

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 174 - Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service      Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational expenses

Programme: Secretariat services for the following advisory bodies on civil service and judicial salaries and conditions of service –

- Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service
- Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service
- Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service
- Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service

Controlling Officer: Secretary General, Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Civil Service

Question:

The estimate for 2007-08 is \$13,446,000, which represents an increase of \$5,277,000 over the revised estimate for 2006-07. General departmental expenses decreased from \$1,682,000 in 2005-06 to \$827,000 in 2006-07 but rise to \$2,304,000 in the estimate for 2007-08. Please explain the criteria used in preparing the estimate and provide detailed information on the distribution of the increased provision.

Asked by: Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply:

The estimates in respect of the Joint Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service and Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service (Joint Secretariat) are prepared having regard to the anticipated workload and the resources required for that particular year. The revised estimate of the general departmental expenses of the Joint Secretariat for 2006-07 is \$827,000, whereas the estimate of the general departmental expenses for 2007-08 is \$2.304 million. The increase is attributed to the general departmental expenses required for undertaking work in relation to individual grade structure reviews. The increased provision is mainly to cater for additional equipment and the hire of services and professional fees, etc. The Joint Secretariat allocates the financial provision according to the actual needs.

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