

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Census and Statistics (Leslie TANG)

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Question:

In "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2019-20" under this Programme, it is stated that the Census and Statistics Department will set up the 2021 Population Census (21C) Office. Will the Government advise this Committee of the staff establishment, estimated annual expenditure on staff cost and operational expenses involved in setting up the 21C Office in 2019-20?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 353)

Reply:

In 2019-20, 62 time-limited posts and 60 non-civil service contract posts will be created to conduct preparatory work for the 2021 Population Census (21C). In 2019-20, the estimated expenditure on the 21C is around \$84 million, of which around \$64 million is on staff cost.

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