





Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

Reply Serial No.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

S-SJ01

Head: 92 Department of Justice      Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

S060

Programme:                      (2) Civil

Controlling Officer:      Director of Administration and Development

Question:

Regarding matters requiring special attention in 2011-12, the proposed establishment of an independent Insurance Authority was included. What are the Government's estimated expenditure, the staffing and the details of the work involved in the next two years (2011-12 and 2012-13)?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

In the next two years (2011-12 and 2012-13) the Civil Division is expected to advise on legal issues pertaining to the proposed establishment of the Independent Insurance Authority. The staff cost and other related expenses for provision of advice on legal issues involved in the proposed establishment of the Independent Insurance Authority will be absorbed by the Department and the estimated expenditure in this regard cannot be quantified.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 1 April 2011

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

S-SJ02

Head: 92 Department of Justice      Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

S061

Programme:                      (3) Legal Policy

Controlling Officer:      Director of Administration and Development

Question:

Regarding the revised estimate for providing advice to the Government on the procedures of the Legislative Council for 2010-11, what are the provision and the staffing involved in handling the Country Parks (Designation) (Consolidation) (Amendment) Order 2010? How will the Government evaluate the effectiveness of providing such advice?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

One of the functions of the Department of Justice (DoJ) is to provide legal advice to Government Bureaux and Departments; in 2010-11, such advice included matters pertaining to the Country Parks (Designation) (Consolidation) (Amendment) Order 2010. The staff cost and other related expenses for providing legal advice to Government Bureaux and Departments were absorbed by DoJ and the expenditure in this particular regard cannot be quantified.

The DoJ provides legal advice to Bureaux and Departments within the Government. Within the DoJ, the effectiveness of counsel's performance, including the provision of legal advice, is subject to regular appraisal.

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

S-SJ03

Head: 92 Department of Justice     Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

S062

Programme:                    (3) Legal Policy

Controlling Officer:     Director of Administration and Development

Question:

Regarding the estimated expenditure for providing advice to the Government on the procedures of the Legislative Council for 2011-12, what is the amount reserved for dealing with the differences in opinion between the Government and the Legislative Council over section 34(2) of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap.1) as well as the related judicial review?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

One of the functions of the Department of Justice (DoJ) is to provide legal advice to Government Bureaux and Departments, and such advice would include matters pertaining to the interpretation of legislation including provisions of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap.1). It is also a function of the DoJ to represent Government Bureaux and Departments in civil proceedings, including judicial review. The staff cost and other related expenses for providing legal advice to Government Bureaux and Departments, and representing them in civil proceedings, will be absorbed by DoJ and the expenditure in those regards cannot be quantified.

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

**S-SJ04**

Head: 92 Department of Justice      Subhead (No. & title):

Question Serial No.

S063

Programme:                    (2) Civil

Controlling Officer:      Director of Administration and Development

Question:

Regarding matters requiring special attention in 2010-11, what is the revised expenditure for the review of Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance? Please state the staffing involved, the details of the work and the results? Are there any follow-up actions, including evaluation of the effectiveness of the review?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

One of the functions of the Department of Justice is to provide legal advice to Government Bureaux and Departments; including the advice on the review of the Control of Obscene and Indecent Articles Ordinance. The staff cost and other related expenses involved in providing the advice has been absorbed by the Department and the estimated expenditure in this regard could not be quantified.

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