

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2002-03**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**Head : 046 General Expenses of the Civil ServiceSubhead (No. & title) : 013 Personal allowances
022 PassagesProgramme : General Expenses of the Civil ServiceControlling Officer : Director of the Accounting ServicesBureau Secretary : Secretary for the Civil ServiceQuestion : In respect of the above subhead, please provide an expenditure breakdown, and specify the number of civil servants in respect of the allowances, as well as account for the relevant increases and decreases.Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwongReply : The analysis is as below:

	Revised Estimates 2001-02		Draft Estimates 2002-03	
	No. of Recipients	\$'000	No. of Recipients	\$'000
Subhead 013 - Personal Allowances				
Air-conditioning Allowance	92	260	80	235
Disturbance Allowance	65	4,633	42	4,467
House, Furniture and Domestic Appliances, Overseas Renting Allowances	10,950	14,766	10,370	14,564
Local Education Allowances	19,670	241,850	19,704	259,802
Overseas Education Allowances	3,903	390,525	4,362	432,460
Subhead 013 Total	34,680	652,034	34,558	711,528
Subhead 022 - Passages				
Leave Passage	1,937	73,600	1,910	73,500
School Passage	5,131	114,016	5,735	137,579
Subhead 022 Total	7,068	187,616	7,645	211,079

The increases/decreases of expenditure for 2002-03 are largely attributable to the increases/decreases in the expected number of recipients of allowances. For some allowances, the allowance rates are the ceilings that can be claimed. The actual claiming pattern would therefore affect the amount of expenditure. For Disturbance Allowance, as the rate of allowance is calculated by reference to the salary level and the marital status of the recipients, these two factors would also impact on the amount of expenditure.

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