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Dear Dr Hon KWOK,

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2016-17
(Question Serial No.: R103)

I refer to the above question which you raised during the examination of the estimates of expenditure for 2016-17 regarding the annual expenditure and number of staff of the Estate Agents Authority (EAA). Our reply is as follows.

As an independent and self-financing body, the EAA will deploy its manpower and resources to meet its operational requirements. According to the EAA's financial reports, its annual expenditure from 2011-12 to 2014-15 is as follows -

Financial Year	Annual Expenditure (\$m)
2011-12	About 56.94
2012-13	About 64.07
2013-14	About 68.59
2014-15	About 70.10

The EAA's expenditure for 2015-16 is being audited by its auditor. The EAA will furnish this Bureau with the audited report in accordance with the Estate Agents Ordinance (Cap 511). We will arrange to table the relevant

report at the Legislative Council after receiving the report. The EAA will continue to deploy its resources to meet its operational requirements in 2016-17. It will furnish this Bureau with its audited report in accordance with the Estate Agents Ordinance after the close of 2016-17. We will then also arrange to table relevant report to the Legislative Council.

According to the information provided by the EAA, for each year from 2011-12 to 2016-17, it has about 90 full-time staff.

Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)

(Jerry CHEUNG)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing

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