

**Supplementary Information requested by  
Panel of Administration of Justice and Legal Services at the meeting  
on 24 February 2003**

**(A) Cost Saving proposals of Department of Justice in 2003-04**

The Department of Justice is required to achieve 1.8% efficiency saving on the operating expenditure in 2003-04. This 1.8% efficiency saving amounts to roughly \$17.5 M.

The Department of Justice has drawn up a 10-item saving list, the implementation of which will enable the Department to save more than \$18 M in total, slightly exceeding the \$17.5 M saving figure required of us. A breakdown of the amount of the savings is set out as follows –

	<b><u>savings</u></b> <b>(\$M)</b>
(1) Reduced Personal Emoluments due to delayering of administrative structure	1.7
<b><u>Reduced expenditure in</u></b>	
(2) allowances	3.0
(3) stores and equipment	5.4
(4) hire of IT service	1.0
(5) transport & travelling	0.3
(6) contract maintenance & workshop services	3.0
(7) duty visits and official entertainment	1.5

(8) training	0.8
(9) publication and printing; and	0.5
(10) various areas such as electricity, telephone, stationery, recruitment, etc.	1.0
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**(B) Years of Experience of Counsel in Department of Justice**

The years of post-qualification legal experience of the counsel working in the Department of Justice and our counsel accommodated on the establishments of other Bureaux/Departments (as at 15 March 2003) are provided in the following table.

**I. Directorate Officers**

Rank	No. of Officers	Years of Post Qualification Experience		
		10 to less than 15 yrs	15 to less than 20 yrs	20 yrs and over
LO	4	-	1 (25%)	3 (75%)
PGC	15	-	5 (33.33%)	10 (66.67%)
DPGC	46	11 (23.91%)	17 (36.96%)	18 (39.13%)

## II. Non-directorate Officers

Rank	No. of Officers	Years of Post Qualification Experience		
		0 to less than 4 yrs	4 to less than 7 yrs	7 yrs and over
SGC	161	-	9 (5.59%)	152 (94.41%)
GC	77	23 (29.87%)	29 (37.66%)	25 (32.47%)

### Explanatory notes

LO : Law Officers (DL6)

PGC : Principal Government Counsel (DL3)

DPGC : Deputy Principal Government Counsel (DL2)

SGC : Senior Government Counsel (MPS 45 to 49)

GC : Government Counsel (MPS 27 to 44)

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