Replies to supplementary written questions raised by Finance Committee Members in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

S-CSO01

Question Serial No.

SV011

Head: 142 – Government Secretariat: Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) CSO – Administration Wing

Controlling Officer: Director of Administration

Director of Bureau: Director of Administration

Question :

With regard to the Administration's reply CSO028, Hon. Margaret NG has requested the Administration to provide details of the reasons for the increase in expenditure under Head 142, Subhead 000 Operational Expenses – "Honoraria for members of committees" over the past 10 years from 1999-2000 to 2010-11. The information should include the types and number of persons receiving the honoraria in each year and details of other factors contributing to the increase/decrease in the amount of honoraria paid in each year.

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

The types and number of persons receiving the honoraria in each year during 1999-2000 to 2009-2010 are as follows -

Year	Types of persons receiving honoraria	Total number (Note 1)
1999-2000	part-time members (PTMs) of the Central Policy Unit (CPU)	65
2000-2001		43
2001-2002	PTMs of the CPU and other members of committees(Note 2) under the CPU; and Chairman of the Administrative Appeals Board (AAB)	60
2002-2003		68
2003-2004		89
2004-2005		63
2005-2006	PTMs of the CPU; and Chairman and Deputy Chairmen of the AAB	70
2006-2007		69
2007-2008		78
2008-2009		70
2009-2010		70

Note 1: The tenure of the PTMs of the CPU commences January each year. Payment of honoraria to PTMs is thus reflected in two consecutive financial years. As a result, the number of PTMs who received honoraria in each financial year were greater than the number of PTMs appointed in that particular calendar year.

Note 2: From 2001-2002 to 2004-2005, apart from PTMs, honoraria were also provided to members of some other committees under the CPU.

The amount of honoraria paid in each year is affected by the number of appeals handled by the AAB and the number of eligible committee members under the CPU.

The provision for 2010-11 is $384,000 higher than the actual expenditure for 2008-09. This is mainly due to expected increase in the number of appeals to be handled by the AAB.

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Date	30 March 2010

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

Reply Serial No.

S-CSO02

Question Serial No

SV012

142 – Government Secretariat : Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) CSO – Administration Wing

Controlling Officer: Director of Administration

Director of Bureau: Director of Administration

Question:

With regard to the Administration's reply CSO015, Hon Wong Ting-kwong has requested the Administration to provide details of the six Business Impact Assessment studies which have been conducted by bureaux/departments with the assistance of the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit.

Asked by: Hon. Wong Ting-kwong

Reply:

The Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit (EABFU) has offered assistance to bureaux/departments (B/Ds) concerned in the following six Business Impact Assessment (BIA) studies. All the BIA studies aim to help B/Ds concerned refine their regulatory proposals and make them as business-friendly as possible through structured analysis of the trades' views/concerns and impact assessment findings.

	BIA study	B/Ds concerned
1	New conditions for conducting temporary/occasional hot pot activities in restaurants and factory canteens	Fire Services Department and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
2	Voluntary Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme for bathing showers	Water Supplies Department
3	Voluntary Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme for water taps	Water Supplies Department
4	Mandatory implementation of the Building Energy Codes	Environment Bureau and Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
5	Food Safety Bill	Food and Health Bureau and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
6	Mandatory Producer Responsibility Scheme for waste electrical and electronic equipment	Environmental Protection Department

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Date 30 March 2010