

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (188) Treasury

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Accounting and Financial Information Systems

Controlling Officer: Director of Accounting Services (Raymond NG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

The Government mentioned in the estimates for 2026-27 that the financial information systems and the efficiency of accounting services will be enhanced. Please advise on the following:

1. What is the estimated expenditure in 2026-27 for Programme 18803 "Accounting and Financial Information Systems" under Head of Expenditure 188? Among others, what are the respective costs for system upgrade and maintenance?
2. What is the estimated number of staff to be employed under the Programme? How to ensure that the provision will not exceed the actual needs for implementing the related financial management policies?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

1. The estimated expenditure for Programme (3) "Accounting and Financial Information Systems" of the Treasury in 2026-27 is approximately \$167 million. As system upgrade and maintenance are closely related and jointly undertaken by the Treasury's staff and service contractors, the Treasury does not maintain a separate breakdown of the estimated expenditure for these two items.
2. As at 31 March 2027, the staffing establishment under Programme (3) "Accounting and Financial Information Systems" of the Treasury is estimated at 112 posts. When preparing the estimates, the Treasury conducted detailed planning and assessment of the actual requirements for different items to ensure that the financial provision would meet the actual needs. In addition, the Treasury has established procedures for the continuous monitoring of expenditure, ensuring that the resources under its purview are used properly and in a cost-effective manner.

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