

**Replies to initial written/ questions raised by Finance Committee Members in
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-CAB001

Question Serial No.

S049

Head : 144 Government Secretariat:
Constitutional Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Constitutional Affairs

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Question : Please give the number of times that the Administration has met with the representatives of Taiwan organisations in Hong Kong in 2003-04. Please also give details of dates, discussion items, officials involved on both sides and follow-up actions. Is the Administration planning to meet with the Taiwan representatives in 2004-05? If the answer is yes, can we have the details?

Asked by : Hon. Cyd Ho Sau-lan

Reply :

In 2003-04, CAB has continued to communicate with Chung Hwa Travel Service (CHTS) on matters pertaining to Taiwan. Matters handled through the communication channel between CAB and CHTS include—

- a) exchange of information during the SARS outbreak;
- b) arrangement of a chartered flight to Taipei to bring back a Hong Kong tour group with one suspected SARS case;
- c) assistance in the rescue operation where a group of Hong Kong fishermen in distress near Dongsha Qundao were safely brought home through coordination of the Maritime Rescue Cooperation Centre; and
- d) relaying information on the Avian Influenza attack in Taiwan.

A directorate officer of CAB has been designated as the regular point of contact with CHTS. More senior officers of CAB have also met with the Managing Director of CHTS as necessary. There is regular liaison by telephone and meetings are held as necessary. These contacts are quite frequent.

In 2004-05, we will continue to maintain liaison with CHTS on matters pertaining toTaiwan.

Signature	_____
Name in block letters	_____ Clement C H Mak _____
Post Title	_____ Permanent Secretary for Constitutional Affairs _____
Date	_____ April 2004 _____

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-CAB 002

Question Serial No.

S050

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional Affairs Bureau

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Constitutional Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Question: Please give the number of times that the Administration has met with representatives of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council and the Liaison Office in 2003-04. Please also give details of dates, discussion items, officials involved on both sides and follow-up actions. Is the Administration planning to meet with the representatives of the above-mentioned organisations in 2004-05? If the answer is yes, can we have the details?

Asked by: Hon. Cyd Ho Sau-lan

Reply:

In 2003-04, the Secretary for Constitutional Affairs (SCA) in his capacity as a member of the Constitutional Development Task Force took part in two working meetings with the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office (HKMAO) of the State Council (and the Legislative Affairs Commission of the National People's Congress) to discuss issues relating to constitutional development. During the year, other members of the Constitutional Affairs Bureau (CAB) had another meeting with the HKMAO to exchange views on issues of mutual concern, including the liaison between HKSAR Government and provincial/municipal officials. Apart from meetings, we maintain frequent exchanges with HKMAO by correspondence or telephone.

2. In 2003-04, CAB did not have any working meeting with the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in Hong Kong. SCA and other members in CAB met with officials from the Liaison Office on various social occasions. We have not kept a record of those social meetings.

3. In 2004-05, we will continue to maintain contacts with the HKMAO and the Liaison Office as appropriate.

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Name in block letters _____ Clement C H Mak

Post Title _____ Permanent Secretary for
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Date _____ .4.2004

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-CAB 003

Question Serial No.

S051

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Constitutional Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Question: Please give the number of times (if any) that the Administration has met with the newly established Institute of Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office under the Development Research Centre of the State Council in 2003-04. Please also give details of dates, discussion items, officials involved on both sides and follow-up actions. Is the Administration planning to meet with the representatives of the above-mentioned organisations in 2004-05? If the answer is yes, can we have the details?

Asked by: Hon. Cyd Ho Sau-lan

Reply:

In 2003-04, we did not have any meeting with the Institute of Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, nor do we have any specific plan at this stage to meet with the organisation in 2004-05.

Signature _____

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