

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Rating and Valuation

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Question :

Please tabulate the following information regarding the services provided by employment agencies (EAs) in the period from 2006-07 to 2009-10:

- a. The number of contracts awarded to EAs;
- b. The amount and duration of each contract awarded to each EA;
- c. The number of workers supplied by each EA and their duties in each contract;
- d. Details on the salaries of workers (including monthly and daily paid) in each contract;
- e. The year-on-year changes in the number of EAs, contracts awarded, agency workers and amounts involved;
- f. The number of contracts awarded, total amount and number of workers involved for each EA, if more than one agency provided workers for the year;
- g. The maximum, minimum and median salaries of workers payable by each EA;
- h. The proportion of workers supplied by the EAs in the existing staff in the Department;
- i. The proportion of expenses on the services of the EAs in departmental expenses.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The information is summarized as follows:

	Type of Contract	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07
(1) Number of contracts awarded to EAs	Others	1 (0%)	1 (0%)	1 (- %)	-
	T-contract (Note 1)	6 (Note 2)	6 (Note 2)	6 (Note 2)	3 (Note 2)
(2) Total payment and amount paid to individual EAs under contract (\$ m) (Note 3)	Others	1.95 (+41.3%)	1.38 (+91.7%)	0.72 (-%)	-
	T-contract (Note 1)	3.23 (-17.2%) (varies from 0.17 to 1.22 for each of the 6 EAs)	3.90 (+18.9%) (varies from 0.32 to 1.09 for each of the 6 EAs)	3.28 (+173.3%) (varies from 0.33 to 0.75 for each of the 6 EAs)	1.20 (-%) (varies from 0.31 to 0.48 for each of the 3 EAs)

	Type of Contract	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07
(3) Duration of contract(s)	Others	12 months	12 months	9 months	-
	T-contract (Note 1)	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months
(4) Total number of workers supplied by individual EAs and their duties (Note 4)	Others	36 (+111.8%) General office support and data entry for internal systems	17 (+13.3%) General office support	15 (-%) General office support	-
	T-contract (Note 1)	13 (+8.3%) (varies from 1 to 4 for each of the 6 EAs) Professional information technology support and system development	12 (+20%) (varies from 1 to 4 for each of the 6 EAs) Professional information technology support and system development	10 (+100%) (varies from 1 to 2 for each of the 6 EAs) Professional information technology support and system development	5 (-%) (varies from 1 to 3 for each of the 3 EAs) Professional information technology support and system development
(5) Workers' salaries (maximum, median and minimum) payable by each EA in each contract	Others	The contracts the Department entered into with EA specify the service charged by the latter in providing agency workers. The Department normally does not specify the wages of agency workers. Hence, the information requested is unavailable.			
	T-contract (Note 1)				
(6) Proportion of workers supplied by the EAs in the existing staff in the department	Others	4.23%	2.00%	1.77%	-
	T-contract (Note 1)	1.53%	1.41%	1.18%	0.59%
(7) Proportion of expenses on the services of the EAs in departmental expenses	Others	0.57%	0.36%	0.20%	-
	T-contract (Note 1)	0.94%	1.02%	0.91%	0.35%

() denote year-on-year changes

Note 1 : T-contract refers to term contract centrally administered by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO).

Note 2 : Our Department drew service from a number of EAs under the provision of the T-contract but there was no contract between our Department and any EA.

Note 3 : For 2009-10, the information represents position up to 28.2.2010.

Note 4 : Since the number of agency workers varies from month to month in the light of changing service and operational requirements, a monthly average is used. For 2009-10, the information represents position up to 28.2.2010.

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