

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (168) Hong Kong Observatory

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Programme: (1) Weather Services

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Question:

The Hong Kong Observatory is developing the “Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Weather Website” in collaboration with relevant meteorological authorities of the Mainland and Macao, which would to be launched in March 2019 to provide weather information services for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Please advise:

1. Please list the expenditure shared by various meteorological authorities in developing the “Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Weather Website” and the respective content being developed using the following table:

Meteorological Authority	Expenditure	Content developed
Hong Kong Observatory		
Macao Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau		
Guangdong Meteorological Bureau		
Guangzhou Meteorological Bureau		
Meteorological Bureau Of Shenzhen Municipality		
Zhuhai Meteorological Bureau		
Foshan Meteorological Service		
Dongguan Meteorological Bureau		
Zhongshan Meteorological Service		
Jiangmen Meteorological Service		
Huizhou Meteorological Service		
Zhaoqing Meteorological Service		

2. In the process of developing the website, is the Hong Kong Observatory required to develop weather forecast products and provide weather data in collaboration with the

meteorological authorities of the Mainland and Macao? If yes, what are the details and expenditure involved. If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon FAN Kwok-wai, Gary (LegCo internal reference no.: 71)

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”). The website is expected to be launched in the first half of 2019, with existing weather products and data provided by each of the three meteorological authorities of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao (including HKO), and with HKO taking charge of operating the new website. HKO carries out such work with existing 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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