

**Replies to questions raised by Finance Committee Members in examining the
Draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**

**[Bureau Secretary/Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs]
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme : (3)

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The Government has promised to enhance the roles and functions of the District Councils upon the dissolution of the two municipal councils. In the 2001-02 Estimates, what is the amount of provision reserved for the purpose and what projects will be implemented to enhance the roles and functions of the District Councils?

Asked by : Dr Hon. Yeung Sum

Reply :

In the 2001-02 draft Estimates of Expenditure, a total of \$168.4 million has been reserved for the District Councils (DCs) to organise or sponsor community building activities and minor environmental improvement projects, including the organisation of district festivals and district cultural projects. This represents a 17.8% increase over the Approved Estimates of 2000-01.

In addition, the Financial Secretary has earmarked an additional \$100 million for implementing the recommendations arising from the review of the roles and functions of the DCs being conducted by the Home Affairs Bureau. We aim to complete the review in mid 2001. We will then consult the DCs on the outcome of the review and on the allocation of the additional funding.

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Date _____ 12 March 2001

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Bureau Serial No.

HAB002

Question Serial No.

0162

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme : District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Under this programme, 27 temporary posts will be created for varying short durations to undertake specific projects during 2001-02. Please provide details about the objectives of these projects, their implementation dates and the number of staff to be employed.

Asked by : The Dr. Hon. Yeung Sum

Reply : The 27 temporary posts are required to provide manpower support for coordinating and organising activities to celebrate two major events, namely, the 4th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR on 1 July 2001 and the National Day on 1 October 2001. The programmes of the two events have yet to be drawn up but, according to past experience, the celebration activities may include –

On 1 July 2001

- (a) a Flag-raising Ceremony in the morning; and
- (b) a Community Concert in the evening.

On 1 October 2001

- (a) a Flag-raising Ceremony in the morning;
- (b) a Cocktail Reception in the afternoon; and
- (c) a Celebration Show in the evening.

The 27 temporary posts include the following –

- 1 Senior Principal Executive Officer
- 2 Chief Executive Officers
- 2 Senior Executive Officers
- 4 Executive Officers I
- 1 Executive Officer II
- 1 Personal Secretary I
- 2 Personal Secretaries II
- 10 Assistant Clerical Officers
- 3 Clerical Assistants
- 1 Workman II

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Name in block letters Lam Woon-kwong

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

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Question Serial No.

0189

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme : Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) Is there any provision reserved for conducting an in-depth survey on racial discrimination?
- (b) What is the amount of provision for the elimination of racial discrimination in the Estimates for 2001-02? What kinds of project will be implemented for this purpose?

Asked by : The Hon James TO

Reply :

- (a) We have not made any specific provisions for such a survey but resources may be redeployed for the purpose if there is such a need.
- (b) The Equal Opportunities (Race and Sexual Orientation) Funding Scheme is the main programme through which we address racial discrimination. Through it, we provide funding to NGOs for community-level projects to promote equal opportunities in the areas of race and sexual orientation. For the year 2001-02, we have earmarked \$1.6 million for this purpose.

There is no pre-determined allocation of funding as between race and sexual orientation. But, in previous years, about two-thirds of the money allocated under the Scheme has been spent on projects relating to race.

We shall also allocate about \$0.98 million for other programmes to promote racial harmony and to help the ethnic minorities integrate into the community. These include new editions of our "Guide to Services in Hong Kong" for migrant workers; a practical, structured and progressive course in Cantonese; provision in public libraries of newspapers and periodicals in the languages of the main groups; promotional booklets, and outdoor advertising.

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Name in block letters W K LAM

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date 14 March 2001

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme : Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the amount of provision earmarked in the Estimates for 2001-02 and what kinds of project will be implemented for the purposes of ascertaining the level of public awareness of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and identifying effective ways to promote the Covenants with a view to enhancing public knowledge and understanding of individual provisions of the Covenants?

Asked by : The Hon James TO

Reply :

We shall continue to distribute the text of the two Covenants through the public libraries, district offices, schools, NGOs, and so forth. We are planning an Announcement of Public Interest (API) to raise awareness among the general public. We also plan to publish 'user friendly' versions in comic book format to foster awareness of the Covenants among younger people. We have earmarked a total of \$0.68 million for these activities.

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HAB005

Question Serial No.

0191

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme : Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the amount of provision reserved in the Estimates for 2001-02 for enhancing public awareness of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and for implementing the provisions of the Convention? What are the projects to be implemented in this respect?

Asked by : The Hon James TO

Reply :

We have reserved about \$0.3 million for this purpose. This will include our contribution to the second mission of the Child Ambassadors. Like the first mission, which took place in January, this will be a joint venture organised by the NGOs most actively involved in child rights and co-sponsored by Cathay Pacific and the Home Affairs Bureau. Detailed planning is in progress. We are also considering the feasibility of an internet-based programme to encourage Hong Kong children to exchange views on child rights and other issues with children around the world.

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme : Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The Home Affairs Bureau intends to promote a stronger sense of public identification with Chinese culture and heritage in the coming year. Which aspects of Chinese culture and heritage are being referred to? How many activities will be organised by the Home Affairs Bureau and what will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by : The Hon LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

Following the reunification with China it is important for Hong Kong people, particularly our younger generation to have stronger identity with and understanding of Chinese history and heritage. Home Affairs Bureau will promote among the general public a better understanding on all aspects of the historic and diverse Chinese culture and heritage. We will do this through various publicity and educational programmes, as well as sponsoring non-governmental organizations in running a large number of similar programmes under the Community Participation Scheme. The programmes are funded under Subhead 271 Promotion of Civic Education outside School, for which total estimated expenditure is \$9,720,000 in 2001-02. We cannot provide itemized breakdown on expenditure as civic education programmes have numerous and often inter-related themes.

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HAB007

Question Serial No.

0560

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme : 5304 Youth Development

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

On the promotion of a better understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage amongst young people, could the Government inform this Committee of the following-

- (a) Has the Government conducted any evaluation on the effectiveness of the past study tours to the Mainland in enhancing understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage amongst young people? If so, what are its findings? If not, what are the reasons?
- (b) Are there any other plans apart from organising study tours to the Mainland? Please give a breakdown of the expenses.
- (c) The Government expects that the number of participants under the Community Participation Scheme for organising Study Tours to the Mainland will only slightly increase from 4,400 to 4,500 in 2001-02. Please give reasons for this.

Asked by : The Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) We sponsor non-governmental organizations under the Community Participation Scheme in organizing study tours to the Mainland for young people. Upon completion of the tours, all organizers are required to submit reports assessing the effectiveness of their programmes in enhancing the understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage among the participants. Our evaluation is that the Scheme has been able to achieve its designed objectives so far. From 2001-02 onward, participants of study tours under the Scheme will also be required to complete evaluation questionnaires to enable the Bureau to further improve the assessment procedure and obtain direct feedback from the participants.

- (b) We will also promote a better understanding of and respect for Chinese culture and heritage amongst the young people through our regular publicity and civic education programmes. In the 2001-02 draft estimates, a provision of \$9,720,000 has been included for organising such activities but no itemized breakdown of expenditures is available.
- (c) Given the funding situation for the Community Participation Scheme and other competing programmes on civic education, we are only targeting a modest increase in the number of participants in Mainland study tours in 2001-02.

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0561

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme : District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : With regard to the celebration activities for the anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR and the National Day, will the Government inform this Committee -

- (a) of the specific programme of the celebration activities; the expenditure thus involved and its breakdown?
- (b) of the way such celebration activities differ from those of the past in terms of content and variety.
- (c) whether the celebration activities will tie in with the publicity for promoting Hong Kong by the Hong Kong Tourism Board to be set up soon; if so, of the details?
- (d) whether these celebration activities will be conducive to attracting tourists to Hong Kong; if so, of the estimated increase?

Asked by : The Hon. Ip Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) The Government has not yet worked out the programmes of the celebration activities for the 4th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR and the 52nd National Day. The estimated expenditure for the two events is \$3.8 million and \$5 million respectively. As the programmes have yet to be worked out, we are unable to provide a breakdown of the expenditure at this stage.
- (b) As mentioned above, we have not yet decided on the celebration activities to be organised for the 4th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR and the 52nd National Day. Nonetheless, we envisage that the activities for these two events will not differ significantly from those organised in the past.
- (c) The celebration activities serve specific public purposes. The ceremonial dates are public knowledge. The HK Tourism Board may of course consider how best to use these occasions to promote Hong Kong.
- (d) While we do not rule out the possibility of the HK Tourism Board using these occasions to attract tourists, we should bear it in mind that these celebration activities serve specific public purposes. It would not be appropriate to organise these programmes with the primary purpose of attracting tourists.

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Name in block letters Lam Woon-kwong

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Date 14 March 2001

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme : Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

As regards the promotion of civic awareness, a stronger sense of belonging to Hong Kong, identification with Chinese culture and heritage, and a better understanding of the Basic Law, would the Government inform this Council

- (a) of the amount of expenditure involved for such activities and its itemised breakdowns;
- (b) whether surveys will be conducted to assess and understand public sentiments in the above topics? If so, what are the details? Will such surveys be conducted on a regular basis?

Asked by : The Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) Expenditures on promoting civic awareness, sense of belonging to Hong Kong, identification with Chinese culture and heritage and understanding of the Basic Law are covered under Subhead 271 Promotion of Civic Education outside School. The estimated expenditure under this Subhead in 2001-02 amounts to \$9,720,000. As civic education programmes usually include many and inter-related themes, it is not possible to itemize the expenditures by activities.
- (b) To assess the community's perception on the above topics and ensure that our civic education programmes are able to meet the changing needs of the society, we have conducted regular public opinion surveys on civic awareness since 1986. The opinion surveys covered people aged between 15-64 in all domestic households in Hong Kong and benchmark indicators were also included from 1998 onward to monitor trend in public attitudes.

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HAB010

Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme : (3) District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Will the Government inform this Committee -

- (a) Whether the Government has any plans to establish more Building Management Resource Centres in addition to those already in existence so as to strengthen the support to owners' corporations. If so, what are the specific plans, the details of their expenditure and the itemised breakdown? If not, why not?
- (b) Besides the establishment of Building Management Resource Centres, does the Government have other support services to encourage the formation of more owners' corporations? If so, what are the specific plans and the estimated expenditure? If not, why not?

Asked by : The Hon. Ip Kwok-him

Reply :

(a) There are at present two Building Management Resource Centres (BMRCs). A third BMRC will be set up in Tsuen Wan in mid-2001. The estimated cost of running the BMRC is \$3.07 million in 2001-02, including \$1.22 million for departmental expenses (e.g. expenses for promotional materials) and \$1.85 million for personal emoluments.

(b) To encourage the formation of owners' corporations (OCs) and further enhance our building management services, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) will be allocated an additional \$22.5m in 2001-02 (and \$43.9m for full year expenditure from 2002-03 onwards) to provide comprehensive and professional advice/services to owners and OCs. Specifically, we plan to establish a new division in HAD, comprising 12 posts, to provide legal, technical and other support on building management matters. In addition, we will set up a District Building Management Liaison Team (DBMLT) in each of the 18 District Offices, involving the creation of an additional 78 posts which will be filled by full-time and trained liaison and building management staff. The DBMLTs will assist

owners to form OCs, attend OC meetings and help owners to resolve building management problems. They will also assist government departments in their liaison with the owners and OCs with a view to implementing repairs and fire safety improvements. Where disputes arise between owners or owners and OCs, the DBMLTs will assist in mediation.

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HAB011

Question Serial No.

0578

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Will the Government inform this Committee :

- (a) When the review on the roles and functions of the DC will be completed? What the expected expenditure is in the light of the findings of the review? Please give a breakdown of the expenses.
- (b) Whether the Government has earmarked funds for raising the rates of District Council members' accountable allowance? If so, please give details; if not, please explain the reason.

Asked by : The Hon Ip Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) The Government is reviewing the roles and functions of the District Councils (DCs). We aim to complete the review in mid 2001. As an indication of our commitment to progressively enhance the roles and functions of the DCs, an additional recurrent provision of \$100 million has been earmarked in the 2001-02 Budget for implementing the recommendations arising from the review. As the review is underway, we are unable to give an estimate of the expenditure for implementing the proposals at this stage. The resource implications of the proposals will be assessed upon completion of the review.

- (b) The Government will engage an independent commission to examine and make recommendations on remuneration matters in respect of DC members in the light of the enhanced roles and functions of DCs. The resource implications of the recommendations will be assessed in due course.

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Bureau Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

0611

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme : The Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) Please provide the numbers of enquiries/complaints the Administration received in 1999 and 2000 relating to discrimination on the grounds of race, sexual orientation and age. Please also provide a breakdown by Government departments, public bodies, private sectors and individuals which are the subject of these enquiries and complaints.
- (b) Where do the above enquiries and complaints originate? Of these, what is the percentage of cases referred by the Equal Opportunities Commission?
- (c) What will the Administration do upon receiving such complaints or enquiries?

Asked by: HO Sau-lan

Reply:

Taking the Honourable Member's questions seriatim -

(a) Number of complaints and enquiries

Complaints

Grounds	Year	Government Department	Public Bodies	Private Sector	Individuals
Race (Home Affairs Bureau)	1999	0	0	6	3
	2000	1	1	10	2
Sexual orientation (Home Affairs Bureau)	1999	1	0	0	1
	2000	4	0	2	0
Age (Education and Manpower Bureau)	1999	0	2	0	0
	2000	1	3	2	0

Enquiries

We do not record enquiries as these comprise routine matters such as requests for information about our funding scheme, or for copies of our UN reports, service hand books, story books, and so forth.

(b) Sources of complaints/percentage referred by the EOC

Sources of complaint

Grounds	Year	Source	
		Direct (telephone, mail, e-mail)	By referral
Race	1999	9	0
	2000	3	9 (by EOC) (64%) 2 (others: Consulate General of India and Director of Protocol)
Sexual orientation	1999	0	1 (by EOC) (50%) 1 (by the Information Services Department)
	2000	5	1 (by EOC) (17%)
Age	1999	2	0
	2000	4	2 (by EOC) (33%)

Source of enquiries: we receive enquiries from various sources. These include, among others, legislators, NGOs, journalists, students, and members of the general public.

(c) **Action taken**

Complaints

Race and sexual orientation: the Home Affairs Bureau follows up all complaints, most often by contacting the parties involved. In accordance with established procedures, the complainants will be given a reply on the outcome of our follow up action which usually involves offering of advice and/or clarification of misunderstandings.

Age: the Education and Manpower Bureau refers complaints to relevant Government bureaux/departments for comment and investigation. They inform the complainants of the outcome in writing. Where appropriate, the Bureau asks the Labour Department to provide conciliation services.

Enquiries: depending on the nature of the enquiry, we answer the clients' questions, despatch the materials requested, or refer clients to the appropriate source of information.

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Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

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Question Serial No.

0613

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Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme : Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Under the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001-02, the Government states that it will continue to oversee compliance with human rights treaties which apply to the HKSAR. Will the Administration inform this Committee-

- (a) of the progress made by the Government in following up the recommendations advanced by the six treaty monitoring bodies in their respective concluding observations issued after hearing the human rights reports on Hong Kong?
- (b) of the specific measures taken to disseminate the concluding observations of these bodies so as to meet their requirement on making the concluding observations widely available to the general public in Hong Kong? (such as the requirement stated in paragraph 45 of the Concluding Observations issued by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in 1996) and
- (c) of the arrangements for co-ordinating the resources for implementing these recommendations in Hong Kong?
- (d) when it is expected to complete the report for submission under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and to make it known to the public?

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply :

(a) We take the concluding observations of the UN treaty monitoring bodies seriously and review their recommendations regularly. To cite just a few examples-

- **race issues:** in 1996, in its concluding observations on the United Kingdom's 13th report under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination expressed concern at the absence of data on the ethnic and racial composition of Hong Kong's population. Accordingly, in 1999-2000, we conducted a random sample survey on the characteristics of Hong Kong's ethnic minorities. And the 2001 Census, which starts this month, will for the first time include questions on ethnicity;
- **distribution of concluding observations:** in 1996, in its concluding observations on the United Kingdom's 3rd periodic report under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) recommended that its concluding observations be made widely available in English and Chinese within Hong Kong and that copies be provided by the government to all members of the judiciary and to the relevant echelons of the public service. Accordingly, we distributed the concluding observations to the Judiciary, the Administration, Legislators, NGOs and other interested parties. We also announced the concluding observations through press releases and posted the full text on our home page; and
- **Vietnamese refugees:** similarly, in the 1996 concluding observations of the ICESCR hearing, the CESCR expressed concerns about the conditions of Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong who refused repatriation. In 2000, all Vietnamese refugees and migrants remaining in Hong Kong were granted permanent residents status and they now enjoy the same rights and protection as everyone else.

There are, of course, instances when we do disagree with certain recommendations, having taken local circumstances into account. But we do monitor the situation closely and make adjustments as necessary and desirable.

(b) We announce the concluding observations through press releases and send copies to all members of the Judiciary, the Administration, Legislators, NGOs and other interested parties. We have posted all concluding observations issued since 1996 on our home page.

(c) The implementation of particular recommendations is a matter for the relevant policy bureaux. The allocation of resources is for them to determine.

d) We hope to complete the drafting of our report under the Child Convention within 2001. In accordance with our usual practice, we will publish the report when it has been submitted to the United Nations as part of China's second report under the Convention.

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Name in block letters _____ **W K LAM**

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date _____ 14 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

HAB014

Question Serial No.

0621

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme : District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : In the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001-02" under programme (3), the Administration states that it will continue to co-ordinate and oversee the provision of services for new arrivals and promote community acceptance of them. What specific plans does the Administration have for achieving these goals? How much resources and manpower will the Administration allocate for this area of work in 2001-02?

Asked by : The Hon. Cyd Ho Sau-lan

Reply :

To enable us to oversee and coordinate the provision of services for new arrivals from the Mainland, we have established a three-tier mechanism comprising a Steering Committee at the policy level, a Coordinating Committee at the departmental level, and 18 District Coordinating Committees at the district level. In addition, we maintain a close dialogue and partnership with the non-government providers of new arrival services. For instance, the Director of Home Affairs holds quarterly meetings with the service providers to evaluate the effectiveness and adequacy of existing services and to exchange views on ways to enhance them. Moreover, to enable better planning of services, regular surveys are conducted to gauge the profile of the new arrivals and their service needs.

To promote community acceptance of new arrivals, we will launch a community education programme in 2001-02. The programme comprises district-based community involvement activities such as exhibitions and seminars; as well as TV and radio Announcements of Public Interest (API) to encourage mutual acceptance within the community.

We estimate that about \$500 million will be spent on providing services to new arrivals in 2001-02 by various bureaux/departments. This estimate does not cover the CSSA expenditure because it is not possible to estimate the number of

applications from new arrivals in the coming year as we do not have information on their financial background and that of the families which they will join. In fact, granting assistance to exceptional cases involving new arrivals who do not meet the one year residence requirement under the CSSA Scheme is a matter for the discretion of the Director of Social Welfare and, accordingly, it is not possible to estimate in how many cases this discretion will be exercised.

It is not possible to quantify the manpower engaged in this area of work since the staff involved do not provide services for new arrivals exclusively.

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Name in block letters _____ **W K LAM**

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date _____ **17 March 2001**

Bureau Serial No.

HAB015

Question Serial No.

0655

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The funding for promotion of human rights for the year 2001 – 02 is only \$70,000, please provide details of the activities and expenditure under this item.

Asked by : Hon Cyd Ho

Reply :

The figure of \$70,000 is the revised estimate for the year 2000 – 01 and relates only to expenditure under subhead 700 (item 285). Total spending on human rights promotion – including items 255 and 262 under subhead 700 and other items under subhead 149 and 270 – will bring total expenditure for 2000 – 01 close to \$5 million (some balances remain to be settled within this financial year). In 2001 – 02, we aim to spend \$5.4 million on promotion of human rights of which \$680,000 will be spent under subhead 700 (item 285). This will be used to fund Announcements of Public Interest (API) to increase public awareness of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR). We also plan to publish 'user friendly' versions in comic book format to foster awareness of the two Covenants among younger people. We will continue to print and distribute the text of the Covenants through the public libraries, district offices, schools, NGOs, and so forth. The tentative allocation is as follows –

API	\$500,000
Covenants (comic format)	\$160,000
Distribution of the two Covenants	\$20,000
Total	\$680,000

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Name in block letters W K LAM

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date 13 March 2001

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead : N/A

Programme : (1) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration is to survey the topic "Collection and enforcement of alimony" under the Thematic Household Survey. Please advise the details of the survey. When is the survey scheduled to be carried out? When will the survey be completed and the results released?

Asked by : The Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply :

"Collection and enforcement of alimony" has been included as one of the topics in the Thematic Household Survey (THS) commissioned by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) in order to find out the size of the problem as regards the collection of maintenance payments.

2. The THS will include a sample of no less than 10,000 households. Face-to-face interviews will be conducted. Household members who are divorced or separated, estimated to be no less than 600 in number, will be asked questions on whether they are eligible for maintenance under any maintenance order, whether they have failed to receive full payment during the past year, and whether they have taken legal action to recover arrears.

3. According to the tentative survey schedule, the fieldwork will begin in early April and end in June 2001. Data preparation and analysis will start in July and the draft survey report will be ready in end of August. The survey report will be finalized in mid-September 2001.

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Name in block letters _____ **W K LAM**

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date _____ 12 March 2001

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Bureau Serial No.

HAB017

Question Serial No.

1075

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Home Affairs Bureau states that it will review the ways to further strengthen the roles and functions of the District Councils in the coming year. When will the review be completed?

Asked by : Dr Hon Tang Siu-tong

Reply :

The Government is conducting a review with a view to enhancing the roles and functions of the District Councils (DCs). We aim to complete the review in mid-2001.

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Name in block letters _____ W K LAM

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date _____ 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

HAB018

Question Serial No.

1076

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the initial plan of the Home Affairs Bureau for using the additional recurrent provision of \$100 million earmarked in the Estimates? Is the final decision on the use of this additional provision vested in the Home Affairs Bureau or the 18 District Councils?

Asked by : Dr Hon Tang Siu-tong

Reply :

As an indication of our commitment to progressively enhance the roles and functions of District Councils, an additional recurrent provision of \$100 million has been earmarked in the 2001-02 Budget for implementing the recommendations arising from the District Council Review being conducted by the Government. Upon completion of the review, we will consult the District Councils on the recommendations and the allocation of the additional funding available.

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Name in block letters _____ W K LAM

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date _____ 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

HAB019

Question Serial No.

1077

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

According to the Financial Secretary, an additional \$100M recurrent expenditure has been earmarked for the use of District Councils. Please explain how the amount of \$100M is arrived. Please also list the items of expenditure and the respective amount of provision earmarked?

Asked by : The Hon Fred Li Wah-ming

Reply :

As the Government is still in the process of conducting the review of the roles and functions of the District Councils, we are unable to give a breakdown of the items of expenditure and the respective amount of provision earmarked. The resources implications of the recommendations will be assessed when the review is completed. However, as an indication of our firm commitment to progressively enhance the roles and functions of the District Councils, the Government has set aside an additional recurrent provision of \$100 million for the District Councils for implementing the recommendations arising from the review. [It is noted that the additional allocation represents a 30% increase in the recurrent expenditure of the District Councils in 2000-01 (\$325 million).]

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Name in block letters _____ **W K LAM**

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date _____ 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

HAB020

Question Serial No.

1078

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With respect to the review on the ways to strengthen the roles and functions of the District Councils, please advise on the details in reviewing the geographical constituency boundaries of the District Councils, the population quota for geographical seats, etc.

Asked by : The Hon Fred Li Wah-ming

Reply :

The review being conducted by the Home Affairs Bureau focuses on how the roles and functions of the District Councils can be strengthened. It does not cover issues such as the constituency boundaries of the District Councils and the population quota for geographical seats. In order to prepare for the next District Councils election in 2003, these issues will be considered at an appropriate time.

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Name in block letters _____ **W K LAM**

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date _____ 15 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

HAB021

Question Serial No.

1270

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead : N/A

Programme : (1) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

(a) In the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2001-02", the Administration states that it will implement the recommendations made by an Inter-departmental Working Group to improve the law and administrative measures affecting divorcees and children who live on alimony. Will the Administration inform this Committee of:

- (1) the laws and administrative measures that have been implemented; and
- (2) the measures that have not been implemented, and when these measures are expected to be implemented?

Please provide the above information in a table.

(b) Under item 279, the Administration will spend \$0.33 million in 2001-02 for community involvement projects on maintenance. Please provide the details of these projects and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : The Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply :

(a) The present progress in implementing the recommendations put forward by the Inter-departmental Working Group on maintenance-related law and administrative measures is as follows:

	<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Latest Situation</i>
1	To relax the circumstances for the court to issue attachment of income orders.	The Administration plans to introduce the relevant bill into the Legislative Council (LegCo) in the first half of 2001.
2	To relax the requirement for judgment summons to be served personally and to enable the court to	The Administration is preparing the draft Amendment Rules and plans to table them in LegCo in mid-2001.

	order payment of maintenance arrears accrued up to the date of court hearing instead of up to the date of application for judgment summons as at present.	
3	To make Court Bailiffs to serve judgment summonses for maintenance payees who are not legally represented.	The non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and professional bodies have been notified of the arrangement.
4	The court to order that maintenance specified in maintenance orders be paid into the court in appropriate cases.	The NGOs and professional bodies have been notified of the arrangement.
5	To empower the court to impose a surcharge against defaulting maintenance payers.	The Administration has consulted the Hong Kong Bar Association and the Law Society of Hong Kong and is reviewing the proposal in the light of their comments. A decision will be made within the first half of 2001.
6	To inform NGOs and professional bodies that cases of maintenance payers failing to notify payees of change of address can be reported to the police station nearest to the maintenance payer's last known address.	The NGOs and professional bodies have been notified of the arrangement.
7	To request the Law Society to inform its members that they can, with a standard letter, ask the Immigration Department, Transport Department, and Housing Department to search their records for the address of maintenance payers against whom legal actions will be taken to sue for maintenance arrears.	The Law Society confirmed in April 2000 that it had already circulated the standard letter to its members.
8	To conduct a pilot scheme to synchronize the procedures in processing applications for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance and legal aid.	The revised procedure was made permanent at the beginning of September 2000.
9	To request the Social Welfare Department to streamline the procedures in referring single-parent families to obtain timely counseling and family services.	New referral forms and a specially designed leaflet on available services and facilitating early referral have been put into use. Family caseworkers will provide counseling to assist single parents who fail to receive maintenance payments.
10	To mount publicity and public education measures on matters relating to maintenance.	A new set of display boards and leaflet (in both Chinese and English) have been put into use in Government publicity programmes. In 2000-01, the Administration funded ten

	community involvement projects promoting the maintenance messages that were proposed and run by NGOs.
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(b) For 2001-02, the Administration will allocate around \$330,000 to finance community involvement projects that promote the following messages on maintenance:

- ♦ a person is responsible for the maintenance of his child(ren) and ex-spouse even after divorce; and
- ♦ informing maintenance payees of their rights and services that are available to them when they fail to receive maintenance payments.

In April this year, the Administration will invite NGOs to apply for grants.

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Name in block letters W K LAM

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date 13 March 2001

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Home Affairs Bureau

Programme : (5) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

On Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing, the provision for 2001-02 is 11.1% lower than the revised estimate for 2000-01 due to deletion of 5 temporary posts. Why were the posts deleted, and what were the post titles and scope of duties for these posts?

Asked by : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Reply :

The posts in question were required on a temporary basis to assist the Asian Games Bidding Committee in mounting Hong Kong's bid to host the 2006 Asian Games. The actual post titles were –

Deputy Head, Asian Games Bid Team (AGBT) (Administrative Officer Staff Grade 'B')

Assistant Head, AGBT (Assistant Director of Municipal Services)

Senior Executive Officer, AGBT

Personal Secretary II

Clerical Assistant

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Name in block letters W K LAM

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date 14 March 2001

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Bureau Serial No.

HAB023

Question Serial No.

0020

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) : 700 General other
Home Affairs Bureau non-recurrent

Programme : (6) Culture

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Expenditure under *Subhead 700 General other non-recurrent* involves a number of reviews on the programmes offered by the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. When did these reviews begin? What are the mechanisms of such reviews? What are the findings?

Asked by : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Reply :

1. The reviews concerned can be divided into two main categories, namely programme validation and institutional review. Revalidation normally takes place within six years after the previous validation, but a shorter period may be required if considered necessary by the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation (HKCAA).
2. The aim of validation is to examine whether the programmes of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) meet the required academic standard and aims of the programmes, while that of institutional review is to examine whether the institution has a suitable academic and institutional environment to conduct its programmes.
3. Both validation and institutional review are conducted by the HKCAA using a panel of Hong Kong and overseas academics, local practitioners and professionals. In consultation with the HKCAA, the institution will first prepare a submission based on a self-evaluation. The submission will then be considered by HKCAA's panel which will visit HKAPA to meet the latter's students, staff and other relevant people.

4. The revalidations and institutional review, conducted in 2000-01, or to be conducted in 2001-02, are summarised below:
- i) Revalidation of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Dance: started in late 1999 and ended in July 2000;
 - ii) Revalidation of Bachelor of Music Degree: started in late 1999 and ended in September 2000;
 - iii) Revalidation of BFA in Film & TV: started in late 2000 and will complete in April 2001;
 - iv) Revalidation of BFA in Drama: started in late 2000 and will complete in April 2001;
 - v) Revalidation of BFA in Theatre Technical Arts: to be conducted in 2001-02; and
 - vi) Institutional Review: started in late 2000 and will complete in mid-2001.
5. All the revalidations conducted for the HKAPA's programmes revealed that the standard of the programmes were satisfactory and commensurate with the set objectives. The HKCAA also considered that the previous institutional reviews and the subsequent improvements made by the HKAPA also demonstrated that the HKAPA had a suitable institutional environment of the conduct of its programmes.

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Name in block letters W K LAM

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date 16 March 2001

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Bureau Serial No.

HAB024

Question Serial No.

0612

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 Government Secretariat Subhead (No. & title) :
Home Affairs Bureau

Programme : (6) Culture

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is stated in Programme (6) that the Culture Section has been providing secretariat and administrative support to the Culture and Heritage Commission. Please provide the number of staff who are dedicated to supporting the Commission and their respective ranks.

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply :

There are altogether 12 staff serving the Culture and Heritage Commission (CHC). Nine of them are civil servants serving the CHC in addition to other duties and three non-civil service contract staff specially employed to serve the CHC.

The respective ranks of the staff are:

Civil Servants:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>
1	Administrative Officer Staff Grade "C"
1	Senior Administrative Officer
1	Executive Officer II
1	Personal Secretary I
1	Personal Secretary II
1	Clerical Officer
1	Assistant Clerical Officer
2	Clerical Assistant

Non-civil Service Contract Staff:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>
1	Senior Research Officer
1	Executive Assistant
1	Personal Secretarial Assistant

Signature _____

Name in block letters W K LAM

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date 15 March 2001

Appendix 2

Bureau Serial No.

HAB025

Question Serial No.

1468

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Home Affairs Bureau

Programme : (5) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Has the Government made provisions in this year's estimates for the preliminary study on major multi-purpose sports venues, so that Hong Kong may be able to host national sports events as an embodiment of reunification with China? If so, what are the details? If not, why?

Asked by : Hon LAU Ping-cheung

Reply : No, the Government has not made any provision in this year's estimates for the aforementioned purpose. We have already commissioned, in late 2000, a consultancy study on the requirements for major new sports and recreational venues.

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Name in block letters W K LAM

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date 15 March 2001

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Bureau Serial No.

HAB026

Question Serial No.

0782

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 53 GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead :
(including Heads 63, 74, 95, 170, 176, 177 & 180)

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding consultancy studies for policy making and assessment commissioned by the departments/services under your Bureau,

- (1) Was there any financial provision allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2000-01? If yes, please reply with the following details:

Names of consultants (if available)	Consultancy fees	Status of consultancy studies (in plan/in progress/ finished)

- (2) Will there be any financial provision allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2001-02? If yes, please reply with the following details:

Names of consultants (if available)	Consultancy fees	Status of consultancy studies (in plan/in progress/ finished)

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply :

Financial provision allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2000-01

	Name of consultants, if available	Consultancy fees	Status of consultancy studies (in plan/in progress/ finished)
1.	Kitchell & Associates Ltd.	\$192,000	finished
2.	Vigers Hong Kong Ltd.	\$60,000	in progress
3.	PolyU Technology & Consultancy Co. Ltd.	\$224,000	finished
4.	The University of Hong Kong	\$142,340	in progress
5.	AcNielsen (China) Ltd.	\$220,000	finished
6.	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	\$320,000	finished
7.	MDR Technology Ltd.	\$230,000	finished
8.	PolyU Technology & Consultancy Co. Ltd.	\$338,000	in progress
9.	Burson-Marsteller (HK) Ltd.	\$5,580,000	in progress
10.	The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents	\$86,940	finished
11.	The Hong Kong Life Saving Society	\$45,000	finished
12.	The Centre for English Language Education and Communication Research, City University of Hong Kong	\$633,762	in progress
13.	Aon Consulting (HK) Ltd and G&A Management Consultants Ltd.	\$1,575,000	in progress
14.	The Department of Social Work and Social Administration, the University of Hong Kong	\$660,000	in progress
15.	Department of Psychiatry, Chinese University of Hong Kong	\$250,000	in progress
16.	Hong Kong Council of Social Services	\$34,340	in progress
17.	(not available)	\$250,000	in plan
18.	Hong Kong Council of Early Childhood Education & Services	\$109,300	in progress
19.	The Hong Kong Institute of Education	\$72,229	finished
20.	GML Consulting Ltd.	\$17,500	finished
21.	PA Professional Consultants Ltd.	\$380,000	in progress
22.	Pacific Privacy Pty Ltd.	\$445,100	in progress
23.	Social Sciences Research Centre, the University of Hong Kong	\$300,000	in progress
24.	Asia Marketing Research Directions Ltd.	\$300,000	finished
25.	Professor Anthony Everitt	\$71,054	finished
26.	Hong Kong Policy Research Institute	\$117,500	finished
27.	Hill & Knowton Asia Ltd.	\$204,800	Finished
28.	Professor Grace KAO	\$600,000	in progress

Financial provision allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2001-02

	Name of consultants, if available (Tentative)	Consultancy fees	Status of consultancy studies (in plan/in progress/ finished)
1.	PolyU Technology & Consultancy Co. Ltd.	\$338,000	in progress
2.	(not available)	\$750,000	in plan
3.	Burson-Marsteller (HK) Ltd.	\$3,720,000	finished
4.	The Department of Social Work and Social Administration, the University of Hong Kong	\$220,000	in progress
5.	Department of Psychiatry, Chinese University of Hong Kong	\$250,000	in progress

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council is now considering to include several studies in its new Three-Year Plan which will commence in 2001-02. Both the budgets and titles of studies are still at a very initial stage. Furthermore, the Equal Opportunity Commission and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data also plan to conduct four consultancy studies amounting to about \$2 million in 2001-02.

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Name in block letters W K LAM

Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date 16 March 2001

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Bureau Serial No.

HAB027

Question Serial No.

0018

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 700 General other
non-recurrent

Programme : 6302 Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The commitment under Item 009 (Promotion of community acceptance of new arrivals) of Subhead 700 has never been used. Does this mean that the Government has not done anything under this item?

Asked by : Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee

Reply : Item 009 (Promotion of community acceptance of new arrivals) is a new item created for 2001-02 to cater for the 'Publicity and Community Education Programme to Promote Community Acceptance of New Arrivals' which will be launched in 2001-02. The programme will include the following items:-

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| 1. TV and radio APIs | \$0.4 million |
| 2. Other publication materials (including leaflets and booklets to promote the theme of the programme) | \$0.3 million |
| 3. Other publicity efforts | \$0.3 million |

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4.	District-based community involvement activities	\$1 million
5.	Contingency expenses	\$0.12 million
		<u>\$2.12 million</u>

We undertook similar activities of smaller scale in previous years and related expenditure was absorbed in other subhead.

Signature	_____
Name in block letters	<u>Ms SHELLEY LEE</u>
Post Title	<u>Director of Home Affairs</u>
Date	<u>17 March 2001</u>

Bureau Serial No.

HAB028

Question Serial No.

0400

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6305 Territory Planning and Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The Home Affairs Department indicated that on major infrastructure projects and development proposals, it will focus on the effects of such proposals on communities, and the political and public relations implications of these projects. Please advise whether this is a new area of work, and whether any staff have been deployed specifically for this purpose and what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon LAU Wong-fat

Reply : It has long been the responsibility of the Home Affairs Department, when examining major infrastructure projects and development proposals, to assess the effects that such proposals/projects may have on the community, and their political and public relations implications. The work is not performed by one particular member or team of staff. District staff's assessments and comments are coordinated in Headquarters and conveyed to the relevant bureaux and departments concerned. To this end, the Department participates in a wide range of boards, committees and meetings overseeing the planning and development projects and proposals to ensure that the major infrastructure projects take account of local views and sentiments. Since this programme forms part of the work of a large number of the Department's staff, it is not possible to specify the expenditure involved.

Signature _____

Name in block letters Ms SHELLEY LEE

Post Title Director of Home Affairs

Date 17 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

HAB029

Question Serial No.

0401

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Subhead (No. & title) :
Department

Programme : 6303 Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : In explaining its efforts on stepping up the implementation of the Rural Public Works programme, the Home Affairs Department has mentioned medium scale projects carried out in the rural areas. Please explain what medium scale projects are. How many projects will be classified as medium scale projects for the coming year and what will be the average expenditure for each project?

Asked by : Hon LAU Wong-fat

Reply : Under the department's prevailing practice, medium scale projects are projects estimated to cost from \$3 million to \$15 million. There are nine such projects in the 2001-02 Rural Public Works Programme and the average expenditure for each project is \$3 million.

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Post Title Director of Home Affairs

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Bureau Serial No.

HAB030

Question Serial No.

0430

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6302 Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The estimated average usage rates of multi-purpose halls in community centres and community halls for 2001 are similar to the actual figures in 2000. Is it true that there is no plan to improve the utilization of these facilities?

Asked by : Hon CHOY So-yuk

Reply : The average utilization rates of individual centres vary depending on the location of the venue and availability of similar facilities in the vicinity. Generally speaking, utilization is heavier during evenings and weekends. In fact, the average utilization rate of all community halls and community centres has been consistently over 80% during the evening hours between 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. during weekdays. Similarly, the facilities are heavily used during Saturday afternoons and evenings, with about 70-85% utilization.

Over the years, the Government has endeavoured to improve the utilization rates of community centres/halls by encouraging local organizations, and especially NGOs which are accommodated in the community centres, to make more and better use of the facilities available. Management committees established under District Councils also play an important role in promoting better utilization through the local community network. We will conduct renovation and maintenance work on a need basis at community centres and community halls.

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As a result, average utilization rate of multi-purpose halls in community centres/halls has steadily improved from 51% in 1995 to 59% in 1998, and 64% in 2000. We will continue our efforts to improve the utilization rate and are confident that such an objective can be achieved.

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Appendix 2

Bureau Serial No.

HAB031

Question Serial No.

0431

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6303 Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : What is the estimated number of private streets to be resumed in 2001?
What will be the expenditure involved? How does it compare with
the actual situation last year?

Asked by : Hon CHOY So-yuk

Reply : The Home Affairs Department will coordinate the resumption of four private lanes in 2001-02. No compensation is expected to be involved in the resumption of these four lanes. The cost of minor repairing is expected to be low. In 2000-01, this amounted to about \$8,000.

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Date 17 March 2001

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**Head :63 Home Affairs DepartmentSubhead (No. & title) :Programme : 6302 Community BuildingControlling Officer : Director of Home AffairsBureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : What is the estimated expenditure for 2001 on facilitating new arrivals from the Mainland to integrate into the community? How does it compare with the provision for last year?

Will there be any new services?

Asked by : Hon CHOY So-yuk

Reply: Insofar as the Home Affairs Department (HAD) is concerned, the estimated expenditure for 2001 on facilitating new arrivals from the Mainland to integrate into the community is \$8.47 million. It represents a 23.6% increase compared with the provision for 2000.

In addition to the existing services, a new community education programme comprising a series of activities to promote community acceptance of new arrivals will be launched. These activities aim to enhance interaction among new arrivals and local people, and to convey the message of building a harmonious future together.

Apart from HAD, other Government departments, including Education Department, Social Welfare Department and Labour Department, have been providing various services for new arrivals with funding under their respective heads of expenditure.

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Ms SHELLEY LEE

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Director of Home Affairs

Date

17 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

HAB033

Question Serial No.

0433

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 531 Subventions to
district sports and
arts associations

Programme : 6302 Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The estimated expenditure of the Department for 2001 increases by more than 10% as compared with that for the previous year. As such, why is it that there is no increase in the estimated expenditure for the Subhead "Subventions to district sports and arts associations"?

Asked by : Hon CHOY So-yuk

Reply : The increase in the Department's estimated expenditure is mainly due to the increase in funding for building management and local public works. Expenditure for other items, including the aforementioned Subhead, remains more or less at the same level.

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Post Title Director of Home Affairs

Date 17 March 2001

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6301 District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The estimated expenditure for 2001-02 is \$449,100,000. Of this, how much will be spent on District Councils? What is the percentage of increase as compared with the revised expenditure in this regard for 2000-01?

Asked by : Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung

Reply : The estimated provision for District Administration is around \$449.1M. An estimated amount of \$346.9M is for District Councils, comprising :

Honoraria and Accountable Allowance for members of the \$178.5M
Councils

District Council Funds for implementing environmental \$168.4M
improvement and community involvement projects

Total: \$346.9M

The percentage increase as compared with the revised estimates 2000-01 is about 8.6%.

An additional \$100M has been earmarked for implementing the recommendations arising from the current review on the roles and functions of the District Councils.

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Post Title Director of Home Affairs

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Bureau Serial No.

HAB035

Question Serial No.

0572

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6302 Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : With respect to the enhancement of safety and maintenance standards of private multi-storey buildings, will the Government inform this Committee of :

- (a) the amount of expenditure on this project and its breakdown; and
- (b) the effectiveness expected to be achieved?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) In the coming financial year, the Home Affairs Department will introduce a number of initiatives in the area of building management. They include the setting up of a new division to coordinate building management matters and the conduct of training courses and seminars to increase owners' knowledge in building safety and maintenance standards. New District Building Management Liaison Teams will be set up to enhance building management services in the districts. The teams will also assist the Buildings Department to implement the Coordinated Maintenance of Buildings Scheme (CMBS), which aims to improve the safety and maintenance of the "target" buildings. The additional resources allocated for the new initiatives in 2001-02 are \$22.5 million.

- (b) The Department hopes that through the various initiatives, the public will be more conscious of the need to improve the safety and maintenance of their buildings and will take necessary action as appropriate. The Department also hopes that through its logistic support, owners of “target” buildings under the CMBS can be organized to carry out improvement works to their buildings with a view to having 150 of them delisted in 2001.

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6302 Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Regarding the services for new arrivals, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Has it evaluated and reviewed the effectiveness of the services provided to new arrivals over these years? If so, what are the details of improvements that have to be made? Has any provision been reserved for such improvements?
- (b) For the year 2001-02, what is the expenditure on new services and its breakdown?
- (c) The findings of some social surveys indicated that some people in our society discriminated against new arrivals. Has the Government reviewed its previous measures to encourage public acceptance of the new arrivals?
- (d) For the year 2001-02, what is the estimated expenditure on the above-mentioned (question c) work and its breakdown?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) We regularly monitor and assess the provision of services for new arrivals. Through our contacts with NGOs which provide services to them, we are able to gain a good understanding of the problems which new arrivals encounter generally and improvements in service provision required during their adjustment period. Some of these problems are outlined below:-
 - (i) There is still a certain degree of discrimination against new arrivals in the local community;

- (ii) Many new arrival women need child care service which would enable them to seek employment; and
- (iii) Quite a number of older children (aged 15 or above) have not received education or just attained primary level when they were in the Mainland. They find it difficult to either seek employment in Hong Kong or pursue study in the local mainstream schools.

To address the above problems, we have drawn up a package of new initiatives which are set out below, including the community education programme with a view to promoting community acceptance of new arrivals :

- (i) The Education Department will deploy its resources to ensure that there would be an adequate supply of secondary school places;
 - (ii) The Labour Department will step up retraining efforts to increase the marketability of new arrivals in the local labour market;
 - (iii) The relevant Government departments and NGOs will provide more adult education and retraining programmes to enable new arrival women to acquire the necessary basic education and training; and
 - (iv) The Social Welfare Department will continue to expand child care centre service and occasional child care service for families in need, including new arrival families.
- (b) While HAD will continue with its existing services, \$2.12 million has been earmarked in 2001-02 for the new 'Publicity and Community Education Programme to Promote Community Acceptance of New Arrivals' which will be launched in 2001-02. The programme will include the following items:-

1.	TV and radio APIs	\$0.4 million
2.	Other publication materials (including leaflets and booklets to promote the theme of the programme)	\$0.3 million
3.	Other publicity efforts	\$0.3 million
4.	District-based community involvement activities	\$1 million
5.	Contingency expenses	\$0.12 million
		<u>\$2.12 million</u>

- (c) The Community Education Programme outlined in para. (b) above is to promote community acceptance of new arrivals. The needs of the new arrivals are reviewed on a regular basis with the help of survey findings and the experience of the frontline service providers.
- (d) The Budget for 2001-02 is given in para (b) above.

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Ms SHELLEY LEE

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Director of Home Affairs

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17 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

HAB037

Question Serial No.

0574

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6301 District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Could the Government inform this Committee of the specific programme for arranging public consultation on territory-wide and district issues during 2001-02? Please give details of the expenditure involved and its breakdown.

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply : Policy bureaux and departments arrange for public consultation, including consultation with District Councils (DCs) on territory-wide and district issues as and when necessary. This may be done by distributing consultation papers to the general public through the Public Enquiry Service Centres of Home Affairs Department or uploading consultation documents on the Government website, attending DC meetings, and organising forums for the DC members, organisations concerned or the general public. The expenses involved will be absorbed by the relevant departments.

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Date 17 March 2001

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HAB038

Question Serial No.

0575

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6301 District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Could the Government inform this Committee of the arrangements on the provision of additional resources for servicing District Councils and their committees? Please also give a breakdown of the additional resources so provided.

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply : The Government is now conducting a review to examine ways to further enhance the roles and functions of the District Councils (DCs). It will also examine ways to strengthen support for DC members and will make recommendations later this year. An additional \$100 million, to be provided on a recurrent basis, has been earmarked for implementing the recommendations arising from the review.

The question of whether there will be any new resources for servicing the DCs and their committees will be subject to the outcome of the review.

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Post Title Director of Home Affairs

Date 17 March 2001

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HAB039

Question Serial No.

0576

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6301 District Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Information from the Estimates shows that a total of 300 owners' corporations (OCs) were formed in 2000 and that the same number is estimated to be set up this year. With the enactment of the Building Management (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 last year which has greatly facilitated the formation of OCs, the Administration still sets the same target based on its past performance. Is it too conservative?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply : The number of OCs formed in 2000 as shown in the Estimates is 277. Of these, 241 (87%) were formed with assistance from the Home Affairs Department. Our target in 2001 is to achieve a 10% increase over last year. The actual number of OCs to be formed in a particular year depends on a number of factors including the keenness of owners in OC formation in their buildings and the number of new buildings completed. The Department will strive to form more OCs in the coming year, wherever practicable, and will beef up its capacity in assisting owners to form OCs. The figure of 300 OCs is a realistic target.

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6303 Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Could the Government advise this Committee of:

- (a) the reasons for the huge increase in the number of Urban Minor Works (UMW) projects from 20 last year to 73 in 2001-02 and a breakdown of expenditure involved?
- (b) the reasons for the decrease in the number of District Council Minor Environmental Improvement (MEI) projects every year and the details of expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) As the UMW Programme was only introduced in April 2000, some projects, which were implemented in the later part of the year, could not be completed before December 2000 and were carried forward to 2001 for completion. This has led to the increase in projects in 2001. The UMW Programme is intended for district-based works projects up to \$15M each to improve local facilities, the living environment and hygienic conditions of the urban areas. The breakdown of expenditure for 2000-01 is as follows –

- Construction of / improvement to sitting-out-areas/ rain shelters/ amenity areas (42%);
- Construction of / improvement to footpaths/ walkways (29%);
- Amenity planting (19%);
- Improvement to back lanes / tidy up operations (2%); and
- Others e.g. provision of welcome signs, improvement to / beautification of vacant government land (8%).

(b) The use of District Council funds for the implementation of MEI projects is decided by the District Councils. They decide the number of projects to be implemented on the basis of district needs. The DCMEI projects aim at providing a prompt remedy to urgent local problems, such as minor works to ameliorate crime black spot conditions, remove eyesores, improve minor access roads and paths and put temporary vacant land to community use. In 2000-01, about \$20 million was spent on –

- Construction of / improvement to rain shelters / sitting-out-areas / amenity areas (37%);
- Repair to footpaths / walkways / country trails (19%);
- Grass cutting (10%);
- Improvement to / clearance of channels / streams (5%); and
- Others e.g. clearance of hygiene black spots, tree planting, improvement to / beautification of vacant government land, provision of notice boards (29%)

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6304 Licensing

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Would the Government inform this Committee of :

- (a) the number of singleton hostel places being provided by the Government at present; and
- (b) the level of rental charges and vacancy rates of the singleton hostel places in the past three years?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) At present, there are about 650 bedspaces under the Singleton Hostel Programme.
- (b) The level of rental charges for a bedspace ranged from \$430 to \$1,500 per month in the past three years. The vacancy rates have been reducing steadily from about 65% at the end of 1998, to 54% at the end of 1999, and to 35% at the end of 2000. We will continue our efforts to maximize the utilization of the resources available.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6303 Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The Government has been resuming private streets in the past years.
Could the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) the number of private streets that were resumed over the past five years;
- (b) the estimated number of private streets to be resumed in the next three years;
- (c) the locations of the private streets to be resumed in the coming year;
- (d) the number of private streets that were originally planned for resumption but were subsequently excluded; and
- (e) the factors to be taken into consideration in determining whether a particular private street should be excluded from resumption?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) 18 private streets have been resumed over the past five years.
- (b) The Government aims to work on the resumption of four private streets at any one time. The actual number of streets to be resumed in the next three years depends on the time taken to implement the resumption and reconstruction works required.

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- (c) Three private streets, Cheung On Lane, Ezra's Lane and Mason's Lane in the Central and Western District and one, Po Kong Lane, in the Wong Tai Sin District will be resumed in the coming year.
- (d) 78 private streets originally planned for resumption have subsequently been excluded from resumption.
- (e) The factors to be taken into consideration in determining whether to exclude a private street from resumption include the need to pay compensation, the presence of protruding balconies over the private street, and the need to use the private street for emergency vehicular access.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6304 Licensing

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

- Question : (a) The provision for Programme (4) for 2001-02 is \$0.1 million (0.3%) lower than the revised estimate for 2000-01 due to a decrease in the number of applications for hotels and guesthouses licences, bedspace apartments licences and certificates of compliance to clubs. What are the reasons for the decrease?
- (b) What is the provision for 2001-02 for investigating and taking enforcement action against unlicensed guesthouses/bedspace apartments? How many unlicensed guesthouses have been successfully prosecuted in 2000 and what is the target for 2001-02?

Asked by : Hon Howard YOUNG

Reply :

- (a) The Office of the Licensing Authority (LA) forecasts that there would be a slight decrease (about 4%) in the number of licence renewal applications in 2001, as reflected by the trades during the LA's regular contacts with the operators and having regard to the number of licence applications received in 2000.
- (b) About 20% (i.e. about \$8 million) of the financial provision in 2001-02 will be earmarked for investigating and taking enforcement actions against, among others, unlicensed guesthouses and bedspace apartments. The operators or keepers of seven unlicensed guesthouses were successfully prosecuted under the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance. We will continue to step up our enforcement actions against illegal guesthouses in 2001-02 by carrying out more inspections and conducting more undercover blitz operations etc. Moreover, we have employed additional non-civil service contract staff to strengthen our enforcement drive.

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Question Serial No.

0652

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 700 General other
non-recurrent

Programme : 6302 Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The Government has reserved \$2,120,000 under Item 009 "Promotion of community acceptance of new arrivals". Please provide the details of the project. When will the Government expect to carry out the project?

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply : In 2001-02, \$2.12 million has been earmarked for the 'Publicity and Community Education Programme to Promote Community Acceptance of New Arrivals' which will be launched in 2001-02. The programme will include the following items:-

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| 1. | TV and radio APIs | \$0.4 million |
| 2. | Other publication materials (including leaflets and booklets to promote the theme of the programme) | \$0.3 million |
| 3. | Other publicity efforts | \$0.3 million |

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4.	District-based community involvement activities	\$1 million
5.	Contingency expenses	\$0.12 million
		<u>\$2.12 million</u>

The publicity programme will be held throughout the year 2001-02.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs
Department

Subhead(No. & title) : 531 Subventions to
district sports and
arts associations

Programme : 6302 Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Could the Government advise this Council how many district sports and arts associations have been subsidized in 2000 for the promotion of district-based cultural, recreational and sports activities? Please provide the names of the associations so subsidized and the respective amounts of subsidy given.

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply : A maximum total of \$200,000 would be allocated to each district for the subvention of the district arts association (\$100,000) and the district sports association (\$100,000) for promoting district-based arts and sports activities.

The allocation to the districts in 2000-01 is as follows:

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District	District Arts Association	District Sports Association
Central & Western	\$60,000.00	\$83,542.50
Eastern	\$96,416.80	\$93,207.00
Kowloon City	\$99,000.00	\$100,000.00
Kwun Tong	\$92,944.00	\$100,000.00
Sham Shui Po	\$100,000.00	\$99,890.00
Southern	\$63,076.00	\$100,000.00
Wan Chai	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Wong Tai Sin	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Yau Tsim Mong	\$198,050.00	\$100,000.00
Islands	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Kwai Tsing	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
North	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Sai Kung	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Sha Tin	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Tai Po	\$94,207.40	\$100,000.00
Tsuen Wan	\$100,000.00	\$81,520.00
Tuen Mun	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Yuen Long	\$91,323.00	\$100,000.00

There is no representative district arts association in the Islands District. The subsidy has been allocated to subventing arts and cultural activities organised by various arts associations in the district. In the case of Yau Tsim Mong District, there were three district arts and/or sports associations established in the former Yau Tsim and Mongkok Districts respectively before their merging into one district.

A list of district arts/sports associations so subsidized is attached.

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Director of Home Affairs

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**District Sports Associations and District Arts Associations
which have received subvention under
Community Sports Subvention Scheme and Community Arts Subvention Scheme**

District Sports Associations

1. Central and Western District Recreation and Sports Association
2. Eastern District Recreation & Sports Advancement Association Ltd.
3. The Federation of Tsuen Wan District Sports & Recreation Association Ltd.
4. Islands District Sports Association
5. Kowloon City District Recreation & Sports Council
6. Kwai Tsing District Sports Association
7. Kwun Tong Sports Promotion Association Ltd.
8. Mongkok District Cultural Recreation & Sports Association Ltd.
9. North District Sports Association
10. Sai Kung District Sports Association Ltd.
11. Sha Tin Sports Association Ltd.
12. Sham Shui Po Sports Association
13. Southern District Recreation & Sports Council
14. Tai Po Sports Association Ltd.
15. Tuen Mun Sports Association Limited
16. Wanchai District Arts Cultural Recreation & Sports Association Ltd.
17. Wong Tai Sin District Recreation & Sports Council
18. Yaumatei and Tsimshatsui Recreation & Sports Association Ltd.
19. Yuen Long District Sports Association Ltd.

District Arts Associations

1. Central & Western District Association for Culture and Arts
2. Eastern District Arts Council
3. Kowloon City District Arts and Culture Council
4. Kwai Chung and Tsing Yi District Culture and Arts Co-ordinating Association Limited
5. Kwun Tong District Culture and Recreation Promotion Association Co. Ltd.
6. North District Arts Advancement Association Limited
7. (a) Sai Kung Culture & Recreational Advancement Association
(b) Tseung Kwan O Cultural & Recreational Centre
(c) Sai Kung Cultural Centre
8. Sha Tin Arts Association Limited
9. (a) Shamshuipo Arts Association
(b) Shamshuipo Council for the Promotion of Cultural & Recreational Services Ltd.
10. Southern District Arts and Culture Association Limited
11. Tai Po District Arts Advancement Association
12. Tsuen Wan Culture and Recreation Co-ordinating Association Ltd.
13. Tuen Mun Arts Promotion Association
14. Wong Tai Sin District Arts Council
15. Yau Ma Tei and Tsim Sha Tsui Culture and Arts Association Ltd.
16. Yuen Long District Arts Committee
17. Wanchai District Arts Cultural Recreation & Sports Association Ltd.

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6303 Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : In 2001-02, the Government will allocate \$20.7M for District Council Minor Environmental Improvement (MEI) projects, \$37.8M for local public works (maintenance) projects, \$1.5M for squatter area improvement projects, \$98M for Rural Public Works projects and \$45.2M for Urban Minor Works project. Of these provisions, how much will be made available to each DC for distribution at its discretion? How much will be allocated to each DC for these projects?

Asked by : Hon YEUNG Sum

Reply : Of the five works programmes named, DCs have the discretion to distribute the funds for MEI projects only, but they can advise on projects to be funded under the other four programmes. The amount of \$20.7M represents the total of the estimated sum out of the DC funds that DCs would likely set aside for MEI projects in the calendar year 2001.

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Post Title Director of Home Affairs

Date 17 March 2001

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6303 Local Environmental Improvements

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Of the 200 items of Rural Public Works projects in the Estimates, please explain what their types are and provide details about their distribution by districts.

Asked by : Hon LAU Wong-fat

Reply : The 200 projects can be grouped into the following categories –

- Construction of / improvement to van tracks/ footpaths/ country trails (56%)
- Construction of / improvement to stream courses / drainage systems / embankments (23%)
- Construction of rain shelters / sitting-out-areas (13%)
- Others e.g. provision of water pipes, improvement to slopes (8%)

They are distributed among the nine districts in the New Territories as follows –

District	Is	K&T	N	SK	ST	TM	TP	TW	YL
No. of projects	41	10	38	24	12	9	26	10	30

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Director of Home Affairs

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs
Department

Subhead(No. & title) : 531 Subventions to
district sports and arts
associations

Programme : 6302 Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : How will the Administration allocate the provision under Subhead
531 Subventions to district sports and arts associations?

Asked by : Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting

Reply : We will allocate a maximum of \$200,000 to each district for the
subvention of the district arts association (\$100,000), and the district
sports association (\$100,000) for promoting district-based arts and
sports activities. In the case of Yau Tsim Mong District, an additional
\$100,000 will be allocated since there were three district arts and/or
sports associations established in the former Yau Tsim and Mongkok
Districts before their merging into one district.

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6302 Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) What plan does HAD have in 2001-02 for strengthening building management? What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (b) Of the 90 posts HAD intends to create for handling building management matters, please give details of their respective ranks and duties. What is the financial provision for this in the Estimates?
- (c) What is the financial provision for the third Building Management Resource Centre (BMRC) to be established in the New Territories by HAD? Will more BMRCs be set up in 2001-02? If not, please give the reasons.

Asked by : Hon TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

- (a) HAD plans to set up a new division to coordinate building management matters and provide comprehensive service and advice to the public in building management. Additional activities will be organised to promote community awareness of the importance of building management. Training to our frontline staff in building management will be intensified to help them handle enquiries and assist owners of buildings to form owners' corporations. New District Building Management Liaison Teams will be set up in the districts to help expedite improvements to problematic buildings. The additional resources allocated for the purpose in 2001-02 will be \$22.5 million.

- (b) The initial plan is to create 12 additional posts in headquarters and the remaining in the 18 districts. Apart from an Assistant Director and a few general grades posts, the headquarters will also have a number of lawyers and building surveyors to provide legal and technical advice to our staff. Posts in the districts are mainly Liaison and Housing grade officers for providing assistance to building owners in forming owners' corporations and in improving the fire safety and building maintenance of their buildings. The total cost for the new posts for a full year is \$40 million.
- (c) The estimated annual recurrent cost for the third BMRC is \$3.07 million. We are looking into the possibilities of setting up additional BMRCs as part of our ongoing review of service provisions in building management.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6302 Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Please provide the breakdown of the approved estimate for the Clean Hong Kong Campaign. What is the manpower involved and what are the details of the Campaign?

Asked by : Hon LAU Chin-shek

Reply : As part of the Clean Hong Kong Campaign, a "District Promotion Committee" chaired by the Director of Home Affairs has been set up to promote community involvement and to disseminate the Clean Hong Kong message at the district level. A total of \$10.4 M will be allocated for the purpose of recruiting about 500 Clean Hong Kong Ambassadors. These Ambassadors will help promulgate the Clean Hong Kong message, and monitor the cleaned-up spots in the districts and help carry out district promotional activities and programmes.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs
Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 700 General other
non-recurrent

Programme : 6302 Community Building

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : With respect to Subhead 700 Item 009 "Promotion of community acceptance of new arrivals", please provide details of the projects and an itemized breakdown of the commitment.

Asked by : Hon LAU Chin-shek

Reply : In 2001-02, \$2.12 million has been earmarked for the 'Publicity and Community Education Programme to Promote Community Acceptance of New Arrivals' which will be launched in 2001-02. The programme will include the following items:-

1. TV and radio APIs \$0.4 million
2. Other publication materials (including leaflets and booklets to promote the theme of the programme) \$0.3 million
3. Other publicity efforts \$0.3 million

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4. District-based community involvement activities	\$1 million
5. Contingency expenses	\$0.12 million
	<u>\$2.12 million</u>

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6304 Licensing

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Of the 7 644 inspections made in 2000, how many are on hotels/guesthouses, clubs and bedspace apartments respectively? What is the number of cases in which irregularities were found? What action has been taken?

Asked by : Hon LAU Chin-shek

Reply : The Office of the Licensing Authority (LA) carried out 7 644 inspections in 2000. Of these, 4 499 were conducted in hotels/guesthouses, 2 359 in clubhouses and 786 in bedspace apartments.

Some 150 suspected illegal premises were identified during these inspections. Amongst these, seven premises have submitted licence applications subsequently, 44 establishments have ceased operation after having been warned by the LA, and the operators/keepers of 13 establishments were successfully prosecuted for having operated illegal guesthouses, clubhouses or bedspace apartments without valid licences or certificates of compliance. The LA is still investigating into the remaining some 80 cases, and will step up its inspection and enforcement efforts in the coming year.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 63 Home Affairs Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 6304 Licensing

Controlling Officer : Director of Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : What are the numbers of singleton hostel places provided in the past two years and what is the estimated number for the coming year? What is the current occupancy rate of these singleton hostels? Is the total number of places provided by these hostels adequate in fully satisfying the current demand?

Asked by : Hon LAU Chin-shek

Reply : There were about 660 and 650 bedspaces under the Singleton Hostel Programme (SHP) as at the end of 1999 and 2000 respectively. The number of bedspaces under the SHP is expected to increase to about 830 in 2001. The present occupancy level is about 65%. The SHP aims to provide alternative accommodation for displaced bedspace apartment lodgers in order to honour Government's commitment that no displaced bedspace apartment lodgers would be rendered homeless as a result of the implementation of the statutory licensing scheme under the Bedspace Apartments Ordinance in 1998. The SHP is able to meet the demand of bedspace apartment lodgers. We will continue to improve the occupancy of the SHP and ensure that utilization of the resources available is maximised.

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Post Title Director of Home Affairs

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 74 - Information Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 7401 Overseas Public Relations

Controlling Officer : Director of Information Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Will the Government inform this Council of:

- a) the details of the promotional activities that will be conducted in selected countries in 2001-02 with a view to promoting Hong Kong as a world-class city in the 21st century, the expenditure that needs to be incurred and the breakdown thereof. What benefits are to be derived from such activities?
- b) the way in which these activities will complement those launched by the Hong Kong Tourism Board (soon to be formed) to promote Hong Kong?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) The 2001-02 Estimate under this Programme Area includes \$7.5 million for projects rolled-over from 2000-01 for committed expenditures on promotional activities held in Europe, the Mainland, and New Zealand during that year.

For promotional activities outside of Hong Kong in 2001-02, the Information Services Department has yet to finalise details and to apply for the required funding. However, it is intended that major promotional activities will be conducted in selected cities in Europe including the United Kingdom; in North America; and in the Mainland and the Asia Pacific Region. Detailed planning of promotional activities and selection of cities will be worked out in due course in conjunction with relevant Government Bureaux, Heads of Overseas Offices, and Hong Kong Inc family members including the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and the Hong Kong Tourist Association. Major activities normally cover keynote addresses by principal government officials, high-level business conferences/seminars featuring prominent speakers from the government and the business sector in Hong Kong, media interviews, meetings with senior foreign government officials, leading political figures and think-tank organisations, themed exhibitions and cultural events. The total expenditure is expected to be around the region of \$28.5 million.

These Hong Kong promotional activities are effective in keeping Hong Kong's high profile in the Mainland and countries of significant social and commercial interests to Hong Kong. They reinforce Hong Kong's image as Asia's world city and help enhance business, economic and cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and the targeted countries. They also provide valuable opportunities for the overseas community to get a better understanding of the well-being of Hong Kong under "one country, two systems",

and the enormous business opportunities arising from China's imminent accession to the WTO. These activities have a direct bearing on boosting overseas confidence in Hong Kong, which in turn has a positive effect for our economy.

- (b) As a major co-organizer of these promotional activities, the Hong Kong Tourist Association (or the Hong Kong Tourism Board soon to be formed) will be actively involved in the course of planning and execution. The Association normally organizes large-scale marketing activities to promote Hong Kong tourism. These activities are carefully designed to fit in with the specific theme of each promotion. In addition, all exhibitions and cultural activities co-ordinated by the Government will enhance a better understanding of Hong Kong among our overseas audiences thus helping to attract more tourists to Hong Kong.

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Post Title Director of Information Services

Date 17.3.2000

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HAB056

Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Subhead (No. & title) :
Services Department

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : In Paragraph 14 of Programme (3), it is mentioned that the LCSD has reached an agreement with the Airport Authority to arrange displays of works of art and artefacts of Hong Kong in the Passenger Terminal Building. In this connection,

- (a) what is the financial arrangement between the LCSD and the Airport Authority regarding the agreement? Is it necessary for the LCSD to pay any fees to the Airport Authority to maintain the display of exhibits?
- (b) what are the criteria of the LCSD in the selection of the exhibits? Will the exhibits be changed regularly?

Apart from the Airport Authority, how many items of collection have the LCSD loaned out to other government or non-government organisations for display? Please give a breakdown of the number of loaned items and their places of display.

Asked by : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Reply : The LCSD is responsible for funding the installation of the displays and procurement of display cases while the Airport Authority provides the venues rent-free. The exhibits are collection items of LCSD museums and the Antiquities and Monuments Office. It is not necessary for LCSD to pay any fees to the Airport Authority for the display of these exhibits. Exhibits selected will reflect facets in the development of the pre-history and history of Hong Kong as well as art works by leading local artists. Obviously, with the limited space available, it is not possible to display a perfectly representative array of exhibits. Hence, exhibits will be changed from time to time. The initial displays will open on 27 March 2001. If the displays prove popular, the LCSD will seek more locations from the Airport Authority to expand the displays.

The LCSD has a number of travelling exhibitions available for loan to government and non-government organizations. In addition, the LCSD has a policy of long-term loan of museum collection items to outstanding public buildings, government or non-government, of which security and environmental conditions meet our preservation requirements.

Details of collection items currently on loan are :

<u>Organization and Location of display</u>	<u>Number of items</u>
Hong Kong Police Force Museum	1
Chief Executive's Office	3
Government House	28
Chief Secretary for Administration's Office	4
Victoria House (Chief Secretary for Administration's Residence)	6
Hong Kong International Airport	55
Mass Transit Railway Corporation (MTRC) at Admiralty Centre	2
Hong Kong Land Property Company Limited at Exchange Square	1

The LCSD is also liaising with the MTRC on the possibility of staging exhibitions of museum collection items at MTR stations.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and
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Date 17 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Subhead (No. & title) :
Cultural Services
Department

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Did the Leisure and Cultural Services Department carry out any conversion works in the museums in 2000-01? If so, what are the reasons and details of the conversion works and the designated use after the conversion? What is the overall expense of each conversion project? What kind of "permanent exhibitions" or "thematic exhibitions" will be organised by the museums upon completion of the conversion works? What are the details of these exhibitions?

Asked by : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Reply : Renovation work has recently commenced in two galleries of the Hong Kong Museum of Art: the Chinese Antiquities Gallery on the third floor and the Special Exhibition Gallery II on the first floor. The Museum building has been in operation since 1991. As much of its interior fittings, equipment etc are worn out and out-dated, overall upgrading of the exhibition areas is required. We plan to renovate the exhibition galleries in stages without causing serious disruption to our services.

The Chinese Antiquities Gallery will have its interior and display equipment upgraded and will provide an educational corner on "In Touch with Antiquities". The renovation of the Special Exhibition Gallery II involves an overhaul of the space and refitting out with up-dated lighting and display equipment. Upon completion of relevant works, an expanded and enhanced display on Chinese antiquities drawn from local collections will be on show in the two galleries.

The estimated cost for conversion works for the Chinese Antiquities Gallery is HK\$2.5 million and that for the Special Exhibition Gallery II is HK\$8.52 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Subhead (No. & title) :
Cultural Services
Department

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : In the brief description of Programme (4), it is mentioned that the government will continue to manage the Music Office pending its transfer to an established institution. It is understood that the government had proposed to transfer the Music Office to the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts for management during the dissolution of the two Municipal Councils. What is the progress of the proposal? Has the government set out any timetable for the transfer of the Music Office to another institution?

Asked by : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Reply : The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts has indicated interest in taking over the services of the Music Office. The Administration and the Academy are actively discussing the proposal and have started consultation with the contract staff of the Music Office. While there is no time frame set for the transfer of the Music Office to an established institution, it remains our intention to achieve the transfer as soon as practicable.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Subhead (No. & title) : 368 Leisure and culture
Cultural Services subventions
Department

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Subvention to the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society and the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society will be transferred from the Home Affairs Bureau to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. What are the reasons for the transfer? What are the subvention amounts provided to these two organizations in 2001-02 after the transfer?

Asked by : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Reply : Since the subvention of the three performing companies (namely the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, the Hong Kong Repertory Theatre and the Hong Kong Dance Company) will be taken over by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) following their corporatization with effect from 1 April 2001, the opportunity is taken to transfer the subvention responsibility of the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society and the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society to LCSD as well. This enables a better delineation of responsibility between HAB (policy bureau) and LCSD (operational department). It also ensures consistency and parity of treatment among the recipient bodies.

The provision included in the estimates for 2001-02 for subventing the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society is HK\$63.36 million, and that for the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society is HK\$15.811 million. Exact amounts of subvention will be determined after scrutiny of the business plans and budgets submitted by the two organizations.

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Director of Leisure and

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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Subhead (No. & title) : 102 Technical Services
Cultural Services Agreement
Department

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums
(4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : According to subhead 102 Technical Services Agreement, some \$59 million is required to meet payments to the PCCW – HKT International Limited in 2001-02. What expenditure items are covered by the technical services agreement? Was the agreement for the provision of the service secured through a tender exercise? Has the service been all along provided by the same company over the years (including the years when the two municipal services departments were still in operation)?

Asked by : Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Reply : The PCCW-HKT International Limited (formerly known as Cable and Wireless HKT International Limited) has been providing telecommunication and electronic services to government departments for some time under the Technical Services Agreement (TSA). The current TSA runs from 1 January 1988 to 30 September 2006. Services provided to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department under the TSA include operation and maintenance of sound, video, stage production and communication, Public Address, simultaneous interpretation, CCTV, score board display and exhibit control systems in civic centres and museums, including the Space Theatre Show Control Systems in the Space Museum. These services had all along been provided by the Company when these venues were under the management of the former Municipal Councils. The TSA was awarded to the Company through negotiation. Following a recent review, the Government has already decided that the TSA should not be renewed in any form upon its expiry in September 2006 and that the Department should refrain from acquiring new service through TSA.

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Director of Leisure and

Post Title Cultural Services

Date 16 March 2001

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) Does the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) have any plan to maximize the usage of facilities like indoor games halls/leisure centres/sports centres, tennis courts and sports grounds? Have any resources been reserved for this purpose?
- (b) When would LCSD expect to complete the review of the alignment of the booking procedures and the fee structures adopted by the two former Provisional Municipal Councils? How much resources will be allocated to implement the improvement measures in 2001-02?

Asked by : Prof Hon NG Ching-fai

Reply :

(a) LCSD has implemented the 'Free Use Scheme' since 1 September 2000 to enhance usage of leisure facilities. Schools, national sports associations, district sports associations and subvented non-governmental organizations are allowed free use of the main arena and activity rooms of all indoor games halls/leisure centres/sports centres, squash courts, hockey pitches, artificial bowling greens and an obstacle golf course during non-peak hours.

To enable the public to better plan their activities, leisure facilities may now be booked 30 days in advance. Before July 2000, the booking of leisure facilities could be made only 15 days in advance in the New Territories and 10 days in advance in the urban area.

Furthermore, the existing two computerized booking systems in the urban area and the New Territories will be realigned by the end of this year at a total project cost of \$9.96M. With the new system, members of the public can make use of the 138 booking venues to book leisure facilities throughout the whole territory.

LCSD will also include the booking of leisure facilities in the Electronic Service Delivery (ESD) Scheme administered by the Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau. By early 2002, the public can access LCSD's booking service on the Internet and at ESD's self-service kiosks.

(b) We expect to complete the review of the alignment of the booking procedures and the fee structures by the end of this year. Provision of \$7.57M has been made for the alignment of the two computerized booking systems in 2001-02. No other additional resources will be required for the review.

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Name in block letters Paul S W LEUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and
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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title) : 239 Cultural presentations, entertainment programmes, activities and exhibitions

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Please elaborate on the programme of the special theme festival on Chinese arts and the expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon CHOY So-yuk

Reply : The thematic festival on Chinese arts entitled "The Legends of China" is planned to be held from mid October for four weeks. It aims to promote public understanding and appreciation of Chinese arts and culture through the presentation of a variety of performing arts programmes in different art forms such as music, dance, drama, theatrical presentation and puppetry. These programmes are developed on a selection of representative figures in Chinese history, literature and legends which will encapsulate the rich and multifarious development of the arts in China. The festival will feature about 40 stage performances involving 19 arts groups. In addition, there will be about six educational performances, two exhibitions, 15 workshops and lecture demonstrations. The estimated total expenditure of the Festival based on direct production cost is about \$16 Million.

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**Leisure and Cultural Services Department
2001/02 Planting Programme**

District	Quantity				Estimated Expenditure \$
	Trees	Shrubs	Other Plants	Total	
Central & Western	2 000	132 000	90 000	224 000	1,433,000
Wanchai	1 000	146 000	50 000	197 000	1,059,000
Eastern	5 900	300 000	110 000	415 900	3,170,000
Southern	1 100	50 000	40 000	91 100	655,000
Sham Shui Po	2 100	200 000	26 000	228 100	1,442,000
Yau Tsim Mong	1 600	112 000	38 000	151 600	1,019,000
Kowloon City	2 200	80 000	20 000	102 200	960,000
Wong Tai Sin	1 800	65 000	25 000	91 800	822,500
Kwun Tong	2 400	113 000	25 000	140 400	1,164,500
Islands	4 200	60 000	20 000	84 200	1,380,000
Tuen Mun	3 200	90 000	42 000	135 200	1,349,000
Yuen Long	3 100	112 000	20 000	135 100	1,313,000
Kwai Tsing	3 500	80 000	28 000	111 500	1,321,000
Tsuen Wan	4 200	70 000	35 000	109 200	1,487,500
North	5 500	80 000	65 000	150 500	1,987,500
Tai Po	7 000	80 000	26 000	113 000	2,187,000
Sha Tin	5 000	150 000	90 000	245 000	2,255,000
Sai Kung	4 200	70 000	20 000	94 200	1,420,000
Total	60 000	1 990 000	770 000	2 820 000	26,425,000

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Why is there an increase of more than 15% in the estimated expenditure for performing arts in 2001 while the number of cultural presentations is reduced from 3 792 in 2000 to 3 000 in 2001?

Asked by : Hon CHOY So-yuk

Reply : The estimated expenditure on performing arts covers not only cultural presentations but also the management of civic centres, presentation of festivals, operation of a ticketing system as well as subventions to arts groups. The increase of \$151.86m in 2001-02 is mainly attributable to -

- (a) the transfer from the Home Affairs Bureau to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) the subvention responsibility of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society and the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society;
- (b) increase in venue operating costs including full-year provision for the operation of Yuen Long Theatre which was opened in mid-2000;
- (c) strengthening of school educational activities;
- (d) expected increase in cultural programme production costs which have not been adjusted for a number of years;
- (e) net incremental creep in staff salary; and
- (f) filling of vacant posts.

The number of cultural presentations may vary each year depending on the availability of artists and venues as well as the outcome of negotiation on engagement terms. The following two factors attribute to the reduction in the number of cultural presentations in 2001-02:

- (a) transfer of the funding responsibility for district cultural activities under the District Cultural Project Grants Scheme from LCSD to the District Councils, accounting for a decrease of some 450 programmes; and
- (b) decrease in the number of dates available in a few venues that have been reserved for maintenance work or bookings for other non-government programmes.

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Director of Leisure and

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Date

17 March 2001

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Services Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Will the Government inform this Committee:

- a) of the details of the archaeological sites where restoration work will be conducted for the next three years and the criteria adopted by the Administration when deciding on the priorities of restoring these sites?
- b) of the budget, together with a breakdown of expenditure, for conducting archaeological surveys at the sites to be restored in 2001-02?
- c) whether the Government has planned to provide protective measures to other archaeological sites apart from Wun Yiu in Tai Po? If so, what are their exact locations and the expenditures required? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply : (a) The Government plans to carry out major restoration work at the following archaeological sites in 2001-02:
(i) a Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368 A.D.) kiln at Ha Law Wan, Chek Lap Kok; and
(ii) Wun Yiu archaeological site in Tai Po.

Major restoration work on archaeological sites beyond 2001-02 will be carried out as and when required. In addition, routine maintenance work for archaeological sites will be conducted regularly.

The sites are prioritized according to their archaeological and educational value and the urgency with which repair and restoration are required.

(b) As the archaeological surveys for the above two sites have been completed, no provision is made for such surveys in 2001-02.

- (c) Besides the Wun Yiu archaeological site, the Government plans to implement protective measures and display facilities for the remains of a Yuan Dynasty kiln found at Ha Law Wan, Chek Lap Kok, with a total budget of \$0.88m.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Subhead (No. & title) :
Cultural Services
Department

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : When will the review of the provision of museum services be completed?
What is the scope of the review? What is the estimated expenditure
required?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply : We intend initially to conduct a consultancy study on the review in the latter
half of 2001/02 for completion in early 2002/03. The study is expected to
focus on the mode of governance of museums managed by the Leisure and
Cultural Services Department drawing on experience gained by major
museums in other parts of the world. The estimated cost is \$1.2 million.

The Culture and Heritage Commission is being consulted on the proposed
consultancy study and the Department will take this issue further on the
Commission's advice.

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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Regarding the introduction of a pilot scheme to encourage schools to participate in cultural visits or events as part of the schools' scheduled activities, will the Government inform this Committee of :
(a) the details of the pilot scheme and the schedule for conducting a review of the scheme; (b) the estimated number of participating schools participated and the expected effectiveness to be attained; and (c) the expenditure for the scheme?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply : (a) The School Culture Day Pilot Scheme aims to encourage schools to set aside one day in a school year for students to participate in cultural excursions. The Scheme will be launched in April 2001. Participating students will be encouraged to discover and enhance their interests in cultural subjects, so that they may be stimulated to pursue these interests outside of the school context. Starting from September 2001, cultural activities will be offered at the museums, libraries and performing arts facilities for each participating school to select according to the needs of its students.

The Department will obtain feedback from schools on the Scheme for subsequent improvement. A review on its effectiveness, scope and scale will be conducted towards the end of the school year.

(b) We intend to enroll initially about 20 primary, secondary and special schools. About 20 000 students will benefit from the Scheme. Priority will be given to schools proposing the highest rate of student participation.

(c) There is no separate provision for the Scheme. Marginal set-up costs as well as expenditure on activities provided and logistical arrangements will be absorbed from within the provision of the Department.

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 239 Cultural
presentations, entertainment
programmes, activities and
exhibitions

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Will the Government inform this Committee of the reasons for presenting a special theme festival on Chinese arts, as well as the details of the programmes, the estimated expenditure and the expected attendance to be drawn?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply : In 2001-02, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will present a thematic festival on Chinese arts entitled "The Legends of China". This follows the series of Chinese Arts Festivals presented by the former Provisional Municipal Councils and aims to promote public understanding and appreciation of Chinese arts and culture as well as to enhance cultural exchange between Hong Kong and Mainland artists. "The Legends of China" Festival will feature programmes of a wide variety of art forms including music, dance, drama, theatrical presentation and puppetry. These programmes are developed on a selection of representative figures in Chinese history, literature and legends encapsulating the rich and multifarious development of the arts in China. The festival will include about 40 stage performances involving 19 arts groups. In addition, there will be about six educational performances, two exhibitions, 15 workshops and lecture demonstrations. The estimated total expenditure of the Festival based on direct production cost is about \$16 Million with an estimated participation of 65,000 persons.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : a) What are the details of the trial scheme of District Green Hong Kong Ambassadors to be implemented throughout the territory and the expenditure involved?
b) What is expected to be attained under the trial scheme?
c) Will a review be conducted upon completion of the trial scheme? If yes, what is the timetable for the review? Have any resources been reserved for this purpose?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department intends to extend its existing Green Hong Kong Ambassadors Scheme to the district level. Under this Scheme, members of the public will be enlisted to identify potential street tree planting sites, perform simple maintenance tasks for roadside trees, serve as volunteers in Green Hong Kong Campaign activities, and as guest speakers in horticultural talks provided for schools and homes for the elderly on an voluntary basis. As a start, the Scheme will be on trial in major parks of four districts in mid 2001. If found successful, it will be further extended to all other districts. The estimated expenditure of the trial scheme is \$850,000. This includes expenses for administering the Scheme; organizing greening activities; and paying honoraria for part-time instructors to train new Green Ambassadors.
- b) The Department intends to enlist 100 Green Ambassadors in each of the four districts in the first year. Through the Scheme, we hope to encourage members of the public to care more about greening and beautification of the environment, and to attract more people to participate in district greening work.

- c) A review will be conducted after the Scheme has been put on trial for 12 months. Funds have been reserved for the trial scheme in 2001-02.

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Beautification Programmes for Public Roads in 2001-02

District	Location	Area (m²)	Estimated Expenditure \$
Wanchai	Central Divider at Gloucester Road leading to Happy Valley	2 000	400,000
Eastern	Amenity Areas at Island Eastern Corridor near the entrance of Eastern Harbour Crossing	400	80,000
	Amenity Areas opposite Chai Wan Road Roundabout Garden	300	60,000
	Amenity Areas adjoining Chai Wan Park	500	100,000
Southern	Amenity Areas at Wong Chuk Hang Interchange	2 000	400,000
	Amenity Areas at Island Road and Wong Chuk Hang Road	1 300	260,000
	Amenity Areas at Repulse Bay Road and Beach Road	400	80,000
Kowloon City	Sheung Hing Street Roundabout	300	60,000
Kwun Tong	Hoi Yuen Road and Wai Yip Street Roundabout	4 000	800,000
	Amenity Areas at Kai Tak Airport Tunnel Approach	1 100	220,000
	Amenity Areas at Kwun Tong By-pass near Kowloon Bay	2 400	480,000
	Amenity Areas at Kwun Tong Road and Prince Edward Road West	2 000	400,000
Tuen Mun	Lam Tei Roundabout	800	160,000
Kwai Tsing	Amenity Areas at Kwai Tsing Road	300	60,000
Tsuen Wan	Amenity Areas at Tai Ho Road and Castle Peak Road	650	130,000
	Amenity Areas at Sha Tsui Road and Tai Ho Road	600	120,000
Tai Po	Amenity Areas at Ting Kok Road near Fu Shin Estate	550	110,000
	Lam Kam Road Interchange	4 000	800,000
Sha Tin	Amenity Areas at Tai Chung Kiu Road	2 500	500,000
	Amenity Areas at Yuen Wo Road	800	160,000
Sai Kung	Amenity Areas at Wan Po Road	1 000	200,000
Total :		27 900	5,580,000

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Question Serial No.

0599

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Subhead (No. & title) :
Services Department

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The provision for 2001-02 is 24.5% higher than the revised estimate for 2000-01. One of the reasons for such increase is the provision for new facilities to be opened in 2001-02. What are these new facilities?

Asked by: Hon Howard YOUNG

Reply : The new facilities include the permanent exhibition gallery of the Hong Kong Museum of History and resource centres at a number of existing venues, namely the Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Museum of History, Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Hong Kong Science Museum and the Antiquities and Monuments Office.

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HAB072

Question Serial No.

0629

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Subhead (No. & title) :
Services Department

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : During 2001-02, the Department will pursue the transfer of the Music Office to an established institution. What progress does it expect to achieve in 2001-02 and how far it will impact on the financial provision for the Music Office in 2001-02?

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply : The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts has indicated interest in taking over the services of the Music Office. The Administration and the Academy are actively discussing the transfer proposal. As it is unlikely that the transfer will be effected within 2001-02, a full year provision for the Music Office, amounting to \$58.5 Million, has been included in the estimates of 2001-02.

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HAB073

Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural
Services Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 239 Cultural
presentations, entertainment
programmes, activities and
exhibitions

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The introduction of a pilot scheme to encourage schools to participate in cultural visits on events as part of the schools' scheduled activities:

- (a) Will there be any financial provision for the scheme? If yes, what are the details?
- (b) Will there be any other governmental departments, such as the Education Department, involved in the scheme?

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

- Reply : (a) There is no separate provision for the pilot scheme to encourage schools to participate in cultural visits as arrangements will be made through reallocation of existing resources and productivity enhancement. Marginal set-up cost as well as expenditure on activities provided and logistical arrangements will be absorbed from within the provision of the Department. Any increase in the overall provisions for cultural presentations as well as museum and library activities should be minimal.
- (b) The concept of this pilot scheme has been developed in consultation with the Education Department.

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HAB074

Question Serial No.

0631

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Subhead (No. & title) :
Cultural Services
Department

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : (a) The Estimates state that the actual and estimated numbers of seminars/conferences/workshops/exhibitions/heritage tours respectively in 2000 and 2001 are both 150. What are the details?

(b) With decrease in number of exhibitions, from 75 in 2000 to 73 in 2001, and no increase in number of museums in 2001, what is the reason for the increase of number of visitors to museums/exhibitions from 3,410,982 in 2000 to 4,000,000 in 2001?

Asked by: Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply: (a) The details of the activities organized by the Antiquities and Monuments Office in 2000 and planned for 2001 are as follows:

	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Estimated)
Seminars and lectures	21	20
Conference	0	0
Workshops	31	30
Exhibitions	3	2
Travelling exhibitions	24	25
Heritage tours	71	73
Total:	150	150

- (b) The greater number of exhibitions held in 2000 was mainly due to the commissioning of the Hong Kong Heritage Museum which staged 12 opening exhibitions at one go in December 2000.

The Heritage Museum and the Museum of Coastal Defence (opened in July 2000) have been very popular since their opening last year with daily average attendance of 3 400 and 2 110 respectively. We anticipate that the two museums will continue to attract large numbers of visitors. With the planned opening of the permanent exhibition gallery of the Hong Kong Museum of History around August 2001, the total number of visitors to museums should see a significant increase.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Services
Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) The estimates stated that there were 1 250 000 participants in recreation and sports activities in 2000. How many of them are persons with a disability?
- (b) What are the details of activities organized for persons with a disability?
- (c) What is the estimated number of participants in the activities mentioned in Question (b)?
- (d) Is there any financial provision for new recreation and sports activities and new recreation and sports facilities provided for persons with a disability in 2001-02? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply :

- (a) Over 65 000 persons with a disability participated in the recreation and sports activities organized in 2000.
- (b)&(c) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organized a wide variety of recreation and sports activities for persons with a disability, including athletics and aquatics, dance and movement, individual games, outdoor pursuits, water sports and team games. Details of the activities organized and the number of participants are at Annex.
- (d) In 2001-02, LCSD will continue to provide community recreation and sports activities for persons with a disability at an estimated cost of \$5.54M. Another \$3.3M will also be granted to subsidize some local associations to organize tailor-made activities for persons with a disability.

With regard to new recreation and sports facilities, the following projects will be completed in 2001-02 -

- i) Swimming Pool Complex and District Open Space in Area 24, Tseung Kwan O
- ii) Ping Shek Playground
- iii) Redevelopment of Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground
- iv) Recreational Development of the 'DO' Site at North Ap Lei Chau Reclamation (Phase II)
- v) Promenade and adjoining District Open Space at Siu Sai Wan;
- vi) Quarry Bay Park Phase II (Stage I);
- vii) Improvement to Aberdeen Sports Ground; and
- viii) Local Open Space in Area 44 Tuen Mun.

All these venues are accessible to persons with a disability.

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Recreation and Sports Activities for Persons with a Disability

<u>Type of Activities</u>	<u>No. of Participants</u>
<u>Athletics and Aquatics</u> (Track & Field, Swimming, etc)	1 833
<u>Team Games</u> (Gateball, Basketball, Soccer, etc)	2 018
<u>Individual Games</u> (Archery, Badminton, Golf, Lawn Bowls, Tennis, Table-tennis, etc)	2 237
<u>Dance and Movement</u> (Dance, Fitness, Tai Chi, Baduanjin, Wushu, General Gymnastics, etc)	4 155
<u>Outdoor Pursuits & Water Sports</u> (Residential Camp, Day and Evening Camp, Excursion, etc)	16 560
<u>Others</u> (Carnival-type activities, Outreaching Programmes, Sports Fun Days, etc)	38 977
Total	65 780

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HAB076

Question Serial No.

0658

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Subhead (No. & title) :
Cultural Services
Department

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : In anticipation of an increase in the number of visitors to museums/exhibitions and the number of guided tours, will the Government inform this Committee whether it will allocate additional resources to recruit extra staff? If yes, please give details of the amount of additional resources to be allocated and the number of extra staff to be recruited. If no, will the Government please explain how to redeploy the existing staff to cope with the increase in the number of visitors and guided tours?

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply : High attendance of visitors falls mainly on Sundays and public holidays. This can be catered for by deployment of our operational staff to work on shifts and to take turns to take time-off during weekdays. As for the increased demand for guided tours, since our current docents are volunteers receiving only small honorarium, the additional cost incurred should be insignificant. This said, we plan to engage two full-time docents upon the full opening of the permanent exhibition of Hong Kong Museum of History around August 2001. The Hong Kong Museum of Art will procure contract Public Relations Assistant service to supplement the docent service, at a total estimated cost of HK\$ 0.5 million.

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Question Serial No.

0659

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title) : 239 Cultural presentations, entertainment programmes, activities and exhibitions

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) Will the Government inform this Committee how it will monitor the performance of the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, the Hong Kong Dance Company and the Hong Kong Repertory Theatre after their corporatisation?
- (b) Has the Government any other plans in hand to corporatise other performing companies in the coming year? How much saving in resources is expected from such plans?

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply :

- (a) To facilitate monitoring of the performance of the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, Hong Kong Dance Company and Hong Kong Repertory Theatre after their incorporation, the Department will enter into a Funding and Services Agreement with each new company to set out the conditions under which the subvention will be made. Each company will be required to draw up its Business Plan covering its objectives, performance targets and the level of activities, and to submit regular performance reports and statements of accounts to the Department. In addition, the companies will be required to allow a representative from the Department to attend their Board meetings as an observer and their records and accounts are subject to the examination of the Director of Audit.
- (b) The Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, Hong Kong Dance Company and Hong Kong Repertory Theatre are the only three performing companies under the management of the department. There are no other performing companies that need to be corporatised. No immediate saving is expected.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Will the Government explain in detail why it is anticipated that there will be an increase in the total attendance of cultural presentations on the one hand while a reduction of more than 700 cultural presentations on the other? Besides, what are the types of cultural presentations to be reduced?

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply : The number of cultural presentations refers to the estimated number of performances, workshops and lectures. It may vary each year depending on the availability of artists and venues as well as the outcome of negotiation on engagement terms. The following two factors attribute to the reduction in the number of cultural presentations in 2001-02:

- (a) transfer of the funding responsibility for district cultural activities under the District Cultural Project Grants Scheme from LCSD to the District Councils, accounting for a decrease of some 450 programmes; and
- (b) decrease in the number of dates available in a few venues that have been reserved for maintenance work or bookings for other non-government programmes.

Despite the smaller number of cultural presentations in 2001-02, we expect that by scheduling more programmes at larger venues and organizing more audience-building activities, total attendance of cultural presentations will increase with time.

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HAB079

Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Services Subhead (No. & title) :
Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department is conducting reviews to realign the booking procedures and fee structures adopted by the former Provisional Municipal Councils. When will the reviews be completed? What sort of convenience is expected to bring to the public with regard to the booking service?

Asked by :Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting

Reply :

The realignment of booking procedures and the review of fees and charges is expected to be completed by the end of this year. Upon completion of the realignment of booking procedures as well as the two computerized booking systems in the urban area and the New Territories, members of the public can make use of all our booking venues to book leisure facilities throughout the whole territory.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Services Subhead (No. & title) :
Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

One of the targets of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) for the coming year is to enhance awareness of the benefits of physical fitness. What are the plans in hand to achieve the target? What are the estimated expenditures involved?

Asked by : Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting

Reply :

To enhance public awareness of the benefits of physical fitness, LCSD and the Department of Health have jointly organized a territory-wide "Healthy Exercise for All" Campaign in 2000-01. To reinforce and consolidate the work done last year, LCSD will carry on with the campaign in 2001-02. Fitness programmes will continue to be organized. Pamphlets and VCDs will be produced to teach individuals to do some simple healthy exercises. Local elite athletes will continue to be appointed as "Healthy Exercise Ambassadors" to promote the message of "Healthy Exercise for All". Efforts will also be made to promote dance and rope- skipping as healthy physical exercises. Roving demonstrations of popular sports such as table-tennis, badminton, fencing and wushu will be organized to encourage the public to participate in physical fitness activities on a regular basis. It is estimated that 1 540 activities will be organized under this campaign for about 90 000 participants at an estimated cost of \$4M in 2001-02.

Apart from this campaign, LCSD will organize in the 18 districts some 8 600 fitness activities such as aerobic dance, multi-gym, tai chi, baduanjin, hydro fitness as district community activities for about 340 000 participants. The estimated expenditure is \$19.7M in 2001-02.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Subhead (No. & title) :
Cultural Services
Department

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Regarding the arrangement of displaying works of art and artefacts of Hong Kong in the Passenger Terminal Building, Hong Kong International Airport, what criteria does the Government adopt in assessing the individual or group applicants? How many pieces of works of art and artefacts were displayed in the Passenger Terminal Building last year?

Asked by : Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting

Reply : 34 pieces of works of art and artefacts of Hong Kong will be displayed in the Passenger Terminal Building of the Hong Kong International Airport from late March 2001. They are drawn from the collections of the museums and the Antiquities and Monuments Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to reflect facets in the development of the pre-history and history of Hong Kong as well as art works by leading local artists.

In 2000, altogether 55 pieces of works of art and archaeological artefacts from the Hong Kong Museum of Art and the Antiquities and Monuments Office (including the 34 pieces mentioned above) were on display at the airport till now.

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HAB082

Question Serial No.

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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Subhead (No. & title) :
Cultural Services
Department

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Will the Government inform this Committee of the details regarding the establishment of "Friends of Heritage" and the provision of support to it? What is the budget involved?

Asked by : Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting

Reply : To enhance the community's involvement in protecting local heritage and to establish a closer link with the public through heritage-related activities, the Antiquities and Monuments Office set up in July 1997 an interest group known as the "Friends of Heritage". Under this initiative, a series of activities was arranged over a 6-month period for volunteers to familiarize themselves with heritage conservation work. 35 volunteers who performed satisfactory voluntary work were subsequently selected as founding members of the Friends of Heritage. In-depth training on heritage conservation was then provided for the members. A second batch of "Friends of Heritage" was recruited in late 1999 with more than 120 applications received. The volunteers assist in heritage-related activities by providing guided tour service, assisting in archaeological excavations, etc.

The Friends of Heritage Scheme was launched with a grant of \$150,000 from the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust.

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Question Serial No.

0935

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Subhead (No. & title) :
Cultural Services Department

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

1. Has the Leisure and Cultural Services Department contracted out any of its services to the private sector? If yes,
 2. What kinds of services have been contracted out to the private sector?
 3. What is the total number of service contracts in terms of service types that have been awarded since January 2000, and what is the gross contract value?
 4. Since January 2000, how many civil service posts in the #junior, middle and senior levels have been saved as a result of the contracting out of services? What are the amounts of expenditures on salaries and allowances involved?
- # Posts in junior level: equivalent to MPS 9 or below;
Posts in middle level : equivalent to MPS 10 to 33;
Posts in senior level: equivalent to MPS 34 or above.

Asked by : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply :

1. Yes.
2. The services contracted out include cleansing services, security guard services, horticultural maintenance services, venue management services, printing services, information technology supporting services, removal and transportation services, etc.

3. As at 1st March 2001, the Department has a total no. of 346 service contracts with a total value \$1,491.5M, of which 157 service contracts with a total value of \$339.2M have been awarded by the Department since January 2000. A breakdown of the existing service contracts is as follows:-

<u>Type of Services</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Total Value</u> \$ Million
Cleansing services	68	294.3
Security guard services	36	239.5
Horticultural maintenance services	20	98.7
Venue management services	5	19.9
Others	<u>217</u>	<u>839.1</u>
	<u>346</u>	<u>1,491.5</u>

4. The contracting out of services since 1.1.2000 have resulted in a reduction of 328 posts with the total annual salary and allowances involved amounting to \$45M. The 328 posts include 31 middle level posts and 297 junior level posts.

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Date 17 March 2001

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Bureau Serial No.

HAB084

Question Serial No.

0976

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Subhead (No. & title) :
Cultural Services Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

When outsourcing the cleansing services, will the Government follow the practice of the Social Welfare Department in entering a Funding and Service Agreement with the contractors and stipulate the hourly rate and the working hours of the contract workers engaged? If yes, what will be the specific details of the agreement? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

It is the practice of the Department to acquire cleansing services through open tender. Services requirements are specified in the tender documents. The Department does not stipulate the hourly rates and working hours in the cleansing contracts. We consider an effective means to ensuring quality services is to specify the qualifications, experience, training and skills required of the personnel involved in the delivery of services; request tenderers to provide references from their previous clients; exercise great care in tender evaluation; and close monitoring of contractors' performance.

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Bureau Serial No.

HAB085

Question Serial No.

1124

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Services Subhead (No. & title) :
Department

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Will the North Lantau Highway Beautification Programme involve any further road widening works in order to accommodate large shrubs?

Asked by : Hon LAU Ping-cheung

Reply : The North Lantau Highway Beautification Programme will not involve any road widening works. The existing planting areas along the Highway will be wide enough to plant 5 000 large flowering trees and 100 000 large flowering shrubs.

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Bureau Serial No.

HAB086

Question Serial No.

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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Of the outstanding capital works projects of the former Municipal Councils, some have received support from the District Councils that they be given priority for implementation. What is the amount of provision reserved for projects such as the restoration of Hung Lau Sitting-out Area in Tuen Mun and the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park in Central and Western District?

Asked by : Hon LAU Ping-cheung

Reply : The proposed Hung Lau Park was a capital works project planned by the former Provisional Regional Council but no funding had been reserved. The scope of facilities has yet to be finalised and there are private lots within the proposed site to be resumed before development could proceed.

The proposed Sun Yat-sen Memorial Park was a capital works project planned by the former Provisional Urban Council with no funding reserved. The Department is now working on the requisite Client Project Brief.

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Bureau Serial No.

HAB087

Question Serial No.

1126

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 95 Leisure and Subhead (No. & title) :
 Cultural Services
 Department

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Despite the unsatisfactory progress of the restoration works at the Wun Yiu archaeological site in Tai Po, the Home Affairs Department has included it in the Tourism Guide for the Eighteen Districts. In this connection, will the Government expedite the restoration works for monuments of this kind to enrich the scenic attractions of Hong Kong?

Asked by : Hon LAU Ping-cheung

Reply : The Government places great emphasis on heritage preservation. It has stepped up its efforts in recent years in this area.

The project "urgent protective measures for Wun Yiu archaeological site" covers the restoration of Fan Sin Temple, the provision of signage and fencing for selected archaeological features on site, and the conversion of an old school building on site into a visitors' centre. The Fan Sin Temple has been completed, restored, and opened to the public in November 2000. Fencing and signage have also been added around the animal-driven grinder, a major archaeological feature which is now open for public visit. Conversion of the old school building into a visitors' centre is expected to start in late 2001.

We will shortly conduct a consultancy study to explore the feasibility of turning the Wun Yiu site into a heritage tourism centre.

Meanwhile, restoration of a number of historical buildings is in good progress, e.g. Hau Kui-shek Ancestral Hall, Hau Mei-fung Ancestral Hall and the Helena May. In 2001-02, we plan to restore two more historical buildings, namely, the Tin Hau Temple in Causeway Bay and the Cheung's Ancestral Hall in Yuen Long, and to carry out protective measures for an old kiln at Ha Law Wan, Chek Lap Kok.

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Bureau Serial No.

HAB088

Question Serial No.

0239

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 106 Miscellaneous Services Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : 5303 District and Community Relations

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : The amount of Government's contribution to the Dragon Foundation in 1999-2000 was \$10m. What are the objectives of the Foundation and how was the amount spent?

Asked by : LEE Chu-ming

Reply :

The objectives of the Dragon Foundation are:-

- (a) To provide opportunities and facilities for the social, educational, cultural and physical development of ethnic Chinese youth.
- (b) To provide leadership training for Chinese youth and to promote public recognition and support of all aspects of educational work designed to help ethnic Chinese youth to attain their full potential.

- (c) To organise and arrange conventions, conferences, forums, seminars, meetings, lectures, classes, exhibitions, demonstrations, displays, shows and gatherings of any kind whatsoever and for the promotion and understanding of Chinese art, culture, literature and history.
- (d) To advance the cause of education, whether general, professional, technical, ethical or religious for outstanding Chinese youth.
- (e) To provide scholarships, bursaries, grants and loans in support of educational activities for ethnic Chinese youth.
- (f) To offer and distribute prizes and awards for the promotion and encouragement of educational activities for ethnic Chinese youth.

Since its inauguration in February 2000, the Dragon Foundation has applied roughly HK\$1.9M to the following programmes: inauguration ceremony, “Dragon in the New Millennium” creative design competition, reunion party for local participants of the “Dragon Dance at the Great Wall” project, Lectures Series for Youth Leaders, publications, promotion and publicity.

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Bureau Serial No.

HAB089

Question Serial No.

0566

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 170 - Social Welfare Department

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : To cope with the current problems of youth employment, the Government has planned to recruit unemployed youth as programme assistants for community development services. Please inform the Council of the followings:

- (a) the details of the above programme;
- (b) the expected result of the programme;
- (c) the breakdown of expenditure under the above programme; and
- (d) how does the above programme align with other youth employment programmes introduced by the EMB? Please specify.

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply : (a) The provision of Programme Assistants represents a social investment in welfare services, meeting also the objective of creating job opportunities for the unemployed, especially unemployed youth. These Programme Assistants will be deployed to work in youth, community development, rehabilitation and elderly service units of both Social Welfare Department and non-government organisations. The Programme Assistants will be remunerated at \$5,000/month plus MPF contribution and other statutory provision. A total of 1 290 Programme Assistant jobs are created, of which 89 will be allocated to service units under Community Development Programme.

- (b) The provision of Programme Assistant jobs will assist in addressing the issue of high unemployment amongst young people and will provide additional support to a range of welfare services. We will closely monitor the recruitment situation amongst non-government organisations to ensure that these additional jobs are created and filled in a timely manner. It is hoped that through exposure to and experience gained in these Programme Assistant jobs, the employability of young people will be enhanced.
- (c) The total provision for the 1 290 Programme Assistant posts is estimated to be \$83.2m in 2001-02.
- (d) Those young people who have completed the Youth Pre-employment Training Programmes of the Labour Department will be given preference in recruitment as Programme Assistants. The Social Welfare Department has been in close liaison with the Labour Department on the recruitment of suitable candidates to fill up the Programme Assistant posts of the Department. The non-government organisations have also been advised to follow suit the arrangement.

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Question Serial No.

0567

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 170 - Social Welfare Department

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Please inform the Council of the followings:

- (a) The details of the outreaching service to New Arrival families. Will this programme be introduced in the 18 districts over the territory?
- (b) The estimated number of clients who are in need of the service; and
- (c) The breakdown of expenditure under the above programme.

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) Outreaching teams for new arrival families as announced in the Chief Executive's 2000 Policy Address will be set up in the District Social Welfare Offices of the Social Welfare Department through redeployment of staff as well as the provision of additional resources in 2001-02. The outreaching service will be introduced on a territory-wide basis although the level of resource input may vary amongst districts.
- (b) The number of new arrival families to be served is estimated to be 10 000 per year.
- (c) The additional provision for the enhanced outreaching service is \$10.8m including \$8.2m for Personal Emolument and \$2.6m for Other Charges in 2001-02.

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Question Serial No.

1377

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 170 - Social Welfare Department

Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : There will be 30 Neighbourhood Level Community Development Project Teams in 2001-02, a reduction of 10 teams from 2000-01. How will the relevant services resources be allocated? Will these be kept under the Programme of Community Development?

Asked by : Hon LAW Chi-kwong

Reply : The reduction of 10 Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects (NLCDP) teams in 2001-02 which brings the total number of serving NLCDP teams from 40 (in 2000-01 Estimate) to 30 (2001-02 Estimate), is attributable to the scheduled clearance of project areas currently served by the teams concerned. The savings arising from the anticipated cessation of service of the teams concerned will be re-deployed to serve new project areas to be identified through the Comprehensive Redevelopment Programme, if any. In case there are no re-deployment needs, the resources will be regarded as the contribution of the non-government organisations concerned towards the Enhanced Productivity Programme.

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Question Serial No.

0605

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 177 – Subventions : Non-departmental Public Bodies

Subhead : 523 Equal Opportunities Commission

Programme : Subvention : Equal Opportunities Commission, Office of the
Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : How much resources are allocated in the budget of 2001/2002 for understanding racial discrimination in Hong Kong and for implementing measures in preventing racial discrimination? How does Hong Kong fare when compared with other countries? Is there any provision for conducting a more detailed survey on racial discrimination in Hong Kong?

Asked by : HO Chun-yan

Reply :

The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) is responsible for implementing the three anti-discrimination ordinances, namely, Sex Discrimination Ordinance, Disability Discrimination Ordinance and Family Status Discrimination Ordinance. EOC does not allocate its resources to cover racial discrimination since it is outside the EOC's jurisdiction.

Promotion of equal opportunities for race is the responsibility of the Home Affairs Bureau. Funding mainly comes under Subhead 270 (Activities to promote equal opportunities). Taking the Honourable Member's question seriatim –

- a) The Equal Opportunities (Race and Sexual Orientation) Funding Scheme is the main programme through which we provide funding to NGOs for community-level projects to promote equal opportunities in the areas of race and sexual orientation. For the year 2001-02, we have earmarked \$1.6 million for this purpose. There is no pre-determined allocation of funding as between race and sexual orientation. But, in previous years, about two thirds of the money allocated under the Scheme has been spent on applications relating to race. In addition, we shall allocate \$0.98 million for other programmes to promote racial harmony and to help the ethnic minorities integrate into the community.

- b) Regarding comparison with other countries, we do not have any data on the budget of other jurisdictions.

- c) As regards survey on racial discrimination, we have not made any specific provisions for such a survey but resources may be redeployed for the purpose if there is such a need.

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Question Serial No.

0607

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 177 – Subventions : Non-departmental Public Bodies

Subhead : 524 and 918 Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Programme : Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission, Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Administration inform us, in 1999 and 2000 respectively:-

- (a) How many inspections of personal data systems of government departments and statutory corporations did the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (the Privacy Commissioner) carry out to check their compliance with the provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance?
- (b) How many improvement measures did the Privacy Commissioner recommend to these departments and corporations?
- (c) How many recommendations were accepted? If they were not accepted, would the departments and corporations concerned explain the reasons for their refusal?
- (d) Will the Privacy Commissioner make regular inspections to these departments and corporations and take follow up action to ensure implementation of the recommendations?

Asked by : The Hon Cyd Ho Sau-lan

Reply :

(a)

The Privacy Commissioner (“PC”) is empowered by section 36 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (“the PDPO”) to carry out inspections of personal data systems. The PC has so far not carried out any such inspection. Instead, he has prepared a set of self-assessment kit for issue to data users. While no inspection of personal data system has been conducted, the PC does carry out compliance checks on specific practices that may be inconsistent with the requirements of the PDPO. In 1999 the Commissioner carried out compliance checks on 12 government departments/statutory bodies. In the year 2000, 9 compliance checks were conducted in respect of 8 government departments/statutory bodies.

(b)

2. Seventeen improvement measures were recommended by the PC as a result of the 21 compliance checks referred to in the preceding paragraph.

(c)

3. Of the recommendations referred to paragraph 2 above, 15 were accepted. For those which were not accepted, the departments and corporations concerned did explain the reasons for their refusal.

(d)

4. In all cases where a compliance check has been conducted, the Commissioner will require the department/statutory body concerned to keep him posted of the outcome of its implementation of agreed changes. Follow-up action will also be taken on any outstanding issues relating to the compliance check. For example, where a department agrees to implement guidelines to its staff regarding an improved practice in compliance with the requirements of the PDPO, the Commissioner will require a copy of the relevant departmental circular promulgating the guidelines to be submitted for examination. This is to ensure that remedial action has been taken to avoid future recurrence of non-compliance.

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Head : 177 – Subventions : Non-departmental Public Bodies

Subhead : 524 and 918 Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Programme : Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission, Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Would the Administration inform us of the amount of provision allocated to the Privacy Commissioner in 2001-2002 and the specific measures to be put in place for the follow-up on the proposed smart ID card scheme?

Asked by : The Hon Cyd Ho Sau-lan

Reply :

No specific provision is allocated to the Privacy Commissioner in 2001-2002 in relation to the proposed smart ID card scheme. As part of his normal function, the Privacy Commissioner will continue to provide his views to the Immigration Department on matters relating to personal data privacy at different stages of the implementation of the scheme. The Immigration Department has accepted the Commissioner's recommendation to undertake Privacy Impact Assessment studies at various implementation stages and to prepare an administrative code of practice in relation to the proposed scheme. The department will further consult the Privacy Commissioner on the matter and seek his advice where appropriate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 177 – Subventions : Non-departmental Public Bodies

Subhead : 524 and 918 Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Programme : Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission, Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to Subhead 113 "Consultancy for development of a methodology for inspection of personal data systems", could the Administration advise the Council of the progress made by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data on this project so far? Please give details of the project and the expected completion date of the consultancy report.

Asked by : The Hon Cyd Ho Sau-lan

Reply :

The consultancy consisted of two phases. Phase I required the consultant:

- (a) to devise a methodology and related checklists suitable for conducting personal data system inspections, having regard to the requirements of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance ("PDPO");
- (b) to recommend guiding principles for selecting inspection subjects; and
- (c) to recommend resource options to implement the inspection function.

2. Phase II of the project required the consultant to carry out two pilot inspections using the proposed inspection methodology. The plan was for the staff of the Privacy Commissioner's Office ("the PCO") to work with the consultants so as to learn from their experience and skills in adopting the methodology and in performing personal data system inspections.

3. Phase I was completed in September 1998, when the consultant delivered the inspection methodology manual and his recommendations on the criteria for selecting data users for inspections. Privacy Commissioner decided not to proceed with Phase II of the consultancy until the staff required to carry out inspections could be arranged.

4. In the meantime, making use of the material produced in Phase I, the PCO prepared a "Privacy compliance self-assessment kit - Privacy.SAFE", for release to data users. The kit was designed to assist data users in assessing whether their personal data practices and procedures complied with the requirements of the PDPO. It was launched in March 2000.

5. While no inspections of personal data system have been carried out, the Privacy Commissioner did carry out compliance checks on specific personal data practices that might be inconsistent with the requirements of the PDPO.

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Question Serial No.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 177 – Subventions : Non-departmental Public Bodies

Subhead : 523 Equal Opportunities Commission

Programme : Subvention : Equal Opportunities Commission, Office of the
Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) Please provide details of the enquiries and complaints received by the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) in respect of discrimination on the grounds of race, sexual orientation and age in 1999 and 2000. Upon receipt of the enquiries and complaints, will EOC refer them to the relevant Government departments? If so, has the EOC set any targets for such referral cases?
- (b) Concerning the research on issues related to discrimination and equal opportunities, how many researches will be conducted by the EOC in 2001-2002? Please provide the details of and resources required for such researches.
- (c) On promoting the mainstreaming of equal opportunities into the policy-making procedures, how much resources will be allocated by the EOC for this purpose and what specific measures are in hand to achieve the above target?

Asked by : HO Sau-lan

Reply :

- (a) Discrimination on the grounds of race, sexual orientation and age are outside the EOC's jurisdiction. EOC does not investigate these discrimination cases but categorizes all these cases as enquiries.

In 1999, EOC received 40, 10 and 127 enquiries in respect of race, sexual orientation and age discrimination respectively. In 2000, the number of enquiries for race, sexual orientation and age discrimination are 157, 30 and 351 respectively.

Upon receipt of the enquiries, EOC will refer them to relevant government departments concerned if the enquirer so consents. As not all enquirers have given their consent, only a small number of the enquiries have been referred. The EOC has not set targets for such referral cases.

- (b) In 2001-02, six research projects mentioned below are either in plan or in progress. Other research projects may be undertaken during the year if the need arises.

1. Research on Content Analysis of Textbooks and Teaching Materials in Respect of Stereotypes (in progress)
2. Survey on Students' Attitudes towards Persons with a Disability, Gender Stereotypes and Family Roles (in progress)
3. Insurance Issues under the Disability Discrimination Ordinance, Sex Discrimination Ordinance and the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance (in progress)
4. Business Surveys "Closer Partnership with Business" – a series of three surveys on the business sector's understanding of equal opportunities and compliance of law (in plan)
5. Mental Health Service Users' Experience of Discrimination in Hong Kong (a joint project with the Chinese University of Hong Kong) (in progress)
6. Web Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (a joint project with the Hong Kong Council of Social Services) (in plan)

EOC has allocated about HK\$4.6M to these researches.

In addition, the EOC has initiated a number of small-scale research projects including researches on local and overseas development of equal opportunities concepts and practices, the impact of government policies on equal opportunities, the impact of policy proposals by concern groups on equal opportunities and the use of information technology as empowerment and enabling tools by different disabled and disadvantaged groups. The cost of these projects will be absorbed in the form of staff and administrative costs.

- (c) The EOC has allocated some HK\$14.3M to promote mainstreaming of equal opportunities in policy-making process. It has expanded its training and consultancy functions to assist the government, employers and service providers in the areas of training and review of procedures. EOC provides training on sensitization to equal opportunities principles for government departments so as to enhance equal opportunities concept within the government. It also plans to conduct a series of three surveys on the business sector's understanding of equal opportunities and compliance of anti-discrimination legislation; to draw up guidelines in consultation with the business sector for the promotion of equal opportunities in the insurance industry; to liaise with the banking industry to improve access to banking services for people with a disability; and to produce a self-assessment and information kit for small and medium enterprises.

The EOC has expanded its education and promotion programmes so that more intensive and large-scale promotion programmes will be organized to promote greater awareness and inculcation of equal opportunities values.

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HAB097

Question Serial No.

0698

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

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Head : 177 – Subventions : Non-departmental Public Bodies

Subhead : 524 and 918 Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Programme : Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission, Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Since its commencement of operation in 1996, what progress has the Privacy Commissioner's Office made in respect of the review on local legislation to identify provisions in breach of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (PDPO)? How many ordinance have been reviewed and how many of them are found to be in breach of the PDPO and requires amendments? In 2001-02, how much resources will be allocated for the above work, which includes development of proposals on legislative amendments?

Asked by : The Hon James To Kun-sun

Reply :

Since the commencement of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance ("the PDPO") in December 1996, the Administration has sought the Privacy Commissioner's Office's ("the PCO") comments on 33 draft Bills. In addition, the PCO reviews, on a weekly basis, all the Bills published in the Gazette in the preceding week. Where a Bill is suspected to be inconsistent with the PDPO in letter or in spirit, the PCO will raise questions and/or suggestions to the relevant policy Bureau with the view of procuring amendment to the Bill, if necessary. No statistics are kept on the number of gazetted Bills which have been reviewed.

2. The PCO has suggested amendments to a total of 28 Bills, including Bills in both draft and gazetted forms. In 13 cases, the policy bureaux agreed to amend the Bill according to the PCO's suggestions. In other cases, the policy bureaux gave an explanation why the suggested amendments were not adopted.

3. The review of draft legislation is a statutory duty to which the PCO attaches top priority. It is not possible for the PCO to determine beforehand how much resource is required to allocate to this function in a particular year. The actual workload will vary according to the volume of Bills referred to the PCO or put before LegCo each year which are considered to have implications for personal data privacy. At present, this workload is shared between three legal members of the PCO in addition to their other legal duties within the Office.

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Question Serial No.

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Head : 177 – Subventions : Non-departmental Public Bodies

Subhead : 524 and 918 Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Programme : Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission, Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2001-02, the Privacy Commissioner's Office will carry out a public opinion survey on attitudes towards the protection of personal data privacy. Which areas of privacy will the survey cover? How will it be carried out and when is it expected to complete?

Asked by : The Hon James To Kun-sun

Reply :

In 2001-02 the Privacy Commissioner will conduct his fifth annual opinion survey with the assistance of an external research institution. The objective of the annual survey is to ascertain level of awareness and attitudes towards personal data privacy among individuals and organisations in Hong Kong. The survey provides valuable insights into personal data privacy issues and the implementation of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance ("the PDPO").

2. The survey consists of two parts: a Data Subject survey, which targets individual members of the general public, and a Data User survey, which targets organisations of the private and public sectors. The findings of the survey will serve as a useful input that enables the Privacy Commissioner to prioritise and formulate strategies in promoting compliance with the requirements of the PDPO.

3. As with previous years, the Data Subject survey will explore the attitudes and experience of individuals in relation to personal data privacy issues. It will be conducted by telephone interviews with a sample of at least 1,500 individuals in Hong Kong.

4. The Data User survey involves a self-administered questionnaire addressed to about 500 private and public sector organisations. General questions include the personal data practices that are implemented to comply with the specific requirements of the PDPO. Another feature of the 2001 survey will be its focus upon the personal data practices of five economic sectors: banking and finance, life insurance, real estate, telecommunications and healthcare. These sectors have been chosen because they have been the sources of a large share of the complaints filed with the PCO.

5. Fieldwork on the Data Subject survey will commence in March and be concluded in April 2001. The fieldwork for the Data User survey will be conducted during May and June 2001. The PCO expects to be able to publish the survey findings in September 2001.

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Question Serial No.

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Head : 177 – Subventions : Non-departmental Public Bodies

Subhead : 524 and 918 Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Programme : Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission, Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Home Affairs

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2001-02, what is the amount of provision reserved for studying interception of private communications in Hong Kong and for implementing preventive measures against such malpractice? How does this compare with that of the regions?

Asked by : The Hon James To Kun-sun

Reply :

The Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (“PC”) does not have any plan to conduct any study on interception of private communications other than such interception carried out as part of workplace surveillance.

2. In 2001-02, the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data will continue his efforts to prepare a draft code of practice on workplace surveillance practices that will provide practical guidance to employers and employees. The draft code is intended to encompass the more common forms of surveillance practices undertaken by employers using equipment, facilities, communication networks and resources provided by the employer. Some of the practices which may involve interception of private communications, are :

- (a) the tracking of web browsing undertaken by employees, emails sent and received by employees on personal computers or other facilities supplied by an employer; and
- (b) the tracking of telephone calls made and received by employees on telephone systems and other facilities supplied by an employer.

3. In 2001-02, about \$0.45M will be spent on a consultancy to prepare the code of practice. Inputs from staff of the office will also be required but no specific provision is reserved for this purpose.

4. We do not have any information on the amount of provision spent by other jurisdictions on studying interception of communications.

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Post Title Secretary for Home Affairs

Date 14 March 2001

Appendix 2

Bureau Serial No.

HAB100

Question Serial No.

0072

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 703 - Buildings

Subhead : 3212RS Siu Sai Wan
Sports Ground

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : As regards the item 3212RS, the draft Estimates of Expenditure 2000-01 anticipate that its expenditure for 1999-2000 is \$440,000 and its estimated expenditure for 2000-01 is \$480,000. However, the current estimates indicate that the actual expenditure of the item for 1999-2000 only amounted to \$9,000 and there is even no expenditure for 2000-01. What are the reasons for this? Why is the project delayed?

Asked by : Hon LAU Chin-shek

Reply : This project was completed in December 1996, with the electronic scoreboard completed in 1997. The defects liability period ended in 1998. It was thus originally anticipated that amounts of \$0.44M and \$0.48M would be spent in 1999-2000 and 2000-01 for settlement of remaining payments. However, some of the defects took longer time for the contractor to rectify to the satisfaction of the Government. Thus, final account could only be settled in February 2001, for expenditure of \$0.2M to be incurred in March 2001. The amount for settlement ended up to be less than anticipated because some potential claims from the contractor were waived after negotiations. There will be no need for further payments.

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Director of Architectural Services

Date _____

16 March 2001

Appendix 2

Bureau Serial No.

HAB101

Question Serial No.

0188

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 703 - Buildings

Subhead :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : If the Administration has not provided any relevant information in the project quarterly reports or reports concerned, please list out the breakdowns of the approved project estimates of the following projects :-

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|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| (a) 3015RE | (b) 3033RE | (c) 3035RE | (d) 3036RE |
| (e) 3039RE | (f) 3040RE | (g) 3041RE | (h) 3045RE |
| (i) 3009RE | | | |

As at today, what are the detailed figures of expenses of the projects by approved project estimates? What are the detailed progress of the projects and their estimated dates of completion? Has there been any delay in the projects?

Asked by : Hon LAU Chin-shek

Reply : The required information for the nine capital projects is tabulated in the Annex for your reference. Projects included in the Quarterly Report on the Public Works Programme are selected 'high impact projects' having regard to their cost, importance, complexity and other factors which suggest that they may be of interest to the public. Of the nine projects listed, only 3045RE was included in the Quarterly Report.

All building works for the projects were completed on schedule except for 3040RE : Kwai Tsing Theatre. Liquidated damages were imposed on the contractor of this project for the delay.

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Post Title _____ Director of Architectural Services

Date _____ 13 March 2001

Project No.	Project title	Approved Project Estimate (\$M)	Cumulative expenditure up to 9.3.2001 (\$M)	Remarks
3015RE	Museum of Arts - works	215.400	193.240	Completed and opened to the public in 1991. Some fitting out and minor improvement works carried out subsequently were also completed.
3033RE	Construction of a new wing to the Flagstaff House Museum of Teaware	13.000	10.370	Completed and opened to the public in 1995. Some fitting out and minor improvement works carried out subsequently were also completed.
3035RE	Permanent Hong Kong Museum of History	390.200	337.629	Building completed in 1998, with exhibition being installed under Project 3046RE, for opening to the public in 2001. There is a 3-month delay for fabrication of exhibits due to difficulty in sourcing acceptable artisans for some special exhibits.
3036RE	Lei Yue Mun Museum	271.300	266.532	Completed and opened to the public in July 2000.
3039RE	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	213.130	127.480	Building completed in March 1999. Venue opened to the public on 17 December 2000.
3040RE	Kwai Tsing Theatre	50.320	21.425	Project completed in September 1999. Venue opened to the public on 18 November 1999.
3041RE	Yuen Long Theatre	101.840	49.684	Project completed in October 1999. Venue opened to the public on 12 May 2000.
3045RE	Hong Kong Central Library	305.420	131.943	Building completed in end 1999 and handed over in March 2000 after completion of outstanding modification and improvement works. Fitting out and installation of furniture and equipments in progress. Will be opened to the public in May 2001.
3009RE	Cultural complex in Area 7, Shatin	137.300	129.486	Project completed in June 1986.

Appendix 2

Bureau Serial No.

HAB102

Question Serial No.

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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 703 - Buildings

Subhead : 3002RO Consultants'
fees for Urban Council
Projects

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : Under Subhead 3002RO, why is there a provision of \$10,000 as consultants' fees for Urban Council projects in 2001-02? What projects are involved in the provision? Please specify in detail the background, contents, whether the projects are completed or not and the dates of completion of the projects related to the consultants' fees, and the reasons why the fees are still outstanding two years after the dissolution of the Urban Council.

Asked by : Hon Fred LI Wah-ming

Reply : A provision of \$10,000 is included in the 2001-02 Estimates to settle some possible minor claims in respect of Package XII consultancy for the Sai Ying Pun Market redevelopment project. Demolition of the old Sai Ying Pun Market was carried out in early 1996. Construction of the redevelopment project commenced in October 1996 and was substantially completed in April 1999. All defects were rectified in October 2000 and maintenance certificate was issued to the contractor in February 2001. Due to prolongation cost claim, the final account with the main contractor has not yet been settled but is expected to be settled shortly. As the consultancy fee for the project is based on percentage charge, it can only be fully settled until the final account of the main contract is prepared. Therefore, a provision of \$10,000 is included in the 2001-02 Estimates to settle final claims from the consultants.

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Director of Architectural Services

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17 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

HAB103

Question Serial No.

0180

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**Head : 707 New Towns and Urban Area Development Subhead (No. & title) :Programme :Controlling Officer : Director of Home AffairsBureau Secretary : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question : For Head 707, under the revised estimate for 2000-01 in respect of "Projects Completed, Cancelled or Curtailed", what are the details for each project, such as its title, provision involved, the amount of curtailment, etc? What are the reasons for cancellation or curtailment of each project?

Asked by : Hon LAU Chin-shek

Reply : HAD is responsible for five of the items. Their details are as follows –

Project	Project Description	Revised Estimate 2000-01 \$M
7153DS	Provision of sewers and sewage treatment plants in the New Territories : 1992-93 Programme	0.100
7023HH	Village improvements and development schemes in the New Territories : 1992-93 Programme	0.100
7060HH	Local public works in the rural New Territories : 1998-99 Programme	3.786
7061HH	Local public works in the rural New Territories : 1998-99 Supplementary Programme	5.119
7475TH	Improvement, reconstruction and extension of village access roads in the New Territories : 1990-91 Programme	0.100
	Total for HAD's projects under Head 707	9.205

2. All the works under the five projects have been completed.

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Name in block letters Ms SHELLEY LEE

Post Title Director of Home Affairs

Date 17 March 2001