

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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Head: 94 Legal Aid Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Litigation Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Legal Aid

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Question:

What is the provision earmarked for implementing the adjustments made to criminal legal aid fees? How many practitioners are expected to take up criminal legal aid work? How many cases are expected to be handled?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

An amount of \$15 m has been earmarked for the anticipated increase in criminal legal aid fees for 2010-11.

All practitioners whose names are included on the Legal Aid Panel can undertake criminal legal aid work subject to their meeting the "minimum experience requirements and limits on legal aid assignment" criteria for legal aid assignments.

In 2010-11, it is anticipated that 2 130 cases will be assigned to practitioners in private practice for handling.

Signature _____

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