

**Replies to initial written questions raised by
Finance Committee Members in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06**

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Question : It is stated in the programme concerned that the financial provision will be further reduced in the year 2005-06. Is it attributable to the reduced estimated number of research publications and search tasks as stated in the "Indicators" in 2005-06?

Asked by : Hon. NG Margaret

Reply : The further reduction in financial provision for Programme 5 is unrelated to the number of research publications and search tasks estimated. Apart from pay cut and downsizing of the Operating Expenditure Envelope, which are in line with the measures implemented in civil service, the reduction is mainly due to the completion or near completion of several computer projects in 2004-05.

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