

**Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee Members in
examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05**

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SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

The Administration indicated that in 2003-04 it had provided an accurate and up-to-date picture of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to the Central People's Government and other Mainland authorities to facilitate their understanding of how the provisions of the Basic Law, in particular "One Country, Two Systems" and "Hong Kong people running Hong Kong" with "a high degree of autonomy", were being put into practice. In this connection, please provide the details of the dates, discussion items, officials representing both sides and follow-up actions in respect of each meeting held between the Administration and the above authorities in 2003-04. At those meetings, did the Administration give an accurate account of the "July 1 March" held last year, the "January 1 Demonstration" this year and the aspirations of the majority of the Hong Kong people for the election of the Chief Executive and all Members of the Legislative Council by universal suffrage in 2007 and 2008, as reflected by various local opinion surveys?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

Through our on-going liaison work with the Central People's Government, local and other authorities in the Mainland, the Beijing Office has always been using the background information and lines-to-take provided by relevant HKSARG bureaux and departments so as to provide an accurate and up-to-date picture of Hong Kong and its development. Due to the wide coverage and the on-going nature of liaison work, we have not kept detailed record on each individual subject discussed.

As regards the views of Hong Kong people on constitutional development, in line with the general practice on issues about Hong Kong, the Beijing Office has been acting in accordance with the background information and lines-to-take provided by relevant HKSARG bureaux and departments. We understand that at the meetings with the relevant departments of the Central Authorities in Beijing in early February and in Shenzhen at the end of March, the Constitutional Development Task Force led by the Chief Secretary for Administration had truthfully reflected the views of the Hong Kong community to Mainland officials.

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