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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2000-01 CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

<u>Head</u>: 144 GS: Constitutional Affairs Bureau <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

<u>Programme</u>: Constitutional Affairs

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

<u>Bureau Secretary</u>: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Question: In respect of the official visits between the Hong Kong Special

Administrative Region Government (HKSARG) and the Central People's Government (CPG) and other Mainland authorities, how many such visits were organised in 1999/2000 with the assistance of

the Constitutional Affairs Bureau (CAB)? Please provide

information on the dates, destinations, number of participants and the costs involved in each of these visits. In 2000/01, how many such visits will be organised with the assistance of CAB? What will be

the costs involved?

<u>Asked by</u>: The Hon Yeung Sum

Reply:

According to our records, a total of 1 213 HKSARG delegations visited the Mainland and 811 CPG and other Mainland delegations visited Hong Kong in the first three quarters of the 1999/2000 financial year. As the current quarter has yet to draw to a close, we do not yet have statistics for the full financial year.

CAB assisted in the official exchanges by liaising with the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council (HKMAO) as necessary and seeking HKMAO's co-operation in putting the relevant bureaux and departments on both sides in touch with each other. The role of CAB is to ensure that official exchanges with Mainland authorities are consistent with the principle of "One Country, Two Systems".

HKSARG bureaux and departments which receive Mainland delegations or which send representatives to visit the Mainland are responsible for paying the expenses arising from such exchanges under their own heads of expenditure. In the first three quarters of 1999/2000, one Mainland delegation visited Hong Kong on CAB sponsorship. CAB also paid 12 official visits to the Mainland to conduct meetings with CPG authorities such as HKMAO and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, participate in the 50th Anniversary Exhibition, discuss cross-boundary issues with the Guangdong authorities or attend Sino-British Joint Liaison Group meetings. The dates, destinations, number of participants and costs of each of these official exchanges are set out in Annex A. However, we do not have readily available information on the costs of visits hosted by other bureaux and departments because SCA is not the Controlling Officer for such expenses.

The collation of information on the dates, destinations and number of participants involved in each of the 2011 official visiting delegations (i.e. excluding the 13 visits paid for by CAB under Head 144) with the Mainland authorities in the first three quarters in 1999/2000 will take time and require public resources. We have nevertheless provided in <u>Annex B</u> a breakdown which we have to hand of all official exchanges in the first three quarters in 1999/2000 by broad categories for Member's general reference.

Individual bureaux and departments will determine the number of visits that may take place in 2000/01 having regard to both the needs to maintain/develop contacts with their Mainland counterparts and the availability of resources. We will continue to monitor such official exchanges, and would be happy to report the number of exchanges to Members in future upon request. As for the costs of such official exchanges, the host bureaux and departments would have taken them into account in preparing their respective expenditure estimates.

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Official Exchanges between Constitutional Affairs Bureau and Mainland Authorities in the first three quarters in 1999/2000 (Expenses paid under Head 144: Constitutional Affairs Bureau)

Table 1: Visits to the Mainland

Serial No.	<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	No. of_ participants	Expenses (\$)	<u>Purpose</u>
1	7-8.4.1999	Beijing	3	38,000	Preparation for the 50 th Anniversary Exhibition
2	15-16.4.1999	Guangzhou	3	12,390	Ditto
3	27-29.5.1999	Guangdong	4	18,308	19 th Annual Boundary Liaison Review Meeting and post- meeting visit
4	9-11.8.1999	Beijing	1	8,456	Preparation for the 50 th Anniversary Exhibition
5	8-23.9.1999	Beijing	2	59,919	Installation and operation of the 50 th Anniversary Exhibition
6	13-23.9.1999	Beijing	1	19,526	Ditto
7	17-21.9.1999	Beijing	1	16,237	Ditto
8	19-25.9.1999	Beijing & Kunming	2	33,231	Opening Ceremony of the 50 th Anniversary Exhibition, plus JLG XLVI and post-meeting visit
9	24-29.9.1999	Beijing	2	40,400	Operation of the 50 th Anniversary Exhibition
10	29.9-3.10.1999	Beijing	3	28,808	Handling press tours at the 50 th Anniversary Exhibition
11	30.9-20.10.1999	Beijing	2	55,969	Operation and dismantling of the 50 th Anniversary Exhibition
12	9-13.11.1999	Beijing	6	32,960	Visit to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of State Council and other relevant authorities

Serial No.	<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	No. of_ participants	Expenses (\$)	<u>Purpose</u>
					in Beijing
		I	otal Expenses	364,204	

Note: The expenses recorded in <u>Table 1</u> reflect the amount paid by CAB under Head 144 to cover the costs incurred by CAB staff during official visits to the Mainland.

Table 2: Visitors from the Mainland

Serial No.	<u>Date</u>	<u>Visiting Delegation</u>	No. of_ participants	Expenses paid by CAB (\$)	<u>Purpose</u>
1	18-24.4.1999	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	8	97,692	General familiarisation and exchanges with CAB, Department of Justice, etc.
		Ţ	<u>'otal Expenses</u>	97,692	

Official Exchanges between HKSARG and Mainland Authorities in the first three quarters in 1999/2000

Official Visits by HKSARG Officials to the Mainland

Total	1,21	13
Sub-total	152	1,061
Jan 2000 – Mar 2000	(not yet available)	(not yet available)
Oct 1999 – Dec 1999	64	342
Jul 1999 - Sept 1999	42	350
Apr 1999 – Jun 1999	46	369
<u>Quarter</u>	Category I	Category II

Mainland Visiting Delegations Received by HKSARG

<u>Quarter</u>	Category I	Category II	
Apr 1999 – Jun 1999	107	132	
Jul 1999 - Sept 1999	85	175	
Oct 1999 – Dec 1999	138	174	
Jan 2000 – Mar 2000	(not yet available)	(not yet available)	
Sub-total	330	481	
Total	tal 811		

Overall

	Category I	Category II
Visits to the Mainland	152	1,061
Visits from the Mainland	330	481
Sub-total	482	1,542
Grand total	2,02	24

Category I : General exchanges and courtesy calls, etc.

Category II : Meetings, operational exchanges and training courses, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

<u>Head</u>: 144 GS: Constitutional Affairs Bureau <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

<u>Programme</u>: Constitutional Affairs

Controlling Officer: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

<u>Bureau Secretary</u>: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Ouestion: The Constitutional Affairs Bureau indicates that a Basic Law Resource Centre

has been set up under the auspices of the Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee. What was the amount of expenditure incurred by the Centre in 1999/2000 and what will be the estimated expenditure for 2000/2001? In 1999/2000, how many people have approached the Centre for assistance?

<u>Asked by</u>: The Honourable Yeung Sum

<u>Reply</u>: The Basic Law Resource Centre provides a pool of materials (including books,

consultation documents and reports issued by the Basic Law Consultative

Committee and the Basic Law Drafting Committee, newspaper cuttings,
leaflets and other publicity materials) relating to the drafting, implementation

and promotion of the Basic Law as well as judgments handed down by our courts in Basic Law related cases after the reunification. It has an audiovisual corner for viewing Basic Law related videos and a computer terminal

for browsing the Basic Law Homepage.

When the Centre was set up in November 1998, an allocation of \$100,000 was approved by the Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee for the procurement of books, furniture, audio/visual equipment, computer, and the publication of publicity materials. After its establishment, expenses incurred for the maintenance and management of the Centre are absorbed within the existing financial and staffing resources of the Constitutional Affairs Bureau.

In line with this approach, no separate provision has been set aside for 2000/2001.

The Basic Law Resource Centre is currently co-located with the Civic Education Resource Centre at 2nd floor, Tung Sun Commercial Centre, 194-200 Lockhart Road, Wanchai and is opened to the public. In 1999/2000, about 327 people visited the two Centres per month. We do not keep separate statistics on the number of people visiting the Basic Law Resource Centre.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

<u>Head</u>	: 144	GS: Constitutional Affairs Bureau	Subhead (No. & title):
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<u>Programme</u>: Constitutional Affairs

Controlling Officer: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

<u>Bureau Secretary</u>: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Question: In respect of the activities to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the

promulgation of the Basic Law, how many promotional activities will be held? How many people are expected to participate in the activities and what are the

costs involved?

<u>Asked by</u>: The Honourable Yeung Sum

Reply:

The major promotional activities to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law and the estimated costs involved are as follows-

	Event		Cost
	Local community		
(1)	a symposium held by the Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Basic Law of Hong Kong (an NGO) on 1 April 2000;		\$387,650
(2)	a constitutional law conference held jointly by the Department of Justice and the Law Faculty, University of Hong Kong on 28-29 April 2000;		\$550,000
(3)	a roving exhibition with 24 display panels held by the Home Affairs Bureau from April to September 2000 in six public housing estates;		\$400,000
(4)	a separate roving exhibition with multi-media exhibits held)	
	by the Information Services Department from April to June 2000 in six popular shopping arcades;)	
(5)	Announcements of Public Interest broadcast during prime)	\$1,000,000
	time on TV and radio from April 2000;)	
(6)	posters, leaflets and newspaper supplement for general		
	publicity;)	

(7) a series of radio programmes on the Basic Law Planning of the produced by the Radio Television Hong Kong and programmes is broadcast between April and June 2000; currently underway and an estimate is not yet available \$45,000 (8) a special souvenir cover issued by Hongkong Post on 3 April 2000; **Civil Servants** (9) a roving exhibition held by the Civil Service Bureau at 10 \$250,000 government office buildings from February to April 2000; (10) a Basic Law Lyrics Competition already held by the Civil \$90,000 Service Bureau for civil servants; Schools and tertiary institutions (11) a special educational TV programme produced by the \$350,000 Education Department; (12) an inter-school civic education project competition launched \$137,500 in the 1999-2000 school year and a prize presentation ceremony cum exhibition held in April 2000; (13) a special publication on the Basic Law issued by the \$120,000 Education Department to all schools in April 2000; and (14) Various promotional activities to commemorate the 10th \$240,000 anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law already held at tertiary institutions, including Basic Law Festival, webpage design competition, computer game design competition, lyrics competition and essay writing

The costs quoted above do not include personal emoluments and other overhead charges incurred by the bureaux and departments concerned. These are absorbed within their existing provisions. In the time available, it is not possible to provide estimates of such expenses and the total expenditure.

competition.

We expect the above promotional activities will attract a large number of participants and reach every sector of the community. It is however not possible to provide a reliable estimate of the total number of participants.

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<u>Head</u> : 144	GS: Constitutional Affairs I	Bureau	Subhead (No. & title):
Programme:	Constitutional Affairs		
Controlling Officer:	Secretary for Constitutional Aff	fairs	
Bureau Secretary:	Secretary for Constitutional A	Affairs	
Question:	In respect of the establishment of permanent posts to be deleted in	_	
Asked by: T	he Hon Gary Cheng Kai-nam		
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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

<u>Head</u>: 144 GS: Constitutional Affairs Bureau <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

<u>Programme</u>: Constitutional Affairs

Controlling Officer: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

<u>Bureau Secretary</u>: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Question: What are the details of the programmes to commemorate the 10th anniversary

of the promulgation of the Basic Law?

Asked by: The Honourable Gary Cheng Kai-nam

 $\underline{\text{Reply}}$: The major activities to commemorate the 10^{th} anniversary of the promulgation

of the Basic Law include -

Local community

- (1) a symposium held by the Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Basic Law of Hong Kong (an NGO) on 1 April 2000;
- (2) a constitutional law conference held jointly by the Department of Justice and the Law Faculty, University of Hong Kong on 28-29 April 2000;
- (3) a roving exhibition with 24 display panels held by the Home Affairs Bureau from April to September 2000 in six public housing estates;
- (4) a separate roving exhibition with multi-media exhibits held by the Information Services Department from April to June 2000 in six popular shopping arcades;
- (5) Announcements of Public Interest broadcast during prime time on TV and radio from April 2000;
- (6) posters, leaflets and newspaper supplement for general publicity;
- (7) a series of radio programmes on the Basic Law produced by the Radio Television Hong Kong and broadcast between April and June 2000:

(8) a special souvenir cover issued by Hongkong Post on 3 April 2000;

Civil Servants

- (9) a roving exhibition held by the Civil Service Bureau at 10 government office buildings from February to April 2000;
- (10) a Basic Law Lyrics Competition already held by the Civil Service Bureau for civil servants;

Schools and tertiary institutions

- (11) a special educational TV programme produced by the Education Department;
- (12) an inter-school civic education project competition launched in the 1999-2000 school year and a prize presentation ceremony cum exhibition held in April 2000;
- (13) a special publication on the Basic Law issued by the Education Department to all schools in April 2000; and
- (14) various promotional activities to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law already held at tertiary institutions, including Basic Law Festival, webpage design competition, computer game design competition, lyrics competition and essay writing competition.

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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2000-01 CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

<u>Head</u>: 144 GS: Constitutional Affairs Bureau <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

<u>Programme</u>: Constitutional Affairs

Controlling Officer: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

<u>Bureau Secretary</u>: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Question: According to the 1999 Policy Address, the Constitutional Affairs Bureau is

committed to encourage electors to participate in the 2000 Legislative Council election. The Bureau will also conduct a comprehensive review of the practical electoral arrangements after the election. Please advise the

Committee:

(a) What is the amount of provision set aside to encourage women to stand as candidates in the second term Legislative Council election, so as to implement the suggestions that the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women made to the Government of the HKSAR in respect of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women?

(b) What is the amount of provision set aside for conducting a comprehensive review of the practical electoral arrangements? And in respect of the review, how much will be used for conducting public consultation? What will be the form of the public consultation?

Asked by: Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

Reply:

(a) The provisions of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542) relating to the eligibility for candidature are gender-neutral. Women enjoy the same rights as men to vote and to stand as candidates in Legislative Council elections.

A provision of \$53.8 million is earmarked in the Draft Estimates for the Registration and Electoral Office for conducting a publicity programme for the second term Legislative Council elections. Special APIs will be produced to remind the public of the nomination period and to invite prospective candidates to submit nomination forms before the close of nomination. RTHK will also produce special TV and radio programmes to help candidates to introduce themselves and their platforms. Election for a will be broadcast to provide an opportunity for candidates to speak about their platforms. A special magazine will be published which contains photographs, political affiliation and personal particulars of all candidates.

Separately, funding of \$500,000 will be available to REO to publish introductory leaflets with information prepared by the candidates themselves which will be sent to all registered votes before polling day. A provision of \$99.7 million is earmarked for REO to provide free mailing services to all candidates to send their publicity material to their constituents.

All the above measures will help to encourage prospective candidates, irrespective of their gender, to participate in the LegCo elections.

(b) As in the first term Legislative Council elections and the first District Councils election, the Electoral Affairs Commission will conduct a comprehensive review of the practical electoral arrangements and produce a report on the elections as required under the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance (Cap. 541) after the second term LegCo elections. We intend to continue with the practice in 1998 of making the report available for the public and tabling it for discussion at the Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs. The resources required for conducting the review are minimal and will be absorbed by the existing provision of REO.

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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2000-01 CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

<u>Head</u>: 144 GS: Constitutional Affairs Bureau <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

<u>Programme</u>: Constitutional Affairs

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

<u>Bureau Secretary</u>: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Ouestion: In the section "matters requiring special attention" -

(a) What are the details of the work programmes to facilitate liaison and co-operation with the Guangdong Province on matters of mutual concern? What is the amount of expenditure required?

- (b) What are the details of the work programmes to further enhance HKSARG's working relationship with the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office (HKMAO) of the State Council and the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA Office)? What is the amount of expenditure required?
- (c) What are the details of the work involved in coordinating the promotion of the Basic Law? What is the amount of expenditure required? What is the amount of expenditure on the organisation of activities to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law?

<u>Asked by</u>: The Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen

Reply:

Liaison and Co-operation with Guangdong

The Constitutional Affairs Bureau (CAB) assumes a co-ordinating role in managing HKSARG's contacts and co-operation with the Guangdong Province. Within the HKSARG, CAB oversees the operation of the Boundary Liaison System, which serves as a channel for the Hong Kong and Guangdong authorities to discuss practical matters relating to the flow of people, vehicles and goods across the boundary. The Secretary for Constitutional Affairs (SCA) is the leader of the HKSARG delegation to the Annual Boundary Liaison Review Meeting (ABLRM), which is held once a year to review the achievements of the Boundary Liaison System and sets the priorities for co-operation in the coming year. The 20th ABLRM was

held in Hong Kong on 24 February 2000. CAB also coordinates HKSARG's participation in the Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference, a high-level forum to pursue regional co-operation. SCA acts as the Liaison Officer of the Hong Kong side, and CAB provides secretariat support to the HKSARG delegation to the Joint Conference.

Working with HKMAO

- 2. Since reunification, the HKSARG has established cordial and constructive working relationship with the HKMAO. CAB will continue to work closely with the HKMAO in managing official contacts between the HKSARG and the Mainland authorities, and to identify areas in which direct contacts should be established between the relevant authorities. We will also meet with HKMAO officials every three to four months to exchange views on matters relating to the implementation of "One Country, Two Systems" in the HKSAR.
- 3. In 2000-01, the staff cost of CAB colleagues (i.e. one Principal Assistant Secretary, two Assistant Secretaries, one Executive Officer and two secretarial staff) directly responsible for managing work in the above two areas on a day-to-day basis amount to \$4.1 million. These colleagues are also responsible for other duties.

Working with the MFA Office in Hong Kong

4. CAB also keeps an overview of the conduct of HKSAR's external affairs and assumes an overall coordinating role in managing contacts between the HKSARG and the MFA Office in Hong Kong. Since reunification, we have established effective communication channels with various departments of the MFA Office. We will continue to work closely with the MFA Office on matters relating to Hong Kong's external affairs to ensure full compliance with the Basic Law and to meet the practical needs of the HKSAR.

Basic Law Promotion

- 5. CAB coordinates the promotional efforts of government bureaux and departments and non-government organisations (NGOs) in enhancing the public's understanding of the Basic Law. To this end, CAB liaises with the bureaux and departments as well as NGOs concerned and coordinates their promotional programmes and activities.
- 6. Within CAB's permanent establishment, a team comprising one Principal Assistant Secretary, 2 Assistant Secretaries and two secretarial staff is responsible for liaising with the MFA Office, handling external affairs and promoting the Basic Law. The annual staff cost for the 5 permanent posts in the team is \$3.6 million. These colleagues are also responsible for other duties.

Basic Law Tenth Anniversary

7. This April marks the 10th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law. Under the coordination of CAB, various government bureaux and departments and NGOs are organising a series of commemorative activities. The expenses incurred by the bureaux and departments concerned in organising the activities will be largely

met by their own relevant expenditure subheads. About \$1.24 million will be covered by CAB's Head of Expenditure. Details of the activities and their estimated costs are as follows -

	<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost</u>
	Local community	
(1)	a symposium held by the Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Basic Law of Hong Kong (an NGO) on 1 April 2000;	\$387,650
(2)	a constitutional law conference held jointly by the Department of Justice and the Law Faculty, University of Hong Kong on 28-29 April 2000;	\$550,000
(3)	a roving exhibition with 24 display panels held by the Home Affairs Bureau from April to September 2000 in six public housing estates;	\$400,000
(4)	a separate roving exhibition with multi-media exhibits held by the Information Services Department from April to June 2000 in six popular shopping arcades;)
(5)	Announcements of Public Interest broadcast during prime time on TV and radio from April 2000;) \$1,000,000)
(6)	posters, leaflets and newspaper supplement for general	1)
	publicity;)
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(10)	a Basic Law Lyrics Competition already held by the Civil Service Bureau for civil servants;	\$90,000
	Schools and tertiary institutions	
(11)	a special educational TV programme produced by the Education Department;	\$350,000
(12)	an inter-school civic education project competition launched in the 1999-2000 school year and a prize presentation ceremony cum exhibition held in April 2000;	\$137,500

- (13) a special publication on the Basic Law issued by the Education Department to all schools in April 2000; and
- (14) various promotional activities to commemorate the 10th \$240,000 anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law already held at tertiary institutions, including Basic Law Festival, webpage design competition, computer game design competition, lyrics competition and essay writing competition.

The costs quoted above do not include personal emoluments and other overhead charges incurred by the bureaux and departments concerned. These are absorbed within their existing provisions. In the time available, it is not possible to provide estimates of such expenses and the total expenditure.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

<u>Head</u>: 144 GS: Constitutional Affairs Bureau <u>Subhead (No. & title)</u>:

<u>Programme</u>: Constitutional Affairs

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

<u>Bureau Secretary</u>: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Ouestion: Apart from making continual efforts to achieve the target set last year,

the tasks of the Constitutional Affairs Bureau (CAB) in 2000 also include the organization of the Legislative Council election to be held in September. Why is it that CAB can delete 5 supernumerary posts and 6 permanent posts with the financial provision reduced by 31.5%?

What are the main responsibilities of the holders of these posts?

Asked by: Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, JP

Reply:

The financial provision for the Constitutional Affairs Bureau (CAB) for 2000-01 is \$16.7 million (31.5%) less than the revised estimate for 1999-2000. A breakdown into its two main component parts is as follows -

(1) Capital Account 13.2 million

(2) Personal Emoluments 3.5 million

TOTAL 16.7 million

In 1999-2000, two capital non-recurrent projects were co-ordinated by CAB. They were (i) Participation in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and (ii) Promotion of the Basic Law. Provisions of \$8.5 million and \$4.7 million (i.e. a total of \$13.2 million) were included in 1999-2000 for these two items respectively. The 50th Anniversary celebration was a one off project. Expenses relating to the Promotion of the Basic Law will, as from 2000-01 onwards, be met by the relevant bureaux and departments from within their own relevant expenditure sub-head. There is therefore no need for CAB to make any such provisions in 2000-01.

So far as Personal Emoluments are concerned, in 1999-2000, CAB created 5 supernumerary posts consisting of 1 Administrative Officer, Staff Grade B, 2 Administrative Officer, Staff Grade C, 1 Senior Principal Executive Officer and 1 Executive Officer I for the review and reform of district organizations. As work relating to the reform has already been completed, the 5 supernumerary posts have now lapsed.

Following the completion of the reform of district organizations, CAB has conducted a review of its manpower resources. Having considered the targets ahead and the resource requirements for delivering our existing services and achieving our future commitments, we have decided to delete 6 permanent posts in 2000-01 through streamlining the operational procedures and redistributing duties.

The 6 permanent posts comprise 1 Senior Administrative Officer and 2 Personal Secretary I posts deployed to provide supporting services to implement the reform of district organizations. The remaining 3 posts comprise 1 Personal Secretary II , 1 Clerical Officer and 1 Confidential Assistant who currently provide secretarial and clerical services for the Bureau.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

<u>Head</u>: Head 163 Registration and Electoral Office

Subhead (No. & title): Subhead 258 Election Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: Electoral Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Chief Electoral Officer

<u>Policy Secretary</u>: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Question: The estimated provision for 2000-01 is \$334,506,000, 53% higher than the

provision in 1999-2000. This is mainly due to the expenses required for conducting the second Legislative Council elections in 2000. Please give a breakdown of the estimated expenditure under this provision by different uses,

such as publicity and free postage provided for candidates.

Asked by: Dr Hon YEUNG Sum

Reply: The increase is mainly due to additional expenses for free mailing provided

for candidates. A breakdown of the provision of \$334,506,000 under

Subhead 258 Election expenses is as follows –

Estimated expenditure for conducting the second
Legislative Council elections

(1)	Salaries for additional temporary staff	\$Million 36.0
(2)	Publicity expenses (for the second Legislative Council elections and the voter registration drive)	72.9
(3)	Expenditure for electoral arrangements (such as purchase of polling and counting furniture and equipment, hiring of services and premises, and employment of polling and counting staff)	89.8
(4)	Postage (including \$99.7 million free mailing for candidates)	122.0
(5)	Other operational expenses Sub-total:	5.7 326.4
(B)	Contingency TOTAL :	8.1 334.5

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

<u>Head</u>: Head 163 Registration and Electoral Office

Subhead (No. & title): Subhead 002 Allowances

<u>Programme</u>: Electoral Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Chief Electoral Officer

<u>Policy Secretary</u>: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Question: Provision of over \$6m is made under Subhead 002 Allowances for the

payment of overtime allowance for the Chauffeur grade. The revised expenditure for 1999-2000 is almost as much. How many Chauffeurs are there altogether at the Registration and Electoral Office? How many hours of overtime work does each Chauffeur have to perform each month in 1999-

2000? What are the reasons for working overtime?

Asked by: Dr Hon YEUNG Sum

<u>Reply</u>: There is one chauffeur in the establishment of the Registration and Electoral

Office. The average monthly hours of overtime work performed by the chauffeur in 1999 was 96. The chauffeur is required to serve the Electoral Affairs Commission and the Registration and Electoral Office after normal office hours and during public holidays in connection with various electoral

activities.

The provision of \$6,104,000 under Subhead 002 Allowances caters mainly for the overtime and acting allowances payable to staff for their overtime work or additional responsibilities for conducting the second Legislative Council elections. Only a small portion of the provision is for the overtime allowance for the chauffeur. A breakdown is as follows –

(A) Standard Allowances

(1) Overtime/Acting allowances

\$6,018,040

(B) Non-standard Allowance

(2) Consolidated overtime allowance for Chauffeur grade (\$7,145 per month x 12)

\$85,740

TOTAL: \$6,103,780

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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2000-01 CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

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Asked by:	The Honourable Lau	Chin-shek, JP		
Reply :	formulate legislative introduce a bill into a As published in the I September last year, feasibility of a politic	proposals for the elective Legislative Council Policy Objective for C we will commence a scal party law in the light ation of Hong Kong at	tion as soon I in mid 200 onstitutional study to exar ht of our evo	
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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2000-01 CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

<u>Head</u>: 144 GS: Constitutional Affairs Bureau <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

<u>Programme</u>: Constitutional Affairs

Controlling Officer: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

<u>Bureau Secretary</u>: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Question: Last year, the Constitutional Affair Bureau (CAB) indicated that it was studying with the Central Government the mechanism for amending the Basic Law. However, the matters requiring special attention in the new financial year do not mention this area of work at all. Why? How will CAB proceed with the formulation and implementation of the mechanism for amending the Basic Law in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon Lau Chin-shek, JP

Reply: One of CAB's main responsibilities as set out in my Controlling Officer's Report is to ensure the full and faithful implementation of the Basic Law including Article 159 which concerns matters relating to the amendment of the Basic Law. We are well aware of the need for thoughts to be given to put in place a proper mechanism for amending the Basic Law so as to implement Article 159 of the Basic Law. In this regard, we have been working closely with the Constitutional Affairs Panel.

Amending the Basic Law is a matter of great importance as is putting in place a mechanism for this purpose. These are matters which need to be handled with care. Many issues including arrangements that involve the three parties referred to in Article 159 (namely the LegCo, the HKSAR deputies to the National People's Congress (NPC) and the CE) are inter-related. We are in the process of consulting the Central People's Government (CPG) on issues which are related to the State Council, the NPC, the local NPC deputies and the Committee for the Basic Law of the HKSAR. This process will continue in the coming year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

<u>Head</u>: 144 GS: Constitutional Affairs Bureau <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

<u>Programme</u>: Constitutional Affairs

Controlling Officer: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

<u>Bureau Secretary</u>: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Question: Both the 1999 Policy Address and the 2000-01 Budget have indicated that the Constitutional Affairs Bureau will organise activities to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law. Please inform this Council:

- (a) How many activities will be held for commemorating the 10th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law and what are the details of these activities?
- (b) What is the estimated amount of expenditure for each of these activities?
- (c) What is the total estimated amount of expenditure for the whole commemorative programme?

Asked by: Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

Reply:

The major activities to commemorate the $10^{\rm th}$ anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law and the estimated costs involved are as follows -

	Event	<u>Cost</u>
	Local community	
(1)	a symposium held by the Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Basic Law of Hong Kong (an NGO) on 1 April 2000;	\$387,650
(2)	a constitutional law conference held jointly by the Department of Justice and the Law Faculty, University of Hong Kong on 28-29 April 2000;	\$550,000
(3)	a roving exhibition with 24 display panels held by the Home Affairs Bureau from April to September 2000 in six public housing estates;	\$400,000
(4)	a separate roving exhibition with multi-media exhibits held by the Information Services Department from April to June 2000 in six popular shopping arcades;)
(5)	Announcements of Public Interest broadcast during prime time on TV and radio from April 2000;) \$1,000,000)
(6)	posters, leaflets and newspaper supplement for general publicity;)
(7)	a series of radio programmes on the Basic Law produced by the Radio Television Hong Kong and broadcast between April and June 2000;	•
(8)	a special souvenir cover issued by Hongkong Post on 3 April 2000;	\$45,000
	Civil Servants	
(9)	a roving exhibition held by the Civil Service Bureau at 10 government office buildings from February to April 2000;	\$250,000
(10)	a Basic Law Lyrics Competition already held by the Civil Service Bureau for civil servants;	\$90,000
	Schools and tertiary institutions	
(11)	a special educational TV programme produced by the Education Department;	\$350,000
(12)	an inter-school civic education project competition launched in the 1999-2000 school year and a prize presentation ceremony cum exhibition held in April 2000;	\$137,500
(13)	a special publication on the Basic Law issued by the Education Department to all schools in April 2000; and	\$120,000

(14)	various promotional activities to commemorate the 10 th	\$240,000
	anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law already	
	held at tertiary institutions, including Basic Law Festival,	
	webpage design competition, computer game design	
	competition, lyrics competition and essay writing	
	competition.	

The costs quoted above do not include personal emoluments and other overhead charges incurred by the bureaux and departments concerned. These are absorbed within their existing provisions. In the time available, it is possible to provide estimates of such expenses and the total expenditure.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

<u>Head</u>: 144 GS: Constitutional Affairs Bureau <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

<u>Programme</u>: Constitutional Affairs

Controlling Officer: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

<u>Bureau Secretary</u>: Secretary for Constitutional Affairs

Question: In the coming year, the Constitutional Affairs Bureau will organise activities to

commemorate the 10th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law and to promote people's understanding of the Basic Law. Please provide

information on the additional expenditure and staff establishment required for

organising these activities.

Asked by: Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, JP

Reply:

As coordinated by the Constitutional Affairs Bureau, various government bureaux and departments, and non-government organisations (NGOs) have organised different kinds of activities to promote the public's understanding of the Basic Law. Programmes organised include seminars, exhibitions, TV programmes, civic education programmes, etc.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law. Government bureaux and departments as well as NGOs have increased their efforts and organised a series of activities to commemorate this important anniversary and further promote the public's understanding of the Basic Law. The expenses incurred by the bureaux and departments concerned in organising most of the activities will be met by their own relevant expenditure subheads. No additional posts have been created for organising these activities. Details of the major activities and their estimated costs are as follows -

	Event	<u>Cost</u>
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