

**Replies to written questions raised by Finance Committee Members in examining the
Estimates of Expenditure 2002-2003**

[Bureau Secretary/Controlling Officer: Director, Beijing Office]

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

Reply Serial No.

S-BJO 001

Question Serial No.

S004

Head: 35 - Government Secretariat: Beijing Office

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Liaison

Controlling Officer: Director, Beijing Office

Bureau Secretary: Director, Beijing Office

Question(s) :

- (a) Among the cases seeking assistance from the Beijing Office in 2001, most of them were complaints lodged against Mainland's administrative and law enforcement authorities as well as the judiciary. These cases amounted to 214 and accounted for nearly half of the number of complaints received. Please provide a breakdown of the figure by the above these three categories.
- (b) Did the Beijing Office receive any complaints from Mainland residents against institutions in Hong Kong? If yes, please give the details.
- (c) Cases seeking assistance from the Beijing Office over the year were referred to authorities including ministries and commissions of the Central Government as well as local administrations. Please list the names of the authorities concerned with their corresponding referral figures.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Chu-ming, Martin

Reply:

- (a) As regards the 214 complaint cases lodged against Mainland's administrative, law enforcement and judicial authorities received by the Beijing Office in 2001, the breakdown is as follows –

Cases seeking assistance	Year 2001
concerning administrative authorities	53
concerning law enforcement authorities	56
concerning the judiciary	105
total	214

- (b) In 2001, the Beijing Office received one complaint from an illegal immigrant from the Mainland against some government departments in Hong Kong for unfair treatment during his detention in Hong Kong. Upon our referral, the departments concerned have handled the case and replied to the complainant.
- (c) In 2001, we referred assistance-seeking cases to more than 10 ministries and commissions of the Central Government and more than 40 local authorities, such as the Supreme People's Court, the Supreme People's Procuratorate, State Letters and Complaints Bureau, local administrations and courts.

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Name in block letters Bowen LEUNG
Post Title Director, Beijing Office
Date 3.4.2002

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

Reply Serial No.

S-BJO 002

Question Serial No.

S005

Head:35 Government Secretariat :Beijing Office Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Liaison

Controlling Officer: Director, Beijing Office

Bureau Secretary: Director, Beijing Office

Question :

- (a) When did the Beijing Office set up its investment account? How much was the initial deposit? How much has been deposited into the investment account over the past two years and what is the current balance available for use?
- (b) Please list the number of withdrawals from the investment account, the amount withdrawn each time and the purpose of each withdrawal in the past two years.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Chu-ming, Martin

Reply:

- (a) The Beijing Office set up its Save and Invest Account in 1998-99 with an initial deposit of \$1.364m. Over the past two years, an additional \$3m and \$3.616m have been deposited respectively into the Account, resulting in a total balance of \$7.98m. After deducting the expenses set out in para.(b) below, the current balance available for use amounts to \$1.753m.
- (b) In 2001-02, we withdrew \$1.227m from the balance of the Save and Invest Account to produce reusable models for the promotional activities held in different provinces and municipalities in the Mainland. Moreover, we have been approved to withdraw \$5m from the Save and Invest Account in 2002-2003. We plan to use \$3.5m for organizing exhibitions to mark the fifth anniversary of the HKSAR, and the remaining sum will be reserved for contingency.

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Post Title Director, Beijing Office

Date 4.4.2002

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Reply Serial No.

S-BJO 003

Question Serial No.

S006

Head: 35 – Government Secretariat: Beijing Office Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Liaison

Controlling Officer: Director, Beijing Office

Bureau Secretary: Director, Beijing Office

Question :

It is estimated that the Beijing Office will use \$3.5m for holding an exhibition on the Mainland to mark the fifth anniversary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Please give a breakdown of the provision required, indicating expenses on venue rental, exhibit design and set-up, transportation, publicity and publications etc.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Chu-ming, Martin

Reply: Budget for the exhibition to mark the fifth anniversary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

The exhibition is expected to spend RMB 697,500 on venue rental and miscellaneous expenses (such as electricity and security charges); RMB 2,469,490 on exhibit design and set-up; RMB 200,000 on exhibit transportation; RMB 133,010 on other miscellaneous expenses. The estimates add up to a total of RMB 3,500,000. For publicity, the exhibition will be widely promoted through the mass media on the Mainland and no expenses will be incurred.

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Date 4.4.2002