

Supplementary Information on

**FCR(2012-13)13 : Head 159 – GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT :
DEVELOPMENT BUREAU (WORKS BRANCH)
Subhead 700 General non-recurrent
Item 868 “Investing in Construction Manpower”**

for the FC Meeting on 20 April 2012

As requested by the FC Chairman at the pre-meeting briefing with the Administration on 18 April 2012, supplementary information on the above FCai is appended below.

2. This supplementary information is to provide in more details our approach in using the proposed additional funding of \$220 million to further enhance the construction manpower in collaboration with the Construction Industry Council (CIC) as stated in the footnote to paragraph 20 of FCR(2012-13)13.

3. On 28 May 2010, FC approved, vide FCR(2010-11)20, a commitment of \$100 million to implement the measures as detailed below and the adoption of a flexible approach under which funds may be re-deployed from item (b) to (a) and redistributed amongst four items under (a) in the light of actual needs and responses. We now propose in FCR(2012-13)13 an additional funding of \$220 million for enhancing the two key initiatives under items (a) (i) and (iii).

	Approved provision of \$100million (\$ million)	Proposed additional funding of \$220 million (\$ million)
(a) Initiatives to enhance the training and trade testing of the Construction Industry Council		
(i) Enhanced construction manpower training for selected trades	45	165
(ii) Advanced training course for senior construction workers	3	-
(iii) Enhanced construction supervisor/technician training	20	55
(iv) Subsidy for fees of trade tests, specified training courses and skills enhancement courses	12	-
(b) Promotion and publicity activities to attract more people to join the construction industry	(up to) 20	-
Total	100	220

5. Together with CIC, we will closely monitor the needs and responses of the construction industry to the proposed measures. In order to allow better deployment of funds to maximize the cost effectiveness, we propose that funds may be redistributed amongst items (i) and (iii) in the proposed \$220 million as well as across the four items under (a) in the approved \$80 million in the light of the actual needs and responses to the proposed measures.

6. This arrangement will ensure maximum benefits to be accrued to construction personnel and to the construction industry. It forms part of our funding proposal and was mentioned in paragraph 28 of our submission discussed by the Legislative Council Panel on Development at its meeting on 28 February 2012. Members of the Legislative Council Panel on Development supported the proposal.

Development Bureau
19 April 2012