

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Subhead (No. & title):

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the estimates of expenditure of Information Technology Management Units (ITMUs) in government departments:

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure in 2011-12? What is the rate of change as compared with the actual expenditure in 2010-11? What is(are) the reason(s) for the above rate of change in expenditure?
- (b) What specific projects are included in the Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12? Which of them are on-going projects and new projects? What are the number of staff, the costs and the implementation timetable of each project? Of the staff involved for each project, how many of them are civil servants, non-civil service contract staff and staff of outsourced service providers?
- (c) Has the Administration earmarked any provision for the promotion of e-engagement as well as opening up of public sector information? If so, what are the specific contents (including project names, details, manpower and costs involved, and implementation timetable)? If not, what is(are) the reason(s) and will the Administration consider carrying out such measures in the future?
- (d) What are the permanent establishment, existing number of staff and vacancies of ITMUs? Will there be any increase in manpower in the coming year? If so, what is the estimated number of additional posts and the ranks involved? Are these posts permanent in nature? Will candidates for these posts be appointed on civil service terms of appointment? If not, what is(are) the reason(s) for that?
- (e) Has the effectiveness of ITMUs been reviewed comprehensively? If so, what are the results of the review and the specific improvement measures involved? If not, what is(are) the reason(s) and will such review be carried out in the future?

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Reply:

- (a) The estimated expenditure for the Information Technology Management Unit (ITMU) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) in 2010-11 stands at \$63.81 million. The estimated expenditure for 2011-12 remains the same at \$63.81 million.

(b) The major on-going projects in 2011-12 are listed below:

Project	No. of staff required in 2011-12			Estimated expenditure in 2011-12 (\$M)
	Civil service Staff	Non-civil service contract staff	Staff of outsourced service provider	
Support of Business Applications and Operations	0	5	55	33.28
Support of IT Infrastructure and Facilities	9	2	6	24.27
Support of Business Strategy and Information Management	2	3	2	6.26

In addition, new projects in 2011-12 funded under the Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 - Computerisation Subhead A007GX are listed below:

Project	No. of staff required in 2011-12			Estimated expenditure in 2011-12 (\$M)	Implementation schedule
	Civil service staff	Non-civil service contract staff	Staff of outsourced service provider		
Project 1 – Lotus Notes/Domino Electronic Mail System Upgrade	0	0	1	4.96	April 2012
Project 2 – Food Import Control System	0	0	1	5.61	July 2011
Project 3 – Revamping of Market Stall Rental System	0	0	4	4.19	October 2011

(c) FEHD will consider the feasibility of introducing measures related to e-engagement or the opening up of public sector information.

(d) The permanent establishment, existing strength and vacancies in FEHD are as follows:

Grade	Establishment	Strength	Vacancy
Analyst/Programmer	2	2	0
Computer Operator	9	9	0
Total	11	11	0

(e) Under the existing governance mechanism, we have established the Information Technology Steering Committee to review the manpower resources as well as the development plan for the ITMU of the FEHD every year. We also conduct regular surveys to gauge the quality of services provided by the ITMU of the FEHD to assure its effectiveness and enhance the services.

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