



New Business Development

Our business in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) achieved significant growth in 2007/08. We have participated in a number of client projects, including the Red Light Camera System, the Journey Time Indication System as well as other Intelligent Transport System. Our self-developed mobile system utilising the latest 3.5G wireless technology also won the Bronze Award for the Best Public Service Application (Small Scale Project) of the Hong Kong ICT Awards 2007.

Engineering asset management consultancy services is another potential growth area of our business. We have developed a risk-based replacement prioritisation model to help our client departments assess the conditions and replacement priorities of their E&M assets more scientifically and systematically, thus enhancing the availability and reliability of these assets, which in turn will boost the service quality of our client departments to the public.

Employment

As on 31 March 2008, EMSD employed 5,123 staff members. This represents a 1.6% increase on the previous year. Staff cost including payroll, Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) contribution, allowance, and fringe benefit expenses for 2007/08, is set out in Table A.

Procurement of Goods and Services

We regularly work with our consultants, suppliers and contractors who support us in providing quality services efficiently and effectively to the public and our client departments. For the purchase of materials and services, we strictly adhere to the procurement procedures and tender processes for various types of contracts according to the guidelines set by the Development Bureau (Works) and the Government Logistics Department. The estimated expenses on contractors and suppliers in 2007/08 were approximately \$1,582 million, or 46% of our departmental operating expenditures.