develop the Chai Wan Community Centre to provide a central facility for youth development activities which will include facilities for conferences, seminars, workshops, and international exchange programmes (HAB)	To complete the project by 2003 (1998)	Piling and basement works are now in progress. An architectural design competition was held in 2000. The target completion date for the project has been rescheduled to end-2005 as a result of the time required to hold the competition and thence the selection of the winning design. (Action in Progress : Under Review)

3 Build community awareness and responsiveness

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To review the Charter for Youth (Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))	To review the Charter again in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To organise a joint parade by 11 uniformed youth groups under the theme of “Hong Kong, Our Home” (HAB)	To hold the parade in late 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To promote the youth development programme (HAB)	To allocate more recurrent resources for the activities and funding schemes under the programme in 2002-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To enhance the Community Participation Scheme (HAB)	To provide more resources to the Scheme in 2002-2003 so that more non-governmental organisations can organise civic education projects at the district level (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance publicity on civic education (HAB)	In 2002-2003, to produce and broadcast a series of short animation programmes on television to promote civic responsibility and good citizenship (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To promote civic education (Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education)	To produce a series of handbooks for parents and newsletters for Primary One to Primary Three students for distribution to the public and schools starting from the 2000-2001 school year (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To step up liaison with youth groups, particularly those not receiving government subventions (HAB)	To encourage these youth groups to organise more community-based projects for the participation of the young people (2000)	(Action Completed)

4 Nurture the growth of a stronger understanding of our community and culture

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To promote community participation in activities organised under the theme “Hong Kong, Our Home” (<i>Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)</i>)	In 2001-2002, to adopt selected winning proposals from the “Hong Kong, Our Home” Project Competition for future activities under the same theme (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To continue to encourage more non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to organise study tours to the Mainland for young people (<i>HAB</i>)	To encourage NGOs to organise study tours which enable young people to understand Chinese heritage and culture and participate in voluntary work (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)
To step up community education and publicity to promote community acceptance of new arrivals (<i>Home Affairs Department</i>)	To work jointly with relevant NGOs to launch a community education programme in 2000-2001 (2000)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To produce more educational packages to promote “understanding of our nation” and “sense of belonging to our community” (HAB)	To produce two educational packages for mass distribution each year from 1999 onwards (1998)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

The Rights of the Individual

Detailed Progress

I Keep under review the rights of the individual

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
<p>To submit reports to the United Nations (UN) under the UN treaties and attend the related hearings</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i></p>	<p>To submit the first Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Report under the Convention on the Rights of the Child as part of China's report by end-2001</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p>Report to be submitted to the Central People's Government with a view to completing action by end-2002.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To revisit the question of legislation against racial discrimination</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To complete consultations and determine the way forward by early 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p>The consultations are complete and we are now considering the way forward in the light of their findings. The process has taken longer than anticipated because of the need to balance conflicting considerations.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To find out the extent of discrimination relating to equal pay for work of equal value in the public and private sectors</p> <p><i>(Equal Opportunities Commission)</i></p>	<p>To decide on the scope and commission a study in 2000-2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

2 Create and maintain necessary legal and administrative measures

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To clarify the existing provisions of the Sex Discrimination Ordinance and the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance and to rectify defects in the existing legislation (Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))	To introduce amending legislation into the Legislative Council in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To empower the court to impose surcharges on maintenance arrears (HAB)	To introduce amending legislation into the Legislative Council in early 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To relax the requirements for all judgment summonses for recovering maintenance arrears to be served personally (HAB)	To introduce amendments to the relevant subsidiary legislation in early 2001 (2000)	The draft amendments are being fine-tuned to address some fine legal points identified during the course of drafting. We will consult relevant professional bodies on the final draft in the first half of 2003. The amendments will be tabled at the Legislative Council when finalised. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To amend the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance to address difficulties that have been encountered in its operation (HAB)	To have an amendment bill ready by end-1999 for introduction into the Legislative Council (1998)	The proposed amendments turned out to be more complicated than envisaged. We are still drafting the amendment bill. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)

3 Build community awareness and ownership

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To publicise the new measures of the Attachment of Income Order Scheme (Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))	To revise the Attachment of Income Order Scheme booklets by mid-2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To publicise the revised judgment summons procedures (HAB)	To produce information leaflets on the revised judgment summons procedures after the enactment of the necessary legislation (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To develop and publish an E-Privacy booklet which gives practical guidance on how to conduct Privacy Impact Assessment (Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCO))	To publish the booklet in the first quarter of 2002 (2001)	The PCO is reviewing the draft of the booklet to take into account the latest developments on the subject. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To make available to the public a range of comprehensive and updated materials on equal opportunities (<i>Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC)</i>)	To establish an on-line bilingual Resource Centre on Equal Opportunities in 2001-2002 (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To promote equal opportunities for the disadvantaged groups in the enjoyment of information technology through the removal of accessibility barriers (<i>EOC</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In partnership with the IT industry, to issue guidelines on web design and to conduct promotional programmes to improve web access for disabled persons. These initiatives will be implemented in 2001-2002 ● In 2001-2002, to work with the banking industry on an action plan to remove the barriers that may be encountered by persons with a disability in the use of electronic banking services (2001)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (<i>Action Completed</i>) ● (<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To promote equal opportunities practices in the business sector (EOC)	To produce a self-assessment information kit for small and medium-sized enterprises in 2000-2001 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To organise 100 public and in-house seminars to promote understanding of and compliance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (PCO)	To conduct the seminars in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To develop and publish an "Aid to the Interpretation of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance" (PCO)	To publish the first version of the "Aid to the Interpretation of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance" in the last quarter of 2001 (2000)	The PCO is finalising the draft. The booklet is expected to be available in early 2003. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)
To drive home the message that a person is responsible for the maintenance of his/her child(ren) and ex-spouse even after divorce; and to inform maintenance payees of their rights and of the services available to them when they fail to receive maintenance payments (HAB)	By mid-2001, to mount publicity measures to – ● review existing publicity materials available to single parents and prospective divorcees with a view to incorporating our messages in them	● (Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● design new publicity materials on the legal and administrative measures affecting persons eligible for maintenance ● conduct at least one seminar, to familiarise both Government and non-governmental organisation personnel with the measures affecting persons eligible for maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i> ● Timing of seminar deferred, pending the legislative amendments concerning interest on maintenance arrears and judgment summons proceedings. <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
	(2000)	

4 Pursue legislative and administrative arrangements to protect the rights of the individual

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance our work in handling racial issues and in providing practical assistance to the ethnic minorities in Hong Kong</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To plan to establish a dedicated unit in 2002-2003 to enhance services ● To form a joint non-governmental organisation (NGO)/ Government committee on race-related public education and publicity in 2002 ● To produce new editions of each version of the service guidebooks for migrant workers every two years <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
<p>To enhance our funding support to NGOs for carrying out activities under the “Equal Opportunities Funding Scheme”</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To increase funding for the “Equal Opportunities Funding Scheme” in 2002-2003</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To introduce on a pilot basis a “mobile information service” at the Airport for non-Chinese new arrivals <i>(HAB/The International Social Services)</i>	To start providing this service by mid-2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To revamp government websites to facilitate accessibility by people with disabilities and people with less powerful computer equipment <i>(HAB)</i>	To revamp at least half of all government websites by end-2001 and the remainder by end-2002 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau

Better Housing for All

(formerly under the then Housing Bureau)

Detailed Progress

1 Assess housing demand regularly

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To keep long-term and short-term housing demand under review (the then Housing Bureau (HB)/Planning Department (PD))	To take into account trends in housing demand when adjusting the ratio between public rental housing flats, rental allowances, home ownership flats and housing loans (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To conduct regular surveys of housing aspirations (PD)	The next survey will be commissioned in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To review our housing production requirements regularly in the light of the latest projections by the housing demand model (HB)	To publish annual reports starting from 1999 (1998)	Long-term housing demand is regularly reviewed. (Action in Progress : Under Review)

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

2 Monitor the supply of land and supporting infrastructure for housing, and maintain a long term flat production programme

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To develop a system for the future allocation of sites for subsidised home ownership flats <i>(the then Housing Bureau (HB)/Housing Department)</i>	To develop a balanced set of criteria for this purpose <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To fast-track more infrastructure to avoid delays to housing production <i>(HB)</i>	To fast-track 80 projects to allow housing development to proceed on time during the five-year period up to 2002-2003 <i>(1998)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To identify more areas where infrastructure will permit more intensified private housing development <i>(Territory Development Department (TDD))</i>	To complete three studies of intensification of development in 1999-2000 <i>(1998)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide a flexible financial arrangement to accelerate housing-related infrastructure projects, including waterworks, sewage, land formation and schools <i>(HB)</i>	To spend \$11 billion to accelerate housing-related infrastructure projects during the period 1997-1998 to 2001-2002 <i>(1997)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To develop strategic growth areas to produce additional land for housing <i>(TDD)</i>	To develop sufficient land for 270 000 flats in strategic growth areas between 2006 and 2011 <i>(1997)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

3 Create the conditions to enable the private sector to make the fullest possible contribution towards meeting the demand for housing

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To determine the appropriate ratio between Home Ownership Scheme flats and loans <i>(the then Housing Bureau (HB)/Housing Department (HD))</i>	To reach agreement with the Housing Authority on this issue by 30 June 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To roll forward the programme of reducing the production of subsidised home ownership flats <i>(HB/HD)</i>	In 2001, to reach agreement with the Housing Authority on the rolled forward programme up to 2007-2008 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance the protection of home buyers' interests by introducing legislation to ensure that developers provide accurate information about uncompleted residential flats in sales brochures</p> <p><i>(HB)</i></p>	<p>To introduce the legislation in 1997</p> <p><i>(1996)</i></p>	<p>Polarised views were received from different sectors of the community on the White Bill published for consultation in April 2000. The Real Estate Developers' Association of Hong Kong introduced a set of voluntary guidelines in October 2001. The Government will further consider the need for legislation, taking into account the divergent views on the subject.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

4 Implement subsidised home ownership schemes and loan schemes to enable those in the relevant income groups to buy their own homes

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To make the eligibility criteria for Home Ownership Scheme flats more responsive to market forces</p> <p><i>(the then Housing Bureau (HB)/Housing Department (HD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To review the appropriateness and sensitivity of the existing formula ● To adjust the eligibility criteria appropriately after the review <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To offer sufficient housing loans annually to eligible households</p> <p><i>(HB/HD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To seek funds for the extension of the Home Starter Loan Scheme beyond 2001-2002 ● To provide sufficient housing loans annually to eligible households under the Home Purchase Loan Scheme <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The proposal was dropped in view of impending replacement of the Home Starter Loan Scheme and the Home Purchase Loan Scheme by a new Home Assistance Loan Scheme. ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To give better-off tenants priority in the purchase of subsidised home ownership flats in order to encourage them to vacate their public rental flats for use by more needy families (HD)	An on-going commitment (1998)	(Action Completed)
To help public rental housing tenants to buy their own flats through the Tenants Purchase Scheme (HD)	In the ten-year period starting in 1998, to offer no fewer than 250 000 flats for sale under the scheme (1997)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

5 Provide public housing at reasonable rents to those who cannot afford any other type of housing

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To examine the feasibility of a pilot scheme to provide rental allowances to eligible non-elderly households as an alternative means of providing public rental flats <i>(the then Housing Bureau (HB)/Housing Department (HD))</i>	If feasible, to devise a pilot scheme for the provision of rental allowances to eligible non-elderly households on the Waiting List in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To review the method for fixing and reviewing rent for public rental housing <i>(HB/HD)</i>	To complete the review by mid-2002 <i>(2001)</i>	The review was suspended until the legal challenge by a number of public rental housing tenants on the decision by the Housing Authority to defer reviewing its rents is settled. <i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i>
To provide rehousing resources to facilitate implementation of urban renewal projects <i>(HB)</i>	To provide an average of 2 000 public housing units a year through the Housing Authority and the Housing Society for rehousing tenants affected by Urban Renewal Authority projects <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To increase the supply of public housing flats for families on the Waiting List (HD)	To supply no less than 20 000 public housing flats for families on the Waiting List from 2001 onwards (1998)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To improve security facilities in public housing estates (HD)	To complete upgrading of security facilities in public housing estates by 2002 (1998)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To maintain progress in redeveloping older public housing blocks under the Housing Authority's Comprehensive Redevelopment Programme (HD)	To redevelop all non-self-contained flats before 2001 and to complete the programme by 2005 (1996)	All non-self-contained flats had been cleared by 2001 as scheduled. As regards self-contained units, 515 blocks had been cleared and another 44 blocks will be cleared by 2005. Clearance of the remaining seven blocks in Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate can only be completed by 2008-09 due to insistence of the affected tenants to be rehoused in sites not available until then. <i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i>

6 Implement initiatives to address the housing requirements of groups in special need

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide integrated care services in public rental estates with a high concentration of elderly persons (<i>Social Welfare Department/Housing Department (HD)</i>)	To identify suitable rental estates for integrated care facilities in 2002-2003 (2001)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To increase the supply of public rental housing for the elderly in need (<i>HD</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To allocate public rental housing by 2003 to elderly households registered this financial year on the Waiting List ● To reduce the average waiting time of elderly singletons who wish to live by themselves in public rental housing to two years by 2005 (2000)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)
To review the design of public rental flats for the elderly (<i>HD</i>)	In 2001, to explore the applicability of the “Ageing in Place” concept in the future design of public rental estates (2000)	(<i>Action Completed</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To continue the clearances of squatter areas in the New Territories to facilitate planned development and to improve the living conditions of those affected (HD)	To offer rehousing to persons affected by clearances of squatter areas on Government land in the New Territories with development potential (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To implement the results of a review of housing assistance for non-elderly singletons (the then Housing Bureau (HB)/HD)	To accelerate the allocation of public rental housing to non-elderly singletons in genuine need so as to shorten the average waiting time to five years by 2001, four years by 2003 and three years by 2005 (1999)	(Action Completed)
To develop a pilot scheme for the provision of elderly housing by private sector developers (HB)	To formulate details of the pilot scheme in consultation with the Elderly Commission by 2000 (1999)	Work was suspended because of lack of support and poor viability of the scheme following consultation with the private sector. (Action in Progress : Under Review)
To provide elderly people living in inadequate private sector accommodation with easy access to information on public housing (HD)	To set up additional Housing Information Centres where necessary (1998)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To invite the Housing Society to undertake a Senior Citizen Residence Scheme, on a pilot basis, under which flats will be leased for life to elderly people in the middle income group, to give them access to affordable, purpose-built accommodation with integrated care services (HB)	To complete 500 flats for the Senior Citizen Residence Scheme by 2001 (1998)	(Action Completed)
To draw up a programme for clearance of squatter areas affected by new development for a public purpose (HD)	To clear and rehouse 12 000 families by 2002-2003 (1998)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To clear the remaining Cottage Areas in order to provide a more satisfactory living environment to resettled households (HD)	To rehouse all eligible Cottage Area residents by 2001 (1998)	(Action Completed)
To rehouse eligible households from unauthorised rooftop structures which are cleared to improve fire safety (HD)	An on-going commitment (1998)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Developing Hong Kong

**(formerly under the then Planning and
Lands Bureau)**

Detailed Progress

1 Land use planning

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To improve the existing land use planning and management practices in the rural New Territories (Planning Department (Plan D))	To commission a study on planning and land management for the rural New Territories in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To formulate a Master Plan for the development of an Integrated Arts, Cultural and Entertainment District in West Kowloon Reclamation (WKR) based on the winning designs in the WKR Concept Plan Competition (Plan D)	To commission a study to formulate the Master Plan in late 2002 (2001)	The approach to formulating a Master Plan for the project is being reviewed in the light of the winning concept plans and the Government's options for taking forward the development of the new district. (Action in Progress : Under Review)
To step up monitoring action in the New Territories so as to ensure compliance of planning conditions of temporary port back-up and open storage uses (Plan D)	To carry out site inspection on each case at least once every three months (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance public understanding of planning proposals through better architectural and graphic design and illustration in planning documents</p> <p>(Plan D)</p>	<p>To adopt a new practice by late 2002 to provide better architectural and graphic illustrations in planning documents</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To review the development potential of Mui Wo and South Lantau</p> <p>(Plan D/Territory Development Department (TDD))</p>	<p>To commission a planning and development study on Mui Wo and South Lantau in 2002 to determine the optimum development capacity and land uses</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To seek information about Hong Kong residents living and buying properties in the Pearl River Delta (PRD) Region (e.g. number, distribution and types of properties purchased), their socio-economic characteristics, and views and opinions on living in the Mainland</p> <p>(Plan D)</p>	<p>To commission a Study on Hong Kong Residents Living in the PRD Region in 2002</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To conduct the “Cross Boundary Travel Survey 2001” to examine the patterns of cross boundary trips, the socio-economic characteristics of the trip makers and the commuting characteristics of drivers (Plan D)	To complete the Survey in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To review the planning standards and guidelines on greening (Plan D/the then Environment and Food Bureau)	To launch the review in late 2001 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To review the planning standards and guidelines on educational facilities (Plan D/Education and Manpower Bureau/ Education Department)	To launch the review in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To prepare a Recommended Harbour and Waterfront Plan as a framework to guide related commercial, recreation and leisure uses on the waterfront (Plan D)	To complete the Planning Study on the Harbour and its waterfront area in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To set out the planning framework for the future development of Aberdeen Harbour including tourism and recreation</p> <p><i>(Plan D)</i></p>	<p>To complete the Focus Study on Aberdeen Harbour by end-2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p>Various stakeholders and local business groups have to be further consulted on the conceptual development strategies. The Study is expected to be completed by end 2002.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To conduct the “Consultancy Study on the Phase 2 of the Electronic Application System, Electronic Services Delivery, Electronic Services Hub and the Planning Information Management Centre”. The objective of the study is to assess the feasibility of setting up a system to receive and process electronic submissions under the Town Planning Ordinance</p> <p><i>(Plan D)</i></p>	<p>To complete the feasibility study in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To formulate a territorial land use planning framework to meet Hong Kong's future development needs in a wider regional perspective and a longer planning time horizon up to 2030</p> <p><i>(Plan D)</i></p>	<p>To produce the "Hong Kong 2030 —Vision and Development Strategy" in mid-2001</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>The Study did not commence until November 2000. The formulation of development options is delayed in order to take into account the outcome of the latest policy review on housing and population. We aim to complete the Study by end 2003.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<p>To examine the feasibility of developing Strategic Growth Areas in North-East New Territories (NENT) and North-West New Territories (NWNT)</p> <p><i>(Plan D/TDD)</i></p>	<p>To complete the Planning and Development Studies on NENT and NWNT by end-2000</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>Detailed engineering feasibility study, environmental impact assessments and layout plans preparation continue. The NENT and NWNT studies have been affected by the re-alignments of the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line and Deep Bay Link respectively.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<p>To provide an updated development strategy to guide planning and development in the Metro Area up to 2016 and beyond, and to review the current density control in Kowloon</p> <p><i>(Plan D)</i></p>	<p>To complete the Stage II Study on Review of Metroplan and the related Kowloon Density Study Review by end-2000</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To form some 137 hectares of new land in West Kowloon, Kai Tak —Kowloon Bay, Tseung Kwan O and Tung Chung —Tai Ho. This will produce over 200 000 flats between 2001 and 2006</p> <p>(TDD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete development and engineering works in West Kowloon and the remaining reclamation in that area by 2005-2006 ● To complete detailed design and preparation work for the initial development phases of the Kai Tak — Kowloon Bay Development by 2002-2003 ● To complete the intensification study for Tung Chung — Tai Ho by end-1998 <p>(1997)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To develop the following strategic growth areas —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Au Tau —Kam Tin —Yuen Long South ● Central —Wanchai Reclamation (Remainder) ● Fanling North — Kwu Tung ● Green Island Reclamation ● Hong Kong Island South ● Southeast Kowloon ● Tsuen Wan Bay Reclamation ● Tseung Kwan O ● Tung Chung —Tai Ho ● West Kowloon Reclamation <p>This will produce sufficient land for supplying over 270 000 flats between 2006 and 2011</p> <p>(TDD)</p>	<p>To complete three integrated planning and development studies by early to mid-2000</p> <p>(1997)</p>	<p>The study on Hong Kong Island South and Lamma Island will be completed in December 2002. The Planning and Development Study on North East New Territories continued after it was extended to cater for changes in design of the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line. The Planning and Development Study on North West New Territories continued after it was extended to take account of public views and to examine the impact of the change in alignment of the Deep Bay Link and the recently proposed Easterly Link Road joining the Deep Bay Link to Route 3.</p> <p>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</p>

2 Land supply

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide a Land Sale Programme for 2002-2003 on specific sites for auction, tender or application, and a Land Development Programme for 2003-2004 to 2006-2007 setting out the amount of land available for private housing and non-housing development <i>(the then Planning and Lands Bureau (PLB))</i>	To announce the Land Sale and Development Programmes in early 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To extend the network of Global Positioning System Reference Stations to the northeast and southern areas of the Hong Kong Territory for improving the efficiency of surveying and mapping <i>(Lands Department)</i>	To establish the Global Positioning System Reference Stations Network for operation in these areas by mid-2002 <i>(2000)</i>	Due to unforeseen environmental measures to be implemented, completion is now targeted for mid 2003. <i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To resolve the problem of missing or illegible Government leases and grants</p> <p>(PLB)</p>	<p>To introduce the requisite legislation in early 2000</p> <p>(1999)</p>	<p>The legislative proposals involve a number of complex legal and technical issues which need to be resolved before we can start public consultation. Thereafter, the legislative proposals will be finalised for introduction into the Legislative Council.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To review the New Territories Small House Policy</p> <p>(PLB)</p>	<p>To complete the review in early 1999</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p>Due to the complexity of the issues involved in the review, it has taken longer than expected to complete the deliberations. The scope of the review includes a number of complex and inter-related issues such as optimum use of land resources which need to be examined further. The public will be consulted when possible options have been formulated.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
<p>To put in place a system of land title registration by introducing the Land Titles Bill</p> <p>(PLB)</p>	<p>To introduce the Land Titles Bill into the Legislative Council (LegCo) by mid-1999</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p>Draft Bill has been revised to take into account views of concerned parties where appropriate and will be introduced into LegCo in December 2002.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>

3 Building safety and maintenance

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To follow up the legislative proposals of the Task Force on Building Safety and Preventive Maintenance <i>(the then Planning and Lands Bureau (PLB)/ Buildings Department (BD))</i>	To introduce the first batch of legislative amendments in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To set up a voluntary scheme for classification of private buildings against benchmarks for safety and maintenance as a means of using market forces to promote a culture of building care <i>(BD)</i>	To develop a framework for the scheme by 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To provide further incentives for the development of green and innovative buildings <i>(BD)</i>	To introduce the further incentives in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To set up a “green building” label system as a means of using market forces to promote environmentally friendly buildings (BD)	To commission a consultancy study to devise a system for assessing environmental design and performance of buildings in 2002 (2001)	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
To promote timely maintenance of buildings to prevent premature aging (PLB/BD)	To review the effectiveness of the pilot scheme in 2001 on BD’ s “co-ordinated maintenance of buildings scheme” in the light of experience before considering whether it is necessary to introduce mandatory periodic inspection and maintenance (2000)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To issue a layman’ s manual on how to maintain buildings for quality homes (BD)	To issue the manual in 2001 (2000)	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To promote community awareness of owners' responsibilities for good management and timely maintenance, compliance with the law and risks from unsafe building works</p> <p><i>(BD/Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/Home Affairs Department (HAD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To enhance and sustain public education programmes and publicity campaigns via the media, schools and other relevant bodies from 2001 ● To strengthen the co-ordination between BD and HAD on building safety and management by establishing in 2001 District Building Management Liaison Teams in HAD and Building Co-ordination Teams in BD ● In collaboration with HAB/HAD, to involve District Councils in measures to promote building maintenance and improve our city environment, such as removing abandoned signboards, in 2001 <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To undertake a comprehensive review to modernise the Buildings Ordinance</p> <p><i>(BD)</i></p>	<p>To complete the first stage of the review by 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To introduce statutory registration of minor works contractors for building repairs, removal of unauthorised building works, and erection of signboards (BD)	To introduce legislation to define “minor works” and create a new category of registered contractors for such works by 2002 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To improve the framework for the management and maintenance of new buildings (Lands Department)	To add new lease conditions and revise the guidelines for deeds of mutual covenant in 2001, with focus on owners’ responsibilities for building management and maintenance (2000)	A further review concluded that it would be more appropriate to expand the existing Deed of Mutual Covenant Guidelines to specify more clearly owners’ responsibilities for building maintenance. (Action in Progress : Under Review)
To step up enforcement action against unauthorised building works (UBWs) (PLB/BD)	To clear high-risk UBWs mainly on external walls, and some on roofs and podiums, in backlanes and yards, targeting an additional 400 buildings in 2001, over and above the current clearance programme targeting 500 buildings (2000)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To speed up action on removal of risks posed by illegal rooftop structures (BD)	To clear illegal rooftop structures from an additional 300 single-staircase buildings in 2001, over and above the 400 buildings targeted in the current programme (2000)	(Action Completed)
To establish a control system for signboards (BD)	To introduce legislation for a self-financing statutory registration system in 2002 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To computerise and maintain up-to-date information on buildings (Planning Department)	To set up a central database for monitoring, co-ordinating and updating information for use by relevant authorities by early 2003 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To conduct a consultancy study on water seepage to find better ways to detect and remedy seepage (BD)	To complete the consultancy study in 2001 (2000)	The tender of the consultancy study was awarded in September 2001. The study is due for completion by December 2002. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)

4 Urban renewal

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To finalise the first 5-year urban renewal programme and secure resources for implementing the projects <i>(the then Planning and Lands Bureau)</i>	To finalise the first 5-year urban renewal programme in early 2002 and to submit the financing proposals to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>
To issue guidelines on valuation of properties under resumption <i>(Lands Department)</i>	To publish the guidelines in early 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	<i>(Action Completed)</i>

Independent Commission Against Corruption

Fighting Corruption

Detailed Progress

1 Seek out and eradicate corruption through professional and effective investigation

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To reinforce our investigative capability to cope with the upsurge in caseload and corruption reports received <i>(Operations Department, Independent Commission Against Corruption (Op D, ICAC))</i>	To restructure the investigation teams in 2002-2003 with a view to providing appropriate level of operational expertise necessary to tackle growing caseloads and increasing sophistication in corruption offences <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To improve the capability and security of our information technology systems</p> <p><i>(Op D, ICAC)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To review and enhance in 2002-2003 the security of the computer systems in the Op D to guard against invasion, and to safeguard confidential information and personal data ● To conduct a study in 2002-2003 on the viability of introducing electronic communication of graphic images and data in field operations <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance efficiency and quality of video interviews and transcription processes in criminal corruption investigations</p> <p><i>(Op D, ICAC)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct a study in 2002-2003 on the technical and evidential viability of developing digital technology in video interview procedures and corresponding improvements to the layout design of video interview rooms ● To install video interview facilities in the Commission Training School to enhance training and performance in video interview techniques <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To enhance our case management capability through a comprehensive review of case preparation and prosecution, with a view to identifying opportunities and strategies</p> <p><i>(Op D, ICAC)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To expand in 2002-2003 the staffing of the Central Property Unit so as to provide dedicated support for the physical security and administration of case property <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p>● <i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To examine the feasibility of installing a computerised monitoring system to track and maintain the evidential integrity of case exhibits <p>(2001)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct a research project aimed at establishing in 2000-2001, a standardised system for the collation and preparation of evidence, with a capability for electronic processing of documentary exhibits <p>(1999)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
<p>To improve our recruitment and promotion selection processes so that candidates can be tested and selected on the basis of their potential and actual ability in core competency skills</p> <p><i>(Op D, ICAC))</i></p>	<p>To establish a recruitment and promotion selection Assessment Centre in the Operations Department Training School to enhance the existing recruitment and promotion processes by 2001-2002</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance mutual liaison and co-operation with Mainland and overseas anti-corruption law enforcement agencies in order to facilitate effective cross-boundary corruption investigation</p> <p><i>(Op D, ICAC)</i></p>	<p>To enhance the content of a quarterly International Anti-Corruption Newsletter on the ICAC Website and to establish hyperlinks between the ICAC Website and websites of other anti-corruption agencies by 2001-2002</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To address growing concern over instances of misuse of public office for gain by government officers</p> <p><i>(Op D, ICAC)</i></p>	<p>To complete a research study on the desirability of making misuse of public office for gain a statutory offence by 2001-2002</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

2 Educate the public on the anti-corruption legislation and the consequences of corruption, as well as enlist public support

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To consolidate the anti-corruption culture among the young by running a series of moral education programmes</p> <p><i>(Community Relations Department, Independent Commission Against Corruption (CRD, ICAC))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To set up in 2002-2003 an electronic resource centre on moral education materials for teachers and youth workers ● To launch in 2002-2003 a campus chapter and an associated Webjay programme on the ICAC Youth Website with the emphasis on students' participation ● To produce in the first half of 2002 a TV programme showing different ways to live a fuller life by young people <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To reinforce the commitment of the community in building up a probity culture through a mass media campaign and a Community Integrity Programme (CRD, ICAC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To launch a mass media campaign by the end of 2001 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To develop in late 2002 an activity package on the theme of Community Integrity Programme for district organisations to organise anti-corruption activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To encourage district organisations to organise 20 district projects on the theme of Community Integrity Programme in late 2002 to early 2003 (2001) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To foster an anti-corruption culture in the community through family-based education</p> <p>(CRD, ICAC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To produce and launch a family-based package for parents in 2001-2002 ● To hold 30 seminars for members of school parents' associations in 2001-2002 ● To promote the family-based package through a territory-wide publicity programme and a series of district projects in 2001-2002 <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>

3 Promote the integrity of the civil service and of public sector practices and procedures

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To sustain a civil service culture of probity jointly with Civil Service Bureau (CSB) through the civil service integrity management programme</p> <p><i>(Community Relations Department, Independent Commission Against Corruption (CRD, ICAC))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To organise in 2002 jointly with CSB a forum on the current integrity challenges for senior government officials ● In collaboration with CSB, to assist departments, through training programmes and publicity efforts to entrench the culture of probity among civil servants in the years 2002 and 2003 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To promote corruption prevention awareness and ethical commitment in public sector organisations</p> <p><i>(Corruption Prevention Department, Independent Commission Against Corruption (CPD, ICAC) and CRD, ICAC)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To assist all public bodies scheduled under the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance in promulgating a corporate code of conduct for staff in the years 2002 and 2003 ● To conduct 20 seminars in the years 2002 and 2003 to enhance corruption prevention awareness in the scheduled public bodies <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To assist Buildings Department (BD) in the formulation and implementation of new policies and procedures for the control of unauthorised building works</p> <p><i>(CPD, ICAC)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct in 2002 a review of BD's policies and procedures for the control of unauthorised building works ● To assist BD in putting in place corruption prevention safeguards in employing external agencies and personnel in support of its efforts in the control of unauthorised building works in 2002 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>Together with Housing Department (HD), to assist the Property Services Companies (PSCs) on HD's approved list in drawing up corruption resistant systems in delivering estate management services in public housing estates</p> <p><i>(CPD and CRD, ICAC)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To assist all approved PSCs in drawing up a code of conduct for staff in 2002 ● To promulgate a set of best practices on estate management and minor maintenance for all approved PSCs in 2002 ● To organise 20 corruption prevention training seminars for approved PSCs in 2002 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>Together with Social Welfare Department, to promote corruption prevention practices in non-governmental organisations (NGOs) participating in the "Lump Sum Grant" scheme</p> <p><i>(CPD and CRD, ICAC)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct in 2002 two reviews respectively on staff administration and procurement procedures of NGOs with a view to promulgating best practices ● To raise corruption prevention awareness in all such NGOs through visits and training seminars in the years 2002 and 2003 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To promote civil service integrity jointly with the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) by assisting government departments in implementing departmental integrity programmes</p> <p><i>(Community Relations Department, Independent Commission Against Corruption (CRD, ICAC))</i></p>	<p>To organise in conjunction with the CSB workshops or experience-sharing sessions for departmental managers on common integrity issues in 2001-2002</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To minimise the opportunities for corruption, together with the Housing Department (HD), in the construction of public housing units by —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Providing prompt corruption prevention input in the formulation of new construction systems and procedures under the quality housing reform programme of the Housing Authority (HA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To provide assistance to the HA as the reform programme progresses 	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Organising specially designed training seminars to raise the corruption prevention awareness of HD site supervisors <p><i>(CPD and CRD, ICAC)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct 50 training seminars in 2001-2002 <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	
<p>To assist the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) in implementing corruption resistant procedures in carrying out its functions</p> <p><i>(CPD, ICAC)</i></p>	<p>To conduct two studies within the first year of URA's operation to review in detail URA's work in relation to its statutory functions</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

4 Promote best practices, high ethical standards and fairness in the private sector

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To sustain long-term ethical training in the construction industry</p> <p><i>(Community Relations Department and Corruption Prevention Department, Independent Commission Against Corruption (CRD and CPD, ICAC))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To develop e-learning packages for construction-related professions in 2002 ● To encourage construction-related professional bodies to incorporate ethics training in their Continuing Professional Development programmes <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To raise management professionals' awareness of integrity issues relating to the electronic working environment</p> <p><i>(CRD, ICAC)</i></p>	<p>To produce a package to address integrity issues relating to the e-working environment in 2002-2003</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To enhance investors' awareness of the anti-corruption legislation in Hong Kong and Shanghai</p> <p><i>(CRD, ICAC)</i></p>	<p>To produce a legal guide jointly with the Shanghai Municipal People's Procuratorate in 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To alert practitioners in the tourism and related industries to anti-corruption laws and promote ethical practices</p> <p><i>(CRD and CPD, ICAC)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To organise an industry-wide conference in late 2002 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The conference has been deferred to 21 March 2003 upon the advice of the industry which will organise major international events in late 2002 <p><i>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To offer corruption prevention services to major companies in the industries in the years 2002 and 2003 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct 30 seminars for practitioners in 2003 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
<p>To assist telecommunication service providers in enhancing staff awareness in ethical issues and encourage them to adopt a set of best practices in the protection of customer information</p> <p><i>(CRD and CPD, ICAC)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To promulgate a set of best practices for the protection of customer information for the industry in the first half of 2002 ● To conduct 20 training workshops for supervisors and front-line staff of telecommunication service providers in 2002-2003 <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To promote corruption and fraud prevention measures in the handling of credit card data in the retail business</p> <p><i>(CRD and CPD, ICAC)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To promulgate a set of guidelines on the secure handling of credit card data by retailers through their major trade associations in 2002 ● To organise jointly with major credit card issuers in 2002 a conference to raise awareness among the retailers on the secure handling of credit card data <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To launch a comprehensive corruption prevention programme on building management for Owners' Corporations (OCs) and property management companies</p> <p><i>(CRD and CPD, ICAC)</i></p>	<p>To organise three regional seminars for office bearers of OCs in 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To work closely with banking regulators and professional bodies to enhance ethical practices in the industry</p> <p><i>(CRD, ICAC)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To conduct 50 training seminars for bank managers in 2001-2002 ● To produce an on-line training package for all banking staff in 2001-2002 <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To alert practitioners in the insurance industry to anti-corruption laws and promote ethical practice in the industry (CRD and CPD, ICAC)	To organise an industry-wide conference in late 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To step up corruption prevention education for the construction industry (CPD and CRD, ICAC)	To conduct 100 on-site training talks for site supervisors and workers in 2001-2002 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To raise the profile of the Hong Kong Ethics Development Centre (CRD, ICAC)	To launch a website for the Centre in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To promote fairness and high ethical standards in the IT field by organising a conference for related professional associations (CRD, ICAC)	To organise the conference in the second half of 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)

Security Bureau

A Secure and Safe City

Detailed Progress

I Maintain and strengthen the legal framework

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
To make legislative proposals to put certain the existing administrative practices of handling detainees and provide additional safeguards against unlawful or arbitrary interference with the privacy of detainees <i>(Security Bureau (SB))</i>	To introduce the bill in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	We are drafting the relevant amendment legislation. Upon completion of the drafting process, we will introduce the bill into the Legislative Council. <i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i>
To strengthen the legal framework on the registration and regulation of fire service installation contractors in the light of advancement in technology of fire service installations and equipment <i>(Fire Services Department (FSD))</i>	To review the Fire Service (Installation Contractors) Regulations and the Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) Regulations and to consider legislative proposals in 2002 <i>(2001)</i>	<i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility from seven to ten years of age by amending the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance (SB)	To introduce the bill in the 2001-2002 legislative session (2001)	(Action Completed)
To review the current registration scheme for fire service installation contractors (FSD)	To set up a working group in 2000 to review the scheme and related matters, to consult the trade and make recommendations (2000)	(Action Completed)
To strengthen the current legal framework against child pornography and formulate legislation on child sex tourism (SB)	To introduce the bills in the 1998-1999 legislative session (1998)	(Action Completed)
To negotiate a new network of bilateral agreements on transfer of sentenced persons (SB)	To sign and bring into effect bilateral agreements with jurisdictions for which initial texts have been approved (1997)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance the credibility and transparency of the Police complaints system by enacting the Independent Police Complaints Committee Bill (IPCC Bill) (SB)	To introduce the IPCC Bill into the legislature in 1996-1997 (1996)	We launched a public consultation exercise on the bill in March 2002. The bill is being drafted. Upon completion of the drafting process, we will introduce the bill into the Legislative Council. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)

2 Build a partnership with the community in keeping Hong Kong a secure and safe city

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To further enhance public education and involvement in promoting fire safety (Fire Services Department (FSD))	● To enroll 5 000 Fire Safety Ambassadors in 2002 (2001)	● (Action Completed)
	● To conduct 1 600 fire drills for building owners and occupants in 2002 (2001)	● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
	● To organise 2 200 talks, seminars and exhibitions on fire safety in 2002 (2001)	● (Action Completed)
	● To conduct 72 briefings to members of the District Fire Safety Committees in 2002 (2001)	● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
	● To commission a Mobile Fire Safety Publicity Vehicle for roving exhibitions at schools and public housing estates in 2002-2003 (2001)	● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To organise a large-scale Fire Safety Publicity Campaign in 2002-2003 (2001) ● To enroll 5 000 Fire Safety Ambassadors in 2001 (2000) ● To conduct 1 600 fire drills for building owners and occupants in 2001 (2000) ● To organise 2 200 talks, seminars and exhibitions on fire safety in 2001 (2000) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>) ● (<i>Action Completed</i>) ● (<i>Action Completed</i>) ● (<i>Action Completed</i>)
To educate the public on injury prevention and supply of proper information for requesting emergency ambulance service (FSD)	To organise a major publicity campaign and three open days of ambulance depots in 2002-2003 (2001)	(<i>Action in Progress : On Schedule</i>)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To review the Central Registry of Drug Abuse with a view to further improving it as a mechanism to support policy formulation (SB)	To complete the review in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To tackle the problem of psychotropic substance abuse (SB)	To research the problem and draw up a comprehensive strategy in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To solicit community support for rehabilitated offenders and raise public awareness of the rehabilitation services (Correctional Services Department)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To implement a publicity strategy to appeal for public acceptance of and support for rehabilitated offenders in 2001 ● To make use of a newly developed recidivism rate in 2000-2001 to study the phenomenon of re-offending (2000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed) ● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To make the following specific improvements to the quality of Police services by adopting a customer service approach —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● providing, in phases, a user-friendly environment in police stations, particularly for areas frequently visited by the public ● streamlining reporting procedures ● inculcating a service culture among members of the Police Force <p><i>(Hong Kong Police Force)</i></p>	<p>To improve the facilities of 54 existing police stations in three years in accordance with the model police station in North Point</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

3 Prevent and detect crime

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To strengthen the capability of the Police to meet increasing operational needs arising from the new transport infrastructure (Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To create 16 additional posts by 2002 to meet the new policing requirement for the MTR Tseung Kwan O Extension 	● (Action Completed)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To create 11 additional posts by 2003 to meet the new policing requirement for the KCRC West Rail 	● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To create 20 additional posts by 2004 to meet the new policing requirement for the KCRC East Rail Extension 	● (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
	(2001)	
To ensure that the Police have adequate capability to maintain law and order in the newly developed areas of new towns (HKPF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To create 43 additional posts by 2002 for the enhanced policing requirement in Sheung Shui 	(Action Completed)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To create 25 additional posts by 2002 for the enhanced policing requirement in Tin Shui Wai 	
	(2001)	

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To strengthen present monitoring of and response to computer crime trends and developments</p> <p>(Security Bureau (SB))</p>	<p>To set up a committee on computer crime involving both the public and private sectors in 2002-2003</p> <p>(2001)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To implement the second five-year Information Systems Strategy Plan (ISSP) to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of Police work by further applying modern information technology, which includes —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Projects which will enable the Police to attain its strategic goals by improving access to management information and better internal communication ● Projects which will improve the cost-effectiveness of current operations by transforming and re-designing the workflows and procedures ● Projects which will apply state-of-the-art technology in supporting front-line police operations <p>(HKPF)</p>	<p>To implement Phase I of the ISSP (mainly foundation/pilot projects) and conduct feasibility studies for the remaining projects by 2003</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To replace the present command and control system (CCII) currently used by beat officers which is expected to reach the end of its useful life by 2004 with a digital communication system (CCIII) which integrates voice with data and allows the integration of all police radio systems, thereby enhancing operational efficiency and the quality of service to the public</p> <p>(HKPF)</p>	<p>To implement the project in two phases —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phase I (system design) by May 2001 ● Phase II (procurement of the new system including system commissioning and phased roll-out) by end-2004 <p>(2000)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>
<p>To upgrade the Marine Police Fleet by —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● replacing six aging patrol launches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To replace the first two launches by mid-2001 and the other four by early 2003 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The first launch was delivered in January 2002 and the second one in May 2002. Subject to the results and recommendations of the evaluation of the two launches, a decision will be made on whether the remaining four launches should be accepted. A decision is expected in early December 2002. <p>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● installing a new command and control and communications system for Marine Police by incorporating data, voice and automatic location sub-systems <p>(HKPF)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To install and commission the new system by the end of 2000 <p>(1999)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Voice Sub-system went live on 19 October 2000 and final reliability test is planned for completion in December 2002. The project is expected to be completed by 2003. <p>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</p>
<p>To institute arrangements with the Mainland for the transfer of fugitive offenders</p> <p>(SB)</p>	<p>To complete discussions with Mainland authorities in 2000</p> <p>(1999)</p>	<p>Eight rounds of discussions had been held between HKSAR and the Mainland authorities. Because of the very significant differences in the legal systems of the two places, the discussions have to be proceeded with great care. Both sides aim to complete the discussions as soon as possible.</p> <p>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To reinforce the Police's capability in tackling increasingly sophisticated international syndicated and organised crimes such as money laundering, commercial fraud or counterfeiting of monetary instruments by enhancing criminal intelligence and investigation capability of the Police through the provision of additional manpower and technological support</p> <p>(HKPF)</p>	<p>To replace the existing radio system currently used by the Criminal Intelligence Bureau and Narcotics Bureau by late 2000/early 2001</p> <p>(1997)</p>	<p>Detailed design is in progress. Evaluation of sample radios and vehicle mock-up is being arranged. It is expected that the new radio system will be rolled out by 2003.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>

4 Facilitate free movement of people and prevent illegal entry of people

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance the throughput capacity of the Lo Wu Control Point so as to ease passenger congestion <i>(Immigration Department (Imm D))</i>	● To improve the physical environment of the immigration halls at the Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau control points by 2003-2004, including widening of the passageway to the departure hall and introduction of modified immigration counters, where appropriate	● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
	● To strengthen channel supervision by providing dedicated officers for handling secondary examinations by 2002	● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
	● To strengthen manpower resources at the Lo Wu Control Point in 2002-2003 to cope with growth in passenger traffic	● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
	● To improve the environment of the Lo Wu Footbridge by 2002-2003 <i>(2001)</i>	● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance the security features of HKSAR travel documents</p> <p><i>(Imm D)</i></p>	<p>To plan to introduce Document of Identity for Visa Purposes, Re-entry Permit and HKSAR Passports with enhanced security features by 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To strengthen the Imm D's capability at the Hong Kong International Airport to tackle human smuggling activities and associated use of questioned travel documents</p> <p><i>(Imm D/Government Laboratory)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To strengthen the manpower resources of the Airport Investigation Group in 2002-2003 to enhance its capability to conduct anti-human smuggling operations ● To strengthen the management structure of the Questioned Documents Section of the Government Laboratory by 2002-2003 in order to enhance its capability of investigating forged travel documents <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To discuss with the Mainland authorities ways to facilitate the entry of business visitors</p> <p><i>(Imm D)</i></p>	<p>To implement facilitation measures in 2001-2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To replace the existing Identity Card Issuance System by a new system which supports the issue of a highly secure and technologically advanced HKSAR identity card (Imm D)	To start the four-year Identity Card Re-issue Exercise by mid-2003 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To implement projects of an updated Information Systems Strategy (ISS) as recommended by a consultancy review conducted in 1999 (Imm D)	To implement the ISS projects by phases. Notably, the immigration control automation system will be enhanced and the information technology infrastructure will be upgraded within the period from 2003 to 2006 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To handle expeditiously an anticipated upsurge in judicial review proceedings resulting from Right of Abode (ROA) litigations (Imm D)	To speed up the clearance of about 3 000 judicial review proceedings resulting from ROA litigations in 2001 to 2003 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To streamline the issue of visit permits to visitors from Taiwan by electronic means (Imm D)	To work out the implementation details in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To continue to press the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to repay the debt owed to Hong Kong</p> <p><i>(Security Bureau/Imm D)</i></p>	<p>To appeal to the international community to make earmarked contributions to UNHCR for repaying Hong Kong</p> <p><i>(1997)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To improve police capability in preventing illegal immigration into Hong Kong by continuing to maintain the integrity of our land boundary and upgrading the boundary fence and the three police divisional stations along it</p> <p><i>(Hong Kong Police Force)</i></p>	<p>To replace the entire fence protection system by 2001</p> <p><i>(1997)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

5 Prevent and detect smuggling

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To intensify the checking of cross-boundary passengers at the Lo Wu Control Point to combat smuggling activities, especially smuggling of psychotropic drugs involving young people (Customs and Excise Department (C&ED))	To create 33 front-line posts for customs operations at the Lo Wu Control Point in 2002-2003 and to set up two additional passive-alert dog teams (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To install an automatic vehicle recognition system at Lok Ma Chau, Man Kam To, and Sha Tau Kok control points to expedite customs processing rate to cope with growing cross-boundary vehicular volume (C&ED)	To complete the installation by September 2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To strengthen Customs' anti-smuggling capability in the pursuit and interception of suspicious high-speed crafts at sea as well as enhance operational activities along the sea front (C&ED)	To complete the procurement of four high-speed pursuit crafts by 2002 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To install two container vehicle X-ray examination systems at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point to cater for the growing volume of cross-boundary freight traffic</p> <p>(C&ED)</p>	<p>To start installing the systems by September 2000 for completion in September 2002</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p>The installation of the systems will be completed by February 2003. The delay in completion is attributed to some unforeseeable problems encountered during the construction stage, including inclement weather, etc. We are closely monitoring the progress of the installation to ensure that it can be completed as soon as possible.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)</i></p>

6 Safeguard public safety

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To enhance the rescue capability of fire and ambulance personnel attending incidents that require the application of specialised equipment and skills (Fire Services Department (FSD))	To increase the number of Special Rescue Squads from 10 to 12 in 2002 and to provide continual refresher training to squad members (2001)	(Action Completed)
To strengthen the operational capability of initial fire and rescue response in rural and traffic congested areas (FSD)	To commission in 2002-2003 three fire motorcycles and five mini fire appliances (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To enhance the skills and operational capabilities of fire fighters (FSD)	To provide simulated fire fighting training to 6 300 fire fighting personnel in 2002-2003 through the provision of advanced facilities, viz a Smoke Chamber, a set of Hot Fire Training Simulators and three Fire Rigs (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To ensure fire safety in single-staircase composite buildings (FSD)	To conduct fire safety inspections in 1 400 single-staircase composite buildings with illegal rooftop structures and take enforcement action as necessary in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To implement full provision of paramedic ambulance service in phases (FSD)	To extend paramedic ambulance service to all ambulances in phases commencing 2002-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To reduce fire risks in composite buildings (FSD)	To conduct fire safety inspections and advise owners/occupiers to improve fire safety provisions in 900 composite buildings in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To review the Daya Bay Contingency Plan (Security Bureau)	To review the Contingency Plan and take necessary improvement measures in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To embark on a phased programme to acquire eight new helicopters for the Government Flying Service to replace its existing fleet in order to enhance its capability, efficiency and operational flexibility in supporting anti-smuggling, anti-illegal immigration, fire-fighting, air ambulance, and sea/air search and rescue operation</p> <p><i>(Government Flying Service)</i></p>	<p>To replace the existing fleet of the Government Flying Service by eight new helicopters by 2002-2003</p> <p><i>(1997)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i></p>

7 Take into custody and rehabilitate offenders; and rehabilitate drug abusers

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To protect the well-being of drug dependent persons by introducing a licensing scheme for voluntary residential drug treatment and rehabilitation centres (Security Bureau (SB))	To put the licensing scheme into operation in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)
To strengthen various support services for the Methadone Treatment Programme (Department of Health)	To extend individual counselling services to additional patients, and to organise additional group counselling services and family therapy groups in 2002-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To strengthen counselling service for psychotropic substance dependent persons (Social Welfare Department)	To set up two additional counselling centres for psychotropic substance dependent persons in 2002-2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To formulate a long-term prison development plan</p> <p><i>(Correctional Services Department (CSD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To consult the Legislative Council on the prison development programme in 2001-2002 <p><i>(2001)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To finalise the development programme for new prisons in 2001 <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To enhance prison visit services by enabling video visits by elderly, pregnant or disabled relatives and friends of prisoners</p> <p><i>(CSD)</i></p>	<p>To set up video visit facilities in the Town Centre in Mongkok and the outlying island institutions in 2002</p> <p><i>(2001)</i></p>	<p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To enhance rehabilitation services by —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Providing a new rehabilitation centre programme for young offenders to plug an existing service gap ● Enhancing the management and efficiency of rehabilitation services ● Enhancing vocational training programmes to meet current demands of the society and standards recognised by international vocational authorities <p>(CSD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To set up four Rehabilitation Centres for young offenders in 2002-2003 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action Completed)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To implement Phase I of the “Rehabilitation Programme Management System” in 2004-2005 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete enhancement of all vocational training courses and transform them into compatible City and Guilds/Pitman Craft level programmes in 2002-2003 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To establish a bridging arrangement for rehabilitated offenders to continue vocational training in relevant training institutes after discharge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</i>
	(2001)	

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To promote community support for rehabilitated offenders through education, publicity and public involvement (CSD)	To launch a publicity campaign entitled “We All Care” in 2002-2003 to appeal for public acceptance of and support for rehabilitated offenders (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To improve prison management (CSD)	To study the feasibility of introducing a smart card patrol management system to replace the existing mechanical patrol monitoring system in all penal institutions by 2005 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To ease prison overcrowding by providing additional penal places and redeveloping existing correctional institutions (CSD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To complete the redevelopment of Tai Lam Correctional Institution and provide 260 penal places by 2001 (1999, 1998 and 1996) ● To implement plans for the expansion of Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre and provide 400 penal places in phases beginning 2003-2004 (1999 and 1998) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Action Completed) ● Planning work is put on hold pending formulation of a long-term prison development plan. (Action in Progress : Under Review)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To identify sites for new correctional institutions and take a decision on the way forward in early 1997 <p>(1997)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Site identification is put on hold pending formulation of a long-term prison development plan. <p>(Action in Progress : Under Review)</p>
<p>To improve rehabilitation and aftercare services for young offenders by following up on the recommendations in City University's "Research on the Effectiveness of Rehabilitation Programmes for Young Offenders" and to enhance community acceptance of rehabilitated offenders</p> <p>(CSD/SB)</p>	<p>To complete agreed follow-up actions by 1999-2000</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To facilitate the transfer of sentenced persons to their home countries under the agreed framework of relevant bilateral agreements</p> <p>(SB)</p>	<p>To initiate negotiations with key countries in 1999 with a view to concluding bilateral agreements with them</p> <p>(1998)</p>	<p>(Action in Progress : On Schedule)</p>