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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The provision under this Programme for 2015-16 is \$40.6 million higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15, mainly due to the renewal of permanent exhibitions of four public museums and the net increase of 54 posts.

Will the Government inform this Committee of:

- (1) the respective expenditures of the four public museums for the past year and the estimated expenditures for the coming year; and
- (2) the titles, duties and estimated annual emoluments of the 54 additional posts?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 135)

Reply:

(1) The estimated recurrent expenditure (excluding staff salaries) of the four public museums in 2014-15 and 2015-16 is set out below:

Museum	Estimated Expenditure in 2014-15 (\$ million)	Estimated Expenditure in 2015-16 (\$ million)
Hong Kong Museum of History	81.56	74.21
and Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence Note 1		
Hong Kong Heritage Museum Note 2	86.73	72.44
Hong Kong Science Museum	56.89	57.08

Note 1: Including Hong Kong Museum of History, Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery, Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, Law Uk Folk Museum and Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum.

Note 2: Including Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Hong Kong Railway Museum, Sam Tung Uk Museum and Sheung Yiu Folk Museum.

The provision for renewal of permanent exhibitions of four public museums is under separate general non-recurrent account.

(2) The 54 posts to be created in 2015-16 under the Programme cover ten different grades, viz. Analyst/Programmer; Clerical Assistant; Clerical Officer; Cultural Services Assistant; Curator; Executive Officer; Information Officer; Laboratory Technician; Manager, Cultural Services; and Technical Officer (Cultural Services). They will provide support for the enhanced museum services and the preservation and promotion of intangible cultural heritage. The estimated salary provision for the 54 new posts in 2015-16 is about \$18.2 million.

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