

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 138 Government Secretariat :  
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Subhead (No. & title) :  
000 Operational Expenses

Programme : (2) Buildings, Lands and Planning

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands  
(Planning and Lands)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : Under *Subhead 000*, there is an expenditure of \$1.23 million on honoraria for members of committees in 2003-04. In this connection,

- (a) to which committee or committees will this amount of honoraria be allocated?
- (b) what is the rate of honoraria for members and chairmen of committees?

Asked by : *Hon. CHAN Kam-lam*

Reply :

- (a) The provision is for payment of honoraria to the Chairmen and Members of the Appeal Tribunal (Buildings) and the Town Planning Appeal Board.
- (b) Honoraria for the Chairman of the Appeal Tribunal (Buildings) is \$770 per hour of service and that for each Member is \$700 per hour of service. As regards the Town Planning Appeal Board, the Chairman and Deputy Chairmen of the Appeal Panel will receive \$86,520 and \$57,650 per annum as "annual retainer". The Chairman of each Appeal Panel, formed for each appeal case, will receive \$4,440 for each hearing session, and \$8,870 for writing a decision of each appeal case. Members of the Appeal Panel will receive \$715 for each hearing session.

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