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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO001

(Question Serial No. 0122)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

What are the emoluments of the incumbent Chief Executive between April and June 2017, expenses on entertainment during that period and the estimated expenditure on the end-of-term gratuity that he is entitled to when his term of office ends on 30 June 2017?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. 62)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure on the remuneration (including non-accountable entertainment allowance) of the Chief Executive for the period between April and June 2017 is \$1,345,280 and the estimated expenditure on entertainment for the same period is \$97,000. The Chief Executive is not entitled to any end-of-term gratuity.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO002

(Question Serial No. 0123)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

What are the expenditure on the remuneration for the incumbent Information Coordinator of the Chief Executive's Office between April and June 2017 and the estimated expenditure on the end-of-contract gratuity that he is entitled to when he retires from office on 30 June 2017?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. 63)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure on the remuneration (including allowances) for the Information Coordinator for the period between April and June 2017 is \$800,000. The estimated expenditure on the end-of-contract gratuity payable to him upon his completion of the current contract on 30 June 2017 is \$390,000.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO003

(Question Serial No. 0126)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

Regarding the special assistant posts in the Chief Executive's Office, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the current job nature and duties of each special assistant, the estimated expenditures on their respective remuneration for the period between April and June 2017 and the estimated amounts of end-of-contract gratuities payable to them when they retire from office on 30 June 2017?
- (b) As the new-term Chief Executive will assume office on 1 July 2017, will the Chief Executive's Office reserve any resources to enable the new-term Chief Executive to employ special assistants? If yes, what are the estimated expenditure and details of the establishment, including the number of special assistant posts and the specific job nature of each special assistant?
- (c) If the number of special assistants that the new-term Chief Executive plans to employ after assuming office, the expenditure on their remuneration or their job nature are different from those in the approved estimates, what procedures are to be followed for obtaining approval for the additional posts or expenditure?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. 64)

Reply:

The duties of Senior Special Assistant and Special Assistant in this Office are tabulated below:

Post	Duties
Senior Special Assistant	Advises the Chief Executive (CE) on Mainland-related issues; liaises with the Central People's Government and provides support in the organisation of CE's visits to the Mainland; researches on matters relating to CE's networking with business and community organisations with strong Mainland connections.
Special Assistant	Assists CE's Office in liaising with various sectors of the community; and conducts research and prepares briefs for CE and senior officials.

The estimated expenditures on the remuneration (including allowances) of Senior Special Assistant and Special Assistant for the period between April and June 2017 are \$610,000 and \$370,000 respectively. The estimated expenditures on the end-of-contract gratuities payable to Senior Special Assistant and Special Assistant upon completion of their current contracts on 30 June 2017 are \$1.51 million and \$0.17 million respectively.

This Office has reserved resources to meet the expenditures relating to the employment of Senior Special Assistant/Special Assistant. Detailed arrangements will be decided by the new-term Chief Executive.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO004****(Question Serial No. 0128)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

What were the numbers of records destroyed by the Chief Executive's Office in the past 3 years and the details of the content and nature of these records? Did the Chief Executive's Office follow the records destruction procedures and transfer these records to the Government Records Service for disposal under the existing records management guidelines? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. 65)Reply:

Records of the Chief Executive's Office approved for destruction by the Government Records Service (GRS) between 2014 and 2016 are as follows:

Category of records	Name of records	Years covered by the records	Number of files (linear metres) (lm)	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Administrative	Administration	1971 – 2012	220 (11 lm)	2 – 3 years	Yes for some
	Accommodation and facilities	1974 – 2010	17 (0.74 lm)	3 years	Yes for some
	Procurement and supplies	1955 – 2012	89 (4.28 lm)	2 – 7 years	Yes for some
	Finance and accounting	1975 – 2011	157 (7.25 lm)	2 – 7 years	Yes for some
	Human resources	1968 – 2013	162 (7.69 lm)	1 – 5 years	Yes for some

Category of records	Name of records	Years covered by the records	Number of files (linear metres) (lm)	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
	Management of information, information services and information technology	1975 – 2012	20 (0.89 lm)	2 – 4 years	No
Programme	Files relating to petitions and letters sent to the Chief Executive's Office	1997 – 2006	20 839 (105.16 lm)	7 years	No

Records transferred from this Office to GRS for retention between 2014 and 2016 are as follows:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number of files (linear metres) (lm)	Year in which the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Administrative	1965 – 2012	16 (0.72 lm)	2015	Permanent	No
Programme	1980 – 1992	83 (5.46 lm)	2014	Permanent	Yes
	1981 – 2013	51 (3.21 lm)	2015	Permanent	Yes
	1982 – 1983	11 (1.05 lm)	2016	Permanent	Yes

This Office disposes of time-expired records in line with the service-wide records management requirements. We have to obtain the prior agreement of the Director of GRS before destroying any government records.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO005****(Question Serial No. 0129)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (2) Executive CouncilControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

What were the attendance rates of each Non-official Member of the Executive Council (ExCo) at ExCo meetings, the numbers of meetings not attended by them, the numbers of declarations made by them due to possible conflict of interest and the numbers of their withdrawals from discussions due to the same reason in the recent 3 years?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. 66)Reply:

The relevant statistics for attendance of meetings by the serving Non-official Members of the Executive Council (ExCo) in the past 3 years (1 April 2014 to 28 February 2017) are tabulated below:

	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate
LAM Woon-kwong	132	130	98%
CHENG Yiu-tong	132	121	92%
Laura CHA SHIH May-lung	132	93	70%
Anna WU Hung-yuk	132	125	95%
Arthur LI Kwok-cheung	132	121	92%
Andrew LIAO Cheung-sing	132	121	92%
CHOW Chung-kong	132	120	91%
CHEUNG Hok-ming	132	116	88%
Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun	132	117	89%
CHEUNG Chi-kong	132	132	100%
Bernard Charnwut CHAN*	131	110	84%
Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung*	131	127	97%
IP Kwok-him#	43	41	95%

Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan@	12	10	83%
Martin LIAO Cheung-kong@	12	11	92%

- * The Members needed to withdraw from discussions of all items of one of the meetings, and hence the number of meetings that they had to attend was 131.
- # The Member was appointed as a Non-official ExCo Member on 17 March 2016. The number of meetings that he had to attend was 43.
- @ The Members were appointed as Non-official ExCo Members on 25 November 2016. The number of meetings that they had to attend was 12.

The attendance rates of former Non-official ExCo Members who retired from office in the past 3 years are set out below:

	No. of meetings held during Member's term of office	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate
Starry LEE Wai-king (Term of office: 1 July 2012 – 16 March 2016)	167	161	96%
Nicholas W YANG (Term of office: 2 March – 19 November 2015)	34	32	94%
Regina IP LAU Suk-yee (Term of office: 17 October 2012 – 14 December 2016)	189	166	88%

Statistics for withdrawal of Non-official ExCo Members from discussions at ExCo meetings due to conflict of interest are published annually by the ExCo Secretariat on its website. The relevant information in the past 3 years is set out 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
2014	44	258	69	139
2015	46	286	91	211
2016	44	214	59	116

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO006

(Question Serial No. 0130)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

Has the Chief Executive's Office arranged for any dedicated staff to manage the Chief Executive's Facebook account and his Facebook page? If yes, what are the posts and salaries of these staff? If no, which officer in the Chief Executive's Office is responsible for managing the relevant account and page?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. 67)

Reply:

The Chief Executive's Office is responsible for managing and updating the Chief Executive's Facebook account and the Office's web page. The related work is covered by existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO007

(Question Serial No. 0131)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

As the new-term Chief Executive will assume office in July 2017, has the Government reserved any resources to enable the new-term Chief Executive to carry out minor renovation or alteration works in Government House and the Chief Executive's Office? If yes, what is the estimated expenditure? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. 68)

Reply:

The Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) upkeeps the facilities of Government House and the Chief Executive's Office and shoulders the expenses involved. The costs are charged to the departmental operating expenses of ArchSD or the Capital Works Reserve Fund. We will consult the Chief Executive-elect on the need for minor renovation or alteration works before ArchSD will proceed according to the established procedures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO008

(Question Serial No. 2257)

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

Question:

- (1) Regarding the Chief Executive's Fanling Lodge, please set out the following information in each of the past 5 years: (a) the work of management; (b) management expenses; (c) maintenance expenses; and (d) number of days that the Chief Executive visited the Fanling Lodge;
- (2) Please compare the establishment of the Chief Executive's Office in the first year (1997-98, 2005-06 and 2012-13) of each of the 3 terms of office of the Government with that in their last year (2004-05, 2011-12 and 2016-17), including the following information: (a) numbers of staff; (b) posts; and (c) expenditures.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

- (1a and b) At present, 20 domestic staff on the establishment of the Chief Executive's Office provide hospitality services at Government House and Fanling Lodge for the Chief Executive, as well as domestic services required. In the years between 2012-13 and 2015-16, the management expenses were \$620,000, \$660,000, \$760,000 and \$780,000 respectively. The estimated amount of such expenses for 2016-17 is \$810,000.
- (1c) The Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) upkeep the facilities of Fanling Lodge (including the related maintenance, refurbishment and improvement works) and shoulders the expenses involved. In the years between 2012-13 and 2015-16, the amounts of such expenses (calculated on a cash flow basis) were \$380,000, \$160,000, \$290,000 and \$110,000 respectively. In 2016-17 (as at February 2017), the amount of such expenses was \$120,000.

- (1d) The numbers of official activities held by the Chief Executive at Fanling Lodge in the past 5 years are set out below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of official activities</u>
2012-13	4
2013-14	2
2014-15	1
2015-16	3
April 2016 – February 2017	1

This Office does not keep any record of private activities conducted by the Chief Executive at Fanling Lodge.

- (2) The types of permanent posts in the Chief Executive's Office and their respective numbers in the 6 years mentioned in the question are tabulated below:

Types of duties	1997-98	2004-05	2005-06	2011-12	2012-13	2016-17
Policy co-ordination; planning and arrangements for the Chief Executive's official activities; and co-ordination of news and public relations work	4	6	8	10	10	12
Departmental administration	5	9	9	11	11	12
Translation services	2	2	2	2	2	2
Secretarial and other support services	12	19	19	20	20	20
Clerical and general support services	24	28	28	30	30	30
Domestic services for the Chief Executive's official residences	31	26	24	21	21	20
Driving services	5	6	6	7	7	7
Total	83	96	96	101	101	103

The actual expenditures on the emoluments (including salaries, allowances and job-related allowances) of staff of the Chief Executive's Office in these 6 years are tabulated below:

Year	Actual expenditure on emoluments
1997-98	\$37,514,000
2004-05	\$39,796,000
2005-06	\$36,485,000
2011-12	\$50,205,000
2012-13	\$52,681,000
2016-17 (revised estimate)	\$63,084,000

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO009****(Question Serial No. 2259)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Please provide lists of guests received by the Chief Executive's Office for official business and the expenditures incurred in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (Member Question No. 9)Reply:

In order to consolidate and strengthen Hong Kong's ties with Mainland China and other countries and regions, the Chief Executive's Office (including the Chief Executive and other senior officials) frequently receives representatives of governments, international organisations, the media and business communities, etc. from all over the world, including visitors from Mainland China and overseas. From time to time, they also meet with people from various sectors of the local community, including Members of the Legislative Council, representatives of business and industrial associations, professionals and media representatives. In view of the large number of organisations and people involved, we have not compiled information on lists of guests, etc.

The expenditures on the entertainment of the Chief Executive's Office in the past 5 years are tabulated below:

Year	Total expenditure
2012-13	\$642,586
2013-14	\$528,113
2014-15	\$268,131
2015-16	\$412,447
2016-17 (as at 28 February 2017)	\$457,198

The Chief Executive also receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment at his official residences. The amounts of the allowance in the past 5 years are tabulated below:

Year	Amount of allowance
2012-13	\$768,300
2013-14	\$799,800
2014-15	\$834,200
2015-16	\$870,900
2016-17	\$897,000

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO010

(Question Serial No. 2275)

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

Question:

Please provide the following information about the Government's Information Coordinator in the past 5 years: (i) detailed description of work; (ii) salaries and all allowances and benefits; and (iii) work guidelines (if applicable).

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (Member Question No. 23)

Reply:

- (i) The Information Coordinator (IC) is responsible for formulating media and public relations strategy for and co-ordinating the timetable of the introduction of major policies and programmes in different areas. He also liaises closely with the Director of Information Services and bureau press officers to ensure effective implementation of media and public relations strategy for major policies, monitors public and media feedback, and helps plan and implement the Chief Executive's programme of public functions involving media interactions.
- (ii) The monthly salary of IC is equivalent to Point 4 of the Directorate Pay Scale (\$213,100 - \$226,100). He is entitled to benefits and allowances including vacation leave, sick leave, housing benefits, medical and dental benefits, leave passage allowance and end-of-contract gratuities.
- (iii) Pursuant to the employment contract, IC is subject to, and required to observe, all Government rules and regulations on civil service conduct during his service.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO011

(Question Serial No. 1092)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 2 that the Chief Executive's Office will "plan and implement arrangements for the Chief Executive's public and social engagements; to co-ordinate the Government's media and public relations strategy; and to ensure the efficient management of the Chief Executive's Office building, the Government House and the Chief Executive's country residence at Fanling." Would the Chief Executive's Office inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) The revised and estimated expenditures on planning public and social engagements, managing Government House and the Chief Executive's Fanling Lodge for 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively;
- (2) The number of times that the Chief Executive used Fanling Lodge in 2016-17, the purpose of using it and the expenditure involved on each occasion;
- (3) The revised and estimated expenditures on the repair and maintenance of Government House and Fanling Lodge for 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively.

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

- (1) The estimated expenditures on the Chief Executive's official entertainment for 2016-17 and 2017-18 are \$234,000 and \$388,000 respectively. The expenditures are spent on receiving visitors to Hong Kong and entertaining guests from various sectors of the local community, including Members of the Legislative Council, representatives of business and industrial associations, professionals and media representatives.

The Chief Executive also receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment at his official residences. The estimated amounts of the allowance for 2016-17 and 2017-18 are \$897,000 and \$918,500 respectively.

The estimated expenditures on the management of Government House and Fanling Lodge for 2016-17 and 2017-18 are tabulated below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Management expenses</u>	
	(i) Government House	(ii) Fanling Lodge
2016-17	\$6.81m (revised estimate)	\$0.81m (revised estimate)
2017-18	\$7.11m (estimate)	\$0.83m (estimate)

- (2) In 2016-17, the Chief Executive held 1 official activity at Fanling Lodge. The relevant expenses were met by the Chief Executive's non-accountable entertainment allowance. This Office does not keep any record of private activities conducted by the Chief Executive at Fanling Lodge.
- (3) The Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) upkeeps the facilities of Government House and Fanling Lodge (including the related maintenance, refurbishment and improvement works) and shoulders the expenses involved. In 2016-17 (as at February 2017), the amounts of such expenses (calculated on a cash flow basis) for Government House and Fanling Lodge were \$2.06 million and \$0.12 million respectively. The estimated expenditure of \$658 million on the maintenance of government buildings under Subhead 000 Operational expenses, Head 25 – ArchSD for 2017-18 covers maintenance works for all government buildings and facilities, including Government House and Fanling Lodge. ArchSD will carry out refurbishment and improvement works according to actual needs. The Capital Works Reserve Fund estimates for 2017-18 do not include any new works items in Government House and Fanling Lodge.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO012

(Question Serial No. 2546)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

- (1) Please set out all expenses on the Chief Executive's salaries, regular allowances and job-related allowances in 2016-17 and the estimates of such expenses for 2017-18;
- (2) Please explain the calculation of the Chief Executive's non-accountable entertainment allowance.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

The expenditure on the Chief Executive's salary in 2016-17 was \$4,462,620. Taking into account the adjustment to be made to the Chief Executive's salary following the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council for increasing the cash remuneration for politically-appointed officials with effect from 1 July 2017, the estimated expenditure on the Chief Executive's salary for 2017-18 is \$4,864,155.

The expenditure on the Chief Executive's non-accountable entertainment allowance in 2016-17 was \$897,000 and the estimated expenditure for 2017-18 is \$918,500.

The rate of the Chief Executive's non-accountable entertainment allowance is adjusted annually in accordance with the movement of the Composite Consumer Price Index.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO013

(Question Serial No. 0740)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

What are the expenses on repairing the Chief Executive's Fanling Lodge since the incumbent Chief Executive assumed office? Please set out the repair works in detail and the expenses involved.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wing-hang, Dennis (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

The Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) upkeeps the facilities of Fanling Lodge (including the related maintenance, refurbishment and improvement works) and shoulders the expenses involved. In the years between 2012-13 and 2015-16, the amounts of such expenses (calculated on a cash flow basis) were \$380,000, \$160,000, \$290,000 and \$110,000 respectively. In 2016-17 (as at February 2017), the amount of such expenses was \$120,000. Major facilities upkeep works carried out in Fanling Lodge by ArchSD in the past 5 years include carpentry; painting; repairs of plumbing, doors and windows; roof seepage rectification; termite control; and clearing of drains, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO014

(Question Serial No. 0741)

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

Question:

In each of the past few years, I asked the Chief Executive's Office about the number of times that officers of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the Liaison Office) called on the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive's Office did not address my question and answered that it had not compiled any information relating to it. In this regard, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) Have officers of the Liaison Office ever called on the incumbent Chief Executive since he assumed office?
- (2) What are the reasons that the Chief Executive's Office has not compiled information about the visits made by officers of the Liaison Office to the Chief Executive?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wing-hang, Dennis (Member Question No. 19)

Reply:

The Chief Executive maintains liaison with officers of offices set up by the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (including the Liaison Office) on a need basis. Indeed, the Chief Executive liaises with people from various sectors of the community on a need basis. In view of the large number of people/activities involved, the Office has not compiled information on in this respect.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO015

(Question Serial No. 0742)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

What are the expenses on repairing Government House since the incumbent Chief Executive assumed office? Please set out the repair works in detail and the expenses involved.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wing-hang, Dennis (Member Question No. 24)

Reply:

Government House is the official residence of the Chief Executive. It is also a historic building over 160 years old and a declared monument under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance. Appropriate facilities upkeep works have to be carried out to preserve this historic building. The Architectural Services Department upkeeps the facilities of Government House (including the related maintenance, refurbishment and improvement works) and shoulders the expenses involved. In the years between 2012-13 and 2015-16, the amounts of such expenses (calculated on a cash flow basis) were \$17.29 million, \$5.03 million, \$4.04 million and \$1.35 million respectively. In 2016-17 (as at February 2017), the amount of such expenses was \$2.06 million. Major works carried out in the past 5 years include planned maintenance and refurbishment; comprehensive re-roofing (including replacement of metal roof decking and roof tiles); roof seepage rectification; internal and external walls redecoration; fence wall and metal fencing repair and repainting; swimming pool renovation; air-conditioning, ventilation and security system improvements; statutory periodic electrical testing; and power upgrading, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO016****(Question Serial No. 0743)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Please set out by year the expenses on entertaining guests at Government House in the past 3 years. For the most costly entertainment in each year, what were the amount of expenses and their uses (such as on food and beverages) and who were the people provided with the entertainment?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wing-hang, Dennis (Member Question No. 25)Reply:

In order to consolidate and strengthen Hong Kong's ties with Mainland China and other countries and regions, the Chief Executive frequently receives representatives of governments, international organisations, the media and business communities, etc. from all over the world, including visitors from Mainland China and overseas. From time to time, he also meets with people from various sectors of the local community, including Members of the Legislative Council, representatives of business and industrial associations, professionals and media representatives. In view of the large number of organisations and people involved, we have not compiled information on the visitors.

The expenditures on the Chief Executive's official entertainment in the past 3 years are tabulated below:

Year	Total expenditure
2014-15	\$84,909
2015-16	\$179,902
2016-17 (as at 28 February 2017)	\$275,071

The Chief Executive also receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment at Government House and Fanling Lodge. The amounts of the allowance in the past 3 years are tabulated below:

Year	Amount of allowance
2014-15	\$834,200
2015-16	\$870,900
2016-17	\$897,000

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO017

(Question Serial No. 0744)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

Please set out by year the expenses on entertaining guests at the Chief Executive's country residence at Fanling in the past 3 years. For the most costly entertainment in each year, what were the amount of expenses and their uses (such as on food and beverages) and who were the people provided with the entertainment?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wing-hang, Dennis (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

This Office did not pay for the entertainment provided by the Chief Executive for his guests at Fanling Lodge in the past 3 years. The relevant expenses were met by the Chief Executive's non-accountable entertainment allowance or other departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO018****(Question Serial No. 2687)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

To whom or what organisations did the Chief Executive issue legal letters in the past 5 years? What were the manpower or expenses involved? Please set out the information using the following table:

Financial year	Receiver of the letter	Reason for issuing the letter	Expenses involved

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kenneth (Member Question No. 1.01)Reply:

This Office has not incurred any expenses in relation to the issue raised in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO019****(Question Serial No. 2688)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Regarding the work of the Chief Executive's Office in co-ordinating media and public relations strategy, please provide the following information:

What are the present establishment for the relevant work and the expenditure involved? Please set out the information using the following table:

Post/rank	Detailed description of work	Salary

Did the Government invite any outside bodies or persons through outsourcing or other ways to assist in the relevant work in the past 5 years? If yes, please set out the information using the following table:

Person or body commissioned	Detailed description of work	Expenses involved

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kenneth (Member Question No. 1.02)Reply:

The Information Coordinator (IC) is responsible for formulating media and public relations strategy for and co-ordinating the timetable of the introduction of major policies and programmes in different areas. He is also responsible for close liaison with the Director of Information Services and bureau press officers to ensure effective implementation of media and public relations strategy for major policies, monitors public and media feedback, and helps plan and implement the Chief Executive's programme of public functions involving media interactions. This Office's Press Section is responsible for supporting IC in

performing the above duties. The Section consists of 5 Information Officers, 1 Administrative Officer, 2 clerical staff and 2 Personal Secretaries.

The posts, number and monthly salaries of officers in this Office's Press Section in 2017-18 are tabulated below:

Post	No. of officers	Monthly salary
Information Officer	5	\$51,780–\$176,550
Administrative Officer	1	\$105,880–\$121,985
Clerical staff	2	\$12,120–\$28,040
Personal Secretary	2	\$29,455–\$49,445

This Office did not invite any outside bodies through outsourcing or other ways to assist in information co-ordination in the past 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO020****(Question Serial No. 2689)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Please provide details of receiving and entertaining visitors by the Chief Executive in the past 5 years using the following table:

Financial year	Visitor	Date	Venue	Expenses involved (please set out details separately if expenses on the engagement of persons outside the Government were involved)

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kenneth (Member Question No. 1.03)Reply:

In order to consolidate and strengthen Hong Kong's ties with Mainland China and other countries and regions, the Chief Executive frequently receives representatives of governments, international organisations, the media and business communities, etc. from all over the world, including visitors from Mainland China and overseas. From time to time, he also meets with people from various sectors of the local community, including Members of the Legislative Council, representatives of business and industrial associations, professionals and media representatives. In view of the large number of organisations and people involved, we have not compiled information on the visitors.

The expenditures on the Chief Executive's official entertainment in the past 5 years are tabulated below:

Year	Total expenditure
2012-13	\$462,149
2013-14	\$381,627
2014-15	\$84,909
2015-16	\$179,902
2016-17 (as at 28 February 2017)	\$275,071

The Chief Executive also receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment at his official residences. The amounts of the allowance in the past 5 years are tabulated below:

Year	Amount of allowance
2012-13	\$768,300
2013-14	\$799,800
2014-15	\$834,200
2015-16	\$870,900
2016-17	\$897,000

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO021

(Question Serial No. 2691)

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

Question:

What were the details of the public and social engagements undertaken by the wife of the Chief Executive in her official capacity in the past 5 years? What were the manpower and expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kenneth (Member Question No. 1.04)

Reply:

At present, the wife of the Chief Executive holds honorary posts of 74 public interest or charitable organisations, and participates in and promotes the activities of these organisations in her official capacity. The Chief Executive's Office does not have any dedicated manpower for assisting the wife of the Chief Executive in managing her official activities. The Office deploys 1 Assistant Social Secretary, 1 Administrative Assistant, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer and 1 Personal Chauffeur to provide support to the wife of the Chief Executive in addition to performing other duties. Apart from such support provided by this Office, no additional expenditure is involved in the public and social engagements of the wife of the Chief Executive. In view of the large number of activities that the wife of the Chief Executive attended, this Office has not compiled information on the number of activities, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO022****(Question Serial No. 2846)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (2) Executive CouncilControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Please inform this Committee in detail and in tabular form of the estimated expenditure on the following items for 2017-18:

- (1) Monthly honorarium for each Non-official Member of the Executive Council; and
- (2) Estimated expenditure on the staff of the Executive Council Secretariat, including the amounts of salaries, benefits and allowances.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 40)Reply:

- (1) At present, the monthly honoraria payable to the Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council and each Non-official Member are \$128,470 and \$80,220 respectively.
- (2) The types of permanent posts in the Executive Council Secretariat, their respective numbers and estimated expenditure on their emoluments (including salaries, allowances and job-related allowances paid under Head 21) for 2017-18 are tabulated below:

Types of duties	No. of posts on establishment	Salaries	Allowances	Civil Service Provident Fund contributions
Policy co-ordination	2	\$3,569,700	-	\$217,665
Departmental administration	2	\$1,638,855	-	\$113,321
Secretarial services	3	\$1,188,755	-	-
Clerical and general support services	7	\$2,200,925	\$11,000	-
Total	14	\$8,598,235	\$11,000	\$330,986

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO023****(Question Serial No. 3076)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) What is the present establishment of the Chief Executive's Office? Regarding the establishment, what is the estimated expenditure on emoluments (per officer) for the current year (i.e. 2017-18) (including those for the Chief Executive, the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, etc., if available)?

Post/rank	No. of officers	Estimated expenditure on emoluments (per officer)	Remarks

- (2) How many days of paid leave per year is the Chief Executive entitled to?

- (3) C Y Leung has taken leave for a number of times since he assumed office. Please give the details (from the day he assumed office to the present) in tabular form:

Period	Number of leave days	Reason

- (4) How many days of leave did the 3 Chief Executives take each year during their terms of office? Please give the details in tabular form:

	TUNG Chee-hwa	Donald TSANG	C Y LEUNG
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Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

- (1) The Chief Executive's Office will have an establishment of 103 permanent posts in 2017-18. The types of permanent posts, their respective numbers and the estimated expenditure on their emoluments (including salaries, allowances and job-related allowances) are tabulated below:

Types of duties	No. of posts on establishment	Estimated expenditure on emoluments
Policy co-ordination; planning and arrangements for the Chief Executive's official activities; and co-ordination of news and public relations work	12	\$20,322,291
Departmental administration	12	\$11,092,382
Translation services	2	\$2,052,360
Secretarial and other support services	20	\$7,877,500
Clerical and general support services	30	\$9,177,012
Domestic services for the Chief Executive's official residences	20	\$6,060,544
Driving services	7	\$2,414,809
Total	103	\$58,996,898

- (2) The Chief Executive is entitled to 22 working days of leave each year.
- (3) Between 1 July 2012 and 28 February 2017, the incumbent Chief Executive took 65 days of leave on 27 occasions.
- (4) Former Chief Executive Mr TUNG Chee-hwa took 59.5 days of leave on 25 occasions during his term of office of about 8 years. Former Chief Executive Mr Donald TSANG took 89.5 days of leave on 48 occasions during his term of office of about 7 years. Please refer to item (3) above for information in respect of the incumbent Chief Executive.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO024

(Question Serial No. 1305)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

What were the number of repair works conducted in Government House and the expenses involved in each of the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 83)

Reply:

Government House is the official residence of the Chief Executive. It is also a historic building over 160 years old and a declared monument under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance. Appropriate facilities upkeep works have to be carried out to preserve this historic building. The Architectural Services Department upkeeps the facilities of Government House (including the related maintenance, refurbishment and improvement works) and shoulders the expenses involved. In 2014-15 and 2015-16, the amounts of such expenses (calculated on a cash flow basis) were \$4.04 million and \$1.35 million respectively. In 2016-17 (as at February 2017), the amount of such expenses was \$2.06 million. Major works carried out in the past 3 years include roof seepage rectification; internal and external walls redecoration; fence wall and metal fencing repair; and repainting, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO025

(Question Serial No. 1704)

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

Question:

The Chief Executive's Office is responsible for ensuring that the Chief Executive receives the best advice and support for the formulation and co-ordination of policies as well as the administration of the Government.

- (a) Would the Government provide information about the public and social engagements of the Chief Executive and his wife in the financial years between 2011 and 2016 in respect of: (1) the legal expenses incurred; and (2) the expenditures incurred on media and public relations strategy? Has the Government worked out the expenditure estimates for the media and public relations strategy for the 2017-18 financial year? If yes, what is the estimated expenditure?
- (b) Has the Government ever assessed the effectiveness of the co-ordination of its media and public relations strategy using a value-for-money approach? If yes, what are the details and the value-for-money indicators? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

- (a) The Chief Executive's Office did not pay for legal expenses incurred by the Chief Executive and his wife in undertaking public and social engagements (if any). As this Office does not maintain separate accounts for the media and public relations strategy mentioned in the question, we cannot provide the actual expenditures in the past 6 years and the estimated expenditures for 2017-18.
- (b) The Chief Executive's Office reviews and formulates public relations strategy from time to time according to actual needs. To enable candid internal exchanges, it is not appropriate to disclose the content.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO026****(Question Serial No. 2544)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

- (1) Regarding the remuneration for special appointments in 2017-18, please set out the post title of each officer under special appointment and the respective amount of remuneration.
- (2) What was/is the respective number of posts under special appointment in 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 3)Reply:

- (1) A breakdown of the estimated remuneration for officers under special appointment in this Office for 2017-18 is as follows:

Director of the Chief Executive's Office	\$3.92m
Information Coordinator	\$3.77m
	(including end-of-contract gratuity)
Senior Special Assistant	\$4.87m
	(including end-of-contract gratuity)
Special Assistant	\$1.72m
	(including end-of-contract gratuity)
Senior Personal Assistant to Chief Executive	\$1.61m
	(including end-of-contract gratuity)
Driver for Director of the Chief Executive's Office	\$0.58m
	(including end-of-contract gratuity)
- (2) The number of officers under special appointment in this Office was/is 6 in each of the 3 years (i.e. 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 (estimate)).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO027

(Question Serial No. 1845)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

- (1) Please set out details of duty visits made by the incumbent Chief Executive since he assumed office, including the date and place of visit, composition of his entourage and expenses involved for each visit. Please also list the planned duty visits and the estimated expenses involved;
- (2) Please set out details of the duty visit to Peru made by the incumbent Chief Executive on 19 November 2016 and the expenses involved;
- (3) While on his way to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting on the above-mentioned date, the Chief Executive went to the airport in Peru to receive Chinese President Xi Jinping. Was this part of the Chief Executive's duties? What were the detailed expenses involved, if any?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (Member Question No. 21)

Reply:

- (1) Details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive from 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2017 are set out at Annex. For 2016-17, planned duty visits of the Chief Executive include attending Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference in late March 2017. Since the duty visits in 2017-18 are still under planning, we are unable to provide the details. For budget purpose, this Office has reserved \$2.7 million for the relevant expenses for 2017-18.
- (2) and (3) Details of the duty visit to Peru made by the Chief Executive between 17 and 22 November 2016 and the expenses involved are set out at Annex. Generally speaking, activities attended by the Chief Executive during duty visits are of an official nature.

Duty Visits of the Chief Executive (1 July 2012 – 28 February 2017)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Total expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
14 September 2012	Guangzhou	3	1,520.00	To attend the 15 th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.
30 November – 1 December 2012	Sanya	4	38,454.30	To attend the 8 th Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD) Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
7 December 2012	Guangzhou	2	1,260.00	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta (PRD) Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2012.
20 – 22 December 2012	Beijing	4	64,968.84	To make annual work report, and call on various ministries of the Central People's Government (CPG).
6 February 2013	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	4	1,110.00	To call on leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.
4 – 6 March 2013	Beijing	4	61,042.17	To attend the opening ceremony of the first session of the 12th National People's Congress (NPC), and meet with provincial leaders.
16 – 20 March 2013	Beijing and Tianjin	5	74,721.72	To attend the closing ceremony of the first session of the 12th NPC, and call on various CPG ministries in Beijing; and to call on leaders of Tianjin Municipal Government, and meet with Hong Kong people in Tianjin.
21 March 2013	Shenzhen	3	0	To attend the opening ceremony of the C-MER (Shenzhen) Dennis Lam Eye Hospital, and call on the Secretary of the Shenzhen Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China.
6 – 7 April 2013	Qionghai	3	50,446.49	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2013.
25 – 26 April 2013	Beijing	4	51,500.96	To call on various CPG ministries.
4 – 5 June 2013	Shanghai	3	31,623.98	To call on leaders of Shanghai Municipal Government, and address the opening ceremony of the 2nd Annual Urban Land Institute Asia Pacific Summit; and to visit organisations and facilities, and meet with Hong Kong people who study and do business in Shanghai.
9 – 13 June 2013	New York, the United States	5	650,199.89	To attend trade promotion events organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC); and to hold meetings with political and business leaders, and meet with Hong Kong people who work and study in New York.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Total expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
8 – 9 September 2013	Guiyang	4	29,948.15	To attend the 9th PPRD Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
26 – 27 September 2013	Chongqing	3	32,798.33	To lead a delegation from industrial, commercial and professional sectors to visit Chongqing.
5 – 8 October 2013	Bali, Indonesia	7	206,862.92	To attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2013 Leaders' Week and other related meetings; and to meet with foreign leaders to exchange views on issues of mutual concern.
22 – 24 October 2013	Beijing	4	62,642.53	To attend the opening ceremony of the 17th 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.
27 – 29 November 2013	Nanning, Qinzhou and Fangchenggang	3	41,800.46	To lead a delegation to visit Guangxi; to meet with 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.
6 – 7 December 2013	Guangzhou, Zhongshan and Zhuhai	4	5,871.57	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2013.
16 – 19 December 2013	Beijing	4	77,293.20	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.
23 – 25 January 2014	Fuzhou and Xiamen	5	59,471.33	To lead a delegation to attend Fujian-Hong Kong Economic and Trade Co-operation Exchange Meeting, and meet with leaders of Fuzhou and Xiamen Municipal Governments.
14 February 2014	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	4	0	To meet with leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and exchange views on co-operation between Hong Kong and Guangdong; and to visit Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport.
4 – 7 March 2014	Beijing	5	90,883.83	To attend the opening ceremony of the second session of the 12th NPC and meet with leaders of CPG ministries and provincial and municipal governments.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Total expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
27 – 28 March 2014	Shenzhen, Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou	3	8,450.41	To meet with leaders of Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou Municipal Governments; and to visit enterprises in Shenzhen and Shantou, as well as the Jao Tsung I Petite Ecole in Chaozhou.
9 – 11 April 2014	Qionghai	3	28,931.81	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2014.
11 – 13 April 2014	Shanghai	6	82,210.30	To participate in part of the Shanghai visit programme for Legislative Council (LegCo) Members.
10 – 16 May 2014	Stockholm, Sweden and Brussels, Belgium	5	482,352.72	To enhance understanding of the latest economic situation and the development of innovation and technology of the 2 places; to meet with political and business leaders to discuss Hong Kong's latest developments; and to foster closer economic and trade ties.
12 – 13 October 2014	Guangzhou	1	2,356.00	To attend the 10th PPRD Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
6 November 2014	Guangzhou	3	2,453.09	To attend the 17th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.
8 – 12 November 2014	Beijing	5	105,345.74	To attend APEC 2014 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.
25 – 27 November 2014	Seoul, Korea	5	111,202.34	To enhance understanding of the economic situation and the development of the innovation and technology industry of Korea; and to meet with political and business leaders there.
5 December 2014	Huizhou	2	0	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2014.
7 December 2014	Shenzhen	1	0	To visit the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone.
19 – 20 December 2014	Macao	4	9,798.95	To attend the 15th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and inauguration ceremony of the fourth-term Macao SAR Government.
25 – 27 December 2014	Beijing	5	71,916.14	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.
30 January 2015	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	3	1,258.48	To call on leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.
2 – 6 March 2015	Beijing	4	72,084.42	To attend the opening ceremony of the third session of the 12th NPC and call on various CPG ministries.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Total expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
27 – 28 March 2015	Qionghai	4	32,922.40	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2015.
8 – 10 April 2015	Wuhan and Shanghai	3	38,749.04	To officiate at the opening ceremony of the Economic and Trade Office of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR in Wuhan and the third plenary session of the Hong Kong/Shanghai Economic and Trade Co-operation Conference.
21 April 2015	Guangzhou	3	0	To attend the plaque-unveiling ceremony for the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone.
25 – 27 April 2015	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	4	73,282.99	To attend and speak at the 12 th Leadership Forum of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and conduct bilateral meetings with state leaders of ASEAN countries.
4 – 7 May 2015	Boston, the United States	4	449,176.73	To attend Cathay Pacific's dinner reception in Boston in celebration of the launch of direct flight services between Hong Kong and Boston to support the development of Hong Kong's aviation industry; and to lead a delegation from the innovation and technology sector to visit top-notch research institutions in Boston and learn more about the development of innovation and technology there.
8 – 9 May 2015	Beijing	2	38,404.67	To attend the funeral of the former Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Mr Lu Ping.
31 May 2015	Shenzhen	3	0	To attend a meeting between officials of the Central authorities and LegCo Members.
7 – 12 June 2015	Toronto, Canada and Chicago, the United States	3	365,072.38	To attend the HKTDC's "Think Asia, Think Hong Kong" campaign and meet with political leaders and representatives from the business and education sectors in Canada and the United States.
10 July 2015	Shenzhen	1	0	To call on leaders of the Shenzhen Municipal Government.
12 – 13 July 2015	Beijing	4	50,211.10	To meet with various CPG ministries on the development of the "Belt and Road" initiative.
12 August 2015	Zhuhai	3	2,585.00	To meet with leaders of the Zhuhai Municipal Government; to visit the Hengqin New Area of Zhuhai of the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone and inspect the construction works of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Total expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
2 – 4 September 2015	Beijing	13	139,283.27	To attend the commemorative activities for the 70 th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese people's war of resistance against Japanese aggression.
16 – 18 September 2015	Jakarta, Indonesia	4	73,618.04	To attend promotional activities organised by the HKTDC and the Hong Kong Tourism Board, and call on senior Government officials of Indonesia.
12 – 17 October 2015	Jerusalem, Israel and London, the United Kingdom	5	688,793.07	To learn more about the development of innovation and technology in Israel and attend a cocktail reception for the opening of the Tel Aviv Consultant Office of the HKTDC; to attend the signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding on health co-operation between Hong Kong and the United Kingdom (UK) and the HKTDC Annual Dinner, and meet with political leaders in the UK.
16 – 19 November 2015	Manila, the Philippines	7	82,006.11	To attend APEC 2015 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.
4 – 5 December 2015	Zhongshan, Jiangmen, Foshan and Guangzhou	2	5,530.02	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2015 and meet with students from the Vocational Training Council who were visiting Jiangmen; and to inspect the transport and infrastructure facilities.
21 – 24 December 2015	Beijing	4	67,290.01	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.
1 – 5 February 2016	Mumbai and New Delhi, India	4	200,633.25	To meet with political and business leaders there to foster closer economic and trade relations between Hong Kong and India.
2 – 6 March 2016	Beijing	5	115,560.49	To attend the opening ceremony of the fourth session of the 12 th NPC and call on various CPG ministries.
23 – 24 March 2016	Qionghai	2	18,319.47	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2016.
17 April 2016	Huizhou and Shenzhen	2	6,667.08	To learn more about the achievements of Hong Kong industrialists in developing the innovation and technology industry in the Mainland.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Total expenses* (\$)	Purpose of visit
7 – 10 June 2016	Toulouse and Paris, France	5	336,048.94	To lead a delegation of students from engineering-related disciplines from Hong Kong tertiary institutions to visit aviation technology, scientific research, innovation and technology institutions in the 2 cities and meet with political and business leaders there.
14 September 2016	Guangzhou	4	1,905.54	To attend the 19 th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.
13 – 14 October 2016	Nanchang	2	15,773.97	To attend 2016 PPRD Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference.
17 – 22 November 2016	Lima, Peru	6	1,193,156.95	To attend APEC 2016 Leaders' Week.
9 December 2016	Shenzhen	3	0	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2016 and meet with students from the Vocational Training Council who were on exchange visit there.
20 – 23 December 2016	Beijing	6	94,992.79	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.
23 February 2017	Shenzhen and Guangzhou	3	0	To call on leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government and visit the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital.

* Expenses include charges for accommodation and passage, subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and sundry expenses (if applicable), but exclude sponsorship (if any).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO028****(Question Serial No. 2603)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

What were the management expenses of the Chief Executive's Office building, Government House and the Chief Executive's Fanling Lodge in the past 5 years? What are the estimates on such expenses for 2017-18?

Asked by: Hon YIU Chung-yim (Member Question No. 1)Reply:

As part of the Central Government Offices, the Chief Executive's Office building is managed by the Administration Wing of the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office. The relevant management expenses are paid by the Administration Wing. Other miscellaneous expenses and relevant operational expenses (such as expenses on telephone services) are paid under "General departmental expenses" of this Office.

The expenditures on the management of Government House and Fanling Lodge in the past 5 years are set out below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	
	Government House	Fanling Lodge
2012-13	\$5.78m	\$0.62m
2013-14	\$5.93m	\$0.66m
2014-15	\$6.38m	\$0.76m
2015-16	\$6.54m	\$0.78m
2016-17	\$6.81m (revised estimate)	\$0.81m (revised estimate)

The estimated expenditures on the management of Government House and Fanling Lodge for 2017-18 are \$7.11 million and \$0.83 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO029

(Question Serial No. 2605)

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

Question:

What were the expenditures on supporting the public and social engagements of the spouse of the Chief Executive in the past 3 years? Given that the estimate for 2017-18 straddles the terms of office of 2 Chief Executives, will the gender of the spouse of the incoming Chief Executive affect the estimated expenditure? If the marital status of the incoming Chief Executive is single, divorced or widowed, etc., will the estimated expenditure on or establishment for supporting the public and social engagements of the spouse of the Chief Executive be adjusted? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon YIU Chung-yim (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

The wife of the Chief Executive holds honorary posts of public interest or charitable organisations, and participates in and promotes the activities of these organisations in her official capacity. The Chief Executive's Office does not have any dedicated manpower for assisting the wife of the Chief Executive in managing her official activities. The Office deploys 1 Assistant Social Secretary, 1 Administrative Assistant, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer and 1 Personal Chauffeur to provide support to the wife of the Chief Executive in addition to performing other duties. Apart from such support provided by this Office, no additional expenditure is incurred in the public and social engagements of the wife of the Chief Executive. According to these current arrangements, the marital status of the next-term Chief Executive will not affect the estimated expenditure or establishment of this Office.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO030****(Question Serial No. 4167)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Regarding remuneration for special appointments in the Chief Executive's Office, the revised estimate for 2016-17 is \$13,185,000, and the estimate for 2017-18 is \$16,472,000. What are the reasons for such an increase? Would the Government provide in detail the post titles, estimated remuneration, amounts of allowances and specific duties of officers under special appointment?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 127)Reply:

The estimate of remuneration for special appointments for 2017-18 is higher than the revised estimate for 2016-17 mainly because end-of-contract gratuities have to be paid to 5 officers under special appointment in 2017-18. The duties of officers under special appointment in this Office and the estimated expenditure on remuneration for 2017-18 are tabulated below:

Post	Duties	Estimated expenditure on remuneration for 2017-18
Director of the Chief Executive's Office (D,CEO)	Works with Principal Officials in policy formulation and sets policy priorities to ensure full implementation of the Chief Executive (CE)'s Policy Address and decisions; enhances communication with the Executive Council and the Legislative Council; and liaises with political parties and groups, various sectors of the community and district	\$3.92m

Post	Duties	Estimated expenditure on remuneration for 2017-18
	personalities to secure their support for the Government's work.	
Information Coordinator	Formulates media and public relations strategy for and co-ordinates the timetable of the introduction of major policies and programmes; liaises closely with Director of Information Services and bureau press officers to ensure effective implementation of media and public relations strategy for major policies; monitors public and media feedback; and helps plan and implement CE's programme of public functions involving media interactions.	\$3.77m (including end-of-contract gratuity)
Senior Special Assistant	Advises CE on Mainland-related issues; liaises with the Central People's Government and provides support in the organisation of CE's visits to the Mainland; researches on matters relating to CE's networking with business and community organisations with strong Mainland connections.	\$4.87m (including end-of-contract gratuity)
Special Assistant	Assists CE's Office in liaising with various sectors of the community; and conducts research and prepares briefs for CE and senior officials.	\$1.72m (including end-of-contract gratuity)
Senior Personal Assistant to Chief Executive	Provides secretarial support to CE.	\$1.61m (including end-of-contract gratuity)
Driver for D,CEO	Performs driving duties for D,CEO.	\$0.58m (including end-of-contract gratuity)

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO031****(Question Serial No. 4170)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (2) Executive CouncilControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

What were the expenditures on the annual salaries, honoraria and benefits of the Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council and each Non-official Member of the Executive Council in the past 3 years? What were the expenditures on the annual salaries, honoraria and benefits of those Non-official Members of the Executive Council who were also Members of the Legislative Council at the same time? What is the estimated expenditure incurred by these Members for the coming year (2017-18)?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 130)Reply:

The honoraria for the Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council (ExCo) and each Non-official ExCo Member in the past 3 years are tabulated below:

	Expenditure on honoraria for the Convenor of the Non-official ExCo Members	Expenditure on honoraria for each Non-official ExCo Member
2014-15	\$1.38m	\$0.86m
2015-16	\$1.49m	\$0.93m
2016-17	\$1.53m	\$0.95m

ExCo Members who are also Members of the Legislative Council (LegCo) at the same time receive the full amount of honoraria payable to them as ExCo Members and two-thirds of the salaries payable to them as LegCo Members.

The total estimated expenditure on honoraria for ExCo Members for 2017-18 is \$15.02 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO032

(Question Serial No. 4172)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

According to Programme (1), the Chief Executive's Office is also responsible for assisting the wife of the Chief Executive in undertaking effectively a wide range of public and social engagements. In this regard, would the Office inform this Committee in tabular form of the organisations and associations of which the wife of the Chief Executive is the honorary president or patron? What are the details of expenses on activities attended by the wife of the Chief Executive in her official capacity in the past 3 years (2014-15 to 2016-17)?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 133)

Reply:

As at February 2017, the wife of the Chief Executive holds honorary posts of 74 public interest or charitable organisations (see Annex), and participates in and promotes the activities of these organisations in her official capacity. The Chief Executive's Office does not have any dedicated manpower for assisting the wife of the Chief Executive in managing her official activities. The Office deploys 1 Assistant Social Secretary, 1 Administrative Assistant, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer and 1 Personal Chauffeur to provide support to the wife of the Chief Executive in addition to performing other duties.

Honorary Posts Held by the Wife of the Chief Executive

Organisation	Position	Beginning date of term of office (month/year)	Ending date of term of office
1. Eye Care Charitable Foundation	Honorary Patron	1/2015	Not specified
2. Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation Limited	Honorary Patron	6/2014	5/2017
3. Ebenezer School and Home for The Visually Impaired	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
4. Mother's Choice	Patron	2/2013	Not specified
5. Hong Chi Association	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
6. Guangdong Jiangmen League of Women at Homeland and Overseas	Honorary President	9/2014	Not specified
7. Helping Hand	Patron	10/2012	Not specified
8. Against Child Abuse Limited	Patron	10/2012	Not specified
9. The Asian Foundation for the Prevention of Blindness	Patron	6/2014	Not specified
10. Youth Outreach	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
11. Heep Hong Society	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
12. Harmony House Limited	Patron	9/2012	Not specified
13. Yau Tsim Mong Women Association	Honorary President	6/2014	6/2017
14. The YTMWA Care Foundation Limited	Honorary Advisor	3/2014	3/2018
15. Yau Tsim District Yin Ngai Society	Honorary Chairman	4/2016	3/2019
16. Social Welfare Department "Volunteer Movement"	Volunteer-in-Chief	7/2012	Not specified
17. South China Athletic Association (Women Section)	Honorary Advisor	7/2012 6/2014 6/2016	6/2014 5/2016 5/2018
18. Suen Mei Speech & Hearing Centre	Patron	12/2013	Not specified
19. Red Ribbon Centre	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
20. The Hong Kong Tianjin Friendship Association Ltd.	Honorary Patron	5/2015	Not specified
21. Hong Kong Federation of Women Lawyers	Patron	9/2012	Not specified
22. The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association	President	7/2012	Not specified
23. The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
24. The Community Chest of Hong Kong	President	6/2012	Not specified
25. Association of Hong Kong Flag-guards	Honorary Patron	12/2013	Not specified
26. Hong Kong Federation of Women	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
27. Women's Welfare Club Western District Hong Kong	Honorary Patron	8/2012	Not specified
28. Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
29. Hong Kong Childhealth Foundation	Patron	9/2012	Not specified
30. Caritas Fund Raising Committee	Patron	9/2012 9/2014 9/2015	8/2014 8/2015 Not specified
31. Hong Kong Ballet	Honorary Patron	10/2012	Not specified
32. The Hong Kong Ballet Group	Honorary Patron	8/2012	Not specified
33. Hong Kong Army Cadets Association	Commander-in-chief	1/2015	Not specified

Organisation	Position	Beginning date of term of office (month/year)	Ending date of term of office
34. The Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
35. The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong	Honorary President	7/2012	Not specified
36. Arts with the Disabled Association Hong Kong	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
37. Hong Kong Island Women's Association Limited	Honorary Patron	10/2014	10/2017
38. Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	Patron	8/2012	Not specified
39. Hong Kong Special Olympics	Patron	8/2012	Not specified
40. The Hong Kong Society for the Aged	President	7/2012	Not specified
41. International Social Service Hong Kong Branch	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
42. The Hong Kong Association of Private Eye Surgeons	Honorary Patron	3/2013	Not specified
43. Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
44. Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
45. Hong Kong PHAB Association	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
46. Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
47. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (HK)	Patron	10/2012	Not specified
48. Hong Kong Oratorio Society	Honorary Patron	10/2012	Not specified
49. Hong Kong Fujian Women Association	Honorary Patron	12/2014	Not specified
50. Hong Kong Dance Company	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
51. Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association	Patron	8/2012	Not specified
52. The Samaritans Befrienders Hong Kong	Patron	8/2012	Not specified
53. Hong Kong Student Aid Society	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
54. The Friends of The Hong Kong Museum of Art	Honorary Patron	9/2012	Not specified
55. SAHK (The Spastics Association of Hong Kong)	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
56. Zonta Clubs in Hong Kong, Zonta International District 17	Patron	9/2012	Not specified
57. Lions Kidney Educational Centre and Research Foundation	Honorary Patron	7/2012 6/2015 6/2016	6/2015 6/2016 6/2017
58. The Helena May	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
59. Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
60. Hong Kong & Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Limited	Honorary President	7/2012	Not specified
61. Operation Santa Claus	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
62. Hong Kong Cheshire Home Foundation	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
63. St. James' Settlement	Honorary Patron	8/2012	Not specified
64. Shell/Island JC Scholarship for the Disabled	Honorary Patron	9/2012	Not specified

Organisation	Position	Beginning date of term of office (month/year)	Ending date of term of office
65. The Society of the Academy for Performing Arts	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
66. Watchdog Early Education Centre	Patron	10/2012	Not specified
67. Green Power	Honorary Patron	8/2012	Not specified
68. Food for Good Limited	Founder and Patron	1/2013	Not specified
69. The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	Patron	8/2012	Not specified
70. Hok Yau Club	Honorary Patron	1/2013	Not specified
71. Treats	Patron	7/2012	Not specified
72. The Hospital Authority Charitable Foundation	Honorary Patron	8/2012	Not specified
73. Care for Your Heart	Honorary Patron	7/2012	Not specified
74. Make-A-Wish Hong Kong	Patron	7/2012	Not specified

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO033****(Question Serial No. 4174)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

There are 103 posts in the Chief Executive's Office, including 5 directorate posts, in 2017-18. Would the Government inform this Committee of the types, salaries, allowances and job nature of these 5 directorate posts; and the types, salaries, allowances and job nature of the 98 non-directorate permanent posts, as well as the number of each type of these posts?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 135)Reply:

The Chief Executive's Office will have 5 directorate permanent posts and 98 non-directorate permanent posts in 2017-18. The types of these posts and their respective numbers and monthly salaries are tabulated below:

Types of duties	No. of directorate posts	No. of non-directorate posts	Monthly salaries
Policy co-ordination; planning and arrangements for the Chief Executive's official activities; and co-ordination of news and public relations work	5	-	\$161,450– \$245,850
Departmental administration	-	7	\$51,780 – \$121,985
Translation services	-	12	\$51,780 – \$121,985
Secretarial and other support services	-	2	\$51,780 – \$121,985
Clerical and general support services	-	20	\$14,625 – \$80,905
Domestic services for the Chief Executive's official residences	-	30	\$12,120 – \$37,570
Driving services	-	20	\$14,625 – \$34,085
Total	-	7	\$15,605 – \$26,700
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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO034****(Question Serial No. 4175)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

According to the content of the Programme, the Chief Executive's Office is responsible for planning for the Chief Executive's public and social engagements. In this regard, would the Office provide in the table below details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive in the past 3 years (2014-15 to 2016-17), including the date and place of visit, size of entourage, purpose of visit, expenses on hotel accommodation, air tickets and meals and total expenditure for each visit? If any of the expenses were sponsored, please set out the amounts and the sponsors.

Date of visit	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Purpose of visit	Hotel accommodation expenses	Air ticket expenses	Meal expenses	Total expenditure

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 136)Reply:

Details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive from 1 April 2014 to 28 February 2017 are set out at Annex.

Duty Visits of the Chief Executive (1 April 2014 – 28 February 2017)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
9 – 11 April 2014	Qionghai	3	8,553.42	9,894.00	10,484.39	28,931.81	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2014.	Secretariat of Boao Forum for Asia sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for the Chief Executive (CE) and 2 members of his entourage.
11 – 13 April 2014	Shanghai	6	15,067.02	46,490.00	20,653.28	82,210.30	To participate in part of the Shanghai visit programme for Legislative Council (LegCo) Members.	Shanghai Municipal Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation for CE.
10 – 16 May 2014	Stockholm, Sweden and Brussels, Belgium	5	8,112.85	444,375.00	29,864.87	482,352.72	To enhance understanding of the latest economic situation and the development of innovation and technology of the 2 places; to meet with political and business leaders to discuss Hong Kong's latest developments; and to foster closer economic and trade ties.	Swedish Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation in Stockholm. Belgian Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation for CE and his wife in Brussels.
12 – 13 October 2014	Guangzhou	1	0	0	2,356.00	2,356.00	To attend the 10th Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD) Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.	Guangdong Provincial Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
6 November 2014	Guangzhou	3	0	1,300.00	1,153.09	2,453.09	To attend the 17th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.	Nil
8 – 12 November 2014	Beijing	5	28,289.12	49,000.00	28,056.62	105,345.74	To attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2014 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE and 1 member of his entourage.
25 – 27 November 2014	Seoul, Korea	5	11,259.00	87,724.00	12,219.34	111,202.34	To enhance understanding of the economic situation and the development of the innovation and technology industry of Korea; and to meet with political and business leaders there.	Korean Government sponsored accommodation for CE, his wife and 1 other member of his entourage.
5 December 2014	Huizhou	2	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta (PRD) Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2014.	Nil
7 December 2014	Shenzhen	1	0	0	0	0	To visit the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone.	Nil

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
19 – 20 December 2014	Macao	4	0	2,958.00	6,840.95	9,798.95	To attend the 15th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and inauguration ceremony of the fourth-term Macao SAR Government.	Macao Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation.
25 – 27 December 2014	Beijing	5	6,781.86	51,335.00	13,799.28	71,916.14	To make annual work report, and call on various officials of the Central People's Government (CPG).	CPG sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE, his wife and 2 other members of his entourage.
30 January 2015	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	3	0	1,258.48	0	1,258.48	To call on leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.	Guangdong Provincial Government sponsored in-town transportation.
2 – 6 March 2015	Beijing	4	13,836.96	34,485.00	23,762.46	72,084.42	To attend the opening ceremony of the third session of the 12th National People's Congress (NPC) and call on various CPG ministries.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE and 2 members of his entourage.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
27 – 28 March 2015	Qionghai	4	4,350.70	24,555.00	4,016.70	32,922.40	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2015.	Secretariat of Boao Forum for Asia sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE and 3 members of his entourage.
8 – 10 April 2015	Wuhan and Shanghai	3	8,909.68	22,464.00	7,375.36	38,749.04	To officiate at the opening ceremony of the Economic and Trade Office of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR in Wuhan and the third plenary session of the Hong Kong/Shanghai Economic and Trade Co-operation Conference.	Shanghai Municipal Government sponsored accommodation for CE and 1 member of his entourage in Shanghai.
21 April 2015	Guangzhou	3	0	0	0	0	To attend the plaque-unveiling ceremony for the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone.	Nil
25 – 27 April 2015	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	4	26,113.67	38,580.00	8,589.32	73,282.99	To attend and speak at the 12 th Leadership Forum of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and conduct bilateral meetings with state leaders of ASEAN countries.	Malaysian Government sponsored in-town transportation for CE and 2 members of his entourage.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
4 – 7 May 2015	Boston, the United States	4	15,476.21	428,380.00	5,320.52	449,176.73	To attend Cathay Pacific's dinner reception in Boston in celebration of the launch of direct flight services between Hong Kong and Boston to support the development of Hong Kong's aviation industry; and to lead a delegation from the innovation and technology sector to visit top-notch research institutions in Boston and learn more about the development of innovation and technology there.	Nil
8 – 9 May 2015	Beijing	2	6,028.68	28,901.00	3,474.99	38,404.67	To attend the funeral of the former Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Mr Lu Ping.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation.
31 May 2015	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend a meeting between officials of the Central authorities and LegCo Members.	Nil

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
7 – 12 June 2015	Toronto, Canada and Chicago, the United States	3	44,800.58	305,626.00	14,645.80	365,072.38	To attend the “Think Asia, Think Hong Kong” campaign organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) and meet with political leaders and representatives from the business and education sectors in Canada and the United States.	Nil
10 July 2015	Shenzhen	1	0	0	0	0	To call on leaders of the Shenzhen Municipal Government.	Nil
12 – 13 July 2015	Beijing	4	3,364.50	40,585.00	6,261.60	50,211.10	To meet with various CPG ministries on the development of the “Belt and Road” initiative.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE and 2 members of his entourage.
12 August 2015	Zhuhai	3	0	2,585.00	0	2,585.00	To meet with leaders of the Zhuhai Municipal Government; to visit the Hengqin New Area of Zhuhai of the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone and inspect the construction works of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.	Zhuhai Municipal Government sponsored in-town transportation.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
2 – 4 September 2015	Beijing	13	0	87,856.00	51,427.27	139,283.27	To attend the commemorative activities for the 70 th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese people's war of resistance against Japanese aggression.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation.
16 – 18 September 2015	Jakarta, Indonesia	4	19,167.10	43,385.00	11,065.94	73,618.04	To attend promotional activities organised by the HKTDC and the Hong Kong Tourism Board, and call on senior Government officials of Indonesia.	Nil
12 – 17 October 2015	Jerusalem, Israel and London, the United Kingdom	5	33,990.65	614,850.00	39,952.42	688,793.07	To learn more about the development of innovation and technology in Israel and attend a cocktail reception for the opening of the Tel Aviv Consultant Office of the HKTDC; to attend the signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding on health co-operation between Hong Kong and the United Kingdom (UK) and the HKTDC Annual Dinner, and meet with political leaders in the UK.	Israeli Government sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE, his wife and 3 other members of his entourage in Israel.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
16 – 19 November 2015	Manila, the Philippines	7	23,688.36	39,758.00	18,559.75	82,006.11	To attend APEC 2015 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.	Philippine Government sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE, his wife and 2 other members of his entourage.
4 – 5 December 2015	Zhongshan, Jiangmen, Foshan and Guangzhou	2	2,774.34	1,170.00	1,585.68	5,530.02	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2015 and meet with students from the Vocational Training Council who were visiting Jiangmen; and to inspect the transport and infrastructure facilities.	Guangdong Provincial Government sponsored in-town transportation.
21 – 24 December 2015	Beijing	4	10,093.50	40,017.00	17,179.51	67,290.01	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE and 2 members of his entourage.
1 – 5 February 2016	Mumbai and New Delhi, India	4	42,904.50	137,095.00	20,633.75	200,633.25	To meet with political and business leaders there to foster closer economic and trade relations between Hong Kong and India.	Nil

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommo- dation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
2 – 6 March 2016	Beijing	5	19,286.91	38,768.00	57,505.58	115,560.49	To attend the opening ceremony of the fourth session of the 12 th NPC and call on various CPG ministries.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE and 2 members of his entourage.
23 – 24 March 2016	Qionghai	2	0	15,960.00	2,359.47	18,319.47	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2016.	Secretariat of Boao Forum for Asia sponsored accommodation and in-town transportation for full delegation.
17 April 2016	Huizhou and Shenzhen	2	0	0	6,667.08	6,667.08	To learn more about the achievements of Hong Kong industrialists in developing the innovation and technology industry in the Mainland.	Nil
7 – 10 June 2016	Toulouse and Paris, France	5	37,231.15	284,517.00	14,300.79	336,048.94	To lead a delegation of students from engineering-related disciplines from Hong Kong tertiary institutions to visit aviation technology, scientific research, innovation and technology institutions in the 2 cities and meet with political and business leaders there.	Nil

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
14 September 2016	Guangzhou	4	0	1,905.54	0	1,905.54	To attend the 19 th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.	Guangdong Provincial Government sponsored in-town transportation.
13 – 14 October 2016	Nanchang	2	0	13,542.00	2,231.97	15,773.97	To attend 2016 PPRD Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference.	Jiangxi Provincial Government sponsored accommodation and in-town transportation.
17 – 22 November 2016	Lima, Peru	6	69,243.47	1,100,984.00	22,929.48	1,193,156.95	To attend APEC 2016 Leaders' Week.	Peruvian Government sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and 2-night accommodation for CE and 3-night accommodation for 1 member of his entourage.
9 December 2016	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2016 and meet with students from the Vocational Training Council who were on exchange visit there.	Nil
20 – 23 December 2016	Beijing	6	19,286.76	52,531.00	23,175.03	94,992.79	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE and 2 members of his entourage.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
23 February 2017	Shenzhen and Guangzhou	3	0	0	0	0	To call on leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government and visit the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital.	Nil

The wife of the Chief Executive (if accompanying) was a member of the entourage.

* Expenses include charges for accommodation and passage, subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and sundry expenses (if applicable), but exclude sponsorship (if any).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO035****(Question Serial No. 4177)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

According to Programme (1), the Chief Executive's Office is responsible for ensuring the efficient management of the Chief Executive's Office building, the Government House and the Chief Executive's country residence at Fanling. In this regard, would the Office provide this Committee with information about the management of these facilities using the table below:

	Staff establishment	Staff cost	Basic operational expenses (on water, electricity, town gas and telephone services)	Management and maintenance expenses	Miscellaneous expenses	Utilisation rate
Chief Executive's Office building						
Government House						
Chief Executive's country residence at Fanling						

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 140)Reply:

The Chief Executive's Office building provides office accommodation for the Chief Executive and other officers of this Office. Government House is the official residence of the Chief Executive and is also used for receiving visitors and holding social functions. Fanling Lodge is used by the Chief Executive for vacation purpose and is also used for receiving visitors and holding social functions where appropriate.

The Chief Executive's Office will have an establishment of 103 permanent posts in 2017-18. The types of permanent posts, their respective numbers and estimated expenditure on their emoluments (including salaries, allowances and job-related allowances) are tabulated below:

Types of duties	No. of posts on establishment	Estimated expenditure on emoluments
Policy co-ordination; planning and arrangements for the Chief Executive's official activities; and co-ordination of news and public relations work	12	\$20,322,291
Departmental administration	12	\$11,092,382
Translation services	2	\$2,052,360
Secretarial and other support services	20	\$7,877,500
Clerical and general support services	30	\$9,177,012
Domestic services for the Chief Executive's official residences	20	\$6,060,544
Driving services	7	\$2,414,809
Total	103	\$58,996,898

The estimated expenditures on the management of Government House and Fanling Lodge for 2017-18 are \$7.11 million and \$0.83 million respectively.

The Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) upkeeps the facilities of Government House and Fanling Lodge (including the related maintenance, refurbishment and improvement works) and shoulders the expenses involved. The estimated expenditure on the maintenance of government buildings under Subhead 000 Operational expenses, Head 25 – ArchSD for 2017-18 is \$658 million. The estimate covers maintenance works for all government buildings and facilities, including Government House and Fanling Lodge. ArchSD will carry out refurbishment and improvement works according to actual needs. The Capital Works Reserve Fund estimates for 2017-18 do not include any new works items in Government House and Fanling Lodge.

As part of the Central Government Offices, the Chief Executive's Office building is managed by the Administration Wing of the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office. The relevant management expenses are paid by the Administration Wing. Other miscellaneous expenses and relevant operational expenses (such as expenses on telephone services) are paid under "General departmental expenses" of this Office. Expenses on the maintenance of the Chief Executive's Office building are paid by ArchSD.

As mentioned above, while the Chief Executive's official functions are held mainly at Government House or the Chief Executive's Office building, the Chief Executive may also receive visitors at Fanling Lodge where appropriate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO036****(Question Serial No. 4178)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

According to the content of the Programme, the Chief Executive's Office is also responsible for planning for the public and social engagements of the wife of the Chief Executive. In this regard, would the Office provide in the table below details of duty visits made by the wife of the Chief Executive in the past 3 years (2014-15 to 2016-17), including the date and place of visit, size of entourage, purpose of visit, expenses on hotel accommodation, air tickets and meals and total expenditure for each visit? If any of the expenses were sponsored, please set out the amounts and the sponsors.

Date of visit	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Purpose of visit	Hotel accommodation expenses	Air ticket expenses	Meal expenses	Total expenditure

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 141)Reply:

Details of duty visits of the Chief Executive accompanied by his wife from 1 April 2014 to 28 February 2017 are set out at Annex.

Duty Visits of the Chief Executive Accompanied by His Wife (1 April 2014 – 28 February 2017)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
10 – 16 May 2014	Stockholm, Sweden and Brussels, Belgium	5	8,112.85	444,375.00	29,864.87	482,352.72	To enhance understanding of the latest economic situation and the development of innovation and technology of the 2 places; to meet with political and business leaders to discuss Hong Kong's latest developments; and to foster closer economic and trade ties.	Swedish Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation in Stockholm. Belgian Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation for the Chief Executive (CE) and his wife in Brussels.
25 – 27 November 2014	Seoul, Korea	5	11,259.00	87,724.00	12,219.34	111,202.34	To enhance understanding of the economic situation and the development of the innovation and technology industry of Korea; and to meet with political and business leaders there.	Korean Government sponsored accommodation for CE, his wife and 1 other member of his entourage.
5 December 2014	Huizhou	2	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta (PRD) Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2014.	Nil

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
19 – 20 December 2014	Macao	4	0	2,958.00	6,840.95	9,798.95	To attend the 15th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and inauguration ceremony of the fourth-term Macao SAR Government.	Macao Government sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation.
25 – 27 December 2014	Beijing	5	6,781.86	51,335.00	13,799.28	71,916.14	To make annual work report, and call on various officials of the Central People's Government (CPG).	CPG sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE, his wife and 2 other members of his entourage.
8 – 9 May 2015	Beijing	2	6,028.68	28,901.00	3,474.99	38,404.67	To attend the funeral of the former Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Mr Lu Ping.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
2 – 4 September 2015	Beijing	13	0	87,856.00	51,427.27	139,283.27	To attend the commemorative activities for the 70 th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese people's war of resistance against Japanese aggression.	CPG sponsored in-town transportation and accommodation.
12 – 17 October 2015	Jerusalem, Israel and London, the United Kingdom	5	33,990.65	614,850.00	39,952.42	688,793.07	To learn more about the development of innovation and technology in Israel and attend a cocktail reception for the opening of the Tel Aviv Consultant Office of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC); to attend the signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding on health co-operation between Hong Kong and the United Kingdom (UK) and the HKTDC Annual Dinner, and meet with political leaders in the UK.	Israeli Government sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE, his wife and 3 other members of his entourage in Israel.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
16 – 19 November 2015	Manila, the Philippines	7	23,688.36	39,758.00	18,559.75	82,006.11	To attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation 2015 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.	Philippine Government sponsored in-town transportation for full delegation and accommodation for CE, his wife and 2 other members of his entourage.
4 – 5 December 2015	Zhongshan, Jiangmen, Foshan and Guangzhou	2	2,774.34	1,170.00	1,585.68	5,530.02	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2015 and meet with students from the Vocational Training Council who were visiting Jiangmen; and to inspect the transport and infrastructure facilities.	Guangdong Provincial Government sponsored in-town transportation.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit	Details of sponsorship
7 – 10 June 2016	Toulouse and Paris, France	5	37,231.15	284,517.00	14,300.79	336,048.94	To lead a delegation of students from engineering-related disciplines from Hong Kong tertiary institutions to visit aviation technology, scientific research, innovation and technology institutions in the 2 cities and meet with political and business leaders there.	Nil

The wife of the Chief Executive (if accompanying) was a member of the entourage.

* Expenses include charges for accommodation and passage, subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and sundry expenses (if applicable), but exclude sponsorship (if any).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO037****(Question Serial No. 4179)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

According to the content of the Programme, the Chief Executive's Office is also responsible for ensuring that the Chief Executive receives visitors and extends hospitality in a manner that reflects creditably on the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. In this regard, would the Office set out in tabular form the visitors whom the Chief Executive received or entertained in the past 3 years, purposes of their visits and details of the entertainment, including the entertainment expenses.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 143)Reply:

In order to consolidate and strengthen Hong Kong's ties with Mainland China and other countries and regions, the Chief Executive frequently receives representatives of governments, international organisations, the media and business communities, etc. from all over the world, including visitors from Mainland China and overseas. From time to time, he also meets with people from various sectors of the local community, including Members of the Legislative Council, representatives of business and industrial associations, professionals and media representatives. In view of the large number of organisations and people involved, we have not compiled information on the visitors.

The expenditures on the Chief Executive's official entertainment in the past 3 years are tabulated below:

Year	Total expenditure
2014-15	\$84,909
2015-16	\$179,902
2016-17 (as at 28 February 2017)	\$275,071

The Chief Executive also receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment at his official residences. The amounts of the allowance in the past 3 years are tabulated below:

Year	Amount of allowance
2014-15	\$834,200
2015-16	\$870,900
2016-17	\$897,000

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO038

(Question Serial No. 4204)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

What were the numbers of days that the Chief Executive was away from Hong Kong in the past 3 years. Please set out the dates on which he was away from Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 173)

Reply:

Details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive from 1 April 2014 to 28 February 2017 are set out at Annex. Announcement will be made when the Chief Executive takes vacation leave and the relevant acting arrangement will be gazetted. We do not disclose information of private trips made by the Chief Executive outside Hong Kong as it involves his personal data.

Duty Visits of the Chief Executive (1 April 2014 – 28 February 2017)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
9 – 11 April 2014	Qionghai	3	8,553.42	9,894.00	10,484.39	28,931.81	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2014.
11 – 13 April 2014	Shanghai	6	15,067.02	46,490.00	20,653.28	82,210.30	To participate in part of the Shanghai visit programme for Legislative Council (LegCo) Members.
10 – 16 May 2014	Stockholm, Sweden and Brussels, Belgium	5	8,112.85	444,375.00	29,864.87	482,352.72	To enhance understanding of the latest economic situation and the development of innovation and technology of the 2 places; to meet with political and business leaders to discuss Hong Kong's latest developments; and to foster closer economic and trade ties.
12 – 13 October 2014	Guangzhou	1	0	0	2,356.00	2,356.00	To attend the 10th Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD) Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
6 November 2014	Guangzhou	3	0	1,300.00	1,153.09	2,453.09	To attend the 17th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.
8 – 12 November 2014	Beijing	5	28,289.12	49,000.00	28,056.62	105,345.74	To attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2014 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.
25 – 27 November 2014	Seoul, Korea	5	11,259.00	87,724.00	12,219.34	111,202.34	To enhance understanding of the economic situation and the development of the innovation and technology industry of Korea; and to meet with political and business leaders there.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
5 December 2014	Huizhou	2	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta (PRD) Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2014.
7 December 2014	Shenzhen	1	0	0	0	0	To visit the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone.
19 – 20 December 2014	Macao	4	0	2,958.00	6,840.95	9,798.95	To attend the 15th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and inauguration ceremony of the fourth-term Macao SAR Government.
25 – 27 December 2014	Beijing	5	6,781.86	51,335.00	13,799.28	71,916.14	To make annual work report, and call on various officials of the Central People's Government (CPG).
30 January 2015	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	3	0	1,258.48	0	1,258.48	To call on leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government.
2 – 6 March 2015	Beijing	4	13,836.96	34,485.00	23,762.46	72,084.42	To attend the opening ceremony of the third session of the 12th National People's Congress (NPC) and call on various CPG ministries.
27 – 28 March 2015	Qionghai	4	4,350.70	24,555.00	4,016.70	32,922.40	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2015.
8 – 10 April 2015	Wuhan and Shanghai	3	8,909.68	22,464.00	7,375.36	38,749.04	To officiate at the opening ceremony of the Economic and Trade Office of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR in Wuhan and the third plenary session of the Hong Kong/Shanghai Economic and Trade Co-operation Conference.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
21 April 2015	Guangzhou	3	0	0	0	0	To attend the plaque-unveiling ceremony for the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone.
25 – 27 April 2015	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	4	26,113.67	38,580.00	8,589.32	73,282.99	To attend and speak at the 12 th Leadership Forum of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and conduct bilateral meetings with state leaders of ASEAN countries.
4 – 7 May 2015	Boston, the United States	4	15,476.21	428,380.00	5,320.52	449,176.73	To attend Cathay Pacific's dinner reception in Boston in celebration of the launch of direct flight services between Hong Kong and Boston to support the development of Hong Kong's aviation industry; and to lead a delegation from the innovation and technology sector to visit top-notch research institutions in Boston and learn more about the development of innovation and technology there.
8 – 9 May 2015	Beijing	2	6,028.68	28,901.00	3,474.99	38,404.67	To attend the funeral of the former Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Mr Lu Ping.
31 May 2015	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend a meeting between officials of the Central authorities and LegCo Members.
7 – 12 June 2015	Toronto, Canada and Chicago, the United States	3	44,800.58	305,626.00	14,645.80	365,072.38	To attend the "Think Asia, Think Hong Kong" campaign organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) and meet with political leaders and representatives from the business and education sectors in Canada and the United States.
10 July 2015	Shenzhen	1	0	0	0	0	To call on leaders of the Shenzhen Municipal Government.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
12 – 13 July 2015	Beijing	4	3,364.50	40,585.00	6,261.60	50,211.10	To meet with various CPG ministries on the development of the “Belt and Road” initiative.
12 August 2015	Zhuhai	3	0	2,585.00	0	2,585.00	To meet with leaders of the Zhuhai Municipal Government; to visit the Hengqin New Area of Zhuhai of the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone and inspect the construction works of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.
2 – 4 September 2015	Beijing	13	0	87,856.00	51,427.27	139,283.27	To attend the commemorative activities for the 70 th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese people’s war of resistance against Japanese aggression.
16 – 18 September 2015	Jakarta, Indonesia	4	19,167.10	43,385.00	11,065.94	73,618.04	To attend promotional activities organised by the HKTDC and the Hong Kong Tourism Board, and call on senior Government officials of Indonesia.
12 – 17 October 2015	Jerusalem, Israel and London, the United Kingdom	5	33,990.65	614,850.00	39,952.42	688,793.07	To learn more about the development of innovation and technology in Israel and attend a cocktail reception for the opening of the Tel Aviv Consultant Office of the HKTDC; to attend the signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding on health co-operation between Hong Kong and the United Kingdom (UK) and the HKTDC Annual Dinner, and meet with political leaders in the UK.
16 – 19 November 2015	Manila, the Philippines	7	23,688.36	39,758.00	18,559.75	82,006.11	To attend APEC 2015 Leaders’ Week and other related meetings.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
4 – 5 December 2015	Zhongshan, Jiangmen, Foshan and Guangzhou	2	2,774.34	1,170.00	1,585.68	5,530.02	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2015 and meet with students from the Vocational Training Council who were visiting Jiangmen; and to inspect the transport and infrastructure facilities.
21 – 24 December 2015	Beijing	4	10,093.50	40,017.00	17,179.51	67,290.01	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.
1 – 5 February 2016	Mumbai and New Delhi, India	4	42,904.50	137,095.00	20,633.75	200,633.25	To meet with political and business leaders there to foster closer economic and trade relations between Hong Kong and India.
2 – 6 March 2016	Beijing	5	19,286.91	38,768.00	57,505.58	115,560.49	To attend the opening ceremony of the fourth session of the 12 th NPC and call on various CPG ministries.
23 – 24 March 2016	Qionghai	2	0	15,960.00	2,359.47	18,319.47	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2016.
17 April 2016	Huizhou and Shenzhen	2	0	0	6,667.08	6,667.08	To learn more about the achievements of Hong Kong industrialists in developing the innovation and technology industry in the Mainland.
7 – 10 June 2016	Toulouse and Paris, France	5	37,231.15	284,517.00	14,300.79	336,048.94	To lead a delegation of students from engineering-related disciplines from Hong Kong tertiary institutions to visit aviation technology, scientific research, innovation and technology institutions in the 2 cities and meet with political and business leaders there.
14 September 2016	Guangzhou	4	0	1,905.54	0	1,905.54	To attend the 19 th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
13 – 14 October 2016	Nanchang	2	0	13,542.00	2,231.97	15,773.97	To attend 2016 PPRD Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference.
17 – 22 November 2016	Lima, Peru	6	69,243.47	1,100,984.00	22,929.48	1,193,156.95	To attend APEC 2016 Leaders' Week.
9 December 2016	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2016 and meet with students from the Vocational Training Council who were on exchange visit there.
20 – 23 December 2016	Beijing	6	19,286.76	52,531.00	23,175.03	94,992.79	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.
23 February 2017	Shenzhen and Guangzhou	3	0	0	0	0	To call on leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government and visit the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO039

(Question Serial No. 4205)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (2) Executive Council

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

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

Question:

What were the numbers of days that Non-official Members of the Executive Council were away from Hong Kong in the past year?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 174)

Reply:

The Executive Council Secretariat does not compile statistics on the numbers of days that Non-official Members of the Executive Council are away from Hong Kong. We are therefore unable to provide the relevant information.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO040****(Question Serial No. 4206)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (2) Executive CouncilControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

What were the individual attendance rates of Non-official Members of the Executive Council (ExCo) at ExCo meetings in the past year?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 175)Reply:

The relevant statistics for attendance of meetings by the Non-official Members of the Executive Council (ExCo) in 2016 are tabulated below:

	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate
LAM Woon-kwong	44	44	100%
CHENG Yiu-tong	44	43	98%
Laura CHA SHIH May-lung	44	32	73%
Anna WU Hung-yuk	44	41	93%
Arthur LI Kwok-cheung	44	42	95%
Andrew LIAO Cheung-sing	44	43	98%
CHOW Chung-kong	44	38	86%
CHEUNG Hok-ming	44	38	86%
Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun	44	39	89%
CHEUNG Chi-kong	44	44	100%
Bernard Charnwut CHAN	44	37	84%
Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung	44	42	95%
IP Kwok-him#	35	33	94%
Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan@	4	4	100%
Martin LIAO Cheung-kong@	4	3	75%

- # The Member was appointed as a Non-official ExCo Member on 17 March 2016. The number of meetings that he had to attend was 35.
- @ The Members were appointed as Non-official ExCo Members on 25 November 2016. The number of meetings that they had to attend was 4.

The attendance rate of a former Non-official ExCo Member who resigned from office in the past year is set out below:

	No. of meetings had to be attended in 2016	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate
Regina IP LAU Suk-yee (Term of office: 17 October 2012 – 14 December 2016)	43	38	88%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO041

(Question Serial No. 3748)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

Regarding the Chief Executive's Fanling Lodge, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) The number of times that the Chief Executive or his family used Fanling Lodge in 2016-17 and the nature of each use;
- (b) The operational expenses of Fanling Lodge in 2016-17 and the estimates of such expenses for 2017-18; and
- (c) Will the Government review in 2017-18 the cost-effectiveness of maintaining the operation of Fanling Lodge and the social benefits of vacating it? If yes, what are the detailed plan, work schedule and the estimated expenditure for the review? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. 119)

Reply:

- (a) In 2016-17, the Chief Executive held 1 official activity at Fanling Lodge. This Office does not keep any record of private activities conducted by the Chief Executive at Fanling Lodge.
- (b) The estimated expenditures on the management of Fanling Lodge for 2016-17 and 2017-18 are \$810,000 and \$830,000 respectively.

- (c) For operational needs, the Chief Executive maintains close liaison with members of the community, including Members of the Legislative Council, the media, local personalities and representatives of different sectors. While these official functions are held mainly at Government House or the Chief Executive's Office building, the Chief Executive may also receive guests at Fanling Lodge where appropriate. Moreover, the Chief Executive and his family hold private activities at Fanling Lodge from time to time. Taking into account the physical constraints, security arrangements and daily management of the venue, we have no plan at present to change the use of Fanling Lodge.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO042****(Question Serial No. 5781)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Please set out the actual expenditure incurred by the Chief Executive in undertaking a wide range of public and social engagements in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1113)Reply:

The expenditures on the Chief Executive's official entertainment in the past 5 years are tabulated below:

Year	Total expenditure
2012-13	\$462,149
2013-14	\$381,627
2014-15	\$84,909
2015-16	\$179,902
2016-17 (as at 28 February 2017)	\$275,071

The above expenditures were spent on receiving visitors to Hong Kong and entertaining guests from various sectors of the local community, including Members of the Legislative Council, representatives of business and industrial associations, professionals and media representatives.

The Chief Executive also receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment at his official residences. The amounts of the allowance in the past 5 years are tabulated below:

Year	Amount of allowance
2012-13	\$768,300
2013-14	\$799,800
2014-15	\$834,200
2015-16	\$870,900
2016-17	\$897,000

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO043

(Question Serial No. 5783)

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

Question:

Please provide the estimated expenditure on the wide range of public and social engagements undertaken by the Chief Executive.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1114)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure on the Chief Executive's official entertainment for 2017-18 is \$388,000. The expenditure will be spent on receiving visitors to Hong Kong and entertaining guests from various sectors of the local community, including Members of the Legislative Council, representatives of business and industrial associations, professionals and media representatives.

The Chief Executive also receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment at his official residences. The estimated amount of the allowance for 2017-18 is \$918,500.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO044

(Question Serial No. 5784)

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

Question:

Please set out the actual expenditure incurred by the wife of the Chief Executive in undertaking a wide range of public and social engagements in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1115)

Reply:

Apart from general support provided by this Office, no additional expenditure is involved in the public and social engagements of the wife of the Chief Executive.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO045

(Question Serial No. 5785)

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

Question:

Please provide the estimated expenditure on the wide range of public and social engagements undertaken by the wife of the Chief Executive.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1116)

Reply:

Apart from general support provided by this Office, no additional expenditure is involved in the public and social engagements of the wife of the Chief Executive.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO046

(Question Serial No. 5786)

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

Question:

Please set out the actual expenditures on the co-ordination of the Government's media and public relations strategy in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1119)

Reply:

As the Chief Executive's Office does not maintain separate accounts for this, we cannot provide the actual expenditures in the past 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO047

(Question Serial No. 5787)

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

Question:

Please provide the estimated expenditure on the co-ordination of the Government's media and public relations strategy.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1123)

Reply:

As the Chief Executive's Office does not maintain separate accounts for this, we cannot provide the estimated expenditure for 2017-18.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO048

(Question Serial No. 5972)

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

Question:

Regarding the co-ordination of the Government's media and public relations strategy, please set out the actual expenditures relating to design in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1124)

Reply:

As the Chief Executive's Office does not maintain separate accounts for this, we cannot provide the actual expenditures in the past 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO049

(Question Serial No. 5983)

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

Question:

Regarding the co-ordination of the Government's media and public relations strategy, please set out the estimated expenditure relating to design.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1127)

Reply:

As the Chief Executive's Office does not maintain separate accounts for this, we cannot provide the estimated expenditure for 2017-18.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO050

(Question Serial No. 5987)

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

Question:

Regarding the co-ordination of the Government's media and public relations strategy, please set out the actual expenditures relating to video making in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1130)

Reply:

As the Chief Executive's Office does not maintain separate accounts for this, we cannot provide the actual expenditures in the past 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO051

(Question Serial No. 5993)

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

Question:

Regarding the co-ordination of the Government's media and public relations strategy, please set out the estimated expenditure relating to video making.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1132)

Reply:

As the Chief Executive's Office does not maintain separate accounts for this, we cannot provide the estimated expenditure for 2017-18.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO052

(Question Serial No. 6000)

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

Question:

Regarding the co-ordination of the Government's media and public relations strategy, please set out the actual expenditures relating to Facebook in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1133)

Reply:

As the Chief Executive's Office does not maintain separate accounts for this, we cannot provide the actual expenditures in the past 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO053

(Question Serial No. 6008)

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

Question:

Regarding the co-ordination of the Government's media and public relations strategy, please set out the estimated expenditure relating to Facebook.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1134)

Reply:

As the Chief Executive's Office does not maintain separate accounts for this, we cannot provide the estimated expenditure for 2017-18.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO054****(Question Serial No. 6151)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

- (1) Regarding the expenses on entertainment and gifts of your bureau and the departments under its purview in the past 2 years, please provide details using the table below:

Bureau/ branch/ department and year	Estimated expenses on entertainment and gifts in the year	Actual expenses on entertainment and gifts in the year	Cap on entertainment expenses (including beverages) per head for the year	Cap on gift expenses per guest for the year	Number of receptions held and total number of guests entertained in the year

- (2) Regarding the expenses on entertainment and gifts of your bureau and the departments under its purview in the current year, please provide details using the table below:

Bureau/branch/ department	Date of reception (day/month/year)	Departments/ organisations and titles of the guests entertained (grouped by department/ organisation and indicating the number of guests)	Food expenses incurred in the reception	Beverage and gift expenses incurred in the reception	Venue of the reception (department office/ restaurant in government facilities/ private restaurant/ others (please specify))

- (3) Please provide the estimated expenses on entertainment and gifts for the coming year using the table below:

Bureau/ branch/ department	Estimated provision for expenses on entertainment and gifts	Cap on entertainment expenses per guest	Cap on gift expenses per guest

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1200)

Reply:

As a general rule, all politically appointed officials and civil servants should observe the same principles when providing official entertainment in the form of meals. They are required to exercise prudent judgment and economy in order to avoid any public perception of extravagance, and should act in accordance with the relevant regulations and administrative guidelines. According to the existing guidelines, expenditure on official meals should not exceed \$450 per person for lunch or \$600 per person for dinner, inclusive of all expenses incurred on food and beverages consumed on the occasion, service charges and tips. The Chief Executive's Office follows the same principles and guidelines on official entertainment. In 2015-16 and 2016-17 (as at 28 February 2017), the actual expenditures on official entertainment of the Chief Executive's Office were \$410,000 and \$460,000 respectively. The estimated expenditure for 2017-18 is \$600,000.

In addition, the Chief Executive receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment at his official residences. The amount of the allowance was \$870,900 in 2015-16 and \$897,000 in 2016-17. For 2017-18, the estimated expenditure on the allowance is \$918,500.

In line with the Government's green policy, public officers should as far as possible refrain from bestowing gifts/souvenirs on others in the conduct of official activities. According to the existing guidelines, where bestowal of gifts/souvenirs is necessary or unavoidable due to operational, protocol or other reasons, the gift/souvenir items should not be lavish or extravagant and the number should be kept to a minimum. Also, the exchange of gifts/souvenirs should only be made from organisation to organisation. This Office did not give any gifts in 2015-16 and 2016-17 (as at 28 February 2017).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO055****(Question Serial No. 6188)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Please give details of the Chief Executive's duty visits in the past year and set out in chronological order the following information for each visit: (a) purpose and place of visit; (b) titles of officials met; (c) size of entourage and post titles; (d) days of visit; and (e) total expenditure involved, including expenses on (i) transportation (air tickets and local transportation); (ii) accommodation; (iii) meals; (iv) banquets or entertainment; and (v) gifts.

Date	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1300)Reply:

Details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive from 1 April 2016 to 28 February 2017 are set out at Annex.

In the above period, the actual expenditure on official entertainment (both in and outside Hong Kong) of the Chief Executive's Office was about \$460,000. The Chief Executive did not give any gifts during his duty visits.

Duty Visits of the Chief Executive (1 April 2016 – 28 February 2017)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage #	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
17 April 2016	Huizhou and Shenzhen	2	0	0	6,667.08	6,667.08	To learn more about the achievements of Hong Kong industrialists in developing the innovation and technology industry in the Mainland.
7 – 10 June 2016	Toulouse and Paris, France	5	37,231.15	284,517.00	14,300.79	336,048.94	To lead a delegation of students from engineering-related disciplines from Hong Kong tertiary institutions to visit aviation technology, scientific research, innovation and technology institutions in the 2 cities and meet with political and business leaders there.
14 September 2016	Guangzhou	4	0	1,905.54	0	1,905.54	To attend the 19 th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.
13 – 14 October 2016	Nanchang	2	0	13,542.00	2,231.97	15,773.97	To attend 2016 Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference.
17 – 22 November 2016	Lima, Peru	6	69,243.47	1,100,984.00	22,929.48	1,193,156.95	To attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation 2016 Leaders' Week.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage #	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
9 December 2016	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2016 and meet with students from the Vocational Training Council who were on exchange visit there.
20 – 23 December 2016	Beijing	6	19,286.76	52,531.00	23,175.03	94,992.79	To make annual work report, and call on various officials of the Central People's Government.
23 February 2017	Shenzhen and Guangzhou	3	0	0	0	0	To call on leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government and visit the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital.

The wife of the Chief Executive (if accompanying) was a member of the entourage.

* Expenses include charges for accommodation and passage, subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and sundry expenses (if applicable), but exclude sponsorship (if any).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO056****(Question Serial No. 6223)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Please give details of the meetings, visits or exchanges by the Chief Executive to the relevant Mainland authorities for the past year and set out the following information for each trip in chronological order: (a) purpose and place; (b) titles of Mainland officials met; (c) numbers of Hong Kong officials in entourage and their post titles; (d) length of the trip; (e) total expenses involved; (f) whether announcement was made prior to the trip and, if not, the reasons for keeping confidence; (g) whether files of the minutes of the meetings have been kept and, if not, the reasons for that; (h) whether agreements were reached and, if yes, the details of the agreements and progress of implementing them; (i) transportation expenses (air tickets and local transportation); (ii) accommodation expenses; (iii) meal expenses; (iv) banquet or entertainment expenses; and (v) gift expenses.

Date	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1400)Reply:

Details of the Chief Executive's visits to Mainland China from 1 April 2016 to 28 February 2017 are set out at Annex.

The Chief Executive's Office announced the above visits through press releases. The Chief Executive also met the media to report on his visits and responded to media questions during the trips. This Office compiled and filed minutes of meetings according to established procedures as necessary. In the above visits, the Chief Executive did not sign any agreements.

In the above period, the actual expenditure on official entertainment (both in and outside Hong Kong) of the Chief Executive's Office was about \$460,000. The Chief Executive did not give any gifts during his visits to Mainland China.

Duty Visits of the Chief Executive (1 April 2016 – 28 February 2017)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage #	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
17 April 2016	Huizhou and Shenzhen	2	0	0	6,667.08	6,667.08	To learn more about the achievements of Hong Kong industrialists in developing the innovation and technology industry in the Mainland.
14 September 2016	Guangzhou	4	0	1,905.54	0	1,905.54	To attend the 19 th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.
13 – 14 October 2016	Nanchang	2	0	13,542.00	2,231.97	15,773.97	To attend 2016 Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference.
9 December 2016	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2016 and meet with students from the Vocational Training Council who were on exchange visit there.
20 – 23 December 2016	Beijing	6	19,286.76	52,531.00	23,175.03	94,992.79	To make annual work report, and call on various officials of the Central People's Government.
23 February 2017	Shenzhen and Guangzhou	3	0	0	0	0	To call on leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government and visit the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital.

The wife of the Chief Executive (if accompanying) was a member of the entourage.

* Expenses include charges for accommodation and passage, subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and sundry expenses (if applicable), but exclude sponsorship (if any).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO057

(Question Serial No. 6689)

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

Question:

Please set out the dates, names and organisers of activities attended by the wife of the Chief Executive in the past year.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wing-hang, Dennis (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

At present, the wife of the Chief Executive holds honorary posts of 74 public interest or charitable organisations, and participates in and promotes the activities of these organisations in her official capacity. In view of the large number of activities involved, this Office has not compiled information on the items mentioned in the question.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO058

(Question Serial No. 5369)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

Would the Government provide this Committee with the following information about Fanling Lodge in the past year:

- (1) The number of official activities held at Fanling Lodge, their contents and the expenses involved;
- (2) The amount of management expenses;
- (3) Given the low utilisation rate of Fanling Lodge, has the Government considered opening it for public visit or releasing the site to increase land supply? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LAU Siu-lai (Member Question No. 3154)

Reply:

- (1) In the past year, the Chief Executive held 1 official activity at Fanling Lodge. This Office did not pay for that activity.
- (2) The estimated expenditure on the management of Fanling Lodge for 2016-17 is \$810,000.
- (3) For operational needs, the Chief Executive maintains close liaison with members of the community, including Members of the Legislative Council, the media, local personalities and representatives of different sectors. While these official functions are held mainly at Government House or the Chief Executive's Office building, the Chief Executive may also receive guests at Fanling Lodge where appropriate. Moreover, the Chief Executive and his family hold private activities at Fanling Lodge from time to time. Taking into account the physical constraints, security arrangements and daily management of the venue, it is not appropriate to open Fanling Lodge to the public or release the site for other uses.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO059****(Question Serial No. 5373)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Regarding remuneration for special appointments, the estimate for 2017-18 is \$16,472,000, which is \$3 million or so higher than the revised estimate for 2016-17. In this regard, would the Government inform this Committee of the expenditure breakdowns?

Asked by: Hon LAU Siu-lai (Member Question No. 3155)Reply:

The estimate of remuneration for special appointments for 2017-18 is higher than the revised estimate for 2016-17 mainly because end-of-contract gratuities have to be paid to 5 officers under special appointment in 2017-18. Duties of officers under special appointment in this Office and estimated expenditure on remuneration for 2017-18 are tabulated below:

Post	Estimated expenditure on remuneration for 2017-18
Director of the Chief Executive's Office (D,CEO)	\$3.92m
Information Coordinator	\$3.77m (including end-of-contract gratuity)
Senior Special Assistant	\$4.87m (including end-of-contract gratuity)
Special Assistant	\$1.72m (including end-of-contract gratuity)
Senior Personal Assistant to Chief Executive	\$1.61m (including end-of-contract gratuity)
Driver for D,CEO	\$0.58m (including end-of-contract gratuity)

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO060****(Question Serial No. 5382)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Would the Government advise on the details of duty visits made by C Y Leung between January 2016 and February 2017?

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Passage	Hotel accommodation	Other expenses	Purpose of visit

Asked by: Hon LAU Siu-lai (Member Question No. 3156)Reply:

Details of duty visits made by the Chief Executive from 1 January 2016 to 28 February 2017 are set out at Annex.

Duty Visits of the Chief Executive (1 January 2016 – 28 February 2017)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
1 – 5 February 2016	Mumbai and New Delhi, India	4	42,904.50	137,095.00	20,633.75	200,633.25	To meet with political and business leaders there to foster closer economic and trade relations between Hong Kong and India.
2 – 6 March 2016	Beijing	5	19,286.91	38,768.00	57,505.58	115,560.49	To attend the opening ceremony of the fourth session of the 12 th National People's Congress and call on various ministries of the Central People's Government (CPG).
23 – 24 March 2016	Qionghai	2	0	15,960.00	2,359.47	18,319.47	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2016.
17 April 2016	Huizhou and Shenzhen	2	0	0	6,667.08	6,667.08	To learn more about the achievements of Hong Kong industrialists in developing the innovation and technology industry in the Mainland.
7 – 10 June 2016	Toulouse and Paris, France	5	37,231.15	284,517.00	14,300.79	336,048.94	To lead a delegation of students from engineering-related disciplines from Hong Kong tertiary institutions to visit aviation technology, scientific research, innovation and technology institutions in the 2 cities and meet with political and business leaders there.
14 September 2016	Guangzhou	4	0	1,905.54	0	1,905.54	To attend the 19 th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.
13 – 14 October 2016	Nanchang	2	0	13,542.00	2,231.97	15,773.97	To attend 2016 Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference.
17 – 22 November 2016	Lima, Peru	6	69,243.47	1,100,984.00	22,929.48	1,193,156.95	To attend Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation 2016 Leaders' Week.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses (\$)	Grand total* (\$)	Purpose of visit
9 December 2016	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2016 and meet with students from the Vocational Training Council who were on exchange visit there.
20 – 23 December 2016	Beijing	6	19,286.76	52,531.00	23,175.03	94,992.79	To make annual work report, and call on various CPG officials.
23 February 2017	Shenzhen and Guangzhou	3	0	0	0	0	To call on leaders of Guangdong Provincial Government and Shenzhen Municipal Government and visit the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital.

* Expenses include charges for accommodation and passage, subsistence allowance for duty outside Hong Kong and sundry expenses (if applicable), but exclude sponsorship (if any).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO061

(Question Serial No. 5072)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the expenditures on the management of Mr C Y Leung's Facebook and Youtube by the Chief Executive's Office in the past 3 years and the estimated expenditure for the coming year.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 1030)

Reply:

Over the past 3 years, the Chief Executive's Office has not deployed any dedicated manpower or financial resources to manage social media platforms. No dedicated manpower or financial resources have been earmarked for this purpose in the 2017-18 Estimates.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO062****(Question Serial No. 5073)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Please inform this Committee in detail and in tabular form of the establishment of the Chief Executive's Office, the ranks, salaries, benefits and allowances of its staff and the amounts of other staff-related expenses for 2017-18.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 2002)Reply:

The Chief Executive's Office will have an establishment of 103 permanent posts in 2017-18. The types of permanent posts, their respective numbers and the estimated expenditure involved are tabulated below:

Types of duties	No. of posts on establishment	Salaries	Allowances	Job-related allowances	Mandatory Provident Fund contributions	Civil Service Provident Fund contributions
Policy co-ordination; planning and arrangements for the Chief Executive's official activities; and co-ordination of news and public relations work	12	\$18,546,165	-	-	-	\$1,776,126
Departmental administration	12	\$10,228,905	\$204,080	-	-	\$659,397
Translation services	2	\$1,972,260	\$80,100	-	-	-

Types of duties	No. of posts on establishment	Salaries	Allowances	Job-related allowances	Mandatory Provident Fund contributions	Civil Service Provident Fund contributions
Secretarial and other support services	20	\$7,846,140	\$31,360	-	-	-
Clerical and general support services	30	\$8,665,550	\$247,644	\$1,000	\$8,803	\$254,015
Domestic services for the Chief Executive's official residences	20	\$4,735,565	\$1,026,756	\$2,000	\$219,495	\$76,728
Driving services	7	\$1,444,730	\$897,596	\$5,000	\$32,452	\$35,031
Total	103	\$53,439,315	\$2,487,536	\$8,000	\$260,750	\$2,801,297

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO063****(Question Serial No. 5095)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (2) Executive CouncilControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Alice LAU)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

- (1) Please provide the attendance record of each meeting of the Executive Council (ExCo) in the past 5 years.
- (2) What are the estimated expenditures on annual salaries, housing allowances, duty visits and entertainment, etc. for the Clerk to ExCo, Deputy Clerk to ExCo, Assistant Clerk to ExCo and Clerical Officer for 2017-18?
- (3) What will be the establishment of the confidential registry of the ExCo in 2017-18? What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (4) How many files have been destroyed by the confidential registry of the ExCo over the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 2030)Reply:

- (1) The relevant statistics for attendance of meetings by the Non-official Members of the Executive Council (ExCo) in the past 5 years (1 July 2012 to 28 February 2017) are tabulated below:

	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate
LAM Woon-kwong	211	203	96%
CHENG Yiu-tong	211	192	91%
Laura CHA SHIH May-lung	211	156	74%
Anna WU Hung-yuk	211	201	95%
Arthur LI Kwok-cheung	211	169	80%
Andrew LIAO Cheung-sing	211	191	91%
CHOW Chung-kong	211	188	89%

	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate
CHEUNG Hok-ming	211	186	88%
Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun	211	188	89%
CHEUNG Chi-kong	211	211	100%
Bernard Charnwut CHAN*	210	180	86%
Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung^	197	188	95%
IP Kwok-him#	43	41	95%
Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan@	12	10	83%
Martin LIAO Cheung-kong@	12	11	92%

- * The Member needed to withdraw from discussion of all items of one of the meetings, and hence the number of meetings that he had to attend was 210.
- ^ The Member was appointed as a Non-official ExCo Member on 17 October 2012. He needed to withdraw from discussion of all items of one of the meetings, and hence the number of meetings that he had to attend was 197.
- # The Member was appointed as a Non-official ExCo Member on 17 March 2016. The number of meetings that he had to attend was 43.
- @ The Members were appointed as Non-official ExCo Members on 25 November 2016. The number of meetings that they had to attend was 12.

The attendance rates of former Non-official ExCo Members who resigned from office in the past 5 years are set out below:

	No. of meetings had to be attended during Member's term of office	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate
Barry CHEUNG Chun-yuen (Term of office: 1 July 2012 – 23 May 2013)	40	39	98%
Franklin LAM Fan-keung# (Term of office: 1 July 2012 – 31 July 2013)	50	14	28%
Starry LEE Wai-king (Term of office: 1 July 2012 – 16 March 2016)	167	161	96%
Nicholas W YANG (Term of office: 2 March – 19 November 2015)	34	32	94%
Regina IP LAU Suk-yea (Term of office: 17 October 2012 – 14 December 2016)	189	166	88%

- # Request for leave of absence with effect from 3 November 2012 was accepted by the Chief Executive.

- (2) The estimated expenditures on the salaries of the Clerk to ExCo, Deputy Clerk to ExCo, Assistant Clerk to ExCo and Clerical Officer for 2017-18 are tabulated below:

Post	Estimated expenditure on salaries
Clerk to ExCo	\$2,118,600
Deputy Clerk to ExCo	\$1,668,765
Assistant Clerk to ExCo	\$859,121
Clerical Officer	\$374,390

The above officers do not receive any allowance for housing, duty visits or entertainment under Head 21.

- (3) The confidential registry of the ExCo Secretariat will have an establishment of 3 permanent posts in 2017-18, and the estimated expenditure is about \$1.09 million.
- (4) The confidential registry of the ExCo Secretariat has not destroyed any file over the past 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO064

(Question Serial No. 3851)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

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

Question:

The Chief Executive uses Facebook, a social media platform, as a channel for communicating with the public. Please inform this Committee of the following;

- (1) What were the expenditure on and establishment of the Chief Executive's Office for operating the Facebook account?
- (2) Given that the Chief Executive's Facebook account is not open for public comments, how can the purpose of communicating with the public be achieved?
- (3) The number of "angry" emoticons is often more than that of the "like" emoticons received in the Chief Executive's Facebook account. This reflects that people are dissatisfied with his posts. Please explain how this helps build the image of the Chief Executive and justifies future recurrent funding on operating this social media platform.

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (Member Question No. 129)

Reply:

- (1) The Chief Executive's Office manages the Chief Executive's Facebook account with existing resources.
- (2) At present, Facebook users can communicate with the Chief Executive and comment on individual posts by leaving messages through the Chief Executive's Facebook Messenger.
- (3) This Office does not compile statistics on the emoticons received in the Chief Executive's Facebook account.

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