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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-CEO01

(Question Serial No. SV0008)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

Regarding reply no. CEO003 of the Chief Executive's Office, please advise this Committee whether the Government will carry out/has carried out a study on "opening the Chief Executive's Fanling Lodge to the public" and provide a report.

(Time of meeting and discussion: 6:02 p.m. 1 April 2016)

Asked by: Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply:

For operational needs, the Chief Executive has to maintain close liaison with members of the community, including Members of the Legislative Council, the media, local personalities and representatives of different sectors. While these 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. Moreover, the Chief Executive and his family hold private activities at Fanling Lodge from time to time. Considering the physical constraints of the venue, security arrangements and daily management, it is not appropriate to open Fanling Lodge to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-CEO02

(Question Serial No. SV0007)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

Please provide this Committee with the Information Coordinator's advice to the Chief Executive on the follow issues (if relevant record is available):

- (a) The use of the words "disturbance/unrest/riot";
- (b) The provision of a swimming shed at the Central Promenade.

(Time of meeting and discussion: 5:56 p.m. 1 April 2016)

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

Relevant officers in the Chief Executive's Office, including the Information Coordinator, perform their respective roles and advise the Chief Executive on various policy issues and social incidents from time to time. This Office will keep records of internal discussions depending on the circumstances and needs. To avoid hindering candid internal exchanges, it is not appropriate to disclose these records.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-CEO03

(Question Serial No. S0001)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

As mentioned in reply no. CEO027, sponsorship was received for the expenses of some duty visits of the Chief Executive. Please set out the amount of sponsorship received, the departments/organisations that provided the sponsorship and the uses of the sponsorship in each visit to Mainland China.

In addition, did the Chief Executive honestly declare the sponsorship received in the above visits according to the established mechanism?

Asked by: Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai

Reply:

Details of the Chief Executive's visits to Mainland China from 1 April 2015 to 29 February 2016 are set out at Annex. All sponsorship received by the Chief Executive has been recorded and filed.

Duty Visits of the Chief Executive (1 April 2015 – 29 February 2016)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
8 – 10 April 2015	Wuhan and Shanghai	3	38,749.04	To officiate at the opening ceremony of the Economic and Trade Office of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in Wuhan and the third plenary session of the Hong Kong/Shanghai Economic and Trade Co-operation Conference.	Shanghai Municipal Government sponsored accommodation for the Chief Executive (CE) and 1 member of his entourage in Shanghai.
21 April 2015	Guangzhou	3	0	To attend the plaque-unveiling ceremony for the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone.	Nil
8 – 9 May 2015	Beijing	2	38,404.67	To attend the funeral of the former Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Mr Lu Ping.	The Central People's Government (CPG) sponsored in-town transportation.
31 May 2015	Shenzhen	3	0	To attend a meeting between officials of the Central authorities and Members of the Legislative Council.	Nil
10 July 2015	Shenzhen	1	0	To call on leaders of the Shenzhen Municipal Government.	Nil
12 – 13 July 2015	Beijing	4	50,211.10	To meet with various CPG ministries on the development of the "Belt and Road" initiative.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE and 2 members of his entourage.
12 August 2015	Zhuhai	3	2,585.00	To meet with leaders of the Zhuhai Municipal Government; to visit the Hengqin New Area of Zhuhai of the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone and inspect the construction works of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.	Zhuhai Municipal Government sponsored in-town transportation.
2 – 4 September 2015	Beijing	13	139,283.27	To attend the commemorative activities for the 70 th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese people's war of resistance against Japanese aggression.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
4 – 5 December 2015	Zhongshan, Jiangmen, Foshan and Guangzhou	2	5,530.02	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2015 and meet with students from the Vocational Training Council who were visiting Jiangmen; and to inspect the transport and infrastructure facilities.	Guangdong Provincial Government sponsored in-town transportation.
21 – 24 December 2015	Beijing	4	67,290.01	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.

* 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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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-CEO04

(Question Serial No. SV0009)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (2) Executive Council

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

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

Question:

Regarding reply no. CEO035 of the Chief Executive's Office, please provide this Committee with supplementary information on the attendance rates of former Members of the Executive Council (ExCo) at ExCo meetings.

(Time of meeting and discussion: 6:10 p.m. 1 April 2016)

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok

Reply:

Regarding the attendance rates at Executive Council (ExCo) meetings, those of former Non-official ExCo Members who retired from office during the term of office of the current-term Government are set out below:

	No. of meetings had to be attended during Member's term of office	No. of meeting attended	Attendance rate
Barry CHEUNG Chun-yuen (Term of office: 1 July 2012 – 23 May 2013)	40	39	98%
Franklin LAM Fan-keung (Term of office: 1 July 2012 – 30 July 2013)	50	14 (Request for leave of absence with effect from 3 November 2012 accepted by the Chief Executive)	28%
Starry LEE Wai-king (Term of office: 1 July 2012 – 16 March 2016)	167	161	96%
Nicholas W YANG *	34	32	94%

* Served as Non-official ExCo Member between 2 March 2015 and 19 November 2015 and appointed as Secretary for Innovation and Technology on 20 November 2015.

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