

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2002-03  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question : The estimated number of submissions advised by the Public Service Commission on promotions in 2002 is 500, representing an increase of 10% over the actual figure (455) in 2001. What is the reason?

Asked by : Hon.# TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The estimate of 500 for 2002 takes into account the actual number of submissions last year plus the extra exercises that are likely to arise from the Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

With regard to the V.R.S., 11 000 applied and to-date over 9 000 applications have been approved. Most of these officers have already retired and were released from duty in phases during 2001. Many of them held posts in promotion ranks of their respective grades – this will give rise to an increase in the number of promotion exercises to be held in 2002.

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