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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO001

(Question Serial No. 0015)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Shirley LAM)

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

Question:

Please set out the estimated expenditures on the salaries and allowances of the Chief Executive and the Director of the Chief Executive's Office for 2021-22.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

For 2021-22, the estimated expenditure on the salary and non-accountable entertainment allowance of the Chief Executive is \$5,080,200 and \$982,400 respectively. The estimated expenditure on the salary of the Director of the Chief Executive's Office is \$4,072,800. No other allowances are paid to the Chief Executive and the Director of the Chief Executive's Office.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO002****(Question Serial No. 2818)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (2) Executive CouncilControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Shirley LAM)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Please set out the number of meetings convened by the Executive Council (ExCo) in the past year, the attendance rate at each meeting and the attendance rate of each ExCo Member.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)Reply:

The Executive Council (ExCo) held 57 meetings in 2020. Statistics on the attendance of each non-official Member of ExCo at ExCo meetings in this period are tabulated below:

ExCo Non-official Member	Total no. of meetings§	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate
The Hon Bernard Charnwut CHAN	55	54	98%
The Hon Mrs Laura CHA SHIH May-lung	51	45	88%
Professor the Hon Arthur LI Kwok-cheung	57	53	93%
The Hon CHOW Chung-kong	57	56	98%
The Hon Mrs Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun	57	56	98%
The Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung	56	54	96%
The Hon IP Kwok-him	55	54	98%
The Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan	56	55	98%
The Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong	56	54	96%
The Hon Joseph YAM Chi-kwong	57	57	100%
The Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yea	55	50	91%
The Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah	56	54	96%
The Hon WONG Kwok-kin	56	53	95%
Dr the Hon LAM Ching-choi	57	57	100%
The Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung	54	50	93%
The Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan	56	56	100%

§ The total number of meetings represents the number of ExCo meetings held in the above period after deducting the number of meetings where the Member withdrew from the discussion of all items or where the Member was absent on the day of meeting due to other official meetings or engagements.

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 and is unable to provide their overall attendance rate at each meeting.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO003

(Question Serial No. 2819)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Shirley LAM)

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

Question:

Please set out the details of the Chief Executive's expenditures on overseas visits, receiving visitors, entertainment and gifts in the past year, the total amount of donations she received from outside organisations, and the largest amount of donation received.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

Information on the Chief Executive's duty visits from 1 April 2020 to 28 February 2021 is set out in the Annex.

To consolidate and strengthen Hong Kong's ties with the Mainland and other countries and regions, the Chief Executive frequently receives representatives of governments, international organisations, the media and business communities, etc. from all over the world, including visitors from the Mainland and overseas. She also often meets with people from various sectors of the local community, including Members of the Legislative Council, representatives of business and industrial associations, professionals and media representatives. In view of the large number of organisations and people involved, we have not compiled information in this regard by reference to the organisations and individuals met.

The Chief Executive receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment held at the official residence. The amount of the allowance in 2020-21 was \$982,400.

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.

During the above period, the Chief Executive did not receive any donations.

The Chief Executive's Duty Visits (from 1 April 2020 to 28 February 2021)

Date	Place of visit	Expenses for the Chief Executive and the entourage				Remarks (e.g. whether the accommodation is sponsored)
		Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)	
21 - 22 May 2020	Beijing	0	38,280.00	1,084.16	39,364.16	Accommodation and local transportation for the full delegation were sponsored.
2 - 4 June 2020	Beijing	20,339.88	60,090.00	12,109.04	92,538.92	Local transportation for the full delegation was sponsored.
26 August 2020	Shenzhen	0	0	1,777.00	1,777.00	Nil
12 - 14 October 2020	Shenzhen	0	0	5,019.36	5,019.36	Accommodation and local transportation for the full delegation were sponsored.
3 - 7 November 2020	Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen	38,981.63	63,444.00	36,869.96	139,295.59	Local transportation for the full delegation was sponsored.
9 - 10 November 2020	Macao	5,249.83	0	5,539.64	10,789.47	Local transportation for the full delegation was sponsored.

* Other expenses include subsistence allowance for officers on duty visit outside Hong Kong 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

CEO004

(Question Serial No. 2820)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Shirley LAM)

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

Question:

Please set out in table form the visitors that the Chief Executive received or entertained in the past 3 years, purposes of their visits and details of the entertainment, including the entertainment expenses.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

To consolidate and strengthen Hong Kong's ties with the Mainland and other countries and regions, the Chief Executive frequently receives representatives of governments, international organisations, the media and business communities, etc. from all over the world, including visitors from the Mainland and overseas. She also often meets with people from different sectors of the local community. In view of the large number of organisations and people involved, we have not compiled information on the visitors.

The Chief Executive receives a non-accountable entertainment allowance for meeting expenses on official entertainment held at the official residence. In 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, the amount of the allowance was \$932,300, \$954,700 and \$982,400 respectively. Apart from this, in 2018-19 and 2019-20, the expenditure incurred by the Chief Executive's Office for organising various official hospitality activities to reach out to different sectors of the community and visitors (such as the Spring Reception, luncheon for representatives of international and local chambers of commerce, etc.) was about \$810,000 and \$316,000 respectively. Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there was no expenditure in this regard in 2020-21 (as at 28 February 2021).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO005****(Question Serial No. 2821)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Shirley LAM)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

Please set out the number of days and the dates on which the Chief Executive was outside Hong Kong in the past year.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)Reply:

Information on the Chief Executive's duty visits from 1 April 2020 to 28 February 2021 is set out below. An announcement would be made when the Chief Executive takes vacation leave outside Hong Kong and the related acting arrangement would be gazetted. The Chief Executive did not take any vacation leave outside Hong Kong from 1 April 2020 to 28 February 2021.

Date	Place of visit by the Chief Executive
21 - 22 May 2020	Beijing
2 - 4 June 2020	Beijing
26 August 2020	Shenzhen
12 - 14 October 2020	Shenzhen
3 - 7 November 2020	Beijing, Guangzhou, Shenzhen
9 - 10 November 2020	Macao

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO006

(Question Serial No. 2847)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Shirley LAM)

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

Question:

Please set out the actual expenditures on the subscriptions for Apple Daily and Next Magazine from 2012 to 2020, and the estimated expenditures for this year.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 113)

Reply:

As the Chief Executive's Office does not maintain separate accounts for the subscriptions paid for individual newspapers or publications, we are unable to provide the relevant information.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CEO007

(Question Serial No. 2853)

Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Shirley LAM)

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

Question:

Please provide the actual expenditure on the maintenance of the Chief Executive's car and the number of times that it was used in the past year, and the estimated expenditure for this year.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 241)

Reply:

The Chief Executive mainly uses her official car for daily travel. The expenditure on the maintenance of this vehicle in 2020-21 was about \$60,000, the same for the estimated expenditure for 2021-22. The Chief Executive's Office has not compiled information on the number of times that the vehicle was used.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO008****(Question Serial No. 1521)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expensesProgramme: (1) Chief Executive's OfficeControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Shirley LAM)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

1. Please provide, in the form of a list as given below, details of the official trips made by the current-term Chief Executive to Mainland China, including duty visits, exchange visits, inspection visits, reporting visits, etc., since she assumed office:

Date	Destination	Name of organisations visited	Details of visit

2. Please provide, in the form of a list as given below, details of the official trips made by the current-term Chief Executive to places other than Mainland China, including duty visits, exchange visits, inspection visits, reporting visits, etc., since she assumed office:

Date	Destination	Name of organisations visited	Details of visit

Asked by: Hon HO Kwan-yiu, Junius (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)Reply:

Information on the Chief Executive's duty visits to the Mainland and other places from 1 July 2017 to 28 February 2021 is set out in Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively.

The Chief Executive's Duty Visits to the Mainland (from 1 July 2017 to 28 February 2021)

Date	Place of visit	Details of visit (including the organisations visited, if any)
6 - 9 August 2017	Beijing	To call on ministries of the Central People's Government (CPG) and other organisations, and meet Hong Kong people working/studying in Beijing.
22 - 24 August 2017	Shanghai and Hangzhou	To attend the Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (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	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	To officiate at the opening ceremony of the "20.....43 Business of Hong Kong Design" - Shenzhen Exhibition and meet with the Secretary of CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee, Mr Wang Weizhong.
24 - 25 September 2017	Changsha	To attend the 2017 Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD) Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference.
8 December 2017	Dongguan	To attend the Hong Kong- Pearl River Delta (PRD) Industrial and Commercial Circle Goodwill Gathering 2017.
13 - 16 December 2017	Beijing	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.
31 January - 4 February 2018	Beijing	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.
4 - 7 March 2018	Beijing	To meet with Mainland officials and attend the opening ceremony of the first session of the 13th National People's Congress (NPC).
19 - 20 March 2018	Beijing	To attend the closing ceremony of the first session of the 13th NPC.

Date	Place of visit	Details of visit (including the organisations visited, if any)
29 - 30 March 2018	Shenzhen, Zhongshan and Zhuhai	To officiate at the inauguration ceremony of Harmonia College of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, visit places in Zhongshan and Zhuhai, and meet with leaders of the Shenzhen, Zhongshan and Zhuhai Municipal Governments separately.
8 - 10 April 2018	Hainan	To attend the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2018 and meet with other senior officials attending the Conference.
10 - 13 May 2018	Sichuan	To attend commemorative activities for the 10th anniversary of the Wenchuan earthquake and the high-level meeting cum First Plenary of the Hong Kong-Sichuan Co-operation Conference, and to meet with other Mainland officials.
16 - 17 May 2018	Huizhou and Guangzhou	To meet with leaders of the Guangdong Provincial Government and the Huizhou and Guangzhou Municipal Governments to discuss the preparatory work for the future development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.
25 - 27 June 2018	Beijing	To report to the Vice Premier of the State Council the views and suggestions on matters relating to the development plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.
20 July 2018	Shenzhen	To call on Mainland officials, meet with Hong Kong people who have set up businesses in Longgang District, and visit a technology company and the Institute of Robotics and Intelligent Manufacturing of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen.
25 - 28 July 2018	Beijing	To call on Mainland officials, meet with young people from Hong Kong who have joined internship programmes in the Mainland, and attend a performance by the Sing Fai Cantonese Opera Promotion Association from Hong Kong.
14 - 16 August 2018	Beijing	To attend the first meeting of the Leading Group for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.
4 - 5 September 2018	Guangzhou	To attend the 12th PPRD Regional Co-operation and Development Forum and Trade Fair as well as the 5th Hong Kong Legal Services Forum.
22 September 2018	Guangzhou	To host the opening ceremony for the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link.
22 - 23 October 2018	Zhuhai	To attend the opening ceremony of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge.

Date	Place of visit	Details of visit (including the organisations visited, if any)
23 - 25 October 2018	Beijing and Hebei	To attend the 4th Hong Kong/Beijing Co-operation Conference and the opening ceremony of the 22nd Beijing-Hong Kong Economic Cooperation Symposium, and call on Mainland officials.
4 - 6 November 2018	Shanghai	To attend the opening ceremony of the inaugural China International Import Expo and the launch ceremony of the Shanghai Hong Kong University Alliance, visit a cultural facility and meet with Hong Kong people living or studying in Shanghai.
10 - 12 November 2018	Shenzhen and Beijing	To lead the Hong Kong SAR delegation in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the country's reform and opening up.
10 December 2018	Zhuhai	To attend the exchange forum on business co-operation in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area organised by the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, the Hong Kong Productivity Council and the PRD Council.
15 - 18 December 2018	Beijing	For the annual work report; to meet with Mainland officials, and officiate at the opening ceremony of an exhibition on the intangible cultural heritage of Hong Kong.
15 January 2019	Guangzhou	To meet with the Secretary of CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, Mr Li Xi, and the Governor of Guangdong Province, Mr Ma Xingrui, to discuss collaboration between Hong Kong and Guangdong in relation to the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.
1 - 7 March 2019	Beijing	To attend the second plenary meeting of the Leading Group for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the signing ceremony for the donation by Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation to the Palace Museum, and the opening ceremony of the second session of the 13th NPC; to call on various central ministries and other organisations.
22 - 23 March 2019	Conghua, Guangzhou	To attend the Exhibition Raceday at the Hong Kong Jockey Club Conghua Racecourse.
24 - 25 March 2019	Beijing	To attend the 20th China Development Forum.
27 - 29 March 2019	Hainan	To attend the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2019 and meet with other senior officials attending the Conference.
24 - 29 April 2019	Beijing	To attend the second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, to call on the All-China Women's Federation, and to attend the 2019 Beijing International Horticultural Exhibition.

Date	Place of visit	Details of visit (including the organisations visited, if any)
16 - 19 May 2019	Guangzhou, Foshan, Zhaoqing and Jiangmen	To attend the 21st Plenary of the Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference and the opening ceremony of the first Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area media summit in Guangzhou; to visit Foshan, Zhaoqing and Jiangmen and meet with their respective leaders.
5 - 6 September 2019	Nanning, Guangxi	To attend the 2019 PPRD Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference.
26 September 2019	Nansha, Guangzhou	To attend the “Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Major Projects Construction of Guangzhou Nansha Demonstration Zone for Comprehensive Co-operation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao”, celebrating the commencement of two projects, i.e. The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou) and the Pearl Science Park of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.
30 September - 1 October 2019	Beijing	To lead a delegation to participate in activities in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China.
31 October - 5 November 2019	Shanghai and Nanjing	To attend various events, including the opening of “Festival Hong Kong 2019 - A Cultural Extravaganza@Shanghai”, the 2nd “Jiangsu-Hong Kong Summit on Interconnected Development”, and the 2nd China International Import Expo, and meet with President Xi Jinping.
5 - 7 November 2019	Beijing	To attend the third plenary meeting of the Leading Group for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and meet with the Vice Premier of the State Council, Mr Han Zheng.
14 - 17 December 2019	Beijing	To brief state leaders on the latest economic, social and political situation in Hong Kong.
21 - 22 May 2020	Beijing	To attend the opening ceremony of the third session of the 13th NPC.
2 - 4 June 2020	Beijing	To express views to the CPG regarding the legislation to be enacted by the Standing Committee of the NPC for establishing and improving the legal system and enforcement mechanisms for the Hong Kong SAR to safeguard national security.
26 August 2020	Shenzhen	To attend the opening ceremony of the cargo clearance facilities at the Liantang Port/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point; to visit the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Innovation and Technology (I&T) Co-operation Zone, youth innovation and entrepreneurship projects of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao youth innovation and entrepreneur workshop.

Date	Place of visit	Details of visit (including the organisations visited, if any)
12 - 14 October 2020	Shenzhen	To attend the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone.
3 - 7 November 2020	Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen	To meet with leaders of central ministries in Beijing to discuss measures by the CPG to support the Hong Kong economy; to meet with leaders of Guangdong Province and Shenzhen in Guangzhou and Shenzhen respectively to discuss Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development and Hong Kong-Shenzhen co-operation.

The Chief Executive's Duty Visits to Places Outside the Mainland (from 1 July 2017 to 28 February 2021)

Date	Place of visit	Details of visit (including the organisations visited, if any)
2 - 5 August 2017	Singapore and Bangkok, Thailand	To meet with senior government officials and the business sector in Singapore and Thailand to foster closer relations between Hong Kong and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations; and to visit institutions in Singapore relating to civil service training and promotion of I&T.
18 August 2017	Macao	To call on the Chief Executive of the Macao SAR, Mr Chui Sai-on, and learn about the development of cultural and creative industries in Macao.
14 - 17 September 2017	Naypyidaw and Yangon, Myanmar	To meet with senior government officials of Myanmar, promote closer ties between Hong Kong and Myanmar in various areas and attend the 14th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention.
20 - 23 September 2017	London, the United Kingdom (UK)	To attend the Hong Kong Dinner in London and the "Think Asia, Think Hong Kong" symposium organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (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.
9 - 12 November 2017	Da Nang, Vietnam	To attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2017 Economic Leaders' Meeting and other related meetings.
3 - 4 December 2017	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	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.
22 - 27 January 2018	Zurich, Lucerne and Davos, Switzerland	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 (WEF) Annual Meeting in Davos.
24 - 26 April 2018	Jakarta, Indonesia	To deliver an address at a luncheon organised by HKTDC and to meet with senior officials of the Indonesian Government.

Date	Place of visit	Details of visit (including the organisations visited, if any)
13 - 14 May 2018	Bangkok, Thailand	To attend and deliver a keynote speech at the opening of the Ministerial Segment of the 74th session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.
14 - 25 June 2018	Brussels in Belgium; Bordeaux, Marseille and Paris in France; Zurich in Switzerland; and Lindau	To meet with senior officials of the European Commission, the Belgian Government, the French Government and members of the French Parliament; to speak at seminars on the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the Belt and Road Initiative and property technology; to attend the ceremony on acceptance of helicopters for the Government Flying Service and the Opening Ceremony of the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting 2018.
29 October - 2 November 2018	Japan	To meet with senior government officials, members of parliament, members of the business, technology and political sectors and professionals in Japan, attend the “Think Global, Think Hong Kong” symposium organised by HKTDC, attend events organised by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Tokyo during the “Hong Kong Week”, and visit I&T-related organisations.
15 - 19 November 2018	Papua New Guinea	To attend the APEC 2018 Economic Leaders’ Meeting and various related events.
21 - 25 January 2019	Zurich and Davos, Switzerland	To meet with local government officials and members of the business sector in Zurich to update them on the latest developments of Hong Kong; to attend the WEF Annual Meeting in Davos; to meet with leaders of various economies, the WEF and the business sector in Davos; and to address the third Belt and Road Davos Forum co-organised by Tsinghua University and the Hong Kong SAR Government and the Hong Kong Night co-organised by the Hong Kong SAR Government and the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited.
27 - 28 February 2019	Bangkok, Thailand	To officiate at the opening ceremony of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Bangkok; to meet with senior government officials of Thailand; to attend a business seminar as well as the opening ceremony of cultural collaboration activities between Hong Kong and Thailand.

Date	Place of visit	Details of visit (including the organisations visited, if any)
7 - 9 April 2019	Tokyo, Japan	To attend the Symposium on the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area jointly organised by the governments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, to meet with the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr Shinzo Abe, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Mr Taro Kono, leaders of the business sector as well as organisations and institutions in relation to I&T; and to visit I&T, elderly care and medical facilities.
12 August 2019	Macao	To attend the opening ceremony of the International Conference on Cultural Mission for the Development and Construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.
21 - 22 October 2019	Tokyo, Japan	To attend the enthronement ceremony of Emperor Naruhito.
28 - 29 November 2019	Bangkok, Thailand	To meet with the Prime Minister of Thailand, Mr Prayut Chan-o-cha, attend a high-level meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, Dr Somkid Jatusripitak, and sign a memorandum of understanding with the Government of Thailand on strengthening economic relations on behalf of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR.
19 - 20 December 2019	Macao	To attend the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Macao's Return to the Motherland and the Inauguration Ceremony of the Fifth-term Government of the Macao SAR.
21 - 25 January 2020	Davos, Switzerland	To attend the WEF Annual Meeting, address different sessions organised by the WEF and other organisations, and meet with leaders of various governments, the WEF and the business sector.
9 - 10 November 2020	Macao	To attend the opening ceremony of the First Conference of the International Science, Technology and Innovation Forum of Boao Forum for Asia.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**CEO009****(Question Serial No. 2477)**Head: (21) Chief Executive's OfficeSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (2) Executive CouncilControlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Shirley LAM)Director of Bureau: Director of the Chief Executive's OfficeQuestion:

In each of the past 3 years, how many meetings were held by the Executive Council (ExCo)? How many items were discussed? For each non-official Member of ExCo, what were (i) the number of meetings attended, (ii) the attendance rate, (iii) the number of items where the Member withdrew from discussions due to conflict of interest, and (iv) the number of withdrawals from discussions?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 105)Reply:

The Executive Council (ExCo) held 136 meetings and discussed 634 items from 2018 to 2020. Statistics on the attendance of non-official Members of ExCo at ExCo meetings in this period are tabulated below:

ExCo Non-official Member	Total no. of meetings§	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate
The Hon Bernard Charnwut CHAN	133	130	98%
The Hon Mrs Laura CHA SHIH May-lung	117	103	88%
Professor the Hon Arthur LI Kwok-cheung	136	127	93%
The Hon CHOW Chung-kong	136	128	94%
The Hon Mrs Fanny LAW FAN Chiu-fun	136	128	94%
The Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung	132	127	96%
The Hon IP Kwok-him	133	131	98%
The Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yun	134	125	93%
The Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong	132	123	93%
The Hon Joseph YAM Chi-kwong	136	130	96%
The Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yea	133	122	92%
The Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah	135	123	91%
The Hon WONG Kwok-kin	135	128	95%
Dr the Hon LAM Ching-choi	132	130	98%
The Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung	122	111	91%

ExCo Non-official Member	Total no. of meetings§	No. of meetings attended	Attendance rate
The Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan	134	131	98%

§ The total number of meetings represents the number of ExCo meetings held in the above period after deducting the number of meetings where the Member withdrew from the discussion of all items or where the Member was absent on the day of meeting due to other official meetings or engagements.

The ExCo Secretariat publishes statistics on withdrawal from discussions at ExCo meetings due to conflict of interest on the ExCo website annually. The relevant information is tabulated below:

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
2018	38	222	48	137
2019	41	198	39	109
2020	57	214	56	127

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (21) Chief Executive's Office

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

Programme: (1) Chief Executive's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary, Chief Executive's Office (Ms Shirley LAM)

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

Question:

How many directorate and non-directorate posts were/are there in the Chief Executive's Office in the past 2 years and the coming year? What is the estimated expenditure on the emoluments of these posts by type of duty? Regarding the Chief Executive's visits to the Mainland or other places, please provide information on the date and place of visit, size of entourage, whether she was accompanied by her spouse, the accommodation, transportation and other expenses involved, purpose of visit, and whether the visits were sponsored.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 106)

Reply:

There are 5 directorate permanent posts and 98 non-directorate permanent posts in the Chief Executive's Office. There were no changes to these permanent posts in the past 2 years, and no changes are expected in the coming year. These posts, together with their respective numbers and the estimated expenditure on their emoluments in 2021-22, are tabulated below by type:

Type of duties	No. of directorate posts	No. of non-directorate posts	Estimated expenditure on emoluments
Policy co-ordination; planning and arrangements for the Chief Executive's official activities; and co-ordination of news and public relations work	5		\$10,960,669
		7	\$11,283,653
Departmental administration		12	\$14,667,813
Translation service		2	\$2,533,098
Secretarial and other support services		20	\$10,367,885
Clerical and general support services		30	\$11,516,493

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Domestic services for the Chief Executive's official residence		20	\$5,527,831
Driving service		7	\$3,931,483
Total	5	98	\$70,788,925

Information on the Chief Executive's duty visits to the Mainland and other places from 1 April 2019 to 28 February 2021 is set out in the Annex. For the Chief Executive's duty visits in the coming year, no relevant information is available at the moment.

The Chief Executive's Duty Visits (from 1 April 2019 to 28 February 2021)

Date	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Expenses for the Chief Executive and the entourage				Purpose of visit	Remarks (e.g. whether the accommodation is sponsored)
			Hotel accommodation (\$)	Passage (\$)	Other expenses* (\$)	Total+ (\$)		
Duty visits made by the Chief Executive, the Honourable Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, from 1 April 2019 to 28 February 2021								
7 - 9 April 2019	Tokyo, Japan	3	39,529.03	59,591.00	12,445.58	111,565.61	To attend the Symposium on the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area jointly organised by the governments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, to meet with the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr Shinzo Abe, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Mr Taro Kono, leaders of the business sector as well as organisations and institutions in relation to innovation and technology (I&T); and to visit I&T, elderly care and medical facilities.	Nil

Includes the spouse of the Chief Executive.

* Other expenses include subsistence allowance for officers on duty visit outside Hong Kong 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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24 - 29 April 2019	Beijing	6#	47,412.83	69,052.00	34,737.99	151,202.82	To attend the second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, to call on the All-China Women's Federation, and to attend the 2019 Beijing International Horticultural Exhibition.	Local transportation for the full delegation, 5 nights of accommodation for the Chief Executive and 2 members of her entourage, as well as 3 nights of accommodation for the spouse of the Chief Executive were sponsored.
16 - 19 May 2019	Guangzhou, Foshan, Zhaoqing and Jiangmen	3	10,273.92	0	16,656.91	26,930.83	To attend the 21st Plenary of the Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference and the opening ceremony of the first Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area media summit in Guangzhou; to visit Foshan, Zhaoqing and Jiangmen and meet with their respective leaders.	Nil
12 August 2019	Macao	5	0	0	8,198.00	8,198.00	To attend the opening ceremony of the International Conference on Cultural Mission for the Development and Construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.	Nil

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5 - 6 September 2019	Nanning, Guangxi	4	0	14,590.00	12,612.24	27,202.24	To attend the 2019 Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference.	Accommodation and local transportation for the full delegation were sponsored.
26 September 2019	Nansha, Guangzhou	4	0	0	4,944.00	4,944.00	To attend the “Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Major Projects Construction of Guangzhou Nansha Demonstration Zone for Comprehensive Co-operation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao”, celebrating the commencement of two projects, i.e. The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou) and the Pearl Science Park of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.	Nil
30 September - 1 October 2019	Beijing	3	0	0	3,447.21	3,447.21	To lead a delegation to participate in activities in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China.	Accommodation and local transportation for the full delegation were sponsored.
21 - 22 October 2019	Tokyo, Japan	3	20,149.24	89,715.00	6,611.96	116,476.20	To attend the enthronement ceremony of Emperor Naruhito.	Local transportation for the full delegation was sponsored.

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31 October - 5 November 2019	Shanghai and Nanjing	4	53,678.51	32,475.00	29,329.54	115,483.05	To attend various events, including the opening of “Festival Hong Kong 2019 - A Cultural Extravaganza@ Shanghai”, the 2nd “Jiangsu-Hong Kong Summit on Interconnected Development”, and the 2nd China International Import Expo, and meet with President Xi Jinping.	Local transportation for the full delegation was sponsored.
5 - 7 November 2019	Beijing	4	6,838.60	38,923.00	11,983.17	57,744.77	To attend the third plenary meeting of the Leading Group for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and meet with the Vice Premier of the State Council, Mr Han Zheng.	Local transportation for the full delegation and 2 nights of accommodation for the Chief Executive and 2 members of her entourage were sponsored.

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28 - 29 November 2019	Bangkok, Thailand	4	6,059.20	39,310.00	2,789.28	48,158.48	To meet with the Prime Minister of Thailand, Mr Prayut Chan-o-cha, attend a high-level meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, Dr Somkid Jatusripitak, and sign a memorandum of understanding with the Government of Thailand on strengthening economic relations on behalf of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR).	1 night of accommodation for the Chief Executive was sponsored.
14 - 17 December 2019	Beijing	5	13,894.50	58,413.00	17,617.45	89,924.95	To brief state leaders on the latest economic, social and political situation in Hong Kong.	Local transportation for the full delegation and 3 nights of accommodation for the Chief Executive and 2 members of her entourage were sponsored.
19 - 20 December 2019	Macao	5#	0	0	18,794.28	18,794.28	To attend the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Macao's Return to the Motherland and the Inauguration Ceremony of the Fifth-term Government of the Macao SAR.	Accommodation and local transportation for the full delegation were sponsored.

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21 - 25 January 2020	Davos, Switzerland	3	51,496.27	243,625.00	19,370.35	314,491.62	To attend the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting, address different sessions organised by the WEF and other organisations, and meet with leaders of various governments, the WEF and the business sector.	Local transportation for the Chief Executive and 2 members of her entourage was sponsored.
21 - 22 May 2020	Beijing	1	0	38,280.00	1,084.16	39,364.16	To attend the opening ceremony of the third session of the 13th National People's Congress (NPC).	Accommodation and local transportation for the full delegation were sponsored.
2 - 4 June 2020	Beijing	3	20,339.88	60,090.00	12,109.04	92,538.92	To express views to the Central People's Government (CPG) regarding the legislation to be enacted by the Standing Committee of the NPC for establishing and improving the legal system and enforcement mechanisms for the Hong Kong SAR to safeguard national security.	Local transportation for the full delegation was sponsored.

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26 August 2020	Shenzhen	3	0	0	1,777.00	1,777.00	To attend the opening ceremony of the cargo clearance facilities at the Liantang Port/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point; to visit the Shenzhen-Hong Kong I&T Co-operation Zone, youth innovation and entrepreneurship projects of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao youth innovation and entrepreneur workshop.	Nil
12 - 14 October 2020	Shenzhen	2	0	0	5,019.36	5,019.36	To attend the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone.	Accommodation and local transportation for the full delegation were sponsored.

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3 - 7 November 2020	Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen	3	38,981.63	63,444.00	36,869.96	139,295.59	To meet with leaders of central ministries in Beijing to discuss measures by the CPG to support the Hong Kong economy; to meet with leaders of Guangdong Province and Shenzhen in Guangzhou and Shenzhen respectively to discuss Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development and Hong Kong-Shenzhen co-operation.	Local transportation for the full delegation was sponsored.
9 - 10 November 2020	Macao	3	5,249.83	0	5,539.64	10,789.47	To attend the opening ceremony of the First Conference of the International Science, Technology and Innovation Forum of Boao Forum for Asia.	Local transportation for the full delegation was sponsored.

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What was the number of visitors for each Government House Open Day held in the past 3 years? Did the Chief Executive meet the public on the open days? How many open days are planned for the coming year? Is there any internal guideline within the Chief Executive's Office as to how many open days should be held in a year and at what intervals an open day should be held? Will consideration be given to opening the Government House, with the provision of guided tours, for visit by the public (including tourists) as is done by the heads of other countries and regions with their official residences?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 119)Reply:

The number of visitors for the Government House Open Days held in 2018-19 is tabulated below. It is a normal practice for the Chief Executive to meet the public on the Open Day. Having regard to the social atmosphere and the COVID-19 epidemic situation, no Government House Open Day was held in 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Date	Number of visitors
25 November 2018 (Sunday)	2 400#
17 March 2019 (Sunday)	10 230

The number of visitors was affected due to rainy weather.

The Government House Open Day is usually held in spring and autumn and open to the public (including tourists), with guided tours provided for visitors. This arrangement has taken into account relevant factors, including weather conditions. We consider the arrangement appropriate and will maintain it. Regarding the Government House Open Day to be held in 2021-22, arrangements will be made having regard to the COVID-19 epidemic situation.

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