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Question:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2019-20, the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) will develop a website to provide weather information services for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area in collaboration with relevant meteorological authorities of the Mainland and Macao. Please advise the specific work plan of the information services concerned, and whether round-the-clock weather updates and 9-day weather forecasts would be provided. What are the staffing arrangement and establishment, emoluments and operational expenses involved?

Asked by: Hon LIAO Cheung-kong, Martin (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

The Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) is developing the “Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Weather Website” in collaboration with the Guangdong Meteorological Bureau and the Macao Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau to provide weather information of about 60 districts in 11 cities within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (“Greater Bay Area”). Weather information on the website will be constantly updated, providing 7-day weather forecast of the Greater Bay Area. The website is expected to be launched in the first half of 2019. HKO carries out such work with existing manpower and resources. As the expenditure has been subsumed into the provision for HKO, it is difficult to quantify the amount involved separately.

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