

**Bills Committee on Interest on Arrears of Maintenance Bill 2001  
Matters Arising from the Meeting on 21 March 2003 (Part Two)**

**Computer Software for Calculation of Interest on Maintenance Arrears**

We have discussed with the departments concerned on the timeframe for developing a computer software for calculation of interest on arrears of maintenance. The whole process is expected to take 90 to 110 days.

<b>Major Tasks</b>	<b>Duration in days</b>
<b>Preparation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drawing up specifications of the project</li><li>• Invitation of proposals</li><li>• Award of contract</li></ul>	30
<b>Implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Programme design and development</li><li>• System test</li><li>• Development of User Manual</li></ul>	30 – 40
<b>User Acceptance Test</b>	30 – 40
<b>Total</b>	<b>90 – 110</b>

2. We are sorting out with the departments concerned on the technical issues involved. We will proceed with the procurement procedures once we are ready.

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