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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-CEO01****(Question Serial No. S0089)**

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Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

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This question originates from:

Question:

Would the Administration inform this Committee of the attendance rates of Non-official Members at the meetings of the Executive Council in each of the past 3 years using the following table?

Name	Total no. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings not attended	No. of withdrawals from discussions

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Executive Council (ExCo) Secretariat keeps minutes of every ExCo meeting, which record, among other things, Members' attendance and withdrawals from discussions. Since Non-official Members may need to withdraw from the discussion of individual items due to conflict of interest, and the conflict of interest involved may vary from one discussion item to another, the attendance rates of Members alone cannot accurately reflect their participation. Therefore, the ExCo Secretariat has not thus far compiled any statistics on Members' attendance rates.

In view of the Honourable Member's wish to be informed of the attendance rates of Non-official Members at ExCo meetings, the ExCo Secretariat has reviewed the minutes of ExCo meetings held in the current term (from 1 July 2012 to 31 March 2014) and compiled the following statistics:

	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate
LAM Woon-kwong	79	73	92%
CHENG Yiu-tong	79	71	90%
Laura CHA SHIH May-lung	79	63	80%
Anna WU Hung-yuk	79	76	96%
Arthur LI Kwok-cheung	79	48	61%
Andrew LIAO Cheung-sing	79	70	89%
CHOW Chung-kong	79	68	86%
CHEUNG Hok-ming	79	70	89%
Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun	79	71	90%
CHEUNG Chi-kong	79	79	100%
Bernard Charnwut CHAN	79	70	89%
Starry LEE Wai-king	79	75	95%

Regina IP LAU Suk-ye[^]	66	59	89%
Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung[^]	66	61	92%

[^] Appointed as ExCo Member on 17 October 2012.

Regarding withdrawal of ExCo Members from discussion at ExCo meetings due to conflict of interest, the ExCo Secretariat publishes the relevant statistics annually on its website. In its current term, the ExCo held 69 meetings and discussed 365 items in total from 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2013. The number of items where one or more Members withdrew from discussions due to conflict of interest was 99, and the total number of withdrawals from discussions was 248. The relevant figures are set out by year in the following table:

Year	No. of meetings	No. of items for discussion	No. of items where one or more members withdrew from discussions	Total no. of withdrawals from discussions
2011	37	247	19	26
2012 (January to June)	22	161	49	222
2012 (July to December)	23	108	20	30
2013	46	257	79	218

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-CEO02****(Question Serial No. SV020)**

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

This question originates from: Estimates of Expenditure Volume 1 Page 33

Question:

Pursuant to the reply CEO010, the Administration is requested to provide details on the 11 visits to the Mainland by Chief Executive's in 2013-14, where all or part of the cost was covered by sponsorship. The information should include the purpose of the visit, the nature and scope of sponsorship and details of the sponsors or sponsor organisations involved.

Asked by: Hon FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

Details of sponsorship for the 11 visits to Mainland China made by the Chief Executive (CE) in 2013-14 (up to 28 February 2014) are set out below:

Date	Place of visit	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
6 – 7 April 2013	Hainan (Boao)	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2013.	Secretariat of Boao Forum for Asia sponsored in-town transportation, and accommodation for CE and 2 out of 3 members of his entourage.
25 – 26 April 2013	Beijing	To call on various ministries of the Central People's Government (CPG).	CPG sponsored in-town transportation, and accommodation for CE and 2 out of 4 members of his entourage.
4 – 5 June 2013	Shanghai	To call on leaders of Shanghai Municipal Government and address the opening ceremony of the 2 nd Annual Urban Land Institute Asia Pacific Summit; and to visit organisations and facilities and meet Hong Kong people who study and do business in Shanghai.	Shanghai Municipal Government sponsored in-town transportation, and accommodation for CE and 2 out of 3 members of his entourage.
8 – 9 September 2013	Guiyang	To attend the 9 th Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.	Guizhou Provincial Government sponsored in-town transportation, and accommodation for CE and 4 members of his entourage.

Date	Place of visit	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
26 – 27 September 2013	Chongqing	To lead a delegation from industrial, commercial and professional sectors to visit Chongqing.	Nil
22 – 24 October 2013	Beijing	To attend the opening ceremony of the 17 th Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Co-operation Symposium; to call on leaders of Beijing Municipal Government together with representatives from Hong Kong's industrial and commercial sectors attending the Symposium; and to call on CPG officials and leaders of financial institutions in the Mainland.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation, and accommodation for CE and 2 out of 4 members of his entourage.
27 – 29 November 2013	Nanning, Qinzhou and Fangcheng- gang	To lead a delegation to visit Guangxi; to meet leaders of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Government and Nanning, Qinzhou and Fangchenggang Municipal Governments; and to attend Guangxi-Hong Kong Economic and Trade Co-operation Exchange Meeting and Guangxi-Hong Kong Business Symposium.	Nil
6 – 7 December 2013	Guangzhou, Zhongshan and Zhuhai	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta Industrial & Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2013.	Guangdong Provincial Government and Zhuhai Municipal Government sponsored in-town transportation, and accommodation for CE and 4 members of his entourage.
16 – 19 December 2013	Beijing	To make annual work report and call on various CPG officials.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation, and accommodation for CE and 2 out of 4 members of his entourage.
23 – 25 January 2014	Fuzhou and Xiamen	To lead a delegation to attend Fujian-Hong Kong Economic and Trade Cooperation Exchange Meeting and meet leaders of Fuzhou and Xiamen Municipal Governments.	Nil
14 February 2014	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	To meet leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and exchange views on co-operation between Hong Kong and Guangdong; and to visit Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport.	Nil

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-CEO03****(Question Serial No. S0096)**

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office, (2) Executive Council

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)

Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's Office

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Question :

According to Reply Serial No. CEO013 in the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, 341 programme files and 152 administrative files in the Chief Executive's Office have been approved for destruction by the Government Records Service over the past 3 years. Please inform this Committee of the names of the files destroyed, and their dates of creation and closure.

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

Records of the Chief Executive's Office approved for destruction by the Government Records Service over the past 3 years are tabulated below:

Category of Record/File	Title of Record/File	Earliest Date of Record/File Creation	Latest Date of Record/File Closure
Programme (341 nos.)	Files relating to petitions and letters sent to the Chief Executive's Office	15 May 1997	22 September 2004
Administrative (152 nos.)	Imprest/sub-imprest cash book	1 April 1999	31 March 2004
	Transfer vouchers/payment vouchers	1 April 1999	31 March 2004
	Demand notes	1 April 1999	31 March 2009
	Mandatory Provident Fund	31 January 2001	31 March 2004