

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

**Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

CEO001

Question Serial No.

1591

Head: 21 Chief Executive's Office Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office

Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Please provide the expenses on energy saving in Government House and the Chief Executive's country residence at Fanling in 2009, including that for the replacement of energy saving light fittings and electrical appliances, and the estimated provision for energy saving in 2010-11.

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

The estimated expenses under Head 21 relating to the upkeeping of existing energy-saving devices and the installation of new energy-saving devices for Government House and Fanling Lodge are \$119,500 for 2009-10 (revised estimate) and \$37,000 for 2010-11.

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Name in block letters _____ Miss Elizabeth Tse

Post Title _____ Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office

Date _____ 17 March 2010

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

CEO002

Head: 21 Chief Executive's Office
Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

2829

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office

Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

What are the reasons for the reduced requirements for expenses under special appointments?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

The estimated provision for special appointments is \$8.913 m for 2010-11, lower than the revised estimate of \$10.001 m for 2009-10. The drop relates to –

- (a) end-of-contract gratuities – these were due in 2009-10 in relation to three officers (namely, Information Coordinator, Senior Special Assistant and Personal Assistant to the Director of the Chief Executive's Office). We have not set aside like provision for 2010-11; and
- (b) provision for salaries – the estimated provision for 2010-11 is lower than the estimate for 2009-10 to reflect the 5.38% pay cut applicable to officers above the Master Pay Scale 33.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

CEO003

Question Serial No.

2830

Head: 21 Chief Executive's Office
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office

Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

- (a) As regards the management of Government House, what are the actual expenses in 2008-09, the revised expenses for 2009-10 and the estimate for 2010-11 respectively?
- (b) It was reported that a Government House employee took relatives and friends into Government House for touring and barbecuing without prior permission, and that the Chief Executive's Office would conduct an investigation into the incident. When will the investigation complete? Will there be any subsequent changes in the allocation of financial and manpower resources for the management of Government House?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply:

- (a) The management expenses for Government House are as follows –

2008 – 09 (Actual)	\$5.31 m
2009 – 10 (Revised)	\$5.41 m
2010 – 11 (Estimate)	\$5.41 m

- (b) We completed the investigation in February 2010. The allocation of financial and manpower resources for the management of Government House is not affected by the incident.

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CEO004

Question Serial No.

2857

Head: 21 Chief Executive's Office
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office

Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Under the current establishment of the Chief Executive's Office, how many posts are under pensionable terms for civil servants and how many under civil service contract terms? What are these posts primarily?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The current establishment of the Chief Executive's Office covers 100 posts. The terms of appointment for staff occupying these posts are as follows –

Terms of Appointment	No. of Posts	Staff
Pensionable	88	Officers from the Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, Official Languages Officer, Personal Secretary, Social Secretary, Clerical Officer, Domestic Staff, Confidential Assistant, Chauffeur, Clerical Assistant, Motor Driver and Office Assistant grades
Non-pensionable	12	Officers from the Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, Housekeeper, Clerical Officer and Domestic Staff grades

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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CEO005

Question Serial No.

2858

Head: 21 Chief Executive's Office
Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office

Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

This year's estimate of the amount required for salaries will be decreased. Which posts' salaries will be adjusted primarily? What is the average decrease for these posts?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

In line with the 2009-10 civil service pay adjustment, a flat 5.38% pay cut has been applied to all officers remunerated above Master Pay Scale 33, including directorate-equivalent officers.

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