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Development of the
Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination system
Supplementary Information

The supplementary information as requested by the Chairman of the Finance Committee regarding the Development of Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination System is appended below.

Estimated Life Span of the new HKDSE Examination system

2. The estimated life span of the new HKDSE Examination system is about five to seven years. At an appropriate time before the end of the estimated life span, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) will review and identify the most cost effective way to maintain the function of the system.

Number of tenders that the project will entail and the target dates for invitation of tenders

3. HKEAA will arrange five separate contracts for the project according to the specific requirements and nature of the proposed systems. The proposed contract items and the target dates for invitation of tender are set out in the table below:

	Contract Description	Target date for invitation of tender
1.	Core HKDSE Examination system and system integration	First quarter of 2009
2.	Enhancement of Onscreen Marking System	Fourth quarter of 2009
3.	Enhancement of Examination Personnel System	Fourth quarter of 2009
4.	Oral examination recording system	Second quarter of 2011
5.	FM radio signal repeaters	Fourth quarter of 2009 (see paragraph 4 below)

Reason for the late installation of the FM radio signal repeaters in third quarter of 2011

4. The time frame given in Enclosure 3 of the paper is to tie in with the overall implementation of the HKDSE Examination. As mentioned in paragraph 14 of the paper, depending on the time required for the purchase and installation of the equipment, HKEAA may be able to advance the installation for use in HKCEE without the need to wait for the launch of the HKDSE Examination.

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