

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :

Has the Audit Commission examined whether the payments for rewards and special services (R&SS) made by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPC), and the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) are in compliance with their established rules and procedures to ensure that expenditures incurred under the mechanism are reasonable? If yes, what are the results? If not, what are the reasons for not doing so? What are the grounds for the Audit Commission being satisfied that the three departments have exercised sufficient internal control on expenditures for R&SS?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Audit Commission has reviewed the rules and procedures established by the ICAC, the HKPF and the C&ED for making payments for R&SS, and has conducted audit tests on selected transactions. Based on the audit evidence and our professional judgement, the Commission is satisfied that sufficient internal control has been exercised, the laid down rules and procedures have been complied with and that the payments made are reasonable.

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