

**Supplementary Note for
Special Meetings of the Finance Committee to
examine the Estimates of Expenditure 2016-2017**

**Estimated provisions for implementing
new and enhanced measures relating to Belt and Road initiative**

The Belt and Road Initiative covers a wide range of areas including financial services, logistics, maritime services, trading, professional services, education, cultural and youth services etc. falling within the purview of different policy bureaux and departments. Apart from existing resources, an additional recurrent provision of \$75 million and time-limited provision of \$152 million have been earmarked for implementing new and enhanced measures relating to the Belt and Road Initiative. For the 2016-17 draft Estimates, a total provision of \$125 million for estimated cash flow requirements has been included in eight relevant Expenditure Heads for the above purpose.

2. As committed at the Special Finance Committee meeting on 6 April 2016, we set out the breakdown of the above additional funding provision in the 2016-17 draft Estimates as follows –

Expenditure Head	Measures	Estimated Annual Provision \$m	Total Time-limited Provision \$m	2016-17 Estimated Cashflow \$m
31 Customs and Excise Department	Continue development of the Hong Kong Authorized Economic Operator Programme and promote the Free Trade Agreement Transshipment Facilitation Scheme	-	20	10
79 Invest Hong Kong	Enhance investment promotion activities	8	-	8
92 Department of Justice	Continue to pursue Free Trade Agreements and Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements and support the work of a dedicated office to be set up to develop a Trade Single Window	3	4	4
96 Government Secretariat: Overseas Economic and Trade Offices	Establish new overseas Economic and Trade Offices and enhance liaison with overseas trading partners	52	-	43

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142 Government Secretariat: Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary	Set up a Belt and Road Office to take forward related studies and co-ordination work	-	76	25
152 Government Secretariat: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch)	Set up a dedicated office to develop a Trade Single Window and organize relevant promotional activities	-	45	18
158 Government Secretariat: Transport and Housing Bureau (Transport Branch)	Continue work on Air Services Agreements	-	4	1
181 Trade and Industry Department	Continue to pursue Free Trade Agreements and Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement and organize relevant promotional activities.	12	3	16 ^{Note}
Total		75	152	125

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^{Note} Estimated cashflow amount for 2016-17 exceeds the annual provision as start-up costs for 2016-17 are involved in some of the measures.