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Dear Ms HON

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
results of value for money audits (Report No. 40)**

**Chapter 5: Subvention for staff emoluments
of The Legislative Council Commission**

Thank you for your letter dated 5 June 2003. As requested, the following additional information is provided for the Public Accounts Committee:


- (a) The Legislative Council Commission's (LCC's) expenditures on select committees in each of the past three financial years were —

Year	\$ million
2000-01	0.5
2001-02	6.8
2002-03	8.0
Total	15.3

- (b) LCC's funding request for the coming financial year will not be reduced as recommended by the Director of Audit, because the funding so far provided for LCC has been made in accordance with the arrangements mutually agreed between the Administration and LCC (para 4.19 of the Audit Report refers). It must be stressed that, the funding requests made by LCC and agreed to by the Administration are not in respect of *posts* to be created but in respect of *services* to be provided or enhanced. The funds finally provided for LCC are not itemized for specific components, and not even allocated separately for personal emoluments and departmental expenses. Consequently, the number of posts and the levels of staff employed at a certain point in time have no direct relationship with an earlier funding application and the subsequent allocation. Therefore, the question of incorrect calculation or over-provision of funds in respect of those *posts* created during the years 1996-97 to 1998-99 does not arise.

I should be grateful if you would forward the above information to PAC.

Yours sincerely

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(Ricky C C Fung)
Secretary General