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\$300,000 bid to woo views

The Assessment Office is spending \$300,000 on press advertising to urge the public to express views on the draft agreement.

A spokesman said yesterday that it had taken a full-page advertisement in 10 Chinese newspapers and two English ones yesterday.

The advertisements will be repeated today.

The advertisement is in the form of an announcement under the name and signature of the Office Commissioner, Mr Ian Macpherson.

It is stated that "the office is separate from the ordinary machinery of Government" and that Mr Macpherson "will report direct to the Governor."

The office will receive and collate the views which are sent directly or through various consultative channels.

These views should be in writing and have the full name and address of the writer and the organisation represented.

These submissions can be made to the office by mail or by hand, the spokesman said.

About 30 officials will summarise and analyse the views expressed by the public.

Since the draft agreement was only released yesterday the public would need some time to study the White Paper before making any comment, the spokesman said.

He said the first task was to monitor the views expressed by the media.

The spokesman called on the public to write to the office at PO Box 9000.