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Dear Dr Hon KWOK,

**Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16**  
(Question Serial No.: R123)

I refer to the above question which you raised during the examination of the estimates of expenditure for 2015-16 regarding the expenditure and number of staff of the Estate Agents Authority (EAA).

The EAA is an independent and self-financing body which deploys its manpower and resources to meet its operational requirements. According to the EAA's financial reports, its annual expenditure from 2010-11 to 2013-14 is as follows -

Financial Year	Annual Expenditure (\$ '000)
2010-11	About 57,580
2011-12	About 56,940
2012-13	About 64,070
2013-14	About 68,590

The EAA's expenditure for 2014-15 is being audited by its auditor. The EAA will furnish this Bureau with the audited report in accordance with the Estate Agents Ordinance (Cap 511). We will arrange to table the relevant

report at the Legislative Council after receiving the report. The EAA will continue to deploy its resources to meet its operational requirements in 2015-16. It will also furnish this Bureau with its audited report in accordance with the Estate Agents Ordinance after the close of 2015-16. We will then also arrange to table the relevant report at the Legislative Council.

According to the information provided by the EAA, for each year from 2010-11 to 2015-16, it has about 90 full-time staff.

Yours sincerely,

( Original Signed )

(Jerry CHEUNG)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing

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