

**Item (o): What is the justification(s) for setting up a “策略研究小組” during the tenure of Mr Timothy TONG, former Commissioner, ICAC, the set up of this group, where the staff was deployed from and to which account it was charged?**

- The OSR was set up in August 2007 under the Administration Branch with a view to strengthening the capabilities of the Commission in the areas of policy planning, strategic and administrative management, and to enhance the coordination of work among the three departments to achieve maximum efficiency in performance.
- By internal redeployment of resources, OSR was staffed with one Commission Against Corruption Officer (Upper) from the Operations Department, two Commission Against Corruption Officers (Middle) from Community Relations Department and Corruption Prevention Department. Since the establishment of OSR was under the Administration Branch, staff salaries were charged to its account.