

Introduction to Health, Welfare and Food Bureau

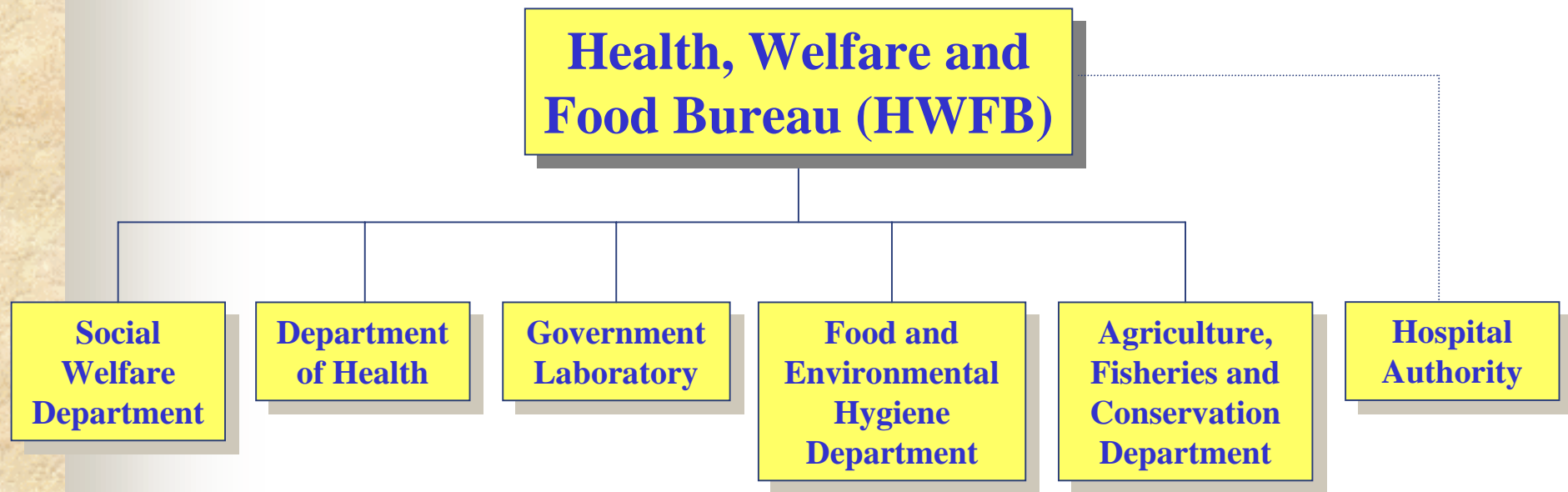


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Organisational Structure



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Policy Areas

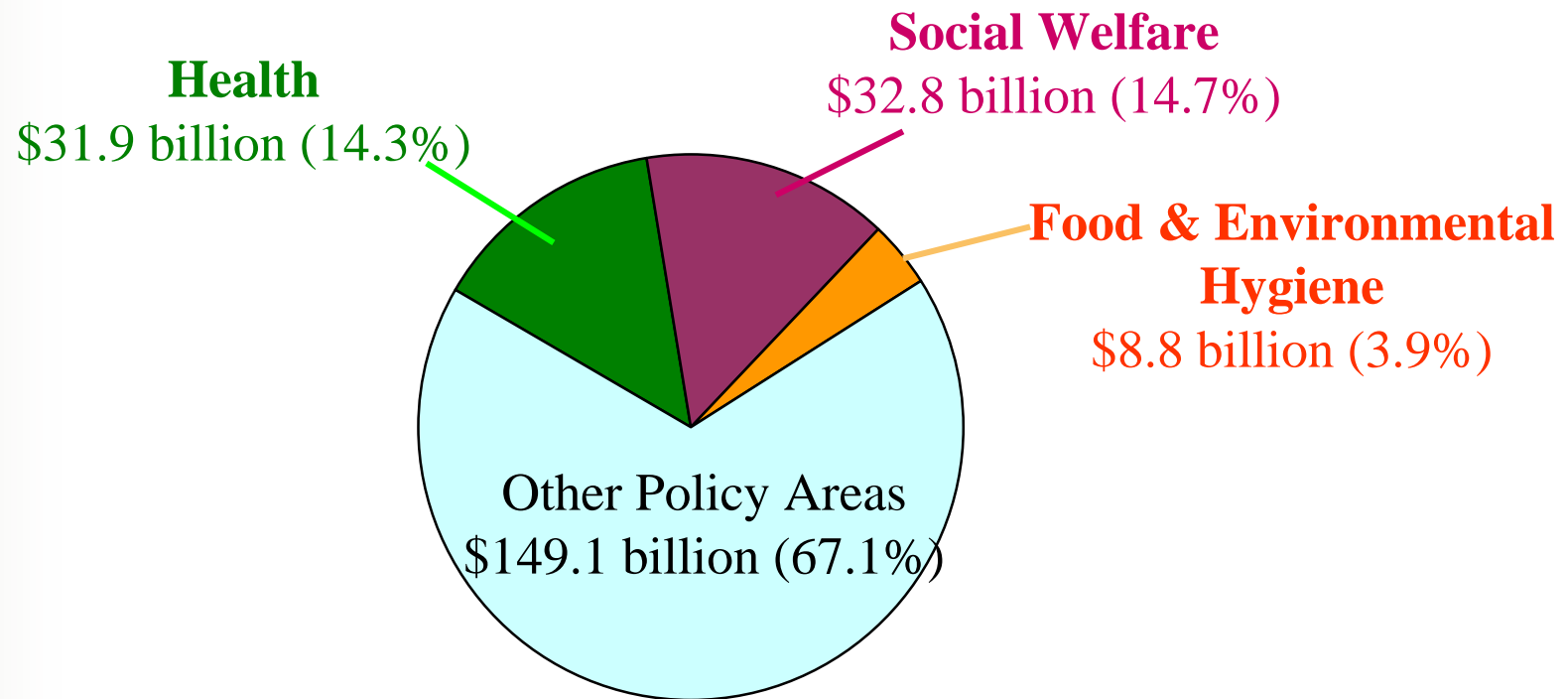
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Percentage Share of Health, Welfare and Food in Total Recurrent Public Expenditure



2003-04 Total Recurrent Public Expenditure:
\$223 billion (US\$28.6 billion)



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Health



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Health Policy

Our Mission:

Develop and maintain in Hong Kong a health care system which

- protects and promotes the health of the population
- provides lifelong holistic care to each citizen
- is affordable and financially sustainable in the long-term



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Health Care System – an Overview

- Dual public and private system
- About 45% doctors are working in the public sector, while 55% are in private practice
- 93% of hospital services and 15% of outpatient services are provided by the public sector



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The Key Players

- Health, Welfare & Food Bureau (HWFB)
 - The policy bureau and overall co-ordinator
- Department of Health (DH)
 - The health advocate, health adviser & regulator
- Hospital Authority (HA)
 - Manager of the public hospital system
- Private Sector
 - Includes private hospitals & private practitioners



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- The Secretary for Health, Welfare & Food is the Head of the HWFB. He is a Principal Officer appointed by the Chief Executive under the Accountability System
- The Health Division of HWFB is led by a Deputy Secretary and comprises some 20 officers



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Health, Welfare & Food Bureau (cont)

- Responsible for policy formulation relating to medical and health services
- Co-ordinating the work of its executive arms, namely DH and HA
- Proposing medical and health related legislative amendments to the Legislative Council
- Acquiring and deploying resources to support the implementation of policies and delivery of services



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Department of Health

- DH is the Government's health adviser and agency to execute health care policies and statutory functions.
- The Director of Health is the Head of DH. She reports to the SHWF
- Budget for 2003/4: \$3.2 billion (US\$300 million)
- Number of staff: 7,200



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Department of Health (cont)

Major work areas include:-

- preventive health programmes
- family health & social hygiene services
- public health education & promotion
- development of Traditional Chinese Medicine
- public health regulation and licensing
- port health measures
- general out-patient services
- diseases surveillance & control of communicable diseases



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Department of Health (cont)

Statutory powers given by:-

- Quarantine & Prevention of Disease Ordinance
- Hospitals, Nursing Homes & Maternity Homes Registration Ordinance
- Medical Clinics Ordinance,
- Pharmacy & Poisons Ordinance,
- Undesirable Medical Advertisements Ordinance,
- Human Organ Transplant Ordinance,
- Radiation Ordinance, etc.



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Hospital Authority

- A statutory body established in 1990 under the Hospital Authority Ordinance to manage all public hospitals in Hong Kong
- At present, HA is managing 43 hospitals and institutions, and has some 53,000 staff
- Number of hospital beds: 29,288
- Budget for 2003/04: \$29.6 billion (US\$3.8 billion)
- About 97.5% of HA's operating expenditure is funded by the Government



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Hospital Authority (cont)

Under the Hospital Authority Ordinance, HA is responsible for—

- advising the Government of the needs of the public for public hospital services and of the resources required to meet these needs;
- managing and developing the public hospital system;
- establishing public hospitals; and
- promoting, assisting and taking part in education and training of persons involved in hospital services.



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Hospital Authority (cont)

- As an independent body, HA is governed by an HA Board. All members, including the Chairman, of the HA Board are appointed by the Chief Executive
- The Deputy Secretary for Health, Welfare & Food, and the Director of Health are members of the HA Board.



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Hospital Authority (cont)

The Government's relationship with HA :-

- The Government is responsible for the overall policy on the provision of public hospital services and for funding HA services
- HA is autonomous in the management and control of public hospitals
- Through the SHWF, HA is accountable to the Government for the effective and efficient delivery of public hospital services



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Social Welfare



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Policy Objectives

To enable all members of the community to fulfill an optimal social role by -

- creating an environment for them to develop their full potential;
- building social relationships and family life;
- assisting individuals to resolve their personal and social problems; and
- protecting and facilitating self-reliance amongst the disabled, the disadvantaged and the vulnerable.



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Food and Environmental Hygiene



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Policy Objectives

- ★ Ensure food safety
- ★ Provide quality environmental hygiene services
- ★ Facilitate the development of agriculture and fisheries
- ★ Animal and plant regulation



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Women's Interests



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Policy Objectives

To enable women in Hong Kong to fully realize their due status, rights and opportunities



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Thank You



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