Revenue

The Hong Kong economy staged a full recovery in 2010-11 and the earnings and profits tax collection reached \$143 billion, an increase of \$19.8 billion or 16.1% from the previous year. The bullish stock market and property market brought in stamp duty revenue of \$51 billion, a year-on-year growth of 20.3%. Overall, the total revenue collected by IRD in the year climbed to \$209 billion, \$29.9 billion or 16.7% above the last year's (Figure 1, Schedules 1 and 2).

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Type of tax	2007-08 (\$m)	2008-09 (\$m)	2009-10 (\$m)	2010-11 (\$m)
Profits tax -				
Corporations	86,775.6	99,294.4	72,224.3	88,191.4
Unincorporated businesses	4,647.1	4,857.1	4,381.1	4,991.7
Salaries tax	37,479.5	39,007.9	41,245.4	44,254.7
Property tax	1,240.6	832.5	1,677.6	1,647.1
Personal assessment	3,586.6	2,151.1	3,655.8	3,921.8
Total earnings & profits tax	133,729.4	146,143.0	123,184.2	143,006.7
Estate duty	353.4	176.0	185.1	212.8
Stamp duty	51,549.1	32,162.1	42,382.6	51,005.1
Betting duty	13,048.4	12,620.3	12,767.1	14,759.1
Business registration fees	1,565.8	154.4	578.7	35.7
Hotel accommodation tax (Tax rate reduced to 0% from 1 July 2008)	450.4	222.9	0.0	0.0
Total revenue collected	200,696.5	191,478.7	179,097.7	209,019.4
% change over previous year	29.4%	-4.6%	-6.5 %	16.7%

Figure 1 Revenue collected by tax type

The revenue collected by the Department during 2010-11 accounted for 72% of the Government General Revenue (Figure 2). Profits tax contributed the largest part of the total revenue collected, followed by stamp duty. Together they made up 69% of the total revenue collected (Figure 3).

Figure 2 **Government General Revenue** Figure 3 **Composition of the revenue collection** (\$b) 350 Betting 306 300 290 Duty Stamp 273 (7.0%) 259 Duty Others (24.4%) 250 (2.8%) _ 200 _ 150 2010-11 _ Profits 100 _ Tax (44.6%) Salaries 50 70.1% 69.2% 65.5% Tax 72% (21.2%) 0 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 Inland Revenue Department collections

Other General Revenue

With a rise in revenue collections during the year, the cost of collection of revenue dropped from 0.65% to 0.56% (Figure 4).



Figure 4 Cost of collection

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