

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (26) Census and Statistics Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) General Statistical Services

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Census and Statistics (Leo YU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Regarding Head 26 (Census and Statistics Department), Programme (4) General Statistical Services, the expenditure represents an increase of \$9.5 million (21.3%) over the revised estimate for 2025-26. In this regard, please inform the Council: The Census and Statistics Department will expand its data science consulting and analysis services to support various bureaux and departments to identify business pain points through data and develop corresponding solutions. What are the specific contents and details of the relevant projects? What is the detailed breakdown of the allocation of the additional \$9.5 million expenditure?

Asked by: Hon HUNG Kam-in (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

The data science advisory and analysis services provided by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) aim to assist bureaux and departments in leveraging data to gain a deeper understanding of their operational pain points. Specific tasks include data pre-processing, integration, mining, model development and analysis, etc.

In order to expand the services to more bureaux and departments, C&SD will set aside \$10 million in 2026-27 to engage contract staff (about \$5.7 million) and procure necessary information technology equipment and related services (about \$4.3 million), with a view to strengthening its capacity to support data analysis.

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