

“Enhanced Productivity Programme: 2002-03” Booklet

Report on EPP Savings – Hong Kong Observatory

Total EPP savings in 2002-03: **\$4.737 m**, equivalent to **2.0%** of total recurrent baseline expenditure in that year that is subject to EPP. Total EPP savings (as a percentage of recurrent baseline expenditure subject to EPP) achieved by 2002-03 on a **cumulative** basis is **5.0%**.

Category	Savings (\$m)	EPP Measures in 2002-03	Safeguards for Quality Service
DE/OC	2.737	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce expenditure on services provided by the Reach Networks Hong Kong Limited under the Technical Services Agreement through ceasing Morse broadcast of marine meteorological forecasts and warning to ships. 	Broadcast of marine meteorological forecasts and warnings via satellite under the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) is used to replace the obsolete Morse broadcast, with no reduction in quality of service.
	1.000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce expenditure on services provided by the Reach Networks Hong Kong Limited under the Technical Services Agreement by streamlining the operations of the Meteorological Telecommunication Centre (MTC) at HKO headquarters. 	The services provided by the company at MTC will be closely monitored to ensure the quality is maintained.
	1.000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cease hiring a shuttle-bus to transport HKO staff working in the restricted area of the Hong Kong International Airport. 	The staff concerned will use the shuttle-bus service of the Civil Aviation Department.
<i>Subtotal</i>	4.737		
Total	4.737		

PE	: Personal Emoluments	i.e.	Staff salaries and allowances
PRE	: Personnel Related Expenses	i.e.	Costs related to the employment of staff other than pay and allowances e.g. pensions, staff housing
DE	: Departmental Expenses	i.e.	The day to day operating expenses of departments e.g. fuel, traveling expenses and furniture
OC	: Other Charges	i.e.	Significant expenditure peculiar to a particular department's operation
Subventions			Recurrent payment to non-government bodies in support of their on-going expenses