

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members in  
examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09**

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

Reply Serial No.

**S-CSO01**

Question Serial No.

SV005

Head: 142 – Government Subhead (No. & title):  
Secretariat: Offices of the  
Chief Secretary for  
Administration and the  
Financial Secretary

Programme: (3) CSO-Administration Wing

Controlling Officer: Director of Administration

Director of Bureau: Director of Administration

Question :

Regarding the research projects undertaken by the Central Policy Unit (CPU), the Administration was requested to provide the following information:

number of reports on research studies conducted in the past three years that were not, and would not be published or released to the public and the amount of expenditure in relation to such projects.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

In the past three years, reports on 41 completed research studies commissioned by CPU were not published or released; 10 were published. As regards the 12 research studies currently still in progress, CPU will consider the circumstances and nature of the studies before making a decision. The total expenditure of the 41 studies in the past three years was \$10.509 million.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11 April 2008

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Reply Serial No.

S-CSO02

Question Serial No.

SV025

Head: 142 – Government Subhead (No. & title):  
Secretariat: Offices of the  
Chief Secretary for  
Administration and the  
Financial Secretary

Programme: (3) CSO-Administration Wing

Controlling Officer: Director of Administration

Director of Bureau: Director of Administration

Question :

Regarding the research projects undertaken by the Central Policy Unit (CPU), the Administration was requested to provide the following information:

- (a) feasibility of setting a deadline for publication of reports which had already been compiled but not yet published;
- (b) mechanism of selecting an institution to conduct research; and
- (c) number of cases involving the award of consultancy contracts to research institutions or other parties without going through open tenders in the past three years, if any, and the justification for doing so.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

- (a) In the past three years, reports on 41 completed research studies commissioned by CPU were not published because they are for internal reference only, and we have no plan to publish these reports either now or in the future.
- (b) Stores and Procurement Regulations (SPR) 280 provides that bureaux and departments should invite written quotations from not less than five contractors for procuring services with a value exceeding \$50,000 but not exceeding \$1.3 million. If bureaux and departments find that due to limited supply in the market or other full justifications, it is not possible to invite the minimum number of quotations required or an invitation of less than the minimum number of quotations required has to be made, prior approval must be sought from an authorised officer before inviting proposals. After obtaining the quotation(s), approval from another authorised officer is needed for the acceptance of an offer. This requirement aims to ensure that the officer who selects contractors and/or approves the invitation of quotations from contractors is not the officer authorising the acceptance of the offer for that procurement.

- (c) In the past three years, all 63 consultancy studies were commissioned to research institutions in accordance with SPR 280. For details, please see paragraph (b) above.

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Reply Serial No.

**S-CSO03**

Question Serial No.

SV024

Head: 142 – Government Subhead (No. & title):  
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Administration and the  
Financial Secretary

Programme: (3) CSO-Administration Wing

Controlling Officer: Director of Administration

Director of Bureau: Director of Administration

Question :

Regarding the research projects undertaken by the Central Policy Unit (CPU), the Administration was requested to provide the following information:

explanation for not publishing certain research reports in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert and Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

The reason for not publishing certain research reports is that they are intended for internal reference only.

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**S-CSO04**

Question Serial No.

SV026

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Chief Secretary for  
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Financial Secretary

Programme: (3) CSO-Administration Wing

Controlling Officer: Director of Administration

Director of Bureau: Director of Administration

Question :

Regarding the research projects undertaken by the Central Policy Unit (CPU), the Administration was requested to provide the following information:

name list of individuals/research teams conducting research projects in 2007-08.

Asked by: Hon. NG Margaret

Reply:

The principal investigators/team leaders of the 24 research projects conducted in 2007-08 are provided below -

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name of Consultant</b>	<b>Principal Investigator/Team Leader</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
1	One Country Two Systems Research Institute	Mr. CHEUNG Chi-kong	Social, Economic and Political Developments in the Pan-Pearl River Delta Region, covering Fujian, Jiangxi, Hunan and Hainan (May 2006-April 2007)
2	PolyU Technology & Consultancy Co Ltd	Dr. Thomas CHAN Man Hung	Social, Economic and Political Developments in the Pan-Pearl River Delta Region, covering Guangxi, Yunnan, Guizhou and Sichuan (June 2006-May 2007)
3	PolyU Technology & Consultancy Co Ltd	Dr. Thomas CHAN Man Hung	Social, Economic and Political Developments in the Pan-Pearl River Delta Region (except the Guangdong Province) and their Implications for Hong Kong (October 2007-September 2008)

4	One Country Two Systems Research Institute	Mr. CHEUNG Chi-kong	Social, Economic and Political Developments in the Mainland, with Particular Emphasis on Regional Developments and the Guangdong Province, that have Implications for Hong Kong (October 2006-September 2007)
5	TeamOne Economist Ltd	Mr. Jason KWOK	Social, Economic and Political Developments in the Mainland, with Particular Emphasis on Regional Developments and the Guangdong Province, that have Implications for Hong Kong (October 2007-September 2008)
6	Hong Kong Baptist University	Professor CHAN Kwok Bun	The Hong Kong Returnees and their Strategies of Adaptation
7	Development Research Centre, Guangdong Provincial Government	謝鵬飛(廣東省人民政府發展研究中心主任)	Options for Guangdong-Hong Kong Joint Efforts to Promote Waterborne Logistics Cooperation in the Pan-Pearl River Delta Region
8	Department of Social Work, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Professor WONG Chack-kie	Qualitative Study of the Recipients' Experiences of and Attitudes towards the Welfare Benefit System in Hong Kong
9	Sau Po Centre on Ageing, The University of Hong Kong	Dr. CHOU Kee Lee	Sustainability of the Three Pillars of Retirement Protection in Hong Kong
10	Department of Social Work & Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong	Professor Joe LEUNG	Envisioning Social Welfare: Balancing Assumptions and Realities
11	Census & Statistics Department, HKSARG	Ms Rebecca SIU	Thematic Household Survey on Hong Kong Residents Living in the Mainland
12	PolyU Technology & Consultancy Co Ltd	Dr. Thomas CHAN Man Hung	Needs and Integration into Local Communities of Hong Kong People Living in Shenzhen, Dongguan and Guangzhou
13	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Professor ZHANG Junsen	Hong Kong's Economy: Transformation, Competitiveness and Sustainability
14	Research Department, Hunan Provincial Government	劉慶選(湖南省政府研究室主任、研究員)	Cooperation of Production Services between Hunan and Hong Kong
15	Department of Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University	Professor CHAN Kwok Bun	Professional Immigrants from Mainland China and their Strategies of Adaptation
16	Public Policy Research Centre, HK Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Professor Stephen W.K. CHIU	A Cross-National Comparative Study on Family Policy

17	30S Group	Mr. Francis W.S. NGAI	Attitudes, Opportunities, and Barriers of the Participation of Young Professionals in Public Affairs in Hong Kong
18	School of Public Health, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Professor Emily CHAN	Public Health Policy Model and Development Indicators for Child Health in Hong Kong
19	Powersoft Consultancy Limited (Roundtable)	Dr. Simon SHEN	Hong Kong in the Region
20	Department of Social Work, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Professor Kwong Leung TANG	Study on Social Enterprises in Hong Kong
21	Department of Social Work, The University of Hong Kong	Dr. C.K. LAW	Family Impact Study on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance and Public Housing Policy
22	The University of Hong Kong	Professor Nelson CHOW	Trends in Family Attitudes and Values in Hong Kong
23	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Professor Stephen WK CHIU	Low-Wage Workers in Hong Kong
24	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Professor WONG Chack-kie	A Qualitative Study on Hidden Elderly in Hong Kong

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