

**Supplementary question raised by Finance Committee Members in
examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12**

**Director of Bureau : Secretary for Transport and Housing
Session No. : 9**

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

S-THB(T)02

Question Serial No.

S056

Head : 158 – Government Secretariat : Subhead (No. & title) :
Transport and Housing Bureau
(Transport Branch)

Programme : –

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing
(Transport)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question :

Please provide the respective amounts of resources actually used in 2009-10 and 2010-11 and to be reserved for 2011-12 by the Transport and Housing Bureau (Transport Branch) and the departments under its purview for the following items, as well as the contents and policy objectives of the activities of the Bureau and its departments:

- (a) Expenditure on Mainland duty visits, exchanges and meetings by local officials, as well as the ranks and number of local officials involved (please list by administrative regions at the provincial level and by cities for Guangdong Province).
- (b) Expenditure on exchanges, entertainment and meetings in Hong Kong with Mainland officials and departments, as well as the ranks and number of local and Mainland officials involved (please list by administrative regions at the provincial level and by cities for Guangdong Province).
- (c) Expenditure on overseas duty visits, exchanges and meetings (including those in Taiwan and Macao) attended by local officials, as well as the ranks and number of local officials involved (please list by continents and countries/regions).
- (d) Expenditure on exchanges, entertainment and meetings in Hong Kong with overseas officials and departments (including those of Taiwan and Macao), as well as the ranks and number of local and overseas officials involved (please list by continents and countries/regions).

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

The actual amounts of resources used in 2009-10 and 2010-11, and the resources reserved for 2011-12 by the Transport and Housing Bureau (Transport Branch) and its departments for the following activities are set out in the table below :

Activity	Annex
(a) Expenditure on Mainland duty visits, exchanges and meetings by local officials, as well as the ranks and number of local officials involved.	Annex 1
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(d) Expenditure on exchanges, entertainment and meetings in Hong Kong with overseas officials and departments (including those of Taiwan and Macao), as well as the ranks and number of local and overseas officials involved.	Annex 4

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for
Transport and Housing (Transport)

Date 31 March 2011

(a) Expenditure on Mainland duty visits, exchanges and meetings by local officials, as well as the ranks and number of local officials involved:

Bureau/ Department	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		Ranks & no. of local officials	Objective
	Destination	Total expenditure/ (Total no. of activities)	Destination	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)	Destination	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)		
Transport Branch (TB)	Beijing Tianjin Qingdao Dalian Guangzhou Shanghai Shenzhen Wuhan Zhongshan Zhuhai	\$0.63M (53)	Beijing Tianjin Yunnan Chengdu Guangzhou Nanhai Shanghai Shenzhen Xian Zhuhai	\$0.46M (34)	Under planning	\$0.50M (Under planning)	On average 2 to 3 officers each time (led by 1 to 2 directorates officers)	The primary objectives are for the development, promotion and experience sharing on issues related to the transport portfolio.

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Bureau/ Department	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		Ranks & no. of local officials	Objective
	Destination	Total expenditure/ (Total no. of activities)	Destination	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)	Destination	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)		
Civil Aviation Department (CAD)	Beijing Guangzhou Shenzhen Zhuhai Fujian Guangxi Hainan Inner Mongolia Shaanxi Shanghai Sichuan Zhejiang	\$0.44M (45)	Guangzhou Shenzhen Xiamen Zhuhai Beijing Guangxi Hainan Hunan Shaanxi Shanghai Sichuan Tianjin Xinjiang Yunnan	\$0.86M (49)	Under planning	\$0.90M (50)	On average 2 officers each time (led by 1 directorate officer)	The primary objectives are for the development, promotion and experience sharing on issues related to civil aviation matters under CAD's programmes.
Highways Department (HyD)	Beijing Shanghai Guangdong Jiangsu Shenzhen Zhuhai Guangzhou Nanjing Wuhan	\$0.36M (42)	Beijing Shanghai Shenzhen Zhuhai Guangzhou Dongguan Wuhan Suzhou Nansha	\$0.51M (48)	Beijing Shanghai Shenzhen Zhuhai Guangzhou Dongguan	\$1.00M (40-50)	On average 2 to 4 officers each time (led by 1 directorate officer)	For coordination of cross-boundary projects or studies, or experience sharing on engineering, road design and maintenance and project

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Bureau/ Department	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		Ranks & no. of local officials	Objective
	Destination	Total expenditure/ (Total no. of activities)	Destination	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)	Destination	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)		
	Dongguan Nanning		Yunfou Dandong Fuzhou Zhongshan Taishan Humen Foshan					management issues.
Marine Department (MD)	Guangzhou Shenzhen Beijing Zhongshan Dalian Xiamen Weihai Zhuhai Shanghai Kunming Xian Meizhou Chengdu Chengde Tianjin Dongguan	\$0.66M (66)	Beijing Nanjing Weihai Guangzhou Zhuhai Zhaoqing Shenzhen Ningbo Xian Dunhuang Tianjin Xiamen Jiangdu Jiangxi Dongguan Shanghai	\$0.35M (36)	Under planning	Under planning	On average 2 officers each time (from directorates to professional officers)	The primary objectives are for the development, promotion and experience sharing on issues related to the maritime portfolio. In addition, discussions on operational issues and issues related to the preparation for and implementation of international

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	Ningbo Shunde Haikou Changsha							maritime conventions and statutes are involved.
Transport Department (TD)	Beijing Shanghai Hangzhou Wuhan Guangzhou Shenzhen Zhuhai	\$0.12M (26)	Shanghai Wuhan Guangzhou Nanhai Shenzhen Zhongshan Zhuhai	\$0.21M (28)	Beijing Shanghai Shenzhen Guangzhou Nanhai Zhuhai	\$0.25M (30)	On average 2 to 4 officers each time (led by 1 directorates or senior officer)	The primary objectives are to acquire, update and strengthen knowledge and information, and to build up the expertise to facilitate operations, and for achievement of our current projects and future plans.

(b) Expenditure on exchanges, entertainment and meetings in Hong Kong with Mainland officials and departments, as well as the ranks and number of local and Mainland officials involved:

Bureau/ Depart- ment	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		Ranks & no. of local officials/ Mainland officials	Objective
	Source Province/ City of visitors	Total expenditure/ (Total no. of activities)	Source Province/ City of visitors	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)	Source Province/ City of visitors	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)		
TB	Shenzhen Guangzhou Units/ departments of the Central People's Government (CPG)	\$0.08M (12)	Beijing Guangzhou Units/ departments of the CPG	\$0.05M (11)	Under planning	\$0.05M (Under planning)	Usually led by senior ranking officers with subject officers of various ranks.	The primary objectives are for the development, promotion and experience sharing on issues related to the transport portfolio.
CAD	Units/ departments of the CPG	\$0.02M (5)	Units/ departments of the CPG	\$0.03M (7)	Under planning	\$0.03M (Under planning)	Usually led by senior ranking officers with subject officers of various ranks.	The primary objectives are for the development, promotion and experience sharing on issues related to civil aviation matters under CAD's programmes.
HyD	Beijing Shanghai Shenzhen	\$0.03M (5)	Beijing Shanghai Sichuan	\$0.02M (17)	Beijing Shanghai Guangdong	\$0.02M (15 - 20)	Usually led by senior ranking officers with	For coordination of cross-boundary projects or studies, or

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	Source Province/ City of visitors	Total expenditure/ (Total no. of activities)	Source Province/ City of visitors	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)	Source Province/ City of visitors	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)		
	Zhongshan Wenzhou		Guangdong Shenzhen Zhuhai Changsha Inner Mongolia Dandong Meizhou		Sichuan Shenzhen Zhuhai		subject officers of various ranks.	experience sharing on engineering, road design and maintenance and project management issues.
MD	Beijing Shenzhen Guangdong	\$0.05M (7)	Beijing Guangdong Shenzhen	\$0.08M (8)	Under planning	Under planning	Usually led by senior ranking officers with subject officers of various ranks.	The primary objectives are for the development, promotion and experience sharing on issues related to the maritime portfolio.
TD	Shandong Tianjin Beijing Foshan Wuhan Chongqing Shenzhen	\$0 (15)	Liaoning Beijing Hangzhou Changsha Changshun Chongqing Shenzhen	\$0.004M (16)	Under planning	Under planning	Usually led by senior ranking officers with subject officers of various ranks.	The primary objective for these visits is to facilitate the exchange of views and sharing of experience in the transport field, including regulations,

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	Source Province/ City of visitors	Total expenditure/ (Total no. of activities)	Source Province/ City of visitors	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)	Source Province/ City of visitors	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)		
	Guangzhou Guangdong Delegations from various provinces / cities		Xiamen Fujian Delegations from various provinces/ cities					transport planning and operation, traffic management schemes, incident management and facility management.

(c) Expenditure on overseas duty visits, exchanges and meetings (including those in Taiwan and Macao) attended by local officials, as well as the ranks and number of local officials involved:

Bureau/ Depart- ment	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		Ranks & no. of local officials	Objective
	Destination	Total expenditure/ (Total no. of activities)	Destination	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)	Destination	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)		
TB	Benelux Vietnam Turkey Peru UK Brussels Philippines Australia Italy Canada Chile Japan Singapore South Korea Macao	\$1.41M (18)	Turkey UK Brussels Italy Jamaica Australia Malaysia Singapore South Korea Taiwan Japan Macao	\$1.40M (18)	Under planning	\$1.50M (Under planning)	On average 2 to 3 officers each time (led by 1 to 2 directorates officers)	The primary objectives are for the development, promotion and experience sharing on issues related to the transport portfolio, in particular air services and maritime development.
CAD	Indonesia Japan Korea Macao Malaysia	\$3.47M (129)	Indonesia Japan Korea Macao Malaysia	\$2.71M (101)	Under planning	\$3.50M (140)	On average 2 officers each time (led by 1 directorates officer)	The primary objectives are for the development, promotion and experience sharing on

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	Inner Mongolia Singapore Taiwan Thailand Vietnam Australia New Zealand Belgium Croatia France Germany Greece Netherlands Switzerland UK Canada USA Brazil South Africa		Inner Mongolia Philippines Singapore Taiwan Thailand UAE Australia New Zealand Belgium France Germany Italy Netherlands UK Canada USA					issues related to civil aviation matters under CAD's programmes.
HyD	USA	\$0.29M	USA	\$0.92M	USA	\$2.00M	On average 1	For experience sharing

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	Destination	Total expenditure/ (Total no. of activities)	Destination	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)	Destination	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)		
	Singapore Japan UK	(6)	Singapore Japan UK Israel Malaysia Macao Australia Spain Belgium France Netherlands	(26)	Singapore Japan UK	(20-25)	to 2 officers each time (from directorates to professional officers)	on engineering, road design and maintenance and project management issues.
MD	Thailand South Africa Wales Malaysia Cyprus UK Macao Philippines France Monaco Canada	\$2.72M (48)	Brunei Germany Grand Bahama Vietnam Indonesia Malaysia UK USA Macao Philippines Canada	\$3.02M (48)	Under planning	Under planning	On average 1 to 2 officers each time (from directorates to professional officers)	The primary objectives are for the development, promotion and experience sharing on issues related to the maritime portfolio. In addition, participation in meetings of international organisations in the maritime related field is

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	Papua New Guinea Germany Korea Singapore Australia Taiwan Japan Vietnam		India Thailand South Africa France Singapore Japan					involved.
TD	UK Japan Australia Netherlands Macao	\$0.63M (8)	Australia Canada Japan Korea Macao France UK USA	\$0.71M (12)	Australia Canada Europe USA	\$0.70M (10)	On average 1 to 3 officers each time (led by 1 director or senior officer)	The primary objectives are to acquire, update and strengthen knowledge and information, and to build up the expertise to facilitate operations, and for achievement of our current projects and future plans. The programmes involve visits to the authorities and operators, observing their

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	Destination	Total expenditure/ (Total no. of activities)	Destination	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)	Destination	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)		
								operations, holding discussions with them, exchanging ideas and views, and acquiring the skills, technology, and practical references which can be applied to Hong Kong to further enhance service efficiency and effectiveness.

(d) Expenditure on exchanges, entertainment and meetings in Hong Kong with overseas officials and departments (including those of Taiwan and Macao), as well as the ranks and number of local and overseas officials involved:

Bureau/ Depart- ment	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		Ranks & no. of local officials/ overseas officials	Objective
	Source of Visitors	Total expenditure/ (Total no. of activities)	Source of Visitors	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)	Source of Visitors	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)		
TB	Madagascar Singapore Macao Maldives Brazil Fiji Islands	\$0.018M (6)	India Zimbabwe Japan Macao Thailand Taiwan Luxembourg Ukraine UK Chile Azerbaijan Russia	\$0.038M (13)	Under planning	\$0.04M (Under planning)	Usually led by senior ranking officers with subject officers of various ranks.	The primary objectives are for the development, promotion and experience sharing on issues related to the transport portfolio.
CAD	Macao	\$0.001M (1)	Thailand Macao Indonesia	\$0.007M (4)	Under planning	\$0.007M (Under planning)	Usually led by senior ranking officers with subject officers of various ranks.	The primary objectives are for the development, promotion and experience sharing on issues related to civil aviation matters under CAD's programmes.

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Bureau/ Depart- ment	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		Ranks & no. of local officials/ overseas officials	Objective
	Source of Visitors	Total expenditure/ (Total no. of activities)	Source of Visitors	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)	Source of Visitors	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)		
HyD	UK France Bangladesh Indonesia	\$0.01M (4)	Spain Indonesia	\$0.04M (2)	UK Europe Singapore	\$0.05M (3-5)	Usually led by senior ranking officers with subject officers of various ranks.	For promotion of trade, or experience sharing on engineering, road design and maintenance and project management issues.
MD	Macao Singapore East Asian countries	\$0.05M (4)	Vietnam UK Canada USA	\$0.01M (5)	Under planning	Under planning	Usually led by senior ranking officers with subject officers of various ranks.	The primary objectives are for the development, promotion and experience sharing on issues related to the maritime portfolio.
TD	Pakistan Korea Singapore Macao	\$0 (7)	South Africa Macao European Commission	\$0 (4)	Under planning	Under planning	Usually led by senior ranking officers with subject	The primary objective for these visits is to facilitate the exchange of

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Bureau/ Depart- ment	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		Ranks & no. of local officials/ overseas officials	Objective
	Source of Visitors	Total expenditure/ (Total no. of activities)	Source of Visitors	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)	Source of Visitors	Estimated expenditure/ (Estimated no. of activities)		
			Russia				officers of various ranks.	views and sharing of experience in the transport field, including regulations, transport planning and operation, traffic management schemes, incident management and facility management.

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

Reply Serial No.

S-THB(T)03

Question Serial No.

S055

Head : 186 – Transport Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question : At present, does the Transport Department have working groups or divisions for the planning of coach parking at tourist spots (Please list out the number of staff responsible for this task, the corresponding rank and salary)?

In response to the complaints from coach drivers on the insufficient coach parking spaces or the spaces are too far from the tourist spots, shopping areas or tour group dining places etc., will the Transport Department increase the manpower for improving the planning work on parking and following up the complaints in the 2011-12 financial year? If yes, what are the additional manpower and expenditure? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. TSE Wai-chun, Paul

Reply :

The Transport Department (TD) has a Working Group on Parking (WGP) led by the Assistant Commissioner for Transport/Planning. Its membership includes representatives of various ranks from the Transport and Housing Bureau, the Planning Department, the Lands Department, the Housing Department, the Hong Kong Police Force, and the Government Property Agency. Ad-hoc members are also invited from other departments, including the Tourism Commission, on a need basis. The WGP holds meetings generally at quarterly intervals on broad principles and territory-wide parking related issues including tourist coach parking. The day-to-day coach parking issues are managed by the four regional traffic engineering divisions in TD, each headed by a Chief Engineer. The planning and management of coach parking at tourist spots forms a part of the normal duties of these divisions and there is no separate breakdown on the expenditure involved. TD has no plan to increase the manpower and expenditure for such work in the 2011-12 financial year.

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

Reply Serial No.

S-THB(T)04

Question Serial No.

S104

Head : 186 – Transport Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question : The “Hundred Steps” between Kwong Fai Circuit and Kwai Chung Estate is a barrier to persons with disabilities and the elderly going uphill and downhill. The facility is under the purview of the Transport Department and the Highways Department, and the proposal for which was ranked 11 under the Government’s study on the proposals for the provision of hillside escalator links and elevator systems. It causes inconvenience to tens of thousands of households, persons with disabilities and the elderly in various estates in Kwai Chung. In this regard, when will the Administration take forward the barrier-free improvement works for the abovementioned “Hundred Steps” in Kwong Fai Circuit?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Based on the established ranking system, 20 hillside escalator link and elevator system proposals were ranked. The Highways Department is studying the technical feasibility of the top ten ranked proposals in stages. The proposed “Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Wo Tong Tsui Street and Kwai Hing Road” was ranked 11, and would be re-visited together with other proposals in the next round of ranking exercise.

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Name in block letters **JOSEPH Y T LAI** _____

Post Title **Commissioner for Transport** _____

Date **31 March 2011** _____