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### Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2017-18

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-LC001**

**(Question Serial No. S0029)**

Head: (112) Legislative Council Commission

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Council Business Services

Controlling Officer: Secretary General, Legislative Council Secretariat  
(Kenneth CHEN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary General, Legislative Council Secretariat

Question:

In Reply Serial No. LC018, the Secretariat indicated that the security fixtures and equipment provided to enhance the security of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") Complex comprised only hardware facilities, such as mills barriers, while there were no changes to the personal equipment for security staff. Currently, all security staff of LegCo have to wear suits and female security staff are even required to wear skirts. In face of the escalating conflicts in the Council, has the Secretariat studied the use of some personal equipment to safeguard their occupational safety?

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming

Reply:

The Legislative Council Secretariat has provided personal protective equipment for use by the Secretariat's security staff to meet different operational needs and as and when their duties call for. Such equipment includes but is not limited to reflective vests, knee protectors, elbow protectors, shin guards, cut resistant work gloves and safety shoes. As regards the uniform items for female security staff, trousers are provided to them besides skirts.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-LC002**

**(Question Serial No. S0030)**

Head: (112) Legislative Council Commission

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Council Business Services

Controlling Officer: Secretary General, Legislative Council Secretariat  
(Kenneth CHEN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary General, Legislative Council Secretariat

Question:

Regarding Reply Serial No. LC020, why have the Secretariat and The Legislative Council ("LegCo") Commission not conducted any exchanges with the trade unions or groups of Members' assistants? How will the Secretariat collect their views on matters relating to the LegCo Complex and related administrative arrangements in the future?

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming

Reply:

Members and their staff have all along given their views or raised enquiries on matters relating to the Legislative Council ("LegCo") Complex through different channels including directly contacting the LegCo Secretariat. The Secretariat has also invited Members to consult their staff and take their views into account in giving their responses in consultations on various LegCo Complex-related matters. Where necessary, the Secretariat invited Members and their staff to attend consultation sessions, workshops and briefings and will continue to do so.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-LC003**

**(Question Serial No. S0026)**

Head: (112) Legislative Council Commission

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Council Business Services

Controlling Officer: Secretary General, Legislative Council Secretariat  
(Kenneth CHEN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary General, Legislative Council Secretariat

Question:

Regarding the protective equipment for the security staff of the Legislative Council, Reply Serial No. LC018 only lists out large facilities. The Secretary General indicated in his response (at the meeting) that personal protective equipment was accounted for as recurrent expenditure. What protective equipment has been provided? When will such equipment be used?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung

Reply:

The Legislative Council Secretariat has provided personal protective equipment for use by the Secretariat's security staff to meet different operational needs and as and when their duties call for. Such equipment includes but is not limited to reflective vests, knee protectors, elbow protectors, shin guards, cut resistant work gloves and safety shoes.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-LC004**

**(Question Serial No. S0031)**

Head: (112) Legislative Council Commission

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

Programme: (2) Council Business Services

Controlling Officer: Secretary General, Legislative Council Secretariat  
(Kenneth CHEN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary General, Legislative Council Secretariat

Question:

Regarding Reply Serial No. LC042, please advise on the details of the technical problems which make ventilation improvement infeasible. What are the reasons why shower facilities can be provided on 5/F but not on Members' office floors? What is the difference between them? Have other alternative options, apart from Members' office floors, been considered for the provision of shower facilities in the Complex for use by Members' staff? If yes, what are the details; if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply:

As advised by the Architectural Services Department ("ArchSD"), an additional air duct to extract the very humid air had to be provided from any shower rooms on Members' Office floors to the roof level. As the ceiling voids above Members' Office floors were congested with existing building services such as drainage pipes and structural concrete beams, installation of an air duct through the floors was not feasible. On the other hand, as the shower facilities in the Members' Activity Room on 5/F were provided in the original design of the Legislative Council Complex, an air duct was built in during construction of the Complex. The Secretariat had also requested ArchSD to explore the feasibility of providing shower facilities on G/F of the Complex. Similar to the Members' Office floors, ArchSD had advised that it was technically infeasible owing to the spatial constraint in the ceiling void for ventilation improvement.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**S-LC005**

**(Question Serial No. S0024)**

Head: (112) Legislative Council Commission

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

Programme: (2) Council Business Services

Controlling Officer: Secretary General, Legislative Council Secretariat  
(Kenneth CHEN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary General, Legislative Council Secretariat

Question:

Regarding Reply Serial No. LC032, please advise on the corresponding government department and provide a copy of the Exchange of Letters.

Asked by: Hon YIU Chung-yim

Reply:

The Administration Wing of the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office is the focal point of contact between the Government and The Legislative Council Commission ("the Commission").

2. The current Exchange of Letters ("EoL") was discussed and endorsed by the Commission at its meeting on 18 December 2012 when consequential amendments were made following the relocation of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") to the LegCo Complex. As the EoL is not an open document, the Secretariat is not at liberty to disclose the EoL publicly.

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