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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-CMAB01

Question Serial No.

S075

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional and Mainland
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy
Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question: In Question Serial No. CMAB002, I have asked the Administration whether the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) has sufficient provision to conduct the various activities for promoting non-discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation. The Bureau has replied that "the EOC has no plan to allocate funding to conduct publicity activities and studies on promoting non-discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation because the issue is not directly within the EOC's ambit." However, according to Dr. York CHOW who has assumed the position of Chairperson of EOC, preventing discrimination against those of different sexual orientation is his priority task during his tenure with the EOC. Why is there such a great discrepancy (between the remarks made by the Bureau and the Chairperson)? Who has gone wrong, the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs or Dr. CHOW?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) is an independent statutory body established to perform the functions vested upon it by the 4 existing anti-discrimination Ordinances (i.e. the Sex Discrimination Ordinance, Disability Discrimination Ordinance, Family Status Discrimination Ordinance and Race Discrimination Ordinance). At present, the EOC's functions include, inter alia, the elimination of discrimination in the specific areas covered by the 4 Ordinances on the grounds of sex, race, family status and disability. The public education and publicity activities on elimination of discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation and gender identity are implemented by the Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Unit of the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau.

2. To our understanding, the EOC may wish to discuss the question of discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation and gender identity, including whether and, if so, how to conduct studies and to follow up with the Administration on the need to enact legislation on this subject. The Administration will continue to liaise with EOC in this regard.

Name in block letters: GORDON LEUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional
and Mainland Affairs (Acting)

Date: 16 April 2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-CMAB02

Question Serial No.

S094

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional and Mainland
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question: In its reply (Reply Serial No. CMAB004), the Administration expressed that it did not keep a separate account of expenditure for conducting social events or exchange programmes with offices set up by the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (CPG offices) though it indicated that exchange programmes with CPG offices have been conducted. Would the Administration advise this Committee on the date, content and nature of, and attendance at the exchange programmes or social events with CPG offices over the past 5 years? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

Policy bureaux and departments of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) maintain necessary working relationships with the offices set up by the Central People's Government in the HKSAR with a view to enhancing mutual understanding and exchanges. The form of exchanges varies, including social events and attendance at ceremonies. We did not keep a separate account to capture related expenditure (if any).

Name in block letters: GORDON LEUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional
and Mainland Affairs (Acting)

Date: 16 April 2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

SV-CMAB03

Question Serial No.

SV035

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional and Mainland
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy
Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question: Pursuant to the reply no. CMAB026, the Administration is requested to provide information regarding the number of enquiries and/or complaints from the public and from the relevant sectors related to the new provisions introduced under the Personal Data (Privacy) (Amendment) Ordinance 2012, and the key issues covered in the those complaints / enquiries.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kin-por

Reply:

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data received a total of 2 849 enquiries (from 1 October 2012 to 10 April 2013) related to the new provisions introduced under the Personal Data (Privacy) (Amendment) Ordinance 2012. The key issues covered include: (1) rights and obligations under the new requirements on the use of personal data in direct marketing; (2) grandfathering arrangements under the amended Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance; and (3) making opt-out requests from direct marketing activities.

2. A total of 70 complaints (from 1 October 2012 to 10 April 2013) related to the new provisions were received. 65 out of the 70 complaints are related to direct marketing notifications. The key issues covered therein include: (1) dissatisfaction with data users' intention to transfer complainant's personal data to third parties; (2) dissatisfaction with data users' recent sending of direct marketing notifications; and (3) problems associated with the use of the response channel provided by data users. 5 out of the 70 complaints concern the data users' continued use of complainants' personal data for direct marketing despite the latter's opt-out request.

Name in block letters: GORDON LEUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional
and Mainland Affairs (Acting)

Date: 16 April 2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

SV-CMAB04

Question Serial No.

SV040

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional and Mainland
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question: Pursuant to the reply number. CMAB013, the Administration is requested to provide information on:

- (a) the scope and types of business covered by the 154 investment projects undertaken by Invest Hong Kong in 2013, and the impact of the projects on Hong Kong; and
- (b) the business opportunities these projects are expected to generate for Hong Kong's business sector (especially for small and medium sized enterprises) and the types of business that Hong Kong's small and medium sized enterprises could participate.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Wah-fung, Christopher

Reply:

The 154 investment projects are companies from the Mainland and Taiwan which Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) expects to help set up or expand their business in Hong Kong within the next 18 months. In line with the trend of InvestHK's completed projects from the Mainland and Taiwan markets in recent years, we expect that the majority of the new investment projects in 2013 will come from the financial services, innovation and technology, tourism and hospitality as well as industrial and logistics services. These new projects will help broaden the base of our economy as well as bring in new capital, jobs and business opportunities for a variety of sectors in Hong Kong, including financial services, trading and other professional services.

Name in block letters: GORDON LEUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional
and Mainland Affairs (Acting)

Date: 16 April 2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-CMAB05

Question Serial No.

S074

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional and Mainland
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question: Please list out the organisations/bodies/individuals that have received funding from the Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Unit over the past 3 years. What are the nature of the funded activities/initiatives and the amount of funding for each activity/initiative? What are the criteria for assessing funding applications? Will consideration be given to whether those organisations/bodies/individuals have given misleading remarks on gender identity and sexual orientation that have resulted in deeper-seated prejudice against people of different sexual orientation?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

The activities sponsored by the Equal Opportunities (Sexual Orientation) Funding Scheme (Funding Scheme) in the past three years are set out at the Annex. The objective of the Funding Scheme is to provide funding support to worthwhile community projects that aim to promote equal opportunities on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity, or seek to provide support services for sexual minorities.

2. Every year, an Assessment Committee comprising official and non-official members is set up to consider and assess applications received based on the following assessment criteria:

- (a) objective of the proposed activities;
- (b) content of the proposal (including scope of the project, relevance to the objective of the Funding Scheme, target and anticipated number of beneficiaries);
- (c) financial consideration (including budget and cost-effectiveness);
- (d) feasibility of the activities;
- (e) background of the applicant (including its experience and capability, and its previous performance in the Funding Scheme (if applicable));

- (f) publicity plan; and
- (g) other factors (e.g. any sponsorship by other parties).

Name in block letters: GORDON LEUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional
and Mainland Affairs (Acting)

Date: 16 April 2013

**Approved funding under the Equal Opportunities (Sexual Orientation) Funding Scheme
in 2010-11 to 2012-13**

2010-11

Name of Applicant	Nature of Activities	Approved Amount (HK\$)
BGCAHK Jockey Club Tsz Wan Shan Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre	Workshops, short film competition and production of booklets	99,900
BGCAHK South Kwai Chung Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre	Drama training and stage performances	97,300
Bravo Theatre	Drama performances	96,750
Community Health Organisation for Intervention, Care and Empowerment Limited	Workshops and production of DVDs	60,250
G.A.S. Theatre	Drama performances	81,800
Rainbow of Hong Kong	Training for volunteers, workshops and counselling service for homosexuals	42,160
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Hotline and Outreaching Service Team	Training for volunteers and hotline service for sexual minorities	33,650
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals CEASE Crisis Centre	Training for volunteers, exhibition and outreaching service for sexual minorities	72,100

2011-12

Name of Applicant	Nature of Activities	Approved Amount (HK\$)
BGCAHK Jockey Club Tsz Wan Shan Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre	Essay writing, audio recording competition and production of booklets	85,780
BGCAHK South Kwai Chung Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre	Song composition and stage performances	77,900
Bravo Theatre	Drama performances	98,000
Community Drug Advisory Council	Exhibition and production of publications	40,050

2011-12 (cont')

Community Health Organisation for Intervention, Care and Empowerment Limited	Seminar	4,500
G.A.S. Theatre	Drama performances	74,300
Kowloon Tong School (Secondary Section)	Counselling service and production of booklets	5,500
Rainbow of Hong Kong	Workshops and counselling service for transgendered persons	46,620
The Association for the Advancement of Feminism	Production of publication, film show and sharing session	36,975
Transgender Resource Center	Workshops and production of booklets for transgendered persons	35,300
Tree Valley Drama Education Limited	Workshops and drama training	31,200
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Hotline and Outreaching Service Team	Training for volunteers, outreaching service for sexual minorities and production of publications	33,125
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals CEASE Crisis Centre	Training for frontline social workers	5,700

2012-13

Name of Applicant	Nature of Activities	Approved Amount (HK\$)
BGCAHK Jockey Club Cheung Sha Wan Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre	Production of CDs and picture books	78,600
BGCAHK Jockey Club Tsz Wan Shan Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre	Production of short films and booklets	88,000
BGCAHK South Kwai Chung Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre	Stage performances	78,650
Bravo Theatre	Drama performances	97,000
Community Drug Advisory Council	Exhibition and production of leaflets	37,550
Dynamic Art Theatre	Drama performances	65,740

2012-13 (cont')

G.A.S. Theatre	Drama performances	74,950
Nu Tong Xue She	Creative writing and visual arts training for sexual minorities and an exhibition	56,780
Queer Sisters	Production of DVDs and workshop for frontline social workers	31,193.2
Rainbow of Hong Kong	Training for volunteers, and counselling service for sexual minorities	44,900
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals CEASE Crisis Centre	Training for volunteers, outreaching service for sexual minorities and production of publications	31,850

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

SV-CMAB06

Question Serial No.

SV039

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional and Mainland
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question: Pursuant to the reply nos. CMAB034, the Administration is requested to provide further breakdown of expenditure on human rights education in the Education Bureau, and breakdown of expenditure by the promotion of specific values or civic concept in the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education.

Asked by: Hon. IP Kin-yuen

Reply:

Human rights education in schools and the work of the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) fall under the purview of the Education Bureau and Home Affairs Bureau respectively.

2. Human rights education is incorporated in different Key Learning Areas/subjects of the school curriculum in primary and secondary schools, such as General Studies at primary level, Life and Society at junior secondary level, and Liberal Studies at senior secondary level. There are relevant topics in the curricula of these Key Learning Areas/subjects to enhance students' understanding towards concepts related to human rights education. Expenditures for the related curriculum development work, which includes promotion in schools, the provision of professional development programmes for school heads and teachers, production of learning and teaching resources, provision of learning activities for students and collaboration with other government departments and bodies, are absorbed by the recurrent expenditures of relevant sections of the Education Bureau. These are integral parts of the curriculum; hence, we are unable to provide a separate breakdown on the expenditure incurred in this aspect.

3. The CPCE promotes civic education outside schools through various channels such as sponsoring community organisations to organise activities, publications, promotional programmes, production of TV programmes, thematic workshops and exhibitions. The activities may promote multiple core values at the same time. As all these promotional activities constitute an integral part of CPCE's expenditure, a separate breakdown of expenditure on activities promoting a specific value or civic concept is not available.

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Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional
and Mainland Affairs (Acting)

Date: 16 April 2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

SV-CMAB07

Question Serial No.

SV034

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional and Mainland
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question: Pursuant to the discussion on the work of the Economic and Trade Offices (ETO) in the Mainland, the Administration is requested to provide information of the work of the Shanghai ETO in helping Hong Kong people facing problems in the Mainland, including disseminating infection prevention information and guidelines, etc.

Asked by: Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply:

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai (the Shanghai ETO) has been assisting Hong Kong residents in its coverage area (viz. Shanghai Municipality and the provinces of Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui and Hubei) through the provision of information and assistance and the organisation of activities such as seminars and gatherings.

2. Since cases of human infection of Influenza A (H7N9) in the eastern region of the Mainland were reported in March 2013, the Shanghai ETO has been closely monitoring the development through various sources, such as close liaison with relevant government authorities and local media and tracking of relevant government and media websites. To keep the Hong Kong residents and groups in its coverage area abreast of latest developments, the Shanghai ETO has been issuing notices to all Hong Kong chambers of commerce and other Hong Kong stakeholder groups in the area. These notices set out information on the latest developments about cases of human infection, the precautionary measures to take, and means to obtain further information and assistance. In addition, the Shanghai ETO proactively sought to establish contact with visiting student groups from Hong Kong that came to its notice so that the latter might contact the ETO if they required any assistance.

3. The Shanghai ETO will continue to keep contact with various Hong Kong resident groups in the area to ensure timely and effective dissemination of information and provision of assistance as and when necessary.

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Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional
and Mainland Affairs (Acting)
Date: 16 April 2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-CMAB08

Question Serial No.

S072

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional and Mainland
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question: As set out in Reply Serial No. CMAB062, from July 2009 to the end of February 2013, the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) has received 192 complaints on race discrimination. After the EOC's investigation, 48 cases have undergone conciliation and 31 of those cases have reached settlement. With regard to the 3 sets of figures, would the Administration categorise the complaints received by race?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply:

The number of complaints received, conciliation attempted and successful conciliation received by the Equal Opportunities Commission from July 2009 to the end of February 2013 are categorised by race as follows-

Ethnic origin of complainant	Complaints received	Conciliation attempted	Successful conciliation
Amerindian	1	0	0
Australian	3	0	0
Bangladeshi / Bengali	1	0	0
Burmese	2	0	0
Caucasian / European	5	0	0
Chinese	54	5	4
English	8	2	0
Filipino	14	6	5
French	1	0	0
German	2	1	1
Indian	28	8	2
Indonesian	7	3	2
Irish	1	0	0

Ethnic origin of complainant	Complaints received	Conciliation attempted	Successful conciliation
Japanese	3	1	1
Jewish	2	0	0
Korean	2	1	1
Maori	1	0	0
Nepalese	1	0	0
Pakistani	40	14	9
Thai	2	2	2
Others	13	5	4
Unknown	1	0	0
Total	192	48	31

Name in block letters: GORDON LEUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional
and Mainland Affairs (Acting)

Date: 16 April 2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-CMAB09

Question Serial No.

S073

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional and Mainland
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question: As set out in Reply Serial No. CMAB007, there will be a net increase of nine posts this year. In regard to the additional posts, what is the expenditure involved? For each of these posts, what is the additional expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply:

The total expenditure to be involved for creation of 10 new posts will be about \$3.9 million, to be offset by the reduction in expenditure of about \$0.3 million due to the deletion of one post within 2013-14. Therefore, the expenditure involved for the net increase of nine posts in 2013-14 is about \$3.6 million.

2. The additional expenditure involved for the new posts is set out below –
- (a) \$2.6 million for six time-limited posts, including one Administrative Officer, one Senior Executive Officer, one Executive Officer II and three Assistant Clerical Officer, to be created when public consultation on the two electoral methods for 2016 and 2017 is launched;
 - (b) \$0.6 million for one Executive Officer I post for supporting work on promotion of the Basic Law;
 - (c) \$0.3 million for one Supplies Supervisor I post for strengthening administrative support for the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau;
 - (d) \$0.2 million for one Assistant Clerical Officer post for strengthening housekeeping work of the Mainland and Taiwan Offices; and
 - (e) \$0.2 million for one time-limited Assistant Clerical Officer post for strengthening clerical support for “homeland relationship”.

The above creation of 10 new posts will be offset by the deletion of one time-limited Executive Officer II post in 2013-14.

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Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional
and Mainland Affairs (Acting)

Date: 16 April 2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

SV-CMAB10

Question Serial No.

SV036

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional and Mainland
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question: Pursuant to the reply no. CMAB059, the Administration is requested to provide further information on the cases of request for assistance by Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland received by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices in the Mainland. The Administration is also requested to provide breakdown of the cases by the nature of the cases (such as immigration issues, business disputes or personal safety, etc.)

Asked by: Hon. MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply:

The number of requests for assistance received by the Beijing Office and the three Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices in Guangdong, Shanghai and Chengdu respectively (Mainland Offices) in 2010, 2011 and 2012, with breakdown by category, is set out below.

Category	Number of Requests Received		
	2010	2011	2012
Requests for assistance relating to immigration and personal safety matters (e.g. loss of travel documents or monies, persons involved in accidents, injured or in other incidents)	357	501	362
Other assistance cases (e.g. business and trade disputes, complaints against administrative, law enforcement and judicial agencies in the Mainland)	221	196	207
Total:	578	697	569

Name in block letters: GORDON LEUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional
and Mainland Affairs (Acting)

Date: 16 April 2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-CMAB11

Question Serial No.

S099

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional and Mainland
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question: On constitutional development, the Administration has set aside about \$7.3 million for the two electoral methods for 2016 and 2017 in 2013-14 for budgetary purposes. Please give a detailed breakdown of the work items and the estimated expenses.

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

In the 2013/14 financial year, we have set aside \$7.3 million for the public consultation exercise on the electoral methods for the Chief Executive election in 2017 and the Legislative Council election in 2016. A breakdown is as follows –

	\$ Million
(1) Printing (including printing of consultation paper)	2.4
(2) Forums	1.0
(3) Publicity	3.6
(4) Miscellaneous (including postage, delivery, website maintenance, etc.)	0.3
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Total	7.3

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and Mainland Affairs (Acting)

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-CMAB12

Question Serial No.

S101

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional and Mainland
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy
Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question: With regard to the work of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD), the Administration will allocate \$63.4 million to the PCPD in 2013-14. Why is there a multi-fold increase in funding over the past few years? Please give a detailed breakdown of the increased funding and the work items. Would the Administration explain its criteria on allocation of funds? Has factors such as the need for additional human resources in the wake of major incidents of personal data leakage in recent years and the need for salary increases for staff been considered?

The PCPD pointed out that, the estimated average time taken to settle a simple complaint case is 44 days since 2010. However, it is estimated that there will be an increase of 5 days in the estimated average time taken to settle a simple case. Would the Administration explain its criteria on setting the average time? What is the actual time taken to settle a case? Does the PCPD have any plan to increase its manpower and what are the details of such plan? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

In order to support the work of the PCPD, the Administration has increased the allocation to the PCPD over the past 6 years as follows:

Financial Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Actual Expenditure (\$million)	36.2	42.9	45.1	49.9	54.9	62.6 (revised estimate)	63.4 (original estimate)

2. The increased funding is for, inter alia, creating additional posts, enhancing publicity/education measures, launching the legal assistance scheme, and meeting increases in salaries. In considering the allocation for the PCPD, the Administration has taken into account all relevant factors, including the operational needs of the PCPD and the Government's financial position.

3. The estimated and actual average time taken to settle a simple complaint case since 2010 is as follows:

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Estimate (days)	44	44	44	44
Actual (days)	44	37	39	-

The estimated figure has remained at 44 days throughout this period. This target was exceeded in 2011 and 2012. PCPD will continue to strive to excel in 2013 through special dedicated efforts.

4. An annual recurrent provision of \$8.4 million has been allocated to the PCPD from 2012-13 onwards to prepare for and implement the new provisions under the Personal Data (Privacy) (Amendment) Ordinance 2012. Furthermore, an additional annual recurrent provision of \$1.3 million is allocated to the PCPD for this purpose in 2013-14.

Name in block letters: GORDON LEUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional
and Mainland Affairs (Acting)

Date: 16 April 2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-CMAB13

Question Serial No.

S129

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional and Mainland
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office
(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
(4) Rights of the Individual
(5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy
Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question: In connection with the provision of public information and collection of public
opinions through the Internet, please advise on the following -

- (a) the particulars, in tabulated forms (see Annex 1), regarding the social media platforms set up and operated by policy bureaux/departments/public bodies or their agents (such as outsourced contractors or consultants) for the past 3 years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13).
- (b) Using the table below (see Annex 2), provide information on practical training in social media received by Government officers.
- (c) In respect of the setting up and operation of social media platforms, did the Administration provide Government officers with guidelines on the operation and use of social media and encourage Government agencies to strengthen communication with the public by means of social media? If yes, what are the details? If no, does the Government have any plan to formulate such guidelines? If there is no such a plan, what are the reasons?
- (d) In recent years, governments around the world have introduced systems through which citizens may provide their online proposals. They have also undertaken that they would give a formal online response if a certain number of citizens have indicated their support of the proposals. Did the Administration look into ways to improve the existing channels for collecting public opinions on the Internet and evaluate the feasibility of collecting public opinions on the Internet through the above systems. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Commencement of operation (Month/ Year)	Status (keeps on being updated / ceased updating) (as at 28 February 2013)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultative bodies)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2013)	No. of “Likes”/ subscribers/ Average no. of monthly visitors (as at 28 February 2013)	Compilation of summary of comments and follow-up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and no. of officers responsible for the operation (as at 28 February 2013)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2013)
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Date (Month/ Year)	Status (under progress/ completed) (as at 28 February 2013)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultative bodies)	Name of training provider	Title of training course	Course content (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	No. of people who have received and completed training (as at 28 February 2013)	Total no. of training hours (as at 28 February 2013)	Rank and no. of officers received training (as at 28 February 2013)	Financial resources involved in training (as at 28 February 2013)
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Reply:

- (a) Information on the social media platforms set up and operated by the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) and its subvented bodies for the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) is provided at Annex 1. The Registration and Electoral Office (REO), which is under the purview of CMAB, did not set up any social media platform in the past three financial years.
- (b) Practical training in social media is provided to Government officers by the Civil Service Training and Development Institute of the Civil Service Bureau and the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO).
- (c) OGCIO provides information security and other general guidelines as well as technical advice and support to bureaux and departments (B/Ds) on using social media, including setting up a thematic webpage to share tips on the use of social media and disseminating promotion leaflets. OGCIO will continue to provide support to B/Ds on the use of social media for enhancing interaction with the public.
- (d) We would consider further use of social media when such need arises in future.

Name in block letters: GORDON LEUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional
and Mainland Affairs (Acting)

Date: 16 April 2013

Information on the Social Media Platforms set up and operated by the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau
and its subvented bodies for the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13)

Commencement of operation (Month/Year)	Status (keeps on being updated / ceased updating) (as at 28 February 2013)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultative bodies)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2013)	No. of "Likes"/ subscribers/ Average no. of monthly visitors (as at 28 February 2013)	Compilation of summary of comments and follow-up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and no. of officers responsible for the operation (as at 28 February 2013)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2013)
February 2008	Regular updating	Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC)	EOC YouTube Channel	YouTube	To make use of social media to upload short movies to promote equal opportunities. A total of 204 movies have been uploaded under 5 categories. Regular updating at least monthly. Last update in March 2013.	Number of subscribers : 142 Number of view times per month: 4 700	No	1 Equal Opportunities Officer	Internally absorbed

Commencement of operation (Month/Year)	Status (keeps on being updated / ceased updating) (as at 28 February 2013)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultative bodies)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2013)	No. of "Likes"/ subscribers/ Average no. of monthly visitors (as at 28 February 2013)	Compilation of summary of comments and follow-up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and no. of officers responsible for the operation (as at 28 February 2013)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2013)
January 2011	Regular updating	EOC	EOC Facebook page for Uniquely Me	Facebook	To make use of social media to promote youth mentorship programme for ethnic minorities, Uniquely Me. Regular updating at least monthly. Last update in March 2013.	Number of subscribers : 301	No	1 Equal Opportunities Officer	Internally absorbed
May 2011	Regular updating	EOC	EOC Facebook page for Career Challenge	Facebook	To make use of social media to promote youth mentorship programme for youth in general, Career Challenge. Regular updating at least monthly. Last update in March 2013.	Number of subscribers : 591	No	1 Equal Opportunities Officer	Internally absorbed

Commencement of operation (Month/Year)	Status (keeps on being updated / ceased updating) (as at 28 February 2013)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government consultative bodies)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2013)	No. of "Likes"/ subscribers/ Average no. of monthly visitors (as at 28 February 2013)	Compilation of summary of comments and follow-up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and no. of officers responsible for the operation (as at 28 February 2013)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2013)
March 2012	Regular updating	The Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data	Student Ambassador Programme	Facebook	To publish the latest update on the Student Ambassador Programme. A total of 45 posts have been issued.	Number of "Likes" : 53	Yes	1 Administrative Assistant	Internally absorbed
September 2012	Ceased updating	The Hong Kong Economic, Trade and Cultural Office (HKETCO) in Taiwan	"Hong Kong Week 2012"	Facebook	For the promotion of "Hong Kong Week 2012". A total of over 107 articles were published.	Number of "Likes" : 1 210	No	HKETCO's contractor was responsible for the operation.	The set up of the Facebook page was part of a contract for the overall promotion of the "Hong Kong Week 2012", and the financial resources involved for the Facebook page cannot be separately quantified.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

SV-CMAB14

Question Serial No.

SV038

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional and Mainland
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office
(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
(4) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question: Pursuant to the reply nos. CMAB013 and CMAB017, the Administration is requested to provide information on:

- (a) the cost-effectiveness of the 154 projects on investment and promotion;
- (b) the list of studies relating to constitutional and Mainland affairs conducted in 2011-12 and 2012-13 that have been completed, and the list of those studies that are still in progress; and
- (c) the recommendations arising from the studies in (b) above and whether they have been implemented or whether they are being followed up.

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chuen, Tony

Reply:

The 154 investment projects are companies from the Mainland and Taiwan which Invest Hong Kong expects to help set up or expand their business in Hong Kong within the next 18 months. The projects will help broaden the base of our economy as well as bring in new capital, jobs and business opportunities for a variety of sectors in Hong Kong, including financial services, trading and other professional services.

2. The progress of studies relating to constitutional and Mainland affairs conducted in 2011-12 and 2012-13 and the recommendations arising from these studies are as follows:

Name of study	Progress of study (completed / in progress)	Recommendations arising from the study	Recommendations that have been implemented/ are being followed up
A Study on the Strategy for the Co-operation of Hong Kong/Guangdong Service Industries under the “Early and Pilot” Measures	Completed	The Study proposed to take forward co-operation between Guangdong and Hong Kong on service industries through, inter alia, enlarging the scope of co-operation on key service industries and enhancing co-operation with key cities in Guangdong.	The recommendations are followed up mainly under the Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference.
Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) Implementation in Chongqing	Completed	The Study identified a number of key issues on the implementation of CEPA in Chongqing and proposed corresponding improvement measures.	The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu has been keeping close contact with local authorities on the implementation of recommendations made in the Study.
Rent Allowance Review for Officers Posted/Seconded to the Mainland and Taiwan	Completed	The Study proposed a revised rent allowance system and rates of rent allowance for officers posted/seconded to the Mainland and Taiwan.	The recommendations were implemented.
Consultancy Services for Reviewing the Remuneration Packages for Officials under the Political Appointment System	Completed	The Study made recommendations on the remuneration packages and remuneration adjustment mechanism for officials under the Political Appointment System serving the fourth-term Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government.	The findings were released for public perusal together with the report of the Independent Commission on Remuneration for Members of the Executive Council and the Legislature, and Officials under the Political Appointment System of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Name of study	Progress of study (completed / in progress)	Recommendations arising from the study	Recommendations that have been implemented/ are being followed up
CEPA Implementation in Shaanxi	In progress	Not applicable as the Study is yet to be completed.	Not applicable as the Study is yet to be completed.
Study on the Experience of Overseas Jurisdictions in Implementing Anti-stalking Legislation	In progress	Not applicable as the Study is yet to be completed.	Not applicable as the Study is yet to be completed.
Annual Review of Rent Allowance Rates for Officers Posted/Seconded to the Mainland and Taiwan	In progress	Not applicable as the Study is yet to be completed.	Not applicable as the Study is yet to be completed.

Name in block letters: GORDON LEUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Acting)

Date: 16 April 2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-CMAB15

Question Serial No.

S033

Head: 144 GS: Constitutional and Mainland
Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question: Please list out the total staff cost, expenditure on salaries for Members and other related expenses incurred by the Legislative Council for handling the 1 306 amendments to the Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2012. Please liaise with Government Authorities and advise on the specific figures of Government expenditure incurred for handling the aforesaid amendments.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The manpower and operating expenses engaged in handling the Committee Stage Amendments ("CSAs") proposed by Members of the Legislative Council to the Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2012 ("the Bill") were absorbed within existing resources. The Administration cannot provide a quantification of the operating expenses incurred for processing the CSAs to the Bill moved by Members.

Name in block letters: GORDON LEUNG

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional
and Mainland Affairs (Acting)

Date: 16 April 2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-CMAB16

Question Serial No.

S100

Head: 163: Registration and Electoral Office

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Electoral Services

Controlling Officer: Chief Electoral Officer

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question: The Registration and Electoral Office (REO) stated that it will explore the feasibility of adopting more information technology to enhance the electoral process. In this connection, what items does the REO plan to explore? Regarding the use of "electronic systems" to check registration particulars of electors at polling stations, assist vote count, improve voter registration, etc., what are the estimated expenditures for the related work plans?

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

About \$2.5 million has been allocated to the Registration and Electoral Office for conducting a feasibility and technical study on its information technology system. The study will include a comprehensive review of the performance and capacity of the information technology system, including:

- (a) whether upgrading or enhancing hardware and software components of the existing information technology system is required;
- (b) the feasibility of providing an electronic platform to facilitate on-line enquiry of registration status by registered electors;
- (c) the feasibility of employing information technology to facilitate checking of registration status of electors at polling stations; and
- (d) the feasibility of applying information technology to enhance the efficiency of the counting of votes and the dissemination of counting results.

2. As the personal data of registered electors is involved and it is essential to ensure the smooth conduct of elections, any information technology options to be identified for consideration must be based on mature and well proven technology meeting the highest standard of security. Moreover, to uphold the public's confidence in the electoral system, the measures to be implemented must be simple, transparent and easy to understand. The feasibility study is still underway. It is too early to make any estimate on the expenditures that will be required.

Name in block letters: LI PAK HONG

Post Title: Chief Electoral Officer

Date: 16 April 2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

SV-CMAB17

Question Serial No.

SV037

Head: 163: Registration and Electoral Office

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Electoral Services

Controlling Officer: Chief Electoral Officer

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question: Pursuant to the reply nos. CMAB079 and CMAB081, the Administration is requested to provide further information on the enhancement measures of applying information technology on voters' registration and polling work.

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

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Post Title: Chief Electoral Officer

Date: 16 April 2013