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**Subcommittee on Members' Remuneration
and Operating Expenses Reimbursement**

Information Note

**Statistics on the utilization of
Members' operating expenses reimbursement**

Purpose

This information note reports on the utilization of the financial provisions for the reimbursement of Legislative Council (LegCo) Members' operating expenses: (a) in respect of reimbursements with an annual ceiling, statistics for October 2003 to December 2006 are reported, and (b) in respect of one-off reimbursements with a ceiling for each 4-year LegCo term, statistics for the latest two terms are reported.

Statistics

Annual Financial Provisions

Office Operation Expenses Reimbursement (OOER)

2. The statistics on the utilization of OOER are summarized below, with further breakdowns of major expenses in **Appendix I** and an analysis on the distribution of Members according to their respective utilization rates of OOER in **Appendix II**.

	Oct 2003 to Sep 2004		Oct 2004 to Sep 2005		Oct 2005 to Sep 2006		Oct 2006 to Dec 2006	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Reimbursement ceiling per month per Member	113,078	100	110,930	100	111,374	100	124,839	100
Average reimbursement								
Overall average	102,603	90.7	101,573	91.6	103,942	93.3	108,714	87.1
EC average	98,285	86.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
FC average	98,458	87.1	95,337	85.9	99,200	89.1	103,018	82.5
GC average	108,863	96.3	107,809	97.2	108,684	97.6	114,409	91.6

EC = Members returned by Election Committee

FC = Members returned by Functional Constituencies

GC = Members returned by Geographical Constituencies

Entertainment and Travelling Expenses Reimbursement (ETER)

3. Utilization of ETER is summarised below, with further breakdowns of expenses in **Appendix III** and distribution of Members according to their respective utilization rates in **Appendix IV**.

	Oct 2003 to Sep 2004		Oct 2004 to Sep 2005		Oct 2005 to Sep 2006		Oct 2006 to Dec 2006	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Reimbursement ceiling per month per Member	12,756	100	12,513	100	12,563	100	12,802	100
Average reimbursement								
Overall average	11,745	92.1	11,406	91.2	11,464	91.2	11,434	89.3
EC average	11,548	90.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
FC average	11,404	89.4	11,077	88.5	10,973	87.3	11,350	88.7
GC average	12,222	95.8	11,736	93.8	11,954	95.2	11,519	90.0

Staff

4. The following table shows the average numbers of full-time and part-time employees hired by Members, with further details in **Appendices V and VI**:

	Average no. of employees hired			
	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
<u>No. of full-time employees</u>				
Overall average	4.9	4.4	5.0	5.0
EC average	4.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
FC average	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.8
GC average	6.8	5.3	6.2	6.1
<u>No. of part-time employees</u>				
Overall average	1.3	1.5	2.0	2.1
EC average	0.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
FC average	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.6
GC average	1.8	1.6	2.3	2.6

5. Aggregate numbers of part-time and full-time employees hired by Members are set out in **Appendices VII and VIIa**.

6. Distribution of full-time employees according to their respective salary levels are summarized below:

	Distribution of employees by salary range							
	Dec 2003		Dec 2004		Dec 2005		Dec 2006	
<u>Full-time employees</u>	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(Salary per month)								
Below \$10,000	101	35	99	37	112	37	103	35
\$10,000 to < \$15,000	100	34	77	29	88	29	91	30
\$15,000 to < \$50,000	92	31	89	34	102	34	103	35
	293	100	265	100	302	100	297	100

7. More detailed breakdowns of salaries offered to full-time and part-time staff of Members are set out in **Appendix VIII**.

Offices

8. Some Members have not claimed rental reimbursement for their district offices. One of the reasons is that the OOER is insufficient to cover the rents after other expenses have been claimed. In view of this, two sets of statistics on the number of district offices operated by Members are compiled, one on offices for which rental reimbursement was claimed (**Appendix IX**) and another on all district offices reported by Members, regardless of whether any rents were reimbursed (**Appendix X**).

9. In calculating the number of district offices funded by OOER, only the portion of a joint office for which rental reimbursement was claimed has been taken into account. The average numbers of district offices operated by Members with funding from OOER, not including the central office provided by the LegCo Secretariat, are summarized below:

	No. of district offices (funded by OOER)							
	Dec 2003		Dec 2004		Dec 2005		Dec 2006	
	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range
Overall	1.4	0 – 5.5	1.0	0 – 4	1.2	0 – 4.5	1.2	0 – 4
EC	1.5	0 – 4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
FC	0.7	0 – 2.5	0.5	0 – 1	0.6	0 – 1.5	0.6	0 – 1.5
GC	2.2	0 – 5.5	1.5	0 – 4	1.8	0 – 4.5	1.8	0 – 4

10. When offices for which no rent was claimed are included, the average numbers of district offices operated by Members are as follows:

	No. of district offices (operated by Members)							
	Dec 2003		Dec 2004		Dec 2005		Dec 2006	
	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range
Overall	1.5	0 – 5.5	1.3	0 – 4	1.7	0 – 7	1.8	0 – 7
EC	1.5	0 – 4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
FC	0.8	0 – 2.5	0.8	0 – 2	1.0	0 – 3	1.0	0 – 2
GC	2.4	0 – 5.5	1.7	0 – 4	2.5	0 – 7	2.6	0 – 7

11. More detailed analyses on the numbers of district offices, categorized according to the channel through which Members are returned, are set out in **Appendix IXa and Xa**.

One-off Financial Provisions

Setting Up Expenses Reimbursement (SUER), Information Technology & Communication Equipment Expenses Reimbursement (ITER) and Winding Up Expenses Reimbursement (WUER)

12. The table below shows the numbers and percentages of Members who had claimed 90% or more of their respective entitlements to SUER, ITER and WUER:

	SUER				ITER				WUER			
	2 nd LegCo 2000-2004		3 rd LegCo 2004-2008 ⁽¹⁾		2 nd LegCo 2000-2004		3 rd LegCo 2004-2008 ⁽¹⁾		1 st LegCo 1998-2000 ⁽²⁾		2 nd LegCo 2000-2004 ⁽²⁾	
	No. of Members	%	No. of Members	%	No. of Members	%	No. of Members	%	No. of Members	%	No. of Members	%
<u>Percentage of entitlement claimed</u>												
90% or more	38	62	18	30	14	23	7	12	2	15	6	29
Less than 90%	23	38	42	70	47	77	53	88	11	85	15	71
	61 ⁽³⁾	100	60	100	61 ⁽³⁾	100	60	100	13	100	21	100

13. Further stratification of the above statistics is provided in **Appendix XI**.

Over-ceiling Expenses

14. Reporting of over-ceiling expenses, which have not been reimbursed, are at the discretion of Members. The following table summarizes the statistics in **Appendix XII**.

⁽¹⁾ Figures are not yet finalized as expenses up to the end of the 3rd LegCo term (i.e. 30 September 2008) can still be claimed.

⁽²⁾ As WUER is normally claimed at the end of a LegCo term when Members leave office, figures of the 1st LegCo instead of the 3rd LegCo, which are all zeros, are shown for comparison with those of the 2nd LegCo.

⁽³⁾ A Member resigned in July 2001 and a new Member was elected in the by-election held in September 2001.

	Unclaimed expenses over the OOER ceiling (\$'000)							
	Oct 2003 to Sep 2004		Oct 2004 to Sep 2005		Oct 2005 to Sep 2006		Oct 2006 to Dec 2006 ⁽⁴⁾	
	FC	GC	FC	GC	FC	GC	FC	GC
No. of Members	1	4	1	4	4	6	2	2
Over-ceiling expenses reported	46	491	2	167	358	540	234	46
Average	46	123	2	42	90	90	117	23

15. As noted in **Appendix XII**, not all Members who have fully claimed the reimbursable amount under OOER have reported their over-ceiling expenses. In fact, the statistics on over-ceiling expenses do not fully reflect the level of resources required by Members for carrying out their duties, because of the following reasons:

- (a) lack of manpower rendered it difficult to report on expenses which would not be reimbursed;
- (b) Members might have endeavoured to work within the budget; and
- (c) some Members might not have the financial resources to subsidize their LegCo work.

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⁽⁴⁾ Figures for the reimbursement year ending on 30 September 2007 are not yet finalized. Most Members will report their over-ceiling expenses in the last few months of the reimbursement year.

**Utilization rates of
Office Operation Expenses Reimbursement per month per Member**

Overall

	Oct 2003 to Sep 2004		Oct 2004 to Sep 2005		Oct 2005 to Sep 2006		Oct 2006 to Dec 2006	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Reimbursement ceiling (per month per Member)	113,078	100	110,930	100	111,374	100	124,839	100
Average reimbursement total	102,603	90.7	101,573	91.6	103,942	93.3	108,714	87.1
Staff remuneration and expenses	73,281	64.8	76,095	68.6	81,901	73.5	85,600	68.6
Office accommodation	10,131	8.9	8,615	7.8	8,904	8.0	9,184	7.4
Equipment and furniture	749	0.7	1,631	1.5	334	0.3	405	0.3
Other operating expenses	18,442	16.3	15,232	13.7	12,803	11.5	13,525	10.8

Election Committee

	Oct 2003 to Sep 2004		Oct 2004 to Sep 2005		Oct 2005 to Sep 2006		Oct 2006 to Dec 2006	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Reimbursement ceiling (per month per Member)	113,078	100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Average reimbursement total	98,285	86.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Staff remuneration and expenses	69,030	61.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Office accommodation	14,635	12.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Equipment and furniture	181	0.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other operating expenses	14,439	12.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Functional Constituencies

	Oct 2003 to Sep 2004		Oct 2004 to Sep 2005		Oct 2005 to Sep 2006		Oct 2006 to Dec 2006	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Reimbursement ceiling (per month per Member)	113,078	100	110,930	100	111,374	100	124,839	100
Average reimbursement total	98,458	87.1	95,337	85.9	99,200	89.1	103,018	82.5
Staff remuneration and expenses	70,716	62.6	72,182	65.1	76,735	68.9	79,700	63.8
Office accommodation	7,276	6.4	6,606	5.9	7,274	6.5	7,464	6.0
Equipment and furniture	317	0.3	938	0.8	280	0.3	534	0.4
Other operating expenses	20,149	17.8	15,611	14.1	14,911	13.4	15,320	12.3

Geographical Constituencies

	Oct 2003 to Sep 2004		Oct 2004 to Sep 2005		Oct 2005 to Sep 2006		Oct 2006 to Dec 2006	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Reimbursement ceiling (per month per Member)	113,078	100	110,930	100	111,374	100	124,839	100
Average reimbursement total	108,863	96.3	107,809	97.2	108,684	97.6	114,409	91.6
Staff remuneration and expenses	77,550	68.6	80,008	72.1	87,068	78.2	91,500	73.3
Office accommodation	12,574	11.1	10,624	9.6	10,534	9.5	10,904	8.7
Equipment and furniture	1,430	1.3	2,324	2.1	388	0.3	276	0.2
Other operating expenses	17,309	15.3	14,853	13.4	10,694	9.6	11,729	9.4

n/a = not applicable

Distribution of Members according to their respective utilization rates of Office Operation Expenses Reimbursement

No. of Members Utilization rate (%)	2003/04								2004/05						2005/06						Oct - Dec 2006					
	Overall		EC		FC		GC		Overall		FC		GC		Overall		FC		GC		Overall		FC		GC	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
over 100 ⁽¹⁾		—		—		—		—		—		—		—		—		—		—	11	18.3	3	10.0	8	26.7
100	20	33.4	1	16.7	7	23.3	12	50.0	12	20.0	3	10.0	9	30.0	18	30.0	4	13.4	14	46.7		—		—		—
99 to <100	7	11.7		—	3	10.0	4	16.6	13	21.6	3	10.0	10	33.3	16	26.7	7	23.3	9	30.0	1	1.7	1	3.3		—
90 to <99	13	21.6		—	8	26.7	5	20.8	17	28.4	10	33.3	7	23.3	12	20.0	7	23.3	5	16.7	15	25.0	5	16.7	10	33.3
80 to <90	7	11.7	4	66.6	2	6.7	1	4.2	10	16.7	6	20.0	4	13.4	7	11.7	6	20.0	1	3.3	16	26.7	10	33.3	6	20.0
70 to <80	8	13.4	1	16.7	6	20.0	1	4.2	2	3.3	2	6.7		—	3	5.0	2	6.7	1	3.3	9	15.0	5	16.7	4	13.3
60 to <70	4	6.6		—	3	10.0	1	4.2	3	5.0	3	10.0		—	3	5.0	3	10.0		—	5	8.3	3	10.0	2	6.7
50 to <60		—		—		—		—	2	3.3	2	6.7		—		—		—		—	3	5.0	3	10.0		—
40 to <50	1	1.6		—	1	3.3		—	1	1.7	1	3.3		—	1	1.6	1	3.3		—		—		—		—
Total no. of Members	60	100	6	100	30	100	24	100	60	100	30	100	30	100	60	100	30	100	30	100	60	100	30	100	30	100

⁽¹⁾ = Members' expenditure can be higher than the pro rata provision for a period, so long as the annual reimbursement ceiling is not exceeded.

EC = Election Committee

FC = Functional Constituencies

GC = Geographical Constituencies

**Utilization rates of
Entertainment and Travelling Expenses Reimbursement per month per Member**

Overall

	Oct 2003 to Sep 2004		Oct 2004 to Sep 2005		Oct 2005 to Sep 2006		Oct 2006 to Dec 2006	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Reimbursement ceiling (per month per Member)	12,756	100	12,513	100	12,563	100	12,802	100
Average reimbursement total	11,745	92.1	11,406	91.2	11,464	91.2	11,434	89.3
Entertainment and travelling expenses	11,284	88.5	10,893	87.1	10,608	84.4	11,098	86.7
Staff remuneration	461	3.6	513	4.1	856	6.8	336	2.6

Election Committee

	Oct 2003 to Sep 2004		Oct 2004 to Sep 2005		Oct 2005 to Sep 2006		Oct 2006 to Dec 2006	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Reimbursement ceiling (per month per Member)	12,756	100	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Average reimbursement total	11,548	90.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Entertainment and travelling expenses	11,548	90.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Staff remuneration	0	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Functional Constituencies

	Oct 2003 to Sep 2004		Oct 2004 to Sep 2005		Oct 2005 to Sep 2006		Oct 2006 to Dec 2006	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Reimbursement ceiling (per month per Member)	12,756	100	12,513	100	12,563	100	12,802	100
Average reimbursement total	11,404	89.4	11,077	88.5	10,973	87.3	11,350	88.7
Entertainment and travelling expenses	11,226	88.0	10,881	87.0	10,479	83.4	11,122	86.9
Staff remuneration	178	1.4	196	1.5	494	3.9	228	1.8

Geographical Constituencies

	Oct 2003 to Sep 2004		Oct 2004 to Sep 2005		Oct 2005 to Sep 2006		Oct 2006 to Dec 2006	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Reimbursement ceiling (per month per Member)	12,756	100	12,513	100	12,563	100	12,802	100
Average reimbursement total	12,222	95.8	11,736	93.8	11,954	95.2	11,519	90.0
Entertainment and travelling expenses	11,290	88.5	10,905	87.2	10,737	85.5	11,075	86.5
Staff remuneration	932	7.3	831	6.6	1,217	9.7	444	3.5

n/a = not applicable

Distribution of Members according to their respective utilization rates of Entertainment and Travelling Expenses Reimbursement

No. of Members Utilization rate (%)	2003/04								2004/05						2005/06						Oct - Dec 2006					
	Overall		EC		FC		GC		Overall		FC		GC		Overall		FC		GC		Overall		FC		GC	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
over 100 ⁽¹⁾		—		—		—		—		—		—		—		—		—		—	16	26.7	8	26.6	8	26.7
100	38	63.3	3	50.0	16	53.4	19	79.1	40	66.6	14	46.6	26	86.7	39	65.0	17	56.6	22	73.4		—		—		—
99 to <100	8	13.3		—	5	16.7	3	12.5	7	11.7	6	20.0	1	3.4	4	6.7	2	6.7	2	6.7	16	26.7	9	30.0	7	23.4
90 to <99	5	8.3	2	33.3	2	6.7	1	4.2	3	5.0	3	10.0		—	6	10.0	3	10.0	3	10.0	11	18.3	4	13.3	7	23.4
80 to <90	1	1.7		—	1	3.3		—	1	1.7	1	3.3		—	3	5.0	2	6.7	1	3.3	3	5.0	2	6.7	1	3.3
70 to <80	3	5.0		—	3	10.0		—	2	3.3	2	6.7		—	3	5.0	2	6.7	1	3.3	1	1.7		—	1	3.3
60 to <70	1	1.7		—	1	3.3		—		—		—		—		—		—		—	3	5.0	2	6.7	1	3.3
50 to <60	1	1.7	1	16.7		—		—	3	5.0	2	6.7	1	3.3	1	1.7	1	3.3		—	2	3.3	1	3.3	1	3.3
40 to <50		—		—		—		—	1	1.7		—	1	3.3		—		—		—	1	1.7		—	1	3.3
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20 to <30		—		—		—		—		—		—		—	2	3.3	2	6.7		—	4	6.6	2	6.7	2	6.7
10 to <20	1	1.7		—	1	3.3		—		—		—		—		—		—		—	1	1.7		—	1	3.3
0 to <10	2	3.3		—	1	3.3	1	4.2	3	5.0	2	6.7	1	3.3	2	3.3	1	3.3	1	3.3	2	3.3	2	6.7		—
Total no. of Members	60	100	6	100	30	100	24	100	60	100	30	100	30	100	60	100	30	100	30	100	60	100	30	100	30	100

(1) = Members' expenditure can be higher than the pro rata provision for a period, so long as the annual reimbursement ceiling is not exceeded.
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Number of full-time employees hired by LegCo Members

(i) Election Committee

No. of Members \ No. of full-time employees	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
3	1	–	–	–
4	2	–	–	–
5	1	–	–	–
6	1	–	–	–
7	1	–	–	–
No. of Members	6	–	–	–
Total no. of employees hired	29	–	–	–

(ii) Functional Constituencies

No. of Members \ No. of full-time employees	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0	1	1	1	1
1	2	2	2	1
2	7	6	4	6
3	7	7	7	7
4	7	6	6	6
5	2	5	6	6
6	2	1	2	1
7	2	1	1	1
8	0	1	0	0
11	0	0	1	0
12	0	0	0	1
No. of Members	30	30	30	30
Total no. of employees hired	101	105	115	113

(iii) Geographical Constituencies

No. of Members \ No. of full-time employees	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
2	0	2	1	1
3	1	3	3	3
4	3	3	2	3
5	4	7	5	5
6	6	9	4	3
7	4	4	7	6
8	1	1	3	6
9	3	0	4	2
10	0	1	1	1
13	1	0	0	0
16	1	0	0	0
No. of Members	24	30	30	30
Total no. of employees hired	163	160	187	184

Number of part-time employees hired by LegCo Members

(i) Election Committee

No. of Members No. of part-time employees	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0	3	–	–	–
1	3	–	–	–
No. of Members	6	–	–	–
Total no. of employees hired	3	–	–	–

(ii) Functional Constituencies

No. of Members No. of part-time employees	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0	14	12	13	16
1	11	10	5	2
2	3	5	7	5
3	1	2	2	3
4	0	0	1	2
5	0	0	1	1
14	1	0	0	0
15	0	1	1	1
No. of Members	30	30	30	30
Total no. of employees hired	34	41	49	49

(iii) Geographical Constituencies

No. of Members No. of part-time employees	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0	5	9	12	8
1	5	10	3	12
2	10	4	5	0
3	2	2	2	2
4	1	3	2	4
5	0	1	3	0
6	0	0	1	1
7	0	1	0	0
8	1	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	1
10	0	0	2	0
11	0	0	0	1
19	0	0	0	1
No. of Members	24	30	30	30
Total no. of employees hired	43	48	68	79

Appendix VII

**Number of employees hired by LegCo Members
(including full-time and part-time employees)**

No. of Members No. of employees hired	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
1	1	0	0	0
2	3	3	1	1
3	8	7	5	6
4	9	8	5	6
5	8	12	13	11
6	5	8	5	5
7	11	8	8	8
8	5	7	4	5
9	4	4	11	8
10	1	0	0	3
11	2	1	4	2
12	0	0	2	2
13	0	1	0	0
14	1	0	0	1
15	0	1	1	1
16	1	0	0	0
17	0	0	1	0
21	1	0	0	0
23	0	0	0	1
No. of Members	60	60	60	60
Total no. of employees hired	373	354	419	425

Number of employees hired by LegCo Members

Full-time employees

No. of full-time employees hired \ No. of Members	No. of Members			
	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0	1	1	1	1
1	2	2	2	1
2	7	8	5	7
3	9	10	10	10
4	12	9	8	9
5	7	12	11	11
6	9	10	6	4
7	7	5	8	7
8	1	2	3	6
9	3	0	4	2
10	0	1	1	1
11	0	0	1	0
12	0	0	0	1
13	1	0	0	0
16	1	0	0	0
No. of Members	60	60	60	60
Total no. of full-time employees hired	293	265	302	297

Part-time employees

No. of part-time employees hired \ No. of Members	No. of Members			
	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0	22	21	25	24
1	19	20	8	14
2	13	9	12	5
3	3	4	4	5
4	1	3	3	6
5	0	1	4	1
6	0	0	1	1
7	0	1	0	0
8	1	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	1
10	0	0	2	0
11	0	0	0	1
14	1	0	0	0
15	0	1	1	1
19	0	0	0	1
No. of Members	60	60	60	60
Total no. of part-time employees hired	80	89	117	128

Salary level of employees hired by LegCo Members

Full-time Employees

Salary range (\$)	No. of full-time employees			
	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0 to <5,000	3	7	6	7
5,000 to <10,000	98	92	106	96
10,000 to <15,000	100	77	88	91
15,000 to <20,000	41	30	39	41
20,000 to <25,000	20	29	31	30
25,000 to <30,000	13	13	15	16
30,000 to <35,000	9	11	11	10
35,000 to <40,000	7	5	5	4
40,000 to <45,000	2	1	1	1
45,000 to <50,000	0	0	0	1
Total	293	265	302	297

Part-time Employees

Salary range (\$)	No. of part-time employees			
	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0 to <1,000	3	2	9	14
1,000 to <2,000	10	11	15	18
2,000 to <3,000	9	19	29	28
3,000 to <4,000	16	17	12	15
4,000 to <5,000	16	11	21	24
5,000 to <6,000	11	10	14	12
6,000 to <7,000	7	6	6	4
7,000 to <8,000	1	3	2	1
8,000 to <9,000	3	3	3	2
9,000 to <10,000	1	0	0	1
10,000 to <11,000	0	3	2	4
11,000 to <12,000	0	0	0	1
12,000 to <13,000	0	1	1	0
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
14,000 to <15,000	1	1	1	0
15,000 to <16,000	1	1	1	1
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
18,000 to <19,000	1	0	0	0
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
20,000 to <21,000	0	1	1	3
Total	80	89	117	128

**Number of district offices operated by LegCo Members
(excluding district offices for which no rental reimbursement was claimed)**

No. of district offices ^{(1) & (2)}	No. of Members			
	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0	12	17	15	14
0.5	3	7	7	7
1	24	24	18	19
1.5	3	–	2	2
2	6	6	8	9
2.5	2	–	2	2
3	5	2	4	4
3.5	1	2	1	2
4	3	2	2	1
4.5	–	–	1	–
5	–	–	–	–
5.5	1	–	–	–
7	–	–	–	–
No. of Members	60	60	60	60
Total no. of district offices operated by 60 Members	82.75	59.09	72.25	70.77

(1) For an office shared by two or more LegCo/District Council Members, only the shared portion of the office is counted.

(2) Only district offices for which rents have been reimbursed are counted in the statistics — the central office (40m²) provided free-of-charge by the LegCo Secretariat for each Member and district offices for which no rental reimbursement has been claimed are excluded.

**Number of district offices operated by LegCo Members
(excluding district offices for which no rental reimbursement was claimed)**

i) Election Committee (EC)

No. of district offices	No. of Members			
	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	3	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
4	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
No. of Members	6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total no. of district offices operated by Members returned from EC	9.00	n/a	n/a	n/a

ii) Functional Constituencies (FC)

No. of district offices	No. of Members			
	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0	9	12	9	10
0.5	3	6	7	6
1	16	12	13	13
1.5	–	–	1	1
2	1	–	–	–
2.5	1	–	–	–
No. of Members	30	30	30	30
Total no. of district offices operated by Members returned from FC	21.75	14.01	17.60	17.12

iii) Geographical Constituencies (GC)

No. of district offices	No. of Members			
	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0	2	5	6	4
0.5	–	1	–	1
1	5	12	5	6
1.5	3	–	1	1
2	4	6	8	9
2.5	1	–	2	2
3	5	2	4	4
3.5	1	2	1	2
4	2	2	2	1
4.5	–	–	1	–
5.5	1	–	–	–
No. of Members	24	30	30	30
Total no. of district offices operated by Members returned from GC	52.00	45.08	54.65	53.65

**Number of district offices operated by LegCo Members
(including district offices for which no rental reimbursement was claimed)**

No. of district offices ^{(1) & (2)}	No. of Members			
	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0	10	10	6	6
0.5	3	5	4	3
1	23	23	18	16
1.5	2	6	6	6
2	7	9	11	13
2.5	2	–	3	1
3	8	2	5	7
3.5	1	2	1	3
4	3	3	3	4
4.5	–	–	1	–
5	–	–	1	–
5.5	1	–	–	–
7	–	–	1	1
No. of Members	60	60	60	60
Total no. of district offices operated by 60 Members	91.45	75.54	104.68	108.95

(1) For an office shared by two or more LegCo/District Council Members, only the shared portion of the office is counted.

(2) District offices reported by Members are counted in these statistics, regardless of whether rents were claimed. The central offices (40m² per Member) provided free-of-charge by the LegCo Secretariat for Members are excluded from the statistics.

**Number of district offices operated by LegCo Members
(including district offices for which no rental reimbursement was claimed)**

i) Election Committee (EC)

No. of district offices	No. of Members			
	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	3	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
4	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
No. of Members	6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total no. of district offices operated by Members returned from EC	9.00	n/a	n/a	n/a

ii) Functional Constituencies (FC)

No. of district offices	No. of Members			
	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0	8	7	4	5
0.5	3	4	4	3
1	15	14	15	13
1.5	–	3	5	5
2	3	2	1	4
2.5	1	–	–	–
3	–	–	1	–
No. of Members	30	30	30	30
Total no. of district offices operated by Members returned from FC	24.95	23.46	29.62	30.14

iii) Geographical Constituencies (GC)

No. of district offices	No. of Members			
	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006
0	1	3	2	1
0.5	–	1	–	–
1	5	9	3	3
1.5	2	3	1	1
2	3	7	10	9
2.5	1	–	3	1
3	8	2	4	7
3.5	1	2	1	3
4	2	3	3	4
4.5	–	–	1	–
5	–	–	1	–
5.5	1	–	–	–
7	–	–	1	1
No. of Members	24	30	30	30
Total no. of district offices operated by Members returned from GC	57.50	52.08	75.06	78.81

Statistics on LegCo Members' Utilization of One-off Provisions
[i.e. Setting Up Expenses Reimbursement (SUER), Information Technology &
Communication Equipment Expenses Reimbursement (ITER) and Winding Up Expenses Reimbursement (WUER)]

No. of Members Utilization rate	SUER		ITER		WUER ⁽²⁾	
	2 nd LegCo (Oct 2000 – Sept 2004)	3 rd LegCo (Oct 2004 – Sept 2008)	2 nd LegCo (Oct 2000 – Sept 2004)	3 rd LegCo (Oct 2004 – Sept 2008)	1 st LegCo (July 1998 – Sept 2000)	2 nd LegCo (Oct 2000 – Sept 2004)
100%	32	6	10	1	1	4
90% to <100%	6	12	4	6	1	2
80% to <90%	0	2	3	4	0	1
70% to <80%	3	3	1	8	1	1
60% to <70%	1	6	3	9	2	1
50% to <60%	5	5	1	4	0	2
40% to <50%	3	6	2	6	5	2
30% to <40%	3	2	2	6	0	2
20% to <30%	1	2	3	5	1	0
10% to <20%	0	2	2	2	0	0
>0% to <10%	0	3	1	0	1	4
0%	7	11	29	9	1	2
TOTAL	61⁽¹⁾	60	61⁽¹⁾	60	13	21

(1) A Member resigned in July 2001 and a new Member was elected in the by-election held in September 2001.

(2) Winding up expenses other than severance payments (which are reimbursed on actual basis without a ceiling).

Over-ceiling expenses not reimbursed

2006/07⁽¹⁾

Member	Expenses in excess of the ceiling for							
	OOER						ETER	
	Staff remuneration and expenses \$'000	Equipment and furniture \$'000	Office accommodation \$'000	Other operating expenses \$'000	Annual total \$'000	Over-ceiling %	Entertainment expenses \$'000	Over-ceiling %
Functional Constituencies								
K	167		19	8	194	13.0		
L	20		17	3	40	2.7		
Sub-total	187	0	36	11	234	7.8	0	0.0
Geographical Constituencies								
D			22	3	25	1.6		
G	3		15	3	21	1.4		
Sub-total	3	0	37	6	46	1.5	0	0.0
Total	190	0	73	17	280	4.7	0	0.0

⁽¹⁾ For period 10/2006 to 12/2006; over-ceiling expenses up to 9/2007 not yet reported.

2005/06⁽²⁾

Member	Expenses in excess of the ceiling for							
	OOER						ETER	
	Staff remuneration and expenses \$'000	Equipment and furniture \$'000	Office accommodation \$'000	Other operating expenses \$'000	Annual total \$'000	Over-ceiling %	Entertainment expenses \$'000	Over-ceiling %
Functional Constituencies								
E				3	3	0.3		
J	81				81	6.0		
K	139		31	21	191	14.3		
L	35		39	9	83	6.2		
Sub-total	255	0	70	33	358	6.7	0	0.0
Geographical Constituencies								
A	50		5	2	57	4.3		
B	93		30	32	155	11.6		
D	60		76	17	153	11.4		
F	7		4	47	58	4.3		
G	24		39	13	76	5.6		
H			21	20	41	3.1	1	0.7
I					0	0.0	14	9.3
Sub-total	234	0	175	131	540	6.7	15	5.0
Total	489	0	245	164	898	6.7	15	5.0

⁽²⁾ Out of the 18 Members who fully claimed the reimbursable amount under OOER, only 10 reported their over-ceiling expenses to the Secretariat. Out of the 22 Members who fully claimed the reimbursable amount under ETER, only 2 reported their over-ceiling expenses to the Secretariat.

Over-ceiling expenses not reimbursed

2004/05⁽³⁾

Member	Expenses in excess of the ceiling for							
	OOER						ETER	
	Staff remuneration and expenses \$'000	Equipment and furniture \$'000	Office accommodation \$'000	Other operating expenses \$'000	Annual total \$'000	Over-ceiling %	Entertainment expenses \$'000	Over-ceiling %
Functional Constituencies								
E				2	2	0.1		
Sub-total	0	0	0	2	2	0.1	0	0.0
Geographical Constituencies								
A	34		1	3	38	2.8		
B				2	2	0.1		
D	68		50	7	125	9.4		
F				2	2	0.2		
Sub-total	102	0	51	14	167	3.1	0	0.0
Total	102	0	51	16	169	2.5	0	0.0

⁽³⁾ Out of the 12 Members who fully claimed the reimbursable amount under OOER, only 4 reported their over-ceiling expenses to the Secretariat. On the other hand, while with an unclaimed balance under OOER, Member F has reported his unclaimed expenses to the Secretariat.

2003/04⁽⁴⁾

Member	Expenses in excess of the ceiling for							
	OOER						ETER	
	Staff remuneration and expenses \$'000	Equipment and furniture \$'000	Office accommodation \$'000	Other operating expenses \$'000	Annual total \$'000	Over-ceiling %	Entertainment expenses \$'000	Over-ceiling %
Functional Constituencies								
E	41		4	1	46	3.4		
Sub-total	41		4	1	46	3.4	0	0.0
Geographical Constituencies								
A	134		5	2	141	10.4		
B	74		18	20	112	8.3		
C	25		30	2	57	4.2		
D	124		51	6	181	13.3		
Sub-total	357	0	104	30	491	9.0	0	0.0
Total	398	0	108	31	537	7.9	0	0.0

⁽⁴⁾ Out of the 20 Members who fully claimed the reimbursable amount under OOER, only 5 reported their over-ceiling expenses to the Secretariat.