

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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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 in 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) of Electrical and Mechanical Services Department in 2011-12 is about \$3.6 million which is the same as the estimated expenditure in 2010-11.
- b. The major on-going projects of ITMU in 2011-12 are listed below:

Work	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	1	2	0	3.6

In addition, new projects in 2011-12 funded under the Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 - Computerisation Subhead A007GX are listed below:


Project	No. of staff required in 2011-12			Estimated Expenditure in 2011-12 (\$M)	Completion date
	Civil service staff	Non-civil service contract staff	Staff of outsourced service provider		
Data Management System for Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme	0	0	1	2.5	December 2011
Data Management System for Mandatory Building Energy Code	0	0	1	5.7	July 2013

- c. Both of the two new projects above have incorporated the e-engagement and the relevant costs have been included in the project expenditures.
- d. The permanent establishment, existing strength and vacancies of the ITMU are as follows:

Grade	Establishment	Strength	Vacancy
Systems Manager	1	1	0
Senior Information Technology Officer	2	2	0
Total	3	3	0

The present setup and establishment are considered appropriate and adequate. There is no need to increase the manpower at this moment.

- e. Under the existing governance mechanism, we have established the Information Technology Steering Committee to review the manpower resources as well as the development plan of ITMU every year. We also conduct regular review to gauge the quality of services provided by the ITMU to assure its effectiveness and enhance the services.


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