

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

Please tabulate the following information on the procurement of services of employment agencies (EAs) from 2006-07 to 2009-10:

- (a) the number of EA contracts;
- (b) the contract sum and term of service for each contract with each EA;
- (c) the number of staff supplied by each EA contract and their duties involved;
- (d) details of the staff wages payable by each EA contract (including monthly salaries and daily wages);
- (e) in respect of each year, the number of EAs, the number of contracts, the number of staff employed, the total amount expended and the changes compared with the year before;
- (f) if more than one EA was appointed in that year, please list the number of contracts signed with each EA, the total contract sum and the number of staff supplied;
- (g) the highest, lowest and median wages payable to the staff by each EA;
- (h) the proportion of the number of staff supplied by EAs to the number of staff in the Department in that year; and
- (i) the proportion of expenditure on procuring EA services to the departmental expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The relevant information on the procurement of services of employment agencies (EAs) from 2006-07 to 2009-10 is tabulated as follows:

		2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07
(a)	Number of contracts	2	2	1	
(b)	Contract sum for each EA (million)	\$7.526 to \$8.154	\$6.528 to \$6.754	\$9.216	
	Term of service	12 months	12 months	24 months	
(c)	Number of staff supplied by each EA	80	60 to 80	80	
	Duties of staff supplied by EAs	General office and administrative support services			
(d)	Wages of staff supplied by EAs Note 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
(e)	Number of EAs	2 (0%)	2 (+100%)	1	
	Number of contracts	2 (0%)	2 (+100%)	1	
	Total number of staff supplied by EAs	160 (+14.3%)	140 (+75%)	80	
	Total contract sum (million)	\$15.680 (+18%)	\$13.282 (+44%)	\$9.216	
(f)	Number of contracts with each EA	1	1	1	
	Total contract sum with each EA (million)	\$7.526 to \$8.154	\$6.528 to \$6.754	\$9.216	
	Number of staff supplied by each EA	80	60 to 80	80	

		2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07
(g)	Highest, lowest and median wages of staff supplied by each EA ^{Note 2}	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
(h)	Percentage of staff supplied by EAs over total number of staff employed by the Buildings Department (BD) ^{Note 3}	8.8%	7.8%	4.5%	4.5%
(i)	Percentage of total expenditure for EA services over total departmental expenditure ^{Note 3}	1.5%	1.1%	1.0%	0.7%

As regards the procurement of services under term contracts centrally administered by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer, the information from 2006-07 to 2009-10 is tabulated as follows:

		2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07
(a)	Number of contracts	3	4	4	3
(b)	Contract sum for each EA (million)	\$0.110 to \$0.557	\$0.177 to \$0.600	\$0.170 to \$0.568	\$0.036 to \$0.536
	Term of service	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months
(c)	Number of staff supplied by each EA	1 to 3	1	1	1
	Duties of staff supplied by EAs	IT support services to various departmental systems and helpdesk service			
(d)	Wages of staff supplied by EAs ^{Note 1}	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

		2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07
(e)	Number of EAs	3 (-25%)	4 (0%)	4 (+33%)	3
	Number of contracts	3 (-25%)	4 (0%)	4 (+33%)	3
	Total number of staff supplied by EAs	5 (+25%)	4 (0%)	4 (+33%)	3
	Total contract sum (million)	\$1.540 (+4.0%)	\$1.481 (+5.5%)	\$1.404 (+29.6%)	\$1.083
(f)	Number of contracts with each EA	1	1	1	1
	Total contract sum with each EA (million)	\$0.110 to \$0.557	\$0.177 to \$0.600	\$0.170 to \$0.568	\$0.036 to \$0.536
	Number of staff supplied by each EA	1 to 3	1	1	1
(g)	Highest, lowest and median wages of staff supplied by each EA ^{Note 2}	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
(h)	Percentage of staff supplied by EAs over total number of staff employed by BD ^{Note 3}	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
(i)	Percentage of total expenditure for EA services over total departmental expenditure ^{Note 3}	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%

Note :

1. The contracts with the EAs cover overall service fees for supplying agency workers.
2. We do not have information on the highest, lowest or median wages of staff supplied by the EAs.
3. The percentage of agency workers and the expenditure for the EA services as compared with respective total is as at 31 March of the concerned financial year only and is not representative of the situation for the concerned financial year.
4. Figures in brackets denote percentage increase/decrease from the previous year.

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