

**Item (c): What were the numbers and purposes of official lunch and dinner hosted by Commissioner, ICAC, the Operations Department, the Corruption Prevention Department and CRD respectively for the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR and Consul General's separately for each year from 2003-2004 to 2012-13.**

- The ICAC does not have ready records on official entertainment hosted by the Operations Department (Ops), Corruption Prevention Department (CPD) and the former Commissioner, ICAC before 2007-08 as the Government Financial Management Information System (GFMIS), for keeping payment transactions information only came into operation in 2007 - 2008. It will require substantial time and manpower to retrieve the information. Besides, old payment vouchers beyond the 7-year retention period have either been destroyed or bundled for destruction. Related information before 2007-08 thus cannot be compiled.
- According to our records, Ops and CPD had not hosted any lunch/dinner for the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in HKSAR (LOCPG) or Consuls General from 2007-08 to 2012-2013.
- From 2007-08 to 2012-13, Mr Timothy TONG, the former Commissioner, ICAC and Mr Simon PEH, the incumbent Commissioner, ICAC had respectively hosted a total of six and one lunches/dinners for the Consuls General, i.e. three in 2008/09 and one in each year from 2009-10 to 2012-13 for the liaison purpose of enhancing working relationship and thus international co-operation with the countries represented by the consular corps.
- The ICAC cannot disclose information relating to the official lunch/dinner hosted by Mr Timothy TONG, the former Commissioner, ICAC for the LOCPG officials, as such information fell within the scope of investigation in relation to whether Mr TONG has committed the alleged offences under the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance and the common law offence of "Misconduct in Public Office". Since the ICAC has already started to investigate the alleged criminal offences, the disclosure of relevant information may affect the integrity of the investigation or jeopardise or prejudice the fairness and impartiality of the investigation, the ICAC therefore cannot disclose the relevant information.
- Both the former Commissioner, ICAC, Mrs Fanny LAW and the incumbent Commissioner, ICAC, Mr Simon PEH had not hosted any lunch/dinner for the LOCPG officials as the Commissioner, ICAC during the period from 2007-08 to 2012-13.

- The Community Relations Department (CRD) has the relevant records since 2003-04. It had not hosted any lunch/dinner for the Consuls General from 2003-04 to 2012-13, while a total of 18 such functions had been hosted for the LOCPG officials during the period as tabulated below:

| <b>Year</b>  | <b>Number of Occasions</b> |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| 2003-04      | 0                          |
| 2004-05      | 1                          |
| 2005-06      | 2                          |
| 2006-07      | 2                          |
| 2007-08      | 1                          |
| 2008-09      | 1                          |
| 2009-10      | 4                          |
| 2010-11      | 4                          |
| 2011-12      | 1                          |
| 2012-13      | 2                          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>18</b>                  |

- The CRD hosted official lunches/dinners mainly for Director General of Supervision Office and Deputy Director General of Economic Affairs Department of LOCPG for the following purposes:
  - Courtesy nature – To bid farewell to working partners and establish contact with newly appointed officials, and consolidate working relationship; and
  - Operational nature – To discuss and exchange views on particular subject matters such as arrangement of corruption preventive talks/seminars for PRC-funded enterprises in Hong Kong; to follow up on the joint thematic seminars with the Ministry of Supervision; to arrange officials of the Ministry of Commerce to speak at the seminars for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs); and to discuss the provision of tailor-made corruption prevention services for Hong Kong-funded SMEs with cross boundary businesses.