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Title	Sewage Services Charges under the Sewage Services Trading Fund
CONTENTS	<p>EFC 101/95</p> <p>THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY</p> <p>Memorandum for the Establishment & Finance Committee</p> <p>Sewage Services Charges under the Sewage Services Trading Fund</p> <p>PURPOSE</p> <p>The purpose of this paper is to inform Members of the sewage services charges payable under the Sewage Services Trading Fund (SSTF).</p> <p>BACKGROUND</p> <p>2. Under section 2 of the Sewage Services (Sewage Charge) Regulation of the Sewage Services Ordinance which became effective on 1 April 1995, charges are demandable for the provision of services to the consumer, and are to be assessed at the prescribed rate of \$1.20 per cubic metre of water based on consumption. The operation of the SSTF requires that charges for sewage services are made to government departments as well as to the public.</p> <p>3. The Housing Authority is liable to the payment of Sewage Charges (SC) directly related to its level of water consumption.</p> <p>4. Under section 3 of the Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge) Regulation, any consumers who carry on trade, business or manufacture as stipulated in Schedule 1 of Sewage Services (TES) Regulation are also liable to pay a TES in addition to the SC. 5. The Authority will not be subject to TES as it does not carry out any of the above mentioned trades or businesses. For shops, restaurants and other affected businesses operated at the Authority's commercial complexes, tenants are required to meet their bills.</p> <p>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</p> <p>6. Based on the budget returns received from the budget holders for the 1995/96 Revised Budget, the annual SC payable by the Authority in 1995/96 is estimated at approximately \$12.8M.</p> <p>7. No provision has been made in the 1995/96 Budget for the payment of the SC since these charges were introduced after the budget exercise. In order to meet the SC expenditure for 1995/96, the Heads of Branches on 19 September 1995 endorsed the virement of \$12.8M from "Rates" account to the "Sewage Services Charges" account under delgated power as specified in item 27.1 of Financial Instruction No. 17 of 1993/94. This amount has been allocated to the cost centres of the Domestic, Non- domestic Operating Accounts and Headquarters and Administrative Support Account.</p> <p>8. As the stock of our properties changes over time, the annual cost for SC will vary accordingly. Such cost will be reflected in future budgets and forecasts.</p>

PRESENTATION

9. This paper is issued for Members' information.

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