### Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2019-20

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#### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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# **Question**:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2019-20 for this Programme, the Government indicated that it 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. Will the Government inform this Committee the recurrent expenditure in 2019-20, the manpower arrangement and the estimated annual expenditure on emoluments involved with the above work?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 340)

## 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"). 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.