

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (168) Hong Kong Observatory

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Programme: Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

The Financial Secretary mentioned in paragraph 148 of the 2015-16 Budget Speech that he had “asked all policy bureau to achieve more efficient use of resources through re-engineering and re-prioritising” and “launched the ‘0-1-1’ envelope savings programme to reduce operating expenditure by a total of two per cent over the next three financial years. Resources saved will be re-allocated for new services.” Please inform this Committee of the implementation of the “0-1-1” envelope savings programme by the Hong Kong Observatory in 2015-16 and 2016-17, the services affected by the programme and details of the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon SIN Chung-kai (Member Question No. 88)

Reply:

The Hong Kong Observatory will continuously review the department's work, streamline its operations and enhance its efficiency in the use of resources, so that its overall operating expenditure could be reduced by a total of 2% from 2015-16 to 2017-18 without affecting its existing services.

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