

**Replies to written questions raised by Finance Committee Members in
examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2002-03**

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

Reply Serial No.

S-ICAC 001

Question Serial No.

S-046

Head: 72 – Independent Commission Against Corruption Subhead (No. & title): –

Programme: (3) Preventive Education

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Bureau Secretary: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question :

- (a) Please state the number of occasions on which ICAC officers visited Mainland organisations and attended forums/talks in the Mainland in 2000–01 and 2001–02, the number of ICAC officers involved and the expenses incurred.
- (b) Please state the number of occasions on which Mainland officials were invited to visit the ICAC and attend forums/talks in Hong Kong in 2000–01 and 2001–02, the number of Mainland officials involved and the expenses incurred.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply: The related statistics are tabulated below:-

	Visit to the Mainland by ICAC Officers		Mainland Officials invited to visit ICAC	
	2000–01	2001–02	2000–01	2001–02
Number of visits/forums/talks/liason activities attended	7	11	7	3
Number of ICAC officers/Mainland officials involved	24	28	77	14
Expenses covering passage/subsistence allowance for ICAC officers and transport/liason arrangement for Mainland officials	\$180,051	\$186,979	\$50,367	\$9,631

The ICAC also organise, on request, visits and talks for Mainlanders including Mainland officials. In 2000-01 and 2001-02, 148 and 232 talks were conducted for 4 390 and 7 381 Mainland visitors, involving expenses of \$78,201 and \$40,837 respectively.

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Post title : Commissioner, ICAC

Date : 4 April 2002

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Reply Serial No.

S-ICAC 002

Question Serial No.

S-047

Head: 72 – Independent Commission Against Corruption Subhead (No. & title): –

Programme: (2) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Bureau Secretary: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question : Please provide the number of investigation resulting from the proactive strategy of the Operations Department and the number of persons prosecuted.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply: In 2001, a total of 164 corruption cases were generated as a result of our proactive approach. This resulted in a total of 98 persons being prosecuted.

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Reply Serial No.

S-ICAC 003

Question Serial No.

S-048

Head: 72 – Independent Commission Against Corruption Subhead (No. & title): –

Programme: (2) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Bureau Secretary: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question :

- (a) During the past year, how many times have ICAC officers visited the Mainland for investigation or testifying in court? Please state the number of such cases and the amount of expenditure incurred.
- (b) When testifying in court in the Mainland, were they required to give evidence? If yes, how many cases were involved?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) In 2001-02, ICAC officers made 27 visits to the Mainland involving 19 cases for the purpose of investigation. The total expenditure for these visits was \$98,881, mainly for the payment of travelling expenses, board and lodging incurred by the officers concerned.
- (b) In 2001-02, no ICAC officer was required to give evidence in Mainland courts.

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Reply Serial No.

S-ICAC 004

Question Serial No.

S-049

Head: 72 – Independent Commission Against Corruption Subhead (No. & title): –

Programme: (2) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Bureau Secretary: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question :

- (a) Please state the number of occasions on which Mainland officials were invited to Hong Kong for investigation or testifying in court and the amount of expenditure incurred in the past year.
- (b) When testifying in court in Hong Kong, were Mainland officials required to give evidence? If yes, how many cases were involved?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

- (a) In 2001-02, one Mainland official was invited to Hong Kong by the ICAC with a view to giving evidence and testifying in court. The expenditure incurred for the occasion was \$4,731 to cover the Mainland official's travelling expenses and subsistence allowance.
- (b) The Mainland official mentioned in (a) above was not required to appear in court, as the official's evidence was subsequently agreed by the Defence.

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S-ICAC 005

Question Serial No.

S-050

Head: 72 – Independent Commission Against Corruption Subhead (No. & title): 103 – Rewards and Special Services

Programme: (2) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Bureau Secretary: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question :

- (a) Please provide the actual/estimated number of payments and expenditure for rewards and special services in 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03. What are the purposes of payments for rewards and special services?
- (b) What is the actual/estimated number of persons who received or will receive rewards/special service fees in 2000-01 and 2001-02?
- (c) What offences were involved in those cases where expenditure was incurred under Subhead 103 in 2000-01 and 2001-02?
- (d) What is the actual number of persons who received rewards on wanted persons in 2000-01 and 2001-02? Please state the amount of such expenditure, the number of cases involved and the highest single payment of wanted person rewards over the years.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The total actual expenditure of Subhead 103 (Rewards & Special Services) and the number of occasions on which rewards were provided in 2000-01 and 2001-02 and the estimated expenditure for 2002-03 are as follows –

<u>Year</u>	<u>Expenditure (\$M)</u>	<u>No. of Occasions of Rewards Payment</u>
2000-01	15.074 (Actual)	132
2001-02	14.959 (Actual)	160
2002-03	14.768 (Estimate)	(not applicable, cannot be forecasted)

Subhead 103 caters for expenditure on rewards and procurement of special services and equipment of a confidential nature. This subhead provides an essential source of funding for covert operational activities and intelligence gathering. Disclosure of such expenditure details is not appropriate.

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S-ICAC 006

Question Serial No.

S-051

Head: 72 – Independent Commission Against Corruption Subhead (No. & title): 103 – Rewards and Special Services

Programme: (2) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Bureau Secretary: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question :

- (a) Please provide a breakdown of expenditure under Subhead 103 by departments or groups of the ICAC.
- (b) Of the expenditure under this Subhead, what percentage is taken up by the Technical Services Division?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply: Subhead 103 (Rewards & Special Services) caters for expenditure on rewards and other expenditure of a confidential nature. Disclosure of such expenditure details is not appropriate.

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Head: 72 – Independent Commission Against Corruption Subhead (No. & title): 103 – Rewards and Special Services

Programme: (2) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Bureau Secretary: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question : Please provide the following details concerning Subhead 103 for 2000-01 and 2001-02 –

- the rank of officers with the authority to conduct surprise inspections on the expenditure under this Subhead;
- the number of inspections conducted; and
- the number of occasions when irregularity was discovered.

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply: The ICAC exercises strict control over expenditure under Subhead 103 (Rewards & Special Services). All claims are scrutinized by senior officers. Since 1994-95, the Director of Audit has also been tasked to audit this vote. Besides, the Commissioner, the Head of Operations and the Assistant Director (Administration) carry out surprise inspections on the accounts of this Subhead. Six and eight surprise inspections were carried out in 2000-01 and 2001-02 respectively. No anomalies were spotted in all previous surprise inspections.

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S-ICAC 008

Question Serial No.

S-053

Head: 72 – Independent Commission Against Corruption Subhead (No. & title): –

Programme: (2) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Bureau Secretary: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question :

- (a) Please set out the establishment of the Technical Services Division by rank and the resources allocated to the Division for 2002–03.
- (b) Please provide a detailed list of the work undertaken by the Technical Services Division in 2001–02. What kind of technical services has it provided?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

(a) Establishment

	<u>2002–03</u>
Senior Commission Against Corruption Officer	2
Commission Against Corruption Officer (Upper)	6
Commission Against Corruption Officer (Middle/Lower)	24
Assistant Commission Against Corruption Officer	21
Senior Personal Secretary / Personal Secretary II	2
Clerical Assistant / Workman II	<u>2</u>
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Resources (\$M)

Personal Emoluments	27.869
Capital projects for major system and equipment	4.555
Minor equipment, consumables, maintenance services, etc.	<u>2.827</u>
	35.251

- (b) The main role of Technical Services Division is to provide technical support to the Operations Department of the ICAC in the investigation of corruption. To disclose the details of the technical support provided by the Technical Services Division will compromise the effectiveness and efficiency of the ICAC investigative work. It is hence not in the public interest to disclose such details.

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