

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

**Controlling Officer : Judiciary Administrator
Session No. : 17**

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Reply Serial No.

S-JA01

Question Serial No.

SV025

Head : 80 The Judiciary

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Courts, Tribunals and Various Statutory Functions

Controlling Officer : Judiciary Administrator

Director of Bureau : Judiciary Administrator

Question :

In response to Hon Audrey EU's concern about the effectiveness of the work of the Mediation Co-ordinator's Office (MCO) in assisting parties to receive family mediation service, the Judiciary Administrator (JA) undertook to provide information on the percentage of cases referred to mediators in the private sector among the total number of cases serviced by MCO through information sessions held in 2006-07. (**Reply Serial No. JA008**)

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

In 2006-07, the Mediation Co-ordinator's Office ("MCO") received 856 applications from individual parties for attending Information Sessions. All of them were invited but 439 applicants eventually attended such sessions, the attendance rate being about 51%.

During the same period, the MCO referred 113 cases, comprising 226 individual parties with two for each case, to mediators in the private sector for mediation service. They represented about 51% of the attendees.

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Name in block letters _____ EMMA LAU

Post Title _____ Judiciary Administrator

Date _____ 26 March 2007

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Reply Serial No.

S-JA02

Question Serial No.

SV026

Head : 80 The Judiciary

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Courts, Tribunals and Various Statutory Functions

Controlling Officer : Judiciary Administrator

Director of Bureau : Judiciary Administrator

Question :

In response to Hon Audrey EU's concern about the Judiciary's plan to improve the waiting time for summons cases in the Magistrates' Courts, JA undertook to provide information on the resources allocated for the appointment of new Special Magistrates to deal with these cases (**Reply Serial No. JA014**).

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

There are 6 existing vacancies of Special Magistrate. A sum of \$4.45M has been earmarked in the 2007-08 estimate to meet the salary expenses in respect of the new Special Magistrates assuming that all 6 vacant posts can be filled.

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