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註 :

NOTE :

- # 議員將採用這種語言提出質詢
- # Member will ask the question in this language

受公帑資助學士學位課程的學額

#(4) 楊森議員 (口頭答覆)

自 1994 — 1995 學年以來,受公帑資助的第一年學士學位課程的學額一直維持在14 500個。就此,政府可否告知本會:

- (一) 是否知悉新加坡、上海、美國、澳 洲及英國的適齡人口升讀大學的百 分比目前分別是多少;
- (二) 鑒於本人知悉本港適齡人口升讀大學的百分比一直低於鄰近國家,政府有沒有評估大學學額不足會否導致人才外流,以致影響香港朝向知識型經濟發展的速度;及
- (三) 鑒於持有學位的人士在去年第 4 季的失業率只是百分之 1.9,反映現時市場對該等人才的需求殷切,政府會不會逐步擴充受公帑資助學士學位課程的學額;如果會,擴充計劃的細節及推行時間表;如果不會,具體的困難是甚麼?

(4) <u>Dr Hon YEUNG Sum</u> (Oral Reply)

Since the 1994-1995 academic year, the number of places for publicly-funded first-year first-degree ("FYFD") programmes has been maintained at 14 500. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) whether it knows the respective percentages of the people in Singapore, Shanghai, the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom who are attending universities and are at the appropriate age for that;
- (b) as I have learnt that the percentage of the people in Hong Kong attending universities at the appropriate age for that has all along been lower than those of the neighbouring countries, whether the Government has assessed if the insufficient places for attending universities will lead to an outflow of talents, thereby affecting Hong Kong's pace of development into a knowledge-based economy; and
- (c) as the unemployment rate of degree holders in the fourth quarter of last year was only 1.9%, reflecting a keen demand for these talents in the current market, whether the Government will gradually expand the number of places for publicly-funded FYFD programmes; if it will, of the details and implementation schedule of the expansion plan; if it will not, the specific difficulties for that?

聘用顧問公司進行醫療改革公眾諮詢的有關工作

#(5) 何俊仁議員 (口頭答覆)

《物料供應及採購規例》第 280 條訂明,部門採購價值 5 萬元以上但不超逾 130 萬元的顧問及其他服務時,須取得至少 5 名承辦商的報價單。據報,政府最近在只接獲一間公司提交報價單的情況下,委聘了該公司就醫療改革公眾諮詢的有關工作提供顧問服務。合約價值約爲 120 萬元,而該公司是由上任政務司司長的新聞秘書開設的。就此,政府可否告知本會:

- (一) 在政府過往的顧問服務採購活動中,上述事件中只邀請一名承辦商提交報價單的理據同樣適用的個案是不是很罕有;
- (二) 過去 3 年,政府曾多少次在未取得至少 5 份報價單的情況下,委聘承辦商提供合約價值 5 萬元以上但不超逾 130 萬元的顧問服務,並列出每宗個案所涉及的政策範圍、合約的理據;及
- (三) 有沒有檢討在只得一份報價單的情況下便委聘該顧問公司是否合乎公平原則,以及會不會使市民覺得政府用人唯親及向已離任的主要官員或其下屬輸送利益;如果有檢討,結果是甚麼?

Hiring a consulting firm for the work relating to public consultation on health care reforms

(5) <u>Hon Albert HO</u> (Oral Reply)

The Stores and Procurement Regulations 280 stipulates that for procuring consultancy and other services with a value above \$50,000 but not exceeding \$1,300,000, departments must obtain written quotations from not less than five contractors. It has been reported that with only one written quotation received from a firm, the Government has recently appointed the firm to provide consultancy services for the work relating to public consultation on health care reforms. The value of the contract is around \$1,200,000, and the firm was set up by the Press Secretary of the last Chief Secretary for Administration. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) among the consultancy service procurement activities conducted by the Government in the past, whether cases to which the justifications for inviting a written quotation from only one contractor in the above incident likewise apply were rare;
- (b) of the number of occasions in the past three years on which the Government, with less than five written quotations received, appointed contractors to provide consultancy services with a contract value over \$50,000 but not exceeding \$1,300,000, together with the policy area(s) and contract value involved, as well as the justifications for awarding the contract without obtaining five written quotations in each case; and
- (c) whether it has reviewed if the appointment of the consulting firm with only one written quotation received is in compliance with the principle of fairness, and if it will give members of the public the impression that the Government practises cronyism and transfers interests to former principal officials or their subordinates; if a review has been conducted, of the results?

學士學位課程的學額

#(12) 涂 謹 申 議 員 (書 面 答 覆)

關於學士學位課程的學額,政府可否告知本會:

- (一) 按年級分項列出
 - (i) 過去 5 年 , 受公帑資助的學士學位課程的學額,
 - (ii) 現正修讀非本地學士學位課程的學生人數,及
 - (iii) 現正修讀學士學位課程而年 齡超過23歲的成年學生的人 數;
- (二) 過去 5 年,截至每年年底計算,屬 17 至 20 歲年齡組別的人口數目;有 否估計在該年齡組別的人士當中, 在未來 10 年內持有學士學位或更高 學歷的人士的數目及百分比;及
- (三) 在當局於 1989 年 10 月公布把第一年學士學位課程的學額由 1994-1995 學年起大幅增至適齡人口的18%的決定時,以及在隨後的 5 年內,當時屬 17 至 20 歲年齡組別(大士)的時屬 30 至 38 歲年齡組別的人士)的人口當中,現已持有學士學位共有學歷的人士的數目及百分比,有否評估這些人士的數單分比是否避於較年輕但有較多機會接受高等教育的人士,以及政府會否增加供 23 歲或以上的成年人升讀的學士學位課程的學額?

Number of places for first-degree programmes

(12) Hon James TO (Written Reply)

Regarding the number of places for first-degree programmes, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of a breakdown, by year of study, of
 - (i) the number of places for publicly-funded first-degree programmes over the past five years,
 - (ii) the number of students currently attending non-local first-degree programmes, and
 - (iii) the number of adult students aged above 23 and currently attending first-degree programmes;
- (b) of the year-end population belonging to the age group between 17 and 20 in each of the past five years; whether it has estimated the number and percentage of people in that age group who will be holding first degree or higher academic qualifications in the coming 10 years; and
- of the number and percentage of holders of first (c) degree or higher academic qualifications who were in the age group between 17 and 20 at the time and in the subsequent five years when the authorities announced in October 1989 the decision to significantly increase the number of places for first-year first-degree programmes to 18% of the relevant age group by the 1994-1995 academic year (i.e. those people who are now in the age group between 30 and 38); whether it has assessed if these people are less employable than those who are younger but have more opportunities to receive higher education, and whether Government will increase the number of places for first-degree programmes for adults aged 23 or above?