

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05**

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

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Reply Serial No.

S-HWFB001

Question Serial No.

S048

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 170 - Social Welfare Department

Programme : (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question : With regard to the on-going study on “measures alternative to prosecution for handling unruly children and young persons”, has the Administration evaluated its effects on the project to co-locate six correctional/residential homes?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply : The consultancy study on “measures alternative to prosecution for handling unruly children and young persons” has been completed. The relevant Bureaux and departments, including the Social Welfare Department, have examined the report and consider that the concept of restorative justice and some of the alternative measures proposed by the consultant would require further deliberations and consultations with the community.

In any case, our present assessment is that the implications for the co-location project would be minimal as young persons who are assessed to be in need of residential treatment will be received by the new residential training complex when the co-location project is completed, irrespective of whether there are measures alternative to prosecution. To cater for any possible changes in the demand for different services to be provided by the new complex, we will allow for flexibility when designing the facilities.

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Post Title	<hr/> Director of Social Welfare
Date	<hr/> 13 April 2004

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

Reply Serial No.

S-HWFB002

Question Serial No.

S042

Head: Head 149 Government
Secretariat: Health, Welfare and
Food Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (5) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question :

Please advise the manpower and resources involved in the Administration's study on the labelling of genetically-modified food and whether resources has been earmarked for relevant legislative work or legislative amendments?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

Work relating to genetically-modified food will be taken up by existing staff. No additional resources have been earmarked for the subject under Head 149.

Signature

Name in block letters

Mrs Carrie YAU

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Permanent Secreary for Health,
Welfare and Food

Date

7 April 2004

Reply Serial No.

S-HWFB003

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

S043

Head : 149 Government Secretariat : Subhead (No. & title) : 000
Health, Welfare and Food Bureau

Programme : (9) Subvention : Hospital Authority

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question :

How much savings have been achieved after the implementation of Patients' Choice Item Scheme? What is the ratio of patients who have purchased medicine themselves? Has the Government assessed the treatment expenses for the patients who were unable to purchase medicine themselves and thus suffered from undesirable side effect?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

The Hospital Authority does not have a "Patients' Choice Item Scheme" as such. Through the annual planning process and ongoing evaluations and reviews, the HA prioritizes resource use to ensure that patients will receive appropriate treatment in public hospitals. Therapies that demonstrate clinical efficacy, significant benefits and cost effectiveness will be included as standard treatment irrespective of cost. Treatments that are of marginal benefits or cost effectiveness, and life style related therapies may not be included as targets for public subsidies. Patients who wish to obtain therapy not under HA standard provisions may patronize the private sector. At times patients may request to purchase certain drugs outside the standard provision of the HA from our hospitals for various reasons, including e.g., the difficulty of obtaining some anti-cancer drugs in private pharmacies. The HA does not have information on the treatment expense of patients for these items.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ Mrs Carrie YAU

Post Title _____ Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Date _____ 7 April 2004

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-HWFB004

Question Serial No.

S044

Head : 149 – Government Secretariat : Subhead (No. & title):
Health, Welfare and Food
Bureau

Programme : (2) Social Welfare

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question :

What are the manpower and other resources spent on research into domestic violence and the implementation of appropriate preventive and assistance programmes? Are there any measures to assess the effectiveness of these preventive and assistance programmes? What are the manpower and other resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

With a Lotteries Fund Grant of \$0.9M, the University of Hong Kong (HKU) was commissioned to conduct a study on homicide-suicide in Hong Kong in November 2002 which is expected to be completed in two years. Another Lotteries Fund Grant of \$1.17M was approved for HKU to conduct a study on child abuse and spouse battering in April 2003 which is also expected to take two years to complete.

A three-pronged approach is adopted to provide a continuum of preventive, supportive and crisis intervention services to strengthen families and tackle the problem of domestic violence. These services include a publicity campaign on “Strengthening Families and Combating Violence”, a wide range of services available at family services centres/integrated family service centres, child care services, specialized services provided by the Family and Child Protective Services Units, Family Crisis Support Centre and refuge centres for women, clinical psychological service, etc. In 2004-05, a total of \$1,749M will be allocated for family and child welfare services. Preventive and assistance programmes are part and parcel of the services provided by various service units. As such, the manpower and resources involved cannot be separately ascertained.

Same as other social welfare services, services relating to domestic violence run by the Social Welfare Department or NGOs with recurrent Government funding are subject to the monitoring under the Service Performance Monitoring System (SPMS) established to ensure the accountability for the use of public funds and the provision of quality services. Under the

SPMS, service performance assessments based on the performance standards, including output and/or outcome standards as set out in relevant funding and service agreements or service documents, are conducted by the service operators and the Department regularly.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for
Health, Welfare and Food

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-HWFB 005

Question Serial No.

S045

Head : 149 – Government Secretariat:
Health, Welfare and Food Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question :

What measures are taken by the Administration to monitor the implementation of the "Gender Mainstreaming Checklist"? What are the manpower and other resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

Gender Mainstreaming means incorporating women's as well as men's needs, concerns and experiences in the policy making process. The Gender Mainstreaming Checklist is an analytical tool to assist government officials to conduct gender mainstreaming and evaluate the gender impact of public policy, programme and legislation throughout the stages of design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

2. The Checklist highlights key issues to be considered, including whether sex-disaggregated data have been compiled and analysed; whether community groups (such as women's groups) have been consulted; whether women's specific needs and impact on women have been assessed; and whether staff have been given sufficient training on gender issues. The Checklist and an accompanying set of guidance notes have been issued to bureaux and departments. We shall roll out the Checklist to selected policy areas on an incremental basis.

3. All bureaux and departments have already designated a Directorate Officer as the "Gender Focal Point" within their organisation. These Gender Focal Points will help raise awareness and understanding of gender-related issues, promote gender mainstreaming and the use of the Gender Mainstreaming

Checklist, and liaise and coordinate within their organisation, with HWFB and the Women's Commission.

4. Resources incurred in carrying out the gender mainstreaming initiative will be absorbed by the participating bureaux and departments. At the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau level, the organisation, and coordination work is absorbed by existing staff.

5. To facilitate the gender mainstreaming process, gender-related training will continue to be provided to civil servants, to raise their awareness and equip them with basic gender analysis techniques. In 2004-05, about \$1 million would be made available to conduct gender-related training, including workshops for Gender Focal Points, and the development of a training kit.

6. The Health, Welfare and Food Bureau and Women's Commission will continue to work closely with bureaux and departments in implementing gender mainstreaming, providing advice and assistance throughout the process and ensuring quality. A more formal evaluation mechanism will be developed in 2004-05.

Signature:

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Post Title: Permanent Secretary for
Health, Welfare and Food

Date: 2 April 2004

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-HWFB006

Question Serial No.

S046

Head : 149 – Government Secretariat:
Health, Welfare and Food Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question :

What are the manpower and other resources put in by the Administration to provide gender-related training to civil servants? Is such training provided to non-civil servant contract staff? What are the number and percentage of the trained staff? What measures are taken to monitor the effectiveness of such training and what are the manpower and other resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

Gender-related training workshops are organised to enhance civil servants' sensitivity towards gender issues and women's concerns, so as to facilitate their taking into consideration gender perspectives in their daily work, including policy making and providing services to the community. Non-civil servant contract staff may also participate in the workshop if there are operational needs to do so.

2. Gender-related training workshops have been organised in collaboration with a local tertiary institution. The latter is responsible for coordination, liaison, course development and delivery, preparation and distribution of course materials and course evaluation. Staffing and resources relating to recruitment of trainees and logistics arrangements are absorbed by the participating departments, and those relating to tendering and contract management are absorbed within the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau.

3. Since 2001, some \$1.1 million has been spent on organising 22 gender-related training workshops. Details are as follows:

Workshop	No. of staff attended	Percentage of targeted grades
Social Welfare Department	261	6%
Police Force	109	3%
Administrative Officers (new recruits)	66	87%
Education Department	42	5%
Gender Focal Points	42	59%
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	36	2%
Information Services Department	9	3%

4. The Administration will continue to organise gender-related training courses as well as develop a training kit in 2004-05. About \$1 million would be made available for this purpose.

5. Course evaluation is integrated as part of the workshop, and is compiled and analysed with the help of the tertiary institution undertaking the training workshop. Course contents are revised and improved in the light of suggestions and comments from participants. Resources in connection with monitoring the effectiveness of gender related training are absorbed within the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau.

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Name in block letters: MRS CARRIE YAU

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for
Health, Welfare and Food

Date: 7 April 2004

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-HWFB007

Question Serial No.

S047

Head : 149 – Government Secretariat:
Health, Welfare and Food Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question :

What measures are taken by the Administration to follow up on the findings of the survey regarding the time use pattern and pattern of participation in society published by the Women's Commission? What are the manpower and other resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

On the advice of the Women's Commission, the Administration commissioned a thematic household survey on the time use pattern of women and men in Hong Kong and their pattern of participation in society. The survey was undertaken by a private survey company at a cost of about \$1.3 million, and the work associated with the survey was absorbed by existing staff.

2. The survey looks into the average amount of time spent daily by women and men on different activities, and their pattern of participation in various aspects of life such as housework, voluntary work, unpaid work for relatives and friends, cultural, recreational/sports and social activities, etc. Emphasis has been given to the difference displayed between women and men, the importance of contribution made by homemakers, and factors that might have affected their participation in society are also analysed.

3. The survey provides rich quantitative data that enable the Commission and policy makers to understand the situation of women and men in greater depth. The survey data enable us to make international comparisons of the various aspects of life in countries where similar studies have been conducted. The survey results also constitute a rich data set for interested individuals in the

community to carry out related analyses, as well as serve as a baseline for similar studies to be conducted in future. The survey does not require specific follow up action by the Administration or the Women's Commission. However, the pattern revealed by the survey would be taken into account when action plans are being developed to advance women's interests and well-being in Hong Kong.

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Health, Welfare and Food

Date: 2 April 2004

Reply Serial No.

S-HWFB008

Question Serial No.

S055

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 170 - Social Welfare Department Subhead : 000
Operational Expenses

Programme : -

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question : There will be 1 019 contract staff and short term contract staff in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2004-05. What are the posts involved and their respective contract periods?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply : The information required is set out in the attached table.

The original figure of 1 019 contract staff and short term contract staff, mentioned in the reply to Finance Committee Question No. 1106, is a projection on the number of staff as at 1 April 2004 in SWD. The exact figure as at 1 April 2004 is 1 032 and the types of staff involved and the respective contract periods are shown in the attached table.

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Date	13 April 2004

Contract Staff and short-term contract staff in SWD (position as at 1.4.2004)

			Respective No. of Staff
Social Security Assistant	209	31.3.2005	209
Employment Assistance Co-ordinator	178	30.6.2004 31.3.2005	3 175
Employment Assistance Co-ordinator [Assistant to Oi/c(EAT)]	10	31.3.2005	10
Youth Ambassador	144	24.2.2005 26.2.2005 27.2.2005 28.2.2005 1.3.2005 2.3.2005 3.3.2005 4.3.2005 7.3.2005 8.3.2005 9.3.2005 14.3.2005 15.3.2005 17.3.2005 30.3.2005 31.3.2005	26 25 40 29 3 1 1 1 3 2 2 1 1 4 1 4
Programme Assistant	139	20.5.2004 31.3.2005	2 137
Community Work Organiser	136	17.8.2004 7.9.2004 31.3.2005	25 78 33
Community Work Organiser (Assistant to CWA)	5	17.8.2004 31.3.2005	1 4

Community Work Administrator	1	6.8.2004	1
Office Support Assistant	103	31.12.2004	103
Clerk	35	30.6.2004	1
		13.7.2004	1
		31.8.2004	1
		30.9.2004	7
		1.11.2004	1
		31.12.2004	7
		16.2.2005	1
		31.3.2005	16
		General Office Assistant	8
Property Attendant	7	30.6.2004	3
		30.9.2004	4
Security Guard	1	30.4.2004	1
Marketing Support Assistant	7	31.3.2005	7
Registered Nurse	6	31.3.2005	6
Care Assistant	5	28.2.2005	3
		31.3.2005	2
Technical Support Assistant	5	22.5.2004	1
		30.6.2004	1
		4.7.2004	1
		29.8.2004	1
		2.10.2004	1
Marketing Officer	3	4.6.2004	1
		31.3.2005	2
Marketing Assistant	1	22.9.2004	1
Marketing Manager	2	6.5.2004	1
		22.7.2004	1

Office Executive	3	11.12.2004	2
		14.12.2004	1
Project Officer	4	20.5.2004	1
		30.6.2004	1
		23.7.2004	1
		5.9.2004	1
Project Managing Assistant	2	15.2.2005	1
		28.2.2005	1
Senior Information Technology Manager	2	31.12.2004	2
Artisan	1	31.3.2005	1
Assistant Information Technology Officer	1	31.12.2004	1
Chief Information Technology Manager	1	31.7.2005	1
Cook	1	30.6.2004	1
Executive Assistant	1	31.12.2004	1
Executive Manager	1	3.4.2006	1
General Manager	1	31.5.2005	1
Information Technology Officer	1	31.12.2004	1
Marketing Support Manager	1	31.3.2006	1
Office Executive Assistant	1	31.7.2004	1
Programme Co-ordinator	1	31.3.2005	1
Programme Executive	1	31.3.2005	1
Project Managing Officer	1	15.2.2005	1
Research Assistant	1	30.4.2004	1

Statistical Assistant	1	31.3.2005	1
Translation Officer	1	31.10.2004	1
Total :	1032		1032

Reply Serial No.

S-HWFB009

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Question Serial No.

S053

Head : 149 Government Secretariat: Health, Subhead (No. & title) : --
Welfare and Food Bureau

Programme : (3) Health

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question :

Regarding Reply Serial No.HWFB059, please provide a detailed breakdown of the total cost of about \$2 million for conducting studies from 2002/03 to 2004/05.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

As requested, a breakdown of the total cost of conducting the studies from 2002/03 to 2004/05 is as follows :-

Item	Total cost
Provision of Professional Actuarial Services for the Design of Healthcare Financing Options	\$ 215,000
Health Financing Focus Group Research – Investigating General Public Views on Medical Savings Account	\$ 70,850
Professional Services to conduct Economic Analysis for Health and Healthcare Financing Studies	\$ 1,300,000
Review and Advice on the Healthcare Financing Studies	\$ 568,553
Total	\$ 2,154,403

Signature _____
Name in block letters Mrs Carrie Yau
Post Title Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food
Date 7 April 2004

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 149 Government Secretariat: Health Subhead (No. & title) : --
 Welfare and Food Bureau

Programme : (3) Health

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question :

Regarding Reply Serial No. HWFB060, the recurrent expenditure of the Centre for Health Protection upon coming into full operation, is estimated to be about \$1 billion per year. Please provide a detailed breakdown of its items of expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

The recurrent expenditure of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) upon full establishment is estimated to be \$1 billion per year. A breakdown of this estimate by major expenditure items is as follows :-

Expenditure Item	Item Descriptions	Estimated Annual Expenditure Requirements (\$ million)
Permanent staff costs	Salaries and allowances for civil servants in the CHP	570
Non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff costs	Total remuneration for NCSC staff in the CHP	111
Departmental expenses	Day-to-day operating expenditure of the CHP concerning staff training, organization of and participation in international conferences, laboratory operations, maintenance of information systems, etc.	253
Electricity and maintenance charges	Total electricity and building maintenance charges for all existing and future CHP premises	69
CHP Total	—	1,003

Signature	_____
Name in block letters	Mrs Carrie Yau
Post Title	Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food
Date	7 April 2004

Reply Serial No.

S-HWFB011

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Question Serial No.

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S056

Head : 149 Government Secretariat :
Health, Welfare and Food Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) : 000

Programme : (9) Subvention : Hospital Authority

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question :

Please clarify if the recruitment of 400 nurses for 2004-05 is in addition to the estimate of 19 130 or included in 19 130.

Asked by : Hon. MAK Kwok-fung, Michael

Reply :

The 400 nurses to be recruited in 2004-05 is included in the estimated figure of 19130.

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Name in block letters _____ Mrs Carrie YAU

Post Title _____ Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Date _____ 6 April 2004

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Reply Serial No.

S-HWFB012

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Question Serial No

SV011

Head: 149 Government Secretariat: Health,
Welfare and Food Bureau

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (10) Subvention: Prince Philip Dental Hospital

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question: To advise the expenditure in personal emoluments of directorate grade staff of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital.

Asked by: Hon. LO Wing-lok

Reply:

The Director of Prince Philip Dental Hospital (PPDH) (also Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry of the University of Hong Kong), who is on the full-time payroll of the University of Hong Kong, receives a Director's honorarium of \$0.07M from PPDH. A senior executive of the Hospital Authority seconded to PPDH to strengthen management responsibilities on planning and development is funded by the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau at a total cost of \$3.2M. The Comptroller is the only directorate staff fully funded by PPDH. The remuneration for the Comptroller, which amounts to \$1.39M, is included in the personal emoluments of the estimates of PPDH.

Signature	_____
Name in block letters	MRS. CARRIE YAU
Post Title	Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food
Date	8 April 2004

Reply Serial No.

S-HWFB013

Question Serial No.

SV013

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 149 Government Secretariat :
Health, Welfare and Food Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) : 000

Programme : (9) Subvention : Hospital Authority

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question :

To account for the substantial difference in expenditure on drugs between the HK East and HK West Clusters and NTWC. To also advise how the Hospital Authority can ensure equitable allocation of resources to NTWC to maintain its level of service to the public.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The expenditure of drugs of the HK East & West mega-cluster is relatively higher than that of the NTWC because hospitals in HK East & West such as Queen Mary Hospital and Grantham Hospital are providing more specialised services such as liver, bone marrow, heart/lung transplant, cancer and special paediatric services, which often involve prolonged use of expensive drugs.

On the other hand, owing to a number of factors such as the convenience of their work location and the relatively fewer number of hospitals in NTWC, many residents in the Cluster are patronising medical services in other hospital clusters. As a result of the cross-cluster utilisation of services, the expenditure of drugs for different clusters is not necessarily directly proportionate to the size of their population. Instead, the nature of services provided by individual clusters is a crucial factor attributing to the magnitude of their drug cost.

In line with the population-based funding mechanism adopted by the Government, the Hospital Authority (HA) has implemented a population-based internal resource allocation system commencing 2003/04. This system aims to provide an equitable allocation of resources to different clusters taking into account the residential population of the clusters, service needs of the cluster population and cross-cluster

utilization of services. In 2003/04 and 2004/05, HA has allocated more resources to the NTWC for expanding and developing its services in order to cope with the growing service demand of its population.

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Post Title _____ Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Date _____ 7 April 2004

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-HWFB014

Head : 37 Department of Health Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Disease Prevention

SV012

Controlling Officer : Director of Health

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question : To provide details of the total expenditure of \$2.4 million for vaccines, including the number of vaccines acquired, the number of vaccines used by different organizations and the number of vaccines remaining as at 31 March 2004.

Asked by : Hon. LO Wing-lok

Reply :

Under the influenza vaccination programme of the Department of Health (DH), about 100 000 doses of vaccine were given to elderly residents of residential care homes, long-stay residents of residential care homes for the disabled, healthcare workers and poultry workers in the 2003-04 influenza season, and the total expenditure on vaccines incurred was \$2.4M. As at 31 March 2004, about 15700 doses of influenza vaccine were stocked by DH.

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Post Title Ag. Director of Health

Date 14 April 2004

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-HWFB 015

Question Serial No.

SV015

Head : 149 – Government Secretariat:
Health, Welfare and Food Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Women's Interests

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question :

Please provide a list of contact persons of "Gender Focal Point Network".

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The Gender Focal Point Network is a support network for providing advice and assistance to officers conducting the gender mainstreaming exercise within the Administration. The Network will be led by the Women's Division of the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau, which would serve as the central gender focal point assuming an overall co-ordinating role and providing support on women-related issues to the Gender Focal Points at bureaux and departments.

2. All bureaux and departments have already designated a Directorate Officer as the "Gender Focal Point" within their organisation. These Gender Focal Points will help raise awareness and understanding of gender-related issues, promote gender mainstreaming and the use of the Gender Mainstreaming Checklist, and liaise and coordinate within their organisation, with HWFB and the Women's Commission. The list of Gender Focal Points is attached at Annex A.

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Name in block letters: MRS CARRIE YAU

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Health,
Welfare and Food

Date: 2 April 2004

Annex A

Dept/Bureau	Post Title
Central Policy Unit	Government Town Planner
Chief Secretary for Administration's Office, Administration Wing	Principal Executive Officer (Administration)
Civil Service Bureau	Principal Executive Officer (Management)
Constitutional Affairs Bureau	Admin Assistant to Secretary for Constitutional Affairs
Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau	Principal Executive Officer (Administration) / Commerce & Industry Branch
	Deputy Secretary / Communication & Telechnoloy Branch
Economic Development and Labour Bureau	Assistant Commissioner (Tourism)1 /Economic & Development Branch
	Assistant Commissioner (Policy Support & Strategic Planning) /Labour Department
Education and Manpower Bureau	Principal Assistant Secretary (Education Commission and Planning)
Environment, Transport and Works Bureau	Principal Executive Officer (Administration)
Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau	Principal Executive Officer (General) / Treasury Branch
	Principal Assistant Secretary (Financial Services)3 / Financial Services Branch
Home Affairs Bureau	Principal Assistant Secretary (3)
Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau	Principal Executive Officer (Administration) /Planning & Lands
	Assistant Director (Policy Support) /Housing

Security Bureau	Principal Management Services Officer (Security)
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	Deputy Director of Agriculture, Fisheries & Conservation
Architectural Services Department	Chief Project Manager
Audit Commission	Principal Auditor (Technical & Special Duties)
Auxiliary Medical Service	Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service
Buildings Department	Chief Officer / Technical Support
Census & Statistics Department	Assistant Commissioner (Social)
Civil Aviation Department	Chief Operations Officer (Technical Administration)
Civil Engineering Department	Departmental Secretary
Companies Registry	Registry Manager
Correctional Services Department	Assistant Commissioner (Rehabilitation)
Customs and Excise Department	Customs Civil Secretary
Drainage Services Department	Chief Engineer / HK & Islands
Efficiency Unit	Assistant Director / Efficiency Unit
Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	Chief Engineer / Gas Production & Supply
Environmental Protection Department	Principal Environmental Protection Officer (Corporate Services)
Fire Services Department	Deputy Chief Fire Officer (Headquarters)
Food & Environmental Hygiene Department	Assistant Director (Admin)
Government Flying Service	Chief Aircraft Engineer

Government Laboratory	Chief Chemist / Drug, Toxicology & Documents
Government Property Agency	Deputy Government Property Administrator
Government Logistics Department	Departmental Secretary
Health , Department of	Principal Medical Officer
Highways Department	Government Engineer / Railway Development (2)
Home Affairs Department	Assistant Director (Administration)
Hong Kong Observatory	Assistant Director (Development, Research & Administration)
Hong Kong Police Force	Assistant Commissioner of Police, Support
Immigration Department	Assistant Director (Administration & Planning)
Information Services Department	Assistant Director (Publicity)
Information Technology Services Department	Chief System Manager (E)
Inland Revenue Department	Chief Assessor (Special Duties)
Intellectual Property Department	Assistant Director (Copyright)
Invest Hong Kong	Associate Director - General 3
Join Secretariat for the Advisory Bodies on Civil Service & Judicial Salaries & Conditions of Services	Assistant Secretary General (2)
Land Registry	Departmental Secretary
Lands Department	Senior Estate Surveyor /Training
Legal Aid Department	Assistant Director of Legal Aid / Policy & Development
Leisure and Cultural Services Department	Assistant Director (Administration)

Marine Department	Departmental Secretary
Official Receiver's Office	Departmental Secretary
Planning Department	Chief Town Planner / Technical Services
Post Office	Deputy Postmaster General
Radio Television Hong Kong	Departmental Secretary
Rating and Valuation Department	Principal Valuer (Support Services)
Registration and Electoral Office	Deputy Chief Electoral Officer (Administration)
Social Welfare Department	Chief Social Work Officer (Strategic Planning)
Student Finance Assistance Agency	Deputy Controller(1)
Telecommunications Authority, Office of the	Assistant Director (Support)
Television and Entertainment & Licensing Authority	Assistant Commissioner (Entertainment)
Territory Development Department	Assistant Director / Development
Trade and Industry Department	Departmental Secretary
Transport Department	Assistant Commissioner / Bus & Railway
Treasury	Senior Treasury Accountant (Staff Development)
University Grants Committee Secretariat	Deputy Secretary - General (1)
Water Supplies Department	Departmental Secretary
Independent Commission Against Corruption	Assistant Director / Administration

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 170 - Social Welfare Department

Programme : (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

Question : Currently, what are the average monthly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payments granted respectively to single-person families and families comprising two members, three members and four or more members after the reduction/adjustments of the CSSA rates last year?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : The estimated average monthly CSSA payments (compiled at 2002-03 price level and adjusted according to the deflationary adjustment in 2003) by household size are as follows:

<u>Number of eligible</u> <u>members in the household</u>	<u>Estimated average monthly</u> <u>CSSA payments</u> ^(Note) (<u>\$</u>)
1	3,498
2	5,819
3	7,664
4	8,990
5	10,504
6 or over	13,066

Note: The figures are prepared on the assumption that the households do not have income other than CSSA payment.

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