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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO001

(Question Serial No. 0456)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

What is the estimated expenditure on the annual emoluments of the Chief Executive for 2018-19?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 1)

Reply:

For 2018-19, the estimated expenditure on the emoluments (including non-accountable entertainment allowance) of the Chief Executive is \$5,930,300.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO002

(Question Serial No. 0457)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

What is the estimated expenditure on the annual emoluments of the Director of the Chief Executive's Office for 2018-19?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 2)

Reply:

For 2018-19, the estimated expenditure on the remuneration of the Director of the Chief Executive's Office is \$4,024,800.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO003

(Question Serial No. 2167)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

- a. Please set out all expenditures on the Chief Executive's salary, regular allowances and job-related allowances in 2017-18 and the estimates of such expenditures for 2018-19.
- b. Please explain the calculation of the Chief Executive's non-accountable entertainment allowance.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 6)

Reply:

In 2017-18, the expenditure on the Chief Executive's salary was \$4,864,155 and the expenditure on the Chief Executive's non-accountable entertainment allowance was \$918,500. For 2018-19, the estimated expenditure on the Chief Executive's salary is \$4,998,000 and the estimated expenditure on the Chief Executive's non-accountable entertainment allowance is \$932,300. The rate of the Chief Executive's non-accountable entertainment allowance is adjusted annually in accordance with the movement of the Composite Consumer Price Index.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO004

(Question Serial No. 2482)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

Please set out the number of times that officers of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the Liaison Office) called on the Chief Executive from 1 July 2017 to February 2018.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wing-hang, Dennis (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 80)

Reply:

The Chief Executive and Government officials of various ranks meet with officials of offices set up by the Central People's Government in Hong Kong (including the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region) from time to time to communicate on issues within their respective scope of powers and responsibilities under the Basic Law as well as matters relating to the co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland. The Chief Executive meets extensively with organisations and individuals from a wide cross-section of the community for the effective discharge of her duties. The Chief Executive's Office has not compiled a breakdown of such meetings by the organisation or individual met.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO005****(Question Serial No. 3293)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

What were the numbers of repair works conducted in Government House and the works and expenses involved in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 66)Reply:

As a declared monument, Government House is protected under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance. It currently serves as the official residence of the Chief Executive and is also used for organising official functions, receiving official visitors and other purposes. To properly conserve this historic building and ensure that it is fit and safe for the above purposes, the Government carries out appropriate maintenance works (including routine maintenance, refurbishment and improvement works) for the building and related facilities according to the established procedures.

The expenses incurred by the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) for carrying out repair works (including routine maintenance, refurbishment and improvement works) for Government House from 2013-14 to 2017-18 and the related information are set out below:

Financial Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (As at February 2018)
Expenses (\$'000)	5,030	4,040	1,350	2,140	5,960
No. of works orders involved^(Note)	387	232	195	241	199

Note: The routine maintenance works carried out by ArchSD for Government House include maintenance of plumbing installation, woodwork, doors and windows, carpeting, paint works and roofing, etc. as well as waterproofing works, cement plastering, termite control, etc. Refurbishment and improvement works include finishing of the internal and external walls and interior decoration, refurbishment of building services, road resurfacing, resurfacing of the tennis court, improvement works and greening for the tennis court, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO006

(Question Serial No. 1391)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

How many special appointments were/are there in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19? Please set out the title for each special appointment.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4)

Reply:

In 2016-17 and the first quarter of 2017-18 (i.e. from April to June 2017), the posts under special appointment in the Chief Executive's Office included Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Information Coordinator, Senior Special Assistant, Special Assistant, Senior Personal Assistant to Chief Executive and Driver for Director of the Chief Executive's Office. From the second to fourth quarters of 2017-18 (i.e. from July 2017 to March 2018), the posts under special appointment included Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Senior Special Assistant and Special Assistant. For the 2018-19 estimate, the posts under special appointment include Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Information Coordinator, Senior Special Assistant and Special Assistant.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO007

(Question Serial No. 1413)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

Please set out the post title and name of each officer under special appointment as well as the amount of remuneration received in 2017-18.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 29)

Reply:

The remuneration received by each officer under special appointment in the Chief Executive's Office in the first quarter of 2017-18 (i.e. from April to June 2017) was as follows: Director of the Chief Executive's Office Edward Yau : \$900,000, Information Coordinator Andrew Fung : \$1,360,000 (including end-of-contract gratuity), Senior Special Assistant CHAN Kin-ping : \$1,790,000 (including end-of-contract gratuity), Special Assistant Fion Yau : \$540,000 (including end-of-contract gratuity), Senior Personal Assistant to Chief Executive Maytrick Lee : \$650,000 (including end-of-contract gratuity) and Driver for Director of the Chief Executive's Office LI Wai-ming : \$190,000 (including end-of-contract gratuity).

The remuneration received by each officer under special appointment in the Chief Executive's Office in the second to the fourth quarters of 2017-18 (i.e. from July 2017 to March 2018) was as follows: Director of the Chief Executive's Office Eric Chan : \$3,020,000, Senior Special Assistant CHAN Kin-ping : \$1,640,000 and Special Assistant Joyce Li : \$440,000.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO008

(Question Serial No. 1414)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

Have the Chief Executive's Office building, Government House and the Chief Executive's country residence at Fanling undergone any refurbishment since the new-term Chief Executive assumed office? If yes, please set out the refurbishment works and the expenditures involved.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 30)

Reply:

As a declared monument, Government House is protected under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance. It currently serves as the official residence of the Chief Executive and is also used for organising official functions, receiving official visitors and other purposes. To properly conserve this historic building and ensure that it is fit and safe for the above purposes, the Government carries out appropriate maintenance works (including routine maintenance, refurbishment and improvement works) for the building and related facilities according to the established procedures. Necessary works were carried out at Government House between July and August 2017 after the former Chief Executive had moved out upon the expiry of his term of office. These works mainly involved the repair, maintenance and improvement of aged or worn-out building facilities and services, including:

- (a) repair of the internal and external walls of the main building, restoration of some of the damaged building facilities (e.g. wooden windows and doors), waterproofing works for the roof, road resurfacing works, resurfacing of one of the tennis courts, etc.;
- (b) refurbishment and improvement works for some of the building services of the main building (e.g. part of the air conditioning and security systems);
- (c) improvement and greening works for one of the tennis courts for organising events; and
- (d) replacement of aged or worn-out electrical and mechanical equipment (e.g. low voltage switchboard, exhaust fans, and the fume extraction system in the kitchen).

The total cost of the above works is about \$8.98 million.

The Chief Executive's country residence at Fanling has not undergone any refurbishment after the former Chief Executive stepped down from office. Only routine maintenance works have been carried out according to the condition of the building facilities.

Only minor decoration and improvement works have been carried out at the Chief Executive's Office building since the former Chief Executive stepped down from office. The cost of such works is about \$40,000. Other works are of a routine maintenance nature.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO009****(Question Serial No. 0810)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (2) Executive CouncilControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Regarding the transfer and destruction of records by the Executive Council (ExCo), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What were the numbers of records destroyed by ExCo in the past 3 years and the details of the content of these records?
2. Do the Chief Executive's Office and ExCo Secretariat follow the records destruction procedures and transfer records to the Government Records Service (GRS) for disposal under the existing records management guidelines?
3. What were the numbers of records transferred by ExCo to GRS for retention and open for public access in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 54)Reply:

1. Details of the records of the Executive Council (ExCo) Secretariat approved for destruction by the Government Records Service (GRS) from 2015 to 2017 are set out below:

Category of records	Contents/Subject Matters	Years covered by the records	Number of records (linear metres) (lm)	Retention period approved by GRS	Whether they are confidential documents
Administrative records	Administration	1971 – 2014	26 (1.3 lm)	2 – 3 years	No
	Accommodation and facilities	1974 – 2012	3 (0.11 lm)	3 years	No
	Procurement and supplies	1955 – 2012	8 (0.4 lm)	2 – 3 years	No

Category of records	Contents/Subject Matters	Years covered by the records	Number of records (linear metres) (lm)	Retention period approved by GRS	Whether they are confidential documents
	Finance and accounting	2001 – 2012	2 (0.05 lm)	3 – 4 years	No
	Human resources	2007 – 2012	1 (0.02 lm)	3 years	No
	Management of information, information services and information technology	1995 – 2012	5 (0.2 lm)	3 years	No

- The Chief Executive's Office and the ExCo Secretariat dispose of time-expired records once every two years in line with the service-wide records management requirements. The disposal of records is considered and endorsed in writing by an officer not below the rank of Senior Executive Officer or equivalent. Prior agreement of the Director of GRS will be obtained before the destruction of any government records.
- Details of the records transferred from the ExCo Secretariat to GRS for retention from 2012 to 2017 are set out below:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number of records (linear metres) (lm)	Year in which the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Whether they are confidential documents
Administrative records	1965 – 2012	16 (0.72 lm)	2015	Permanent	No
Programme records	2010	39 (2.46 lm)	2013	Permanent	Yes
	1980 – 1992	83 (5.46 lm)	2014	Permanent	Yes
	1981 – 2013	51 (3.21 lm)	2015	Permanent	Yes
	1982 – 1983	11 (1.05 lm)	2016	Permanent	Yes
	1983 – 1984	5 (0.417 lm)	2017	Permanent	Yes

Records appraised by GRS as having archival value will be transferred to GRS for retention and for public viewing after they have been arranged, accessioned and described.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO010

(Question Serial No. 0811)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (2) Executive Council

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

Regarding the declaration of interests by Members of the Executive Council (ExCo), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What were the respective numbers of declarations made by each non-official ExCo Member due to possible conflict of interest and the respective numbers of their withdrawals from discussions due to the same reason in 2016-17 and 2017-18?
2. What were the respective numbers and details of cases where the Chief Executive had to issue an advice, a warning, a public reprimand, remove an ExCo Member from office, or take legal actions because the Member had contravened the declaration system in 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18?
3. What were the respective numbers of cases where an investigation had to be conducted because an ExCo Member had contravened the declaration system (including but not limited to failing to declare interests as required or withdraw from meetings where a conflict of interest is involved) in 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18?

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 55)

Reply:

It is the personal responsibility of the President and Members of the Executive Council (ExCo) to examine whether they have an interest in any item to be discussed by ExCo. Where there is such an interest, they have to declare it before the ExCo discussion. Besides, the responsible bureau or department submitting an item to ExCo for discussion and the Clerk to ExCo will examine whether the ExCo President and Members have an interest in the items to be discussed. Where information shows that the ExCo President or an ExCo Member may have an exclusionary interest or a declaratory interest in a discussion item, the Clerk to ExCo will, prior to the relevant ExCo meeting, report to the Chief Executive so that the situation will be handled as appropriate. If any ExCo Member breaches the requirements on declaration of interests, the Chief Executive will take

appropriate actions depending on the specific circumstances. For the period from 2015-16 to 2017-18, there was no instance of contravention by ExCo Members of the requirements of the declaration system.

The ExCo Secretariat publishes statistics on withdrawal from discussions at ExCo meetings due to a conflict of interests on the ExCo website. The relevant information is tabulated below. The ExCo Secretariat does not maintain statistics on instances where an ExCo Member did not have to withdraw from the discussion of an item in respect of which he/she had declared an interest.

Year	No. of meetings	No. of items for discussion	Total no. of items where 1 or more Members withdrew from discussions	Total no. of withdrawals from discussions
2016 (January to December)	44	214	59	116
2017 (January to June)	23	148	45	109
2017 (July to December)	22	95	14	27

Note: As Members of the new term of ExCo assumed office on 1 July 2017, the figures for 2017 are shown in respect of two periods, i.e. January to June and July to December respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO011

(Question Serial No. 0972)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

The Chief Executive uses Facebook, a social media platform, as a channel for communicating with the public. In this regard, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) What is the establishment of the Chief Executive's Office for managing the Facebook page?
- (2) What is the expenditure of the Chief Executive's Office on managing the Facebook page?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 10)

Reply:

The Chief Executive's Office has engaged a non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff since 1 July 2017 to manage the Chief Executive's Facebook and Instagram accounts and carry out other duties. Between 1 July and 17 December 2017, an Information Officer was on loan to the Chief Executive's Office to assist in such work. The expenditure of the Chief Executive's Office on the remuneration of the afore-mentioned NCSC staff between July 2017 and March 2018 was about \$340,000. For 2018-19, the estimated expenditure on the remuneration of the NCSC staff is about \$510,000.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO012

(Question Serial No. 3714)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

Please set out in a table the public offices held by the husband of the Chief Executive. How many public offices held by the wife of the former Chief Executive were taken over by the Chief Executive after the change of government?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 211)

Reply:

At present, the husband of the Chief Executive does not hold any public offices. The wife of the former Chief Executive used to be the Honorary Patron of the Hong Kong Federation of Women. The position is now held by the Chief Executive.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO013****(Question Serial No. 5862)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (2) Executive CouncilControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Please set out the attendance rates of each Member of the Executive Council (ExCo) at ExCo meetings and the amounts of monthly honorarium received in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 266)Reply:

Some non-official Members of the current-term Executive Council (ExCo) also served as a non-official Member in the previous term of ExCo. Combined statistics on the attendance of serving non-official Members at ExCo meetings in the past 5 years (i.e. from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2017), taking the two terms together, are tabulated below:

Current-term ExCo Non-official Members	Total no. of meetings§	No. of meetings attended*	Attendance rate*
The Hon Bernard Charnwut CHAN	224	190	85%
The Hon Mrs Laura CHA SHIH May-lung	225	163	72%
Professor the Hon Arthur LI Kwok-cheung	225	195	87%
The Hon CHOW Chung-kong	225	199	88%
The Hon Mrs Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun	225	200	89%
The Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung	224	213	95%
The Hon IP Kwok-him	80	75	94%
The Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan	49	45	92%
The Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong	49	46	94%
The Hon Joseph YAM Chi-kwong	22	22	100%
The Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye	201	179	89%
The Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah	22	18	82%
The Hon WONG Kwok-kin	22	22	100%
Dr the Hon LAM Ching-choi	22	19	86%
The Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung	22	16	73%

Current-term ExCo Non-official Members	Total no. of meetings§	No. of meetings attended*	Attendance rate*
The Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan	22	21	95%

§ The total number of meetings represents the number of ExCo meetings held during a Member's tenure after deducting the number of meetings in which the Member withdrew from the discussion of all items.

* Non-official Members may be absent from ExCo meetings due to other official meetings or engagements.

For those who served as non-official Members in the last term of ExCo and have stepped down from office, statistics on their attendance at ExCo meetings in the past 5 years (i.e. from 1 January 2013 to 30 June 2017) are tabulated below:

ExCo Non-official Members of the last term	Total no. of meetings§	No. of meetings attended*	Attendance rate*
The Hon LAM Woon-kwong	203	197	97%
The Hon CHENG Yiu-tong	203	187	92%
The Hon Anna WU Hung-yuk	203	191	94%
The Hon Andrew LIAO Cheung-sing	203	183	90%
The Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming	203	177	87%
The Hon Barry CHEUNG Chun-yuen	17	17	100%
The Hon CHEUNG Chi-kong	203	203	100%
The Hon Franklin LAM Fan-keung	27	0	0%
The Hon Starry LEE Wai-king	144	139	97%
The Hon Nicholas W YANG#	34	32	94%

§ The total number of meetings represents the number of ExCo meetings held during a Member's tenure since 1 January 2013 after deducting the number of meetings in which the Member withdrew from the discussion of all items.

* Non-official Members may be absent from ExCo meetings due to other official meetings or engagements.

Mr Yang has been serving as an official Member of ExCo after his appointment as Secretary for Information and Technology on 20 November 2015. The figures in the above table refer to Mr Yang's attendance at ExCo meetings in his capacity as a non-official Member.

Official Members of ExCo attend ExCo meetings for items under their respective policy purview. The ExCo Secretariat does not maintain statistics on their attendance at ExCo meetings.

Non-official Members of ExCo receive a monthly honorarium. According to the established mechanism, the rate of the honorarium is adjusted annually in October in

accordance with the movement of the Consumer Price Index. The rates of the monthly honorarium in the past 5 years are as follows:

Effective date of adjustment of the honorarium rate	Monthly honorarium after adjustment	
	Convenor of Non-official Members of ExCo	Non-official Members of ExCo
1 October 2012	\$107,910	\$67,390
1 October 2013	\$111,690	\$69,750
1 October 2014	\$115,930	\$72,400
1 February 2015*	\$122,520	\$76,510
1 October 2015	\$125,580	\$78,420
1 October 2016	\$128,470	\$80,220
1 October 2017	\$130,400	\$81,420

* In 2009, to share the financial hardship with the community at a time of economic downturn, the non-official Members of ExCo took the initiative to reduce their honorarium by 5.38%. The above voluntary adjustment ceased with effect from 1 February 2015 having regard to the improved economic conditions.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO014

(Question Serial No. 3809)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

Please set out the monthly expenditures on the salary and allowances of the Chief Executive, the Hon Mrs Carrie LAM CHENG Yuet-ngor since she assumed office. Please also set out the amount of monthly pension that she will receive when she retires and the total expenditure on her pension.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 621)

Reply:

The monthly expenditure on the Chief Executive's salary has been \$416,500 since July 2017. According to the established mechanism, the cash remuneration for politically appointed officials is adjusted annually in July and the Chief Executive's monthly salary is adjusted in accordance with the same rate of adjustment. The monthly expenditure on the Chief Executive's non-accountable entertainment allowance has been \$76,541 since July 2017. The allowance rate is adjusted annually on 1 April in accordance with the movement of the Composite Consumer Price Index. The post of Chief Executive is not provided with pension benefits.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO015****(Question Serial No. 3895)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Please set out the actual expenditures on the public and social engagements undertaken by the Chief Executive in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4000)Reply:

The Chief Executive's Office provides support to the Chief Executive for her public and social engagements. The expenditure thus incurred is covered by the general operational expenses of the Office. As no separate account is kept for this, we are unable to provide the actual expenditure in this regard in the past five years. For official entertainment hosted by the Chief Executive, the expenditure in the past five years is set out below:

Year	Total expenditure
2013-14	\$381,627
2014-15	\$84,909
2015-16	\$179,902
2016-17	\$289,571
2017-18 (as at 28 February 2018)	\$294,310

The above expenditure was for organising various activities to reach out to different sectors of the community, receiving visitors to Hong Kong and hosting official entertainment outside Hong Kong. The Chief Executive also receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment held at the official residences. The expenditure on the allowance in the past five years is set out below:

Year	Amount of allowance
2013-14	\$799,800
2014-15	\$834,200
2015-16	\$870,900
2016-17	\$897,000
2017-18	\$918,500

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO016

(Question Serial No. 3896)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

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

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4001)

Reply:

The Chief Executive's Office provides support to the Chief Executive for her public and social engagements. The expenditure thus incurred is covered by the general operational expenses of the Office. As no separate account is kept for this, we are unable to provide the estimated expenditure. For official entertainment hosted by the Chief Executive, the estimated expenditure for 2018-19 is \$360,000, which is for organising various activities to reach out to different sectors of the community, receiving visitors to Hong Kong and hosting official entertainment outside Hong Kong. The Chief Executive also receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment held at the official residences. The estimated amount of the allowance for 2018-19 is \$932,300.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO017

(Question Serial No. 3897)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

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

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4004)

Reply:

As the Chief Executive's Office does not maintain a separate account for 'co-ordination of the Government's media and public relations strategy', we are unable to provide the actual expenditure in the past 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO018

(Question Serial No. 3898)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

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

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4005)

Reply:

As the Chief Executive's Office does not maintain a separate account for 'co-ordination of the Government's media and public relations strategy', we are unable to provide the estimated expenditure for 2018-19.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO019

(Question Serial No. 3899)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

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

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4006)

Reply:

As the Chief Executive's Office does not maintain a separate account for this, we are unable to provide the actual expenditure in the past 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO020

(Question Serial No. 3900)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

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

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4007)

Reply:

As the Chief Executive's Office does not maintain a separate account for this, we are unable to provide the actual expenditure in the past 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO021

(Question Serial No. 3901)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

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

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4008)

Reply:

As the Chief Executive's Office does not maintain a separate account for this, we are unable to provide the actual expenditure in the past 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO022

(Question Serial No. 3902)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

Please give details of the Chief Executive's duty visits in the past 5 years and set out the following information for each visit in chronological order: (a) purpose and place; (b) titles of officials met; (c) size of entourage and post titles of accompanying officials; (d) days of visit; and (e) total expenditure involved, including expenses on (i) transportation (air tickets and local transportation); (ii) accommodation; (iii) meals; (iv) banquets or entertainment; and (v) gifts.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4010)

Reply:

Information on the Chief Executive's duty visits is set out at Annex.

Duty Visits of the Chief Executive (From 1 April 2013 to 28 February 2018)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
Duty visits of Chief Executive C Y Leung from 1 April 2013 to 30 June 2017							
6 - 7 April 2013	Qionghai	3	4,276.37	16,088.00	30,082.12	50,446.49	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2013.
25 - 26 April 2013	Beijing	4	2,750.88	40,900.00	7,850.08	51,500.96	To call on ministries of the Central People's Government (CPG).
4 - 5 June 2013	Shanghai	3	1,655.86	25,012.00	4,956.12	31,623.98	To call on leaders of Shanghai Municipal Government and address the opening ceremony of the 2nd Annual Urban Land Institute Asia Pacific Summit; and to visit organisations and facilities, and meet with Hong Kong people who study and do business in Shanghai.
9 - 13 June 2013	New York, the United States	5	63,423.05	571,812.00	14,964.84	650,199.89	To attend trade promotion events organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC); and to hold meetings with political and business leaders there, and meet with Hong Kong people who work and study in New York.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
8 - 9 September 2013	Guiyang	4	0	25,825.00	4,123.15	29,948.15	To attend the 9th Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD) Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
26 - 27 September 2013	Chongqing	3	4,068.31	26,646.00	2,084.02	32,798.33	To lead a delegation from industrial, commercial and professional sectors for the visit.
5 - 8 October 2013	Bali, Indonesia	7	46,333.51	141,572.00	18,957.41	206,862.92	To attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2013 Leaders' Week and other related meetings; and to meet with foreign leaders to exchange views on issues of mutual concern.
22 - 24 October 2013	Beijing	4	8,127.60	40,655.00	13,859.93	62,642.53	To attend the opening ceremony of the 17th Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Co-operation Symposium; to call on leaders of the Beijing Municipal Government together with representatives from Hong Kong's industrial and commercial sectors attending the Symposium; and to call on CPG officials and leaders of financial institutions in the Mainland.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
27 - 29 November 2013	Nanning, Qinzhou and Fangchenggang	3	11,345.90	24,086.00	6,368.56	41,800.46	To lead a delegation for the visit; to meet with leaders of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Government and the Nanning, Qinzhou and Fangchenggang Municipal Governments; and to attend the Guangxi-Hong Kong Economic and Trade Co-operation Exchange Meeting and the Guangxi-Hong Kong Business Symposium.
6 - 7 December 2013	Guangzhou, Zhongshan and Zhuhai	4	0	0	5,871.57	5,871.57	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta (PRD) Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2013.
16 - 19 December 2013	Beijing	4	8,752.80	42,330.00	26,210.40	77,293.20	For the annual work report and to call on CPG officials.
23 - 25 January 2014	Fuzhou and Xiamen	5	17,030.03	32,058.00	10,383.30	59,471.33	To lead a delegation to attend the Fujian-Hong Kong Economic and Trade Co-operation Exchange Meeting, and meet with leaders of the Fuzhou and Xiamen Municipal Governments.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
14 February 2014	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	4	0	0	0	0	To meet with leaders of the Guangdong Provincial Government and exchange views on co-operation between Hong Kong and Guangdong; and to visit the Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport.
4 - 7 March 2014	Beijing	5	12,579.00	48,976.00	29,328.83	90,883.83	To attend the opening ceremony of the second session of the 12th National People's Congress (NPC) and meet with leaders of the CPG ministries as well as leaders of provincial and municipal governments.
27 - 28 March 2014	Shenzhen, Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou	3	4,539.15	0	3,911.26	8,450.41	To meet with leaders of the Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou Municipal Governments; and to visit enterprises in Shenzhen and Shantou, as well as the Jao Tsung I Petite Ecole in Chaozhou.
9 - 11 April 2014	Qionghai	3	8,553.42	9,894.00	10,484.39	28,931.81	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2014.
11 - 13 April 2014	Shanghai	6	15,067.02	46,490.00	20,653.28	82,210.30	To participate in part of the Shanghai visit programme for Legislative Council (LegCo) Members.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
10 - 16 May 2014	Stockholm, Sweden and Brussels, Belgium	5	8,112.85	444,375.00	29,864.87	482,352.72	To enhance understanding of the latest economic situation and the development of innovation and technology in the two places; to meet with political and business leaders there to discuss Hong Kong's latest developments; and to foster closer economic and trade ties.
12 - 13 October 2014	Guangzhou	1	0	0	2,356.00	2,356.00	To attend the 10th PPRD Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
6 November 2014	Guangzhou	3	0	1,300.00	1,153.09	2,453.09	To attend the 17th Plenary of the Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.
8 - 12 November 2014	Beijing	5	28,289.12	49,000.00	28,056.62	105,345.74	To attend the APEC 2014 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.
25 - 27 November 2014	Seoul, Korea	5	11,259.00	87,724.00	12,219.34	111,202.34	To enhance understanding of the economic situation and the development of the innovation and technology industry in Korea; and to meet with political and business leaders there.
5 December 2014	Huizhou	2	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2014.

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

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
21 April 2015	Guangzhou	3	0	0	0	0	To attend the plaque-unveiling ceremony for the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone.
25 - 27 April 2015	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	4	26,113.67	38,580.00	8,589.32	73,282.99	To attend and speak at the 12th Leadership Forum of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and conduct bilateral meetings with the state leaders of ASEAN countries.
4 - 7 May 2015	Boston, the United States	4	15,476.21	428,380.00	5,320.52	449,176.73	To attend Cathay Pacific's dinner reception in Boston in celebration of the launch of direct flight services between Hong Kong and Boston to support the development of Hong Kong's aviation industry; and to lead a delegation from the innovation and technology sector to visit top-notch research institutions in Boston and learn more about the development of innovation and technology there.
8 - 9 May 2015	Beijing	2	6,028.68	28,901.00	3,474.99	38,404.67	To attend the funeral of Mr LU Ping, former Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council.
31 May 2015	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend a meeting between CPG officials and LegCo Members.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
7 - 12 June 2015	Toronto, Canada and Chicago, the United States	3	44,800.58	305,626.00	14,645.80	365,072.38	To attend HKTDC's "Think Asia, Think Hong Kong" campaign; and to meet with political leaders and representatives from the business and education sectors in Canada and the United States.
10 July 2015	Shenzhen	1	0	0	0	0	To call on leaders of the Shenzhen Municipal Government.
12 - 13 July 2015	Beijing	4	3,364.50	40,585.00	6,261.60	50,211.10	To meet with CPG ministries on the development of the Belt and Road Initiative.
12 August 2015	Zhuhai	3	0	2,585.00	0	2,585.00	To meet with leaders of the Zhuhai Municipal Government, visit the Hengqin New Area of Zhuhai of the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone and inspect the construction works of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.
2 - 4 September 2015	Beijing	13	0	87,856.00	51,427.27	139,283.27	To attend the commemorative activities for the 70th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese people's war of resistance against Japanese aggression.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
16 - 18 September 2015	Jakarta, Indonesia	4	19,167.10	43,385.00	11,065.94	73,618.04	To attend the promotional activities organised by HKTDC and the Hong Kong Tourism Board, and call on senior officials of the Indonesian Government.
12 - 17 October 2015	Jerusalem, Israel and London, the United Kingdom	5	33,990.65	614,850.00	39,952.42	688,793.07	To learn more about the development of innovation and technology in Israel and attend a cocktail reception for the opening of the Tel Aviv Consultant Office of the HKTDC; to attend the signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding on health co-operation between Hong Kong and the United Kingdom (UK) and the HKTDC Annual Dinner, and meet with political leaders in the UK.
16 - 19 November 2015	Manila, the Philippines	7	23,688.36	39,758.00	18,559.75	82,006.11	To attend the APEC 2015 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.
4 - 5 December 2015	Zhongshan, Jiangmen, Foshan and Guangzhou	2	2,774.34	1,170.00	1,585.68	5,530.02	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2015 and meet with students from the Vocational Training Council who were visiting Jiangmen; and to inspect the transport and infrastructure facilities.
21 - 24 December 2015	Beijing	4	10,093.50	40,017.00	17,179.51	67,290.01	For the annual work report and to call on CPG officials.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
1 - 5 February 2016	Mumbai and New Delhi, India	4	42,904.50	137,095.00	20,633.75	200,633.25	To meet with political and business leaders there to foster closer economic and trade relations between Hong Kong and India.
2 - 6 March 2016	Beijing	5	19,286.91	38,768.00	57,505.58	115,560.49	To attend the opening ceremony of the fourth session of the 12th NPC and call on CPG ministries.
23 - 24 March 2016	Qionghai	2	0	15,960.00	2,359.47	18,319.47	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2016.
17 April 2016	Huizhou and Shenzhen	2	0	0	6,667.08	6,667.08	To learn more about the achievements of Hong Kong industrialists in developing the innovation and technology industry in the Mainland.
7 - 10 June 2016	Toulouse and Paris, France	5	37,231.15	284,517.00	14,300.79	336,048.94	To lead a delegation of students from engineering-related disciplines from tertiary institutions in Hong Kong to visit aviation technology, scientific research, innovation and technology institutions in the two cities and meet with political and business leaders there.
14 September 2016	Guangzhou	4	0	1,905.54	0	1,905.54	To attend the 19th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
13 - 14 October 2016	Nanchang	2	0	13,542.00	2,231.97	15,773.97	To attend the 2016 PPRD Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference.
17 - 22 November 2016	Lima, Peru	6	69,243.47	1,100,984.00	22,929.48	1,193,156.95	To attend the APEC 2016 Leaders' Week.
9 December 2016	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2016 and meet with students from the Vocational Training Council who were on an exchange visit there.
20 - 23 December 2016	Beijing	6	19,286.76	52,531.00	23,175.03	94,992.79	For the annual work report and to call on CPG officials.
23 February 2017	Shenzhen and Guangzhou	3	0	0	0	0	To call on leaders of the Guangdong Provincial Government and the Shenzhen Municipal Government and visit the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital.
2 - 5 March 2017	Beijing	6	18,383.64	48,124.00	23,084.95	89,592.59	To attend the opening ceremony of the fifth session of the 12th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and the opening ceremony of the fifth session of the 12th NPC.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
12 - 15 March 2017	Beijing	5	18,894.42	40,130.00	19,787.10	78,811.52	To attend the closing ceremony of the fifth session of the 12th National Committee of CPPCC and the closing ceremony of the fifth session of the 12th NPC.
24 - 25 March 2017	Qionghai	3	0	20,127.00	3,020.72	23,147.72	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2017.
19 - 21 April 2017	Foshan and Jiangmen	5	10,047.59	3,649.79	15,349.10	29,046.48	To visit Guangdong cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area.
4 May 2017	Shenzhen	2	0	0	0	0	To meet with Mr WANG Weizhong, Party Secretary of the Shenzhen Municipal Committee, to exchange views on various topics, including how Hong Kong and Shenzhen can co-operate to facilitate the joint development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area.
13 - 15 May 2017	Beijing	4	25,471.48	29,405.00	11,946.25	66,822.73	To attend the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing.
17 - 18 May 2017	Beijing	2	0	23,891.00	7,167.75	31,058.75	To attend the funeral of Mr QIAN Qichen, former Vice Premier.
26 - 27 May 2017	Beijing	4	0	36,205.00	5,973.15	42,178.15	To attend a forum on the 20th anniversary of the implementation of the Basic Law.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
15 June 2017	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend a youth forum organised by the Hong Kong Chinese Importers' and Exporters' Association and speak at the sharing session.
25 - 26 June 2017	Beijing	5	6,140.40	42,368.00	7,167.78	55,676.18	To attend the opening ceremony of the "Together·Progress·Opportunity" Exhibition in Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Return of Hong Kong to the Motherland.

Duty Visits of Chief Executive Carrie LAM CHENG Yuet-Ngor from 1 July 2017 to 28 February 2018

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage #	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Grand total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
2 - 5 August 2017	Singapore and Bangkok, Thailand	5	6,012.55	56,595.00	11,852.16	74,459.71	To meet with senior government officials and the business sector in Singapore and Thailand to foster closer relations between Hong Kong and the ASEAN; and to visit institutions in Singapore relating to civil service training and promotion of innovation and technology.
6 - 9 August 2017	Beijing	6	18,421.21	45,560.00	22,009.38	85,990.59	To call on CPG ministries and other organisations, and meet Hong Kong people working/studying in Beijing.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
18 August 2017	Macao	6	0	5,757.50	0	5,757.50	To call on Mr CHUI Sai-on, Chief Executive of the Macao SAR, and learn about the development of cultural and creative industries in Macao.
22 - 24 August 2017	Shanghai and Hangzhou	4	21,880.46	32,943.26	10,915.67	65,739.39	To attend the Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong SAR Gala in Shanghai, meet with senior government officials in the Mainland, and visit a high tech company in Hangzhou.
26 - 28 August 2017	Tianjin	4	0	35,840.00	6,304.80	42,144.80	To attend the opening ceremony of the 13th National Games, meet with senior government officials in the Mainland, and visit high tech companies in Tianjin.
31 August 2017	Shenzhen	5	0	0	5,899.00	5,899.00	To officiate at the opening ceremony of the "20.....43 Business of Hong Kong Design" - Shenzhen Exhibition and meet with Mr WANG Weizhong, Party Secretary of Shenzhen Municipal Committee.
14 - 17 September 2017	Naypyidaw and Yangon, Myanmar	4	859.96	84,065.12	13,401.96	98,327.04	To meet with senior government officials, promote closer ties between Hong Kong and Myanmar in various areas and attend the 14th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
20 - 23 September 2017	London, the UK	4	48,539.06	299,345.00	13,135.37	361,019.43	To attend the Hong Kong Dinner in London and the “Think Asia, Think Hong Kong” symposium organised by the HKTDC, meet with political and business leaders in the UK, witness the signing of an agreement on FinTech, and visit cultural and high tech-related institutions.
24 - 25 September 2017	Changsha	5	0	32,712.00	4,069.35	36,781.35	To attend the 2017 PPRD Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference.
9 - 12 November 2017	Da Nang, Vietnam	4	38,282.57	35,485.00	12,381.54	86,149.11	To attend the APEC 2017 Economic Leaders’ Meeting and other related meetings.
3 - 4 December 2017	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	3	0	201,412.00	0	201,412.00	To meet with King and Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia to explore business opportunities between the two places, with particular reference to what Hong Kong can offer in terms of financial services.
8 December 2017	Dongguan	4	0	0	1,340.00	1,340.00	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2017.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
13 - 16 December 2017	Beijing	7	18,421.20	56,071.00	14,925.24	89,417.44	For the annual work report; to sign on behalf of the Hong Kong SAR Government an arrangement with the National Development and Reform Commission on advancing Hong Kong's full participation in, and contribution to, the Belt and Road Initiative; and to call on CPG ministries and other organisations.
22 - 27 January 2018	Zurich, Lucerne and Davos, Switzerland	4	82,687.31	175,810.00	28,417.60	286,914.91	To meet with senior government officials, members of the business sector and professionals in Zurich, Bern and Basel to update them on the latest developments of Hong Kong, and attend the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos.
31 January - 4 February 2018	Beijing	6	24,561.61	44,241.00	29,850.42	98,653.03	To attend the seminar on "Strategies and Opportunities under the Belt and Road Initiative - Leveraging Hong Kong's Advantages, Meeting the Country's Needs", and call on CPG ministries and other organisations.

Includes the spouse of the Chief Executive (if accompanying).

* Other expenses include subsistence allowance for officers on duty outside Hong Kong, the Chief Executive's expenses on official entertainment (for duty visits from July 2017 onwards), and other sundry expenses, etc. In line with the Government's green policy, the Chief Executive normally does not bestow gifts or souvenirs on others during duty visits.

+ Does not include sponsored expenses (if any).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO023

(Question Serial No. 3903)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

Please give details of the trips made by the Chief Executive to the Mainland authorities for meetings, visits or exchanges in the past 5 years and set out the following information for each trip in chronological order: (a) purpose and place; (b) titles of Mainland officials met; (c) size of entourage and post titles of accompanying officials; (d) length of the trip; (e) total expenditure involved; (f) whether announcement was made prior to the trip and, if not, the reasons for keeping confidence; (g) whether minutes of meetings were kept and, if not, the reasons for that; (h) whether agreements were reached and, if yes, the details of the agreements and the progress of implementing them; and expenses on (i) transportation (air tickets and local transportation); (ii) accommodation; (iii) meal; (iv) banquet or entertainment; and (v) gift.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4011)

Reply:

Information on the Chief Executive's visits to the Mainland during the period from 1 April 2013 to 28 February 2018 is set out at the Annex. The Chief Executive's Office issues press releases for every Mainland visit made by the Chief Executive. Also, as a usual practice, the Chief Executive meets with the media while visiting the Mainland to give a brief account of the visit and respond to media questions. The Chief Executive's Office prepares and keeps records of meetings as necessary in accordance with the established procedures.

Regarding the agreements signed during the Chief Executive's visits to the Mainland, the former Chief Executive signed on behalf of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) the Letter of Intent on Guangdong-Hong Kong Co-operation in Participating in the Belt and Road Initiative with the Guangdong Provincial Government during his visit to Guangzhou in September 2016. The Letter of Intent (Chinese version only) is available at http://gia.info.gov.hk/general/201609/14/P2016091400837_242762_1_1473862126202.pdf. According to the Letter of Intent, Hong Kong and Guangdong agree to enhance communication and discussion and support each other. Under the framework

of “one country, two systems”, the two sides will promote bilateral co-operation in furthering innovation in a pragmatic manner and work together to further facilitate trade and investment so as to play an active role in the national Belt and Road Initiative and jointly build a world-class city cluster with enhanced competitiveness in various areas. During her visit to Beijing in December 2017, the incumbent Chief Executive signed on behalf of the Hong Kong SAR Government an arrangement for advancing Hong Kong’s full participation in, and contribution to, the Belt and Road Initiative with the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC). The arrangement is available at http://gia.info.gov.hk/general/201712/14/P2017121400551_274123_1_1513241987560.pdf. According to the arrangement, a Joint Conference mechanism between the Hong Kong SAR Government and relevant Mainland authorities such as NDRC and the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council will be set up to communicate and discuss major issues and co-operation initiatives related to Hong Kong’s participation in, and contribution to, the Belt and Road Initiative. Apart from the above, the incumbent Chief Executive and the former Chief Executive also witnessed the signing of a number of agreements between the Hong Kong SAR Government and relevant Mainland authorities during their visits to the Mainland in the past 5 years.

The Chief Executive's Visits to the Mainland (From 1 April 2013 to 28 February 2018)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
Mainland visits of Chief Executive C Y Leung from 1 April 2013 to 30 June 2017							
6 - 7 April 2013	Qionghai	3	4,276.37	16,088.00	30,082.12	50,446.49	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2013.
25 - 26 April 2013	Beijing	4	2,750.88	40,900.00	7,850.08	51,500.96	To call on ministries of the Central People's Government (CPG).
4 - 5 June 2013	Shanghai	3	1,655.86	25,012.00	4,956.12	31,623.98	To call on leaders of Shanghai Municipal Government and address the opening ceremony of the 2nd Annual Urban Land Institute Asia Pacific Summit; and to visit organisations and facilities, and meet with Hong Kong people who study and do business in Shanghai.
8 - 9 September 2013	Guiyang	4	0	25,825.00	4,123.15	29,948.15	To attend the 9th Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD) Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
26 - 27 September 2013	Chongqing	3	4,068.31	26,646.00	2,084.02	32,798.33	To lead a delegation from industrial, commercial and professional sectors for the visit.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
22 - 24 October 2013	Beijing	4	8,127.60	40,655.00	13,859.93	62,642.53	To attend the opening ceremony of the 17th Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Co-operation Symposium; to call on leaders of the Beijing Municipal Government together with representatives from Hong Kong's industrial and commercial sectors attending the Symposium; and to call on CPG officials and leaders of financial institutions in the Mainland.
27 - 29 November 2013	Nanning, Qinzhou and Fangchenggang	3	11,345.90	24,086.00	6,368.56	41,800.46	To lead a delegation for the visit; to meet with leaders of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Government and the Nanning, Qinzhou and Fangchenggang Municipal Governments; and to attend the Guangxi-Hong Kong Economic and Trade Co-operation Exchange Meeting and the Guangxi-Hong Kong Business Symposium.
6 - 7 December 2013	Guangzhou, Zhongshan and Zhuhai	4	0	0	5,871.57	5,871.57	To attend Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta (PRD) Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2013.
16 - 19 December 2013	Beijing	4	8,752.80	42,330.00	26,210.40	77,293.20	For the annual work report and to call on CPG officials.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
23 - 25 January 2014	Fuzhou and Xiamen	5	17,030.03	32,058.00	10,383.30	59,471.33	To lead a delegation to attend the Fujian-Hong Kong Economic and Trade Co-operation Exchange Meeting, and meet with leaders of the Fuzhou and Xiamen Municipal Governments.
14 February 2014	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	4	0	0	0	0	To meet with leaders of the Guangdong Provincial Government and exchange views on co-operation between Hong Kong and Guangdong; and to visit the Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport.
4 - 7 March 2014	Beijing	5	12,579.00	48,976.00	29,328.83	90,883.83	To attend the opening ceremony of the second session of the 12th National People's Congress (NPC) and meet with leaders of the CPG ministries as well as leaders of provincial and municipal governments.
27 - 28 March 2014	Shenzhen, Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou	3	4,539.15	0	3,911.26	8,450.41	To meet with leaders of the Shantou, Jieyang and Chaozhou Municipal Governments; and to visit enterprises in Shenzhen and Shantou, as well as the Jao Tsung I Petite Ecole in Chaozhou.
9 - 11 April 2014	Qionghai	3	8,553.42	9,894.00	10,484.39	28,931.81	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2014.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
11 - 13 April 2014	Shanghai	6	15,067.02	46,490.00	20,653.28	82,210.30	To participate in part of the Shanghai visit programme for Legislative Council (LegCo) Members.
12 - 13 October 2014	Guangzhou	1	0	0	2,356.00	2,356.00	To attend the 10th PPRD Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair.
6 November 2014	Guangzhou	3	0	1,300.00	1,153.09	2,453.09	To attend the 17th Plenary of the Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.
8 - 12 November 2014	Beijing	5	28,289.12	49,000.00	28,056.62	105,345.74	To attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation 2014 Leaders' Week and other related meetings.
5 December 2014	Huizhou	2	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2014.
7 December 2014	Shenzhen	1	0	0	0	0	To visit the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone.
25 - 27 December 2014	Beijing	5	6,781.86	51,335.00	13,799.28	71,916.14	For the annual work report and to call on CPG officials.
30 January 2015	Guangzhou and Shenzhen	3	0	1,258.48	0	1,258.48	To call on leaders of the Guangdong Provincial Government and the Shenzhen Municipal Government.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
2 - 6 March 2015	Beijing	4	13,836.96	34,485.00	23,762.46	72,084.42	To attend the opening ceremony of the third session of the 12th NPC and call on CPG ministries.
27 - 28 March 2015	Qionghai	4	4,350.70	24,555.00	4,016.70	32,922.40	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2015.
8 - 10 April 2015	Wuhan and Shanghai	3	8,909.68	22,464.00	7,375.36	38,749.04	To officiate at the opening ceremony of the Economic and Trade Office of the Hong Kong SAR Government in Wuhan and preside at the third plenary session of the Hong Kong/Shanghai Economic and Trade Co-operation Conference.
21 April 2015	Guangzhou	3	0	0	0	0	To attend the plaque-unveiling ceremony for the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone.
8 - 9 May 2015	Beijing	2	6,028.68	28,901.00	3,474.99	38,404.67	To attend the funeral of Mr LU Ping, former Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council.
31 May 2015	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend a meeting between CPG officials and LegCo Members.
10 July 2015	Shenzhen	1	0	0	0	0	To call on leaders of the Shenzhen Municipal Government.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
12 - 13 July 2015	Beijing	4	3,364.50	40,585.00	6,261.60	50,211.10	To meet with CPG ministries on the development of the Belt and Road Initiative.
12 August 2015	Zhuhai	3	0	2,585.00	0	2,585.00	To meet with leaders of the Zhuhai Municipal Government, visit the Hengqin New Area of Zhuhai of the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone and inspect the construction works of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.
2 - 4 September 2015	Beijing	13	0	87,856.00	51,427.27	139,283.27	To attend the commemorative activities for the 70th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese people's war of resistance against Japanese aggression.
4 - 5 December 2015	Zhongshan, Jiangmen, Foshan and Guangzhou	2	2,774.34	1,170.00	1,585.68	5,530.02	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2015 and meet with students from the Vocational Training Council who were visiting Jiangmen; and to inspect the transport and infrastructure facilities.
21 - 24 December 2015	Beijing	4	10,093.50	40,017.00	17,179.51	67,290.01	For the annual work report and to call on CPG officials.
2 - 6 March 2016	Beijing	5	19,286.91	38,768.00	57,505.58	115,560.49	To attend the opening ceremony of the fourth session of the 12th NPC and call on CPG ministries.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
23 - 24 March 2016	Qionghai	2	0	15,960.00	2,359.47	18,319.47	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2016.
17 April 2016	Huizhou and Shenzhen	2	0	0	6,667.08	6,667.08	To learn more about the achievements of Hong Kong industrialists in developing the innovation and technology industry in the Mainland.
14 September 2016	Guangzhou	4	0	1,905.54	0	1,905.54	To attend the 19th Plenary of Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.
13 - 14 October 2016	Nanchang	2	0	13,542.00	2,231.97	15,773.97	To attend the 2016 PPRD Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference.
9 December 2016	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2016 and meet with students from the Vocational Training Council who were on an exchange visit there.
20 - 23 December 2016	Beijing	6	19,286.76	52,531.00	23,175.03	94,992.79	For the annual work report and to call on CPG officials.
23 February 2017	Shenzhen and Guangzhou	3	0	0	0	0	To call on leaders of the Guangdong Provincial Government and the Shenzhen Municipal Government and visit the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
2 - 5 March 2017	Beijing	6	18,383.64	48,124.00	23,084.95	89,592.59	To attend the opening ceremony of the fifth session of the 12th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and the opening ceremony of the fifth session of the 12th NPC.
12 - 15 March 2017	Beijing	5	18,894.42	40,130.00	19,787.10	78,811.52	To attend the closing ceremony of the fifth session of the 12th National Committee of CPPCC and the closing ceremony of the fifth session of the 12th NPC.
24 - 25 March 2017	Qionghai	3	0	20,127.00	3,020.72	23,147.72	To attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2017.
19 - 21 April 2017	Foshan and Jiangmen	5	10,047.59	3,649.79	15,349.10	29,046.48	To visit Guangdong cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area.
4 May 2017	Shenzhen	2	0	0	0	0	To meet with Mr WANG Weizhong, Party Secretary of the Shenzhen Municipal Committee, to exchange views on various topics, including how Hong Kong and Shenzhen can co-operate to facilitate the joint development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area.
13 - 15 May 2017	Beijing	4	25,471.48	29,405.00	11,946.25	66,822.73	To attend the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
17 - 18 May 2017	Beijing	2	0	23,891.00	7,167.75	31,058.75	To attend the funeral of Mr QIAN Qichen, former Vice Premier.
26 - 27 May 2017	Beijing	4	0	36,205.00	5,973.15	42,178.15	To attend a forum on the 20th anniversary of the implementation of the Basic Law.
15 June 2017	Shenzhen	3	0	0	0	0	To attend a youth forum organised by the Hong Kong Chinese Importers' and Exporters' Association and speak at the sharing session.
25 - 26 June 2017	Beijing	5	6,140.40	42,368.00	7,167.78	55,676.18	To attend the opening ceremony of the "Together·Progress·Opportunity" Exhibition in Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Return of Hong Kong to the Motherland.

Mainland visits of Chief Executive Carrie LAM CHENG Yuet-Ngor from 1 July 2017 to 28 February 2018

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage #	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Grand total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
6 - 9 August 2017	Beijing	6	18,421.21	45,560.00	22,009.38	85,990.59	To call on CPG ministries and other organisations, and meet Hong Kong people working/studying in Beijing.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
22 - 24 August 2017	Shanghai and Hangzhou	4	21,880.46	32,943.26	10,915.67	65,739.39	To attend the Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong SAR Gala in Shanghai, meet with senior government officials in the Mainland, and visit a high tech company in Hangzhou.
26 - 28 August 2017	Tianjin	4	0	35,840.00	6,304.80	42,144.80	To attend the opening ceremony of the 13th National Games, meet with senior government officials in the Mainland, and visit high tech companies in Tianjin.
31 August 2017	Shenzhen	5	0	0	5,899.00	5,899.00	To officiate at the opening ceremony of the “20.....43 Business of Hong Kong Design” - Shenzhen Exhibition and meet with Mr WANG Weizhong, Party Secretary of Shenzhen Municipal Committee.
24 - 25 September 2017	Changsha	5	0	32,712.00	4,069.35	36,781.35	To attend the 2017 PPRD Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference.
8 December 2017	Dongguan	4	0	0	1,340.00	1,340.00	To attend Hong Kong-PRD Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2017.

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage#	Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	Purpose of visit
13 - 16 December 2017	Beijing	7	18,421.20	56,071.00	14,925.24	89,417.44	For the annual work report; to sign on behalf of the Hong Kong SAR Government an arrangement with NDRC on advancing Hong Kong's full participation in and contribution to the Belt and Road Initiative; and to call on CPG ministries and other organisations.
31 January - 4 February 2018	Beijing	6	24,561.61	44,241.00	29,850.42	98,653.03	To attend the seminar on "Strategies and Opportunities under the Belt and Road Initiative - Leveraging Hong Kong's Advantages, Meeting the Country's Needs", and call on CPG ministries and other organisations.

Includes the spouse of the Chief Executive (if accompanying).

* Other expenses include subsistence allowance for officers on duty outside Hong Kong, the Chief Executive's expenses on official entertainment (for duty visits from July 2017 onwards), and other sundry expenses, etc. In line with the Government's green policy, the Chief Executive normally does not bestow gifts or souvenirs on others during duty visits.

+ Does not include sponsored expenses (if any).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO024

(Question Serial No. 3991)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

Regarding the use of the Chief Executive's country residence at Fanling (Fanling Lodge), please provide the following information:

- (a) The actual expenditures involved in the past 5 years and the estimated expenditure for the coming year.
- (b) The current manpower for maintaining the operation of Fanling Lodge and the expenditure involved.
- (c) The number of times and total number of days that the Chief Executive stayed at Fanling Lodge in the past 5 years. Please set out the information for the past 5 years in tabular form.
- (d) The number of times that the Chief Executive received officials of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government at Fanling Lodge in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 7226)

Reply:

At present, altogether 21 domestic staff are responsible for supporting the daily operation of Government House and the Chief Executive's country residence at Fanling (Fanling Lodge) and are deployed flexibly according to operational needs. Under normal circumstances, a Domestic Staff IV is assigned to maintain the daily operation of Fanling Lodge and the estimated expenditure on staff emoluments thus arising is \$250,000 for 2018-19.

Apart from the expenditure on staff emolument, the actual day-to-day management expenses arising from the daily operation of Fanling Lodge (e.g. utility fees) from 2013-14 to 2016-17 were \$660,000, \$760,000, \$780,000 and \$800,000 respectively and the revised estimate for 2017-18 is \$820,000. The estimated expenditure for 2018-19 is \$830,000.

This Office does not maintain records on the Chief Executive's stay or private activities at Fanling Lodge. As for official activities, we do not have records compiled by reference to the individuals met by the Chief Executive.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO025

(Question Serial No. 6197)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

Please set out the actual expenditures on the public and social engagements undertaken by the wife of the Chief Executive in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4002)

Reply:

In the past 5 years, the Chief Executive's Office provided general support to the wife of the then Chief Executive for her undertaking of public and social engagements. Apart from this, no additional expenditure was involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO026

(Question Serial No. 6198)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

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

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4003)

Reply:

The husband of the Chief Executive does not hold any public offices at present. There is thus no need for the Chief Executive's Office to provide any support or draw up any expenditure estimate in this regard.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO027

(Question Serial No. 6199)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

1. Please provide details of your department's expenses on entertainment and gifts in the past 2 years using the following table:

Department and year	Estimated expenses on entertainment and gifts in the year	Actual expenses on entertainment and gifts in the year	Cap on entertainment expenses (including beverages) per head for the year	Cap on gift expenses per guest for the year	Number of receptions held and total number of guests received in the year

2. Please provide details of your department's expenses on entertainment and gifts in the current year using the following table:

Department	Date of reception (day/month/year)	Departments/ organisations and post titles of guests received (please set out the number of guests by department/ organisation)	Food expenses involved in the reception	Beverage and gift expenses involved in the reception	Venue of the reception (department office/ restaurant in government facilities/ private restaurant/ others (please specify))

3. Please provide the estimated expenses on entertainment and gifts for the coming year using the following table:

Department	Estimated provision for expenses on entertainment and gifts	Cap on entertainment expenses per guest	Cap on gift expenses per guest

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4009)

Reply:

When entertaining guests for official purposes, all Government officers should exercise economy in order to avoid any public perception of extravagance and should observe the relevant guidelines. According to the prevailing internal guidelines, expenditure on official meals should not be 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. For practical or protocol reasons, where the engagement of external catering services is involved, the above expenditure limits do not apply to official meals held at the official residences (including Government House). Notwithstanding this, the principle of prudent use of public money should be observed in the organisation of such activities. In 2016-17 and 2017-18 (as at 28 February 2018), the actual expenditure of the Chief Executive's Office on official entertainment was \$490,000 and \$380,000 respectively. The estimated expenditure for 2018-19 is \$500,000. The Chief Executive also receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment held at the official residences. In 2016-17 and 2017-18, the amounts of the allowance were \$897,000 and \$918,500 respectively. The estimated expenditure on the allowance for 2018-19 is \$932,300.

In line with the Government's green policy, public officers should as far as possible refrain from bestowing gifts or souvenirs on others in the conduct of official activities. According to the prevailing guidelines, where bestowal of gifts or souvenirs is necessary or unavoidable due to operational, protocol or other reasons, the gift or souvenir items should not be lavish or extravagant and the number should be kept to a minimum. Also, the exchange of gifts or souvenirs should only be made from organisation to organisation. The above requirements also apply to, and are being observed by, the Chief Executive's Office.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO028

(Question Serial No. 6342)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

Please set out the numbers of trips made by vehicles of the Chief Executive's Office to the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 16)

Reply:

The Chief Executive and the staff of the Chief Executive's Office routinely use office vehicles to get to various destinations to attend official functions, etc. according to operational needs. A large number of trip records are involved. The Chief Executive's Office has not compiled a breakdown of such trip records by destination.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO029****(Question Serial No. 6030)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

- Regarding the duty visits made by the Chief Executive since she assumed office, please provide the expenditure on air travelling for each visit using the following table:

Date of visit	Destination	Expenditures on air travelling and other modes of transport (HK\$)					Total amount
		High-speed rail	Plane	Ship	Car	Others	

- When determining the means of travel for her visits to the Mainland, does the Chief Executive prefer and choose to travel by high-speed rail in view of the "convenience" and "advantages" that the 20 000km long national high-speed rail network offers? If no, what are the reasons? What are the considerations in determining the means of travel?
- After the commissioning of the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, will the Chief Executive prefer and choose to travel by high-speed rail in view of the "convenience" and "advantages" that the 20 000km long national high-speed rail network offers? If no, what are the reasons? What are the considerations in determining the means of travel?

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 321)Reply:

The transportation expenses for the Chief Executive's duty visits undertaken during the period from 1 July 2017 to 28 February 2018 are set out at the Annex. Given the tight schedule of the Chief Executive's duty visits, the Chief Executive's Office will make the most appropriate transportation arrangements taking into account relevant considerations (including the destination of the visit, the venue and time of various activities in the visit programme, the schedule and journey time of different modes of transport, etc.) in order to

achieve the objectives of the duty visits and ensure that various activities are conducted smoothly.

**Transportation expenses for the Chief Executive's duty visits
(From 1 July 2017 to 28 February 2018)**

Date of visit	Destination	Transportation expenses (\$) (Note)
2 - 5 August 2017	Singapore and Bangkok, Thailand	56,595.00
6 - 9 August 2017	Beijing	45,560.00
18 August 2017	Macao	5,757.50
22 - 24 August 2017	Shanghai and Hangzhou	32,943.26
26 - 28 August 2017	Tianjin	35,840.00
31 August 2017	Shenzhen	5,899.00
14 - 17 September 2017	Naypyidaw and Yangon, Myanmar	84,065.12
20 - 23 September 2017	London, the United Kingdom	299,345.00
24 - 25 September 2017	Changsha	32,712.00
9 - 12 November 2017	Da Nang, Vietnam	35,485.00
3 - 4 December 2017	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	201,412.00
8 December 2017	Dongguan	1,340.00
13 - 16 December 2017	Beijing	56,071.00
22 - 27 January 2018	Zurich, Lucerne and Davos, Switzerland	175,810.00
31 January - 4 February 2018	Beijing	44,241.00

Note: The transportation expenses for the Chief Executive's duty visits are not recorded in the accounts by the mode of transport. The amounts of transportation expenses set out in the above table represent the total expenses incurred by the Chief Executive's Office for the use of various means of transportation by its officers during duty visits. These expenses were mostly spent on air tickets. The amounts set out above do not include sponsored expenses (if any).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO030

(Question Serial No. 6140)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

Please set out in tabular form the numbers of fire and ambulance calls to the Chief Executive's Office, Government House and the Chief Executive's country residence at Fanling in the past 5 years, the reasons for these calls and the response time.

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 744)

Reply:

The Chief Executive's Office does not maintain such information.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO031

(Question Serial No. 6124)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Mrs Jessie TING)

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

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 2, Programme (1) of Head 21, that the Chief Executive's Office is responsible for planning the Chief Executive's public and social engagements. In this regard, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) What is the estimated expenditure on the Chief Executive's duty visits?
- (2) What is the estimated expenditure on the Chief Executive's social engagements?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 77)

Reply:

- (1) The estimated expenditure on the Chief Executive's duty visits for 2018-19 is \$2,160,000.
- (2) The Chief Executive's Office provides support to the Chief Executive for her social engagements. The expenditure thus incurred is covered by the general operational expenses of the Office. No separate account is kept for the above expenditure. For official entertainment hosted by the Chief Executive, the estimated expenditure for 2018-19 is \$360,000, which is for organising various activities to reach out to different sectors of the community, receiving visitors to Hong Kong and hosting official entertainment outside Hong Kong. The Chief Executive also receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment held at the official residences. The estimated amount of the allowance for 2018-19 is \$932,300.

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