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CEO001

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2351)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Subhead (No. & title)</u>: (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

According to the content of the Programme, the Chief Executive's Office is responsible for planning for the Chief Executive's public and social engagements. In this regard, would the Office provide in the table below details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive in the past 3 years (2012-13 to 2014-15), including the date and place of visit, size of entourage, purpose of visit, expenses on hotel accommodation, air tickets and meals and total expenditure for each visit? If any of the expenses were sponsored, please set out the amounts and the sponsors.

Date	Place of	Size of	Purpose of	Hotel	Air ticket	Meal	Total
of visit	visit	entourage	visit	accommodation	expenses	expenses	expenditure
				expenses			

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

Details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive from 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2015 are set out at Annex.

Duty Visits of the Chief Executive (1 July 2012 – 28 February 2015)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
14 September 2012	Guangzhou	3	0	0	1,520.00	1,520.00	To attend the 15 th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong (HK/GD) Co-operation Joint Conference.	Guangdong Provincial Government sponsored in-town transportation.
30 November – 1 December 2012	Sanya	4	0	31,755.00	6,699.30	38,454.30	To attend the 8 th Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD) Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.	Hainan Municipal Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation.
7 December 2012	Guangzhou	2	0	0	1,260.00	1,260.00	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta (PRD) Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2012.	Guangdong Provincial Government sponsored in-town transportation.
20 – 22 December 2012	Beijing	4	0	40,785.00	24,183.84	64,968.84	To make annual work report, and call on various ministries of the Central People's Government (CPG).	CPG sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation.
6 February 2013	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	4	0	0	1,110.00	1,110.00	To call on key leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.	Guangdong Provincial Government sponsored in-town transportation.
4 – 6 March 2013	Beijing	4	0	41,875.00	19,167.17	61,042.17	To attend the opening ceremony of the first session of the 12th National People's Congress (NPC), and meet with provincial leaders.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation.

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Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
16 – 20 March 2013	Beijing and Tianjin	5	0	47,268.00	27,453.72	74,721.72	To attend the closing ceremony of the first session of the 12th NPC, and call on various CPG ministries in Beijing; and to call on leaders of Tianjin Municipal Government, and meet with Hong Kong people in Tianjin.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation.
21 March 2013	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend the opening ceremony of the C-MER (Shenzhen) Dennis Lam Eye Hospital, and call on the Secretary of the Shenzhen Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China.	Nil
6 – 7 April 2013	Hainan	3	4,276.37	16,088.00	30,082.12	50,446.49	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2013.	Secretariat of Boao Forum for Asia sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for the Chief Executive (CE) and 2 members of his entourage.
25 – 26 April 2013	Beijing	4	2,750.88	40,900.00	7,850.08	51,500.96	To call on various CPG ministries.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE and 2 members of his entourage.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
4 – 5 June 2013	Shanghai	3	1,655.86	25,012.00	4,956.12	31,623.98	To call on leaders of Shanghai Municipal Government, and address the opening ceremony of the 2nd Annual Urban Land Institute Asia Pacific Summit; and to visit organisations and facilities, and meet with Hong Kong people who study and do business in Shanghai.	Shanghai Municipal Government sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE and 2 members of his entourage.
9 – 13 June 2013	New York, the United States	5	63,423.05	571,812.00	14,964.84	650,199.89	To attend trade promotion events organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council; and to hold meetings with political and business leaders, and meet with Hong Kong people who work and study in New York.	Nil
8 – 9 September 2013	Guiyang	4	0	25,825.00	4,123.15	29,948.15	To attend the 9th PPRD Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.	Guizhou Provincial Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation.
26 – 27 September 2013	Chongqing	3	4,068.31	26,646.00	2,084.02	32,798.33	To lead a delegation from industrial, commercial and professional sectors to visit Chongqing.	Nil

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
5 – 8 October 2013	Bali, Indonesia	7	46,333.51	141,572.00	18,957.41	206,862.92	To attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2013 Leaders' Week and other related meetings; and to meet with foreign leaders to exchange views on issues of mutual concern.	Indonesian Government sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE, his wife and 1 other member of his entourage.
22 – 24 October 2013	Beijing	4	8,127.60	40,655.00	13,859.93	62,642.53	To attend the opening ceremony of the 17th Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Co-operation Symposium; to call on leaders of Beijing Municipal Government together with representatives from Hong Kong's industrial and commercial sectors attending the Symposium; and to call on CPG officials and leaders of financial institutions in the Mainland.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE and 2 members of his entourage.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
27 – 29 November 2013	Nanning, Qinzhou and Fangcheng- gang	3	11,345.90	24,086.00	6,368.56	41,800.46	To lead a delegation to visit Guangxi; to meet with leaders of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Government and Nanning, Qinzhou and Fangchenggang Municipal Governments; and to attend Guangxi-Hong Kong Economic and Trade Co-operation Exchange Meeting and Guangxi-Hong Kong Business Symposium.	Nil
6 – 7 December 2013	Guangzhou, Zhongshan and Zhuhai	4	0	0	5,871.57	5,871.57	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2013.	Guangdong Provincial Government and Zhuhai Municipal Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation.
16 -19 December 2013	Beijing	4	8,752.80	42,330.00	26,210.40	77,293.20	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE and 2 members of his entourage.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
23 – 25 January 2014	Fuzhou and Xiamen	5	17,030.03	32,058.00	10,383.30	59,471.33	To lead a delegation to attend Fujian-Hong Kong Economic and Trade Cooperation Exchange Meeting, and meet with leaders of Fuzhou and Xiamen Municipal Governments.	Nil
14 February 2014	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	4	0	0	0	0	To meet with leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and exchange views on co-operation between Hong Kong and Guangdong; and to visit Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport.	Nil
4 – 7 March 2014	Beijing	5	12,579.00	48,976.00	29,328.83	90,883.83	To attend the opening ceremony of the second session of the 12th NPC and meet with leaders of CPG ministries and provincial and municipal governments.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE and 2 members of his entourage.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
27 – 28 March 2014	Shenzhen, Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou	3	4,539.15	0	3,911.26	8,450.41	To meet with leaders of Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou Municipal Governments; and to visit enterprises in Shenzhen and Shantou, as well as the Jao Tsung I Petite Ecole in Chaozhou.	Nil
9 – 11 April 2014	Hainan	3	8,553.42	9,894.00	10,484.39	28,931.81	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2014.	Secretariat of Boao Forum for Asia sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE and 2 members of his entourage.
11 – 13 April 2014	Shanghai	6	15,067.02	46,490.00	20,653.28	82,210.30	To participate in part of the Shanghai visit programme for Legislative Council Members.	Shanghai Municipal Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation for CE.
10 – 16 May 2014	Stockholm, Sweden and Brussels, Belgium	5	8,112.85	444,375.00	29,864.87	482,352.72	To enhance understanding of the latest economic situation and the development of innovation and technology of the two places; to meet with political and business leaders to discuss Hong Kong's latest developments; and to foster closer economic and trade ties.	Swedish Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation in Stockholm. Belgian Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation for CE and his wife in Brussels.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
12 – 13 October 2014	Guangzhou	1	0	0	2,356.00	2,356.00	To attend the 10th PPRD Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.	Guangdong Provincial Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation.
6 November 2014	Guangzhou	3	0	1,300.00	1,153.09	2,453.09	To attend the 17th Plenary of HK/GD Co-operation Joint Conference.	Nil
8 – 12 November 2014	Beijing	5	28,289.12	49,000.00	28,056.62	105,345.74	To attend APEC 2014 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE and 1 member of his entourage.
25 – 27 November 2014	Korea	5	11,259.00	87,724.00	12,219.34	111,202.34	To enhance understanding of the economic situation and the development of the innovation and technology industry of Korea; and to meet with political and business leaders there.	Korean Government sponsored accommodation for CE, his wife and 1 other member of his entourage.
5 December 2014	Huizhou	2	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2014.	Nil
7 December 2014	Shenzhen	1	0	0	0	0	To visit the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone.	Nil

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
19 – 20 December 2014	Macao	4	0	2,958.00	6,840.95	9,798.95	To attend the 15th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and inauguration ceremony of the fourth-term Macao SAR Government.	Macao Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation.
25 – 27 December 2014	Beijing	5	6,781.86	51,335.00	13,799.28	71,916.14	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE, his wife and 2 other members of his entourage.
30 January 2015	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	3	0	1,258.48	0	1,258.48	To call on key leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.	Guangdong Provincial Government sponsored in-town transportation.

[#] The wife of the Chief Executive (if accompanying) was a member of the entourage.

^{*} Expenses include charges for accommodation and passage, subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and sundry expenses (if applicable), but exclude sponsorship (if any).

Reply Serial No.

CEO002

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2352)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Subhead (No. & title)</u>: (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

According to the content of the Programme, the Chief Executive's Office is also responsible for assisting the wife of the Chief Executive in undertaking effectively a wide range of public and social engagements. In this regard, would the Office provide in the table below details of duty visits made by the wife of the Chief Executive in the past 3 years (2012-13 to 2014-15), including the date and place of visit, size of encourage, purpose of visit, expenses on hotel accommodation, air tickets and meals and total expenditure for each visit? If any of the expenses were sponsored, please set out the amounts and the sponsors.

Date	Place of	Size of	Purpose of	Hotel	Air ticket	Meal	Total
of visit	visit	entourage	visit	accommodation	expenses	expenses	expenditure
				expenses			

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

Details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive accompanied by his wife in her official capacity from 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2015 are set out at Annex.

Annex Details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive accompanied by his wife in her official capacity (1 July 2012 – 28 February 2015)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
9 – 13 June 2013	New York, the United States	5	63,423.05	571,812.00	14,964.84	650,199.89	To attend trade promotion events organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council; and to hold meetings with political and business leaders, and meet with Hong Kong people who work and study in New York.	Nil
5 – 8 October 2013	Bali, Indonesia	7	46,333.51	141,572.00	18,957.41	206,862.92	To attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation 2013 Leaders' Week and other related meetings; and to meet with foreign leaders to exchange views on issues of mutual concern.	Indonesian Government sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for the Chief Executive (CE), his wife and 1 other member of his entourage.
6 – 7 December 2013	Guangzhou, Zhongshan and Zhuhai	4	0	0	5,871.57	5,871.57	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta (PRD) Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2013.	

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
10 – 16 May 2014	Stockholm, Sweden and Brussels, Belgium	5	8,112.85	444,375.00	29,864.87	482,352.72	To enhance understanding of the latest economic situation and the development of innovation and technology of the two places; to meet with political and business leaders to discuss Hong Kong's latest developments; and to foster closer economic and trade ties.	Swedish Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation in Stockholm. Belgian Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation for CE and his wife in Brussels.
25 – 27 November 2014	Korea	5	11,259.00	87,724.00	12,219.34	111,202.34	To enhance understanding of the economic situation and the development of the innovation and technology industry of Korea; and to meet with political and business leaders there.	
5 December 2014	Huizhou	2	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2014.	Nil
19 – 20 December 2014	Macao	4	0	2,958.00	6,840.95	9,798.95	To attend the 15th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and inauguration ceremony of the fourth-term Macao SAR Government.	Macao Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
25 – 27 December 2014	Beijing	5	6,781.86	51,335.00	13,799.28	71,916.14	officials of the Central	CPG sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE, his wife and 2 other members of his entourage.

[#] The wife of the Chief Executive was a member of the entourage.

^{*} Expenses include charges for accommodation and passage, subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and sundry expenses (if applicable), but exclude sponsorship (if any).

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CEO003

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2353)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

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

Question:

According to the content of the Programme, the Chief Executive's Office is also responsible for assisting the wife of the Chief Executive in undertaking effectively a wide range of public and social engagements. In this regard, would the Office inform this Committee in tabular form of the organisations and associations of which the wife of the Chief Executive is the honorary president or patron? What are the details of expenses on activities attended by the wife of the Chief Executive in her official capacity in the past 3 years (2012-13 to 2014-15)?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

As at February 2015, the wife of the Chief Executive holds honorary posts of 74 public interest or charitable organisations (see Annex). She participates in and promotes the activities of these organisations in her official capacity. The Chief Executive's Office does not have any dedicated manpower for assisting the wife of the Chief Executive in managing her official activities. The Office deploys 1 Assistant Social Secretary, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer and 1 Personal Chauffeur to provide support to the wife of the Chief Executive in addition to performing other duties.

Honorary Posts Held by the Wife of the Chief Executive

	Organisation	Position	Beginning date of term of office (month/year)	Ending date of term of office
1.	Eye Care Charitable Foundation	Honorary Patron	1/2015	Not specified
2.	Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation Limited	Honorary Patron	6/2014	5/2017
3.	Ebenezer School and Home for The Visually Impaired	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
4.	Mother's Choice	Patron	2/2013	Not specified
5.	Hong Chi Association	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
6.	Guangdong Jiangmen League of Women at Homeland and Overseas	Honorary President	9/2014	Not specified
7.	Helping Hand	Patron	10/2012	Not specified
8.	Against Child Abuse Limited	Patron	10/2012	Not specified
9.	The Asian Foundation for the Prevention of Blindness	Patron	6/2014	Not specified
10.	Youth Outreach	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
11.	Heep Hong Society	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
12.	Harmony House Limited	Patron	9/2012	Not specified
13.	Yau Tsim Mong Women Association	Honorary President	6/2014	6/2017
14.	The YTMWA Care Foundation Limited	Honorary Advisor	3/2014	3/2018
15.	Social Welfare Department "Volunteer Movement"	Volunteer-in-Chief	7/2012	Not specified
16.	South China Athletic Association (Women	Honorary Advisor	7/2012	6/2014
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	Suen Mei Speech & Hearing Centre	Patron	12/2013	Not specified
	Red Ribbon Centre	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
	Hong Kong Federation of Women Lawyers	Patron	9/2012	Not specified
	The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	President	7/2012	Not specified
21.	The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
	The Community Chest of Hong Kong	President	6/2012	Not specified
23.	Association of Hong Kong Flag-guards	Honorary Patron	12/2013	Not specified
24.	Hong Kong Federation of Women	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
25.	Hong Kong	Honorary Patron	8/2012	Not specified
26.	Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
27.	The Hong Kong Paediatric Society	Patron	7/2012 7/2014	6/2014 Not specified
28.	Hong Kong Childhealth Foundation	Patron	9/2012	Not specified
29.	Caritas Fund Raising Committee	Patron	9/2012	8/2014
			9/2014	Not specified
30.	Hong Kong Ballet	Honorary Patron	10/2012	Not specified
31.	The Hong Kong Ballet Group	Honorary Patron	8/2012	Not specified
32.	Hong Kong Army Cadets Association	Commander-in-chief	1/2015	Not specified
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			of term of office	of term of
			(month/year)	office
67.	Food for Good Limited	Founder and Patron	1/2013	Not specified
68.	The Samaritans	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
69.	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action	Patron	8/2012	Not specified
	Council			
70.	Hok Yau Club	Honorary Patron	1/2013	Not specified
71.	Treats	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
72.	The Hospital Authority Charitable	Honorary Patron	8/2012	Not specified
	Foundation			
73.	Care for Your Heart	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
74.	Make-A-Wish Hong Kong	Patron	7/2012	Not specified

Reply Serial No.

CEO004

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2372)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Executive Council

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

What are the actual expenditures on honoraria and official allowances payable to the Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council and each Non-official Member in 2014-15? What are the estimated expenditures on such honoraria and official allowances for the coming year (2015-16)?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

The estimated expenditures on honoraria payable to the Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council and each Non-official Member for 2014-15 are \$1,380,000 and \$860,000 respectively. For 2015-16, the relevant estimated expenditures are about \$1,470,000 and \$920,000.

Reply Serial No.

CEO005

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2373)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

According to the Programme, the Chief Executive's Office is responsible for ensuring the efficient management of the Chief Executive's Office building, the Government House and the Chief Executive's country residence at Fanling. In this regard, would the Office inform this Committee of the following using the table below:

	Staff	Staff	Basic	Management	Miscellaneous	Utilisation
	establishment	cost	operational	and	expenses	rate
			expenses (on	maintenance		
			water,	expenses		
			electricity,			
			town gas and			
			telephone			
			services)			
Chief						
Executive's						
Office building						
Government						
House						
Chief						
Executive's						
country						
residence at						
Fanling						

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

The establishment of the Chief Executive's Office in 2015-16 will be 104 permanent posts. The types of permanent posts, their respective numbers and estimated expenditure on their

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emoluments (including salaries, allowances and job-related allowances) are tabulated below:

Types of duties	No. of posts on establishment	Estimated expenditure on emoluments
Policy coordination; planning and arrangements for the Chief Executive's official activities; and coordination of news and public relations work	12	\$16,400,288
Departmental administration	12	\$9,861,765
Translation services	2	\$2,025,900
Secretarial and other support services	20	\$6,926,256
Clerical and general support services	30	\$7,961,582
Domestic services for the Chief Executive's official residences	21	\$5,932,783
Driving services	7	\$2,292,982
Total	104	\$51,401,556

The estimated expenditures on the management of Government House and Fanling Lodge for 2015-16 are \$6.83m and \$0.79m respectively. As part of the Central Government Offices, the Chief Executive's Office building is managed by the Administration Wing of the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office. The relevant management expenses are paid by the Administration Wing. Other miscellaneous expenses and relevant operational expenses (such as expenses on telephone services) are paid under "General departmental expenses" of this Office. Expenses on the maintenance of the Chief Executive's Office building, Government House and Fanling Lodge are paid by the Architectural Services Department.

While the Chief Executive's official functions are held mainly at Government House or the Chief Executive's Office building, the Chief Executive may also receive guests at Fanling Lodge where appropriate.

Reply Serial No.

CEO006

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2374)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

In the 2015-16 Estimates of the Chief Executive's Office, remuneration for special appointments is \$10,899,000. Would the Government provide the post titles of people to whom remuneration for special appointments is payable, as well as their estimated remuneration, amounts of allowances and specific duties?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

The estimated expenditures on the salaries of officers under special appointment in this Office for 2015-16 and their duties are set out below:

Post	Estimate	Duties
Director of Chief Executive's Office (D,CEO)	\$3.60m	Works with Principal Officials in policy formulation and sets policy priorities to ensure full implementation of the Chief Executive (CE)'s Policy Address and decisions; enhances communication with the Executive Council and the Legislative Council; and liaises with political parties and groups, various sectors of the community and district personalities to secure their support for the Government's work.
Information Coordinator	\$2.76m	Formulates media and public relations strategy for and coordinates the timetable of the introduction of major policies and programmes; liaises closely with Director of Information Services and Bureau Press Officers to ensure effective implementation of media and public relations strategy for major policies; monitors public and media feedback; and helps plan and implement CE's programme of public functions involving media interactions.

Post	Estimate	Duties
Senior Special Assistant	\$2.03m	Advises CE on Mainland-related issues; liaises with the Central People's Government and provides support in the organisation of CE's visits to the Mainland; researches on matters relating to CE's networking with business and community organisations with strong Mainland connections.
Special Assistant	\$1.20m	Assists CE's Office in liaising with various sectors of the community; and conducts research and prepares briefs for CE and senior officials.
Senior Personal Assistant to Chief Executive	\$1.01m	Provides secretarial support to CE.
Driver for D,CEO	\$0.49m	Performs driving duties for D,CEO.

Reply Serial No.

CEO007

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2375)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

According to the Programme, there are 104 staff in the Chief Executive's Office, including 5 directorate posts. Would the Government inform this Committee of the types, salaries, allowances and job nature of these 5 directorate posts; and the types, salaries, allowances and job nature of the 99 non-directorate permanent posts, as well as the number of each type of these posts?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 31)

Reply:

The types of the 5 directorate posts and 99 non-directorate permanent posts in the Chief Executive's Office and their respective numbers and monthly salaries for 2015-16 are tabulated below:

Types of duties	No. of directorate	No. of non-directorate	Monthly salaries
	posts	posts	
Policy coordination; planning and arrangements for the Chief	5	-	\$144,700-\$220,350
Executive's official activities; and coordination of news and public relations work	-	7	\$47,280 – \$109,340
Departmental administration	-	12	\$47,280 - \$109,340
Translation services	-	2	\$47,280 - \$109,340
Secretarial and other support services	-	20	\$13,350 - \$74,690
Clerical and general support services	-	30	\$11,060 - \$34,305
Domestic services for the Chief Executive's official residences	-	21	\$13,350 - \$54,265
Driving services	-	7	\$14,245 - \$24,380
Total	5	99	

Reply Serial No.

CEO008

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0208)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

What are the titles, ranks, duties, numbers and salaries of non-civil service contract posts under this programme? Please set out the details of individual posts.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 205)

Reply:

The types of non-civil service contract posts in the Chief Executive's Office and their respective numbers and monthly salaries for 2015-16 are tabulated below:

Type of duties	No. of posts	Monthly salaries
To assist in policy research and provide support services	1	\$45,150
To organise projects and activities and provide executive support	1	\$28,255
To provide hospitality and domestic services for the Chief Executive's official residences	5	\$13,555 - \$32,670
Total	7	

Reply Serial No.

CEO009

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0209)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Executive Council

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

What were the attendance rates of Members of the Executive Council (ExCo) in 2013-14 and in 2014-15 up to now, and what were the numbers of meetings not attended by them and withdrawals by them from discussions during the two periods? Please provide a breakdown by individual ExCo Member.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 207)

Reply:

The relevant statistics for attendance of meetings by Non-official Members of the Executive Council (ExCo) in 2013-14 and in 2014-15 up to now are tabulated below:

	2013-14		2014-15 up to now			
	(1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014)			(1 April 2014 to 24 March 2015)		
	No. of	No. of	Attendance	No. of	No. of	Attendance
	meetings	meetings	rate	meetings	meetings	rate
	held	attended		held	attended	
LAM	45	41	91%	44	44	100%
Woon-kwong						
CHENG	45	41	91%	44	38	86%
Yiu-tong						
Laura CHA	45	32	71%	44	30	68%
SHIH May-lung						
Anna WU	45	42	93%	44	42	95%
Hung-yuk						
Arthur LI	45	35	78%	44	40	91%
Kwok-cheung						
Andrew LIAO	45	38	84%	44	40	91%
Cheung-sing						
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	2013-14		2014-15 up to now			
	(1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014)			(1 April 2014 to 24 March 2015)		
	No. of	No. of	Attendance	No. of	No. of	Attendance
	meetings held	meetings attended	rate	meetings held	meetings attended	rate
CHOW	45	38	84%	44	41	93%
Chung-kong						
CHEUNG	45	40	89%	44	40	91%
Hok-ming						
Fanny LAW	45	40	89%	44	40	91%
FAN Chiu-fun						
CHEUNG	45	45	100%	44	44	100%
Chi-kong						
Bernard	45	39	87%	44	37	84%
Charnwut						
CHAN						
Starry LEE	45	43	96%	44	43	98%
Wai-king						
Regina IP LAU	45	40	89%	44	38	86%
Suk-yee						
Jeffrey LAM	45	42	93%	44	43	98%
Kin-fung						
Nicholas W	NA	NA	NA	2	2	100%
YANG^						

[^] Appointed as Non-official ExCo Member on 2 March 2015

Statistics for withdrawal of ExCo Members from discussions at ExCo meetings due to conflict of interest are published annually by the ExCo Secretariat on its website. The relevant figures are set out by year in the following table:

Year	No. of meetings	No. of items for discussion	No. of items where one or more members withdrew from discussions	Total no. of withdrawals from discussions
2011	37	247	19	26
2012 (January to June)	22	161	49	222
2012 (July to December)	23	108	20	30
2013	46	257	79	218
2014	44	258	69	139

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CEO010

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0210)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Does the Chief Executive's Office have files related to the occupy movement? If yes, what are the number and nature of such files, and will the Chief Executive's Office keep all files related to the occupy movement? If it will not, what are the reasons? If the Chief Executive's Office chooses to keep only some of the files, what are the criteria for keeping such files?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 206)

Reply:

The Chief Executive's Office manages records in line with the records management requirements of the Government Records Service. Records are created on matters handled, which are then classified and kept according to their content and the nature of the subject matter. As to records disposal, we dispose of records following the relevant disposal schedules. We are required to obtain the approval of the Government Records Service Director every time before we dispose of any time-expired records.

Reply Serial No.

CEO011

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0211)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

The Chief Executive time and again delivered messages to the public in the form of videos during the occupy movement. What were the expenditure on and the organisations responsible for the production of such videos?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 208)

Reply:

The Chief Executive's television messages were produced by the Information Services Department with existing resources and manpower.

Reply Serial No.

CEO012

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0212)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Executive Council

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

What are the estimated expenditures on honoraria and allowances payable to the Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council and each and all Non-official Members for 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 209)

Reply:

The monthly honoraria for the Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council and each Non-official Member are currently \$122,520 and \$76,510 respectively. The total estimated expenditure on such honoraria for 2015-16 is \$14.32m.

Reply Serial No.

CEO013

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0125)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

(a) The monthly and annual expenditures on the Chief Executive's emoluments for 2015-16;

(b) The number of days of leave taken by the Chief Executive in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

- (a) For 2015-16, the estimated monthly and annual expenditures on the emoluments (including salary and non-accountable entertainment allowance) of the Chief Executive are \$444,460 and \$5,333,520 respectively.
- (b) Between 1 April 2014 and 28 February 2015, the Chief Executive took 13 days of leave in total.

Reply Serial No.

CEO014

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0127)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

According to the Government, there will be an estimated 99 non-directorate permanent posts and 5 directorate posts on the establishment of the Chief Executive's Office between 31 March 2015 and 31 March 2016. Would the Government inform this Committee of the title, duties and monthly salary of each permanent post in the Chief Executive's Office in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

The types of permanent posts in the Chief Executive's Office and their respective numbers and monthly salaries in 2015-16 are tabulated below:

Types of duties	No. of posts	Monthly salaries
1. Policy coordination; planning and arrangements for the Chief Executive's official activities; and coordination of news and public relations work	12	\$47,280 - \$220,350
2. Departmental administration	12	\$47,280 - \$109,340
3. Translation services	2	\$47,280 - \$109,340
4. Secretarial and other support services	20	\$13,350 - \$74,690

	Types of duties	No. of posts	Monthly salaries
5.	Clerical and general support services	30	\$11,060 - \$34,305
6.	Domestic services for the Chief Executive's official residences	21	\$13,350 - \$54,265
7.	Driving services	7	\$14,245 - \$24,380
	Total	104	

Reply Serial No.

CEO015

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0128)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Executive Council

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

The estimated provision for the honoraria for Non-official Members of the Executive Council for 2015-16 is higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15 by \$230,000. Would the Government inform this Committee of the reasons for such an increase, as well as the estimated expenditures on the honoraria for each incumbent Non-official Member of the Executive Council and for the Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council for 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 3)

Reply:

The increase in the estimated provision for the honoraria for Non-official Members of the Executive Council is due to a 3.8% increase with effect from October 2014 in their honoraria under the existing mechanism (i.e. in accordance with the movement of the Consumer Price Index). The estimated expenditures on the honoraria for the Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council and each Non-official Member for 2015-16 are about \$1,470,000 and \$920,000 respectively. Taking into account the expenditure arising from the appointment of an additional Non-official Member with effect from 2 March 2015, the total estimated expenditure is \$14.32m.

Reply Serial No.

CEO016

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0129)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

In the 2015-16 Estimates of the Chief Executive's Office, remuneration for special appointments is \$1.11m less than that in 2014-15. What are the reasons? Please provide the post titles of people to whom remuneration for special appointments is payable and a breakdown of the estimated remuneration.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

The estimate of "Remuneration for special appointments" for 2015-16 is less than the revised estimate for 2014-15 mainly because end-of-contract gratuities had to be paid to 2 officers under special appointment in 2014-15 while no such provision is necessary for 2015-16.

A breakdown of the estimated remuneration for officers under special appointment in this Office for 2015-16 is as follows:

Director of the Chief Executive's Office \$3.60m

Information Coordinator \$2.76m

Senior Special Assistant \$2.03m

Special Assistant \$1.20m

Senior Personal Assistant to Chief Executive \$1.01m

Driver for the Director of the Chief Executive's Office \$0.49m

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Reply Serial No.

CEO017

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0160)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Would the Government inform this Committee of the number of times that the incumbent Chief Executive used Fanling Lodge for official and private activities in 2014-15, as well as the operational expenses and establishment of Fanling Lodge in 2014-15 and the estimated figures for 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

Between April 2014 and February 2015, the Chief Executive held 1 official activity at Fanling Lodge. We do not keep any record of private activities conducted by the Chief Executive at Fanling Lodge. At present, 20 domestic staff and 1 Housekeeper on the establishment of the Chief Executive's Office provide hospitality services at Government House and Fanling Lodge for the Chief Executive, as well as domestic services required. For 2014-15 and 2015-16, the estimated expenditures on the management of Fanling Lodge are \$760,000 and \$790,000 respectively.

Reply Serial No.

CEO018

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1395)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

For the Chief Executive's Office, the financial provision for 2014-15 is higher than the original estimate by 2.2%, and the estimate for 2015-16 is higher than that for the previous year by 0.2%. Please provide the following information:

- (a) The reasons that the financial provision for 2014-15 is higher than the original estimate;
- (b) Details of the Chief Executive's visits to Mainland China in 2014-15 and the expenditure incurred, using the table below:

Place of visit	Date of visit	Mainland officials met	Purpose of visit	Expenditure

(c) Details of the Chief Executive's reception of officials from Mainland China in Hong Kong in 2014-15 and the expenditure incurred, using the table below:

Date of meeting	Place of meeting	Officials	Purpose of meeting	Expenditure
		received		

Asked by: Hon FAN Kwok-wai, Gary (Member Question No. 16)

Reply:

- (a) The revised estimate for the Chief Executive's Office for 2014-15 is higher than the original by 2.2% mainly due to the additional expenditures arising from pay adjustments for civil servants and officers under special appointment and honorarium adjustments for Non-official Members of the Executive Council. Part of the increased expenditures is offset by the decrease in general departmental expenses, allowances and job-related allowances.
- (b) Details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive from 1 April 2014 to 28 February 2015 are set out at Annex.
- (c) In order to consolidate and strengthen Hong Kong's ties with foreign countries and Mainland China, the Chief Executive frequently receives representatives of governments, international organisations, the media and business communities, etc. from all over the world, including visitors from Mainland China. In view of the large number of organisations and visitors involved, we have not compiled information on the number and titles of visitors received and the expenditure incurred.

Duty visits of the Chief Executive (1 April 2014 – 28 February 2015)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
9 – 11 April 2014	Hainan	3	28,931.81	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2014.
11 – 13 April 2014	Shanghai	6	82,210.30	To participate in part of the Shanghai visit programme for Legislative Council Members.
10 – 16 May 2014	Stockholm, Sweden and Brussels, Belgium	5	482,352.72	To enhance understanding of the latest economic situation and the development of innovation and technology of the two places; to meet with political and business leaders to discuss Hong Kong's latest developments; and to foster closer economic and trade ties.
12 – 13 October 2014	Guangzhou	1	2,356.00	To attend the 10 th Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
6 November 2014	Guangzhou	3	2,453.09	To attend the 17 th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.
8 – 12 November 2014	Beijing	5	105,345.74	To attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation 2014 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.
25 – 27 November 2014	Korea	5	111,202.34	To enhance understanding of the economic situation and the development of the innovation and technology industry of Korea; and to meet with political and business leaders there.
5 December 2014	Huizhou	2	0	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2014.
7 December 2014	Shenzhen	1	0	To visit the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone.
19 – 20 December 2014	Macao	4	9,798.95	To attend the 15 th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and inauguration ceremony of the fourth-term Macao SAR Government.
25 – 27 December 2014	Beijing	5	71,916.14	To make annual work report, and call on various officials of the Central People's Government.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
30 January 2015	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	3	1,258.48	To call on key leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.

^{*} Expenses include charges for accommodation and passage, subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and sundry expenses (if applicable), but exclude sponsorship (if any).

Reply Serial No.

CEO019

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2826)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Actual expenditure in 2014-15 and estimated expenditure for 2015-16 on the emoluments of the Chief Executive;
- (b) Establishment of the Chief Executive's Office in the past financial year and in the coming financial year, and the duties and salary of each post;
- (c) Expenditure on social engagements of the wife of the Chief Executive in the past financial year and in the coming financial year, and a comparison with the relevant figures for the wives of previous Chief Executives;
- (d) A comparison of the utilisation of Fanling Lodge by the incumbent Chief Executive and his predecessors; the number of times that the incumbent Chief Executive has used Fanling Lodge for official and private activities since he took office; and the estimated operational expenses and establishment of Fanling Lodge for the coming financial year?

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

- (a) The expenditure on the emoluments (including salaries and non-accountable entertainment allowance) of the Chief Executive in 2014-15 was \$5,096,770, and the estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is \$5,333,520.
- (b) The types of permanent posts in the Chief Executive's Office, their respective numbers and expenditure on their emoluments (including salaries, allowances and job-related allowances) in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are tabulated below:

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	2	2014-15	2015-16		
Types of duties	No. of posts	Revised estimate of	No. of posts	Estimated	
Types of duties	on	expenditure on	on	expenditure on	
	establishment	emoluments	establishment	emoluments	
Policy coordination;					
planning and					
arrangements for the					
Chief Executive's official	12	\$16,210,350	12	\$16,400,288	
activities; and					
coordination of news and					
public relations work					
Departmental	12	\$10,223,886	12	\$9,861,765	
administration	12	Ψ10,223,000	12	Ψ2,001,703	
Translation services	2	\$2,025,900	2	\$2,025,900	
Secretarial and other	20	\$7,087,754	20	\$6,926,256	
support services	20	\$7,007,734	20	\$0,720,230	
Clerical and general	30	\$8,251,285	30	\$7,961,582	
support services	30	Ψ0,231,203	30	\$7,701,302	
Domestic services for the					
Chief Executive's official	21	\$5,985,901	21	\$5,932,783	
residences					
Driving services	7	\$2,059,778	7	\$2,292,982	
Total	104	\$51,844,854	104	\$51,401,556	

- (c) Apart from general support provided by this Office, no additional expenditure is involved in the public and social engagements of the wife of the Chief Executive.
- (d) The numbers of official activities held by the Chief Executive at Fanling Lodge in the past 5 years are set out below:

<u>Year</u>	No. of official activities
2010-11	3
2011-12	1
2012-13	4
2013-14	2
April 2014 – February 2015	1

This Office does not keep any record of private activities conducted by the Chief Executive at Fanling Lodge.

At present, 20 domestic staff and 1 Housekeeper on the establishment of the Chief Executive's Office provide hospitality services at Government House and Fanling Lodge for the Chief Executive, as well as domestic services required. The estimated expenditure on the management of Fanling Lodge for 2015-16 is \$790,000.

Reply Serial No.

CEO020

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2827)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Regarding the taking of leave by the incumbent Chief Executive since he took office, would the Government inform this Committee of the number of times that he has taken leave and the number of leave days taken each time, and provide a comparison with the relevant figures for the former Chief Executives?

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 33)

Reply:

Between 1 July 2012 and 28 February 2015, the incumbent Chief Executive took 36.5 days of leave in total in 9 periods. Former Chief Executive Mr TUNG Chee-hwa took 59.5 days of leave in 25 periods during his term of office of about 8 years. Former Chief Executive Mr Donald TSANG took 89.5 days of leave in 48 periods during his term of office of about 7 years.

Reply Serial No.

CEO021

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2828)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Regarding duty visits made by the incumbent Chief Executive, would the Government inform this Committee of the details of duty visits made by him since he took office, listing the purpose and place of visit, expenses involved, number of days and size of his entourage for each visit; the proportion of duty visits to the Mainland; and duty visits planned for the coming year and the estimated expenses involved?

Asked by: Hon FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick (Member Question No. 34)

Reply:

Details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive from 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2015 are set out at Annex.

For 2015-16, planned duty visits of the Chief Executive include attending Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference in late March 2015. Since other duty visits in the coming financial year are still under planning, we cannot provide the details. For budget purpose, this Office has reserved \$1.70m for the relevant expenses for 2015-16.

Duty Visits of the Chief Executive (1 July 2012 – 28 February 2015)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
14 September 2012	Guangzhou	3	1,520.00	To attend the 15 th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong (HK/GD) Co-operation Joint Conference.
30 November – 1 December 2012	Sanya	4	38,454.30	To attend the 8 th Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD) Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
7 December 2012	Guangzhou	2	1,260.00	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta (PRD) Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2012.
20 – 22 December 2012	Beijing	4	64,968.84	To make annual work report, and call on various ministries of the Central People's Government (CPG).
6 February 2013	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	4	1,110.00	To call on key leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.
4 – 6 March 2013	Beijing	4	61,042.17	To attend the opening ceremony of the first session of the 12th National People's Congress (NPC), and meet with provincial leaders.
16 – 20 March 2013	Beijing and Tianjin	5	74,721.72	To attend the closing ceremony of the first session of the 12th NPC, and call on various CPG ministries in Beijing; and to call on leaders of Tianjin Municipal Government, and meet with Hong Kong people in Tianjin.
21 March 2013	Shenzhen	3	0	To attend the opening ceremony of the C-MER (Shenzhen) Dennis Lam Eye Hospital, and call on the Secretary of the Shenzhen Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China.
6 – 7 April 2013	Hainan	3	50,446.49	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2013.
25 – 26 April 2013	Beijing	4	51,500.96	To call on various CPG ministries.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
4 – 5 June 2013	Shanghai	3	31,623.98	To call on leaders of Shanghai Municipal Government, and address the opening ceremony of the 2nd Annual Urban Land Institute Asia Pacific Summit; and to visit organisations and facilities, and meet with Hong Kong people who study and do business in Shanghai.
9 – 13 June 2013	New York, the United States	5	650,199.89	To attend trade promotion events organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council; and to hold meetings with political and business leaders, and meet with Hong Kong people who work and study in New York.
8 – 9 September 2013	Guiyang	4	29,948.15	To attend the 9th PPRD Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
26 – 27 September 2013	Chongqing	3	32,798.33	To lead a delegation from industrial, commercial and professional sectors to visit Chongqing.
5 – 8 October 2013	Bali, Indonesia	7	206,862.92	To attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2013 Leaders' Week and other related meetings; and to meet with foreign leaders to exchange views on issues of mutual concern.
22 – 24 October 2013	Beijing	4	62,642.53	To attend the opening ceremony of the 17th Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Co-operation Symposium; to call on leaders of Beijing Municipal Government together with representatives from Hong Kong's industrial and commercial sectors attending the Symposium; and to call on CPG officials and leaders of financial institutions in the Mainland.
27 – 29 November 2013	Nanning, Qinzhou and Fangcheng- gang	3	41,800.46	To lead a delegation to visit Guangxi; to meet with leaders of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Government and Nanning, Qinzhou and Fangchenggang Municipal Governments; and to attend Guangxi-Hong Kong Economic and Trade Co-operation Exchange Meeting and Guangxi-Hong Kong Business Symposium.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
6 – 7 December 2013	Guangzhou, Zhongshan and Zhuhai	4	5,871.57	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2013.
16 – 19 December 2013	Beijing	4	77,293.20	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.
23 – 25 January 2014	Fuzhou and Xiamen	5	59,471.33	To lead a delegation to attend Fujian-Hong Kong Economic and Trade Cooperation Exchange Meeting, and meet with leaders of Fuzhou and Xiamen Municipal Governments.
14 February 2014	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	4	0	To meet with leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and exchange views on co-operation between Hong Kong and Guangdong; and to visit Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport.
4 – 7 March 2014	Beijing	5	90,883.83	To attend the opening ceremony of the second session of the 12th NPC and meet with leaders of CPG ministries and provincial and municipal governments.
27 – 28 March 2014	Shenzhen, Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou	3	8,450.41	To meet with leaders of Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou Municipal Governments; and to visit enterprises in Shenzhen and Shantou, as well as the Jao Tsung I Petite Ecole in Chaozhou.
9 – 11 April 2014	Hainan	3	28,931.81	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2014.
11 – 13 April 2014	Shanghai	6	82,210.30	To participate in part of the Shanghai visit programme for Legislative Council Members.
10 – 16 May 2014	Stockholm, Sweden and Brussels, Belgium	5	482,352.72	To enhance understanding of the latest economic situation and the development of innovation and technology of the two places; to meet with political and business leaders to discuss Hong Kong's latest developments; and to foster closer economic and trade ties.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
12 – 13 October 2014	Guangzhou	1	2,356.00	To attend the 10th PPRD Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
6 November 2014	Guangzhou	3	2,453.09	To attend the 17th Plenary of HK/GD Co-operation Joint Conference.
8 – 12 November 2014	Beijing	5	105,345.74	To attend APEC 2014 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.
25 – 27 November 2014	Korea	5	111,202.34	To enhance understanding of the economic situation and the development of the innovation and technology industry of Korea; and to meet with political and business leaders there.
5 December 2014	Huizhou	2	0	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2014.
7 December 2014	Shenzhen	1	0	To visit the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone.
19 – 20 December 2014	Macao	4	9,798.95	To attend the 15th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and inauguration ceremony of the fourth-term Macao SAR Government.
25 – 27 December 2014	Beijing	5	71,916.14	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.
30 January 2015	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	3	1,258.48	To call on key leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.

^{*} Expenses include charges for accommodation and passage, subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and sundry expenses (if applicable), but exclude sponsorship (if any).

Reply Serial No.

CEO022

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2328)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Please give details of the Chief Executive's duty visits in the past year and set out in chronological order the following information for each visit: (a) purpose and place of visit; (b) titles of officials met; (c) size of entourage and post titles; (d) days of visit; and (e) total expenditure involved, including expenses on (i) transportation (air tickets and local transportation); (ii) accommodation; (iii) meals; (iv) banquets or entertainment; and (v) gifts.

Date	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 55)

Reply:

Details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive from 1 April 2014 to 28 February 2015 are set out at Annex.

In the above period, the actual expenditure on official entertainment (both in and outside Hong Kong) of the Chief Executive's Office is about \$240,000. As we do not maintain separate accounts for the expenses on the procurement of gifts and souvenirs, we cannot provide the relevant statistics.

Duty Visits of the Chief Executive (1 April 2014 – 28 February 2015)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommoda- tion (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
9 – 11 April 2014	Hainan	3	8,553.42	9,894.00	10,484.39	28,931.81	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2014.
11 – 13 April 2014	Shanghai	6	15,067.02	46,490.00	20,653.28	82,210.30	To participate in part of the Shanghai visit programme for Legislative Council Members.
10 – 16 May 2014	Stockholm, Sweden and Brussels, Belgium	5	8,112.85	444,375.00	29,864.87	482,352.72	To enhance understanding of the latest economic situation and the development of innovation and technology of the two places; to meet with political and business leaders to discuss Hong Kong's latest developments; and to foster closer economic and trade ties.
12 – 13 October 2014	Guangzhou	1	0	0	2,356.00	2,356.00	To attend the 10 th Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
6 November 2014	Guangzhou	3	0	1,300.00	1,153.09	2,453.09	To attend the 17 th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.
8 – 12 November 2014	Beijing	5	28,289.12	49,000.00	28,056.62	105,345.74	To attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation 2014 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.

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Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommoda- tion (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
25 – 27 November 2014	Korea	5	11,259.00	87,724.00	12,219.34	111,202.34	To enhance understanding of the economic situation and the development of the innovation and technology industry of Korea; and to meet with political and business leaders there.
5 December 2014	Huizhou	2	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2014.
7 December 2014	Shenzhen	1	0	0	0	0	To visit the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone.
19 – 20 December 2014	Macao	4	0	2,958.00	6,840.95	9,798.95	To attend the 15 th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and inauguration ceremony of the fourth-term Macao SAR Government.
25 – 27 December 2014	Beijing	5	6,781.86	51,335.00	13,799.28	71,916.14	To make annual work report, and call on various officials of the Central People's Government.
30 January 2015	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	3	0	1,258.48	0	1,258.48	To call on key leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.

^{*} Expenses include charges for accommodation and passage, subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and sundry expenses (if applicable), but exclude sponsorship (if any).

Reply Serial No.

CEO023

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2329)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

- (a) What public offices have been held by the wife of the incumbent Chief Executive from 1 July 2012 to the present? Please list them one by one and provide the dates of the beginning and end of the term of each office, stating whether the office was taken up in her capacity as the wife of the Chief Executive.
- (b) Please list the resources required by the Chief Executive's Office to support the wife of the Chief Executive in performing her official duties, including the number of support staff and their grades and ranks. Please also list one by one the office area and other facilities provided for her, salaries of the relevant officers and expenses on such facilities.
- (c) Has the wife of the incumbent Chief Executive been involved in the affairs, promotion, advocacy, organisation or establishment of any companies, bodies, organisations or associations since 1 July 2012? If yes, has the Chief Executive's Office provided any support or assistance in this regard? (If yes, please specify the forms of support or assistance and the expenditure and manpower involved.)
- (d) Does the wife of the Chief Executive have the authority to use, and has she used, the resources of the Chief Executive's Office to deal with unofficial matters, including those related to public offices not taken up in her capacity as the wife of the Chief Executive? If yes, please provide the dates and details of the activities, as well as the resources, manpower and facilities involved in each activity.

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 56)

Reply:

(a) The public offices held by the wife of the Chief Executive as at February 2015 are set out at Annex.

- (b) The Chief Executive's Office does not have any dedicated manpower for assisting the wife of the Chief Executive in managing her official activities. The Office deploys 1 Assistant Social Secretary, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer and 1 Personal Chauffeur to provide support to the wife of the Chief Executive in addition to performing other duties. We also provide an office with an area of about 40 square metres in the Chief Executive's Office building for use by the wife of the Chief Executive. The estimated expenditures on the salaries of the Assistant Social Secretary, Assistant Clerical Officer and Personal Chauffeur for 2015-16 are \$320,000, \$310,000 and \$250,000 respectively.
- (c) At present, the wife of the Chief Executive holds honorary posts of 74 public interest or charitable organisations (see Annex). She participates in and promotes the activities of these organisations in her official capacity. Please refer to (b) above for the support provided by this Office to her in performing her official duties and attending these activities. In addition, the wife of the Chief Executive is the Founder and Patron of Food for Good, a charitable organisation, and was involved in its organisation in the early stage of its establishment; this Office did not provide any support or assistance in this regard.
- (d) The wife of the Chief Executive may use the car and chauffeur provided by the Chief Executive's Office for official and private purposes. Apart from that, she does not draw on the Office's resources for unofficial activities.

Honorary Posts Held by the Wife of the Chief Executive

	Organisation	Position	Beginning date of term of office (month/year)	Ending date of term of office
1.	Eye Care Charitable Foundation	Honorary Patron	1/2015	Not specified
2.	Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation Limited	Honorary Patron	6/2014	5/2017
3.	Ebenezer School and Home for The Visually Impaired	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
4.	Mother's Choice	Patron	2/2013	Not specified
5.	Hong Chi Association	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
6.	Guangdong Jiangmen League of Women at Homeland and Overseas	Honorary President	9/2014	Not specified
7.	Helping Hand	Patron	10/2012	Not specified
8.	Against Child Abuse Limited	Patron	10/2012	Not specified
9.	The Asian Foundation for the Prevention of Blindness	Patron	6/2014	Not specified
10.	Youth Outreach	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
11.	Heep Hong Society	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
12.	Harmony House Limited	Patron	9/2012	Not specified
13.	Yau Tsim Mong Women Association	Honorary President	6/2014	6/2017
14.	The YTMWA Care Foundation Limited	Honorary Advisor	3/2014	3/2018
15.	Social Welfare Department "Volunteer Movement"	Volunteer-in-Chief	7/2012	Not specified
16.	South China Athletic Association (Women	Honorary Advisor	7/2012	6/2014
	Section)	_	6/2014	5/2016
	Suen Mei Speech & Hearing Centre	Patron	12/2013	Not specified
	Red Ribbon Centre	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
	Hong Kong Federation of Women Lawyers	Patron	9/2012	Not specified
	The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	President	7/2012	Not specified
21.	The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
	The Community Chest of Hong Kong	President	6/2012	Not specified
23.	Association of Hong Kong Flag-guards	Honorary Patron	12/2013	Not specified
24.	Hong Kong Federation of Women	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
25.	Hong Kong	Honorary Patron	8/2012	Not specified
26.	Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
27.	The Hong Kong Paediatric Society	Patron	7/2012 7/2014	6/2014 Not specified
28.	Hong Kong Childhealth Foundation	Patron	9/2012	Not specified
29.	Caritas Fund Raising Committee	Patron	9/2012	8/2014
			9/2014	Not specified
30.	Hong Kong Ballet	Honorary Patron	10/2012	Not specified
31.	The Hong Kong Ballet Group	Honorary Patron	8/2012	Not specified
32.	Hong Kong Army Cadets Association	Commander-in-chief	1/2015	Not specified
33.	The Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association	Patron	7/2012	Not specified

	Organisation	Position	Beginning date of term of office (month/year)	Ending date of term of office
34.	The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong	Honorary President	7/2012	Not specified
35.	Arts with the Disabled Association Hong Kong	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
36.	Hong Kong Island Women's Association Limited	Honorary Patron	10/2014	10/2017
37.	Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped	Patron	8/2012	Not specified
38.	Hong Kong Special Olympics	Patron	8/2012	Not specified
39.	The Hong Kong Society for the Aged	President	7/2012	Not specified
40.	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
41.	The Hong Kong Association of Private Eye Surgeons	Honorary Patron	3/2013	Not specified
42.	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
43.	Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
44.	Hong Kong PHAB Association	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
45.	Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
46.	Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (HK)	Patron	10/2012	Not specified
47.	Hong Kong Oratorio Society	Honorary Patron	10/2012	Not specified
48.	Hong Kong Fujian Women Association	Honorary Patron	12/2014	Not specified
49.	Hong Kong Dance Company	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
50.	Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association	Patron	8/2012	Not specified
51.	The Samaritans Befrienders Hong Kong	Patron	8/2012	Not specified
52.	Hong Kong Student Aid Society	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
53.	The Friends of The Hong Kong Museum of Art	Honorary Patron	9/2012	Not specified
54.	SAHK (The Spastics Association of Hong Kong)	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
55.	Zonta Clubs in Hong Kong, Zonta International District 17	Patron	9/2012	Not specified
56.	Lions Kidney Educational Centre and Research Foundation	Honorary Patron	7/2012	6/2015
57.	The Helena May	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
58.	Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
59.	Hong Kong & Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Limited	Honorary President	7/2012	Not specified
60.	Operation Santa Claus	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
61.	Hong Kong Cheshire Home Foundation	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
62.	St. James' Settlement	Honorary Patron	8/2012	Not specified
63.	Shell/Island JC Scholarship for the Disabled	Honorary Patron	9/2012	Not specified
64.	The Society of the Academy for Performing Arts	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
65.	Watchdog Early Education Centre	Patron	10/2012	Not specified
66.	Green Power	Honorary Patron	8/2012	Not specified

	Organisation	Position	Beginning date of term of office (month/year)	Ending date of term of office
67.	Food for Good Limited	Founder and Patron	1/2013	Not specified
68.	The Samaritans	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
69.	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	Patron	8/2012	Not specified
70.	Hok Yau Club	Honorary Patron	1/2013	Not specified
71.	Treats	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
72.	The Hospital Authority Charitable Foundation	Honorary Patron	8/2012	Not specified
73.	Care for Your Heart	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
74.	Make-A-Wish Hong Kong	Patron	7/2012	Not specified

CEO024

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2268)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Executive Council

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Please set out the number of meetings of the Executive Council attended and not attended by each Member in 2014.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 34)

Reply:

The relevant statistics for attendance of meetings by Non-official Members of the Executive Council in 2014 are tabulated below:

	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate
			1000
LAM Woon-kwong	44	44	100%
CHENG Yiu-tong	44	38	86%
Laura CHA SHIH May-lung	44	29	66%
Anna WU Hung-yuk	44	41	93%
Arthur LI Kwok-cheung	44	39	89%
Andrew LIAO Cheung-sing	44	38	86%
CHOW Chung-kong	44	39	89%
CHEUNG Hok-ming	44	39	89%
Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun	44	40	91%
CHEUNG Chi-kong	44	44	100%
Bernard Charnwut CHAN	44	36	82%
Starry LEE Wai-king	44	43	98%
Regina IP LAU Suk-yee	44	39	89%
Jeffrey LAM kin-fung	44	42	95%

Reply Serial No.

CEO025

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2269)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Please set out all Mainland officials (including those of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region) received by the Chief Executive between 1 January 2014 and 28 February 2015 and their post titles.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Dennis (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

In order to consolidate and strengthen Hong Kong's ties with foreign countries and Mainland China, the Chief Executive frequently receives representatives of governments, international organisations, the media and business communities, etc. from all over the world, including visitors from Mainland China. In view of the large number of organisations and visitors involved, we have not compiled information on the visitors (including the number of visitors, their post titles and the organisations they represented).

Reply Serial No.

CEO026

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2239)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Please set out all expenses on the Chief Executive's salaries, regular allowances and job-related allowances in 2014-15 and the estimates of such expenses for 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 36)

Reply:

For 2014-15 and 2015-16, the estimated expenditures on the salary of the Chief Executive are \$4,262,570 and \$4,462,620 respectively, and the estimated expenditures on the Chief Executive's non-accountable entertainment allowance are \$834,200 and \$870,900 respectively.

Reply Serial No.

CEO027

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2240)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Please explain the calculation of the Chief Executive's non-accountable entertainment allowance.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

The rate of the Chief Executive's non-accountable entertainment allowance is adjusted annually in accordance with the movement of the Composite Consumer Price Index. For example, the rate of the allowance for 2015-16 will be increased by 4.4% to \$870,900 according to the movement of the Composite Consumer Price Index.

Reply Serial No.

CEO028

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2752)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

The estimate of the amount required in 2015-16 for the salaries and expenses of the Chief Executive's Office is \$101,508,000. This represents an increase of \$192,000 over the revised estimate for 2014-15 and of \$7,044,000 over the actual expenditure in 2013-14. Please provide details of the increased requirements for the relevant expenses, as well as details of and expenses on manpower, salaries, duty visits, hospitality functions and engagements covered by the total expenditure.

Asked by: Hon LAM Tai-fai (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure of the Chief Executive's Office for 2015-16 is \$192,000 higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15 mainly due to the increase in Provident Fund contributions, additional expenditure arising from honorarium adjustments for Non-official Members of the Executive Council and the increase in general departmental expenses for operational needs. Part of the increased expenditure is offset by the decrease in personal emoluments and remuneration for special appointments.

The establishment of the Chief Executive's Office in 2015-16 will be 104 permanent posts and the estimated salary expenditure involved is \$49.04m. The estimated expenditure on duty visits made by the Chief Executive is \$1.70m.

For operational needs, the Chief Executive's Office has to maintain close liaison with members of the community, including Members of the Legislative Council, media workers, local personalities and representatives of different sectors, and receive visiting political and business leaders from around the world. The estimated expenditure on entertainment of the Chief Executive's Office for 2015-16 is \$540,000. The Chief Executive will also receive a non-accountable entertainment allowance of \$870,900 for meeting expenses on official entertainment at his official residences.

Reply Serial No.

CEO029

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2106)

<u>Head</u>: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

- (a) There will be an increase of 1 post in the establishment in 2015 over the previous year. Please provide details of creation and deletion of posts resulting in such a change, including the posts involved and their job nature, as well as the estimated annual expenditure on the posts to be created.
- (b) Regarding the accountable allowances for the Chief Executive, what was the actual expenditure in 2013-14? Please provide a breakdown of expenditure on these accountable items.
- (c) Regarding the non-accountable allowance for the Chief Executive, please provide a breakdown of expenditure on this allowance in 2013-14.
- (d) Regarding the remuneration for special appointments, please provide details of each special appointment and a breakdown of the estimated remuneration payable in 2014-15 and 2015-16.

<u>Asked by</u>: Hon LAU Wai-hing, Emily (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

- (a) The Chief Executive's Office created 1 Senior Executive Officer post in 2014-15 to meet the Office's need for executive support. The estimated expenditure on the salary of that post for 2015-16 is \$760,000.
- (b) The expenditure on official entertainment of the Chief Executive in 2013-14 was \$381,628. The expenditure was spent on receiving visitors to Hong Kong and entertaining people from various sectors of the local community, including Members of the Legislative Council, representatives of business and industrial associations, professionals and media representatives.

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- (c) The non-accountable entertainment allowance is paid to the Chief Executive for meeting expenses on official entertainment at his official residences. The amount of the allowance in 2013-14 was \$799,800. Since the allowance is non-accountable in nature, we are unable to provide details of the related expenses.
- (d) The estimated expenditure on the remuneration for officers under special appointment in the Office for 2014-15 and 2015-16 is as follows:

Post	2014-15	2015-16
Director of Chief Executive's	\$3.43m	\$3.60m
Office (D,CEO)		
Information Coordinator	\$2.74m	\$2.76m
Senior Special Assistant	\$3.05m (including	\$2.03m
	end-of-contract gratuities)	
Special Assistant	\$1.17m	\$1.20m
Senior Personal Assistant to	\$1.20m (including	\$1.01m
Chief Executive	end-of-contract gratuities)	
Driver for D,CEO	\$0.45m	\$0.49m

Reply Serial No.

CEO030

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2107)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Please set out in detail the name and nature of each social engagement of the Chief Executive and his wife in 2014-15 and the expenses incurred.

Asked by: Hon LAU Wai-hing, Emily (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

The expenditure on official entertainment of the Chief Executive and his wife from 1 April 2014 to 28 February 2015 was \$81,446. The expenditure was spent on receiving visitors to Hong Kong and entertaining people from various sectors of the local community, including Members of the Legislative Council, representatives of business and industrial associations, professionals and media representatives. The Chief Executive also received a non-accountable entertainment allowance at a monthly rate of \$69,516 for meeting expenses on official entertainment at his official residences.

Reply Serial No.

CEO031

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

(a) What is the present establishment of the Chief Executive's Office? Regarding the establishment, what is the estimated expenditure on emoluments (per officer) for the current year (i.e. 2015-16) (including those for the Chief Executive, the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, etc., if available)?

Post/rank	No. of officers	Estimated expenditure on emoluments (per officer)	Remarks

- (b) How many days of paid leave per year is the Chief Executive entitled to?
- (c) Mr C Y Leung has taken leave for a number of times since he took office. Please give the details (from the day he took office to the present) in tabular form:

Period	Number of leave days	Reason

(d) How many days of leave did the 3 Chief Executives take each year during their terms of office? Please give the figures in tabular form:

	TUNG Chee-hwa	Donald TSANG	C Y LEUNG
1997			
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Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 534)

Reply:

(a) The establishment of the Chief Executive's Office in 2015-16 will be 104 permanent posts. The types of permanent posts, their respective numbers and the estimated expenditure on their emoluments (including salaries, allowances and job-related allowances) are tabulated below:

Types of duties	No. of posts on establishment	Estimated expenditure on emoluments
Policy coordination; planning and arrangements for the Chief Executive's official activities; and coordination of news and public relations work	12	\$16,400,288
Departmental administration	12	\$9,861,765
Translation services	2	\$2,025,900
Secretarial and other support services	20	\$6,926,256
Clerical and general support services	30	\$7,961,582
Domestic services for the Chief Executive's official residences	21	\$5,932,783
Driving services	7	\$2,292,982
Total	104	\$51,401,556

- (b) The Chief Executive is entitled to 22 working days of leave each year.
- (c) Between 1 July 2012 and 28 February 2015, the incumbent Chief Executive took 36.5 days of leave in total in 9 periods.
- (d) Former Chief Executive Mr TUNG Chee-hwa took 59.5 days of leave in 25 periods during his term of office of about 8 years. Former Chief Executive Mr Donald TSANG took 89.5 days of leave in 48 periods during his term of office of about 7 years. Please refer to section (c) above for information in respect of the incumbent Chief Executive.

Reply Serial No.

CEO032

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2185)

<u>Head</u>: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Executive Council

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Please inform this Committee in detail and in tabular form of the estimated expenditure on the following items for 2015-16:

- (a) Monthly honorarium for each Non-official Member of the Executive Council;
- (b) Estimated expenditure on the staff of the Executive Council Secretariat, including the amounts of salaries, benefits and allowances.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 501)

Reply:

- (a) At present, the monthly honoraria payable to the Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council and each Non-official Member are \$122,520 and \$76,510 respectively.
- (b) The types of permanent posts in the Executive Council Secretariat, their respective numbers and the estimated expenditure involved for 2015-16 are tabulated below:

Type of duties	No. of posts on establishment	Salaries	Allowances	Civil Service Provident Fund contribution
Policy coordination	2	\$3,199,696	-	\$195,102
Departmental administration	2	\$1,427,640	\$14,460	\$107,073
Secretarial services	3	\$1,026,060	\$19,500	-
Clerical and general support services	7	\$2,049,526	\$10,000	-
Total	14	\$7,702,922	\$43,960	\$302,175

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CEO033

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2186)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Please inform this Committee in detail and in tabular form of the establishment of the Chief Executive's Office, the ranks, salaries, benefits and allowances of its staff and the amounts of other staff-related expenses.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 502)

Reply:

The establishment of the Chief Executive's Office in 2015-16 will be 104 permanent posts. The types of permanent posts, their respective numbers and the estimated expenditure involved are tabulated below:

Types of duties	No. of posts on establish- ment	Salaries	Allowances	Job-related allowances	Mandatory Provident Fund contributions	Civil Service Provident Fund contributions
Policy coordination; planning and arrangements for the Chief Executive's official activities; and coordination of news and public relations work	12	\$16,152,547	\$247,741	-	-	\$1,103,369
Departmental administration	12	\$9,729,695	\$132,070	-	-	\$495,435
Translation services	2	\$2,025,900	-	-	-	-

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Types of duties	No. of posts on establish- ment	Salaries	Allowances	Job-related allowances	Mandatory Provident Fund contributions	Civil Service Provident Fund contributions
Secretarial and other support services	20	\$6,906,756	\$19,500	-	\$16,200	-
Clerical and general support services	30	\$7,801,159	\$160,423	-	\$16,440	\$147,887
Domestic services for the Chief Executive's official residences	21	\$4,967,447	\$963,336	\$2,000	\$166,032	-
Driving services	7	\$1,459,976	\$827,006	\$6,000	\$32,484	-
Total	104	\$49,043,480	\$2,350,076	\$8,000	\$231,156	\$1,746,691

CEO034

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2197)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Subhead (No. & title)</u>: (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Executive Council

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

- (a) Please provide the attendance record of each meeting of the Executive Council in the past 5 years.
- (b) What are the estimated expenditures on annual salaries, housing allowances, duty visits and entertainment, etc. for the Clerk to the Executive Council, Deputy Clerk to the Executive Council, Assistant Clerk to the Executive Council and Clerical Officer for 2015-16?
- (c) What will be the establishment of the confidential registry of the Executive Council in 2015-16? What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (d) How many files have been destroyed by the confidential registry of the Executive Council over the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 610)

Reply:

(a) Between 1 July 2012 and 24 March 2015, the current-term Executive Council (ExCo) held a total of 123 meetings. The relevant statistics for attendance of meetings by Non-official ExCo Members during the said period are tabulated below:

	1 J	uly 2012 to 24 March 2015	
	No. of meetings held	Attendance rate	
LAM Woon-kwong	123	117	95%
CHENG Yiu-tong	123	109	89%
Laura CHA SHIH May-lung	123	93	76%
Anna WU Hung-yuk	123	118	96%
Arthur LI Kwok-cheung	123	88	72%
Andrew LIAO Cheung-sing	123	110	89%
CHOW Chung-kong	123	109	89%
CHEUNG hok-ming	123	110	89%
Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun	123	111	90%

	1 J	No. of meetings held No. of meetings attended Attendance rate						
	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings held No. of meetings attended						
CHEUNG Chi-kong	123	123	100%					
Bernard Charnwut CHAN	123	107	87%					
Starry LEE Wai-king	123	118	96%					
Regina IP LAU Suk-yee *	110	97	88%					
Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung*	110	104	95%					
Nicholas W YANG^	2	2	100%					

^{*} Appointed as Non-official ExCo Member on 17 October 2012.

(b) The estimated expenditures on the salaries of the Clerk to ExCo, Deputy Clerk to ExCo, Assistant Clerk to ExCo and Clerical Officer for 2015-16 are tabulated below:

Post	Estimated expenditure on salaries
Clerk to ExCo	\$1,899,000
Deputy Clerk to ExCo	\$1,300,696
Assistant Clerk to ExCo	\$713,820
Clerical Officer	\$411,660

The above officers do not receive any allowance for housing, duty visits or entertainment.

- (3) The establishment of the confidential registry of the ExCo Secretariat in 2015-16 will be 3 permanent posts, and the estimated expenditure is \$967,000.
- (4) The confidential registry of the ExCo Secretariat did not destroy any file over the past 5 years.

[^] Appointed as Non-official ExCo Member on 2 March 2015.

Reply Serial No.

CEO035

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0970)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Subhead (No. & title)</u>: (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Regarding the remuneration for special appointments, the revised estimate for 2014-15 is \$3.822m or 47% higher than the actual expenditure in 2013-14 and \$357,000 higher than the original estimate for 2014-15, but the estimate for 2015-16 drops by \$1.116m.

- (a) The revised estimate for 2014-15 is \$357,000 higher than the original. What are the reasons?
- (b) The estimate for 2015-16 is lower than the revised estimate for 2014-15. How many officers are involved and what are their specific duties? Please provide the posts of these officers and a breakdown of their remuneration in 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon NG Leung-sing (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

- (a) The revised estimate of "Remuneration for special appointments" for 2014-15 is \$357,000 higher than the original mainly due to additional expenditure arising from pay adjustments for officers under special appointment.
- (b) The estimate of "Remuneration for special appointments" for 2015-16 is lower than the revised estimate for 2014-15 mainly because end-of-contract gratuities had to be paid to 2 officers under special appointment in 2014-15 while no such provision is needed for 2015-16.

The duties of officers under special appointment in this Office and the estimated expenditure on their remuneration in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are set out below:

Devi	Declar	Estimate			
Post	Duties	2014-15	2015-16		
Director of Chief Executive's Office (D,CEO)	Works with Principal Officials in policy formulation and sets policy priorities to ensure full implementation of the Chief Executive (CE)'s Policy Address and decisions; enhances communication with the Executive Council and the Legislative Council; and liaises with political parties and groups, various sectors of the community and district personalities to secure their support for the Government's work.	\$3.43m	\$3.60m		
Information Coordinator	Formulates media and public relations strategy for and coordinates the timetable of the introduction of major policies and programmes; liaises closely with Director of Information Services and Bureau Press Officers to ensure effective implementation of media and public relations strategy for major policies; monitors public and media feedback; and helps plan and implement CE's programme of public functions involving media interactions.	\$2.74m	\$2.76m		
Senior Special Assistant	Advises CE on Mainland-related issues; liaises with the Central People's Government and provides support in the organisation of CE's visits to the Mainland; researches on matters relating to CE's networking with business and community organisations with strong Mainland connections.	\$3.05m (including end-of-contract gratuities)	\$2.03m		
Special Assistant	Assists CE's Office in liaising with various sectors of the community; and conducts research and prepares briefs for CE and senior officials.	\$1.17m	\$1.20m		
Senior Personal Assistant to Chief Executive	\$1.20m (including end-of-contract gratuities)	\$1.01m			
Driver for D,CEO	Performs driving duties for D,CEO.	\$0.45m	\$0.49m		

Reply Serial No.

CEO036

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1512)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

According to the Estimates, the aim of the programme is "to plan and implement arrangements for the Chief Executive's public and social engagements" and "to ensure the efficient management of the Chief Executive's Office building, the Government House and the Chief Executive's country residence at Fanling". Regarding the actual expenditures in 2012-13 and 2013-14, the revised estimate for 2014-15 and the estimate for 2015-16, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Details of all public and social engagements of the Chief Executive and those of his wife, including their names, purposes and expenses;
- (b) Details of the respective expenditures on the Chief Executive's Office building, the Government House and the Chief Executive's country residence at Fanling, including the number of staff employed, utilisation rate and number of times used, and expenses on activities held;
- (c) The definition of "the Chief Executive receiv[ing] visitors and extend[ing] hospitality in a manner that reflects creditably on the HKSAR", with the maximum or minimum amount of expenses on receiving visitors and extending hospitality in such a manner, and a list of activities held in such a manner and their expenses.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (Member Question No. 24)

Reply:

(a) In 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 (as at 28 February 2015), the expenditures on official entertainment of the Chief Executive and his wife were \$462,149, \$381,628 and \$81,446 respectively. The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is \$350,000. The expenditures were and will be spent on receiving visitors to Hong Kong and entertaining people from various sectors of the local community, including Members

of the Legislative Council, representatives of business and industrial associations, professionals and media representatives.

The Chief Executive also receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment at his official residences. In 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, the amounts of the allowance were \$768,300, \$799,800 and \$834,200 respectively. The estimated expenditure on the allowance for 2015-16 is \$870,900.

(b) The establishment and expenditure on emoluments (including salaries, allowances and job-related allowances) of this Office are tabulated below:

Year	No. of posts on establishment	Expenditure on emoluments
2012-13	101	\$46,486,588
2013-14	103	\$49,302,163
2014-15 (revised estimate)	104	\$51,844,854
2015-16 (estimate)	104	\$51,401,556

While the Chief Executive's official functions are held mainly at Government House or the Chief Executive's Office building, the Chief Executive may also receive guests at Fanling Lodge where appropriate.

The Civil Service Regulations set out the principles, rules and approval procedures relating to official entertainment. As a general rule, when deciding the place and scale of official entertainment in the form of meals, all politically appointed officials and civil servants must take into account the status of the guests and the standard of entertainment appropriate to the occasion. They are required to exercise prudent judgment and economy in order to avoid any public perception of extravagance, and should act in accordance with the relevant regulations and administrative guidelines. According to the existing guidelines, expenditure on official meals should not exceed \$450 per person for lunch or \$600 per person for dinner, inclusive of all expenses incurred on food and beverages consumed on the occasion, service charges and tips. Where there are sufficient justifications for exceeding the expenditure limits, the departments are required to consider the applications according to the established mechanism and to document properly the detailed justifications for approval. Chief Executive's Office follows the same principles and guidelines on official entertainment. In 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 (as at 28 February 2015), the actual expenditures on official entertainment incurred by the Chief Executive's Office were \$640,000, \$530,000 and \$240,000 respectively. The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is \$540,000.

Reply Serial No.

CEO037

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3178)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expanses

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Executive Council

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Regarding the actual expenditures in 2012-13 and 2013-14, the revised estimate for 2014-15 and the estimate for 2015-16, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Monthly salary of a Non-official Member of the Executive Council;
- (b) Number of staff in the Executive Council Secretariat and the monthly salaries of these staff;
- (c) Number of meetings held by the Executive Council and number of meeting hours in each month of the past 2 years (i.e. 2012-2014), and the attendance rates of Members of the Executive Council (including both Official and Non-Official Members).

Asked by: Hon TIEN Pei-chun, James (Member Question No. 62)

Reply:

(a) The honoraria payable to Non-official Members of the Executive Council (ExCo) are adjusted annually in accordance with the movement of the Consumer Price Index C. The rates of honoraria in the years in question are set out below:

2012 (from October)	Convenor:	\$107,910
	Non-official Member:	\$67,390
2013 (from October)	Convenor:	\$111,690
	Non-official Member:	\$69,750
2014 (from October)	Convenor:	\$115,930
	Non-official Member:	\$72,400
2015 (From February)	Convenor:	\$122,520
	Non-official Member:	\$76,510

(b) The number of posts on the establishment of the ExCo Secretariat and their monthly salaries from 2012-13 to 2015-16 are tabulated below:

Year	No. of posts	Monthly salaries
2012-13	14	\$10,160 - \$145,650
2013-14	14	\$10,560 - \$149,350
2014-15	14	\$11,060 - \$158,250
2015-16	14	\$11,060 - \$158,250

(c) The relevant statistics for attendance of meetings by Non-official ExCo Members in 2013-14 and in 2014-15 up to now are tabulated below:

	(1 April	2013-14 2013 to 31 Mar	rch 2014)		014-15 up to no 2014 to 24 Ma	
	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate
LAM Woon-kwong	45	41	91%	44	44	100%
CHENG Yiu-tong	45	41	91%	44	38	86%
Laura CHA SHIH May-lung	45	32	71%	44	30	68%
Anna WU Hung-yuk	45	42	93%	44	42	95%
Arthur LI Kwok-cheung	45	35	78%	44	40	91%
Andrew LIAO Cheung-sing	45	38	84%	44	40	91%
CHOW Chung-kong	45	38	84%	44	41	93%
CHEUNG hok-ming	45	40	89%	44	40	91%
Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun	45	40	89%	44	40	91%
CHEUNG Chi-kong	45	45	100%	44	44	100%
Bernard Charnwut CHAN	45	39	87%	44	37	84%
Starry LEE Wai-king	45	43	96%	44	43	98%
Regina IP LAU Suk-yee	45	40	89%	44	38	86%
Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung	45	42	93%	44	43	98%

	(1 April	2013-14 2013 to 31 Marc	h 2014)	2014-15 up to now (1 April 2014 to 24 March 2015)		
	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate
Nicholas W YANG^	NA	NA	NA	2	2	100%

[^] Appointed as Non-official ExCo Member on 2 March 2015.

Directors of Bureaux are Official ExCo Members. They usually attend ExCo meetings to discuss relevant issues in their respective policy areas. The ExCo Secretariat does not compile statistics on the attendance rates of Official ExCo Members or the number of meeting hours of the ExCo. We are therefore unable to provide such information.

Reply Serial No.

CEO038

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2560)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Since taking office, the incumbent Chief Executive C Y Leung and principal officials have gone on vacation outside Hong Kong many times. Please set out all vacations taken by the incumbent Chief Executive, Chief Secretary for Administration and Financial Secretary outside Hong Kong since they took office.

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

Between 1 July 2012 and 28 February 2015, the Chief Executive, Chief Secretary for Administration and Financial Secretary took 36.5 days, 37 days and 46.5 days of leave respectively.

Reply Serial No.

CEO039

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2561)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

The incumbent Chief Executive C Y Leung has made a number of duty visits since he took office. Please set out the details of each duty visit made by the Chief Executive since he took office, including the place, purpose and duration of visit, expenses involved (including expenses on transportation, accommodation, meals and other related items), size and purpose of entourage and itinerary.

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

Details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive from 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2015 are set out at Annex.

Duty Visits of the Chief Executive (1 July 2012 – 28 February 2015)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
14 September 2012	Guangzhou	3	0	0	1,520.00	1,520.00	To attend the 15 th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong (HK/GD) Co-operation Joint Conference.
30 November – 1 December 2012	Sanya	4	0	31,755.00	6,699.30	38,454.30	To attend the 8 th Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD) Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
7 December 2012	Guangzhou	2	0	0	1,260.00	1,260.00	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta (PRD) Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2012.
20 – 22 December 2012	Beijing	4	0	40,785.00	24,183.84	64,968.84	To make annual work report, and call on various ministries of the Central People's Government (CPG).
6 February 2013	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	4	0	0	1,110.00	1,110.00	To call on key leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.
4 – 6 March 2013	Beijing	4	0	41,875.00	19,167.17	61,042.17	To attend the opening ceremony of the first session of the 12 th National People's Congress (NPC), and meet with provincial leaders.
16 – 20 March 2013	Beijing and Tianjin	5	0	47,268.00	27,453.72	74,721.72	To attend the closing ceremony of the first session of the 12 th NPC, and call on various CPG ministries in Beijing; and to call on leaders of Tianjin Municipal Government, and meet with Hong Kong people in Tianjin.

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Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
21 March 2013	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend the opening ceremony of the C-MER (Shenzhen) Dennis Lam Eye Hospital, and call on the Secretary of the Shenzhen Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China.
6 – 7 April 2013	Hainan	3	4,276.37	16,088.00	30,082.12	50,446.49	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2013.
25 – 26 April 2013	Beijing	4	2,750.88	40,900.00	7,850.08	51,500.96	To call on various CPG ministries.
4 – 5 June 2013	Shanghai	3	1,655.86	25,012.00	4,956.12	31,623.98	To call on leaders of Shanghai Municipal Government, and address the opening ceremony of the 2 nd Annual Urban Land Institute Asia Pacific Summit; and to visit organisations and facilities, and meet with Hong Kong people who study and do business in Shanghai.
9 – 13 June 2013	New York, the United States	5	63,423.05	571,812.00	14,964.84	650,199.89	To attend trade promotion events organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council; and to hold meetings with political and business leaders, and meet with Hong Kong people who work and study in New York.
8 – 9 September 2013	Guiyang	4	0	25,825.00	4,123.15	29,948.15	To attend the 9 th PPRD Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
26 – 27 September 2013	Chongqing	3	4,068.31	26,646.00	2,084.02	32,798.33	To lead a delegation from industrial, commercial and professional sectors to visit Chongqing.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
5 – 8 October 2013	Bali, Indonesia	7	46,333.51	141,572.00	18,957.41	206,862.92	To attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2013 Leaders' Week and other related meetings; and to meet with foreign leaders to exchange views on issues of mutual concern.
22 – 24 October 2013	Beijing	4	8,127.60	40,655.00	13,859.93	62,642.53	To attend the opening ceremony of the 17 th Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Co-operation Symposium; to call on leaders of Beijing Municipal Government together with representatives from Hong Kong's industrial and commercial sectors attending the Symposium; and to call on CPG officials and leaders of financial institutions in the Mainland.
27 – 29 November 2013	Nanning, Qinzhou and Fangcheng- gang	3	11,345.90	24,086.00	6,368.56	41,800.46	To lead a delegation to visit Guangxi; to meet with leaders of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Government and Nanning, Qinzhou and Fangchenggang Municipal Governments; and to attend Guangxi-Hong Kong Economic and Trade Co-operation Exchange Meeting and Guangxi-Hong Kong Business Symposium.
6 – 7 December 2013	Guangzhou, Zhongshan and Zhuhai	4	0	0	5,871.57	5,871.57	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2013.
16 – 19 December 2013	Beijing	4	8,752.80	42,330.00	26,210.40	77,293.20	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
23 – 25 January 2014	Fuzhou and Xiamen	5	17,030.03	32,058.00	10,383.30	59,471.33	To lead a delegation to attend Fujian-Hong Kong Economic and Trade Cooperation Exchange Meeting, and meet with leaders of Fuzhou and Xiamen Municipal Governments.
14 February 2014	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	4	0	0	0	0	To meet with leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and exchange views on co-operation between Hong Kong and Guangdong; and to visit Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport.
4 – 7 March 2014	Beijing	5	12,579.00	48,976.00	29,328.83	90,883.83	To attend the opening ceremony of the second session of the 12 th NPC and meet with leaders of CPG ministries and provincial and municipal governments.
27 – 28 March 2014	Shenzhen, Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou	3	4,539.15	0	3,911.26	8,450.41	To meet with leaders of Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou Municipal Governments; and to visit enterprises in Shenzhen and Shantou, as well as the Jao Tsung I Petite Ecole in Chaozhou.
9 – 11 April 2014	Hainan	3	8,553.42	9,894.00	10,484.39	28,931.81	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2014.
11 – 13 April 2014	Shanghai	6	15,067.02	46,490.00	20,653.28	82,210.30	To participate in part of the Shanghai visit programme for Legislative Council Members.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
10 – 16 May 2014	Stockholm, Sweden and Brussels, Belgium	5	8,112.85	444,375.00	29,864.87	482,352.72	To enhance understanding of the latest economic situation and the development of innovation and technology of the two places; to meet with political and business leaders to discuss Hong Kong's latest developments; and to foster closer economic and trade ties.
12 – 13 October 2014	Guangzhou	1	0	0	2,356.00	2,356.00	To attend the 10 th PPRD Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
6 November 2014	Guangzhou	3	0	1,300.00	1,153.09	2,453.09	To attend the 17 th Plenary of HK/GD Co-operation Joint Conference.
8 – 12 November 2014	Beijing	5	28,289.12	49,000.00	28,056.62	105,345.74	To attend APEC 2014 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.
25 – 27 November 2014	Korea	5	11,259.00	87,724.00	12,219.34	111,202.34	To enhance understanding of the economic situation and the development of the innovation and technology industry of Korea; and to meet with political and business leaders there.
5 December 2014	Huizhou	2	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2014.
7 December 2014	Shenzhen	1	0	0	0	0	To visit the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
19 – 20 December 2014	Macao	4	0	2,958.00	6,840.95		To attend the 15 th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and inauguration ceremony of the fourth-term Macao SAR Government.
25 – 27 December 2014	Beijing	5	6,781.86	51,335.00	13,799.28		To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.
30 January 2015	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	3	0	1,258.48	0		To call on key leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.

^{*} Expenses include charges for accommodation and passage, subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and sundry expenses (if applicable), but exclude sponsorship (if any).

Reply Serial No.

CEO040

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2562)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

The incumbent Chief Executive C Y Leung has made a number of duty visits and gone on vacation outside Hong Kong several times since he took office. Please set out all duty visits made and vacations taken outside Hong Kong by the incumbent Chief Executive and his two predecessors, as well as the expenses involved in each duty visit.

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

Between 1 July 2012 and 28 February 2015, the incumbent Chief Executive took 36.5 days of leave in total in 9 periods. Former Chief Executive Mr TUNG Chee-hwa took 59.5 days of leave in 25 periods during his term of office of about 8 years. Former Chief Executive Mr Donald TSANG took 89.5 days of leave in 48 periods during his term of office of about 7 years.

Details of duty visits made by the former and incumbent Chief Executives are set out at Annex.

Duty Visits of the Chief Executive (1 April 2010 – 28 February 2015)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
6 – 7 April 2010	Beijing	5	66,329.43	To attend signing ceremony of Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong (HK/GD) Co-operation.
9 – 10 April 2010	Hainan	3	25,698.15	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference.
26 April – 1 May 2010	Shanghai and Jiangsu	6	93,140.00	To promote closer co-operation between Hong Kong and the two places, and inspect Hong Kong Pavilion at Shanghai Expo.
25 – 27 July 2010	Chengdu	4	64,359.01	To inspect progress of Hong Kong's projects in support of relief efforts after the Sichuan earthquake.
31 August – 2 September 2010	Moscow, Russia	7	444,743.22	To lead a business delegation to Russia to promote Hong Kong and foster bilateral relations.
16 September 2010	Guangzhou	5	2,344.48	To co-chair HK/GD Co-operation Joint Conference.
25 – 26 September 2010	Nanchang	3	13,574.00	To attend Expo Central China.
20 October 2010	Shanghai	4	34,315.00	To officiate at opening of Hong Kong Week in Shanghai Expo.
25 – 29 October 2010	Delhi and Mumbai, India	9	452,023.15	To lead a business delegation to India to promote Hong Kong and foster bilateral relations, and co-host a joint Hong Kong-Guangdong promotion seminar.
30 October – 1 November 2010	Shanghai	3	33,340.48	To attend closing ceremony of Shanghai Expo.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
11 – 14 November 2010	Yokohama and Tokyo, Japan	9	245,437.26	To attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' Meeting, and visit incineration plants and ancillary facilities.
22 – 23 November 2010	Guangzhou	4	22,957.03	To attend opening ceremony of Asian Games.
20 – 23 December 2010	Beijing	6	99,621.55	To make annual work report, and meet with various ministries of the Central People's Government (CPG).
4 – 7 March 2011	Beijing	6	117,710.32	To attend opening of National People's Congress (NPC) plenary meeting, and meet with various CPG ministries.
14 – 15 April 2011	Hainan	3	23,188.44	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference.
15 – 23 June 2011	Melbourne, Perth and Canberra, Australia	6	715,488.41	To promote Hong Kong and foster bilateral relations.
31 August – 2 September 2011	Urumpqi	6	71,147.00	To participate in China Eurasia Expo.
8 – 17 September 2011	Brussels, Belgium; and London and Edinburgh, the United Kingdom	6	1,047,717.36	To promote Hong Kong and foster bilateral relations.
14 October 2011	Guangzhou	6	1,680.00	To attend the 110 th China Import and Export Fair (Canton Fair).
7 – 15 November 2011	New York, Washington and Honolulu, the United States	9	1,512,539.23	To promote Hong Kong and foster bilateral relations, and attend APEC Leaders' Meeting in Honolulu.
25 – 28 December 2011	Beijing	5	75,668.10	To make annual work report, and meet with various CPG ministries.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
5 – 6 January 2012	Shanghai	4	29,257.60	To co-chair Hong Kong-Shanghai Economic and Trade Co-operation Conference.
27 – 29 January 2012	Zurich and Davos, Switzerland	6	892,601.38	To attend World Economic Forum Annual Meeting to promote Hong Kong and foster bilateral relations with Switzerland.
4 – 6 March 2012	Beijing	6	92,537.96	To attend opening of NPC plenary meeting.
9 – 18 April 2012	New Zealand, Chile and Brazil	6	1,076,437.95	To pay visits to promote Hong Kong.
26 – 27 June 2012	Beijing	4	49,430.98	To officiate at "Towards a Better Future" exhibition to celebrate the 15 th anniversary of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
14 September 2012	Guangzhou	3	1,520.00	To attend the 15 th Plenary of HK/GD Co-operation Joint Conference.
30 November – 1 December 2012	Sanya	4	38,454.30	To attend the 8 th Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD) Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
7 December 2012	Guangzhou	2	1,260.00	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta (PRD) Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2012.
20 – 22 December 2012	Beijing	4	64,968.84	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG ministries.
6 February 2013	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	4	1,110.00	To call on key leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.
4 – 6 March 2013	Beijing	4	61,042.17	To attend the opening ceremony of the first session of the 12 th NPC, and meet with provincial leaders.
16 – 20 March 2013	Beijing and Tianjin	5	74,721.72	To attend the closing ceremony of the first session of the 12 th NPC, and call on various CPG ministries in Beijing; and to call on leaders of Tianjin Municipal Government, and meet with Hong Kong people in Tianjin.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
21 March 2013	Shenzhen	3	0	To attend the opening ceremony of the C-MER (Shenzhen) Dennis Lam Eye Hospital, and call on the Secretary of the Shenzhen Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China.
6 – 7 April 2013	Hainan	3	50,446.49	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2013.
25 – 26 April 2013	Beijing	4	51,500.96	To call on various CPG ministries.
4 – 5 June 2013	Shanghai	3	31,623.98	To call on leaders of Shanghai Municipal Government, and address the opening ceremony of the 2 nd Annual Urban Land Institute Asia Pacific Summit; and to visit organisations and facilities, and meet with Hong Kong people who study and do business in Shanghai.
9 – 13 June 2013	New York, the United States	5	650,199.89	To attend trade promotion events organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council; and to hold meetings with political and business leaders, and meet with Hong Kong people who work and study in New York.
8 – 9 September 2013	Guiyang	4	29,948.15	To attend the 9 th PPRD Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
26 – 27 September 2013	Chongqing	3	32,798.33	To lead a delegation from industrial, commercial and professional sectors to visit Chongqing.
5 – 8 October 2013	Bali, Indonesia	7	206,862.92	To attend APEC 2013 Leaders' Week and other related meetings; and to meet with foreign leaders to exchange views on issues of mutual concern.
22 – 24 October 2013	Beijing	4	62,642.53	To attend the opening ceremony of the 17 th Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Co-operation Symposium; to call on leaders of Beijing Municipal Government together with representatives from Hong Kong's industrial and commercial sectors attending the Symposium; and to call on CPG officials and leaders of financial institutions in the Mainland.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
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6 – 7 December 2013	Guangzhou, Zhongshan and Zhuhai	4	5,871.57	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2013.
16 – 19 December 2013	Beijing	4	77,293.20	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.
23 – 25 January 2014	Fuzhou and Xiamen	5	59,471.33	To lead a delegation to attend Fujian-Hong Kong Economic and Trade Cooperation Exchange Meeting, and meet with leaders of Fuzhou and Xiamen Municipal Governments.
14 February 2014	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	4	0	To meet with leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and exchange views on co-operation between Hong Kong and Guangdong; and to visit Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport.
4 – 7 March 2014	Beijing	5	90,883.83	To attend the opening ceremony of the second session of the 12 th NPC and meet with leaders of CPG ministries and provincial and municipal governments.
27 – 28 March 2014	Shenzhen, Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou	3	8,450.41	To meet with leaders of Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou Municipal Governments; and to visit enterprises in Shenzhen and Shantou, as well as the Jao Tsung I Petite Ecole in Chaozhou.
9 – 11 April 2014	Hainan	3	28,931.81	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2014.
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7 December 2014	Shenzhen	1	0	To visit the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone.
19 – 20 December 2014	Macao	4	9,798.95	To attend the 15 th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and inauguration ceremony of the fourth-term Macao SAR Government.
25 – 27 December 2014	Beijing	5	71,916.14	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.
30 January 2015	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	3	1,258.48	To call on key leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.

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Reply Serial No.

CEO041

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3103)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Executive Council

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

The Executive Council is an organ for assisting the Chief Executive in policy-making. It is vested with the highest executive powers, and is the top policy body. Currently, the Executive Council has 15 Non-official Members, which is the largest number in history. Recently, Mr Nicholas W Yang, former Vice President of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, has been appointed as a new Member, bringing the number of Non-official Members to 16. I have the following questions:

- (a) Is there a ceiling on the number of Non-official Members of the Executive Council? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (b) Regarding the appointment of Non-official Members of the Executive Council, what requirements must an appointee meet in terms of experience, ability and integrity?
- (c) What is the procedure for the appointment of a Non-official Member?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

- (a) The Basic Law does not specify the number of Members of the Executive Council (ExCo). There is currently a total 15 Non-official ExCo Members.
- (b) According to the Basic Law, ExCo is an organ for assisting the Chief Executive (CE) in policy-making. When appointing ExCo Members, CE will take into account their capabilities, experience, integrity and commitment to serving the public of Hong Kong. His prime consideration is to select capable and experienced persons who are committed to Hong Kong. To facilitate candid exchanges of views, ExCo Members should also concur with CE's governance philosophy.

(c) Article 55 of the Basic Law provides that ExCo Members should be appointed by CE from among the principal officials of the executive authorities, Members of the Legislative Council and public figures, and that their appointment or removal should be decided by CE. Before taking up the appointment, Non-official ExCo Members are required to undergo and pass the extended integrity checking. The Government will publish the appointment of Non-official ExCo Members in the Gazette.

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Reply Serial No.

CEO042

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3104)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

The Government has just appointed Mr Nicholas W Yang, former Vice President of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, as Non-official Member of the Executive Council, Advisor to the Chief Executive on Innovation and Technology, and Chairman of the reorganised Advisory Committee on Innovation and Technology. I have the following questions:

- (a) What are the duties and powers of the Advisor to the Chief Executive on Innovation and Technology?
- (b) To whom does the Advisor to the Chief Executive on Innovation and Technology report on his work? If he reports directly to the Chief Executive C Y Leung, what are the reasons?
- (c) Is the work of the Innovation and Technology Commission and the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer related to that of the Advisor to the Chief Executive on Innovation and Technology or the Advisory Committee on Innovation and Technology? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TONG Ka-wah, Ronny (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

The Chief Executive announced on 2 March 2015 the appointment of Mr Nicholas Yang as Advisor to the Chief Executive on Innovation and Technology. Mr Yang will be responsible for collecting and analysing for the Special Administrative Region Government (SARG) the industry's views on the development of innovation and technology, and advising the Chief Executive and the SARG on the development strategy for innovation and technology, with a focus on how Hong Kong can make the best use of the combined advantages of "One Country" and "Two Systems" and strengthen co-ordination between the

Government, industry, academia and research sectors. This arrangement aims to enable the SARG to promptly and actively promote the development of innovation and technology in Hong Kong before the establishment of the Innovation and Technology Bureau.

The Innovation and Technology Commission and the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer under the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau will continue their work in the areas of innovation and technology, as well as information and technology. Their duties and relationship with other government departments have not changed upon the appointment.

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Reply Serial No.

CEO043

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0056)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

What are the estimated expenditures on the salaries and allowances of the Chief Executive for 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

The estimated expenditures on the salary and non-accountable entertainment allowance of the Chief Executive for 2015-16 are \$4,462,620 and \$870,900 respectively.

Reply Serial No.

CEO044

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0058)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

What are the estimated expenditures on the salaries and allowances of the Director of the Chief Executive's Office for 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 27)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure on the remuneration for the Director of the Chief Executive's Office for 2015-16 is \$3.6m. There is no other allowance giving rise to expenditure.

Reply Serial No.

CEO045

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0059)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

What are the estimated expenditures on the salaries and allowances of the Information Coordinator for 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

The estimated expenditures on the salary and allowances of the Information Coordinator for 2015-16 are \$2,330,000 and \$430,000 respectively.

Reply Serial No.

CEO046

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0173)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Please give the number of days that the Chief Executive was on vacation outside Hong Kong in the past 3 years. Has the Chief Executive's Office rejected any leave applications from the Chief Executive?

What criteria does the Chief Executive's Office adopt in processing the leave applications of the Chief Executive? Will the Office put in place new administrative measures in the current year to deal with situations in which the Chief Executive goes on vacation outside Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 31)

Reply:

The Chief Executive is entitled to 22 working days of leave each year. It is up to the Chief Executive to decide when to take leave and for how long. Between 1 July 2012 and 28 February 2015, the Chief Executive took 36.5 days of leave in total.

When the Chief Executive is on leave, his duties are usually taken up by the Chief Secretary for Administration as the Acting Chief Executive.

Reply Serial No.

CEO047

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0174)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

What are the estimated expenditure on and manpower for the management of Fanling Lodge for this year? What areas are involved?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure on the management of Fanling Lodge for 2015-16 is \$790,000. At present, 20 domestic staff and 1 Housekeeper on the establishment of the Chief Executive's Office provide hospitality services at Government House and Fanling Lodge for the Chief Executive, as well as domestic services required.

Reply Serial No.

CEO048

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0175)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Please list all social engagements that the Chief Executive and his wife attended in the past year in their official capacity under the planning of the Chief Executive's Office.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 33)

Reply:

From time to time, the Chief Executive is invited to attend various types of activities, such as award presentation ceremonies, celebratory receptions, forums, seminars and trade promotion events. These activities are organised by different bodies, including government departments, international organisations, trade associations, organisations set up by the Central People's Government and the governments of other places in Hong Kong, and district organisations. The wife of the Chief Executive is also invited from time to time to attend various types of activities organised by different bodies, such as charity events and award presentation ceremonies, and to accompany the Chief Executive in official activities. In view of the large number of organisations and activities involved, we have not compiled any information about them.

Reply Serial No.

CEO049

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0176)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Executive Council

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

What is the estimated expenditure on honoraria payable to Non-official Members of the Executive Council for the year in question?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 34)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure on honoraria payable to Non-official Members of the Executive Council for 2015-16 is \$14.32 m.

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Reply Serial No.

CEO050

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4869)

<u>Head</u>: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Please set out the dates on which the Chief Executive was away from Hong Kong in the past 3 years. During the period, how many times did the Chief Executive leave Hong Kong on official business and how many times for private reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 121)

Reply:

Details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive from 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2015 are set out at Annex. We do not disclose information of private trips made by the Chief Executive as it involves his personal data.

Duty Visits of the Chief Executive (1 July 2012 – 28 February 2015)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
14 September 2012	Guangzhou	3	0	0	1,520.00	1,520.00	To attend the 15 th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong (HK/GD) Co-operation Joint Conference.
30 November – 1 December 2012	Sanya	4	0	31,755.00	6,699.30	38,454.30	To attend the 8 th Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD) Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
7 December 2012	Guangzhou	2	0	0	1,260.00	1,260.00	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta (PRD) Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2012.
20 – 22 December 2012	Beijing	4	0	40,785.00	24,183.84	64,968.84	To make annual work report, and call on various ministries of the Central People's Government (CPG).
6 February 2013	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	4	0	0	1,110.00	1,110.00	To call on key leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.
4 – 6 March 2013	Beijing	4	0	41,875.00	19,167.17	61,042.17	To attend the opening ceremony of the first session of the 12th National People's Congress (NPC), and meet with provincial leaders.
16 – 20 March 2013	Beijing and Tianjin	5	0	47,268.00	27,453.72	74,721.72	To attend the closing ceremony of the first session of the 12th NPC, and call on various CPG ministries in Beijing; and to call on leaders of Tianjin Municipal Government, and meet with Hong Kong people in Tianjin.
21 March 2013	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend the opening ceremony of the C-MER (Shenzhen) Dennis Lam Eye Hospital, and call on the Secretary of the Shenzhen Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China.
6 – 7 April 2013	Hainan	3	4,276.37	16,088.00	30,082.12	50,446.49	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2013.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
25 – 26 April 2013	Beijing	4	2,750.88	40,900.00	7,850.08	51,500.96	To call on various CPG ministries.
4 – 5 June 2013	Shanghai	3	1,655.86	25,012.00	4,956.12	31,623.98	To call on leaders of Shanghai Municipal Government, and address the opening ceremony of the 2nd Annual Urban Land Institute Asia Pacific Summit; and to visit organisations and facilities, and meet with Hong Kong people who study and do business in Shanghai.
9 – 13 June 2013	New York, the United States	5	63,423.05	571,812.00	14,964.84	650,199.89	To attend trade promotion events organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council; and to hold meetings with political and business leaders, and meet with Hong Kong people who work and study in New York.
8 – 9 September 2013	Guiyang	4	0	25,825.00	4,123.15	29,948.15	To attend the 9th PPRD Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
26 – 27 September 2013	Chongqing	3	4,068.31	26,646.00	2,084.02	32,798.33	To lead a delegation from industrial, commercial and professional sectors to visit Chongqing.
5 – 8 October 2013	Bali, Indonesia	7	46,333.51	141,572.00	18,957.41	206,862.92	To attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2013 Leaders' Week and other related meetings; and to meet with foreign leaders to exchange views on issues of mutual concern.
22 – 24 October 2013	Beijing	4	8,127.60	40,655.00	13,859.93	62,642.53	To attend the opening ceremony of the 17th Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Co-operation Symposium; to call on leaders of Beijing Municipal Government together with representatives from Hong Kong's industrial and commercial sectors attending the Symposium; and to call on CPG officials and leaders of financial institutions in the Mainland.

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6 – 7 December 2013	Guangzhou, Zhongshan and Zhuhai	4	0	0	5,871.57	5,871.57	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2013.
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23 – 25 January 2014	Fuzhou and Xiamen	5	17,030.03	32,058.00	10,383.30	59,471.33	To lead a delegation to attend Fujian-Hong Kong Economic and Trade Cooperation Exchange Meeting, and meet with leaders of Fuzhou and Xiamen Municipal Governments.
14 February 2014	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	4	0	0	0	0	To meet with leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and exchange views on co-operation between Hong Kong and Guangdong; and to visit Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport.
4 – 7 March 2014	Beijing	5	12,579.00	48,976.00	29,328.83	90,883.83	To attend the opening ceremony of the second session of the 12th NPC and meet with leaders of CPG ministries and provincial and municipal governments.
27 – 28 March 2014	Shenzhen, Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou	3	4,539.15	0	3,911.26	8,450.41	To meet with leaders of Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou Municipal Governments; and to visit enterprises in Shenzhen and Shantou, as well as the Jao Tsung I Petite Ecole in Chaozhou.

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9 – 11 April 2014	Hainan	3	8,553.42	9,894.00	10,484.39	28,931.81	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2014.
11 – 13 April 2014	Shanghai	6	15,067.02	46,490.00	20,653.28	82,210.30	To participate in part of the Shanghai visit programme for Legislative Council Members.
10 – 16 May 2014	Stockholm, Sweden and Brussels, Belgium	5	8,112.85	444,375.00	29,864.87	482,352.72	To enhance understanding of the latest economic situation and the development of innovation and technology of the two places; to meet with political and business leaders to discuss Hong Kong's latest developments; and to foster closer economic and trade ties.
12 – 13 October 2014	Guangzhou	1	0	0	2,356.00	2,356.00	To attend the 10th PPRD Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
6 November 2014	Guangzhou	3	0	1,300.00	1,153.09	2,453.09	To attend the 17th Plenary of HK/GD Co-operation Joint Conference.
8 – 12 November 2014	Beijing	5	28,289.12	49,000.00	28,056.62	105,345.74	To attend APEC 2014 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.
25 – 27 November 2014	Korea	5	11,259.00	87,724.00	12,219.34	111,202.34	To enhance understanding of the economic situation and the development of the innovation and technology industry of Korea; and to meet with political and business leaders there.
5 December 2014	Huizhou	2	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2014.

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7 December 2014	Shenzhen	1	0	0	0	0	To visit the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone.
19 – 20 December 2014	Macao	4	0	2,958.00	6,840.95	9,798.95	To attend the 15th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and inauguration ceremony of the fourth-term Macao SAR Government.
25 – 27 December 2014	Beijing	5	6,781.86	51,335.00	13,799.28	71,916.14	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.
30 January 2015	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	3	0	1,258.48	0	1,258.48	To call on key leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.

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Reply Serial No.

CEO051

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4870)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

In the past year, remuneration for special appointments by the Chief Executive's Office amounted to \$12,015,000. What were the posts involved and their respective numbers, job nature and annual salaries?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 122)

Reply:

The duties of and expenditures on remuneration for officers under special appointment in this Office in 2014-15 are set out below:

Post	Duties	Expenditures on remuneration
Director of Chief	Works with Principal Officials in policy	\$3.43m
Executive's Office	formulation and sets policy priorities to ensure	
(D,CEO)	full implementation of the Chief Executive	
	(CE)'s Policy Address and decisions; enhances	
	communication with the Executive Council and	
	the Legislative Council; and liaises with	
	political parties and groups, various sectors of	
	the community and district personalities to	
	secure their support for the Government's	
	work.	
Information Coordinator	Formulates media and public relations strategy	\$2.74m
	for and coordinates the timetable of the	
	introduction of major policies and programmes;	
	liaises closely with Director of Information	
	Services and Bureau Press Officers to ensure	
	effective implementation of media and public	
	relations strategy for major policies; monitors	

Post	Duties	Expenditures on remuneration
	public and media feedback; and helps plan and implement CE's programme of public functions involving media interactions.	
Senior Special Assistant	Advises CE on Mainland-related issues; liaises with the Central People's Government and provides support in the organisation of CE's visits to the Mainland; researches on matters relating to CE's networking with business and community organisations with strong Mainland connections.	\$3.05m (including end-of-contract gratuity)
Special Assistant	Assists CE's Office in liaising with various sectors of the community; and conducts research and prepares briefs for CE and senior officials.	\$1.17m
Senior Personal Assistant to Chief Executive	Provides secretarial support to CE.	\$1.20m (including end-of-contract gratuity)
Driver for D,CEO	Performs driving duties for D,CEO.	\$0.45m

Reply Serial No.

CEO052

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4871)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Executive Council

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

What were the expenditures on the annual salaries, honoraria and benefits of the Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council and each Non-official Member of the Executive Council in the past 3 years? What were the expenditures on the annual salaries, honoraria and benefits of those Non-official Members of the Executive Council who were also Members of the Legislative Council at the same time?

What are the estimated expenditures related to those Members for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 123)

Reply:

The honoraria for the Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council (ExCo) and each Non-official ExCo Member in the past 3 years are tabulated below:

Year	Expenditure on honoraria	Expenditure on honoraria	
	for the Convenor of the	for each Non-official ExCo	
	Non-official ExCo Members	Member	
2012-13	\$0.96m	\$0.79m	
2013-14	\$1.24m	\$0.82m	
2014-15 (Estimate)	\$1.38m	\$0.86m	

ExCo Members who are also Members of the Legislative Council (LegCo) at the same time can receive the full amount of honoraria payable to them as ExCo Members and two-thirds of the salaries payable to them as LegCo Members.

The estimated expenditure on honoraria for ExCo Members for 2015-16 is \$14.32m.

Reply Serial No.

CEO053

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5740)

<u>Head</u>: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

What are the details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive in 2014-15, including the date, place and nature of visit, size and members of entourage, and expenses incurred? Please provide detailed information on each visit.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 227)

Reply:

Details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive from 1 April 2014 to 28 February 2015 are set out at Annex.

Duty visits of the Chief Executive (1 April 2014 – 28 February 2015)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
9 – 11 April 2014	Hainan	3	28,931.81	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2014.
11 – 13 April 2014	Shanghai	6	82,210.30	To participate in part of the Shanghai visit programme for Legislative Council Members.
10 – 16 May 2014	Stockholm, Sweden and Brussels, Belgium	5	482,352.72	To enhance understanding of the latest economic situation and the development of innovation and technology of the two places; to meet with political and business leaders to discuss Hong Kong's latest developments; and to foster closer economic and trade ties.
12 – 13 October 2014	Guangzhou	1	2,356.00	To attend the 10 th Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
6 November 2014	Guangzhou	3	2,453.09	To attend the 17 th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.
8 – 12 November 2014	Beijing	5	105,345.74	To attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation 2014 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.
25 – 27 November 2014	Korea	5	111,202.34	To enhance understanding of the economic situation and the development of the innovation and technology industry of Korea; and to meet with political and business leaders there.
5 December 2014	Huizhou	2	0	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2014.
7 December 2014	Shenzhen	1	0	To visit the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone.
19 – 20 December 2014	Macao	4	9,798.95	To attend the 15 th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and inauguration ceremony of the fourth-term Macao SAR Government.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
25 – 27 December 2014	Beijing	5	71,916.14	To make annual work report, and call on various officials of the Central People's Government.
30 January 2015	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	3	1,258.48	To call on key leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.

^{*} Expenses include charges for accommodation and passage, subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and sundry expenses (if applicable), but exclude sponsorship (if any).

Reply Serial No.

CEO054

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5741)

<u>Head</u>: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Regarding the vehicles assigned for use by the Chief Executive and his family, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Number of these vehicles and the model, age and usage of each of them;
- (b) Number of times that these vehicles were used and the repair and maintenance, fuel and other related expenses in 2014-15; and
- (c) Whether the Government will consider replacing the vehicles assigned for use by the Chief Executive and his family with more environment-friendly vehicles or even electric vehicles. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 228)

Reply:

The Chief Executive's Office provides vehicles for use by the Chief Executive and his wife for official and private purposes. The relevant information is set out below:

	Model	Age of vehicle	Expenditure in 2014-15 (as at 28 February 2015)		
		(as at 28 February 2015)	Repair and Maintenance	Fuel	
Chief Executive (VIP saloon car)	Lexus LS600hL	7 years and 8 months	\$48,800	\$3,299	
Wife of the Chief Executive (Grade A saloon car)	Volkswagen Phaeton 3.2	7 years and 11 months	\$87,444	\$12,837	

The above vehicles are environment-friendly, meeting the qualifying standards for environment-friendly petrol private cars applicable at the time of procurement.

Reply Serial No.

CEO055

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6471)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

How many days of paid leave is the Chief Executive entitled to each year? What are the details of leave taken by the Chief Executive in 2014-15? What is the current paid leave balance of the Chief Executive?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 705)

Reply:

The Chief Executive is entitled to 22 working days of leave each year. Between 1 April 2014 and 28 February 2015, the Chief Executive took 13 days of leave in total.

Reply Serial No.

CEO056

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3663)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Would the Government inform this Committee of the total estimated remuneration payable to each of the following posts under special appointment for 2015-16?

Post title	Estimated remuneration for 2015-16
Information Coordinator	
Senior Special Assistant	
Special Assistant	
Senior Personal Assistant	
Driver for the Director of the Chief	
Executive's Office	

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 72)

Reply:

The estimated expenditures on the remuneration for the following officers under special appointment in the Chief Executive's Office for 2015-16 are as follows:

Post title	Estimate
Information Coordinator	\$2.76m
Senior Special Assistant	\$2.03m
Special Assistant	\$1.20m
Senior Personal Assistant to Chief Executive	\$1.01m
Driver for the Director of the Chief Executive's Office	\$0.49m

Reply Serial No.

CEO057

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3664)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Would the Government inform this Committee of the annual estimated expenditure on the salaries of each of the following people for 2015-16?

Post title	Annual estimated expenditure on salaries
	for 2015-16
Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's	
Office	
Director of the Chief Executive's Office	

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 73)

Reply:

For 2015-16, the estimated expenditures on remuneration for the Director of the Chief Executive's Office and salary of the Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office, are \$3.60m and \$2.57m respectively.

Reply Serial No.

CEO058

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4708)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Would the Government inform this Committee of the respective numbers of days of leave taken by the Information Coordinator, Senior Special Assistant and Special Assistant in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 108)

Reply:

We do not disclose details of leave taken by the Information Coordinator, Senior Special Assistant and Special Assistant as these are their personal data.

CEO059

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6697)

<u>Head</u>: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Executive Council

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

It is the aim of the Chief Executive's Office to ensure the smooth operation of the Executive Council. Please inform this Committee of the number of meetings attended each year by each Official and Non-official Members during the term of office of the Chief Executive C Y Leung? If there were absences, what were the dates in question and reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 585)

Reply:

Between 1 July 2012 and 24 March 2015, the current-term Executive Council (ExCo) held a total of 123 meetings. The relevant statistics for attendance of meetings by Non-official ExCo Members are tabulated below:

	1 Ju	1 July 2012 to 24 March 2015					
	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate				
LAM Woon-kwong	123	117	95%				
CHENG Yiu-tong	123	109	89%				
Laura CHA SHIH May-lung	123	93	76%				
Anna WU Hung-yuk	123	118	96%				
Arthur LI Kwok-cheung	123	88	72%				
Andrew LIAO Cheung-sing	123	110	89%				
CHOW Chung-kong	123	109	89%				
CHEUNG Hok-ming	123	110	89%				
Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun	123	111	90%				
CHEUNG Chi-kong	123	123	100%				
Bernard Charnwut CHAN	123	107	87%				
Starry LEE Wai-king	123	118	96%				
Regina IP LAU Suk-yee*	110	97	88%				
Jeffrey LAM kin-fung*	110	104	95%				
Nicholas W YANG^	2	2	100%				

^{*} Appointed as Non-official Member on 17 October 2012

[^] Appointed as Non-official Member on 2 March 2015

Absences of Non-official ExCo Members from meetings are mainly due to personal circumstances such as illness or being outside Hong Kong on business.

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Reply Serial No.

CEO060

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3486)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Subhead (No. & title)</u>: (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: Not Specified

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Regarding the records management work of your bureau and the departments under its purview in the past year:

- (a) Please provide information on the number and ranks of officers designated to perform such work. If no officers were designated for such work, please provide information on the number of officers and the hours of work involved in records management duties, and the other duties they had to undertake in addition to records management;
- (b) Please list in the table below information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to the Government Records Service (GRS) for appraisal:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential
				documents

(c) Please list in the table below information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Year in which the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents

(d) Please list in the table below information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS:

Category	Name of	Years	Number and	Year in which	Retention	Are they
of	records	covered by	linear metres	the records	period	confidential
records		the records	of records	were	approved by	documents
				transferred to	GRS	
				GRS		

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 51)

Reply:

- (a) In line with the service-wide records management requirements, the Chief Executive's Office has designated 1 Departmental Records Manager at the rank of Chief Executive Officer, underpinned by 1 Assistant Departmental Records Manager at the rank of Senior Executive Officer, to establish and implement a comprehensive departmental records management programme. We have also designated 1 directorate officer to oversee this matter. Other records management duties are mainly performed by staff at various ranks of the executive, clerical and secretarial grades. These duties include opening and closing of files, managing and maintaining an accurate file inventory, maintaining proper file storage, reviewing and arranging destruction of records, overseeing and monitoring records management activities, etc. in accordance with the departmental records management programme. Among these staff, 2 Confidential Assistants and 1 Clerical Assistant are deployed to perform these duties on a full-time basis, while the time spent by other staff on such duties varies according to actual needs.
- (b) Records closed in 2014 pending transfer from the Chief Executive's Office to the Government Records Service (GRS) for appraisal are as follows:

Category of	Years covered	Number of files	Retention period	Are they
records	by the records	(linear metres)	recommended by	confidential
		(lm)	this Office or	documents
			approved by GRS	
Programme	1998 – 2014	378	7 – 30 years	Some are
		(14.54 lm)	•	confidential
Administrative	2011 - 2014	17	3 years	Yes
		(0.82 lm)	-	

- (c) This Office did not transfer any record to GRS for retention in 2014.
- (d) Records approved for destruction by GRS in 2014 are as follows:

Category of records	Name of records	Years covered by the records	Number of files (linear metres) (lm)	Year in which the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Programme	Files relating to petitions and letters sent to the Chief Executive's Office	1997 – 2006	390 (1 lm)	NA	7 years	No
Administrative	Departmental administration	1976 – 2012	80 (4.17 lm)	NA	2 – 3 years	No

Category of	Name of records	Years	Number of	Year in	Retention	Are they
records		covered by	files	which the	period	confidential
		the records	(linear	records were	approved by	documents
			metres)	transferred to	GRS	
			(lm)	GRS		
Administrative	Government	1989 –	2	NA	3 years	No
	property and	2007	(0.02 lm)			
	facility					
	management					
	Stores and	1978 –	26	NA	2-3 years	No
	procurement	2012	(1.12 lm)			
	Finance and	1975 –	15	NA	3-4 years	No
	accounting	2004	(0.77 lm)			
	Human resources	1979 –	8	NA	2-3 years	No
	management	2010	(0.28 lm)			
	Information and	1975 –	11	NA	2-3 years	No
	technology	2012	(0.44 lm)			
	management					

Reply Serial No.

CEO061

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3487)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (-) Not Specified

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

(a) Regarding the expenses on entertainment and gifts of your bureau and the departments under its purview in 2013-14 and 2014-15, please provide details using the table below:

Bureau/	Estimated	Actual expenses	Cap on	Cap on gift	Number of
branch/	expenses on	on	entertainment	expenses per	receptions held
department	entertainment	entertainment	expenses	guest for the	and total
and year	and gifts in the	and gifts in the	(including	year	number of
	year	year	beverages) per		guests
			head for the		entertained in
			year		the year

(b) Regarding the expenses on entertainment and gifts of your bureau and the departments under its purview in 2014-15, please provide details using the table below:

Bureau/	Date of	Departments/	Food	Beverage	Gift	Venue of the
branch/	reception	organisations	expenses	expenses	expenses	reception
department	(day/ month/	and titles of	incurred in	incurred in	incurred in	(department
	year)	the guests	the reception	the reception	the reception	office/
		entertained				restaurant in
		(grouped by				government
		department/				facilities/
		organisation				private
		and				restaurant/
		indicating the				others
		number of				(please
		guests)				specify))
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(c) Please provide the estimated expenses on entertainment and gifts for 2015-16 using the table below:

Bureau/ branch/	Estimated provision for	Cap on entertainment	Cap on gift expenses per
department	expenses on	expenses per guest	guest
	entertainment and gifts		

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 52)

Reply:

As a general rule, all politically appointed officials and civil servants should observe the same principles when providing official entertainment in the form of meals. They are required to exercise prudent judgment and economy in order to avoid any public perception of extravagance, and should act in accordance with the relevant regulations and administrative guidelines. According to the existing guidelines, expenditure on official meals should not exceed \$450 per person for lunch or \$600 per person for dinner, inclusive of all expenses incurred on food and beverages consumed on the occasion, service charges and tips. The Chief Executive's Office follows the same principles and guidelines on official entertainment. In 2013-14 and 2014-15 (as at 28 February 2015), the actual expenditures on official entertainment of the Chief Executive's Office were \$530,000 and \$240,000 respectively. The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is \$540,000.

In addition, the Chief Executive receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment at his official residences. The amount of the allowance was \$799,800 in 2013-14 and \$834,200 in 2014-15. For 2015-16, the estimated expenditure on the allowance is \$870,900.

In line with the Government's green policy, public officers should as far as possible refrain from bestowing gifts/souvenirs on others in the conduct of official activities. According to the existing guidelines, where bestowal of gifts/souvenirs is necessary or unavoidable due to operational, protocol or other reasons, the gift/souvenir items should not be lavish or extravagant and the number should be kept to a minimum. Also, the exchange of gifts/souvenirs should only be made from organisation to organisation. As we do not maintain separate accounts for the expenses on the procurement of gifts and souvenirs, we cannot provide the relevant statistics.

Reply Serial No.

CEO062

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3488)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (-) Not Specified

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

In regard to the growing co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland in recent years, please provide relevant information on Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in which your bureau and the departments under its purview have been involved.

(a) For Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes from 2013-14 to 2014-15, please provide information using the following table:

Project/	Details,	Expenditure	Names of	Have any	Progress (%	Have the	Has public	Details of
programme	objectives	involved	Mainland	agreements	completed,	details,	consultation been	legislative
title	and whether		official and	been	commencement	objectives,	conducted in Hong	amendments
	it is related		department/	signed?	date, target	amount of	Kong on the	or policy
	to the		organisation	Are these	completion	expenditure	cross-boundary	changes
	Framework		involved	documents	date)	involved or	project/programme?	involved in
	Agreement			open to the		impact on		the project/
	on Hong			public?		the public,		programme
	Kong/			If no, what		society,		
	Guangdong			are the		culture and		
	Co-operation			reasons?		ecology		
	(the					been		
	Framework					released to		
	Agreement)					the public?		
	or the 13 th					If yes,		
	Five-Year					through		
	Plan					which		
						channels		
						and what		
						were the		
						manpower		
						and		
						expenditure		
						involved?		
						If no, what		
						are the		
						reasons?		

(b) Have funds been reserved in the current financial year (2015-16) for Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes? If yes, please provide information on such projects or programmes in 2015-16 using the following table:

Project/	Details,	Expenditure	Names of	Have any	Progress (%	Have the	Will public	Details of
programme	objectives	involved	Mainland	agreements	completed,	details,	consultation be	legislative
title	and		official and	been	commencement	objectives,	conducted in Hong	amendments
	whether it		department/	signed?	date, target	amount of	Kong on the	or policy
	is related		organisation	Are these	completion	expenditure	cross-boundary	changes
	to the		involved	documents	date)	involved or	project/programme?	involved in
	Framework			open to the		impact on		the project/
	Agreement			public?		the public,		programme
	or the 13 th			If no, what		society,		
	Five-Year			are the		culture and		
	Plan			reasons?		ecology		
						been		
						released to		
						the public?		
						If yes,		
						through		
						which		
						channels		
						and what		
						will be the		
						manpower		
						and		
						expenditure		
						involved?		
						If no, what		
						are the		
						reasons?		

(c) Apart from the projects or programmes listed above, are there any other modes of cross-boundary co-operation? If yes, what are they? What were the manpower and expenditure involved in the past 3 years, and how much financial and manpower resources are earmarked in the 2015-16 Estimates?

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 53)

Reply:

In the past 2 years, the Chief Executive's Office has not deployed any manpower or financial resources to directly deal with Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes. No manpower or financial resource has been earmarked for this purpose in the 2015-16 Estimates.

CEO063

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3489)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (-) Not Specified

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Regarding studies (if any) conducted by your bureau and the departments under its purview for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies, please provide information in the following format.

(a) Using the table below, please provide information on public policy studies and strategic public policy studies for which funds were allocated in the past 2 financial years (2013-14 and 2014-15):

Name of	Mode of	Title,	Consultancy	Start date	Progress of	Follow-up	If
consultant	award	content and	fee (\$)		study (under	actions taken by	completed,
	(open	objectives			planning/ in	the	have the
	auction/	of project			progress/	Administration	details been
	tender/	1 0			completed)	on the study	made
	others					report and their	public? If
	(please					progress (if any)	yes, through
	specify))						what
							channels? If
							no, why?

(b) Have funds been reserved in the current financial year (2015-16) for conducting consultancy studies? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of	Mode of	Title,	Consultancy	Start date	Progress of	Follow-up	If expected
consultant	award	content and	fee (\$)		study (under	actions taken by	to be
	(open	objectives			planning/ in	the	completed
	auction/	of project			progress/	Administration	this year,
	tender/				completed)	on the study	are there
	others				_	report and their	any plans to
	(please					progress (if any)	make the
	specify))						details
							public? If
							yes, through
							what

				channels? If no, why?

(c) What are the criteria for awarding consultancy projects to research institutions?

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 54)

Reply:

No consultancy study on public policy was commissioned by the Chief Executive's Office in 2013-14 and 2014-15. No fund has been reserved for conducting consultancy study in 2015-16.

Reply Serial No.

CEO064

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5607)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

What was the expenditure in 2014-15 on the Spring Reception held by the Chief Executive in Government House for members of various sectors? What were the criteria for inviting guests to the event? How many Members of the Legislative Council were not invited, and what were the reasons?

What is the estimated expenditure on the Spring Reception for 2015-16? From which subhead will the amount be deducted?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 280)

Reply:

Guests from various sectors of the community are invited to the Chief Executive's Spring Reception. They include Members of the Executive Council and Legislative Council, Hong Kong deputies to the National People's Congress, Hong Kong members of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, local personalities, representatives of business and industrial associations, professionals and media representatives.

The expenditure on the Spring Reception in 2014-15 was \$34,320. Such expenditure on official entertainment was included as part of "General departmental expenses". The estimate for 2015-16 is \$35,000.

Reply Serial No.

CEO065

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3713)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

According to the energy efficiency and conservation policy formulated by the Environment Bureau, government bureaux and departments will take the lead in energy conservation. Please set out the expenses on electricity of the Chief Executive's Office in the past 5 years so that the public can assess the effectiveness of the efforts of the Chief Executive, as head of the Government, in spearheading energy conservation.

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. 63)

Reply:

The expenses on electricity of Government House and Fanling Lodge in the past 5 years are tabulated below:

Year	Government House	Fanling Lodge
2010-11	\$2,354,000	\$197,000
2011-12	\$2,324,000	\$211,000
2012-13	\$2,318,000	\$239,000
2013-14	\$2,261,000	\$255,000
2014-15 (as at 28 February 2015)	\$2,316,000	\$234,000

As part of the Central Government Offices, the Chief Executive's Office building is managed by the Administration Wing of the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office. The relevant management expenses (including expenses on electricity) are paid by the Administration Wing.

Reply Serial No.

CEO066

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3714)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Chief Executive's Office

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

The Chief Executive has appointed a number of committees which perform advisory functions or even formulate concrete policies in different areas. However, it seems that the public know very little about the work of these committees, and therefore it is hard for them to assess their effectiveness. In this regard, would the Government set out the following information:

- (a) Total expenditure related to each committee in the past 5 years;
- (b) Expenditure related to each new committee set up by the current-term Government since the committee came into operation.

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. 64)

Reply:

The relevant bureaux/departments are responsible for providing support services for advisory and statutory bodies appointed by the Chief Executive, as well as paying for their operational expenses. This Office does not have information on the expenses involved.

Reply Serial No.

CEO067

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4816)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: Not Specified

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

In paragraph 46 of the Budget Speech, it is mentioned that from this year onwards, free online government information will be released in digital formats.

(a) Please provide in the table below details about free online government information released in digital formats by your bureau/department for download by the public:

						Formats available for downloading (please choose)			
Bureau/ Department	Free information/ data released to the public	Description of the information	Period of the information	Is the information currently listed in Data.One	Date of release and updating frequency	JSON, XML or CSV	XLS, DOC	TIF, JPG, PDF, PNG	RSS

- (b) In 2015-16, how much manpower and expenditure will be involved in the release of online government information by your bureau/department?
- (c) Has your bureau/department reviewed all unclassified information that it owns and possesses, set priority for releasing such information and compiled the information in digital formats to facilitate browsing and research or the development of applications for the innovative reuse of data, which may create more industries? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MOK Charles Peter (Member Question No. 102)

Reply:

At present, the Chief Executive's Office releases information such as the Manifesto of the Chief Executive, declarations of interests, press releases, speeches, announcements of public interest and photos mostly in PDF, JPEG, Windows Media and Flash formats through our

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departmental website (ceo.gov.hk). Such information has not been converted into digital formats. In keeping with the Government's initiative of releasing information in digital formats for public consumption from 2015 onwards, this Office will gradually convert its information into digital formats for public release according to the guidelines formulated by the Government.

No provision is made by this Office for additional manpower or financial resources in relation to the compilation and release of information for public consumption. We will absorb the workload with existing resources.

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Reply Serial No.

CEO068

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4817)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (-) Not Specified

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

In connection with the provision of public information and gathering of public opinions by means of the Internet, please advise on the following:

Information regarding social media platforms established and operated by your bureau/departments/public bodies or their agents (such as out-sourced contractors or consultants) for the past year in tabulated form (see Annex 1).

Commence-	Status (keep	Government	Name	Social	Purpose	No. of	Compiling	Ranks and	Financial
ment of	updating	agencies		media	of	"Likes"/ no.	summary of	no. of	resources
operation	/ceased	(including		(Facebook/	establish-	of	comments	officers	involved in
(Month/	updating (as	policy bureau/		Flickr/	ment and	subscribers/	and	responsible	the
Year)	at 28	departments/		Google+/	no. of	average	following	for the	establish-
	February	public bodies/		LinkedIn/	updates	monthly	up on a	operation	ment and
	2015)	government		Sina	(as at 28	visits (as at	regular	(as at 28	daily
		advisory		Weibo/	February	28 February	basis (Yes/	February	operation
		bodies)		Twitter/	2015)	2015)	No)	2015)	(as at 28
				YouTube)					February
									2015)
			(1)	(1)					
			(2)	(2)					
			(3)	(3)					

Asked by: Hon MOK Charles Peter (Member Question No. 103)

Reply:

The Chief Executive's Office did not establish any of the social media platforms mentioned in the question in the past year. This Office will continue to keep in touch with the public through appropriate channels to listen to their views.

Reply Serial No.

CEO069

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4842)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: Not Specified

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

Question:

Regarding your department's expenditure on the procurement of computer software and hardware, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Does the Government have any standard internal procurement guidelines which set out the criteria for the purchase or upgrade of computer software and hardware by departments? If yes, what are the details? Do the guidelines require all departments to upgrade computer software and hardware in a timely manner?
- (b) Given that the computer software and hardware supplier Microsoft will terminate its support service for its operating platform of Windows XP, please provide the respective numbers of computers in each department which are using (i) the operating platform of Microsoft Windows XP; (ii) operating platforms released by Microsoft before 2001; and (iii) other operating platforms (please specify the version), as well as the respective percentages of these three types of computers in the department's total number of computers. Are there any plans to upgrade the obsolete operating platforms?
- (c) What are the expenditure on and criteria for the procurement of tablet computers by your department? What are the models of tablet computers purchased and how are the tablet computers used at work? Is there any classified information saved on the tablet computers? If yes, what are the details? Is there any information security software installed on the tablet computers? What is the expenditure involved?
- (d) What is the number of stand-alone computers in your department and what are the versions of operating systems of these computers? Are there any common standards on the use of information security or anti-virus software? If yes, what are the standardised software products used? If no, what are the different software products used?

Asked by: Hon MOK Charles Peter (Member Question No. 147)

Reply:

- According to the existing guidelines of the Government, bureaux/departments (B/Ds) are required to develop a 3-year overall plan of IT projects and the planning of relevant IT projects annually to ensure that business and operational needs can be met effectively. In the planning of IT projects for updating purposes, B/Ds should review and evaluate a wide range of potential risks and put in place mitigation measures. terms of technology, B/Ds should consider potential risks in product compatibility, maintenance support, replacement products and market supply. When purchasing or upgrading computer software and hardware, B/Ds are required to make purchases in the most cost-effective way through fair and open market competition in compliance with the Government's procurement guidelines. B/Ds should also consider the importance and priority of their IT projects in the updating of computer software and hardware. The Chief Executive's Office updates computer software and hardware according to our actual needs and in compliance with the Government's procurement guidelines.
- (b) All computers of this Office use the Windows 7 operating platform.
- (c) At present, this Office has 15 tablet computers, which are mainly used to support and improve our internal operations, including sending and receiving email, calendar management and Internet browsing. We purchased these tablet computers according to our actual needs and in compliance with the Government's procurement guidelines. No classified information is stored in our tablet computers. In addition, we have implemented mobile device management plans and taken appropriate security measures as necessary, such as power-on passwords for mobile devices, device wipe after a specified number of failed login attempts and activation of the detection and recovery system against virus and malicious code attacks. These security measures do not involve additional expenditure.
- (d) This Office does not have any stand-alone computer. We follow the existing information security policies, guidelines and procedures to protect government information systems and data, and have put in place various protective measures, including using up-to-date information security and anti-virus software. We purchase information security software under the Standing Offer Agreement arranged by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer. For security reasons, we will not disclose details of the information security or anti-virus software that we use.