

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (188) Treasury

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Central Accounting, Collections and Payments

Controlling Officer: Director of Accounting Services (Raymond NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Regarding Programme (1) "Central Accounting, Collections and Payments" under Head 188 (Treasury), will the Director of Accounting Services inform this Committee of the following:

1. What is the estimated expenditure of the programme in 2026-27? What are the respective manpower and operating costs for maintaining the central accounting system and processing collections and payments?
2. What are the staffing establishment (full-time equivalent) and the estimated expenditures on emoluments under the programme?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

1. Regarding Programme (1) "Central Accounting, Collections and Payments" of the Treasury, the estimated expenditure for 2026-27 is \$188 million, of which approximately \$78 million represents expenditure on emoluments and \$110 million represents other recurrent expenditure. The scope of work under the Programme includes producing the accounts of the Government and arranging for the provision of centralised collection and payment services for government departments. The maintenance of the centralised accounting system falls under the scope of Programme (3) "Accounting and Financial Information Systems". Its estimated expenditure is \$167 million, of which approximately \$78.8 million represents expenditure on emoluments and \$88.5 million represents other recurrent expenditure.
2. In 2026-27, the staffing establishment under Programme (1) "Central Accounting, Collections and Payments" of the Treasury is 122, and the estimated expenditure on emoluments is approximately \$78 million.

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