

\$500,000 for workers rights info campaign

THE Government will spend about \$500,000 next year on publications to inform workers of their rights, Commissioner Williams said.

He said his department had already put significant effort in keeping the

workforce informed of their rights.

He said apart from the standard publicity effort through television, radio and the press his department regularly provided many speakers for organisations interested in labour and related matters.

He was replying to a question by the Mr Leung who asked whether government would take effective steps to keep Hongkong workers informed of their rights.

Mr Williams said his department produced a wide range of guides and booklets in English and Chinese explaining labour legislation in simple terms.

"These publications are provided free of charge and are available at offices of the Labour Department, Government Publications Centre, enquiry centres of the New Territories administration and city district offices," he said.

Mr Williams said the department from time-to-time staged full scale promotional exhibitions and campaigns such as the machinery guarded exhibition in march this year and the careers exhibition presented earlier this month.

"I will expect all these services to be expanded gradually, and our planned programme of opening new branch offices will also help to make this kind of information even more readily available," Mr Williams said.