

Financial results for the three months ended June 30, 2020

The Government announced today (July 31) its financial results for the three months ended June 30, 2020.

Expenditure for the period April to June 2020 amounted to HK\$176.8 billion and revenue HK\$67.8 billion, resulting in a cumulative year-to-date deficit of HK\$109 billion.

A government spokesperson said that the cumulative year-to-date deficit for the period was mainly due to the fact that some major types of revenue including salaries and profits taxes are mostly received towards the end of a financial year, and payments in respect of various measures under the Anti-epidemic Fund.

The fiscal reserves stood at HK\$1,051.3 billion as at June 30, 2020.

Detailed figures are shown in Tables 1 and 2.

TABLE 1. CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT (Note 1)

	Month ended June 30, 2020 HK\$ million	Three months ended June 30, 2020 HK\$ million
Revenue	22,073.4	67,837.5
Expenditure	(86,351.9)	(176,837.3)
Deficit	(64,278.5)	(108,999.8)
Financing		
Domestic		
Banking Sector (Note 2)	51,725.8	106,860.4
Non-Banking Sector	12,552.7	2,139.4
External	–	–
Total	64,278.5	108,999.8

Government Debts as at June 30, 2020 (Note 3)

HK\$7,751 million
 Debts Guaranteed by Government as at June 30, 2020 (Note 4)
 HK\$46,366.3 million

TABLE 2. FISCAL RESERVES

	Month ended June 30, 2020 HK\$ million	Three months ended June 30, 2020 HK\$ million
Fiscal Reserves at start of period	1,115,586.5	1,160,307.8
Consolidated Deficit	(64,278.5)	(108,999.8)
Fiscal Reserves at end of period (Note 5)	1,051,308.0	1,051,308.0

Notes:

1. This Account consolidates the General Revenue Account and the following eight Funds: Capital Works Reserve Fund, Capital Investment Fund, Civil Service Pension Reserve Fund, Disaster Relief Fund, Innovation and Technology Fund, Land Fund, Loan Fund and Lotteries Fund. It excludes the Bond Fund, the balance of which is not part of the fiscal reserves. The Bond Fund balance as at June 30, 2020, was HK\$118,812 million.

2. Includes transactions with the Exchange Fund and resident banks.

3. These were the green bonds of US\$1,000 million (equivalent to HK\$7,751 million as at June 30, 2020) which were denominated in US dollars with maturity in May 2024. They do not include the outstanding bonds with nominal value of HK\$88,540 million and alternative bonds with nominal value of US\$1,000 million (equivalent to HK\$7,751 million as at June 30, 2020) issued under the Government Bond Programme (with proceeds credited to the Bond Fund). Of these bonds under the Government Bond Programme (including Silver Bonds with nominal value of HK\$5,940 million, which may be redeemed before maturity upon request from bond holders), bonds with nominal value of HK\$9,500 million will mature within the period from July 2020 to June 2021 and the rest within the period from July 2021 to March 2034.

4. Includes guarantees provided under the SME Loan Guarantee Scheme launched in 2001, the Special Loan Guarantee Scheme launched in 2008, the SME Financing Guarantee Scheme launched in 2012 and a commercial loan of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation.

5. Includes HK\$219,730 million being the balance of the Land Fund held in the name of "Future Fund" as from January 1, 2016, for long-term investments initially up to December 31, 2025. As from July 1, 2016, the Future Fund also includes HK\$4,800 million, being one-third of the actual surplus in 2015-16 as top-up.