

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members in  
examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12**

**Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs  
Session No. : 18**

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

**S-HAB01**

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau    Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

SV034

Programme:            (5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Noting that over \$2.8 billion would be allocated for the development of art and cultural software in 2011-12, would the Administration please provide a breakdown of the estimated funding for staff cost?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply:

The breakdown of the expenditure for the development of art and cultural software in 2011-12 is set out below —

| <b>Expenditure Item<br/>(Programme Area)</b>  | <b>Estimated Financial Provision for<br/>2011-12<br/>(\$ million)</b>  |
|---|--|
| Public performing arts venues and programmes<br>(Head 95, Programme (4))            | 862.2  |
| Public libraries and activities<br>(Head 95, Programme (5))                         | 776.2  |
| Public heritage, museums and exhibitions<br>(Head 95, Programme (3))                | 514.3  |
| Subvention for major performing arts groups<br>(Head 53, Programme (6))             | 264.2  |
| Subvention for Hong Kong Academy for<br>Performing Arts<br>(Head 53, Programme (6)) | 236.2  |
| Subvention for Hong Kong Arts Development<br>Council<br>(Head 53, Programme (6))    | 80.9<br>(excluding \$30 million project<br>grants from the arts portion of the<br>Arts and Sport Development Fund) |

| <b>Expenditure Item<br/>(Programme Area)</b>   | <b>Estimated Financial Provision for<br/>2011-12<br/>(\$ million)</b> |
|--|---|
| Culture related expenditures (e.g. promotion work<br>and administration)<br>(Head 53, Programme (5)) | 88.3  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>2,822.3</b>  |

As far as the Home Affairs Bureau and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (i.e. Programme (5) of Head 53 and Programmes (3), (4) and (5) of Head 95) are concerned, the staff cost is \$815.8 million.

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

**S-HAB02**

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau    Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

S117

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

(5) Culture

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the approved funding from the Arts and Sport Development Fund in 2010, had the provisions for items 24, 25 and 26 been directly approved by the Secretary for Home Affairs? Were there other departments/committees involved in the vetting procedures?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Secretary for Home Affairs approves all applications for grants from the sports portion of the Arts and Sport Development Fund. The Secretary for Home Affairs approved funding for items 24, 25 and 26, having regard to advice from relevant government bodies, including the 2023 Asian Games Provisional Bid Committee.

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**S-HAB03**

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau    Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

S118

Programme:            (4) Recreation, Sport and Entertainment Licensing

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the incentives for medallists at the Paralympic Games and the Asian Para Games, why is the review on the level of incentives scheduled after the 2012 Paralympic Games when the Administration has noted the need to do so in 2009?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

The Sports Commission last reviewed the incentive awards for Hong Kong athletes winning medals at the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, the Asian Games and the Asian Para Games in 2009, when it endorsed substantial increases in such awards. As the Olympic and Paralympic Games were last held in Beijing in 2008 and are only held every four years, the revised incentive awards for the Olympic and Paralympic Games will not come into effect until the Games to be held in London in 2012. When endorsing the increased incentives in 2009, the Sports Commission noted that it would be appropriate to conduct another review of incentive levels for medalists after the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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Reply Serial No.

**S-HAB04**

Question Serial No.

S113

Head : 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau      Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In the past three financial years (from 2008-09 to 2010-11), the total expenditure of the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) were \$10.426 million, \$16.340 million and \$20.315 million respectively, of which the expenditures for national education were \$7.72 million, \$9.32 million and \$8.44 million respectively. Please set out the expenditure for the other areas under the CPCE.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

Apart from national education, the Home Affairs Bureau works closely with the CPCE to promote other core social values including upholding the rule of law and social justice, human rights education, moral education and other topics relating to civic education. The expenditure for these areas in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 was \$2.706 million, \$7.02 million and \$11.875 million respectively.

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Reply Serial No.

**S-HAB05**

Question Serial No.

S114

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau    Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:            (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Home Affairs Bureau stated that there was no separate breakdown of expenditure on activities promoting a specific value or civic concept. Please give the reasons.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) promotes civic education outside schools through various channels such as sponsoring community organizations to organize activities, publications, promotional programmes, production of TV programmes, thematic workshops and exhibitions. The activities may promote multiple core values at the same time. As all these promotional activities constitute an integral part of CPCE's expenditure, a separate breakdown of expenditure on activities promoting a specific value or civic concept is hence not available.

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**S-HAB06**

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau    Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

S115

Programme:                    (2) Social Harmony and Civic Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the promotion of human rights education, what was the work of the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) in 2010-11? What were the projects and expenditure involved? How much was spent directly or indirectly on publicity and what was the content of the publicity? How much was spent on sponsoring activities and what was the content? What is the work plan of the CPCE in 2011-12 and what is the estimated expenditure? How much will be spent directly or indirectly on publicity and what was the content of the publicity? What is the estimated expenditure for sponsoring activities?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The promotion of civic values includes promotion of values and concepts such as moral education, national education, the rule of law and social justice, human rights and other core social values. In 2010-11, the CPCE promotes civic education outside schools, including human rights education, through sponsoring community organisations to organise activities (including conducting study and exchange tours to the Mainland, and organising activities in the community to promote core values), publications, promotional programmes, production of TV programmes, thematic workshops and exhibitions. In 2011-12, the CPCE will continue promoting civic education outside schools through the abovementioned channels. The estimated expenditure and provision for the promotion of civic education outside schools in both 2010-11 and 2011-12 is about \$20.3 million. Human rights education forms part and parcel of civic education and there is no separate breakdown of expenditure on activities promoting a specific value or civic concept.

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**S-HAB07**

Head: 53 – GS : Home Affairs Bureau Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

S112

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the respective amount of resources actually used in 2009-10 and 2010-11 and reserved for 2011-12 for the Home Affairs Bureau and the departments under its purview for the following items, as well as the contents and policy objectives of such activities:

- (a) Expenditure on duty visits, exchanges and meetings in the Mainland attended by local officials, as well as the rank and number of local officials (please provide a breakdown by administrative region at the provincial level and by city in Guangdong Province);
- (b) Expenditure on exchanges, entertainment and meetings in Hong Kong with Mainland officials and government departments, as well as the rank and number of local and Mainland officials (please provide a breakdown by administrative region at the provincial level and by city in Guangdong Province);
- (c) Expenditure on duty visits, exchanges and meetings in other places (including Taiwan and Macao) attended by local officials, as well as the rank and number of local officials (please provide a breakdown by continent and country/region); and
- (d) Expenditure on exchanges, entertainment and meetings in Hong Kong with officials and government departments of other places (including Taiwan and Macao), as well as the rank and number of local officials and officials of other places (please provide a breakdown by continent and country/region).

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

The details and policy objectives of study visits, exchanges and meetings organised by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the departments under its purview, and the exchanges, entertainment and meetings organised for visiting officials of other places are as follows:

| <b>Bureau/Department</b>                        | <b>Details of the Activities</b>                                  | <b>Policy Objectives of the Activities</b>   |
|---|---|--|
| HAB   | Official meetings, study visits, exchanges and forums/seminars    | To build closer ties and enhance communication between Hong Kong and the Mainland, and between Hong Kong and other places, so as to foster mutual understanding and cooperation and to maintain work exchanges on public affairs, district administration and the development of culture, art and sport. |
| Home Affairs Department (HAD)                   | Official meetings, study visits, exchanges and duty visits        | To maintain exchanges, duty visits and study visits with overseas countries and the Mainland with a view to enhancing liaison between the government and various sectors of the community and promoting the development of district administration.  |
| Legal Aid Department (LAD)                      | Official meetings, study visits, exchanges and duty visits        | To introduce the services and operation of the LAD for a better understanding of the functions and operational targets of the LAD, the legal aid system in Hong Kong and the services of civil and criminal legal aid.   |
| Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) | Study visits, exchanges, meetings and organisation of exhibitions | To maintain exchanges, duty visits and study visits with overseas countries and the Mainland with a view to promoting cultural and arts activities and sports development, and fostering regional ties and cooperation.  |
| Information Services Department (ISD)           | Study visits, exchanges and meetings                              | To enhance communication, co-operation and exchanges with the Mainland and support the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government's overseas delegations and promotion activities  |

Details of the actual amount of resources used by the HAB and the departments under its purview for the activities concerned in 2009-10 and 2010-11 are at the Annex.

Resources reserved in 2011-12 for the HAB and the departments under its purview are as follows:

| <b>Bureau/<br/>Department</b> | <b>2011-12<br/>Estimated Expenditure</b>  |  |   |   |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
|                               | <b>Expenditure on<br/>study visits,<br/>exchanges and<br/>meetings in the<br/>Mainland<br/>(\$)</b> | <b>Expenditure on<br/>exchanges,<br/>entertainment<br/>and meetings in<br/>Hong Kong with<br/>Mainland<br/>officials and<br/>government<br/>departments<br/>(\$)</b> | <b>Expenditure on<br/>study visits,<br/>exchanges and<br/>meetings in other<br/>places<br/>(\$)</b> | <b>Expenditure on<br/>exchanges,<br/>entertainment<br/>and meetings in<br/>Hong Kong with<br/>officials and<br/>government<br/>departments of<br/>other places<br/>(\$)</b> |
| HAB                           | 550,000   | 60,000   | 550,000   | 15,000  |
| HAD                           | Specific plan not yet available   | Specific plan not yet available  | Specific plan not yet available   | Specific plan not yet available   |
| LAD                           | 10,000  | -  | 60,000  | 3,000   |
| LCSD                          | 424,600   | 629,000  | 836,750   | -   |
| ISD                           | No provision earmarked  | No provision earmarked   | No provision earmarked  | No provision earmarked  |

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(a) Expenditure on duty visits, exchanges and meetings by Hong Kong officials in the Mainland, and the rank and number of Hong Kong officials involved

| Bureau/Department              | 2009-10  |                   | 2010-11  |                   | Total number and rank of Hong Kong officials involved  |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|
|                                | Destination  | Total Expenditure | Destination  | Total Expenditure |  |
| <b>Home Affairs Bureau</b>     | Beijing, Guangdong Province (Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Foshan), Sichuan Province and Shandong Province  | \$141,200         | Beijing, Shanghai, Guangdong Province (Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Huizhou), Zhejiang Province, Shaanxi Province, Qinghai Province, Sichuan Province, Anhui Province, Jiangsu Province, Gansu Province  | \$540,300         | 2009-10: 38 officers<br>2010-11: 89 officers<br><br>(officers of different ranks led by senior/directorate officers) |
| <b>Home Affairs Department</b> | Shanghai, Guangdong Province (Zhuhai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chaozhou, Shantou, Foshan, Shunde), Fujian Province (Xiamen), Jiangsu Province (Nanjing), Jiangxi Province (Jinggangshan) | \$15,000          | Shanghai, Beijing, Tianjin, Chongqing, Guangdong Province (Zhuhai, Guangzhou, Foshan, Zhongshan, Panyu), Zhejiang Province (Hangzhou), Jiangsu Province (Nanjing, Suzhou), Shandong Province (Shandong), Hubei Province (Wuhan, Jingzhou, Yichang), Hunan Province (Changsha, Changde) | \$437,700         | 2009-10: 14 officers<br>2010-11: 33 officers<br><br>(officers of different ranks led by senior/directorate officers) |
| <b>Legal Aid Department</b>    | Guangdong Province (Guangzhou, Shenzhen)   | \$6,200           | --   | --                | 2009-10: 4 officers<br><br>(officers of different ranks led by a directorate officer)                                |

| Bureau/Department                               | 2009-10  |                   | 2010-11   |                   | Total number and rank of Hong Kong officials involved   |
|---|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|---|
|   | Destination  | Total Expenditure | Destination   | Total Expenditure |   |
| <b>Leisure and Cultural Services Department</b> | Shanghai, Beijing, Guangdong Province (Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Dongguan, Foshan), Anhui Province (Hefei), Shandong Province (Jinan, Weifang), Heilongjiang Province, Zhejiang Province (Hangzhou, Suzhou) | \$585,600         | Shanghai, Beijing, Guangdong Province (Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Dongguan, Huizhou, Shaoguan, Zhaoqing, Shunde), Sichuan Province (Chengdu), Fujian Province (Fuzhou), Anhui Province (Hefei), Shaanxi Province (Xi'an), Henan (Zhengzhou), Jiangsu Province (Nanjing), Qinghai Province, Zhejiang Province (Hangzhou) | \$962,600         | 2009-10: 81 officers<br>2010-11: 145 officers<br><br>(officers of different ranks led by senior/directorate officers) |
| <b>Information Services Department</b>          | Shanghai, Beijing  | \$402,000         | Beijing, Sichuan Province   | \$81,000          | 2009-10: 37 officers<br>2010-11: 7 officers<br><br>(officers of different ranks led by senior/directorate officers)   |

(b) Expenditure on exchanges, entertainment and meetings in Hong Kong with Mainland officials and government departments, and the rank and number of Hong Kong and Mainland officials involved

| Bureau/Department              | 2009-10  |                   | 2010-11   |                   | Total number and rank of Hong Kong and Mainland officials involved   |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|--|
|                                | Province/city of the visitors  | Total Expenditure | Province/city of the visitors   | Total Expenditure |  |
| <b>Home Affairs Bureau</b>     | Guangdong Province (Zhongshan)   | \$65,000          | Beijing, Guangdong Province, Sichuan Province                                     | \$60,000          | <p>2009-10:<br/>Hong Kong officials: 40*<br/>Mainland officials: 39<br/>(different ranks)</p> <p>2010-11:<br/>Hong Kong officials: 43*<br/>Mainland officials: 62<br/>(different ranks)</p> <p>* officers of different ranks led by senior/directorate officers</p>  |
| <b>Home Affairs Department</b> | Beijing, Shanxi Province, Zhejiang Province, Henan Province, Shandong Province, Liaoning Province, Guangdong Province (Shenzhen, Zhuhai) | \$22,000          | Shanghai, Guangdong Province (Shenzhen, Guangzhou), Sichuan Province (Dujiangyan) | \$3,600           | <p>2009-10:<br/>Hong Kong officials: 36*<br/>Mainland officials: 151<br/>(different ranks)</p> <p>2010-11:<br/>Hong Kong officials: 18*<br/>Mainland officials: 35<br/>(different ranks)</p> <p>* officers of different ranks led by senior/directorate officers</p> |

| Bureau/Department           | 2009-10   |                   | 2010-11   |                   | Total number and rank of Hong Kong and Mainland officials involved   |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|--|
|                             | Province/city of the visitors   | Total Expenditure | Province/city of the visitors   | Total Expenditure |  |
| <b>Legal Aid Department</b> | Shanghai, Beijing, Chongqing, Shanxi Province (Taiyuan, Yangquan), Shandong Province (Dongying), Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region (Chifeng), Anhui Province (Wuhu), Jiangxi Province (Nanchang), Jiangsu Province (Nanjing, Nantong), Tibet Autonomous Region, Hebei Province (Zhangjiakou, Qinhuangdao, Langfang, Xingtai, Handan, Baoding, Tangshan, Hengshui, Chengde), Hainan Province (Haikou, Sanya, Wenchang, Qionghai, Wanning, Danzhou, Dongfang, Wuzhishan), Qinghai Province, Zhejiang Province (Huzhou), Guangdong Province (Shenzhen, Jiangmen, Meizhou), Hubei Province (Jingzhou), Hunan Province, Guizhou Province (Guiyang), Yunan Province, Heilongjiang Province, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region (Urumqi), Fujian Province (Fuzhou), Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (Guilin) | \$100             | Shanghai, Tianjin, Beijing, Chongqing, Shandong Province (Qingdao), Jiangsu Province (Nanjing), Hainan Province (Sanya, Wuzhishan, Wenchang, Dongfang, Haikou, Wanning, Danzhou, Qionghai), Zhejiang Province, Guangdong Province (Shenzhen, Guangzhou) | --                | <p>2009-10:<br/>Hong Kong officials: 19*<br/>Mainland officials: 201<br/>(different ranks)</p> <p>2010-11:<br/>Hong Kong officials: 17*<br/>Mainland officials: 63<br/>(different ranks)</p> <p>* officers of different ranks led by senior/directorate officers</p> |

| Bureau/Department                               | 2009-10  |                   | 2010-11  |                   | Total number and rank of Hong Kong and Mainland officials involved  |
|---|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|---|
|   | Province/city of the visitors  | Total Expenditure | Province/city of the visitors  | Total Expenditure |   |
| <b>Leisure and Cultural Services Department</b> | Shanghai, Beijing, Guangdong Province (Guangzhou), Hunan Province, Liaoning Province, Henan Province (Zhengzhou) | \$296,400         | Shanghai, Beijing, Chongqing, Guangdong Province (Shenzhen, Guangzhou), Hubei Province, Gansu Province | \$333,700         | <p>2009-10:<br/>Hong Kong officials: 64*<br/>Mainland officials: 120 (different ranks)</p> <p>2010-11:<br/>Hong Kong officials: 75*<br/>Mainland officials: 113 (different ranks)</p> <p>* officers of different ranks led by senior/directorate officers</p> |
| <b>Information Services Department</b>          | --   | --                | Beijing  | \$3,000           | <p>2010-11:<br/>Hong Kong officials: 9 (officers of different ranks led by a directorate officer)<br/>Mainland officials: 3 (different ranks)</p>   |



(c) Expenditure on duty visits, exchanges and meetings by Hong Kong officials in other places (including Taiwan and Macao), and the rank and number of Hong Kong officials involved

| Bureau/Department                               | 2009-10  |                   | 2010-11  |                   | Total number and rank of Hong Kong officials involved  |
|---|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|
|   | Destination  | Total Expenditure | Destination  | Total Expenditure |  |
| <b>Home Affairs Bureau</b>                      | Macao, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, Italy, South Africa                                     | \$792,000         | Macao, Singapore, Taiwan, Japan, United Kingdom  | \$530,000         | 2009-10: 38 officers<br>2010-11: 79 officers<br>(officers of different ranks led by senior/directorate officers) |
| <b>Home Affairs Department</b>                  | Japan, South Korea   | \$43,000          | Taiwan   | \$376,000         | 2009-10: 2 officers<br>2010-11: 8 officers<br>(officers of different ranks led by senior/directorate officers)   |
| <b>Legal Aid Department</b>                     | --   | --                | Macao, United Kingdom  | \$59,600          | 2010-11: 2 officers<br>(attended by directorate officers)  |
| <b>Leisure and Cultural Services Department</b> | Macao, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, South Korea, New Zealand, Australia, United States, Italy, Germany, Finland, United Kingdom, Denmark, Canada | \$711,000         | Macao, Taiwan, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, South Korea, United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Egypt, Norway, France, Australia and Finland | \$787,600         | 2009-10: 45 officers<br>2010-11: 77 officers<br>(officers of different ranks led by senior/directorate officers) |
| <b>Information Services Department</b>          | Singapore  | \$29,000          | Taiwan, Japan, Russia, India   | \$81,000          | 2009-10: 1 officer<br>2010-11: 4 officers<br>(officers of different ranks)                                       |

(d) Expenditure on exchanges, entertainment and meetings in Hong Kong with officials and government departments of other places (including Taiwan and Macao), and the rank and number of Hong Kong officials and officials of other places involved

| Bureau/Department              | 2009-10                       |                   | 2010-11                                 |                   | Total number and rank of Hong Kong officials and officials of other places involved   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|---|
|                                | Source of visitors            | Total Expenditure | Source of visitors                      | Total Expenditure |   |
| <b>Home Affairs Bureau</b>     | Macao, Singapore, South Korea | --                | Macao, Singapore, Taiwan, Japan, Israel | \$13,500          | 2009-10:<br>Hong Kong officials: 6*<br>Officials of other places: 22 (different ranks)<br><br>2010-11:<br>Hong Kong officials: 29*<br>Officials of other places: 34 (different ranks)<br><br>* officers of different ranks led by senior/directorate officers |
| <b>Home Affairs Department</b> | --                            | --                | Taiwan, Macao                           | \$5,000           | 2010-11:<br>Hong Kong officials: 11 (officers of different ranks led by a directorate officer)<br>Officials of other places: 17 (different ranks)   |

| Bureau/Department                               | 2009-10                      |                   | 2010-11            |                   | Total number and rank of Hong Kong officials and officials of other places involved   |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---|
|   | Source of visitors           | Total Expenditure | Source of visitors | Total Expenditure |   |
| <b>Legal Aid Department</b>                     | Mongolia, Singapore, Vietnam | \$1,600           | Macao, Singapore   | --                | <p>2009-10:<br/>Hong Kong officials: 9*<br/>Officials of other places: 13<br/>(different ranks)</p> <p>2010-11:<br/>Hong Kong officials: 7*<br/>Officials of other places: 11<br/>(different ranks)</p> <p>* officers of different ranks led by senior/directorate officers</p> |
| <b>Leisure and Cultural Services Department</b> | Taiwan, United Kingdom       | \$1,600           | France             | \$6,300           | <p>2009-10:<br/>Hong Kong officials: 6*<br/>Officials of other places: 2<br/>(different ranks)</p> <p>2010-11:<br/>Hong Kong officials: 5*<br/>Officials of other places: 6<br/>(different ranks)</p> <p>* officers of different ranks led by senior/directorate officers</p>   |
| <b>Information Services Department</b>          | --                           | --                | --                 | --                | --  |

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**S-HAB08**

Question Serial No.

S116

Head: 63 – Home Affairs Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:                    (2) Community Building

Controlling Officer:      Director of Home Affairs

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in the Reply of the Administration that indigenous villagers are linked by a common ancestor, not by a common residency. However, village representatives returned from the Village Representative Election (VRE) are commonly called “village heads” and the VRE uses village as the basis. The reply of the Home Affairs Bureau suggests that it is not necessary for the village heads and villagers to live in the villages, and there is no need for the Administration to inspect whether a village still exists before the VRE is held. Would the Secretary for Home Affairs please advise why there are village head and villagers if the village is deserted? Is there a need to review whether the VRE should be held using village as the basis?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

Under the Village Representative Election Ordinance (VREO), Village Representative Elections (VRE) are held for the indigenous villages and existing villages already included in the village representative system in the New Territories in 1999, when the last round of VRE before the enactment of the VREO was held. There are two types of village representatives under the VREO, namely indigenous inhabitant representatives (IIRs) for indigenous villages, and resident representatives (RRs) for existing villages.

The functions of IIRs are to reflect views on the affairs of the village on behalf of the indigenous inhabitants of that village, and to deal with all affairs relating to the lawful traditional rights and interests, and the traditional way of life of those indigenous inhabitants. The function of RRs is to reflect views on the affairs of the village on behalf of the residents of that village.

An indigenous village means a “village community”. This is not defined by a physical village boundary and whether the villagers live in cluster or are scattered is not the issue.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs PAMELA TAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Home Affairs \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 30 March 2011 \_\_\_\_\_