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Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2016-17

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-CSO01

(Question Serial: No. SV0004)

Head: (142) Government Secretariat: Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary

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

Programme: (4) Protocol Division

Controlling Officer: Director of Administration (Ms Kitty CHOI)

Director of Bureau: Director of Administration

Question:

Regarding the reply given by the CSO in Reply Serial No.CSO013, please inform this Committee of the details of the 16 visits (including for transit purpose) made by national leaders in the past financial year.

(Time for meeting: 4:41p.m. on 1 April 2016)

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok

Reply:

In 2015-16, a total of 16 visits to Hong Kong were made by national leaders. They included State Councillors, Vice Chairmen of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Vice Chairmen of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress and President of the Supreme People's Court, etc. 8 of the visits were for transit purpose and the visitors changed flights in Hong Kong for other countries or the Mainland. The remaining 8 visits were working visits in which the visitors attended cultural, commerce and technology activities as well as opening ceremonies and other celebration ceremonies. The Protocol Division's expenditure on the above visits to Hong Kong in 2015-16 was about \$6,000 which was the staff's travelling expenses for travelling to and from the airport.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-CSO02

(Question Serial No. SV0005)

Head: (142) Government Secretariat: Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary

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

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Administration (Ms Kitty CHOI)

Director of Bureau: Director of Administration

Question:

Regarding the Administration Wing's reply to the second item in Reply Serial No. CSO014, please provide this Committee with the supplementary figures for 2014-15 and 2016-17.

(Meeting discussion time: 1 April 2016, 4:56pm)

Asked by: Hon SIN Chung-kai

Reply:

Detailed breakdown of major expenditure items under the hire of services and professional fees are as follows –

	Actual expenditure for 2014-15 (\$ million)	Revised estimate for 2015-16 (\$ million)	Draft estimate for 2016-17 (\$ million)
Consultants/Public Policy Research Fund	15.50	24.49	40.92
Building management related services	66.12	62.36	65.23
Other hired services and professional fees	85.71	92.11	116.59

There is a net increase of about \$44 million in the total estimated expenditure for the above items in 2016-17 over the revised estimates for 2015-16. It is mainly due to additional provisions for Central Policy Unit's Public Policy Research Projects, commissioning of consultants, employment of legal services required by the Commission of Inquiry into

Excess Lead Found in Drinking Water, as well as hire of services and professional fees upon the establishment of the Belt and Road Office.

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