

Annex 1

The cost breakdown of the language subjects and non-language subjects of 2012 HKDSE

	Staff costs ¹ (\$ million)	Examination Personnel costs ² (\$ million)	Administration/ Operating costs ³ (\$ million)	Overhead ⁴ (\$ million)	Total costs (\$ million)
Language subjects	20.42	31.2	19.16	13.86	84.64
Non- Language subjects	30	45.84	28.15	20.37	124.36

¹ HKEAA needs a large number of manpower for planning and arranging the first HKDSE and related transitional matters. The staff cost covers the salaries, etc., of the staff of HKEAA responsible for the development and related administrative work of the 2012 HKDSE, such as operation of examination systems, development of examination papers, processing of registration data, allocation of examination centres, preparation and processing of examination materials, coordination of script marking, processing of examination results, and compilation of examination statistics and reports, etc.

² Examination personnel costs include the payments to the examination personnel such as setters, moderators, markers, invigilators, centre supervisors, examiners, etc., appointed for the 2012 HKDSE. Taking markers as an example, the 2012 HKDSE requires about 4,000 markers, which is about two times that of the 2011 HKALE.

³ Administration and Operating costs cover the administration and operating expenses such as running cost of the onscreen marking centres and offices, rental of examination venues, and expenses of postage, examination facilities, printing, scanning, stationery and transport, etc. In 2012 HKDSE, there are about 1.6 million examination papers to be processed, which is about three times that of the 2011 HKALE. To enhance the credibility and quality of examinations, HKEAA will also implement various systems and measures, such as oral examination recording and expansion of onscreen marking, etc., in 2012 HKDSE.

⁴ Overhead is a share of the corporate expenses on internal infrastructure.