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Replies to supplementary question raised by Finance Committee Member in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2019-20

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(Question Serial No. S017)

<u>Head</u>: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

<u>Subhead</u>: (103) Rewards and Special Services

Programme: Not Sepecified

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

(Simon YL PEH)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

What were the uses and components under the Subhead Rewards and special services in the past 3 years? What were their respective percentages? What is the detailed rationale for making an estimate of \$15.9 million for the Subhead Rewards and special services in 2019-20?

Asked by: Hon TO Kun-sun, James (LegCo internal reference no.:)

Reply:

The provision under Subhead "Rewards and special services" caters for expenditure on rewards and procurement of special services and equipment of a confidential nature. As the expenditure under Subhead "Rewards and special services" involves the ICAC's covert operational activities and intelligence gathering, disclosing the details of the expenditure under this Subhead may reveal the ICAC's operational details and law enforcement capabilities to criminals, who may be able to elude justice, thus jeopardising public interest. Therefore, the information cannot be provided.