

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

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Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services

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Question:

Regarding the estimates of expenditure of Information Technology Management Unit (ITMU) of the Department:

- a. What is the estimated expenditure for 2011-12? What is the rate of change as compared with the actual expenditure in 2010-11? What is(are) the reason(s) for the above rate of change in expenditure?
- b. What specific projects are included in the Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12? Which of them are on-going projects and new projects? What are the number of staff, the costs and the implementation timetable of each project? Of the staff involved for each project, how many of them are civil servants, non-civil service contract staff and staff of outsourced service providers?
- c. Has the Administration earmarked any provision for the promotion of e-engagement as well as opening up of public sector information? If so, what are the specific contents (including project names, details, manpower and costs involved, and implementation timetable)? If not, what is(are) the reason(s) and will the Administration consider carrying out such measures in the future?
- d. What are the permanent establishment, existing number of staff and vacancies of ITMU? Will there be any increase in manpower in the coming year? If so, what is the estimated number of additional posts and the ranks involved? Are these posts permanent in nature? Will candidates for these posts be appointed on civil service terms of appointment? If not, what is(are) the reason(s) for that?
- e. Has the effectiveness of ITMU been reviewed comprehensively? If so, what are the results of the review and the specific improvement measures involved? If not, what is(are) the reason(s) and will such review be carried out in the future?

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Reply:

- a. The estimated expenditure for the Information Technology Management Unit (ITMU) in 2011-12 is \$11.88 million which is comparable with the actual expenditure in 2010-11 of about \$12 million.
- b. The major on-going projects in 2011-12 are listed below:

Project	No. of staff required in 2011-12			Estimated expenditure in 2011-12 (\$M)
	Civil service staff	Non-civil service contract staff	Staff of outsourced service provider	
Support of Business Applications and Operations	3.25	4	1	3.87
Support of IT Infrastructure and Facilities	0.25	0	4	5.17
Support of Business Strategy and Information Management	3.5	0	3	2.84

There is no new initiative for 2011-12.

- c. DSD has been taking measures to promote e-engagement and opening up of public sector information on various drainage or sewerage projects as part of the project implementation. No separate provision is itemized for such purpose. Due consideration will continuously be given to carry out such measures in promulgating new projects or any new initiatives as appropriate for the department in future.
- d. The permanent establishment, existing strength and vacancies of the ITMU are as follows:

Grade	Establishment	Strength	Vacancy
Senior Engineer	1	1	0
Engineer	1	1	0
Systems Manager	1	1	0
Analyst Programmer I	1	1	0
Analyst Programmer II	1	1	0
Senior Technical Officer	1	1	0
Technical Officer	1	1	0
Total	7	7	0

There will be no increase in manpower in 2011-12 as the current establishment is adequate to support the ongoing management of IT infrastructure and systems for the department.

- e. The department has established an Information Technology Management Committee chaired by the Deputy Director to regularly review the manpower resources, development plan and services provided by the Unit. The Unit is also under regular audit review by the external Integrated Management System auditors. These reviews confirm that the quality objectives are met in delivering the service.

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