

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

SB 197

Question Serial No.

1050

Head: 23 - Auxiliary Medical Service Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

It is stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2012-13 that AMS will enhance the volunteers' operational efficiency on emergency preparedness for Influenza Pandemic and that it will also provide paramedic training to cope with infectious disease prevention and control. In this regard, please state the plans, the targets and the estimated expenditure for our information.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply:

In the regular training of AMS, infectious disease control courses are offered to enhance members' knowledge in infectious diseases. Moreover, relevant exercises, such as the operation of closed camps and infectious disease control, are conducted by various units from time to time. During the peak season of influenza every year, members are deployed to provide support at the accident and emergency departments of hospitals. Starting from this January, 30 members are deployed every day to perform duty at 12 accident and emergency departments under the Hospital Authority. Relevant training is coordinated by doctors and nurses of the Health Protection Unit of AMS. In the Operations Section of AMS, an action team made up of members with training in contact tracing and advanced infectious disease control is always on standby. To meet operational needs, AMS members with training in infectious disease control can be deployed at any time to assist government departments in influenza prevention. These preparations, which are regular in nature, do not require any extra resources and thus there is not any independent estimated expenditure for them.

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0274

Head: 23 – Auxiliary Medical Service Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Auxiliary Medical Service has an increase in provision in 2012-13. This is mainly due to staff changes. Please list out the relevant expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

Due to staff changes, there is an increase of approximately \$0.77 m in salary provision for AMS in 2012-13. This is mainly due to the need to create a supernumerary post to accommodate the replacement for the Chief Staff Officer, AMS (Directorate One Officer), who will commence his pre-retirement leave in September 2012.

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2805

Head: 23 - Auxiliary Medical Service

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding the general regular training, the recruit training and the centralized training of the Auxiliary Medical Service:

- a. Is there any minimum training hour for every member? If yes, what is the minimum training hour for each type of training?
- b. What is the number of members who failed to fulfil the requirement of minimum training hour? Were there any punishments or good reasons? If yes, please give the details. If no, please give the reasons.
- c. In 2010 and 2011, there were three types of training which failed to reach the target man-hour. What were the main reasons? Are there any measures to ensure that the target man-hour can be reached?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

- a. Each year, every member should complete 60 hours of regular training. If the annual total number of regular training hours set by his/her unit is less than 100 hours, an attendance of 60% of the total number of regular training hours of his/her unit is taken as the minimum training hour requirement.
- b. In 2010-11, there were 574 members who did not fulfil the minimum training hour requirement. In accordance with the AMS Standing Order, actions including the written warning, the final warning and dismissal will be taken against them in sequence.

- c. The members failed to fulfil the minimum training hour requirement mainly because they are mostly working persons and students who have to work and study. In view of this, all unit heads are required to submit a monthly training record of members to the Headquarters for monitoring. They will give verbal or written reminders to those members with a low rate of attendance. If these members still fail to fulfil the minimum requirement after receipt of the reminders, the unit head concerned should submit a report to the Headquarters, which will issue the member concerned a written reminder regarding the low rate of attendance.

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Question Serial No.

2806

Head: 23 - Auxiliary Medical ServiceSubhead (No. & title):Programme: Auxiliary Medical ServiceControlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical ServiceDirector of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

Regarding the number of responses to requests for non-emergency ambulance transfer service, please provide a detailed breakdown relating to the purposes of the requests. Moreover, are there any figures relating to the unavailability of transfer service? If yes, please give the details and state the reasons.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, JosephReply:

The detailed breakdown relating to requests for non-emergency ambulance transfer service from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011 is as follows:

Types of medical institutions	Clinics under the Department of Health	Clinics under the Hospital Authority	Private Hospitals
Total number of requests	9 638	5 691	832

The figures relating to the unavailability of non-emergency ambulance transfer service from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011 are as follows:

Reasons	Cancellation by Applicants	Refusal
Total number of cases	573	96

The unavailability of non-emergency ambulance transfer service is mainly due to the cancellation of requests by applicants or the fact that the requests were refused for not falling within the scope of service of AMS.

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2807

Head: 23 - Auxiliary Medical Service

Subhead (No. & title): 000 - Operational Expenses

Programme: Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

In the personnel-related expenses, the revised estimates for both Mandatory Provident Fund contribution and Civil Service Provident Fund contribution for 2011-12 are significantly higher than the original estimates. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

The revised estimates for both Mandatory Provident Fund contribution and Civil Service Provident Fund contribution for 2011-12 are higher than the original estimates. This is mainly because there was an addition of 8 officers appointed on new probationary terms and 2 officers on new permanent terms in the Auxiliary Medical Service in the second half of 2011-12. They filled up vacancies left by officers on retirement or on transfer due to new appointments or new postings.

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1449

Head: 23 - Auxiliary Medical Service

Subhead (No. & title): 000 - Operational Expenses

Programme: Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

- a. The actual number of man-hours for emergency duties in 2010 is 2 250. Due to the Fukushima nuclear incident, it increases by 460% to 12 601. However, the revised estimate for 2011-12 is \$66.9 m, an increase of only 0.8% over the original estimate of \$66.4 m. It seems the figures cannot reflect the increase in the expenses for salaries/allowances due to the increase in the number of man-hours. Were there any civil servants or auxiliary service members who did not receive relevant salaries/allowances? Please explain.
- b. Please provide the details relating to the emoluments of officers and members at different ranks in the Auxiliary Medical Service.
- c. Please describe the procedures of paying the emoluments.

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply:

- a. In response to the Fukushima nuclear incident in 2011, AMS set up a health desk at the Hong Kong International Airport and provided voluntary radioactive checks for travellers in need. The pay and allowances for AMS members who were on duty in this operation were given in accordance with the mechanism stipulated in the Auxiliary Forces Pay and Allowances Ordinance (Cap. 254). The overall expenses of this operation were met by the allocation of existing resources and all members concerned were paid.
- b. Matters concerning the eligibility for pay and allowances by AMS members while on duty or undergoing training are stipulated in the Auxiliary Forces Pay and Allowances Ordinance (Cap. 254). Their pay and allowances in respect of performance of duty and training are based on their ranks. At present, they range from \$32.4 per hour for Grade I Officer to \$157.8 per hour for Senior Grade VII Officer. They are subject to review every two years based on the established mechanism.

- c. Members who have completed a duty or training should complete and sign a pay and allowance claim form. It should then be certified by the responsible officer and approved by an officer at a higher rank. After verification by the Accounts Office of the Headquarters, the application should be submitted to the Security Bureau for approval. After approval is given, the Treasury will give the pay and allowances to the members through the bank on a monthly basis.

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