

**Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to the Provision of
Boarding Places, Senior Secondary Education and Employment
Opportunities for Children with Special Educational Needs**

**Education and Manpower Bureau's Response to
Enquiries from Members at the Meeting of
22 December 2006**

**1. The cost of one year of junior secondary education for students with
intellectual disability in special schools**

At the 2005/06 price level, the estimated recurrent cost of junior secondary education for students with intellectual disability in special schools is about \$100m per level per year.

2. The provision of speech therapy service in primary schools

Education and Manpower Bureau has been providing speech therapy service to public sector primary school students with speech and language impairment. To further enhance the service and support to speech and language impaired students, an Enhanced Speech Therapy Grant (ESTG) is being provided to government and aided primary schools by phases starting from the 2006/07 school year. In the 2006/07 school year, 267 schools are provided with the ESTG. Schools may utilize the ESTG to employ speech therapists (STs) or hire school-based speech therapy service. With the enhanced support, more intensive and timely school-based speech therapy service will be provided through on-site direct service, collaboration between STs and teachers, and teacher and parent training. It is expected that students' communication skills and social development will be enhanced and their language difficulty will not develop into a persistent disability that hinders learning.

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