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OPERATING ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2018-19

ACTIVITIES

- Metered fresh water consumption increased by 0.5% to 669 million cubic metres

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

- Revenue increased by 3.7%
- Expenditure increased by 2.5%
- Deficit after taxation decreased from \$1,734.4 million in 2017-18 to \$1,675.5 million in 2018-19
- Return on Average Net Fixed Assets increased from -2.8% in 2017-18 to -2.7% in 2018-19

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	Note	2019 \$M	2018 \$M
Revenue	2	9,236.1	8,906.1
Expenditure	3	<u>10,911.6</u>	<u>10,640.5</u>
Deficit before taxation		(1,675.5)	(1,734.4)
Taxation	1(e), 1(f) and 4	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Deficit after taxation	1(j)	<u><u>(1,675.5)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,734.4)</u></u>

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Average net fixed assets (ANFA)	1(i) and 5	63,208.4	61,689.4
Actual return		(1,675.5)	(1,734.4)
Target return		1,643.4	1,603.9
Actual return as % of ANFA	1(h)	(2.7%)	(2.8%)
Target return as % of ANFA		2.6%	2.6%

The annexed notes form part of these accounts.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 31 MARCH 2019

	Note	2019 \$M	2018 \$M
Net assets employed			
Fixed assets	1(b), 1(c) and 5	63,950.0	62,466.7
Current assets	1(d) and 6	2,853.2	2,789.1
Current liabilities	7	(2,719.5)	(2,608.6)
Net current assets		133.7	180.5
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		64,083.7	62,647.2
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Financed by			
Public capital account	1(j) and 8	64,083.7	62,647.2
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

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| (a) Basis of Accounting | The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting modified to include notional receipts and payments. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) Fixed Assets | <p>(i) No cost is included for land which is occupied by installations or sterilised by catchment areas except that, where it has been resumed, the cost of resumption has been included in the capital cost of the project concerned.</p> <p>(ii) For capital projects, the costs include the actual direct expenditure and staff costs for design, planning and supervision during the construction period.</p> <p>(iii) All other fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation except assets under construction which are stated at cost.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (c) Depreciation | <p>(i) Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis to amortise the cost of fixed assets less residual value over their estimated useful lives. The annual rates of depreciation used are :-</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"><tr><td>Tunnels, dams, resumption and afforestation, etc.</td><td style="text-align: right;">1%</td></tr><tr><td>Civil engineering works</td><td style="text-align: right;">2%</td></tr><tr><td>Water mains - fresh</td><td style="text-align: right;">2%</td></tr><tr><td style="padding-left: 20px;">- salt</td><td style="text-align: right;">5%</td></tr><tr><td>Mechanical/electrical works, plant and machinery</td><td style="text-align: right;">4%-20%</td></tr><tr><td>Meters</td><td style="text-align: right;">8.33%</td></tr><tr><td>Computer hardware, software and system</td><td style="text-align: right;">10%</td></tr><tr><td>Motor vehicles</td><td style="text-align: right;">10%-20%</td></tr></table> <p>(ii) No depreciation is provided on assets under construction.</p> | Tunnels, dams, resumption and afforestation, etc. | 1% | Civil engineering works | 2% | Water mains - fresh | 2% | - salt | 5% | Mechanical/electrical works, plant and machinery | 4%-20% | Meters | 8.33% | Computer hardware, software and system | 10% | Motor vehicles | 10%-20% |
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| Civil engineering works | 2% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Water mains - fresh | 2% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Mechanical/electrical works, plant and machinery | 4%-20% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Meters | 8.33% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Computer hardware, software and system | 10% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motor vehicles | 10%-20% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (d) Stocks in Hand | Stocks in Hand are valued at cost using the weighted average cost method to the extent that it is material. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (e) Taxation | Notional profits tax is provided, where necessary, based on the expected taxable surplus for the year, using the tax rates prevailing at the reporting period end date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years. No provision for notional profits tax has been made in the accounts as the utility has no taxable surplus for the year. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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(f) Deferred Tax	Deferred tax is recognised, where appropriate, for all material temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the accounts. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable surplus will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised. No provision for deferred tax in respect of all material temporary differences has been made in the accounts as the utility has no taxable surplus against which the temporary differences can be utilised.
(g) Employee Benefits	Employee benefits including salaries, gratuities, pensions, housing benefits and annual leave are accrued and recognised as an expense in the year in which the associated services are rendered by employees.
(h) Actual Return on ANFA	This is calculated as a percentage of surplus/deficit after taxation to average net fixed assets (ANFA).
(i) Average Net Fixed Assets	The average net fixed assets (ANFA) represents the simple average of the opening and closing value of total fixed assets less accumulated depreciation.
(j) Deficit	Since the Water Authority does not have a separate legal identity, its financial resources form part of the General Revenue. All deficits are deemed to be financed by the General Revenue and adjusted to the Public Capital Account of the utility.

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2. Revenue

	2019	<i>2018</i>
	\$M	<i>\$M</i>
Chargeable supplies	2,717.2	2,716.9
Contribution from rates	2,574.8	3,330.1
Contribution from Government on concessions	2,665.0	1,611.9
Contribution from Government on free allowance to consumers	1,055.0	1,048.6
Supplies to Government establishments	163.8	156.0
Fees, licences and reimbursable works	28.3	29.2
Interest from deposits	32.0	13.4
	<u>9,236.1</u>	<u>8,906.1</u>

The contribution from Government on concessions is to cover the shortfall in contribution from rates resulting from the concession of rates granted during the years.

The calculation of contribution from Government on free allowance to consumers is based on the fresh water net unit production cost of \$11.7 and \$11.6 for the years 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively, which has included a target return on ANFA of \$2.4 and \$2.5 per unit for the respective years, multiplied by the quantity of metered fresh water consumption within the free allowance quantity.

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3. Expenditure

	2019	<i>2018</i>
	\$M	<i>\$M</i>
Staff costs	2,077.9	1,917.1
Operating and administration expenses	2,023.6	2,024.1
Purchase cost of Dongjiang water	4,796.5	4,782.2
Depreciation	<u>2,013.6</u>	<u>1,917.1</u>
	<u>10,911.6</u>	<u>10,640.5</u>

4. Taxation

	2019	<i>2018</i>
	\$M	<i>\$M</i>
Notional profits tax charge for the year	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
Deferred tax assets/(liabilities) not recognized in respect of :-		
Unused tax loss	<u>40,285.2</u>	<u>37,367.5</u>
Material temporary difference arising from depreciation allowances	<u>(24,987.6)</u>	<u>(23,751.0)</u>

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5. Fixed Assets

	Buildings, Filters, Mains, etc.	Plant and Machinery	Computer Hardware, Software & System	Salt Water Flushing	Plover Cove	High Island	Meters	Motor Vehicles	Assets Under Con- struction	Total
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Cost										
At 1 April 2018	60,656.4	367.5	410.2	14,082.9	702.0	1,661.2	522.2	104.0	9,168.8	87,675.2
Additions	-	15.2	3.2	-	-	-	-	3.1	3,505.3	3,526.8
Transfers	5,845.4	-	7.2	272.1	-	-	-	7.3	(6,132.0)	-
Disposals/Write off	(11.4)	(88.3)	(1.8)	(4.3)	-	-	(17.7)	(13.4)	(25.3)	(162.2)
At 31 March 2019	66,490.4	294.4	418.8	14,350.7	702.0	1,661.2	504.5	101.0	6,516.8	91,039.8
Accumulated Depreciation										
At 1 April 2018	17,429.0	274.1	338.1	5,208.4	457.9	1,188.2	264.7	48.1	-	25,208.5
Charge for the year	1,325.8	20.8	13.7	563.8	9.3	28.8	41.9	9.5	-	2,013.6
Written back on Disposals/Write off	(8.4)	(88.1)	(1.4)	(4.3)	-	-	(17.7)	(12.4)	-	(132.3)
At 31 March 2019	18,746.4	206.8	350.4	5,767.9	467.2	1,217.0	288.9	45.2	-	27,089.8
Net Book Value										
At 31 March 2019	47,744.0	87.6	68.4	8,582.8	234.8	444.2	215.6	55.8	6,516.8	63,950.0
<i>At 31 March 2018</i>	<i>43,227.4</i>	<i>93.4</i>	<i>72.1</i>	<i>8,874.5</i>	<i>244.1</i>	<i>473.0</i>	<i>257.5</i>	<i>55.9</i>	<i>9,168.8</i>	<i>62,466.7</i>

The capital expenditure relating to the (i) (a) feasibility study and (b) investigation study, design and site investigation for the relocation of fresh water and salt water service reservoirs into caverns and (ii) relocation of Mongkok office to Tin Shui Wai have been excluded.

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6. Current Assets

	2019	<i>2018</i>
	\$M	<i>\$M</i>
Stocks in Hand	137.7	133.4
Debtors	481.0	492.4
Current Account with Treasury	<u>2,234.5</u>	<u>2,163.3</u>
	<u>2,853.2</u>	<u>2,789.1</u>

7. Current Liabilities

	2019	<i>2018</i>
	\$M	<i>\$M</i>
Consumers' and contractors' deposits	2,224.4	2,153.2
Creditors	<u>495.1</u>	<u>455.4</u>
	<u>2,719.5</u>	<u>2,608.6</u>

8. Public Capital Account

The Public Capital Account represents Government's investment in this utility.

	2019	<i>2018</i>
	\$M	<i>\$M</i>
Balance as at 1 April	62,647.2	61,094.8
Deficit for the year	(1,675.5)	(1,734.4)
Additional cash investment by the Government	<u>3,112.0</u>	<u>3,286.8</u>
Balance as at 31 March	<u>64,083.7</u>	<u>62,647.2</u>

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9. Commitments

Outstanding commitments as at 31 March 2019 and 31 March 2018 not provided for in the operating accounts were as follows:-

	2019 \$M	<i>2018</i> <i>\$M</i>
(i) Capital works projects, property, plant and equipment and capital subvention	11,983.5	<i>10,910.5</i>
(ii) Non-recurrent expenditure	-	-
(iii) Investments	-	-
(iv) Loans and non-recurrent grants	-	-
	<u>11,983.5</u>	<u><i>10,910.5</i></u>