

\$460,000 for a single sitting

WHAT price knowledge?
About \$460,000 each time the
Legislative Council sits.

Legislators learnt yesterday
that each time a permanent
secretary gives an oral
answer it costs taxpayers
about \$30,000. A written
answer costs about \$20,000.

Chief Secretary Sir David
Ford released the figures after
a written query from legis-
lator Peggy Lam.

The price to pay for the six
oral and 14 written questions
at each sitting includes staff
costs, research and adminis-
tration such as photocopying,
faxing or translating.