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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC001

(Question Serial No. 0138)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (2) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

Under Programme (2), 15 posts will be created in 2017-18. Please list out:

- 1) the posts concerned and their job nature;
- 2) the expenditure details of the posts.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

In 2017-18, 15 posts will be created under Programme (2). They include 2 posts of Commission Against Corruption Officer (Upper), 5 posts of Commission Against Corruption Officer (Middle/Lower) and 8 posts of Assistant Commission Against Corruption Officer; and the notional annual mid-point salary value is \$9.22 million. Among them, 4 new posts will be deployed to cope with the increasingly complex corruption cases involving listed companies; 7 posts will be established at the Report Centre to strengthen its capabilities in handling corruption complaints; 2 posts will be allocated to the Information Technology Management Unit to enhance the Commission's Information Technology (IT) capabilities in conducting investigations and to upgrade the information security level; 1 post will be created by rationalization of a temporary contract term post to enhance IT support; and 1 post will be deployed to assist State Parties to United Nations Convention Against Corruption in developing and implementing anti-corruption initiatives so as to fulfil Hong Kong's obligations under the Convention and to extend Hong Kong's cooperation with the world in combating corruption.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC002

(Question Serial No. 1503)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (1) Corruption Prevention

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

In respect of the ICAC Programme of Corruption Prevention, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. The revised estimate is 10.9% significantly higher than the original estimate under the Programme for 2016-17. What are the reasons? Please list the projects which account for a larger increase and the reasons.
2. The number of occasions that private sector organisations were given corruption prevention advice rose significantly to 880 from 644 in 2015. Which trades and industries recorded the highest increase in requesting corruption prevention advice? Was any increased expenditure involved in this respect? Please provide the relevant figures.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Wah-fung, Christopher (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

1. The revised estimate being 10.9% higher than the original estimate under Programme (1) for 2016-17 is primarily due to salary adjustments, and the 4 posts approved to be created in the 2015 Resource Allocation Exercise, for which the recruitment progressed more smoothly than expected, also attributes to an increase in the expenditure on Personal Emoluments.
2. There was a substantial increase in the number of occasions on which corruption prevention advice was given to the private sector last year as the proactive and cross public-private sector strategies were adopted by the Corruption Prevention Department (CPD). For example, the launch of the Corruption Prevention Training Package for the Retail Industry and the Integrity and Corruption Prevention Guide on Managing Relationship with Public Servants for business operators having frequent dealings with government bureaux/departments (e.g. suppliers, contractors etc.) have enhanced the corruption prevention awareness of the private sector and therefore led to an increasing demand for such services.

According to the statistics by the trade, the retail industry recorded the sharpest increase from 9 in 2015 to 63 in 2016 in the requests for corruption prevention advice, followed by the trading industry with an increase from 7 to 47 in such requests.

The CPD will strengthen the corruption prevention advisory services for the private sector through internal redeployment of resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC003

(Question Serial No. 0733)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): (661) Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

Provision of \$9.071 million under Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote) for the ICAC for 2017-18 represents a significant increase of 229% (\$2.757 million) over that for 2016-17. The explanation in the Controlling Officer's Report was: "This is mainly due to increased requirement for carrying out projects that are related to minor plant, vehicles and equipment."

Please list the projects to be carried out with the provision of \$9.071 million and the details of such projects.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wing-hang, Dennis (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

The provision under Subhead 661 for the ICAC for 2017-18 is mainly to cater for scheduled replacement and installation of plant and equipment, including the fire fighting system, power system, communication system, elevator system, air-conditioning system and other building services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC004

(Question Serial No. 1564)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (2) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

The estimated provision under Programme (2) Operations for 2017-18 is \$16 million higher than last year's figure, covering the expenditure for the creation of 15 new posts. Please inform this Committee whether any of these posts will be deployed to combat corruption involving bid-rigging in the maintenance works of housing estates. If so, how many? If not, why?

Asked by: Hon LAM Cheuk-ting (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

In 2017-18, 15 posts will be created under Programme (2). They include 2 posts of Commission Against Corruption Officer (Upper), 5 posts of Commission Against Corruption Officer (Middle/Lower) and 8 posts of Assistant Commission Against Corruption Officer. Among them, 4 new posts will be deployed to cope with the increasingly complex corruption cases involving listed companies; 7 posts will be established at the Report Centre to strengthen its capabilities in handling corruption complaints; 2 posts will be allocated to the Information Technology Management Unit to enhance the Commission's Information Technology (IT) capabilities in conducting investigations and to upgrade the information security level; 1 post will be created by rationalisation of a temporary contract term post to enhance IT support; and 1 post will be deployed to assist State Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption in developing and implementing anti-corruption initiatives so as to fulfil Hong Kong's obligations under the Convention and to extend Hong Kong's cooperation with the world in combating corruption.

Although the new posts to be created in 2017-18 do not include any specific posts for investigating corruption cases related to building management and maintenance (including those which involve bid-rigging), the Operations Department of the Independent Commission Against Corruption has an established investigation group dedicated to the investigation of such cases. This group currently comprises 43 officers. In addition, the Operations Department has further set up a task force comprising 9 officers since April

2015 through redeployment of its resources and manpower to focus on corruption complaints which involve bid-rigging.

The Operations Department regularly reviews the trend of such complaints as well as the gravity and complexity of cases, so that its resources and manpower can be flexibly deployed. If necessary, creation of new posts will be applied for in accordance with the existing mechanism to step up enforcement against corrupt activities in this connection.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC005

(Question Serial No. 1687)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (2) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

In view of the prevalence and gravity of corruption involving bid-rigging in the maintenance works of housing estates, it is necessary for the ICAC to deploy additional manpower to investigate each complaint. Please inform this Committee of the number of ICAC officers responsible for handling cases involving bid-rigging in maintenance works in each of the past 5 years. In 2017-18, will more officers be deployed to handle such cases? If so, how many more? If not, why?

Asked by: Hon LAM Cheuk-ting (Member Question No. 31)

Reply:

In the past 5 years, the Operations Department of the Independent Commission Against Corruption had an established investigation group dedicated to the investigation of all corruption cases related to building management and maintenance (including those which involved bid-rigging). This group currently comprises 43 officers. In addition, the Operations Department has further set up a task force comprising 9 officers since April 2015 through redeployment of its resources and manpower to handle corruption complaints which involve bid-rigging.

Although the new posts to be created in 2017-18 do not include any specific posts for investigating corruption cases related to building management and maintenance (including those which involve bid-rigging), the Operations Department will regularly review the trend of such complaints as well as the gravity and complexity of cases, so that its resources and manpower can be flexibly deployed. If necessary, creation of new posts will be applied for in accordance with the existing mechanism to step up enforcement against corrupt activities in this connection.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**ICAC006****(Question Serial No. 1688)**Head: (72) Independent Commission Against CorruptionSubhead (No. & title): Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) OperationsControlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against CorruptionQuestion:

Please inform this Committee of the number of corruption reports received by the ICAC involving bid-rigging in the maintenance works of housing estates in each of the past 3 years. Please list the number of cases where investigation has concluded and where investigation is still underway.

Asked by: Hon LAM Cheuk-ting (Member Question No. 32)Reply:

The number of corruption complaints received by the ICAC involving bid-rigging in building maintenance works¹ in the past 3 years is as follows:

Year	Corruption Complaints	Pursuable Complaints	Investigations completed as at 28 February 2017	Investigations still ongoing as at 28 February 2017
2014	8 ²	5	4	1
2015	9 ³	2	2	0
2016	16 ⁴	10	4	6

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¹ "Bid-rigging" is defined in Section 2(2) of the Competition Ordinance, Cap. 619. Corruption complaints involving bid-rigging refer to complaints in which the complainants either specifically allege bid-rigging or provide information fitting within the meaning of bid-rigging.

² 3 of the complaints were classified as non-pursuable for the reasons that the information provided was too nebulous or tenuous and the complaints remained anonymous which rendered clarification not possible.

³ 7 of the complaints were classified as non-pursuable for the reasons that the information provided was too nebulous or tenuous, and 6 of them remained anonymous which rendered clarification not possible.

⁴ 6 of the complaints were classified as non-pursuable for the reasons that the information provided was too nebulous or tenuous and the complaints remained anonymous which rendered clarification not possible.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC007

(Question Serial No. 1689)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): (661) Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

In 2017-18, the estimated provision for Minor plant, vehicles and equipment is 229% higher than that for last year. Will the Commission provide in table form details of the new items to be purchased?

Asked by: Hon LAM Cheuk-ting (Member Question No. 33)

Reply:

The provision under Subhead 661 for the ICAC for 2017-18 is mainly to cater for the scheduled replacement and installation of plant and equipment, including the fire fighting system, power system, communication system, elevator system, air-conditioning system, and other building services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC008

(Question Serial No. 1690)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (4) Enlisting Support

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

The ICAC stated that it would organise various types of preventive education and publicity activities in conjunction with different sectors, including the business sector, government departments, youth bodies and district organisations, etc. Please advise this Committee of the resources that the ICAC will allocate to procure food and beverages for carrying out the relevant activities in 2017-18; whether the beverages and hard liquors procured during the tenure of the former ICAC Commissioner Timothy TONG Hin-ming have been fully consumed; if so, please list the occasions of consumption; if not, please list the remaining quantity.

Asked by: Hon LAM Cheuk-ting (Member Question No. 34)

Reply:

The ICAC organises various preventive education and publicity activities for different sectors to educate the public against the evils of corruption and enlist their support for the anti-corruption work. The Commission will always exercise prudence in the use of resources when organising such activities. Depending on the nature of activities, food or beverages may be provided to the public when necessary (for example, beverages will be supplied in outdoor activities and refreshments be served during meet-the-public sessions), based on the principle of simplicity and frugality.

Since June 2013, the ICAC has banned the consumption of hard liquors on official occasions. The remaining hard liquors procured during the tenure of the former ICAC Commissioner Timothy TONG Hin-ming have all been disposed of while the 40 bottles of table wine in stock will be used in official banquets.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**ICAC009****(Question Serial No. 2385)**Head: (72) Independent Commission Against CorruptionSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (2) OperationsControlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against CorruptionQuestion:

Will the Administration provide the information for the past year in the following table:

Government Department	No. of Corruption Reports	No. of Persons Prosecuted for Corruption	No. of Persons Convicted for Corruption

Asked by: Hon LAU Siu-lai (Member Question No. 3072)Reply:

The number of corruption complaints and pursuable corruption complaints received by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) involving government departments and the number of persons prosecuted and convicted as a result of ICAC's corruption investigations in the past year are listed in Annexes 1 to 3.

**Number of corruption complaints and pursuable corruption complaints
received by the ICAC involving government departments (2016)**

Government Department	No. of Corruption Complaints*
Hong Kong Police Force	241 (148)
Lands Department	75 (35)
Food & Environmental Hygiene Department	70 (42)
Housing Department	67 (46)
Fire Services Department	33 (15)
Leisure & Cultural Services Department	28 (14)
Buildings Department	26 (14)
Correctional Services Department	26 (17)
Hongkong Post	22 (11)
Education Bureau	19 (10)
Water Supplies Department	19 (6)
Customs & Excise Department	18 (8)
Immigration Department	17 (8)
Home Affairs Department	16 (8)
Social Welfare Department	16 (9)
Highways Department	14 (6)
Judiciary	13 (2)
Transport Department	11 (5)
Labour Department	9 (3)
Department of Health	8 (4)

Government Department	No. of Corruption Complaints*
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	8 (6)
Architectural Services Department	7 (2)
Civil Engineering and Development Department	6 (1)
Marine Department	6 (5)
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	5 (2)
Other departments (29)	67 (25)
Total	847 (452)

* Government departments involved in 5 or more corruption complaints in 2016 are listed in the table above. There were 29 other government departments each involved in less than 5 corruption complaints in the past year.

() No. of pursuable corruption complaints

**Number of persons prosecuted as a result of ICAC corruption investigations
involving government departments (2016)***

Government Department	No. of Persons
Hong Kong Police Force	3
Architectural Services Department	1
Correctional Services Department	1
Department of Health	1
Fire Services Department	1
Hongkong Post	1
Leisure & Cultural Services Department	1
Water Supplies Department	1
Sub-total (government servants)	10
Other persons (involved in cases related to government departments)	21
Total	31

* The number of persons prosecuted each year does not necessarily originate from the complaints received in the same year as it takes time to proceed from investigation to prosecution.

**Number of persons convicted as a result of ICAC corruption investigations
involving government departments (2016)***

Government Department	No. of Persons
Hong Kong Police Force	1
Department of Health	1
Leisure & Cultural Services Department	1
Hongkong Post	1
Fire Services Department	1
Food & Environmental Hygiene Department	1
Sub-total (government servants)	6
Other persons (involved in cases related to government departments)	9
Total	15

* The number of persons convicted each year does not necessarily originate from the complaints received or prosecutions instituted in the same year as it takes time to proceed from investigation to prosecution and completion of court proceedings.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC010

(Question Serial No. 0235)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (2) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

The number of completed investigations in 2016 was 1 992, which was higher than the 2015 figure of 1 492. Why was it so? What types of organisation and what trades were involved?

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. 23)

Reply:

The number of completed investigations (excluding election-related cases) in 2016 rose by 500 (33.5%) to 1 992 as compared with 1 492 in 2015. The main reason for the increase was that the number of pursuable corruption reports in 2015 had gone up by 23.1% to 1 840 as compared with 1 495 in 2014, resulting in a corresponding increase in the number of investigations that could be completed in the next 1 to 2 years. Besides, the overall work efficiency of the Operations Department of the Independent Commission Against Corruption was enhanced through flexible deployment of manpower and resources, and as a result, the percentage of investigations completed within 12 months rose by 3.7% from 85.1% in 2015 to 88.8% in 2016. Of the completed investigations in 2016, 477 were related to government departments, 114 involved public bodies and 1 401 concerned the private sector.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC011

(Question Serial No. 2204)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (2) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

The number of (actual) pursuable corruption reports in 2016 was 1 986, which was higher than that of 2015. Has the Administration increased resources and manpower to cope with the increased workload? If so, what are the details? If not, why?

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. 62)

Reply:

The number of corruption complaints received by the Independent Commission Against Corruption fluctuated in the past and the number of pursuable corruption complaints rose slightly by 2% in 2016 as compared to that of 2015.

In 2017-18, 15 posts will be created under Programme (2). They include 2 posts of Commission Against Corruption Officer (Upper), 5 posts of Commission Against Corruption Officer (Middle/Lower) and 8 posts of Assistant Commission Against Corruption Officer. For 13 of the new posts^{Note}, 4 posts will be deployed to cope with the increasingly complex corruption cases involving listed companies; 7 posts will be established at the Report Centre to strengthen its capabilities in handling corruption complaints; and 2 posts will be allocated to the Information Technology Management Unit to enhance the Commission's Information Technology (IT) capabilities in conducting investigations and to upgrade the information security level. As always, the Operations Department will flexibly deploy manpower and resources to meet the investigation needs. If necessary, creation of new posts will be applied for in accordance with the existing mechanism.

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^{Note} Apart from the 13 new posts, 1 post will be created by rationalisation of a temporary contract term post to enhance IT support and 1 post will be deployed to assist State Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption in developing and implementing anti-corruption initiatives so as to fulfil Hong Kong's obligations under the Convention and to extend Hong Kong's cooperation with the world in combating corruption.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**ICAC012****(Question Serial No. 2104)**Head: (72) Independent Commission Against CorruptionSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (1) Corruption Prevention, (2) Operations, (3) Preventive Education, (4) Enlisting SupportControlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption (Simon YL PEH)Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against CorruptionQuestion:

Under Subhead 000 Operational expenses, the estimated provision for 2017-18 is \$23.6 million (2.2%) higher than the revised estimate for 2016-17, involving a net increase of 17 permanent posts. However, there will be a decrease of \$182,000 (2.8%) in the job-related allowances under personal emoluments and \$7.901 million (7.9%) in the general departmental expenses under departmental expenses respectively while the remuneration for special appointments under departmental expenses will increase by \$3.65 million (104.9%). Please inform this Committee of the ranks and emoluments involved in the anticipated net increase of 17 permanent posts in the ICAC for 2017-18; the reasons and details for an increase in the salaries but a decrease in the job-related allowances under personal emoluments; the details for the increase, which is more than doubled, in the remuneration for special appointments under departmental expenses; the reasons and details for the decrease in general departmental expenses; and the departments involved.

Asked by: Hon NG Wing-ka, Jimmy (Member Question No. 31)Reply:

The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) would create 17 posts in 2017-18. They include 2 posts of Commission Against Corruption Officer (Upper), 6 posts of Commission Against Corruption Officer (Middle/Lower) and 9 posts of Assistant Commission Against Corruption Officer; and the notional annual mid-point salary value is \$10.41 million. The reason for an increase in the salaries but a decrease in the job-related allowances under personal emoluments is that ICAC officers joining the Commission on or after 1 April 2000 are not entitled to receive any job-related allowances, and therefore the number of officers eligible for the job-related allowances and related expenses will decrease year on year. Moreover, the increased estimate of the remuneration for special appointments in 2017-18 is mainly to cater for providing an end-of-contract gratuity to the ICAC Commissioner in respect of his five-year contract.

In line with the three-year “0-1-1” envelope savings programme implemented by the Government since 2015-16, the ICAC will further enhance productivity through re-engineering, re-prioritising and re-allocating resources in 2017-18. The general departmental expenses will therefore decrease accordingly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC013

(Question Serial No. 3185)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (1) Corruption Prevention

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

Under Programme (1) Corruption Prevention, an estimated financial provision of \$79.6 million will be used to identify and eliminate opportunities for corruption in government departments and public bodies, and to advise the private sector on corruption prevention. Besides, it is stated in paragraph 4 of the Brief Description under this Programme that 69 assignment reports were completed by the CPD in 2016. In this connection, please advise this Committee whether the ICAC provided any corruption prevention guides for staff of government departments and public bodies apart from advising the private sector on corruption prevention? What were the government departments/public bodies, the areas and particulars of work involved and the findings made by the CPD in its assignment reports?

Asked by: Hon NG Wing-ka, Jimmy (Member Question No. 49)

Reply:

The Corruption Prevention Department (CPD) compiles the common corruption loopholes and the related preventive measures into guidebooks to assist the Government Bureaux/Departments (B/Ds) and public bodies in enhancing their corruption prevention capabilities. In 2016, CPD compiled the Best Practice Checklists for Government Funding Schemes for B/Ds, and the Corruption Prevention Guide on Administration of Public-Private Partnership Programmes for Healthcare Services for the Hospital Authority and Department of Health.

Every year, CPD conducts about 70 assignment studies for over 40 government departments and public bodies. Areas for studies include procurement, law enforcement, outsourcing of services, public works, and regulatory systems such as licensing, etc. CPD prioritises the areas primarily based on the level of corruption risks and the needs of the organisations concerned, with higher priority accorded to areas of public concern and public safety, issues involving substantial amounts of public money, new policy initiatives or regulatory regimes, and those areas arising from corruption complaints.

In general, CPD noted that the organisations under study have put in place sound operational systems and internal control mechanisms but there is room for improvement in some areas. CPD has thus provided tailor-made recommendations, including providing staff training to assist the organisations concerned, to reduce corruption risks.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC014

(Question Serial No. 2440)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (1) Corruption Prevention

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

Under the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2017-18, the CPD will “provide timely advice to the Airport Authority in its development of the Three-Runway System to ensure that the letting and implementation of the projects are transparent and corruption-resistant”. In respect of the above work, please advise this Committee of the following:

- Is the work initiated by the CPD or on the request or advice of other departments or organisations? What are the causes and the reasons?
- In respect of the previous corruption problems concerning the development of the Three-Runway System, what are the CPD’s observations? What was the relevant advice given to the Airport Authority in the past, and when was it given?
- Apart from giving advice and looking into the complaints, how will the CPD “ensure that the letting and implementation of the projects are transparent and corruption-resistant”?
- Is it a common practice to give corruption prevention advice to a single organisation regarding a single item? Please provide other examples. What are the considerations for including this type of work under “Matters Requiring Special Attention” in the estimate for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

The Corruption Prevention Department (CPD) of the ICAC has the statutory duties to assist government departments and public bodies (including the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AA)) in minimising corruption risks in their work procedures. For projects involving substantial public expenditures or of public interest, CPD adopts a concurrent and partnering approach to start providing corruption prevention services for the departments or organisations concerned at the preparatory stage of the projects. This approach was adopted in the construction of the Chek Lap Kok Airport in 1990s and was recognised by

the Transparency International as an effective approach to prevent corruption. In view of the substantial amounts of public money involved and public interest in the development of Three-Runway System (3RS) (including construction safety, and impact on Hong Kong's economic growth), CPD has adopted the same corruption prevention approach for the project.

Over the years, CPD has maintained close contact with AA through the corruption prevention working group, and has offered corruption prevention advice on its various operations and work procedures. As a matter of CPD's standing policy, all observations of reviews and the corruption prevention advice provided for the organisations concerned are covered by the agreement of confidentiality. For the implementation of the 3RS, through assignment studies and consultation activities, CPD has been assisting AA in strengthening the corruption prevention measures in its work procedures, covering the letting and administration of works contracts. In addition, CPD will organise training for AA's staff as well as those of its consultants and contractors to raise their corruption prevention awareness and capabilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC015

(Question Serial No. 1664)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (1) Corruption Prevention

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

During 2017-18, the Corruption Prevention Department will assist the newly established Property Management Services Authority in setting up an integrity management system and a corruption-resistant licensing and enforcement system for property management companies and practitioners. What are the details of the systems and anticipated manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon WONG Ting-kwong (Member Question No. 51)

Reply:

The Corruption Prevention Department (CPD) will assist the Property Management Services Authority (PMSA) in setting up an integrity management system. It includes providing advice on formulating probity guidelines for members and staff of the PMSA, licensed property management companies and property management practitioners, as well as developing control systems. The CPD will also assist the PMSA in formulating corruption prevention measures for its licensing and enforcement procedures, particularly the granting of licences during the three-year transitional period to be started from late 2017 tentatively, to minimise the corruption risks.

No additional manpower and expense will be incurred as the provision of corruption prevention services for the PMSA will be supported by redeploying existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**ICAC016****(Question Serial No. 6260)**Head: (72) Independent Commission Against CorruptionSubhead (No. & title): Not SpecifiedProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against CorruptionQuestion:

Please give details of the meetings with, visits to or exchanges with the relevant Mainland authorities taken place on the Mainland by the department in each of the past 5 years; and list the following details of each trip in order of date: (a) purpose, place; (b) post titles of local officials met; (c) number and post titles of Hong Kong officials in entourage; (d) duration; (e) total expenses involved; (f) whether announcement was made prior to the trip; if not, the reasons for keeping confidence; (g) whether minutes of the meeting were kept on file; if not, the reasons for that; and (h) whether agreements were reached; if so, the details and progress of their implementation; the respective expenses on (i) transport (list out the air tickets and the local transport at the destination); (ii) accommodation; (iii) meals; (iv) receptions or entertainment; (v) the gifts presented.

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

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1500)Reply:

At present, the Commission has details of the Commissioner's duty visits only. Details of each trip including date, destination, duration, reason(s) for duty visit, number of ICAC officers in entourage and expenses, as well as the details on official entertainment and presentation of souvenirs during the official visits are listed as follows:

2012-13

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Purpose of duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenditure (\$)	Details of expenditure (\$)	Details on presentation of souvenirs
20.6.2012 – 22.6.2012	Beijing, China	3	Visited the Supreme People's Procuratorate (SPP), Ministry of Supervision (MoS) and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	5	71,115	Air passage: 38,058 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 33,057	-
27.7.2012 – 29.7.2012	Guangzhou, China	3	Officiated the awards presentation ceremony of the Cross-boundary Anti-corruption Computer Animation/Comics Competition and visited Guangdong Provincial People's Procuratorate (GDPP), Provincial Commission for Discipline Inspection and Department of Supervision	6	38,600	Travelling expenses: 3,220 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 35,380	2 crystal models of the ICAC Building (A total of \$1,000)
12.9.2012 – 15.9.2012	Beijing, China	4	Visited relevant counterpart agencies, including SPP and MoS	7	115,518	Air passage: 48,453 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 67,065	1 book (\$1,494), 2 crystal models of the ICAC Building (A total of \$800), 2 ICAC glass trophies (A total of \$792), 5 ICAC gift pens (A total of \$325)
31.1.2013	Shenzhen, China	1	Visited Shenzhen Municipal People's Procuratorate	6	Nil	Nil	1 ICAC glass trophy (\$396)
				Total: 4 visits and total expenditure \$225,233			

2013-14

Nil.

2014-15

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Purpose of duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenditure (\$)	Details of expenditure (\$)	Details on presentation of souvenirs
21.9.2014 – 26.9.2014	Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen, China	6	Paid official visits to counterpart agencies, including SPP, MoS, GDPP, Guangdong Provincial Department of Supervision, Shenzhen Municipal People's Procuratorate, Shenzhen Municipal Commission for Discipline Inspection and Supervision Bureau	Beijing: 1 Guangzhou: 2 Shenzhen: 5	44,247	Air passage: 11,014 Travelling expenses: 895 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 32,338	-
4.11.2014 – 7.11.2014	Shanghai, China	4	Attended the opening ceremony of the 54 th National Policy Workshop for Hong Kong Disciplined Services organised by China Executive Leadership Academy, Pudong and delivered a keynote speech. Paid official visits to counterpart agencies, including Shanghai Municipal People's Procuratorate, Shanghai Municipal Commission for Discipline Inspection and Supervision Bureau	1	19,387	Air passage: 4,002 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 15,385	-
				Total: 2 visits and total expenditure \$63,634			

2015-16

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Purpose of duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenditure (\$)	Details of expenditure (\$)	Details on presentation of souvenirs
16.4.2015 – 18.4.2015	Hangzhou, China	3	Visited Zhejiang Provincial People's Procuratorate, Commission for Discipline Inspection, Supervision Bureau and Zhejiang Police College to address the closing ceremony of the 1 st ICAC National Studies Course	1	13,911	Air passage: 5,814 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 8,097	1 ICAC plaque (\$290)
1.9.2015 – 3.9.2015	Beijing, China	3	Attended the commemorative activities for the 70 th anniversary of the victory of Chinese people's resistance against Japanese aggression held in Beijing	-	7,886	Air passage: 3,760 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 4,126	-
23.11.2015 – 26.11.2015	Nanning, Guangxi, China	4	Attended the 9 th China-ASEAN Prosecutors General Conference and delivered a keynote speech	1	16,024	Air passage: 4,884 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 11,140	-
				Total: 3 visits and total expenditure \$37,821			

2016-17 (up to 28.2.2017)

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Reason(s) for duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenses (\$)	Details of expenses (\$)	Details of souvenirs presented
8.5.2016 – 11.5.2016	Beijing and Tianjin, China	3	Visited MoS; attended the 9 th Annual Conference and General Meeting of International Association of Anti-corruption Authorities (IAACA) and delivered a keynote speech	1	44,474	Air passage: 14,680 Travelling expenses: 223 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 29,571	-
23.5.2016 – 25.5.2016	Guangzhou and Shenzhen, China	2	Visited procuratorates, Commissions for Discipline Inspection and supervisory	2	19,058	Travelling expenses: 720 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 18,338	-

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Reason(s) for duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenses (\$)	Details of expenses (\$)	Details of souvenirs presented
			departments in Guangzhou and Shenzhen to step up exchanges and enhance cooperation in various aspects, including the mutual case assistance scheme				
29.11.2016 – 4.12.2016	Sanya, Hainan Province and Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China	5	Attended and delivered speeches in international anti-corruption conferences; visited Zhejiang Provincial People's Procuratorate and Zhejiang Police College to address the opening ceremony of the 2nd National Studies Course of ICAC	1	28,586	Air passage: 8,738 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 19,848	-
				Total: 3 visits and total expenditure \$92,118			

In respect of official entertainment during duty visits, since assuming office in July 2012 the incumbent Commissioner Simon YL PEH has just treated 5 guests from the CCAC including its Commissioner to meal during an official visit to Guangzhou made by a 7-member delegation led by him during 27-29 July 2012. The total expenditure involved was \$2,282.2. Details of all the trips listed above had been released to the public.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**ICAC017****(Question Serial No. 6368)**Head: (72) Independent Commission Against CorruptionSubhead (No. & title): Not SpecifiedProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against CorruptionQuestion:

Please give details of the duty visits made by the Director and Deputy Directors of Bureau in each of the past years and list the following details of each trip in order of date: (a) purpose, place; (b) post titles of local officials met; (c) number and post titles of Hong Kong officials in entourage; (d) duration; and (e) total expenses involved, and the respective expenses on (i) transport (list out the air tickets and the local transportation at the destination); (ii) accommodation; (iii) meals; (iv) banquets or entertainment; (v) the gifts presented.

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

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1700)Reply:

At present, the Commission has details of the Commissioner's duty visits taken place on the Mainland only. Details of each trip including date, destination, duration, reason(s) for duty visit, number of ICAC officers in entourage and expenses, as well as the details on official entertainment and presentation of souvenirs during the official visits of the incumbent Commissioner are listed as follows:

2016-17 (up to 28.2.2017)

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Reason(s) for duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenses (\$)	Details of expenses (\$)	Details of souvenirs presented
8.5.2016 – 11.5.2016	Beijing and Tianjin, China	3	Visited the Ministry of Supervision; attended the 9 th Annual Conference and	1	44,474	Air passage: 14,680 Travelling expenses: 223	-

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Reason(s) for duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenses (\$)	Details of expenses (\$)	Details of souvenirs presented
			General Meeting of International Association of Anti-corruption Authorities (IAACA) and delivered a keynote speech			Subsistence Allowance/Others: 29,571	
23.5.2016 – 25.5.2016	Guangzhou and Shenzhen, China	2	Visited procuratorates, Commissions for Discipline Inspection and supervisory departments in Guangzhou and Shenzhen to step up exchanges and enhance cooperation in various aspects, including the mutual case assistance scheme	2	19,058	Travelling expenses: 720 Subsistence Allowance/Others: 18,338	-
29.11.2016 – 4.12.2016	Sanya, Hainan Province and Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China	5	Attended and delivered speeches in international anti-corruption conferences; visited Zhejiang Provincial People's Procuratorate and Zhejiang Police College to address the opening ceremony of the 2nd National Studies Course of ICAC	1	28,586	Air passage: 8,738 Subsistence Allowance/Others: 19,848	-
26.2.2017 – 1.3.2017	Doha, Qatar	3	Attended the Executive Committee meeting of IAACA	1	74,018	Air passage: 53,953 Subsistence Allowance/Others: 20,065	-
				Total: 4 visits and total expenditure \$166,136			

Commissioner Simon YL PEH did not present any souvenirs or incur any entertainment expenses during the duty visits in the past year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**ICAC018****(Question Serial No. 6370)**Head: (72) Independent Commission Against CorruptionSubhead (No. & title): Not SpecifiedProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against CorruptionQuestion:

In regard to the increasing cross-boundary cooperation between Hong Kong and the Mainland in recent years, please provide relevant information on the Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in which your bureau and the departments under its purview have been involved.

(a) Please provide in the following table information on the Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in the past 2 years:

Project/ programme title	Details, objectives and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/ Guangdong Cooperation or the 13th Five-Year Plan	Expenditure involved	Names of Mainland officials, departments or organisations involved	Have any agreements or documents been signed? Have they been made public? If not, why?	Progress (percentage completed, date of commencement, estimated date of completion)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If so, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, why?	Has public consultation been conducted to seek Hong Kong citizens' views on the cross-boundary project?	Details of the legislative amendments or policy changes involved in the programme

(b) Has provision been earmarked for the Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in this year (2016-17)? If so, please provide in the following table information on the Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in 2016-17:

Project/ programme title	Details, objectives and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/ Guangdong Cooperation or the 13th Five-Year Plan	Expenditure involved	Names of Mainland officials, departments or organisations involved	Have any agreements or documents been signed? Have they been made public? If not, why?	Progress (percentage completed, date of commencement, estimated date of completion)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If so, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, why?	Has public consultation been conducted to seek Hong Kong citizens' views on the cross-boundary project?	Details of the legislative amendments or policy changes involved in the programme

(c) Apart from the projects or programmes listed above, is cross boundary co-operation conducted in any other forms? If so, in what forms? What were the manpower and expenditure involved in the past year and how many financial and manpower resources have been earmarked in the Estimates for 2017-18?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1701)

Reply:

(a) Information on the Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in 2015-16 and 2016-17 is as follows:

Project/ programme title	Details, objectives and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/ Guangdong Cooperation or the 13th Five-Year Plan	Expenditure involved	Names of Mainland official, department or organisation involved	Have any agreement s or documents been signed? Have they been made public? If not, why?	Progress (percentage completed, date of commencement , estimated date of completion)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If so, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, why?	Has public consultation been conducted to seek Hong Kong citizens' views on the cross-boundar y project?	Details of the legislative amendment s or policy changes involved in the programme
Exchange programme on corruption prevention for the backbone of investigating officers of the GPDS (Hong Kong)	To introduce the systemic corruption prevention model and corruption prevention work processes, and the investigation system and practice of the Operations Department. This item was not related to	\$6,800 for the lunch provided to 31 Mainland officials.	Officials of the GPDS and the Commission for Discipline Inspection at the municipal level or above and Supervision Bureaux	No	Item completed. The training programme was held in the ICAC Building on 13 August 2015.	No announcement was made because the programme only involved experience sharing and was not a publicity event.	No	Not applicable

Project/ programme title	Details, objectives and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/ Guangdong Cooperation or the 13th Five-Year Plan	Expenditure involved	Names of Mainland official, department or organisation involved	Have any agreement s or documents been signed? Have they been made public? If not, why?	Progress (percentage completed, date of commencement , estimated date of completion)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If so, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, why?	Has public consultation been conducted to seek Hong Kong citizens' views on the cross-boundar y project?	Details of the legislative amendment s or policy changes involved in the programme
	the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/ Guangdong Cooperation or the 13th Five-Year Plan.							
Guangdong Hong Kong Macao Mutual Case Assistance Forum (Guangdong Province, Hong Kong and Macao)	Annual exchange forum on mutual case assistance in cross-boundary corruption. This programme is under the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong / Guangdong Co-operation.	<p>The forum in 2015 was hosted by the Commission Against Corruption of Macao (CCAC). The expenditure incurred was unknown.</p> <p>The total amount of subsistence allowances and traveling expenses of 8 Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) representatives on a one-night official visit to Macao was around \$31,000.</p> <p>The forum in 2016 was hosted by Hong Kong Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC). The expenditure incurred was around \$25,000.</p>	Officials of Supreme People's Procuratorate (SPP), Guangdong People's Procuratorate (GDPP) and Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council (HKMAO)	No	This programme is a standing arrangement which is hosted once a year by GDPP, ICAC and CCAC on a rotational basis.	Exchange of mutual case assistance in cross-boundary corruption were made amongst GDPP, ICAC and CCAC. Since the contents of the forum is confidential, ICAC cannot to disclose the details to the public.	Not applicable	Not applicable

(b) Information on the Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in 2017-18 is as follows:

Project/ programme title	Details, objectives and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/ Guangdong Cooperation or the 13th Five-Year Plan	Expenditure involved	Names of Mainland official, department or organisation involved	Have any agreements or documents been signed? Have they been made public? If not, why?	Progress (percentage completed, date of commencement, estimated date of completion)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If so, through what channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, why?	Has public consultation been conducted to seek Hong Kong citizens' views on the cross-boundary project?	Details of the legislative amendments or policy changes involved in the programme
Guangdong Hong Kong Macao Mutual Case Assistance Forum (Guangdong Province, Hong Kong and Macao)	Details to be confirmed. This programme is under the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/ Guangdong Co-operation.	Guangdong Hong Kong Macao Mutual Case Assistance Forum in 2017 will be hosted by GDPP. The estimated expenditure is unknown.	Officials of SPP, GDPP and HKMAO	No	This programme is a standing arrangement which is hosted once a year by GDPP, ICAC and CCAC on a rotational basis.	Since the contents of the forum are confidential, ICAC cannot disclose the details to the public.	Not applicable	Not applicable

- (c) The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) does not have other forms of cross-boundary cooperation projects or programmes. As the items in the table above are part of the daily work of the Commission, the manpower involved cannot be calculated.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**ICAC019****(Question Serial No. 6371)**Head: (72) Independent Commission Against CorruptionSubhead (No. & title): Not SpecifiedProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against CorruptionQuestion:

Please give details of the duty visits made by the Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption, in each of the past 5 years and list out the followings of each trip in order of date: (a) purpose, place; (b) post titles of local officials met; (c) number and post titles of Hong Kong officials in entourage; (d) duration; and (e) total expenses involved, and the respective expenses on (i) transport (list out the air tickets and the local transportation at the destination); (ii) accommodation; (iii) meals; (iv) banquets or entertainment; (v) the gifts presented.

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

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1702)Reply:

Details of the Commissioners' duty visits in the past 5 years including date, destination, duration, purpose, number of ICAC officers in entourage and expenditure, as well as the details on official entertainment hosted and souvenirs presented during duty visits are listed as follows:

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Purpose of duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenditure (\$)	Details of expenditure (\$)	Details on presentation of souvenirs
20.6.2012 – 22.6.2012	Beijing, China	3	Visited the Supreme People's Procuratorate (SPP), Ministry of Supervision (MoS) and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	5	71,115	Air passage: 38,058 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 33,057	-
27.7.2012 – 29.7.2012	Guangzhou, China	3	Officiated the awards presentation ceremony of the Cross-boundary Anti-corruption Computer Animation/Comics Competition and visited Guangdong Provincial People's Procuratorate (GDPP), Provincial Commission for Discipline Inspection and Department of Supervision	6	38,600	Travelling expenses: 3,220 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 35,380	2 crystal models of the ICAC Building (A total of \$1,000)
12.9.2012 – 15.9.2012	Beijing, China	4	Visited relevant counterpart agencies, including SPP and MoS	7	115,518	Air passage: 48,453 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 67,065	1 book (\$1,494), 2 crystal models of the ICAC Building (A total of \$800), 2 ICAC glass trophies (A total of \$792), 5 ICAC gift pens (A total of \$325)
19.9.2012 – 20.9.2012	Macao, China	2	Attended a Macao Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) seminar which marked the 20 th anniversary of Macao's anti-graft work and visited the CCAC and the Macao Public Prosecutions Office	6	28,539	Travelling expenses: 4,270 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 24,269	2 ICAC glass trophies (A total of \$792), 2 ICAC gift pens (A total of \$140)

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Purpose of duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenditure (\$)	Details of expenditure (\$)	Details on presentation of souvenirs
3.10.2012 – 7.10.2012	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	5	Attended the Executive Committee Meeting and the 6 th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of Anti-corruption Authorities (IAACA), and delivered a keynote speech.	5	99,637	Air passage: 33,345 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 66,292	1 ICAC glass trophy (\$670), 1 ICAC plague (\$290), 3 ICAC gift pens (A total of \$210)
31.1.2013	Shenzhen, China	1	Visited Shenzhen Municipal People's Procuratorate	6	Nil	Nil	1 ICAC glass trophy (\$396)
				Total: 6 visits and total expenditure \$353,409			

2013-14

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Purpose of duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenditure (\$)	Details of expenditure (\$)	Details on presentation of souvenirs
7.4.2013 – 10.4.2013	New Delhi, India	4	Attended the Executive Committee Meeting of IAACA	4	73,224	Air passage: 37,443 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 35,781	2 ICAC ties (A total of \$100), 2 ICAC key chains (A total of \$70)
17.11.2013 – 25.11.2013	United States (New York, Washington) and Panama	9	Visited New York and Washington of the United States to pay official visits to relevant law enforcement agencies, government departments and international rating institutions, and attended the 7 th Annual Conference and General Meeting of IAACA held in Panama and delivered a keynote speech.	2	298,547	Air passage: 223,129 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 75,418	2 ICAC plagues (A total of \$396)
				Total: 2 visits and total expenditure \$371,771			

2014-15

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Purpose of duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenditure (\$)	Details of expenditure (\$)	Details on presentation of souvenirs
26.3.2014 – 4.4.2014	Germany, Spain and Switzerland	10	Paid an official visit to the Chair of Transparency International (TI), visited anti-corruption and law enforcement agencies in Germany, attended the Executive Committee Meeting of IAACA, paid an official visit to senior officials of the World Economic Forum and officials of the International Institute for Management Development, Lausanne, Switzerland who are responsible for compiling their own Corruption Perception Indices and attended a seminar at the invitation of the Institute to explain the probity situation and anti-corruption strategies of Hong Kong	3	275,382	Air passage: 186,778 Travelling expenses: 1,144 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 87,460	2 ICAC plaques (A total of \$396)
21.9.2014 – 26.9.2014	Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen, China	6	Paid official visits to counterpart agencies, including SPP, MoS, GDPP, Guangdong Provincial Department of Supervision, Shenzhen Municipal People's Procuratorate, Shenzhen Municipal Commission for Discipline Inspection and Supervision Bureau	Beijing: 1 Guangzhou: 2 Shenzhen: 5	44,247	Air passage: 11,014 Travelling expenses: 895 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 32,338	-

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Purpose of duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenditure (\$)	Details of expenditure (\$)	Details on presentation of souvenirs
4.11.2014 – 7.11.2014	Shanghai, China	4	Attended the opening ceremony of the 54 th National Policy Workshop for Hong Kong Disciplined Services organised by China Executive Leadership Academy, Pudong and delivered a keynote speech. Paid official visits to counterpart agencies, including Shanghai Municipal People's Procuratorate, Shanghai Municipal Commission for Discipline Inspection and Supervision Bureau	1	19,387	Air passage: 4,002 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 15,385	-
				Total: 3 visits and total expenditure \$339,016			

2015-16

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Purpose of duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenditure (\$)	Details of expenditure (\$)	Details on presentation of souvenirs
16.4.2015 – 18.4.2015	Hangzhou, China	3	Visited Zhejiang Provincial People's Procuratorate, Commission for Discipline Inspection, Supervision Bureau and Zhejiang Police College to address the closing ceremony of the 1 st ICAC National Studies Course	1	13,911	Air passage: 5,814 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 8,097	1 ICAC plaque (\$290)
20.5.2015 – 27.5.2015	Washington, United States and Berlin, Germany	9	Paid official visits to 3 international rating institutions in the United States, including RAND Corporation, TRACE International and Heritage Foundation Paid an official visit to TI in Germany	2	226,410	Air passage: 159,307 Travelling expenses: 672 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 66,431	-

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Purpose of duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenditure (\$)	Details of expenditure (\$)	Details on presentation of souvenirs
1.9.2015 – 3.9.2015	Beijing, China	3	Attended the commemorative activities for the 70 th anniversary of the victory of Chinese people's resistance against Japanese aggression held in Beijing	-	7,886	Air passage: 3,760 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 4,126	-
4.9.2015 – 5.9.2015	Putrajaya, Malaysia	2	Attended the 16 th International Anti-Corruption Conference organised by TI and delivered a keynote speech Paid an official visit to the Vice-Chair of TI, and met with Sri Lanka's Secretary-General for Anti-Corruption and Law Enforcement Agencies upon invitation	1	28,066	Air passage: 17,751 Travelling expenses: 200 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 10,115	-
29.10.2015 – 1.11.2015	St. Petersburg, Russia	4	Attended the 8 th Annual Conference and General Meeting of IAACA and delivered a keynote speech	1	28,770	Air passage: 15,340 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 13,430	-
23.11.2015 – 26.11.2015	Nanning, Guangxi, China	4	Attended the 9 th China-ASEAN Prosecutors General Conference and delivered a keynote speech	1	16,024	Air passage: 4,884 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 11,140	-
13.3.2016 – 18.3.2016	Singapore and Indonesia	6	Visited anti-corruption and law enforcement agencies in Singapore and Indonesia to foster ties and cooperation in the fight against corruption.	4	93,689	Air passage: 42,333 Travelling expenses: 180 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 51,176	-
				Total: 7 visits and total expenditure \$414,756			

2016-17 (up to 28.2.2017)

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Purpose of duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenditure (\$)	Details of expenditure (\$)	Details on presentation of souvenirs
8.5.2016 – 11.5.2016	Beijing and Tianjin, China	3	Visited MoS; attended the 9 th Annual Conference and General Meeting of IAACA and delivered a keynote speech	1	44,474	Air passage: 14,680 Travelling expenses: 223 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 29,571	-
23.5.2016 – 25.5.2016	Guangzhou and Shenzhen, China	2	Visited procuratorates, Commissions for Discipline Inspection and supervisory departments in Guangzhou and Shenzhen to step up exchanges and enhance cooperation in various aspects, including the mutual case assistance scheme	2	19,058	Travelling expenses: 720 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 18,338	-
29.11.2016 – 4.12.2016	Sanya, Hainan Province and Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China	5	Attended and delivered speeches in international anti-corruption conferences; visited Zhejiang Provincial People's Procuratorate and Zhejiang Police College to address the opening ceremony of the 2nd National Studies Course of ICAC	1	28,586	Air passage: 8,738 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 19,848	-
26.2.2017 – 1.3.2017	Doha, Qatar	3	Attended the Executive Committee Meeting of IAACA	1	74,018	Air passage: 53,953 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 20,065	-
				Total: 4 visits and total expenditure \$166,136			

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**ICAC020****(Question Serial No. 6372)**Head: (72) Independent Commission Against CorruptionSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against CorruptionQuestion:

1. Please provide in the following table details of the expenditure on entertainment and gifts of your bureau and the departments under its purview in the past 2 years.

Bureau/ branch/ department and year	Estimated expenditure on entertainment and gifts in the year	Final actual expenditure respectively on entertainment and gifts in the year	Expenditure limit for entertainment (including beverages) per head in the year	Expenditure limit for gifts per guest in the year	Number of receptions held and total number of guests entertained in the year

2. Please provide in the following table details of the expenditure on entertainment and gifts of your bureau and the departments under its purview this year.

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

3. Please provide in the following table the estimated expenditure on entertainment and gifts for next year.

Bureau/branch/ department	Estimated expenditure on entertainment and gifts	Expenditure limit for entertainment per guest	Expenditure limit for gifts per guest

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1703)

Reply:

The expenditure on official entertainment and procurement of souvenirs of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) in the past 2 years was as follows:

Financial year	Expenditure on official entertainment (\$)	Expenditure on souvenirs (\$)
2015-16	453,224 ^{Note 2}	2,520
2016-17 ^{Note 1}	188,698	0

- In 2015-16, the expenditure allocated under procurement of souvenirs was for the making of copper plates on the souvenirs and inscription. As the souvenirs were old stock items, they did not incur expenditure in 2015-16.
- The ICAC follows the Government's relevant regulations as well as administrative guidelines and principles in the arrangement of official entertainment. In general, the ICAC will refer to last year's expenditure and any large-scale activities involving official entertainment held during the year when making an expenditure estimate for the coming year. The ICAC, in compliance with the Government's existing regulations, aims to spend no more than \$450 per person for lunch or \$600 per person for dinner, and usually does not accept or exchange souvenirs or gifts in official dealings based on the principle of frugality. If there is a need to go through the protocol for exchanging souvenirs, existing stock must be used.
- As the detailed allocation of funding within the Commission is still under preparation, the estimates for official entertainment and souvenirs for 2017-18 are not yet available.

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^{Note 1} As at 28 February 2017

^{Note 2} Including \$279,003 as the official entertainment expenditure in relation to the 6th ICAC Symposium and the 3rd Annual Meeting of Economic Crime Agencies Network; excluding the entertainment expenditure for these two events, the ICAC's general entertainment expenditure for 2015-16 was \$174,221.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC021

(Question Serial No. 6373)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (1) Corruption Prevention, (2) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

Please list the number of corruption cases involving different government departments in the past year, and the number of persons involved, arrested, prosecuted and convicted in those cases.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1704)

Reply:

The number of corruption complaints and pursuable corruption complaints received by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) involving government departments and the number of persons prosecuted and convicted as a result of ICAC's corruption investigations in the past year are listed in Annexes 1 to 3. The ICAC does not maintain statistics on the number of persons involved or arrested in each investigation, and therefore cannot provide such information.

**Number of corruption complaints and pursuable corruption complaints
received by the ICAC involving government departments (2016)**

Government Department	No. of Corruption Complaints*
Hong Kong Police Force	241 (148)
Lands Department	75 (35)
Food & Environmental Hygiene Department	70 (42)
Housing Department	67 (46)
Fire Services Department	33 (15)
Leisure & Cultural Services Department	28 (14)
Buildings Department	26 (14)
Correctional Services Department	26 (17)
Hongkong Post	22 (11)
Education Bureau	19 (10)
Water Supplies Department	19 (6)
Customs & Excise Department	18 (8)
Immigration Department	17 (8)
Home Affairs Department	16 (8)
Social Welfare Department	16 (9)
Highways Department	14 (6)
Judiciary	13 (2)
Transport Department	11 (5)
Labour Department	9 (3)
Department of Health	8 (4)

Government Department	No. of Corruption Complaints*
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	8 (6)
Architectural Services Department	7 (2)
Civil Engineering and Development Department	6 (1)
Marine Department	6 (5)
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	5 (2)
Other departments (29)	67 (25)
Total	847 (452)

* Government departments involved in 5 or more corruption complaints in 2016 are listed in the table above. There were 29 other government departments each involved in less than 5 corruption complaints in the past year.

() No. of pursuable corruption complaints

**Number of persons prosecuted as a result of ICAC corruption investigations
involving government departments (2016)***

Government Department	No. of Persons
Hong Kong Police Force	3
Architectural Services Department	1
Correctional Services Department	1
Department of Health	1
Fire Services Department	1
Hongkong Post	1
Leisure & Cultural Services Department	1
Water Supplies Department	1
Sub-total (government servants)	10
Other persons (involved in cases related to government departments)	21
Total	31

* The number of persons prosecuted each year does not necessarily originate from the complaints received in the same year as it takes time to proceed from investigation to prosecution.

**Number of persons convicted as a result of ICAC corruption investigations
involving government departments (2016)***

Government Department	No. of Persons
Hong Kong Police Force	1
Department of Health	1
Leisure & Cultural Services Department	1
Hongkong Post	1
Fire Services Department	1
Food & Environmental Hygiene Department	1
Sub-total (government servants)	6
Other persons (involved in cases related to government departments)	9
Total	15

* The number of persons convicted each year does not necessarily originate from the complaints received or prosecutions instituted in the same year as it takes time to proceed from investigation to prosecution and completion of court proceedings.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC022

(Question Serial No. 4557)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): (001) Salaries

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

Please give a breakdown of the actual expenditure on salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances payable to the ICAC Commissioner in 2016-17, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances payable to the ICAC Commissioner in 2017-18.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the expenditure on salaries and allowances payable to the ICAC Commissioner is \$3.43 million (excluding Mandatory Provident Fund contributions). In 2017-18, the estimated expenditure on salaries and allowances is \$7.13 million (excluding Mandatory Provident Fund contributions), of which about \$3.65 million is an end-of-contract gratuity in respect of his five-year contract.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**ICAC023****(Question Serial No. 4056)**Head: (72) Independent Commission Against CorruptionSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (2) OperationsControlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against CorruptionQuestion:

Please provide details of your department's meetings, visits or exchanges taken place on the Mainland with the organisations concerned in the past year; and list the following details of each trip in order of date:

- (a) destination;
- (b) duration;
- (c) reason(s);
- (d) number and post titles of officers in entourage;
- (e) total expenses;
- (f) details of expenses;
- (g) entertainment expenses; and
- (h) details of souvenirs presented.

Date	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)

Asked by: Hon LAU Siu-lai (Member Question No. 3066)Reply:

At present, the Commission has details of the Commissioner's duty visits taken place on the Mainland only. Details of each trip including date, destination, duration, reason(s) for duty visit, number of ICAC officers in entourage and expenses, as well as the details on official entertainment and presentation of souvenirs during the official visits of the incumbent Commissioner are listed as follows:

2016-17 (up to 28.2.2017)

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Reason(s) for duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenses (\$)	Details of expenses (\$)	Details of souvenirs presented
8.5.2016 – 11.5.2016	Beijing and Tianjin, China	3	Visited the Ministry of Supervision; attended the 9 th Annual Conference and General Meeting of International Association of Anti-corruption Authorities (IAACA) and delivered a keynote speech	1	44,474	Air passage: 14,680 Travelling expenses : 223 Subsistence Allowance/Other s: 29,571	-
23.5.2016 – 25.5.2016	Guangzhou and Shenzhen, China	2	Visited procuratorates, Commissions for Discipline Inspection and supervisory departments in Guangzhou and Shenzhen to step up exchanges and enhance cooperation in various aspects, including the mutual case assistance scheme	2	19,058	Travelling expenses : 720 Subsistence Allowance/Other s: 18,338	-
29.11.2016 – 4.12.2016	Sanya, Hainan Province and Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China	5	Attended and delivered speeches in international anti-corruption conferences; visited Zhejiang Provincial People's Procuratorate and Zhejiang Police College to address the opening ceremony of the 2nd National Studies Course of ICAC	1	28,586	Air passage: 8,738 Subsistence Allowance/Other s: 19,848	-
				Total: 3 visits and total expenditure \$92,118			

Commissioner Simon YL PEH did not present any souvenirs or incur any entertainment expenses during the duty visits taken place on the Mainland in the past year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**ICAC024****(Question Serial No. 4058)**Head: (72) Independent Commission Against CorruptionSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (2) OperationsControlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against CorruptionQuestion:

Please provide details of your department's duty visits in the past year and list the following details of each trip in order of date:

- (a) destination;
- (b) duration;
- (c) reason(s);
- (d) number and post titles of officers in entourage;
- (e) total expenses;
- (f) details of expenses;
- (g) entertainment expenses; and
- (h) details of souvenirs presented.

Date	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)

Asked by: Hon LAU Siu-lai (Member Question No. 3068)Reply:

At present, the Commission has details of the Commissioner's duty visits only. Details of each trip including date, destination, duration, reason(s) for duty visit, number of ICAC officers in entourage and expenses, as well as the details on official entertainment and presentation of souvenirs during the official visits of the incumbent Commissioner are listed as follows:

2016-17 (up to 28.2.2017)

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Reason(s) for duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenses (\$)	Details of expenses (\$)	Details of souvenirs presented
8.5.2016 – 11.5.2016	Beijing and Tianjin, China	3	Visited the Ministry of Supervision; attended the 9 th Annual Conference and General Meeting of International Association of Anti-corruption Authorities (IAACA) and delivered a keynote speech	1	44,474	Air passage: 14,680 Travelling expenses: 223 Subsistence Allowance/Others: 29,571	-
23.5.2016 – 25.5.2016	Guangzhou and Shenzhen, China	2	Visited procuratorates, Commissions for Discipline Inspection and supervisory departments in Guangzhou and Shenzhen to step up exchanges and enhance cooperation in various aspects, including the mutual case assistance scheme	2	19,058	Travelling expenses : 720 Subsistence Allowance/Others: 18,338	-
29.11.2016 – 4.12.2016	Sanya, Hainan Province and Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China	5	Attended and delivered speeches in international anti-corruption conferences; visited Zhejiang Provincial People's Procuratorate and Zhejiang Police College to address the opening ceremony of the 2nd National Studies Course of ICAC	1	28,586	Air passage: 8,738 Subsistence Allowance/Others: 19,848	-

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Reason(s) for duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenses (\$)	Details of expenses (\$)	Details of souvenirs presented
26.2.2017 – 1.3.2017	Doha, Qatar	3	Attended the Executive Committee meeting of IAACA	1	74,018	Air passage: 53,953 Subsistence Allowance/Others: 20,065	-
				Total: 4 visits and total expenditure \$166,136			

Commissioner Simon YL PEH did not present any souvenirs or incur any entertainment expenses during the duty visits in the past year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC025

(Question Serial No. 4061)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

Please inform this Committee of:

- (1) the estimated expenditure on official entertainment and the actual expenditure ultimately incurred by the Government in the past year;
- (2) further to the above, the events in which entertainment was provided by the Government and details of the expenses involved in the past year.

Asked by: Hon LAU Siu-lai (Member Question No. 3071)

Reply:

The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) follows the Government's relevant regulations as well as administrative guidelines and principles in the arrangement of official entertainment. In general, the ICAC will refer to last year's expenditure and any large-scale activities involving official entertainment held during the year when making an expenditure estimate for the coming year. The expenditure on official entertainment in the past year (as at 28 February 2017) was \$188,698.

In compliance with the Government's existing regulations, the ICAC aims to spend no more than \$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.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC026

(Question Serial No. 3415)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

Regarding outsourcing of service in your department, please inform this Committee of the following in respect of the past 3 years:

1. the total number of outsourced service staff employed by your department and the percentage of outsourced service staff against the total number of staff with the same types of duties in your department;
2. the total expenditure on staff of your department; the total amount paid to outsourced service providers; and the percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers against the total expenditure on staff of your department; and
3. the nature of your department's outsourced services and the duration of the relevant contracts.

In addition, according to the Government's guidelines for tendering of outsourced services revised last year, if the procured service relies heavily on the deployment of non-skilled workers, and a marking scheme for assessing the tenders is adopted, the procuring department, when assessing the tenders, should include in the assessment criteria the evaluation of tenderers' proposed wage rates and working hours for non-skilled workers. In this regard, please inform this Committee of the following:

4. the current number of outsourced service contracts involving a large number of non-skilled workers awarded by your department since implementation of the guidelines;
5. the departments which have adjusted their assessment criteria in respect of wage rates and working hours for the outsourced service contracts involving a large number of non-skilled workers in the light of the new guidelines since their implementation; how your department has made adjustment; and if no relevant information is available, the reasons for it;
6. whether there have been any rises in the average wage rates for workers in the contracts of outsourced services that rely heavily on deployment of non-skilled workers since the implementation of the guidelines; if yes, the number of contracts with rises in wage rates; if no relevant information is available, the reasons for it;
7. your department's measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the new tendering guidelines;

8. whether your department is required to adopt the existing mechanism of two-envelope assessment of the technical and price aspects when evaluating tenders for contracts of outsourced service; if no, the number of contracts awarded without adopting the existing mechanism of two-envelope assessment of the technical and price aspects in the past 3 years;
9. the annual numbers of cases of government service contractors breaching the service contracts, the Employment Ordinance or the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance as revealed by the inspections conducted by your department, and the annual numbers of complaints lodged by the outsourced service staff;
10. the details of follow-up actions on the aforementioned non-compliance and complaint cases; and
11. the number and details of cases involving contractors being punished for non-compliance or sustained complaints.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 107)

Reply:

1. For the past 3 years, the total number of outsourced service staff is approximately 48; on its establishment, the ICAC does not have any officers with the same types of duties as those of the outsourced service staff.
2. For the past 3 years, the overall staff salaries of the ICAC are as follows:

Year	Salaries
2016-17 (as at 28.2.2017)	\$782,833,064
2015-16	\$815,054,134
2014-15	\$767,958,083

For the past 3 years, the total amount paid to outsourced service providers is \$18,077,196 which accounts for approximately 0.76% of the overall staff salaries of the ICAC.

3. The nature of outsourced services was cleansing, gardening, security and property management; and the duration of the relevant contracts ranged from 12 to 36 months.
4. Since implementation of the guidelines, the ICAC has only awarded 1 relevant contract of which the tendering procedure commenced before implementation of the guidelines.
5. Since implementation of the guidelines, the ICAC has only awarded 1 relevant contract. As the tendering procedure of the said contract had commenced before implementation of the guidelines, the assessment criteria in respect of wage rates and working hours in the new guidelines were not included in the tender concerned.
6. Since implementation of the guidelines, the ICAC has only awarded 1 relevant contract under which the average wage rates for non-skilled workers were higher than those in the previous contract of a similar nature.
7. As described in paragraph 5 above, the ICAC has not had the opportunity to apply the new tendering guidelines, therefore no measures have been developed to evaluate the effectiveness of the guidelines.
8. The ICAC was not required to adopt the mechanism of two-envelope assessment of the technical and price aspects when evaluating tenders for contracts of outsourced service which relied heavily on non-skilled workers. In the past 3 years, the ICAC only awarded 1 such contract through the tendering procedure without adopting the mechanism of two-envelope assessment.
9. No non-compliance cases and complaints were revealed.
10. Not applicable.

11. Not applicable.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC027

(Question Serial No. 3433)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

Does your department provide sign language interpretation service? If so, what are the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 164)

Reply:

The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) does not have any post on the permanent establishment that provides sign language interpretation service. If sign language interpretation service is required for operational reasons, the ICAC will procure the relevant service in accordance with the government regulations and procedures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC028

(Question Serial No. 3309)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (1) Corruption Prevention

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

In “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2017-18”, the ICAC states that it will “assist the newly established Property Management Services Authority in setting up an integrity management system and a corruption-resistant licensing and enforcement system for property management companies and practitioners.” In this connection, please provide the details of the two systems mentioned as well as the manpower and resources allocated for both systems. How will the ICAC reinforce its investigation and prosecution of bid-rigging in building maintenance works?

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

The Corruption Prevention Department (CPD) of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) will assist the Property Management Services Authority (PMSA) in setting up an integrity management system. It includes providing advice on formulating probity guidelines for members and staff of the PMSA, licensed property management companies and property management practitioners, as well as developing control systems. The CPD will also assist the PMSA in formulating corruption prevention measures for its licensing and enforcement procedures, particularly the granting of licences during the three-year transitional period to be started from late 2017 tentatively, to minimise the corruption risks. No additional manpower and expense will be incurred as the provision of corruption prevention services for the PMSA will be supported by redeploying existing resources.

On law enforcement, the Operations Department has an established investigation group comprising 43 officers dedicated to the investigation of corruption cases related to building management and maintenance, including those involving suspected bid-rigging activities in building maintenance works. The Operations Department regularly reviews the trend of such complaints as well as the gravity and complexity of cases, so that its resources and manpower can be flexibly deployed. In April 2015, the Operations Department further set up a task force comprising 9 officers, by re-deploying its own resources, to investigate a number of bid-rigging corruption complaints.

In view of the surreptitious and conspiratorial nature of bid-rigging activities in building maintenance works, the Operations Department has mapped out a two-pronged strategy in order to maximise the effectiveness of its enforcement actions. Apart from the traditional approach of investigation and gathering evidence with a view to prosecution, timely enforcement actions will be taken in appropriate cases to frustrate possible bid-rigging activities at an early stage, so that the risks involved will come to the attention of the flat owners concerned. Close liaison is being maintained with other stakeholders including the Competition Commission which has a specific mandate in fighting bid-rigging activities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC029

(Question Serial No. 3313)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

Independent Commission Against Corruption stated that the number of non-directorate posts will be increased by 17 to 1 481 posts as at 31 March 2018. Please inform this Council of the nature of work, ranks and salaries of these new posts.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

In 2017-18, the Commission will create 17 posts. They include 2 posts of Commission Against Corruption Officer (Upper), 6 posts of Commission Against Corruption Officer (Middle/Lower) and 9 posts of Assistant Commission Against Corruption Officer; and the total notional annual mid-point salary value is \$10.41 million. Among them, 4 new posts will be deployed to cope with the increasingly complex corruption cases involving listed companies; 7 posts will be established at the Report Centre to strengthen its capabilities in handling corruption complaints; 2 posts will be allocated to the Information Technology Management Unit to enhance the Commission's Information Technology (IT) capabilities in conducting investigations and to upgrade the information security level; 1 post will be created by rationalisation of a temporary contract term post to enhance IT support; and 3 posts will be deployed to assist State Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption in developing and implementing anti-corruption initiatives so as to fulfil Hong Kong's obligations under the Convention and to extend Hong Kong's cooperation with the world in combating corruption.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**ICAC030****(Question Serial No. 3513)**Head: (72) Independent Commission Against CorruptionSubhead (No. & title): Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) OperationsControlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against CorruptionQuestion:

What were the number of corruption cases related to building management and the number of persons prosecuted in this connection in the past 3 years?

In 2017-18, the Operations Department will continue to flexibly deploy investigative resources in a strategic and co-ordinated manner in order to address the increasingly complex corruption cases on, amongst others, building management. How effective was such work in the past? Will there be strengthened measures and manpower to handle such cases in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon WONG Ting-kwong (Member Question No. 54)Reply:

The number of corruption complaints received by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) involving building management and maintenance and the number of prosecutions in this connection in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Corruption Complaints	Pursuable Complaints	Persons Prosecuted*
2014	546	423	20
2015	716	568	32
2016	742	614	25

* The number of persons prosecuted each year does not necessarily originate from the complaints received in the same year as it takes time to proceed from investigation to prosecution.

In recent years, the number of corruption complaints related to building management and maintenance has been on the rise. The Operations Department of the ICAC has an established investigation group currently comprising 43 officers dedicated to the investigation of such corruption cases. In view of public concern about corruption in building maintenance works, the Operations Department has further set up a task force comprising 9 officers since April 2015 through redeployment of its resources and manpower to focus on corruption complaints which may involve bid-rigging. Moreover, given the

surreptitious and conspiratorial nature of bid-rigging activities in building maintenance works, the Operations Department has mapped out a two-pronged strategy in order to maximise the effectiveness of its enforcement actions. Apart from the traditional approach of investigation and gathering evidence with a view to prosecution, the Operations Department will take timely enforcement action in appropriate cases to frustrate corruption and bid-rigging activities at an early stage. This will alert the flat owners concerned, bringing their attention to the risk of corruption involved in the granting of works contracts, so that they can consider replacing the maintenance contractor or consultant, or even reorganising the owners' corporation if necessary. The Operations Department will also maintain close liaison with other stakeholders, including the Competition Commission which has a specific mandate in fighting bid-rigging activities. The ICAC is determined to combat corruption in building management and maintenance with a holistic approach.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC031

(Question Serial No. 3514)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (2) Operations

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption
(Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

Under Programme (2), the provision for 2017-18 is \$16 million higher than the revised estimate for 2016-17 due to, among other reasons, the creation of 15 posts. What are the reasons for creating the relevant posts, the job duties concerned and the expenses involved?

Asked by: Hon WONG Ting-kwong (Member Question No. 56)

Reply:

In 2017-18, 15 posts will be created under Programme (2). They include 2 posts of Commission Against Corruption Officer (Upper), 5 posts of Commission Against Corruption Officer (Middle/Lower) and 8 posts of Assistant Commission Against Corruption Officer; and the total notional annual mid-point salary value is \$9.22 million. Among them, 4 new posts will be deployed to cope with the increasingly complex corruption cases involving listed companies; 7 posts will be established at the Report Centre to strengthen its capabilities in handling corruption complaints; 2 posts will be allocated to the Information Technology Management Unit to enhance the Commission's Information Technology (IT) capabilities in conducting investigations and to upgrade the information security level; 1 post will be created by rationalisation of a temporary contract term post to enhance IT support; and 1 post will be deployed to assist State Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption in developing and implementing anti-corruption initiatives so as to fulfil Hong Kong's obligations under the Convention and to extend Hong Kong's cooperation with the world in combating corruption.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC032

(Question Serial No. 6636)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (1) Corruption Prevention, (2) Operations, (3) Preventive Education, (4) Enlisting Support

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption (Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

Regarding the records management work of the Commission and its departments in the past year:

- (1) Please provide information on the number and ranks of officers designated to perform such work. If there is no officer designated for such work, please provide information on the number of officers and the hours of work involved in records management duties, and the other duties they have to undertake in addition to records management;
- (2) Please provide information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to the Government Records Service (GRS) for appraisal, including the records type, years covered by the records, the quantity and linear metres of records, the retention period approved by GRS, whether they are confidential documents, reasons for not having been transferred;
- (3) Please list in table form information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention, including the records type, years covered by the records, the quantity and linear metres of records, years that the records were transferred to GRS, the retention period approved by GRS, whether they are confidential documents;
- (4) Please list in table form information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS, including the records type, the name of records, years covered by the records, the quantity and linear metres of records, years that the records were transferred to GRS, the retention period approved by GRS, whether they are confidential documents, reasons for not having been transferred, reasons for being approved for destruction.

Asked by: Hon YIU Chung-yim (Member Question No. 323)

Reply:

- (1) Records management in the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) is overseen by Assistant Director/Administration. The Commission has designated two officers at the Senior Commission Against Corruption Officer rank as “Departmental Records Managers”, and officers at the Commission Against Corruption Officer (Upper) rank or Senior Executive Officer rank as “Assistant Departmental Records Managers” of the three departments and the Administration Branch. Besides, records management matters in section level are overseen by officers not below the rank of Commission Against Corruption Officer (Lower) or Executive Officer II (or equivalent), while practical support for records management activities is provided by clerical staff of General Registries/Confidential Registries.
- (2) In the past year (1.1.2016 to 31.12.2016), 6 153 administrative and programme records have been closed pending transfer to GRS for appraisal:

Type of records	Years covered by the records	Number and liner metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Confidential document or not?	Reasons for not yet being transferred
Administrative records	1976 - 2016	599 (23.32 linear metres)	1 to 7 years	Confidential documents included	The records are not yet due for disposal according to the relevant records retention requirement.
Programme records	1974 - 2016	5 554 (223.99 linear metres)	5 to 25 years	Confidential documents included	Same as above

- (3) In the past year (1.1.2016 to 31.12.2016), 4 administrative and programme records have been transferred to GRS for retention:

Type of records	Years covered by the records	Number and liner metres of records	Year of transfer to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Confidential document or not?
Administrative records	1974 - 2012	4 (0.12 linear metre)	2016	2 to 5 years	Yes
Programme records	-	0	-	-	-

(4) In the past year, (1.1.2016 to 31.12.2016), 4 819 records have been approved for destruction by GRS:

Type of records	Name of records	Years covered by the records	Number and liner metres of records	Year of transfer to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Confidential document or not?	Reasons for not having been transferred	Reasons for being approved for destruction
Administrative records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration Government properties and facilities Procurement and supplies Finance and accounting Human resources Information management, information service and information technology 	1974 - 2012	711 (33.81 linear metres)	Not applicable	2 to 5 years	Confidential documents included	Not applicable	These records were no longer possessing any administrative, operational, fiscal and legal values and were appraised by the GRS as having no archival value. After they became time-expired according to the retention periods as set out in the corresponding records retention and disposal schedules, they were destroyed after the prior agreement of the GRS Director was obtained.
Programme records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation records Records on operational support 	1988 - 2014	4 108 (53.93 linear metres)	Not applicable	2 to 10 years	All confidential documents	Not applicable	These records no longer have any business value and were appraised by the GRS as having no archival value. After they became time-expired according to the retention periods as set out in the corresponding records retention and disposal schedules, they were destroyed after the prior agreement of the GRS Director was obtained.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC033

(Question Serial No. 6662)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (1) Corruption Prevention, (2) Operations, (3) Preventive Education, (4) Enlisting Support

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption (Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

Regarding the expenditure on entertainment and gifts of the Commission and the departments under its purview in the past 2 years, please provide details of the following: the office of the Secretary of Department or Director of Bureau/bureau/branch/department and the year concerned; the estimated expenditure on entertainment and gifts; the actual expenditure on entertainment and gifts; the expenditure limit for entertainment (including beverages) per head; the expenditure limit for gift per guest; and the number of receptions held and total number of guests entertained.

Regarding the expenditure on entertainment and gifts of the Commission and the departments under its purview incurred on each occasion in the past year, please provide details of the following: the office the Secretary of Department or Director of Bureau/bureau/branch/department concerned; the date of reception; the departments/organisations and titles of the guests entertained (grouped by department or organisation and indicating the number of guests); the food expenses incurred; the beverage expenses incurred; the gift expenses incurred and the venue of the reception (department office/restaurant in government facilities/private restaurant/others (please specify)).

Please provide the estimated expenditure on entertainment and gifts for the coming year, with details of the following: the office of the Secretary of Department or Director of Bureau/bureau/branch/department concerned; the estimated expenditure on entertainment and gifts; the expenditure limit for entertainment per guest; and the expenditure limit for entertainment (sic) per guest.

Asked by: Hon YIU Chung-yim (Member Question No. 328)

Reply:

The expenditure on official entertainment and procurement of souvenirs of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) in the past 2 years was as follows:

Financial year	Expenditure on official entertainment (\$)	Expenditure on souvenirs (\$)
2015-16	453,224 ^{Note 2}	2,520
2016-17 ^{Note 1}	188,698	0

- In 2015-16, the expenditure allocated under procurement of souvenirs was for the making of copper plates on the souvenirs and inscription. As the souvenirs were old stock items, they did not incur expenditure in 2015-16.
- The ICAC follows the Government's relevant regulations as well as administrative guidelines and principles in the arrangement of official entertainment. In general, the ICAC will refer to last year's expenditure and any large-scale activities involving official entertainment held during the year when making an expenditure estimate for the coming year. The ICAC, in compliance with the Government's existing regulations, aims to spend no more than \$450 per person for lunch or \$600 per person for dinner, and usually does not accept or exchange souvenirs or gifts in official dealings based on the principle of frugality. If there is a need to go through the protocol for exchanging souvenirs, existing stock must be used.
- As the detailed allocation of funding within the Commission is still under preparation, the estimates for official entertainment and souvenirs for 2017-18 are not yet available.

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Note 1 As at 28 February 2017

Note 2 Including \$279,003 as the official entertainment expenditure in relation to the 6th ICAC Symposium and the 3rd Annual Meeting of Economic Crime Agencies Network; excluding the entertainment expenditure for these two events, the ICAC's general entertainment expenditure for 2015-16 was \$174,221.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

ICAC034

(Question Serial No. 6663)

Head: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (1) Corruption Prevention, (2) Operations, (3) Preventive Education, (4) Enlisting Support

Controlling Officer: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption (Simon YL PEH)

Director of Bureau: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

Please give details of the duty visits made by the Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption, and Heads of Departments in the past 2 years by setting out certain information of the trips, including the number of visits, purposes and places of visits, number of officials in entourage, air ticket expenses, local transportation expenses, hotel expenses, subsistence allowance and other expenses, banquet and entertainment expenses; gift expenses as well as the total expenses.

If the above information covers trips to Mainland China, please give details of the meetings with, visits to or exchanges with the relevant Mainland authorities taken place in Mainland China by the Bureau and departments under its purview in the past year, including the total number of visits to Mainland China, and list certain information of each trip in order of departure date of the visit including 1) purpose and place of the trip, number and post titles of Hong Kong officials in entourage, and post titles of the Mainland officials met; 2) whether announcement was made prior to the trip; if not, the reasons for keeping confidence; 3) whether minutes of the meeting were kept on file; if not, the reasons for that; and 4) whether agreements were reached; if so, the details and progress of their implementation.

Asked by: Hon YIU Chung-yim (Member Question No. 329)

Reply:

At present, the Commission has details of the Commissioner's duty visits only. Details of each trip including date, destination, duration, reason(s) for duty visit, number of ICAC officers in entourage and expenses, as well as the details on official entertainment and presentation of souvenirs during the official visits are listed as follows:

2015-16

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Purpose of duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenditure (\$)	Details of expenditure (\$)	Details on presentation of souvenirs
16.4.2015 – 18.4.2015	Hangzhou, China	3	Visited Zhejiang Provincial People's Procuratorate, Commission for Discipline Inspection, Supervision Bureau and Zhejiang Police College to address the closing ceremony of the 1 st ICAC National Studies Course	1	13,911	Air passage: 5,814 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 8,097	1 ICAC plague (\$290)
20.5.2015 – 27.5.2015	Washington, United States and Berlin, Germany	9	Paid official visits to 3 international rating institutions in the United States, including RAND Corporation, TRACE International and Heritage Foundation Paid an official visit to (Transparency International) TI in Germany	2	226,410	Air passage: 159,307 Travelling expenses: 672 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 66,431	-
1.9.2015 – 3.9.2015	Beijing, China	3	Attended the commemorative activities for the 70 th anniversary of the victory of Chinese people's resistance against Japanese aggression held in Beijing	-	7,886	Air passage: 3,760 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 4,126	-
4.9.2015 – 5.9.2015	Putrajaya, Malaysia	2	Attended the 16 th International Anti-Corruption Conference organised by TI and delivered a keynote speech Paid an official visit to the Vice-Chair of TI, and met with Sri Lanka's Secretary-General for Anti-Corruption and Law Enforcement Agencies upon invitation	1	28,066	Air passage: 17,751 Travelling expenses: 200 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 10,115	-

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Purpose of duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenditure (\$)	Details of expenditure (\$)	Details on presentation of souvenirs
29.10.2015 – 1.11.2015	St. Petersburg, Russia	4	Attended the 8 th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of Anti-corruption Authorities (IAACA) and delivered a keynote speech	1	28,770	Air passage: 15,340 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 13,430	-
23.11.2015 – 26.11.2015	Nanning, Guangxi, China	4	Attended the 9 th China-ASEAN Prosecutors General Conference and delivered a keynote speech	1	16,024	Air passage: 4,884 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 11,140	-
13.3.2016 – 18.3.2016	Singapore and Indonesia	6	Visited anti-corruption and law enforcement agencies in Singapore and Indonesia to foster ties and cooperation in the fight against corruption.	4	93,689	Air passage: 42,333 Travelling expenses: 180 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 51,176	-
				Total: 7 visits and total expenditure \$414,756			

2016-17 (up to 28.2.2017)

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Reason(s) for duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenses (\$)	Details of expenses (\$)	Details of souvenirs presented
8.5.2016 – 11.5.2016	Beijing and Tianjin, China	3	Visited MoS; attended the 9 th Annual Conference and General Meeting of International Association of Anti-corruption Authorities (IAACA) and delivered a keynote speech	1	44,474	Air passage: 14,680 Travelling expenses: 223 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 29,571	-
23.5.2016 – 25.5.2016	Guangzhou and Shenzhen, China	2	Visited procuratorates, Commissions for Discipline Inspection and supervisory departments in Guangzhou and Shenzhen to step	2	19,058	Travelling expenses: 720 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 18,338	-

Date of duty visit	Destination	Duration (Days)	Reason(s) for duty visit	No. of ICAC officers in entourage	Total expenses (\$)	Details of expenses (\$)	Details of souvenirs presented
			up exchanges and enhance cooperation in various aspects, including the mutual case assistance scheme				
29.11.2016 – 4.12.2016	Sanya, Hainan Province and Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China	5	Attended and delivered speeches in international anti-corruption conferences; visited Zhejiang Provincial People's Procuratorate and Zhejiang Police College to address the opening ceremony of the 2nd National Studies Course of ICAC	1	28,586	Air passage: 8,738 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 19,848	-
26.2.2017 – 1.3.2017	Doha, Qatar	3	Attended the Executive Committee Meeting of IAACA	1	74,018	Air passage: 53,953 Subsistence Allowance/ Others: 20,065	-
				Total: 4 visits and total expenditure \$166,136			

Commissioner Simon YL PEH did not present any souvenirs or incur any entertainment expenses during the duty visits in the past two years. Details of all the trips listed above had been released to the public.

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