

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2002-03
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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Question :

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure on cyber learning in 2002-03? What will be the contents of the 48 new web courses?
- (b) What are the reasons for the substantial drop in trainee number for most types of courses in 2002 in comparison with 2001? How do you ensure that the target trainees will take initiative to engage in e-learning?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

- (a) In 2002-03, CSTDI will spend an estimated \$5.6 million on cyber learning. This includes \$4.6 million on the Cyber Learning Centre (CLC), and an additional \$1 million of non-recurrent expenditure on the development of a Learning Portal (LP) which is an expansion to the CLC.

61, instead of 48, new web courses will be offered in 2002-03. Details are as follows –

Area	No. of new web courses
Information Technology	45
Management subjects	12
Language training and China Studies	4

- (b) It is estimated that there will be a 16% (10 541) drop in the number of trainees of regular general classroom training programmes in 2002-03 as compared with 2001-02. This is mainly due to the introduction of greater diversification in training methods where more alternative learning opportunities will be provided to civil servants to better suit their time and learning mode. In 2002-03, we estimate that there will be nearly 17 500 registered course participants, an increase of over 30% on the cyber learning front.

Meanwhile, it should be noted that an additional 13 455 classroom training places will be provided through the three-year Training and Development Programme in

2002-03.

CSTDI works with bureaux/departments to promote cyber learning in the civil service. Apart from regular promotional activities such as the “Most E-learned Department Contest” and the “User-Get-Users Programme” to encourage civil servants to register as CLC users, we will also organize a large-scale Learning Expo in September 2002 to further promote cyber learning and a continuous learning culture in the civil service.

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