

LEGCO PANEL ON WELARE SERVICES

Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence

Supplementary Information Requested by Members at the Meeting held on 5 May 2005

Provision of Community Hall Facilities in Kwun Tong

In determining the need to develop a new community hall, Government would take into account various factors including population size, local characteristics, availability of existing community halls or similar facilities nearby and their usage rate, etc.

2. At present, there are 83 community halls/community centres in Hong Kong. Eight of them are located in Kwun Tong district, serving 570 000 residents. In addition, a new community hall in Yau Tong Estate Redevelopment Phase 4 is under construction and is scheduled for completion in 2008. By then, Kwun Tong district will have nine community halls/community centres for the organization of local community activities.

3. The average usage rate of community halls/community centres in Kwun Tong district in 2004 was about 70% only. This was lower than the overall usage rate of 73% for all community halls/community centres in the territory. The usage rate indicated that the facilities in Kwun Tong district have not been fully utilized and still have spare capacity to serve the local community.

4. In view of the above, Government's assessment is that the demand for community hall facilities in Kwun Tong district can be met by the existing community halls/community centres and the one which is under construction. Government would continue to monitor the usage

of the existing community halls/community centres in the district as well as the demographic changes. It would keep future provision of such facilities in Kwun Tong district under review.

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