

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14

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Head: 72 – Independent Commission
Against CorruptionSubhead (No. & title): 000 Operational expensesProgramme:Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against CorruptionDirector of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against CorruptionQuestion:

Please state the amount of non-accountable entertainment allowances received by the 5 ICAC Commissioners from 2002 to 2012. Please also state the number of occasions on which Timothy HM TONG presented government officials of different places with gifts paid out of public funds during his tenure and the actual amount on each occasion.

Asked by: Hon. KWOK, DennisReply:

The Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) is not entitled to non-accountable entertainment allowance. All entertainment expenditure in relation to the Commissioner, ICAC should be accountable.

The information in connection with gifts paid out of public funds to government organisations / officials of different places during the tenure of Timothy TONG, ex-Commissioner is listed below:

<u>Financial year</u>	<u>Number of occasions*</u>	<u>Total amount (\$)</u>	<u>Range of actual amount for each occasion (\$)</u>
2007-08	19	40,000	360 – 11,430
2008-09	18	32,000	400 – 7,460
2009-10	29	49,000	180 – 9,880
2010-11	42	70,000	180 – 11,330
2011-12	<u>28</u>	<u>29,000</u>	90 – 6,550
Grand Total:	136	220,000	

* Each activity or duty visit as conducted by the Commissioner is counted as one occasion. In each activity or duty visit, the Commissioner may present souvenirs to more than one organisation and/or more than one person.

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