

**Reply to supplementary question raised by Finance Committee Members in examining the
Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11**

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

With regard to the Administration's reply CEO003, Hon. Emily LAU, Chairman of the Finance Committee, has requested the Administration to provide a copy of the investigation report on the incident of a Government House employee taking relatives and friends into the Government House for touring and barbecuing, and if the investigation report cannot be released, to provide the findings of the investigation. The Administration is also requested to confirm –

- (a) whether the employee concerned had been permitted access to those areas that were accessed in the incident; and
- (b) whether the employee concerned had been authorised to take relatives and friends into the Government House and to tour around the Government House.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The Office of the Chief Executive (CEO) completed the investigation in February 2010, in line with established procedures. The findings revealed that one domestic staff, who was a resident of the Government House (GH) departmental quarters, had invited a group of 11 friends to GH in November 2008. The domestic staff had arranged for the visitors to register their identity at the Main Entrance. Within GH, visitors of resident staff are meant to stay within the compound of the quarters of the domestic staff and are not allowed to tour around GH. On the occasion, however, the domestic staff invited the visitors to tour around restricted areas of GH, in clear breach of departmental guidelines for occupants of GH quarters.

Following the investigation, we had resolved the contract with the domestic staff concerned. We had also updated the CEO internal guidelines and reminded colleagues to adhere strictly to these.

As the investigation report contains personal data and staffing information, we would not be in a position to disclose it in full.

Signature _____

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Post Title _____ Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office

Date _____ 30 March 2010