

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members in
examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06**

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-CAB01

Question Serial No.

S12

Head : 144 GS: Constitutional Affairs Bureau Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Director of Bureau's Office
 (2) Constitutional Affairs

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Question : As a follow-up on Question Serial No. 0011 (Reply Serial No. CAB006) of the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure, please provide a breakdown of the rank and salary provisions of the Secretary for Constitutional Affairs and all staff in his Office in the estimate for 2005-06.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply :

The breakdown of the rank and salary provisions of the Secretary for Constitutional Affairs (SCA) and all staff in his Office in the estimate for 2005-06 is as follows :

	<u>Salary Provision</u>
SCA	\$3,232,000 (including MPF)
Staff in SCA's Office	
- Personal Assistant	\$511,480
- Chauffeur	\$152,280
- Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (i.e. Administrative Assistant)*	\$748,440
- Personal Secretary I*	\$167,244
Total :	\$1,579,444 (Say \$1,580,000)

- * The Administrative Assistant and Personal Secretary I are also engaged in work relating to Programme (2) Constitutional Affairs. Only 55% of the salaries of these two staff are accounted for under Programme (1) while the remaining 45% are accounted for under Programme (2).

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Name in block letters Clement C H Mak

Post Title Permanent Secretary for
Constitutional Affairs

Date 13 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-CAB02

Question Serial No.

S59

Head : 144 GS: Constitutional Affairs Bureau Subhead (No. & title) : 700 General
Non-Recurrent

Programme : (2) Constitutional Affairs

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

- Question :
1. In replying questions on “Enhanced Basic Law promotion activities in 2005-06, being the 15th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law”, the Government said it has set aside non-recurrent expenditure for Student Flag-raising ceremony. What is the promotion plan in this respect? What is the estimated amount of resources and number of schools involved?

 2. In view of the fact that flag-raising ceremony plays an important part in demonstrating the implementation of the Basic Law and “One Country Two Systems” principle, will the Government consider putting it under recurrent expenditure account so as to provide fund for its promotion?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The present policy of the government is to encourage all schools to display the national flag on important days, such as National Day, while government schools are required to hoist the national flag on important days.

2. Since 1998, the then Education Department has co-organized seminars and workshops with the Hong Kong Police Force for teachers and students of primary and secondary schools to provide them with training on flag raising with an aim to facilitate schools to conduct flag raising activities.

3. The Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB) has produced various learning and teaching materials in the form of VCD, video-tape, ETV programme, poster as well as web-based material to familiarize schools with raising the national flag.

4. The Association of Hong Kong Flag-guards, which was set up in 2002, regularly provides training courses on the know-how and procedures in raising the

national flag to instructors and members of the flag raising teams. At present, with the assistance of the Association of Hong Kong Flag-guards, more than 200 secondary and primary schools have set up their own flag raising teams.

5. The Constitutional Affairs Bureau (CAB) and the Association of Hong Kong Flag-guards jointly organized a student flag raising ceremony on 3 April 2005, as one of the major commemoration activities for the 15th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law. The ceremony was conducted by the flag raising teams, marching bands and choirs from different schools. More than 350 spectators, including students from 30 schools and members of the public participated in the ceremony which was well received by the participants. CAB will continue to organize more flag raising activities with EMB, the Association of Hong Kong Flag-guards and other organizations on important days in the future.

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