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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:

In this Programme, the Administration indicates an increase of 20 posts in 2019-20. Will the Administration advise this Committee on the post titles, responsibilities and estimated annual expenditure on emoluments of the 20 posts increased in 2019-20?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 341)

Reply:

Under Programme (1) Weather Services, there will be an increase of 20 posts in the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) in 2019-20, including officers from various grades such as Scientific Officer, Experimental Officer, Radar Specialist Mechanic, Executive Officer and Analyst/Programmer, etc. The notional annual mid-point salary value of these 20 posts in 2019-20 is about \$17.86 million. Their main responsibilities include:

- supporting the provision of forecasting and warning services related to high-impact extreme weather;
- supporting the Three-Runway System project at the Hong Kong International Airport and developing regional aviation weather services;
- enhancing the quality management of public weather services; and
- supporting the development of global and regional weather information services.

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