

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (168) Hong Kong Observatory

Subhead (No. & title): ( )

Programme: (1) Weather Services

Controlling Officer: Director of the Hong Kong Observatory ( SHUN Chi Ming )

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

According to the target set for 2016 in respect of forecasts perceived as accurate by the public under this Programme, the performance will be regarded as up to standard if the target of 78% is met. In addition, 3 posts will be created in 2016-17 under this Programme. In this connection, will the Government advise this Committee:

- (1) What complaints have been received by the Hong Kong Observatory in 2015-16 about inaccurate weather forecasts? How many of them were received between 24 January and 25 January?
- (2) What are the titles, duties and estimated annual salary expenditure involved for the 3 posts to be created in 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip (Member Question No. 55)

Reply:

- (1) The Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) received 37 complaints about inaccurate weather forecasts from 1 April 2015 to 11 March 2016, 5 of them on 24 and 25 January.
- (2) HKO will create in 2016-17 two posts in the rank of Senior Experimental Officer to provide aviation-specific meteorological information services at the Hong Kong International Airport, and one post in the rank of Executive Officer II to provide general administrative support to HKO. The estimated annual salary expenditure for the former two posts and the latter one is \$1,362,000 and \$451,000 respectively.

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