

APPENDIX (ii):*(Paragraph 3.10 of the Report)***EXPENDITURE ON EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND PROGRAMMES, 2004**

PROGRAMME/SERVICE <i>(# indicate those involving direct cash allowance subsidies)</i>	NATURE¹	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	TOTAL COST (HK\$ M)	UNIT COST² (HK\$)
Training/re-training³				
Project Yi Jin (PYJ)#	T	5 381 ⁴	60 ⁴	11 150
Vocational Training Council (VTC)	C/T/E	153 500 ⁵	1 956.9 ⁶	N.A. ⁷
Employees Retraining Board (ERB)	C/T/E	117 000 ⁸	379.4 ⁸	3 300 ⁹
Continuing Education Fund#	T	88 000 ¹⁰	880 ¹⁰	10 000 ¹⁰
Skills Upgrading Scheme	T	38 433	31.94	831
Training (total)	-	402 314	3 308.24	-
Employment services (total)	C/E	223 229¹¹	95.1¹¹	426
Employment programmes				
Youth Pre-employment Training Programme (YPTP) ¹²	C/T	11 327 ¹²	77 ¹²	6 800
Youth Work Experience and Training Scheme (YWETS) ¹² #	C/T/E	13 000 ¹²	141 ¹²	10 800
Youth Self-employment Support Scheme (YSSS)	C/T/E	1 475	30 ¹³	20 340
Employment Programme for the Middle-aged #	E	6 563 ¹⁴	5.2 ¹⁴	N.A. ¹⁴
Special Incentive Allowance Scheme for Local Domestic Helpers #	E	8 000 ¹⁵	60 ¹⁵	N.A. ¹⁵
Work Trial Scheme (WTS) ¹⁶ #	C/T/E	2 000 ¹⁶	9 ¹⁶	4 500 ¹⁶
Work Orientation and Placement Scheme (WOPS) for the disabled ¹⁷ #	C/T/E	1 000 ¹⁷	8.2 ¹⁷	8 200 ¹⁷
Employment programmes (total)	-	43 365	330.4	-
Temporary jobs in the public sector	T	11 608 ¹⁸	883.99 ¹⁸	76 150 ¹⁸
Direct employment schemes (total)	-	11 608	883.99	-
Support for Self-reliance Scheme				
Support for Self-reliance Scheme	E	46 000	68.2	1 482
Intensive Employment Assistance Projects	C/T/E	7 000	35	5 000
Support for Self-reliance Scheme (total)		53 000	103.2	1 947
Total (all services and programmes)		733 516	4 720.93	-

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- 1 Although the services and programmes are grouped by nature (training, employment), some services and programmes offer a combination of counselling/soft skills (C), training (T) and job searching/matching and other employment assistance (E).
- 2 Unit costs depend very much on, among other things, the duration and nature of the programmes, e.g. training course of a longer duration tends to cost more than short-term exposure programmes.
- 3 The services/programmes covered are those more directly relevant to employment/work experience. General adult/continuing education is not covered.
- 4 5 381 is the number of participants in academic year 2004/05. \$60 million represents the estimated expenditure for academic year 2004/05. The one-off non-recurrent funding is \$435 million.
- 5 This includes 96 600 full time/part time and pre-employment/in-service vocational training places offered by the VTC's training and development centres, and some 56 900 vocational education places by VTC's Institute of Vocational Education (IVE) for academic year 2004/05.
- 6 This includes \$1,854.8 million subvention from EMB, and \$102.1 million from HWFB for the provision of vocational training for people with disabilities for 2004/05.
- 7 It may be too simplistic to derive the unit cost through dividing the total cost by the number of participants (around \$12 749), given the wide variety of courses of different level, duration and mode of study.
- 8 For financial year 2004/05.
- 9 This represents the average cost (unit cost for full-time courses - \$5,400; part-time courses - \$1,300).
- 10 CEF was launched in 2002 with a one-off provision of \$5 billion. Each eligible applicant is entitled to a maximum of \$10,000 of subsidy. There are about 180 000 approved applications as at end May 2005. Some 500 000 people are expected to be benefited by the Fund.
- 11 223 229 is the number of job registrants. The total cost is for financial year 2004/05.
- 12 Figures are for the 2003/04 programme year only, as the 2004-05 programme year for the YPTP and the YWETS will only end in October and August 2005 respectively.
- 13 Budget straddling 2004/05 and 2005/06 financial years.
- 14 6 563 is the number of placements. The total cost is for financial year 2004/05. Unit cost is not available as some employers have not yet applied for training allowance in respect of the employees engaged under the Programme.
- 15 Budget for the initiative. 8 000 is the targeted number of beneficiaries. Since many of the LDHs taking part in the Scheme have not yet reached the time-bar of 12 months or exhausted the maximum amount of allowance, the unit cost is not available. The maximum allowance to be obtained by each LDH is \$ 7, 200.
- 16 Since WTS is a new initiative and would only be launched in June 2005, the figures represent estimates only.
- 17 Since WOPS is a new initiative and was only launched in April 2005, the figures represent estimates only.
- 18 The number of places and cost are only estimates and might vary depending on operational needs.