

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

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Question:

- (a) Please provide information on the employment of temporary staff for provision of services from 2007-08 to 2009-10 and in the coming year:

	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08
Number of temporary staff employed/to be employed	()	()	()	()
Total expenses on salaries for temporary staff employed/to be employed	()	()	()	()
Percentage of temporary staff in the total number of staff in the Department	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year change

- (b) Please provide information on the length of service of temporary staff employed from 2007-08 to 2009-10 as well as those to be employed in the coming year:

Length of service	2010-11 (number of staff)	2009-10 (number of staff)	2008-09 (number of staff)	2007-08 (number of staff)
6 months	()	()	()	()
1 year	()	()	()	()
2 years	()	()	()	()
3 years	()	()	()	()
3 years or above	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year change

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

Temporary staff in the Department are generally employed under the Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff scheme. Apart from this scheme, the Department does not hire staff on a daily or hourly basis. The information on NCSC staff is provided as follows –

(a)

	2010-11	2009-10 (as at 28.2.2010)	2008-09 (as at 31.3.2009)	2007-08 (as at 31.3.2008)
Number of NCSC staff	Note	548 (-14%)	634 (-30%)	900
Total Expenditure on salaries for NCSC staff		\$88 million (-25%)	\$117.4 million (-10%)	\$129.8 million
Percentage of NCSC staff in the total number of staff in the Department		5% (-1%)	6% (-2%)	8%

Figures () denotes year-on-year changes

(b)

Length	2010-11	2009-10 (as at 28.2.2010)	2008-09 (as at 31.3.2009)	2007-08 (as at 31.3.2008)
Less than 6 months	Note	83 (+5%)	79 (-35%)	121
6 months to 1 year		78 (+200%)	26 (-82%)	142
1 to 2 years		52 (-58%)	124 (+5%)	118
2 to 3 years		65 (+8%)	60 (-43%)	105
3 years or above		270 (-22%)	345 (-17%)	414

Figures () denotes year-on-year changes

Note – Statistics for 2010-11 are not yet available as the financial year has yet to begin.

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