

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

**[Bureau Secretary/Controlling Officer : Director of Administration]
[Session No. : 18]**

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Bureau Serial No.
S-CSO001
Question Serial No.
S038

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

Head : 142 – Government Secretariat: Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Efficiency Unit

Controlling Officer : Director of Administration

Bureau Secretary : Director of Administration

Question : In its reply to Question Serial No. 0974, the Administration pointed out that the Integrated Call Centre for Environmental Hazards and Cleanliness to be set up would, by 2002-03, take over the relevant services currently provided by 16 departments. Does this mean that the 16 departments will reduce some of their manpower (for example, through redundancy, natural wastage and transfer)? If yes, how many posts will be reduced?

Asked by : Hon Leung Yiu-chung

Reply : When the Integrated Call Centre (ICC) completely takes over the call-handling functions relating to environmental hazards and cleanliness from the 16 participating departments, expected in 2002-03, the posts that are identified for this purpose in these departments will be deleted or re-deployed. By that time, the staff involved will have been either transferred to the ICC after retraining or re-deployed within the civil service. The guiding principle is that there will not be any staff redundancy arising from the implementation of the ICC project.

We do not have the definite number of posts to be reduced in the 16 participating departments at this stage because the distribution and deployment of staff resources on handling calls relating to

environmental hazards and cleanliness and other calls in these departments have yet to be confirmed. We are currently reviewing the call-handling processes and mode of operation of these participating departments and designing the new mode of operation for the ICC. The actual number of posts to be reduced in these departments would not be known until the ICC is fully set up.

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Name in block letters	Andrew H Y Wong
Post Title	Director of Administration
Date	26 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.
S-CSO002
 Question Serial No.
S076

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

Head : 142 – Government Secretariat: Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Administration

Bureau Secretary : Director of Administration

Question : Re answer to CSO006-0790. What is the scope of the consultancy studies in 2000-01 and 2001-02?

Asked by : Hon Cyd Ho Sau-lan

Reply : The scope of the consultancy studies quoted in our reply to Question Serial Number 0790 is as follows:

(a) those with cashflow requirement in 2000-01

Names of consultants	Scope	Revised Estimate 2000-01 (\$'000)
Hong Kong Policy Research Institute Limited	Study on socio-economic-political development trends in the Mainland	1,440
One Country Two Systems Research Institute Limited	Study on socio-economic-political development trends in the Mainland	640
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Institute Limited	the Mainland (with particular emphasis on Guangdong Province)	
Centre of Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong	Study on socio-economic-political development trends in South East Asia	1,440
PolyU Technology and Consultancy Company Limited	Study on socio-economic-political development trends in Japan, South Korea and Chinese Taipei	918
PricewaterhouseCoopers Consultants Hong Kong Limited	Study on the scenarios on long term development of Hong Kong	2,000
PricewaterhouseCoopers Consultants Hong Kong Limited	Consultancy services on efficiency improvement programmes and reform options for the Water Supplies Department	4,340

(b) those with cashflow requirement in 2001-02

Names of consultants	Scope	Estimate 2001-02 (\$'000)
Hong Kong Policy Research Institute Limited	Study on socio-economic-political development trends in the Mainland	640
One Country Two Systems Research Institute Limited	Study on socio-economic-political development trends in the Mainland	1,560
Centre of Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong	Study on socio-economic-political development trends in South East Asia	2,040
PolyU Technology	Study on socio-economic-	1,100

and Consultancy Company Limited	political development trends in Japan, South Korea and Chinese Taipei	
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Bureau Serial No.

S-CSO003

Question Serial No.

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~~WRITTEN~~/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head 94 Legal Aid Department Sub-head (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Legal Aid

Bureau Secretary : Director of Administration

Question : How much interest was earned in 2000-01 in respect of damages received by the Legal Aid Department on behalf of the aided persons?

Asked by : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Reply : Moneys received on behalf of aided persons are released to them as much as possible and as soon as they are received so the question of interest does not arise in such instances. A sufficient portion of these moneys to cover the costs liable to be reimbursed by the aided persons is retained by the Director of Legal Aid and kept in the Treasury. Once the amount of the costs liable to be reimbursed has been ascertained, moneys remaining due and payable will be released to the aided persons.

The Legal Aid Ordinance does not presently provide for the payment of interest to aided persons on amount so retained by the Director of Legal Aid so the Department does not have records on interest earned, if any, from these amounts.

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Date 26 March 2001