

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08**

**Director of Bureau : Secretary for Education and Manpower
Session No. 10**

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

Reply Serial No.

S-EMB01

Question Serial No.

S030

Head : 156 Government Secretariat : Subhead (No. & title) :
Education and Manpower Bureau

Programme : (3) Secondary Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Education and Manpower

Question :

Will the Administration advise this Council of the annual total number of secondary school places provided in government, aided, Caput, Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) and English Schools Foundation secondary schools in the three school years from 2004/05 to 2006/07 respectively?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The total number of secondary school places provided in government, aided, Caput, DSS and English Schools Foundation secondary schools in the three school years from 2004/05 to 2006/07 are as follows:

School Year	Government	Aided	Caput	DSS	English Schools Foundation
2004/05	37 400	390 734	7 117	38 092	6 605
2005/06	36 690	392 079	6 712	42 407	6 787
2006/07	35 720	392 366	5 432	46 081	6 919

- Notes: (1) Figures do not include special schools.
(2) Figures refer to the position as at September of the respective school years.
(3) Figures on places refer to the number of students that can be accommodated in operating classes (excluding vacant classrooms).

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Date 26 March 2007

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Reply Serial No.

S-EMB02

Question Serial No.

S031

Head : 156 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
 Education and Manpower Bureau

Programme : (3) Secondary Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Education and Manpower

Question :

Would the Government inform this Committee of the reasons for the increase in the average expenditure per school place in government, aided, caput and Direct Subsidy Scheme secondary schools respectively in the three school years from 2004/05 to 2006/07?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The increase in average government expenditure for each secondary school place in respect of government, aided, caput and Direct Subsidy Scheme schools from 2004-05 to 2006-07 is mainly due to the increase in provision for Capacity Enhancement Grant, other initiatives such as measures to support the development of the new academic structure for senior secondary education and support to schools admitting students with academic low achievements, and in the case of aided schools also due to the increase in grants to support the establishment of incorporated management committees.

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Reply Serial No.

S-EMB03

Question Serial No.

S032

Head : 156 Government Secretariat:
Education and Manpower Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Secondary Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Education and Manpower

Question :

The average expenditure per school place regarding English Schools Foundation (ESF) secondary schools has dropped from \$29,725 in the 2004/05 school year to \$28,530 in the 2006/07 school year. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Given the distinct nature of schools run by the English Schools Foundation (ESF), Government's subvention for the ESF is not pitched at that for government and aided schools. The decline in the average government expenditure per school place for ESF secondary schools during the period is mainly due to progressive efficiency savings requirement on the ESF introduced during 2003-04 to 2006-07, as part of the Government's overall efficiency savings drive.

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Reply Serial No.

S-EMB04

Question Serial No.

S033

Head : 156 Government Secretariat : Subhead (No. & title) :
Education and Manpower Bureau

Programme : (2) Primary Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Education and Manpower

Question :

Will the Administration advise this Council of the annual total number of primary school places provided in government, aided, Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) and English Schools Foundation primary schools in the three school years from 2004/05 to 2006/07 respectively?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The total number of primary school places provided in government, aided, DSS and English Schools Foundation primary schools in the three school years from 2004/05 to 2006/07 are as follows:

School Year	Government	Aided	DSS	English Schools Foundation
2004/05	31 196	385 042	7 052	6 390
2005/06	29 766	365 487	9 093	6 660
2006/07	28 625	344 964	10 505	6 660

- Notes: (1) Figures do not include special schools.
(2) Figures refer to the position as at September of the respective school years.
(3) Figures on places refer to the number of students that can be accommodated in operating classes (excluding vacant classrooms).

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Reply Serial No.

S-EMB05

Question Serial No.

S034

Head : 156 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
 Education and Manpower Bureau

Programme : (2) Primary Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Education and Manpower

Question :

Would the Government inform this Committee of the reasons for the increase in the average expenditure per school place in government, aided and Direct Subsidy Scheme primary schools respectively in the three school years from 2004/05 to 2006/07?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The increase in average government expenditure for each primary school place in respect of government, aided and Direct Subsidy Scheme schools from 2004-05 to 2006-07 is mainly due to the increase in provision for Capacity Enhancement Grant and other initiatives such as specialised teaching and native-speaking English teachers, and in the case of aided schools also due to the increase in grants to support the establishment of incorporated management committees.

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Date _____ 26 March 2007

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-EMB06

Question Serial No.

S035

Head : 156 Government Secretariat:
Education and Manpower Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Primary Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Education and Manpower

Question :

The average expenditure per school place regarding English Schools Foundation (ESF) junior schools has dropped from \$21,358 in the 2004/05 school year to \$20,460 in the 2006/07 school year. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Given the distinct nature of schools run by the English Schools Foundation (ESF), Government's subvention for the ESF is not pitched at that for government and aided schools. The decline in the average government expenditure per school place for ESF junior schools during the period is mainly due to progressive efficiency savings requirement on the ESF introduced during 2003-04 to 2006-07, as part of the Government's overall efficiency savings drive.

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Date _____

26 March 2007

Reply :

- (a) The breakdown of the number of special training programmes provided by the Employees Retraining Board and completed between 1 April 2006 and 30 November 2006, number of graduates, number of placements arranged and placement rates are given in the following table –

Special courses ⁽¹⁾	<i>Courses for those aged 45 or above</i>	<i>Courses for Persons with Disabilities and Victims of Industrial Accidents</i> ⁽²⁾	<i>Courses for New Arrivals</i>	<i>Courses on Self-employment</i> ⁽³⁾	<i>Courses on Job Search Skills</i>
(i) Number of full-time courses	28	7	16	Not Available	4
(ii) Number of graduates of (i)	572	78	282	Not Available	80
(iii) Number of placements	457	56	242	Not Available	70
(iv) Placement rate i.e. [(iii) / (ii)] x 100%	80%	72%	86%	Not Available	88%

Notes:

- (1) Training bodies are required to provide a three-month placement service for retrainees upon completion of the full-time (placement-tied) courses (subject to note (2) below). The number of courses and other information set out in the table refer to courses completed between 1 April 2006 and 30 November 2006 only. Similar information on courses completed between 1 December 2006 and 31 March 2007 will be available in August 2007.
- (2) The placement period for this course category is six months. Hence, the placement rate refers to courses completed between 1 April 2006 and 31 August 2006 only.
- (3) One course on Self-employment commenced in mid-March 2007 (i.e. after the period covered by the above table) and has not yet finished.

(b) In connection with (a), examples of the placement of the graduates and their salary levels (per month) are set out below. Unless otherwise specified, all the placements listed below are full-time placements.

Special courses	<i>Courses for those aged 45 or above</i>	<i>Courses for Persons with Disabilities and Victims of Industrial Accidents</i>	<i>Courses for New Arrivals</i>	<i>Courses on Self-employment</i>	<i>Courses on Job Search Skills</i>
Examples of placement of the graduates and the monthly salary	<i>Construction Company Site Worker (\$9,600)</i>	<i>Seafood Retailer Promoter (\$6,400)</i>	<i>Farm Farmer (\$6,338)</i>	Not available	<i>Direct Sales Company Promoter (\$7,000)</i>
	<i>Garment Factory Factory Worker (\$5,200)</i>	<i>Trading Company Clerk (\$6,000)</i>	<i>Textile Factory Production Worker (\$6,500)</i>		<i>Safety Products Factory Production Worker (\$5,000)</i>
	<i>Sports Products Company Warehouse Assistant (\$6,500)</i>	<i>Theme Park Management Company Laundry Helper (\$6,400)</i>	<i>Zip Factory Clerk (\$6,200)</i>		<i>Food Manufacturing Company Packer (\$5,300)</i>
	<i>Restaurant Cashier (\$6,800)</i>	<i>Logistics Company Storekeeper (\$5,520)</i>	<i>Retail Shop Shop Assistant (\$5,500)</i>		<i>Accessories Shop Shop Assistant (\$5,200)</i>
	<i>Delivery Company Courier (\$6,500)</i>	<i>Property Management Company Security Guard (\$7,500)</i>	<i>Noodle Shop Waiter (\$6,000)</i>		<i>Fast Food Shop Dish Washer (\$5,000)</i>
	<i>Business Consultancy Company Office Assistant (\$7,200)</i>	<i>Engineering Consultancy Company Receptionist (\$6,000)</i>	<i>Transport Company Customer Services Officer (\$6,500)</i>		<i>Real Estate Company Customer Services Officer (\$5,000)</i>
	<i>Security Company Caretaker (\$7,200)</i>	<i>Motor Car Maintenance Company Car Washer (\$6,000)</i>	<i>Elderly Home Cleaner (\$7,800)</i>		<i>Nursery Nursery Worker (\$6,500)</i>
	<i>Household Employer Part-time Domestic Helper (\$2,500)</i>	<i>Noodle Shop Part-time Helper (\$2,400)</i>	<i>Marketing Services Company Part-time Promoter (\$3,000)</i>		<i>Engineering Company Part-time Clerk (\$2,500)</i>
<i>Trading Company Part-time Office Assistant (\$2,800)</i>	<i>Healthcare Equipment Company Part-time Sales Assistant (\$1,656)</i>	<i>Fast Food Shop Part-time Shop Assistant (\$2,772)</i>		<i>University Library Part-time Data Entry Clerk (\$2,432)</i>	

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-EMB08

Question Serial No.

SV032

Head : 156 Government Secretariat:
Education and Manpower Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Primary Education
(3) Secondary Education
(4) Special Education
(5) Other Educational Services and Subsidies
(8) Policy and Support

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Education and Manpower

Question :

Will the Administration provide the details of the expenditure estimated at \$754 million for supporting integrated education in the 2007/08 school year?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply :

In the 2007/08 school year, the estimated expenditure on additional professional and resource support for integrated education in public sector primary and secondary schools is \$754 million. Details are set out in the Appendix.

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Post Title _____ Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower

Date _____ 30 March 2007

**Additional professional and resource support for integrated education
in public sector primary and secondary schools for the 2007/08 school year**

Programme in Controlling Officers' Report	Service/Programme	Description	2007/08 school year (estimated expenditure) (\$ million)
(2) Primary Education	Intensive Remedial Teaching Programme	Participating schools are provided with additional teachers to provide intensive remedial support for children with severe learning difficulties.	188.0
	New Funding Mode	Participating schools are provided with a cash grant for hiring of services/appointment of teachers to provide school-based remedial services for students with special educational needs.	115.0
	Whole-school Approach to Integrated Education Programme	Participating schools are provided with additional teachers/learning support assistants and recurrent grants to implement the whole-school approach in supporting students with a disability.	15.8
	Resource Primary Schools on Whole-school Approach	The resource schools are to share their experience and strategies in the implementation of Whole-school Approach to cater for individual difference.	0.5
	Enhanced Educational Psychology Service	Through outsourcing, the Enhanced Educational Psychology Service for Primary Schools is provided to help schools to cater for students' diverse educational needs.	13.4
	Enhanced Speech Therapy Service	Primary schools may employ their own Speech Therapists or procure school-based speech therapy services to support their students with speech and language impairments.	42.0
(3) Secondary Education	Whole-school Approach to Integrated Education Programme	Participating schools are provided with additional teachers/learning support assistants and recurrent grants to implement the whole-school approach in supporting students with a disability.	10.4
	School-based Remedial Support Programme	Participating schools with high intake of bottom 10% junior secondary students are provided with additional teachers to provide intensive remedial teaching and support students' learning in the three basic subjects.	20.6
	New initiative to cater for academic low achievers in junior secondary levels	For schools with a large intake of Territory Band 3 and bottom 10% junior secondary students, the class to teacher ratios will be improved from 1:1.3 to 1:2 for one full class of bottom 10% students and to 1:1.6 for one full class of other Band 3 students.	237.1

	Resource Secondary Schools on Whole-school Approach	The resource schools are to share their experience and strategies in the implementation of Whole-school Approach to cater for individual difference.	0.4
(4) Special Education	Resource Support Programme for Visually Impaired Integrators	The participating special school is provided with additional resource teachers and braillists for offering support services to visually impaired integrators in ordinary schools.	4.4
	Special Schools cum Resource Centres	Participating special schools are provided with a cash grant to enable them to share their experience and expertise with ordinary school teachers for empowering them to handle students with special educational needs.	3.6
	Enhanced Support Service for Hearing Impaired Integrators	Participating special schools are provided with additional resource teachers and a recurrent grant to offer comprehensive support services to hearing impaired integrators in ordinary schools.	6.0
(5) Other Educational Services and Subsidies	Teacher Training	Provision of professional development courses, school-based training on integrated education and other theme-based training activities for teachers of all schools.	95.9
(8) Policy and Support	Professional Development Schools	Participating schools are to provide school-based support to ordinary schools with students with special educational needs.	0.5
Total:			753.6 (say 754)